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Assembly District 52



October 2012 Community Report

Aging Committee Legislative Priorities

In my capacity as Chair of the Assembly Standing Committee on Aging there are a number of issues that will be top priorities during the 2013 legislative session including housing, Alzheimer's disease and elder abuse. In New York City's prohibitively expensive housing market, the Senior Citizen Rental Increase Exemption (SCRIE) program is absolutely vital. SCRIE allows low income seniors to freeze their rent at current levels. After a hearing I held at the State Office building in Manhattan last year several bills that would have expanded and improved SCRIE were introduced and passed in the Assembly. But these bills did not have Senate sponsors. I will be seeking senators to sponsor the bills to ensure not only passage but the Governor's signature. *Legislative priorities often come from my discussions with constituents. In the photo to the right I am speaking with seniors at the Eileen C. Dugan senior center about their concerns.*



Another issue of great concern is Alzheimer's disease which is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, but is the only cause of death among the top 10 that has no treatment or prevention. Two bills have been introduced in the Assembly but not acted on by the Senate. One bill would provide for coverage under group and individual health insurance contracts for individuals with Alzheimer's. Elder abuse is another top priority of mine. At a roundtable held at Brooklyn Borough Hall on the issue, experts from across the state attended the event to discuss a wide range of abuse. Financial abuse was discussed by many, and unlike child abuse, New York State has no system in place to report such cases. Underreporting of these cases occurs when a family member is too embarrassed to complain about missing items, including cash. Bank tellers who notice large withdrawals too often do not feel comfortable reporting such events.



Free Flu Shots

SUNY Downstate at LICH will be offering free flu shots in my office at 341 Smith Street on Monday, October 15 and Tuesday October 16 from 10 AM – 1 PM both days. You must make an appointment by calling the office at 718-246-4889.

Summer Reading Challenge

As a former teacher and librarian, I know how important it is for children to keep up with their reading over the summer. For many years I have encouraged this by giving youngsters in the district the chance to complete the New York State Assembly's Summer Reading Challenge. Children read their favorite books over the summer and I send a NYS certificate recognizing their achievement. P.S. 58 in Carroll Gardens has been a champion in promoting this program by encouraging children to complete the Challenge. This year fifty children from the school will get their certificates in person when I visit their school on October 12.

Easy Way to Fairway Market



Since May, I've organized buses to Fairway Market from the Carroll Gardens/Gowanus neighborhood and from Brooklyn Heights/Downtown Brooklyn. The round trip shuttles are free and allow shoppers to get to Fairway, which is hard to reach by public transportation. Ever since the Key Food closed in Carroll Gardens several years ago, it's been more difficult for seniors to shop. I'm glad to be able to provide this service to my constituents. All constituents are welcome to attend, just come to the pick up points on scheduled days. Below is the schedule for the rest of the year, all trips are on Thursdays:

October 4 - 10:00 AM – St. Charles Jubilee Senior Center, 55 Pierrepont Street; 10:15 AM – Concord Village, 215 Adams Street
October 11- 10:00 AM – Dugan Center, 380 Court Street; 10:15 AM – Gowanus Houses, Baltic Street between Hoyt & Bond Streets
October 25- 10:00 AM – St. Charles Jubilee Senior Center, 55 Pierrepont Street; 10:15 AM – Concord Village, 215 Adams Street
November 1- 10:00 AM – Dugan Center, 380 Court Street; 10:15 AM – Gowanus Houses, Baltic Street between Hoyt & Bond Streets
November 15 - 10:00 AM – St. Charles Jubilee Senior Center, 55 Pierrepont Street; 10:15 AM – Concord Village, 215 Adams Street

TKTS - Get to Broadway from Brooklyn!

The TKTS discount ticket booth at Metrotech in Downtown Brooklyn is a great way to get to Broadway from Brooklyn. All locations sell tickets at 50%, 40%, 30% and 20% off full price. The Brooklyn booth, at 1 Metrotech Center at the corner of Jay Street and Myrtle Avenue, sells tickets to Broadway and Off-Broadway evening performances on the day of the performance and matinee tickets the day before as well as tickets to Brooklyn performing arts events. Hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 11am - 6pm (closed for lunch 3pm - 3:30 pm). All TKTS Discount Booths accept credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover), cash, traveler's checks or TKTS Gift Certificates.



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