

# Senator Persaud WINTER 2017 Newsletter



Dear Friend:

I hope this Senate District News Update finds you enjoying the best of the season.

As the year draws to a close, I pause to extend warmest Holiday greetings to you and your loved ones and update you with the accomplishments we made as a community. Having spent time with residents, share memorable events and host workshops and forums, I have found that we have much more in common that unites us and thus our communities are stronger, safer and more resilient. Meeting with groups and individuals have given me insight and information into the things that our District needs so everyone could have equal access to the "American Dream." Thank you for allowing me into your places of worship, meetings, celebrations, information forums, schools and gatherings among others. It is an honor to share not only the things that bring you joy, but also to stand with you in solidarity, be a source of comfort in your time of sorrow, recognize outstanding accomplishments and be the voice you elected me to be on your behalf.

In a Newsletter earlier this year, I recapped the 2017 Budget Highlights, discussed one of the important pieces of legislation I introduced and some of the accomplishments of the 19th Senate District. I am happy to report that my staff and I have continued our collaborations with Community Groups, City and State Agencies and Not for Profit Organizations to bring more resources to you. We look forward to conducting more outreach and having additional services to address the needs of all residents. While this undertaking is great, I invite you to join us in our endeavors. Please let us know if you have an idea about a piece of legislation that should be introduced, a community concern or if there is a matter you need assistance with. If you did not have the opportunity to like my Facebook page or provide my office with your email address, I encourage you to please consider doing so. We often receive important information from government agencies and other organizations that we disseminate to residents through email and Facebook. I encourage you to sign up for our weekly e-newsletter, which reflects on the current week and informs of upcoming events, legislation and other topics.

In June 2018, I will be hosting Senate District 19 Power 19 awards and will be asking you to nominate individuals or organizations in several categories who are worthy of recognition for their contributions and commitment to improving the lives of others. Please stay tuned for the announcement.

On January 3, 2018, the legislative session begins and New York State Senate and Assembly members will return to Albany. It is my desire to continue to effectively represent you, introduce legislation and continue to bring your needs and views to the forefront in Albany.

In closing, I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you. May 2018 bring you days filled with joy and laughter and may peace be a constant friend; and may the love of family and friends be always present. You Deserve To Be Served.

Roxanne.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roxanne".

*Senator Persaud at the Annual  
Canarsie Brotherhood Service*



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## HOLIDAY POEM

As you gather with your family and friends to celebrate the holidays and create wonderful memories, I wish you happiness, love and laughter. Many during this time of year yearn to be at home with their loved ones. I have found that while home relates to the place where someone lives, home is a place where love dwells.

### Home

#### A Place:

Where weary feet can find sweet rest, No one's a stranger just an honored guest,  
Where children's laughter fills the air, And hearts are bowed in evening prayer.

Where memories sweet embrace the heart, And noses smell the baking tarts,  
Where everyone has a favorite chair, And joys are doubled and burdens shared.

Where ribbons dance in the winter breeze - A salute for soldiers overseas,  
Where cherished flags wave to passersby - A symbol of hope raised to the sky.

Where songs of faith fill the room, Like precious heavenly sweet perfume,  
Where traditions are a family's treasure, And hope is portioned with endless measure.

Where lights in the windows show the way, And decorations are made for the holiday  
Where friends stop by and bring good cheer, Peace and Love throughout the year.

A Place that's never far away, Where love is found each and every day,  
Where memories are priceless as precious art, A place that's found within the heart.

by: Michelle Edwin-Trotman



*Senator Persaud with Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and business owners from Senate District 19.*



*Senate District Family Fun Day at Canarsie Park.*



*Senator Persaud with attendees at Halloween Movie Day.*

## WINTER SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVERS

Winter will officially arrive on December 21st, 2017 and in the Northeast, we have become accustomed to shorter colder days, snow and ice. As we prepare to keep warm and enjoy the holiday season it is important we also plan ahead to keep our families and ourselves safe. Driving in winter can be tedious and it is crucial that we ensure our automobiles are in good condition, and that we are ready in the event of an emergency. Being careful can help in preventing vehicular accidents, injuries and even exposure to cold.

Good snow tires are vital during the winter months -- New York State DMV recommends that snow tires be installed "before the first storm." In addition to having proper tires and getting our automobiles winterized, it is equally important to stay informed about weather conditions, road closures, and news updates. During a

storm, it is best to stay off the roads and always observe all parking ordinances.

Emergencies can occur at any time, and being prepared can reduce undue stress while waiting for help to arrive. It is suggested that drivers should have a winter survival kit. The items in the kit should include:

- shovel
- windshield scraper and small broom
- spare tire, jack, booster cables
- food, snack and water
- cell phone adapter/charger
- flashlight with extra batteries
- extra hats, socks, boots, jacket, gloves, blankets
- first aid kit
- necessary medications
- road salt, sand, or cat litter for traction
- emergency flares and reflectors



# Accomplishments

## Senate District Power 19

On June 26, 2017, my office hosted "19th Senatorial District Power 19." This reception, celebrated outstanding individuals and organizations that contributed to the growth of the community through service, socio-economic development, advocacy, spiritual or community empowerment. The venue was Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center. Each honoree received a NY State Proclamation and a gift bag of goodies.

## Honoring Adoptive/Foster Care Mothers

Adoptive/Foster Care mothers devote themselves to offering a loving and safe family structure to children who are in need of parenting - these mothers share their time, affection, attention and educate themselves regarding the steps of a youngster's development. On June 28, I hosted a reception and presented proclamations to Foster Care/Adoptive Mothers from District 19 for their outstanding commitment to safeguarding the well-being of their adoptive/foster children.

## Family Fun Day

Held at Canarsie Park, "Family Fun Day" was an event enjoyed by children and adults alike. We were joined by FDNY, NYPD, Parks and others organizations. Activities included games, giveaways, a reading station, free books and refreshments (watermelon, ice cream, water, juice and other nutritional snacks). Stilt walkers entertained the crowd and face painters adorned the faces of the children with whimsical characters. Stay tuned for the announcement of our third Annual Family Fun Day in August 2018. **Everyone is invited to this free event.**

## Senior Resource Day

Hundreds of seniors from across the district attended Senate District 19 Senior Resource Day held at the District Office on September 7th. Over twenty-five agencies and organizations provided the senior population with information about products and services that are available to them – Some of the agencies included SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Brookdale Hospital Center, NYC Fire Dept. Fire Safety Education, NYC Dept. of Aging, MTA NYC Transit, AARP, NYC Dept. of Finance and many more. In addition to receiving information and interacting with other seniors, the attendees danced to music provided by a DJ and enjoyed free refreshments and giveaways.

## Chamber on the Go

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce provides services for business to assist them in growth and development with a program called "Chamber on the Go." On October 2nd, I joined Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Andrew Hoan and the Chamber team to bring resources "door to door" to the merchants along the Canarsie Rockaway Parkway Business Corridor. The goal of the outreach was to provide on-site assistance to business owners, while at the same time build healthy and robust business environment throughout Brooklyn.

## Domestic Violence Workshop

The month of October is Domestic Violence Awareness



*Senator Persaud celebrates Senior Resource Day with seniors.*

Month. My office collaborated with NYC Mayor's Office and other agencies and community groups to host a free workshop at a Women's transitional residence entitled "Identify, Support, and Empower." Individuals received information, tips and had personal discussions with the organizations. Domestic violence affects families every day. Together we can work to bring more awareness to this challenge. If you are interested, in having more information please contact my office or call 1-800-621-HOPE (4673) or dial 311 TDD: 1-800-810-7444.

## Halloween Movie Day in the District

Halloween is always a good time for a Movie Day. Children and parents were provided with a free movie on Saturday, November 28 at Roy H. Mann Junior High School. All children in attendance received free snacks, beverages, and bags of goodies. Please keep in contact with my office to learn the location, date and time of our next Halloween Movie Day in the District.

## Tenant Association Presidents Meeting with NYCHA

In order to keep NYCHA's (New York City Housing Authority) Tenant Association Presidents informed and provide a forum for them to have an open discussion with NYCHA's personnel, I hosted a meeting at the District Office. We look forward to having more of these open discussions and forums to assist in the fostering of stronger relations. This in-person meeting is in addition to conference calls regularly scheduled.

## Thanksgiving

Each year many adults and families are unable to sit down for a Thanksgiving meal because they just cannot afford it. This year we collaborated with five organizations to provide hundreds of families with a turkey and the makings of a nutritious meal. While we cannot provide for everyone, it is my hope that each year we are able to assist in some way and that the numbers of people in need decreases. I am thankful for the organizations who helped to make Thanksgiving memorable for families.

## Mobile Offices/Subway Stops

"Mobile Office" is my way of bringing services from the physical office to a temporary location such as library, community center, church, etc. In addition, government agencies may also be at the location. Subway Stops also allows us to distribute information to constituents and staff will follow-up on issues or concerns brought to our attention.

These out of office contacts with constituents is designed to keep in contact with the constituents in locations closer to them because at times, it may be difficult for someone to get to the District Office.



Senator Persaud with representatives from the DEP during one of Senate District 19 Mobile Office events.



Senator Persaud with community leaders and the honorees from Senate District 19 Power 19.

## Free Legal Assistance Offered

On January 25, March 16 & April 27, 2018, staff of New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) – Mobile Legal Help Center will have a mobile office at 1222 East 96th Street. They will be available to provide free legal assistance on civil issues related to: Housing (tenant only), Foreclosure, Public Benefits, Disability Benefits, Healthcare Benefits, Identity Theft, Debt Management, Consumer Credit, Immigration, Domestic Violence, Divorce, Custody and Visitation, Child support, Employment, Superstorm Sandy, and Advance Planning. Appointments will be made in 45 minutes increments. Appointments can be scheduled by contacting the District Office at 718-659-7653.

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# 2018 at a Glance

### January 25

\*NYLAG's Mobile Legal Help

### March

B.E.S.T. — Easter Sunday Event  
Easter Egg Hunt

### March 16

\*NYLAG's Mobile Legal Help

### April 27

\*NYLAG's Mobile Legal Help

\*Events held at District Office

### July

\*Rain Barrel Giveaway

### August

Senate District 19 Fun Day

### September 6

\*SD 19 Senior Information Day

### October

Domestic Violence Workshop  
Halloween Movie Day



Chancellor Carmen Farina (NYC Dept of Education) met with Senator Persaud to discuss working together to help produce greater student productivity.