



**Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall  
February 10, 2022**

**My office and the Gambian Community in collaboration with the Senegalese Association and ACASI are looking for donations to help the victims of the tragic Bronx fire. For more information about drop-offs see below or call my office at 718-442-9932.**

## **Donations Needed**

To support victims of the Bronx fire  
Monday - Friday. 9:00AM-5:00PM at 853 Forest Ave  
Accepting new clothes, new shoes, gift cards, and  
nonperishable foods

In collaboration with:



Gambian Community



Senegalese Association



NYCHA has recently opened kitchens in vacant apartments at Stapleton Houses to serve as community kitchens. Those who are impacted by the gas outage can call management (718-448-5000) to schedule appointments in two-hour increments. There are 5 open kitchens with 1 being a 504/ADA accessible unit.



New York City Housing Authority  
Stapleton Houses  
210 Broad Street  
Staten Island, NY 10304  
Tel # (718) 448-5000  
Fax # (718) 720-8834

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01/14/2022

Dear 181/197 Gordon Street Residents,

Due to the gas outage in your building (181/197 Gordon St.), NYCHA is opening a Temporary Community Kitchen to accommodate residents who are interested in sharing a stove for cooking. Residents will be allowed to book two-hour time slots to use the kitchen stove. Each resident will be responsible for their own clean-up and garbage removal.

If you are interested in using this Community Kitchen until the gas service is restored, please contact the Management Office at 718-448-5000 at your earliest convenience.

We apologize for the inconvenience this outage has caused and greatly appreciate your patience and understanding. Please be advised that NYCHA staff, along with the contractor, are working diligently to restore service to all affected apartments as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Philip John  
Property Manager

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### District 61 News

#### **Detective Wendell Stradford**

In honor of Black History Month this week we recognize the career of Det. Wendell Stradford. During his 37 years of service, the decorated officer solved over 100 murder cases. He was also my high school basketball coach and continues to be an avid contributor to our community. Thank you for your service, coach!



[To watch my video acknowledging Det. Stradford click here.](#)

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### **Updates from Albany**

Assemblyman Charles D. Fall questions New York City Mayor Eric Adams during the Virtual/Joint 2022 Local Governments Budget Hearing.

- Assemblyman Fall first thanked Mayor Adams for his quick response to providing over 1,000 COVID Test Kits that were distributed throughout the North Shore of Staten Island during the heightened spike of the Omicron variant.
- The Assemblyman turned to asking the Mayor about the ramifications of Hurricane Ida centering on property damage, displacement and the need for catch basins to be periodically checked and cleaned.
  - The Mayor replied that his administration is focused on “getting stuff done.”
  - He will make sure that all city agencies involved will focus on cleaning all basins on a periodic basis.
  - With federal infrastructure allocations, the Mayor said that one of the primary focuses citywide, especially on Staten Island, is to have his environmental team produce assessments on roads, bridges and sewer systems. “We have to focus on retrofitting infrastructure build-outs.
- Assemblyman Fall then turned his focus and addressed other factors of concern:
  - Stapleton Houses cooking gas problem
  - North Shore Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) - City Support.
  - Visiting the Richmond University Center.

Mayor Adams responded and stated that he plans to be on Staten Island next week. That NYCHA is facing a \$40 billion shortfall, however, this in no way should be an excuse for what is happening in the Stapleton Houses. “We shouldn’t be addressing issues after the make the front pages of our newspapers.”



[To watch the full video click here.](#)

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Masks remain a critical tool to fight the spread of COVID-19, and mask requirements will remain in place in certain high-density settings.

- All health care settings regulated by the Department of Health and other related state agencies will continue to require masks.
- Masks will also be required in nursing homes, adult care facilities, correctional facilities, detention centers, homeless shelters, and domestic violence shelters, public transit and transportation hubs, as well as trains, planes and airports in accordance with federal regulations.

Governor Hochul also announced plans to assess the mask requirement in schools in early March, to ensure students can continue learning in-person and in the classroom.

- The assessment will be based on public health data, including key metrics like cases per 100,000 residents, hospital admission rates, vaccination rates, global trends and pediatric hospitalizations.
- Plans are already underway to distribute two tests for every K-12 student ahead of midwinter break and continue distribution the following week when students return to school. In the meantime.

- Governor Hochul has directed the Department of Health to work on preliminary guidance, with input from educators and parents, to keep students and teachers safe.
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### **Critical Updates, New Policies, and Testing Locations to Protect You and Your Community**

1. **Governor Hochul announced that the statewide indoor business mask-or-vaccine requirement will be lifted starting Thursday, February, 10, and will remain optional for businesses, local governments and counties to enforce.** This protocol, a temporary measure implemented on December 10 as statewide cases spiked, was an effective tool to address the winter surge and the rise of the Omicron variant. With case counts plummeting and hospitalizations sharply declining, this temporary measure is no longer needed statewide. Counties, cities, and businesses will be able to opt into the mask-or-vaccine requirement if they so choose. **View Governor Hochul's Presentation [Here](#)**
2. **Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that state and local law enforcement agencies across New York will be stepping up patrols and targeting impaired driving during the Super Bowl weekend.** The enforcement campaign will run from Friday, February 11, 2022, through Monday, February 14, 2022. This safety initiative is designed to reduce alcohol and drug-related traffic crashes. It is sponsored by STOP-DWI with funding from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.
3. **Governor Kathy Hochul today announced more than \$64 million in federal funding to help struggling New Yorkers with children, multi-generational households, and survivors of domestic violence with their expenses amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.** Administered through the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and the state Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund will provide one-time payments to help with the cost of diapers for struggling families, cover food expenses for households with both children and older adults, and provide crucial housing and relocation assistance for survivors of domestic violence.

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### **Crucial Resources to Support and Aid Your Everyday Needs**

1. **The NYS Homeowner Assistance Fund is available now. You may be eligible for up to \$50,000 in financial assistance.**

**New York State Homeowner Assistance Fund**

First come, first serve  
Apply Now!



You may be eligible for up to \$50,000 in financial assistance.  
Visit: [nyhomeownerfund.org](http://nyhomeownerfund.org)  
Call: 1-844-776-9423

Apply Now if you are:

- Behind or in forbearance on your mortgage.
- In default on a reverse mortgage.
- Behind on property taxes, water, or sewage bills
- Behind or in forbearance on your mortgage.
- Behind on monthly maintenance charges of your co-op or condo.
- Behind on your chattel loans, retail installment contracts, or other types of home purchase loans and/or lot rent.



NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY  
**CHARLES FALL**  
61ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT



2. Important: The NYS Department of Labor will mail 1099-G tax forms to all Excluded Workers Fund (EWF) recipients to the address listed on their EWF application. The information from this form must be included in tax filings for the 2021 calendar year. As you may know, payments from the EWF are considered taxable income. Although payments were mailed with state taxes already taken out, they may still be subject to federal income tax. [For more information click here.](#)



3. **Our children have faced many challenges throughout the pandemic. Now they're back at school and being asked to return to normalcy, but this school year is anything but normal. That's why the UFT's Positive Learning Collaborative (PLC) is offering free, confidential mental health sessions to students and to parents calling on their children's behalf. Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday: 8:30 A.M. to 12 P.M. Saturday: 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Call 212-709-3222 or Text "PLC" to 43961**

4. **What is HEAP?** The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps low-income people pay the cost of heating their homes. **How does it work?** If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per season and could also be eligible for an emergency HEAP benefit if you are in impending danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off. **Are HEAP benefits available year-round?** No, the application period normally begins in early to mid-November and continues into the winter, until funding for the program runs out.
5. Free SNAP Assistance - See the flyer below



## Free SNAP (Food Stamps) Assistance

### ASISTENCIA GRATUITA DE SNAP (Cupones de alimentos)

**MetroPlus Health  
Staten Island Community Office**  
238A Port Richmond Ave.  
Staten Island, NY 10302

SNAP enroller is on site **2 DAYS a week**.  
Check below for our hours!

*Los especialistas de SNAP estan disponible los  
**2 días a la semana**. ¡Revisa a continuación  
nuestros horarios y ubicaciones!*

Day & Time <i>Día y Hora</i>	Location <i>Ubicacion</i>	SNAP Enroller <i>Especialista de SNAP</i>	How to Schedule <i>Como Programar</i>
<b>Tues, Wed</b> <i>Martes, Miercoles</i> 9:00am – 4:30pm	In Office <i>En la Oficina</i>	Florence Lanipekun	Walk-in or call <i>Orden de llegada o</i> Llamar al <b>929-270-2181</b>
<b>Mon, Thurs, Fri</b> <i>Lunes, Jueves, Viernes</i> 9:00am – 4:30pm	Virtual Services (Remote) <i>Servicios Virtuales (Remoto)</i>	Florence Lanipekun	Call <i>Llamar al</i> <b>929-270-2181</b>

Sponsored by New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.  
SNAP... *Putting Healthy Food Within Reach*. Visit [www.mybenefits.ny.gov](http://www.mybenefits.ny.gov) to check your eligibility. This material was funded by  
USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP.  
This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



You can also scan to contact us from our website.

6. It's important to submit an SBA Loan Application - After you apply for disaster assistance from FEMA, you may be referred to the U.S. Small Business Administration. If you are referred to SBA, you should complete and submit the application. If your application is approved, you are not obligated to accept the SBA disaster loan but failure to submit the application may disqualify you from other possible FEMA assistance, such as disaster-related car repairs, essential household items and other expenses. SBA disaster loans are the largest source of federal disaster recovery funds for survivors. In planning your recovery, give yourself the widest possible set of options. Submitting the application makes it possible for homeowners and renters to be considered for additional FEMA grants. Applicants may apply online using SBA's secure website at [DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov](http://DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov) or they may email [DisasterCustomerService@SBA.gov](mailto:DisasterCustomerService@SBA.gov) for more information on SBA's disaster assistance program. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955** or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance.

7. **If you're a renter having trouble paying your rent, utilities, or other housing costs – or if you're a landlord trying to stay afloat with tenants in this situation – help may be available. State and local programs are distributing billions of dollars in rental assistance to help renters stay housed during the pandemic. [Visit the CFPB's Rental Assistance Finder](#) to find out what this means for you and what you can do. The CFPB's site also includes resources to help renters and landlords understand other resources to help navigate various financial hardships related to the pandemic.**
  
8. **Staten Island Legal Services wants to help you.** If you need **free legal** help during the COVID-19 crisis, for matters of immigration, foreclosure, small business advice, and more, **call them at 718-233-6480.**





## DO YOU NEED FREE LEGAL HELP DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS?

Staten Island Legal Services is here to help you and your family get through this together.

- Unemployment Benefits & Employment Issues
- Food Stamps (SNAP), Public Assistance, Medicaid
- Eviction/Illegal Lockouts
- Mortgage Relief & Foreclosure Prevention
- Small Business Advice
- Immigration
- Bankruptcy and Consumer Help
- Student Loan and Debt Collection
- Domestic Violence, Orders of Protection, & Child Support
- Education
- LGBTQ/HIV+


**CALL STATEN ISLAND LEGAL SERVICES**

Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
We speak your language and serve all 5 boroughs of NYC.

**718-233-6480**

 [legalservicesnyc.org](http://legalservicesnyc.org)

## FORECLOSURE PREVENTION NETWORK



Legal Services NYC **DEMAND JUSTICE**

Since 2007, Legal Services NYC's Foreclosure Prevention Network has assisted nearly 17,000 New York City homeowners facing foreclosure. With community-based foreclosure prevention projects in our Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island offices, our dedicated team of nearly 40 attorneys and advocates provide critical legal services to homeowners navigating the judicial foreclosure process and fight to help them save their homes. LSNYC Foreclosure Prevention Network partners include non-profit organizations, housing counselors, social service agencies and local government. Our advocates conduct trainings, outreach and education activities in conjunction with community and government partners.

**WHAT WE DO**

Legal Services NYC's Foreclosure Prevention Network attorneys represent homeowners in foreclosure as well as in state and federal court litigation challenging predatory lending, abusive mortgage servicing, scams targeting vulnerable homeowners, and fair housing and lending violations. We are the largest group of free civil legal services attorneys that help NYC homeowners by:

- Representing homeowners in court-mandated settlement conferences
- Providing legal advice and pro se assistance to homeowners through court-based clinics
- Helping clients negotiate home-saving solutions
- Advocating for fairer lending rules, and for better enforcement of laws protecting consumers from predatory practices

**CLIENT SUCCESS STORY**

**Ms. M, a 68-year-old Black homeowner, fell one month behind on her mortgage when she had to pay for her sister's funeral expenses.** For one year, her mortgage company continued to accept her payments, but then her servicing was transferred to a new company. The new mortgage company refused to accept Ms. M's payments unless she could catch up on the one missed payment. For three years, Ms. M tried to negotiate with her lender, but it refused to work with her even though she had sufficient income and was caring for her husband, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease. After being sued in foreclosure, Ms. M was able to connect with Brooklyn Legal Services, who helped her negotiate a modification with a lower interest rate and more affordable monthly payment, saving her \$300 per month on her housing expenses and allowing her family to remain in their home.

**CONTACT US**

Homeowners can talk to an LSNYC foreclosure advocate by contacting our citywide access line at 917-661-4500. For more information about our services, you can reach our leadership team, listed below.

**Citywide: Jacob Inoué**  
Citywide Director of Foreclosure Prevention  
[jinoue@lsnyc.org](mailto:jinoue@lsnyc.org)

**Bronx: Alexis Lorenzo**  
Director, Bronx Foreclosure Prevention/Community Economic Development Unit  
[alorenzo@lsnyc.org](mailto:alorenzo@lsnyc.org)

**Brooklyn: Shabnam Faruki**  
Interim Director, Brooklyn Foreclosure Prevention Project  
[shfaruki@lsnyc.org](mailto:shfaruki@lsnyc.org)

**Queens: Christopher Newton**  
Acting Director, Queens Homeowner and Consumer Rights Project  
[chrnewt@lsnyc.org](mailto:chrnewt@lsnyc.org)

**Staten Island: Sara Manough**  
Director, Staten Island Homeowner Defense Project  
[smanough@lsnyc.org](mailto:smanough@lsnyc.org)

**CONTACT US FOR FREE LEGAL HELP AT 917-661-4500**

9. Project Hospitality provides a wide range of services to our communities. From vaccinations to mental health guidance to help applying for rental assistance. See flyers below for more information.

## Need to talk?



**NY Project Hope**  
Coping with COVID

## Feeling uncertain, overwhelmed, anxious during COVID?



Here to talk | Here to listen | Here to support

We provide . . .

- Information
- Education
- Emotional support
- Links to resources

We can provide virtual presentations on:

- Recognizing common reactions to COVID
- Building coping skills for the recovery process
- Managing COVID-related stress
- Identifying and meeting children's needs

**Contact Us!**  
**(718)608-7900**  
**HOPE@ProjectHospitality.org**

**We are here for YOU.**

**Free, anonymous & confidential**

A program of the NYS Office of Mental Health  
Funded by FEMA

## Necesitas hablar?



**NY Project Hope**  
Coping with COVID

## Te sientes incierto, agobiado, ansioso durante COVID?

Aquí para hablar | Aquí para escuchar | Aquí para apoyar

Nosotros Proporcionamos...

- Información
- Educación
- Apoyo emocional
- Enlaces a recursos

Proporcionamos presentaciones virtuales sobre:

- Reconociendo las reacciones comunes de COVID
- Desarrollando habilidades de afrontamiento para el proceso de recuperación
- Manejando estrés relacionada con COVID
- Identificando y satisfaciendo las necesidades de los niños

**¡Contáctanos Hoy!**  
**718-608-7900**  
**HOPE@ProjectHospitality.org**

Estamos aquí para USTED.

**Gratis, anónimo y confidencial**

A program of the NYS Office of Mental Health  
Funded by FEMA

## New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program assists households behind on their rent that have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 and are at risk of homelessness or housing instability. In addition, the program can provide temporary rental assistance and assistance with unpaid utility bills.

**DO I QUALIFY?**  
Eligible residents must meet the following criteria:

- Household gross income at or below 80 percent of area median income, which varies by county and household size.
- A member of the household received unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in income, incurred significant costs or experienced financial hardship, directly or indirectly, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The applicant owes past due rent at their current residence.

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**  
This assistance can pay up to 12 months of past due rent and for some households, pay up to 3 months for future rent. The program can also pay for up to 12 months of overdue electric or gas bills. Please note, payments will always be issued directly to the landlord or utility provider.

**HOW CAN I APPLY?**  
Applications can be submitted online beginning June 1.

For more information, visit [otda.ny.gov/ERAP](http://otda.ny.gov/ERAP) or call 844-NY1RENT (844-691-7368)

  
 Call 929-724-5360 or email [erap@projecthospitality.org](mailto:erap@projecthospitality.org) for assistance submitting your application from one of Project Hospitality's ERAP enrollers.

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## New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program

El Programa de Asistencia para Alquileres de Emergencia ayuda a las familias atrasadas en el pago del alquiler que han sufrido dificultades financieras debido a la COVID-19 y están en riesgo de quedarse en la calle o de padecer inestabilidad por la falta de vivienda. Además, el programa puede proporcionar asistencia de alquiler temporal y asistencia para el pago de facturas de servicios públicos vencidas.

**¿CALIFICO?**  
Los residentes aptos para solicitar la asistencia deben cumplir con los siguientes criterios:

- Los ingresos brutos de la familia son iguales o inferiores al 80% del ingreso promedio del área, que varía según el tamaño del condado y de la familia.
- Un miembro de la familia recibió subsidios de desempleo o experimentó una reducción en los ingresos, incurrió en costos significativos o sufrió dificultades financieras, directa o indirectamente, debido a la pandemia de COVID-19.
- El solicitante adeuda alquileres en su residencia actual.

**¿CÓMO FUNCIONA?**  
Esta asistencia puede pagar hasta 12 meses de renta vencida y, para algunas familias, pagar hasta 3 meses de alquileres futuros. El programa también puede pagar hasta 12 meses de facturas de electricidad o gas vencidas. Tenga en cuenta que los pagos siempre se emitirán directamente al propietario o al proveedor de servicios públicos.

**¿CÓMO PUEDO SOLICITARLA?**  
Las solicitudes se pueden enviar en línea a partir del 1 de junio.

Para más información, visite [otda.ny.gov/ERAP](http://otda.ny.gov/ERAP) o llame al 844-NY1RENT (844-691-7368)

  
 Llame al 929-724-5360 o envíe un correo electrónico a [erap@projecthospitality.org](mailto:erap@projecthospitality.org) para recibir asistencia con la solicitud de un Enrolador de Project Hospitality.

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 **Project Hospitality**  
**Project Hospitality Help Center Services Are All Available By Phone!**

CALL NOW AND LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER AND WE WILL RETURN YOUR CALL.  
 REACH US AT **718-420-6466** OR **718-448-3470**  
 FOR HELP WITH SNAP, CALL **347-410-3657**

<b>Apply for SNAP</b>	<b>Apply for WIC and Cash Assistance</b>	<b>Apply for Health Insurance or NYC Care</b>
<b>Legal Services</b>	<b>Domestic Violence Services</b>	<b>Mental Health Services</b>
<b>Apply for Unemployment</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>Immigration Help</b>

221 HEBERTON AVENUE, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10302  
 514 BAY ST. STATEN ISLAND, NY 10304

 **Project Hospitality**  
**Los servicios del Centro de Ayuda están disponibles por vía Telefónica!**

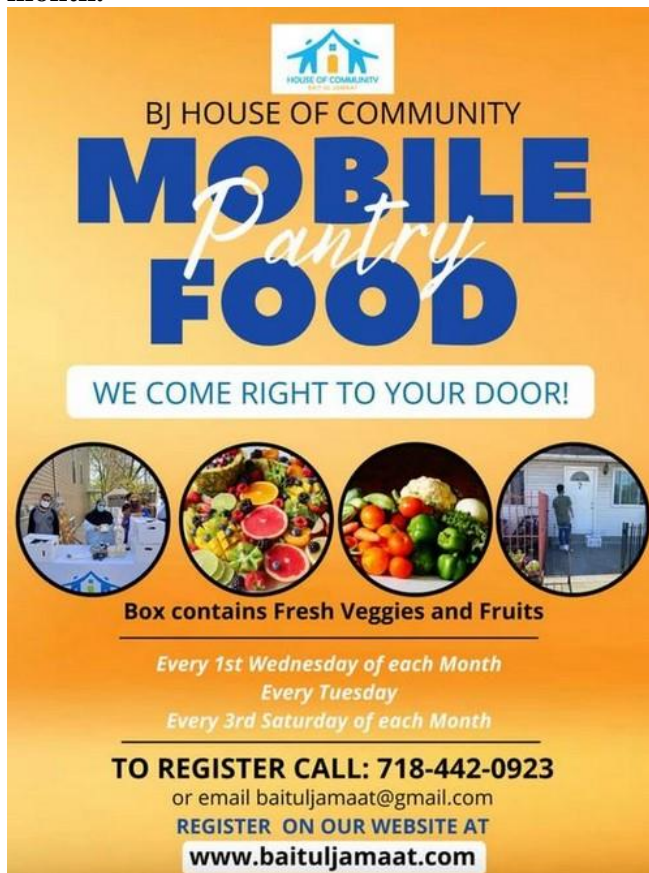
LLAME AHORA Y DEJE UN MENSAJE CON SU NOMBRE Y NÚMERO DE TELÉFONO Y LE DEVOLVEREMOS (A LLAMADA. COMUNIQUESE CON NOSOTROS A LOS NÚMEROS DE TELÉFONO **718-420-6466** O AL **718-448-3470**. PARA OBTENER AYUDA CON SNAP (PROGRAMA DE ASISTENCIA NUTRICIONAL) LLAME AL **347-410-3657**

<b>Solicitar para SNAP (programa de asistencia nutricional)</b>	<b>Solicitar WIC y Asistencia en efectivo</b>	<b>Solicitar un Seguro Médico o NYC Care</b>
<b>Servicios Legales</b>	<b>Servicios de Violencia Doméstica</b>	<b>Servicios de Salud Mental</b>
<b>Solicitud de desempleo</b>	<b>Dispensa de alimentos</b>	<b>Ayuda en casos de Inmigración</b>

221 HEBERTON AVENUE, STATEN ISLAND NY 10302  
 514 BAY STREET STATEN ISLAND NY 10304

10. The BJ House Community - Mobile Pantry will come right to your door. Every first Wednesday of each month, every Tuesday, and every 3rd Saturday of each

month.



The poster features a logo at the top with three stylized figures under a house icon, labeled 'HOUSE OF COMMUNITY'. Below this, the text reads 'BJ HOUSE OF COMMUNITY' in a simple font, followed by 'MOBILE' in large blue block letters, 'Pantry' in a white script font, and 'FOOD' in large blue block letters. A white banner with the text 'WE COME RIGHT TO YOUR DOOR!' is positioned below the title. Four circular images are arranged horizontally: the first shows a person at a table; the second shows a variety of fresh fruits; the third shows a collection of fresh vegetables; and the fourth shows a person standing near a mobile food unit. Below the images, the text states 'Box contains Fresh Veggies and Fruits'. The schedule is listed as 'Every 1st Wednesday of each Month', 'Every Tuesday', and 'Every 3rd Saturday of each Month'. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'TO REGISTER CALL: 718-442-0923', 'or email baituljamaat@gmail.com', 'REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE AT', and 'www.baituljamaat.com'.

HOUSE OF COMMUNITY

BJ HOUSE OF COMMUNITY

**MOBILE**  
*Pantry*  
**FOOD**

WE COME RIGHT TO YOUR DOOR!

Box contains Fresh Veggies and Fruits

*Every 1st Wednesday of each Month*  
*Every Tuesday*  
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**REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE AT**  
**[www.baituljamaat.com](http://www.baituljamaat.com)**

11. This robust 6-week community training program informs New Yorkers about NYPD policies, activities, and authorities.

# CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

**Apply Today!**

**This robust 6-week community training program informs New Yorkers about NYPD policies, activities, and authorities.**

The curriculum includes:

- Speakers from across the Department
- In-person simulations and scenario-based trainings
- Presentations on subjects like domestic violence, use of force, crisis intervention, etc.

**For more info:**  
Email: [CitizensPoliceAcademy@nypd.org](mailto:CitizensPoliceAcademy@nypd.org)  
Visit: [nyc.gov/CitizensPoliceAcademy](https://nyc.gov/CitizensPoliceAcademy)  
Scan:



**NYPD**

"This was an awesome experience. To get a glimpse of what officers encounter on a day-to-day basis was truly an eye opener."  
*2021 CPA Graduate*



12. The Y is now offering new rounds of FREE lifeguard training and certification this spring, including at the Broadway Y. Pre-tests are required for this opportunity and are currently underway, with lots of times and dates at Ys across the city. Experienced swimmers should see [here](#) for details and scheduling.



# GET CERTIFIED & GET A JOB

**FREE YMCA LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION**  
AGES: 16 & UP

**STEP 1: REGISTER FOR THE PRE-TEST (FREE)**

**STEP 2: PASS THE PRE-TEST**

The PRE-TEST includes successfully completing all of the following:

- Tread water for 2 minutes.
- Swim 100 yards of front crawl.
- Swim 50 yards each of breast stroke, sidestroke, and elementary backstroke.
- Complete feet-first surface dive and 15 feet underwater swim.
- Perform 60 yard sprint, then surface dive to retrieve object at the bottom of pool and hold at surface treading for 1 minute.
- Perform compressions on an adult manikin and follow directions of the instructor.

**STEP 3: UPCOMING LIFEGUARD COURSES**

**WHEN:** Virtual: Mondays, 6-9PM, 2/28 - 4/25 (except 4/18)  
In Person: Fridays, 5-8PM, 3/4 - 4/29 (except 4/22)

**WHERE:** Broadway Y, 651 Broadway, Staten Island

**FEE:** FREE OF CHARGE



TO REGISTER OR LEARN MORE, SCAN THIS QR CODE  
OR CONTACT [AQUATICS@YMCANYC.ORG](mailto:AQUATICS@YMCANYC.ORG)



YMCA OF GREATER  
NEW YORK  
Where there's a Y,  
there's a way.

13. St. Ann's Creative Learning Center has open enrollment right now. Call 718-273-5371 for more information



The flyer is framed by a border of colorful crayons. At the top center is a logo of colorful spheres. Below it, the text reads: "ST. ANN'S CREATIVE LEARNING CENTER" and "Your Personal Assistant for the Growth and Development of Your Child". The main headline is "OPEN ENROLLMENT FREE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN" in large, bold letters, with "Must be 3 or 4 by December 31st" underneath. Below that, it says "SAME DAY REGISTRATION" and "Program Sponsored By NYC Department of Education". The location and hours are listed: "St. Ann's Creative Learning Center, 1141 Castleton Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10310" and "Monday - Friday 8AM - 2:45PM". A list of documents needed includes: "Child's Birth Certificate", "Parent's State ID", "2 Proofs of Address", and "Child's Medical". To the right, it says "SCHOLARS HOME OF EXCELLENCE" and "Private Afterschool Vouchers Accepted". At the bottom, it says "CALL NOW SPACE IS LIMITED!" with the phone number "718.273.5371" and website "www.stannslc.com". There is also a "CODE Crayon" label.

ST. ANN'S  
CREATIVE LEARNING CENTER  
"Your Personal Assistant for the  
Growth and Development of Your Child"

**OPEN ENROLLMENT**  
**FREE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN**  
Must be 3 or 4 by December 31st

**SAME DAY REGISTRATION**  
Program Sponsored By NYC Department of Education

St. Ann's Creative Learning Center  
1141 Castleton Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10310

Monday - Friday  
8AM - 2:45PM

Documents needed:  
Child's Birth Certificate  
Parent's State ID  
2 Proofs of Address  
Child's Medical

**SCHOLARS HOME  
OF EXCELLENCE**

Private Afterschool  
Vouchers Accepted

**CALL NOW SPACE IS LIMITED!**  
**718.273.5371**  
www.stannslc.com

CODE  
Crayon

14. Small Business Resources:

- [For counseling and help services through SBS click here.](#)
- [Procurement Center Representatives \(PCRs\)](#) help small businesses win federal contracts. PCRs view many federal acquisition and procurement strategies before they're announced. This enables them to influence opportunities that should be set aside for small businesses. PCRs also conduct market research, assist small businesses with payment issues, provide counseling on the contracting process, and more.
- [Subcontracting Program Assistance \(SPA\)](#) can help you with subcontracting questions after a contract is awarded. SPA can help you with tools to match prime contractors and subcontractors, help small businesses market their services to prime contractors, and more.
- **SBA Learning Center.** The SBA offers free online courses to help small businesses understand government contracting. You can find these video classes in the [SBA Learning Center](#).

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## Useful Events and Opportunities

1. Help support your neighborhood schools - [For more information click her](#)

### Interested in Subbing for the NYC DOE?



#### Help support your neighborhood schools!!!

- \$200 a day! (\$199.27 to be exact)
- This could be your chance to see if teaching is the career for you
- Requirements:
  - Interest and commitment to helping kids and a school
  - Bachelors Degree and authorization to work in the US

For more information: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/careers/substitute-teaching>

\*Please pass this information on to anyone you know who meets the requirements and might be interested.

Lamson Lam can help answer questions and get you nominated. Please reach out him at [llam@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:llam@schools.nyc.gov)



2. The Department of Transportation is hiring - Apply by 2/15

# We're Hiring!

## Learn about horticulture through hands-on training!

Under the guidance of the New York City Department of Transportation and the City Cleanup Corps, U. Arias Corp is seeking trainees for our **Greener Roadways Training!** A program where New Yorkers are paid **\$24.50 an hour** to care for greenspaces and roadway plantings across Brooklyn and the Bronx. This includes:

- All aspects of plant-care
- Plant identification & planting techniques
- Watering & irrigation system management
- Equipment & safety training
- And more!

In addition to real-world maintenance experience, trainees will receive industry-level certifications and mentorship for continuing careers in horticulture!

The program starts in 2022 from March to June. We're hiring trainees for full-time (40 hours a week for 16 weeks) & part-time (20 hours a week for 8 weeks) positions!

**APPLY BY 2/15** | Email a cover letter to [uariascorp@gmail.com](mailto:uariascorp@gmail.com) or call 718.874.7217  
\*Resumes are not required to apply!

**LEARN MORE** | Read the full job description at: [nyc.gov/dotjobs#greenerroadways](http://nyc.gov/dotjobs#greenerroadways)

**No education or experience required!**

**Get paid \$24.50/hr!**

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3. **Put your swimming skill to the ultimate test. Become an NYC Lifeguard – help keep New York’s beaches and pools safe and develop skills that will last a lifetime.**



## Earn your whistle!

### Become an NYC lifeguard.

Help keep New York City’s beaches and pools safe and develop skills that will last a lifetime. As a lifeguard, you’ll have the chance to:

- Develop job skills
- Become part of a team
- Earn NYC Lifeguard certification and learn CPR, first-aid, and rescue techniques
- Practice your swimming

Lifeguards work five to six days each week, and first-year lifeguards earn a minimum of \$16 an hour, for a weekly salary of about \$800.

#### HOW TO JOIN

All potential lifeguards must pass the Lifeguard Qualifying Test, a series of vision and swim exams. To qualify, you must:

- Be at least 16 years of age by the start of employment.
- Have at least 20/30 vision in one eye and 20/40 in the other - without corrective lenses. Glasses and contact lenses may not be worn during the eye exam.
- Be able to swim 50 yards in 35 seconds or less, with proper form.

Individuals must be vaccinated to take the qualifying test.

Sign up today at [nyc.gov/parks/lifeguards](http://nyc.gov/parks/lifeguards).



NYC Parks

4. Community Conversation on Smoking & Vaping being held on Wednesday, Feb 9th and is open to all Staten Islanders ages 13+

**SMOKING & VAPING ON STATEN ISLAND:  
A VIRTUAL COMMUNITY CONVERSATION**

A GROUP DISCUSSION FOR ALL STATEN ISLANDERS  
AGES 13 AND UP.  
WHEN: FEBRUARY 9, 2022  
TIME: 6 -7:30PM

**Register today!**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/smoking-vaping-staten-island-a-virtual-community-conversation-tickets-251730782547>

VIRTUAL ZOOM LINK

HOSTED BY NYC SMOKE-FREE IN COLLABORATION WITH NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & MENTAL HYGIENE

**Public Health Solutions** **NYC SMOKE-FREE**

5. **Urban Faries of S.I.C.O., Beautiful Heartbeats Inc, and Free It Forward Host their 1st Annual Community Baby Shower. February 17th, 6:00PM-8:00PM**

Urban Fairies of S.I.C.O.,  
 Beautiful Heartbeats Inc. & Free It  
 Forward Host Our  
 1ST Annual Community BABY  
 SHOWER

We are looking for donations of new or like new baby, new mom items, gift cards and/or in kind donations of the following , cribs, bassinets, pack and plays, strollers, carseats, tummy time mats, teething, sippy cups, baby wash diaper creme,diapers, wipes, clothing, gear, bottles , pacifiers, unexpired formula ,food, etc. Please contact us to donate, or collaborate

WE WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS  
 SATURDAY 1/22/2022  
 11am to 2pm  
 266 Wild ave 10314  
 Please text to confirm drop-off  
 646-568-5094

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SPACE IS LIMITED admittance with tickets preferred walkins accepted but limited masks mandatory vaccines preferred get tickets @

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ufosico-beautiful-heartbeats-inc-free-it-forward-community-baby-shower-tickets-24011757137>

Or scan the Barcode for tickets limited to mom and plus 1  
 2 ticket maximum

Pajama Program  
Good nights are good days



2/17/22  
 6PM - 8PM



@ 3js Creations  
 (event space)

2220 Forest Ave SI, NY 10303

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MEET OUR SPONSORS :



6. **Central Family Life Center presents their 17th Annual Staten Island Black History Townhall. Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 12 PM.**

**17TH Annual Staten Island**  
**BLACK HISTORY TOWNHALL**

"STANDING STRONG TOGETHER THROUGH HISTORIC CHALLENGES"

Join us as we celebrate black history with guest speakers such as NYC DOE Chancellor David Banks and honorees such as Ed Josey and Betty Bellamy.

Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 12PM  
on Zoom and in person.  
Meeting ID: 832 0299 7143  
117 Wright St Staten Island, NY 10304

Partners: UAU, Community Health Center of Richmond, Black Health, Staten Island Performing Provider System, Stradford, Staten Island University Hospital Northwell Health, NAACP, Test & Trace Corps, Public Health Solutions, Staten Island University Medical Center Emergency Services, and others.

7. **The Forest Ave. Community Fridge is a group from Mariners Harbor looking to help out our community with Food Insecurity.**

## **@FORESTAVECOMEUNITYFRIDGE**

### **WHO ARE WE?**

We are a collaborative group, born and raised on the North Shore, who are passionate about addressing the health food disparity in our neighborhood of Mariners Harbor. The foundation of our initiative is "take what you need, leave what you don't" and "we keep us fed and healthy!" – in hopes of **creating a culture of unity, interdependence, community restoration and empowerment** in Mariners Harbor.

### **WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FRIDGE?**

A Community Fridge is a fridge that provides **free and healthy food** for community members. The fridges offer access to fresh produce, healthy grains and perishable items to communities that do not have a lot of access to healthy food options.



### **HOW CAN MY BUSINESS HELP?**

Your business can help by donating surplus food to our fridge or allowing us to purchase food at reduced costs.

### **WHY SHOULD MY BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION CARE ABOUT A COMMUNITY FRIDGE?**

In recent political and racial events, many businesses and organizations are looking for ways to fight against racial inequity. Community fridges represent mutual aid – the idea that solidarity not charity is what communities need in order to become fairer and stronger. By donating food to our fridge, your business will be taking part in our ongoing movement for creating justice – first within our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles D. Fall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "F".

Charles D. Fall  
Member of Assembly

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