



Dear Friend,

I, along with my colleague in the State Senate, Senator Shirley Huntley, Assemblywoman Audrey Pheffer, as well as other elected officials, civic associations and community leaders saved the Cross Bay Bridge Rockaway Broad/Channel Resident Rebate Program.

Under the current rebate program administered by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), all residents of the Rockaway Peninsula and Broad Channel areas receive an immediate and full rebate of the \$2.50 bridge toll- the only intra-borough toll in the state. As part of its "doomsday budget" the MTA had proposed eliminating that rebate, effectively singling out Rockaway and Broad Channel residents to pay for travel within their own borough. However, an agreement was reached whereby the rebate will remain intact and no local resident will be forced to pay the bridge toll.

As always, my staff and I are here to assist you with important matters. Please do not hesitate to call my district office at (718) 528-4290 if you have any questions or concerns.

All my best,

Malcolm A. Smith
Senate Majority Leader

Upcoming Events:

- I will host a Job Fair on May 30, 2009 at Far Rockaway High School (821 Beach 25th Street Far Rockaway, New York 11691) from 11 a. m.-4 p. m. Participants are invited to attend for on-the-spot interviews with prospective employers.
- In honor of the month of June being recognized as health month, I will host a Health Walk on June 20, 2009 in Springfield Park. The day will kick-off with a mini-exercise class and a one-mile walk around the lake. You will also be able to get your blood pressure taken. Refreshments will be served.

Attention All Students:

- The Master's of Arts in Women's Health (MAWH) program at Suffolk University in Boston. is pleased to offer a competitive, annual, full tuition scholarship to a student committed to working in the field of Black women's health. Funded by the Suffolk University College of Arts and Sciences, this scholarship is designed to develop leadership in an area that will contribute to the health and well-being of African American women and girls. Anyone interested in applying can log onto: <http://www.suffolk.edu/college/13527.html>
- The Department of Youth and Community Development has extended the application deadline for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). The deadline is now May 22, 2009. DYCD has also extended the age of the program by three years to the age of 24 years old.

***Senator Smith Holds Youth Town Halls in
Far Rockaway And Southeast Queens***



Senator Smith visits Hollis Famous Burger



***Senator Smith hosts a luncheon for
volunteers, sponsored by Fresh Direct***



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