



Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall

April 8, 2021

Upcoming Events

Help your community by getting guns off our streets. Saturday, April 24th at Calvary Chapel 30 Maple Parkway, SI, NY 10303. The site will be open from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

**NEW YORK CITY
GUN BUY BACK PROGRAM**

CASH FOR GUNS

NO QUESTIONS ASKED

- RECEIVE A \$200 PRE-PAID CARD FOR OPERABLE HANDGUNS AND ASSAULT RIFLES**
- RECEIVE A \$25 PRE-PAID CARD FOR RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, AND AIRGUNS**

SATURDAY, APRIL 24th, 2021

DROP-OFF SITE OPEN 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

CALVARY CHAPEL
30 MAPLE PARKWAY
STATEN ISLAND NY 10303

SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES WILL BE ADHERED TO DURING THIS EVENT.

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AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

District 61 News

Spectrum Lab Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Central Family Life Center

I would like to thank Spectrum for its partnership with the Central Family Life Center. CLFC is a pillar in our community and continues to devote its efforts to helping those who need it most. As a champion for our youth, I am excited to see how a program like this will help benefit the youth and the families of the North Shore. Thank you to the center for inviting my office to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony.



Beeping Egg Hunt

This past Wednesday, City Access New York, in partnership with Snug Harbor, put together a wonderful beeping Easter egg hunt. The event featured live music, raffles, entertainers, and a place of inclusivity for visually impaired children. It was their third year putting together this event and as usual, it was a success. A special thank you to Lisa Purrone for planning this event.



Updates From Albany

I am proud to announce that this week our State Legislature passed a historic \$212 billion budget to jump start New York's economic recovery due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

- The overall budget was positively impacted by federal aid that was passed on March 11, 2021.
- \$2.3 billion in federal funds to help tenants late on rent.
- \$1 billion in grants and tax credits for small businesses that suffered from the economic downturn.

Major Highlights:

- Once again, this year the Staten Island resident toll rate was protected and enhanced.
 - \$5.2 million was restored to keep the resident toll discount intact and keep the rate at \$2.75.
- Helping to stop gun and other violence:
 - Provides \$20 million for state and local crime reduction and youth justice and gang prevention programs.
 - Proposes \$8.5 million in additional funding for programs to combat gun violence.
 - Establishes the Community Violence Intervention Act, a community violence grants program within the OVS that requires a minimum of 10% of the federal Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) funds awarded to OVS be dedicated to community-based violence intervention programs and hospital-based violence intervention programs.
 - Provides \$1 million in additional funding for the American Red Cross for a total of \$4.3 million
- Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes (SCAHC):
 - Adds \$25 million to the Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes grant program.
 - This program boosts safety and security at New York's nonpublic schools, community centers and day care facilities at risk of hate crimes or attacks because of their ideology, beliefs or mission. This new funding may also be used to safeguard against cyber related hate crimes or attacks.
 - Funding for Staten Island Legal Services-\$200,000.
- Higher Education/College of Staten Island:
 - With passage of \$100 million for CUNY expansion projects, CSI will be receiving funding for restorations, repairs and security lighting.
 - Rejected the executive proposal to reduce funding by \$46.4 million for SUNY and \$26.2 million for CUNY

- Includes \$20 million in federal funds for each of the next two years for scholarships to cover non-tuition expenses such as housing, meal plans and books, and help close the affordability gap.
- Allocates \$88 million to increase the maximum Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) award by \$500 for a maximum award total of \$5,665.
- Commits to pay off the TAP gap at SUNY and CUNY by the 2024-25 academic year.
- The TAP gap is the difference between TAP funding for students and actual tuition costs.
- Since 2011, New York's public colleges have had to cover this difference for students who qualify for the maximum TAP award, forcing them to dip into their operating budgets.
- The final budget rejects proposed tuition increases at SUNY and CUNY.
- Provides \$24 million to increase community college base aid by \$50 per full-time equivalent student and to reestablish the 98% guaranteed funding base level for community colleges statewide.
- For the 2021-22 academic year, the final budget provides an additional \$19 million for SUNY community colleges and \$5.6 million for CUNY community colleges.
- Human Services:
 - Camelot of Staten Island receives \$25,000.
 - Human Services Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) which includes \$46.2 million to provide a 1 percent COLA to not-for-profits licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by OPWDD, OMH, and OASAS.
 - Accepts the executive proposal providing \$53.4 million to support the creation of new service slots, including expanding certified housing supports, community habilitation, respite services, housing subsidies, self-direction services, day programs and employment options.
 - Restores \$20.82 million for Care Coordination Organizations (CCOs) rates.
 - Restores \$12 million for local assistance payments for non-Medicaid payments under OPWDD.
 - Restores \$5.25 million for the fee-for-service Medicaid rate for OPWDD programs.
 - Provides \$1.2 million for various initiatives for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
 - Restores \$1 million to prevent the consolidation of the Institute for Basic Research in Developmental Disabilities (IBR) with the NYS Psychiatric Institute (NYSPI).
 - Establish Urgent Care Centers for mental health and addiction services.
- Supporting small businesses and fueling economic recovery:
 - Establishes the COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program

- The Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) would administer the program, providing grants and technical assistance to small businesses and microbusinesses of less than 10 employees that experienced economic hardship during the pandemic
- The grant program would also give priority to socially and economically disadvantaged business owners including, but not limited to, **minority and women-owned business enterprises**, service-disabled veteran- owned businesses, and veteran-owned businesses, or businesses located in communities that were economically distressed prior to March 1, 2020, as determined by the most recent census data
- Grants could be used to cover various business costs, including payroll, rent, mortgage, property and school taxes, insurance, utilities and pandemic-related expenditures that were necessary to protect the health and safety of workers and consumers
- Requires ESDC to issue quarterly reports to the Legislature detailing the program's progress and activities beginning Sept. 31, 2021
- Authorizes ESDC to provide multi-lingual technical assistance and outreach to all applicants regardless of approval status
- Provides \$1 billion for a business relief package which includes:
 - \$800 million in flexible aid for small-business grants (The COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program)
 - \$100 million for a musical and theatrical production credit
 - An additional \$40 million for the Arts Recovery Grant Program for not-for-profit arts and cultural organizations
 - \$35 million in tax credits for restaurants in areas impacted by enhanced COVID restrictions
- Housing and Rental and Landlord Assistance:
 - Combined federal and state efforts provide \$2.3 billion for rental assistance as well as \$100 million in state aid to provide for hardship cases for landlords and renters that are outside of federal eligibility
 - Under the 2021-22 state budget guidelines for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program:
 - Initially, renters earning under 50% of AMI will be prioritized for eligibility to the program for the first 30 days.
 - Additional priority will be granted to households that have at least one member who has been unemployed for at least 90 days or more
 - Extends the covered period for mortgage forbearance to either Dec. 31, 2021, or until current rules that closed or restricted businesses due to COVID-19 are no longer in effect, whichever is later
 - Provides \$325 million in capital funds to housing authorities statewide, including \$200 million for the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) and \$125 million for other housing authorities

- Provides \$100 million to allow nonprofits to convert commercial properties and hotels in New York City into affordable residential housing for homeless and the most vulnerable.
- Allocates \$65.6 million in resources from the Housing Finance Agency (HFA) to support adult homeless shelters in New York City.
- Supporting New York families and raising much needed revenue:
 - Rejects an executive proposal to delay middle-class income tax cuts for one year
 - The tax cuts began in 2018 and are set to fully phase in by 2025
 - Saves middle-class homeowners \$400 million through a new property tax circuit breaker
 - Gives an income tax credit to taxpayers with incomes under \$250,000 that have property tax burdens that exceed 6% of their income
 - These benefits would be provided on a sliding scale, which would be based on a taxpayer's income, and would be capped at a maximum of \$350 per year
 - Provides \$40 million to extend the low-income housing tax credit for five years
 - Increases the existing top tax rate from 8.82% to 9.65% for those with incomes between \$1 million (\$2 million for joint filers) and \$5 million, to 10.3% for those with incomes between \$5 million and \$25 million and to 10.9% for those with incomes over \$25 million
 - Increases the corporate tax rate from 6.5% to 7.25% for corporate franchise taxpayers with incomes over \$5 million
 - The business tax proposals are expected to generate \$1.1 billion annually, while maintaining a smaller rate for smaller businesses
 - Overall, the new tax structure is estimated to generate \$3.5 billion in fiscal year 2021-2022 and \$4.3 billion in 2022-23
 - The final budget allows for mobile sports betting and sets up a competitive bidding process, overseen by the state Gaming Commission, to elicit proposals from potential mobile sports wagering platform providers
 - A minimum of two platform providers will be chosen
 - This is expected to raise \$99 million in the first year, increasing to \$493 million in fiscal year 2024-25
 - Requires a one-time \$25 million license fee per platform provider, and establishes a minimum tax rate of 12%
 - The actual tax rate will be determined pursuant to the competitive bidding process
 - Provides that mobile sports wagering revenue will be deposited into the state lottery fund for education aid
 - 1% of mobile sports wagering revenue will be deposited into the Commercial Gaming Fund for problem gambling education and treatment purposes.

- 1% of mobile sports wagering revenue will be deposited into the General Fund, which will then be appropriated for a statewide underserved youth sports activities and education grant program
- For every fiscal year thereafter, \$6 million will be directed to problem gambling education and treatment, and \$5 million will be directed to youth sports funding. **(Photo-A)**

It certainly has been an arduous year, yet I am honored to have worked with my colleagues and leadership to pass an equitable budget that will truly assist all the residents of the 61st Assembly District as we move forward with the recovery process from the COVID-19 pandemic.

For an additional breakdown of the 2021-2022 NYS Budget, please [click here](#)



Critical Updates, New Policies, and Testing Locations to Protect You and Your Community

1. **Effective April 11, 2021, MTA Bridges and Tunnels is discontinuing its Staten Island Resident carpool plan at the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge (VNB)** The plan was intended to speed the payment of tolls at the VNB toll plaza via pre-paid tickets, while also encouraging carpooling as a means of reducing regional traffic. **However, the members of the State Majority Delegation once again, was able to keep the resident discount in tact where the rate will remain at \$2.75.**
2. **Empire Outlets, Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex to be walk-up vaccination sites for residents 75 and older.** “This is the group we need to reach most,” Mayor de Blasio said, referring to those aged 75 and older as a particularly vulnerable group. “Lots more outreach to be done to reach the oldest New Yorkers, like setting aside appointments at all city sites for seniors.
3. **Today the HALT Solitary Confinement Act (S.2836/A2277-A) was signed into law, reforming the practice of segregated confinement in New York State correctional facilities.** This legislation limits the amount of time an incarcerated person can spend in segregated confinement to 15 days, clearly defines and reduces the number of disciplinary infractions eligible for segregated confinement, and exempts certain

vulnerable populations, including the young, elderly, pregnant women, people with disabilities, and individuals with a serious mental illness.

4. **New York State is launching a new pilot program to begin administering the Johnson & Johnson's single-dose vaccine to eligible New Yorkers during the overnight hours at Yankee Stadium, Javits Center and New York State Fair Mass Vaccination Sites.** Following a discussion with the White House COVID-19 Task Force, New York is taking measures to distribute the state's allocation of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine as quickly as possible, as states have been informed there will be a lag in the following week's allocation. As part of this effort, thousands of new appointments will be made available at each of the three sites in the coming days. Counties, pharmacies, and Federally Qualified Health Centers will also be receiving Johnson & Johnson allocations this week.
5. Eligible individuals can schedule vaccine appointments by contacting:
 - **The NYC Vaccine hotline at 877-829-4692 or clicking here**
 - **The NYS hotline at 888-364-3065 or clicking here**
 - **SOMOS, a community health provider at 833-766-6769**
 - **Eligible individuals will have to fill out a screening form and attest to being in an eligible category.** Anyone who is NOT eligible for vaccination, should not sign up for an appointment. **Click here to find updated vaccine eligibility lists, vaccine locations near you and to schedule a vaccine appointment when eligible.**
 - **Click here for a COVID-19 vaccine fact sheet.**
6. **Veterans enrolled in the VA Care system can call and schedule an appointment to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Call 1-877-877-9267. If you are not yet eligible call 877-222-8387 to enroll.**

Attention NYC Veterans

VA New York Harbor Healthcare System is working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal partners to provide COVID-19 vaccines to Veterans and VA health care personnel.

At this time, VA New York Harbor is offering the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to **Veterans 65 years of age and older currently enrolled in VA Healthcare.**

The vaccine is being administered at the following locations by appointment only:

- **Manhattan VA Medical Center**
- **Brooklyn VA Medical Center**
- **St. Albans Community Living Center**
- **Staten Island Community VA Clinic**

Eligible Veterans must schedule an appointment by calling
1-877-877-9267

Veterans who are not yet enrolled in VA Healthcare may visit www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply/ or call 877-222-8387 for more information on how to apply.

VA |  U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

7. **Review the State guidelines for travelers arriving in New York State.**

- View the Test-and-Trace corps **COVID-19 Wait Times Dashboard** for estimated wait times for NYC Health + Hospitals COVID-19 testing locations. This wait time information is updated by site staff every two hours.
 - **Use the DOH map to find all State-run testing sites.**
 - **Click here for a full list of NYC Health + Hospitals walk-in testing sites available at no cost to you on the North Shore.**
 - Use the Phone-a-Clinician program with Health + Hospitals, by calling (844) NYC-4NYC. Call to connect with a medical provider free of charge seven days a week from 9 AM - 9 PM.
 - Individuals that are unable to safely isolate at home may be afforded a free temporary hotel room. **Click here to learn more** or call (844) 692-4692. **Please click here if you have any further questions.**

Crucial Resources to Support and Aid Your Everyday Needs

1. The Gifted & Talented (G&T) application for the 2021-22 school year is open now through April 9th, 2021. All families with children born in 2016 who live in New York City—including those who have temporarily relocated due to the COVID-19 pandemic—can apply now to enter G&T programs in fall 2021. Families can apply online at [MySchools.nyc](https://www.myschools.nyc.gov), through a [Family Welcome Center](#), or over the phone at 718-935-2009. The online application is available in ten languages, and families can apply over the phone in over 200 languages.
2. SCORE Staten Island is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping both aspiring and established entrepreneurs get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through cost-free education and confidential mentorship. The organization is Chapter 476 of the nationwide SCORE. As a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration, SCORE is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the SBA. It has both local mentors, who have proved to be successful in their fields, and a network of 10,000 volunteer mentors across the country providing web-based seminars and resources. It can provide:
 - Volunteer mentors who share their expertise across many different industries
 - Free, confidential business mentoring in person, via email, phone or by video
 - Free business tools, templates and tips online
 - Inexpensive or free business workshop/webinars(locally) and webinars (online 24/7)
 - For additional information, or to schedule an appointment, SCORE-Staten Island may be visited here. Or you call them at 718-727-1221; email at info@scoresi.org and visit on Facebook and LinkedIn.

3. Need free tax assistance? **Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation offers a free tax preparation program** that provides NYC residents with assistance filing their returns and maximizing their credits and refunds. Call NAMIC's hotline Monday – Wednesday 11am – 7pm and Saturday and Sunday 9am – 5pm. Contact Maria Guzman-Colon at taxhelp@nmic.org or 929-415-8745 with any questions.




FREE TAX PREPARATION

January 23 – April 15, 2021

Please be prepared with:

- Photo ID (New York State ID preferred)
- Social Security card
- Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for all family members
- W-2s for all jobs you held during 2020
- Any other tax-related documents
- Your bank account number and routing number (if you want to direct deposit your refund)

If you are filing jointly, your spouse must be present with photo ID.

When?
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 11AM - 7PM
Saturday, Sunday 9AM-5PM

How do I sign up?
Book an appointment online at www.nmic.org/taxes

Who is eligible?
People who earned less than \$68,000 in 2020

Additional questions?
Contact us at taxhelp@nmic.org or (929) 415-8745

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PREPARACIÓN GRATUITA DE IMPUESTOS

ENERO 23, - Abril 15, 2021

Por favor esté preparado con:

- Identificación con foto (se prefiere la identificación del estado de Nueva York)
- Tarjetas de seguridad social
- Contribuyente - Individual Número de Identificación (ITIN) para todos los miembros de la familia
- W-2 para todos los trabajos que tuvo durante 2020
- Cualquier otro documento relacionado con impuestos
- Su número de cuenta del banco y número de ruta (si desea su reembolso por depósito directo)
- Si presenta una declaración conjunta, su cónyuge debe estar presente con una identificación con foto.*

¿Cuándo?
Lunes, Martes y Miércoles de 11 AM a 7 PM
Sábado, Domingo 9 AM - 5PM

¿Cómo me registro?
Haga una cita en línea en www.nmic.org/taxes

¿Quién es elegible?
Personas que ganaron menos de \$ 68,000 en 2020.

¿Preguntas adicionales?
Contáctenos taxhelp@nmic.org o (929) 415-8745

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4. **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+

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FORECLOSURE PREVENTION NETWORK

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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, suits 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 fair 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 917-641-4500. For more information about our services, you can reach our leadership team, listed below:

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CONTACT US FOR FREE LEGAL HELP AT 917-641-4500

5. Small Business Resources:

- **Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) provides loans to help businesses keep their workforce employed during the Coronavirus crisis.** The PPP application for all lenders is now open. There are limited funds, so applicants are advised to apply early! **Click here for more information and to find the right application for your business.**
 - In preparation for your application, gather your documentation. For a complete list of required documents and additional PPP information, **click here.**
 - **List of participating lenders:**
 - Lower East Side People's Credit Union- North Shore Branch, for PPP inquiries, email lending@lespcu.org or apply directly online on their **website.**
 - TruFund, **click here for an application** or email Mark Brazier (English) at MBrazier@trufund.org or Marcos Reyes (Spanish) at mreyes@trufund.org.

Useful Events and Opportunities

1. **The NYPD and others will host a community Job Fair Saturday, April 17, 12 PM - 4 PM at the Clove Lakes Park basketball courts.** Companies that are hiring will be on site, as well as continuing education and training programs.



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Saturday, April 17th, 2021
Clove Lakes Park-Basketball Courts
1150 Clove Rd.
Staten Island, NY. 10301
12PM-4PM
(Victory Blvd & Clove Rd. Bus# 553)
(Rain Date- April 24th, 2021)

Basketball game
hosted by:

BIGGER THAN BASKETBALL

For more information, please contact Det Wilford or Det Rios at 646-246-8514 or 718-876-8505.
Companies that are hiring will be on site, as well as continuing education and training programs.

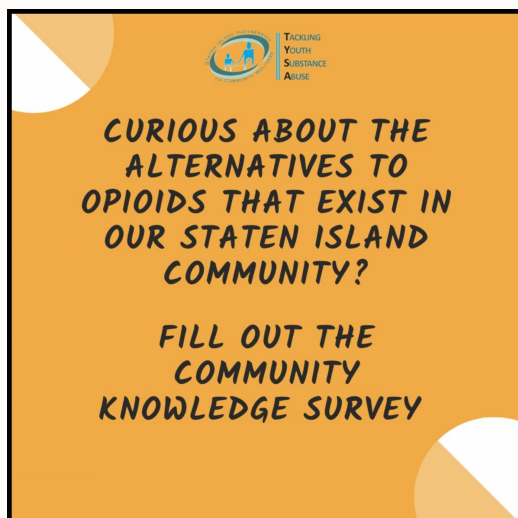
PBSI Community Job Fair

2. Lets Clean Up NYC Together this Saturday, April 10th at 120 Precinct at 9:00 AM.

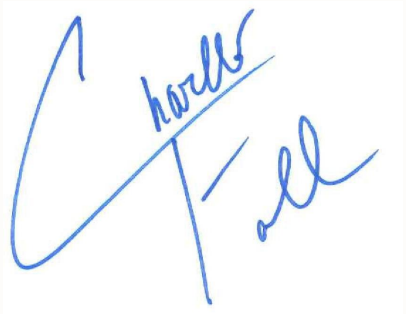


2. The Natural Resources Protective Association is hosting a Clean Up at Waterfront Park from 10:00 AM -12:00 PM on Sunday, April 18th. For additional information reach out to Jim Scarcella at 718-873- 4291. Gloves, bags, refreshments will be provided. Masks and social distancing will be required.
3. The 15th Annual Harambee celebration - honoring community leaders who have distinguished themselves through their service to the community. The virtual celebration will take place at 7:00pm on Thursday, April 29th. Ticket costs start at \$25 and can be purchased [here](#).
4. As part of the CADCA non-opioid choices project, Tackling Youth Substance Abuse is surveying community members about their thoughts and knowledge on the availability of alternatives to opioids in the community. There are no wrong answers. The survey is short and can only be completed electronically. [Click here to fill out the survey](#).



5. **Citizens Committee for New York City is offering** grants of up to \$10,000 to grassroots organizations responding to the immediate needs of struggling New Yorkers to open food pantries, distribute surgical masks, arrange elderly check-ins, or design other projects to meet their neighborhoods' urgent needs amid the COVID-19 crisis. Applications are open and there is a rolling deadline. **[Click here to learn more.](#)**
6. **During these difficult times, the Northfield Bank Foundation is offering a grant opportunity for COVID-19 emergency related requests for health and wellness and feeding the hungry initiatives.** The mission of the Northfield Bank Foundation is to promote charitable purposes within the communities in which Northfield Bank operates - Staten Island, Brooklyn and Central New Jersey. **[Click here to learn more about the grant process.](#)**
7. **Richmond County Savings Foundation - Nonprofit organizations may request funding for program or project support, journal ad or event sponsorship.** Grant requests are reviewed throughout the year for amounts up to \$5,000. **[See here for more information.](#)**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles 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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