

*Working for you 24/7*

# Assemblyman Mike Miller

District 38

Representing the communities of Ridgewood, Glendale,  
Woodhaven, Richmond Hill, and Ozone Park



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Dear Friends,

I want to encourage everyone to reach out to my office in regards to any issues you may come across. Your input and concerns may spark a new piece of legislation that may help thousands of people across the State. In Albany, we have passed another groundbreaking budget. We have advocated for several organizations in our community to get the funding they deserve.

Below you will find highlights of the budget, some events that took place over the last several weeks within our community, and future events taking place. I am here working for you 24/7 to address any issues or concerns you may have. Please do not hesitate to contact my district office for more information regarding any of the items listed. I look forward to hearing from you all.

Sincerely,

Mike Miller

Member of Assembly

## 2016-2017 State Budget

On Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>, Assemblyman Mike Miller along with his colleagues passed a historic state budget that included a fifteen dollar minimum wage, paid family leave, and successfully fought against shifting Medicaid costs to New York City taxpayers.

The middle income tax cut was a highlight in this year's budget. Assemblyman Miller said "It is important to give working and middle class families' tax relief. My district embodies those families striving to get ahead." Another highlight for Assemblyman Miller was delivering needed revenue for SUNY and CUNY. "We have to continue to work to make college affordable, our ability to restore funding to CUNY and adequately plan for SUNY has led to a tuition freeze for the next fiscal year."

With the increase of spending for state education by an additional one and half billion dollars New York State is looking past recession level spending cuts that aided districts while leaving others to make up the difference. Assemblyman Miller was happy to see an additional \$2.3 million funding increase to schools that support children with disabilities. "Knowing that children with disabilities will receive more funding towards their education is a win for all stake holders." Childhood education is a priority that should not be restricted by future budget restraints.

This year the budget will set aside over 188 million dollars for summer food programs for children throughout the state. These programs will be available at local public schools offering hot lunches during summer months.

Investments on infrastructure show a commitment to building state of the art highways, bridges, tunnels and airports. With La Guardia set for an overhaul, we are now seeing those promises turned into financial commitments.

\$7.3 billion in the budget went to fund the Metropolitan Transit Authority's (MTA's) capital budget which covers the plan until 2019. With the increasing ridership of New York City's subways and buses the money is needed to maintain and modernize the system. "This means that the MTA can afford new buses and subway cars. I look forward to station and track upgrades that are sorely needed for straphangers."

The Long Island Railroad received \$3 million dollars in this year's budget for upgrades to engines to meet stricter emissions standards. This appropriation would allow these US EPA classified Tier 0 freight locomotives to begin being upgraded to certifiable, verifiable Tier 4 status before the end of 2016. The rail line that passes through the Assemblyman's district should be impacted positively by this allocation. "Trains that access this line need to be a top priority for cleaner emissions. The Long Island Railroad and their freight operator should use this money to upgrade current engines and look to procure engines with higher emission standards."

Increasing the state environmental protection fund to 300 million dollars will strengthen protections for our environment. Whether it is land acquisition, farmland preservation or fighting invasive species an increase of \$123 million dollars will go a long way to making a positive impact. One and a half million will be set aside for testing water in public schools for lead. Money will also be set aside to clean up waterways in New York so that state residents can enjoy their local tributaries and lakes.

# Women's History Month



On March 10, 2016, Assemblyman Miller had the privilege of honoring six ladies for all they do in our community. Our honorees included Joann Bartos, Patti Eggers, Patt Grayson, Ida Hillmeyer, Detective Brenda Reddick, and Lourdes Ventura. These ladies have gone above and beyond to make sure that our community is taken care of and deserve the recognition. Special thanks to Deputy Inspector Schiff who will now be the Commanding Officer of the 105th precinct, Captain James Fey of the 106th precinct, and Edward Wendell of the Woodhaven Historical Society. Thank you for being a part of our ceremony.



The 10 winners of the Women in History Contest at PS254Q Rosa Parks School have been posted in Assemblyman Miller's district office located at 83-91 Woodhaven Blvd. This contest was to promote special women in the lives of these 4th grade students. Thank you to Principal Drouillard and Stacy Esposito for their full cooperation in working with our office.

## Easter Food Drive



On March 10, 2016, Assemblyman Miller joined with the Vietnam Veterans- Chapter 32 to drop off collections from our Easter Drive. These collections were given to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry to give to the many families that needed it during the holiday season. Thank you to Sister Margaret and Nancy Baer of the Sacred Heart Food Pantry for coordinating with our office and the Vietnam Veterans during this drive.

## Saint Pancras Student of the Month



On March 10, 2016, Assemblyman Mike Miller along with his Chief of Staff Jeff Kohn awarded Student of Month Certificates to the students of St. Pancras School.

Assemblyman Miller also awarded Student of the Month Certificates to Saint Elizabeth Catholic Academy, PS306, PS273, PS97, MS210, and PS65, IS77

## **GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY**

We invite you to please share your thoughts with us by answering the following questions:

1. When it comes to your community, what is your biggest concern? What can we do to address these concerns?

We ask that you answer these questions via email or feel free to call our office at 718-805-0950.

Assemblyman Miller invites you to take part in any of our future events:

**FREE!**  
**RECYCLING EVENT**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**10 AM – 2 PM**  
**Bandshell Parking Lot**  
**Forest Park**  
**ACCEPTING:**  
 ELECTRONICS      PAPER (NO CARDBOARD)      CLOTHING & SHOES



AS WELL AS SMALL APPLIANCES, TOYS, BIKES, JEWELRY, KITCHENWARE, SMALL FURNITURE, AMERICAN FLAGS, EYEGLASSES AND MUCH MORE!  
 \*Please note that due to NYC regulations, we are **UNABLE** to accept air conditioners, paint and tires.\* *no prescription drugs*

Sponsored by  
**Senator Joseph Addabbo**  
 and  
**Assemblyman Mike Miller**

**ASSEMBLYMAN  
 IN YOUR AREA:**

We invite you to please come and visit Assemblyman Miller with any questions, concerns, or to apply for a FREE SENIOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL ID CARD:

Woodhaven Residents' Block Association  
 84-20 Jamaica Ave, Woodhaven, NY 11421  
 April 26<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup>  
 6:30PM- 7:30PM

Ridgewood Older Adult Senior Center  
 5914 70th Ave, Ridgewood, NY 11385  
 May 13<sup>th</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup>  
 10:30AM- 11:30AM

Woodhaven/Richmond Hill Senior Center  
 89-02 91st Street Woodhaven, NY 11421  
 May 19  
 10:30AM- 12:00PM

Ridgewood Older Adult Senior Center  
 5914 70th Ave, Flushing, NY 11385  
 June 29<sup>th</sup>  
 10:30AM-11:30AM

**UNCLAIMED FUNDS EVENT**

Assemblyman Miller will join with the State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli's office to return any unclaimed funds from bank accounts, stocks, bonds, dividends, utility deposits, insurance proceeds and more to their rightful owners

June 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
 American Legion Post 118  
 Sponsored by Woodhaven Residents Block Association  
 89-02 91<sup>st</sup> Street Woodhaven, NY 11421

June 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am  
 Ozone Park Senior Center  
 103-02 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue Ozone Park 11416

July 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am  
 The Woodhaven/ Richmond Hill Senior Center  
 89-02 91<sup>st</sup> Street Woodhaven, NY 11421

July 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am  
 Ridgewood Older Adult Location  
 59-14 70th Ave, Ridgewood, NY 11385

Assemblyman Miller &  
 the Vietnam Veterans- Chapter 32  
 have joined with  
 the Blessed Virgin Mary Society of St. Mary Gate of Heaven  
 to sponsor a  
**ONE MILLION GOODNIGHTS  
 PAJAMA PROGRAM**

**WILL BE COLLECTING NEW PAJAMAS AND READING BOOKS**

THE COLLECTIONS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO KIDS IN SHELTER HOMES  
 THROUGHOUT NEW YORK CITY

**COLLECTIONS WILL END ON APRIL 28, 2016**

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Office of Assemblyman Miller  
 83-91 Woodhaven Boulevard  
 Woodhaven, NY 11421  
 718-805-0950  
 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm

VFW/ Vietnam Veterans of  
 America- Chapter 32  
 19-12 149<sup>th</sup> street  
 718-746-3160  
 Whitestone, NY 11356  
 Tuesday 9:30am- 1:30pm

**BINGO**

The Assemblyman will be joining in on Bingo games and sponsoring prizes at the following times and locations:

April 22nd at 12:30pm  
 Ridgewood Older Adult Center  
 59-14 70th Ave,  
 Ridgewood, NY 11385

May 20th at 12:30pm  
 Ozone Park Senior Center  
 103-02 101st Ave,  
 Jamaica, NY 11416

June 3rd at 12pm  
 Woodhaven Richmond Hill Senior Center  
 89-02 91st Street  
 Woodhaven, NY 11421

**Rain Barrel Giveaway**

When: April 10, 2016

Time: 10:00am- 12:00pm

Where: Greater Ridgewood Youth Council

59-03 Summerfield Street

Ridgewood, NY 11358

To register, please call 718-805-0950