



Chair of Youth Services Committee: Fighting for the next generation

At the beginning of this term, I was appointed Chair of the City Council's Committee for Youth Services. This committee has oversight over the city's Department of Youth and Community Development and focuses on afterschool programs, homeless and runaway youth, mental health services and other programs that serve our city's young people. We started the year by passing three bills to better address the needs of homeless and runaway youth. My priorities this spring include expanding the Summer Youth Employment Program and restoring proposed cuts to middle school summer programs. I look forward with enthusiasm to working with my colleagues and all New Yorkers to improve the well-being of our city's youth. Their success is our guarantee of a brighter future.

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What do you want to see on the North Shore? Vote April 7-15!

We are nearing the end of a months-long democratic process in which local residents directly decide how to spend \$1 million of taxpayer funds. Now it's time to vote! From April 7 to 15, you can vote in person or online, choosing from among the projects listed at the right. The winning projects will be included in the city's Fiscal Year 2019 budget.

My office provided materials and guidance, but North Shore residents have come up with the ideas and worked with city agencies to refine the ideas into formal proposals. My hope is that this process is not only funding projects that the community needs and wants, but that my constituents have gained a better understanding of how local government works. These projects directly impact people's daily lives, so I urge everyone to get out and vote next month. This is how you reinvest in your neighborhood. Visit DebiRose.nyc/pb for more information!



Your PB ballot

You and your neighbors selected the following items for this year's ballot. Visit debirose.nyc/pb to vote online or for a list of polling places!

- ⇒ Laptops, carts, printers and digital blackboards for PS 16, PS19, PS44, PS57, PS74, IS49 and Curtis High School
- ⇒ New fencing for the main entrance of IS 61
- ⇒ New sprinkler system in the center of the Todt Hill Houses
- ⇒ Renovate Richmond Terrace Houses basketball courts
- ⇒ Renovate Mariners Harbor Houses basketball courts
- ⇒ Install adult exercise equipment at the Todt Hill Houses
- ⇒ Repairs to community gardens at the Mariners Harbor Houses
- ⇒ Countdown clocks at 10 bus stops
- ⇒ Expand sidewalk and add crosswalk at Bay and Minthorne streets
- ⇒ Restore trenches outside Heritage Park and Markham Gardens
- ⇒ Traffic safety improvements around the ferry terminal
- ⇒ Interactive kiosks at the Staten Island Museum
- ⇒ Technology upgrades at all North Shore libraries

An update on what is happening in your neighborhood ...



Honoring North Shore residents who make a difference

Every year, I invite all residents to join me for a celebration of Black history in February and Women's history in March. I take the opportunity to not only reflect on history but to honor Staten Islanders who are making a difference.

During my celebration of Black History Month, I honored veteran and equal rights activists Joseph N. Gumbs; preservationist and civil rights activist Patricia Palmer Willis; actor, director and filmmaker Gregory Taylor; youth honoree Taj Ellis; and entrepreneurs Tariq Zaid of Richmond Hood Company, Shaheera Threats of Pastry Lovers Choice, Kurron Mangin of Craft House and Bilal Lewis of Staten Island Fish and More.

At a special combined celebration of Women's History Month with my colleagues state Sen. Diane Savino and Assembly member Nicole Malliotakis, we honored Tanisha Franks of Mothers Against Senseless Killings and United Federation of Teachers; Megan Delmar of Obtaining Opportunities for Others Through Horses; and Priscilla Marco of Public Employees Federation.

And at my own celebration of Women's History Month, I honored community and political activist Rosemarie Mangano Cavanagh of Teamsters Locals 832 and 237; family and food advocate Zulma Cruz of Project Hospitality; education and community advocate Nicole Meyers of Mothers Against Senseless Killings; and youth and education advocate Helen Settles received the Marjorie Garvin Community Service Award.

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A new model for justice in our neighborhoods

Across the bay in Brooklyn, the Red Hook Community Justice Center has brought a new model of justice and public safety to three precincts—and I would like to bring the same model here. Last fall, I toured this innovative center, a multijurisdictional court that also includes social services, youth programs and community out-

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Supporting our small-business corridors

Cleanups, holiday lights, murals, and more

Did you notice the holiday lights above Forest Avenue and Bay Street last December? Have you seen clean teams picking up litter on Richmond Terrace? Have you seen new murals on storefront gates?

These are all efforts to strengthen our small-business corridors so that entrepreneurs can continue to thrive. The Borough President and I, working with NYC Small Business



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Road repaving continues at an accelerated pace

The quality of our roads is not just a quality of life issue—it's also about public safety and your pocketbook! That's why I have fought to increase the number of lane miles repaved each year. Last fall alone, we repaved 67 lane miles on the North Shore, primarily in Graniteville, Mariners Harbor, New Brighton, Park Hill, Rosebank, Stapleton and Westerleigh. Paving season is about to resume, and crews are expected to start on several New Brighton streets in the coming weeks.

Is there a stretch of road that you feel is overdue for repaving? Is there a dangerous pothole that needs to be filled? Call my office at 718-556-7370, and we will work with the Department of Transportation to have the problem remedied.



Fed up with Clove and Howard? So am I—and I am working on a solution

For more than a year, I have been working with the Department of Transportation on a solution to the traffic backup on Clove Road at Howard Avenue that would give us two through lanes. Last fall, DOT suggested eliminating left-turns on Tioga Street to keep two lanes of moving traffic along Clove Road in each direction, while also keeping the right turn on red from Clove Road onto Howard Avenue. DOT is presenting this solution to local stakeholders, including the Borough President's office, Community Board 1, the Clove Lakes Civic Association, Wagner College, St. John's and Notre Dame.

I look forward to a continued dialogue on this important project, as I hear a lot from constituents on this issue. In the meantime, I also continue to work with DOT and NYPD to improve safety for pedestrians and students, especially on straightaways such as Henderson Avenue and Jersey Street.

School safety update

Like all of you, I remain heartbroken for students and families directly impacted by recent mass shootings. I also understand that many students and families here on the North Shore may be fearful about their safety in schools.

I met last month with NYPD, the Department of Education and my fellow elected officials to discuss local school safety measures. It is our job to ensure that every school is a safe haven for our children and families, and I am assured that the Department of Education works in lockstep with the NYPD to keep all students and school staff safe. We have a standing requirement that all schools conduct safety drills, and principals are also reviewing the individual safety protocol for their school buildings with school staff.

We also need your vigilance and partnership to ensure that any safety concern is immediately reported through the proper channels. If you see something, please reach out to your school administration, your parent coordinator or call 311. If it is an emergency, call 911 immediately.

New express bus routes coming to SI Now is the time to make your voice heard

Last May, the MTA issued its "Reimagining Express Buses" report as part of the Staten Island Bus Study. The report recommended a redesign of the existing express bus network—including a reduction of lesser-used stops—with the goal of making Manhattan commutes faster and more reliable. MTA expects to launch this redesigned network in August. Read more about the routes at mta.info/SIExpressBus

The MTA held a series of open houses in March to present the plans and to gather feedback from commuters. You can also submit feedback at mta.info/SIExpressBus. Now is the time to make your voice heard!



Plans for a new \$2.4 million Luis Lopez Park under way

PS 57 students take a role in planning!

In addition to millions of dollars in other improvements to our parks, I was able to secure in this year's budget a \$2.4 million reconstruction of Luis Lopez Park in Park Hill. As we do with all major Parks projects, the Parks Department and I hosted a visioning session for local residents to give feedback on what should be included in the reconstruction. After an initial session at PS 57, I returned to the community school the following week for an impressive presentation from students about what they want to see in the new park. The Parks Department was on hand for the presentation—taking notes for the park's designers, who will look more closely at the feasibility. Construction will likely begin in fall of 2019, and is expected to take 12 to 18 months.



PS 21 opens new center

As part of a partnership with Wagner College, PS 21 in Elm Park opened the Eagle Leadership Academy, an initiative that aims to provide students with middle school and high school readiness activities as well as college awareness programming through amazing opportunities and experiences.

New civil service exam center opens in Stapleton

Civil service careers have given generations of Staten Islanders opportunities for long-term employment with living wages and benefits. We kicked off 2018 cutting a ribbon on a new, state-of-the-art center in the North Shore to ensure that local residents have access to the examinations that lead to these careers—without having to travel to Brooklyn or Manhattan. The Stapleton facility provides exam testing and a computer room for the pub-



lic to apply for upcoming exams and City jobs. Other services include vocational training, seminars, and interpreter/translation phone services for visitors who do not speak English. This center is open six days a week, including evenings and weekends. For more information, visit nyc.gov/html/dcas.

Supporting our small-business corridors

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This new logo will boost name recognition, and boost our small businesses by establishing Downtown Staten Island as a destination that is open for business.

These efforts go beyond Bay Street. Local artists are painting storefront murals throughout the North Shore. I've funded the Sanitation Department's street sweeper in our commercial areas.

And my clean teams are working to pick up litter, plant new gardens, maintain our trees, and install Little Free Libraries for all of us to enjoy. We have also started a merchants association on Jersey Street to ensure that this corridor can once again thrive as well.



Free legal consultations in my office Consultas legales gratuitas en mi oficina

Did you know my office offers free legal consultations? On Tuesdays, attorney Erick Myssura offers one-hour consultations on immigration matters. And on Fridays, attorney Shawn Malachovsky provides one-hour consultations on general legal matters. Call 718-556-7370 to schedule an appointment.

This service is funded by the New York City Council. Attorneys work in my district office by appointment only.

Upcoming North Shore events

Here's a snapshot of what is coming in the next several months:

- ⇒ Rain barrel giveaway, April 7, Snug Harbor
 - ⇒ Mental Health CPR Training, May 5, St. John's University
 - ⇒ Third public session on Mariners Marsh, in preparation for Master Plan creation
 - ⇒ Essay contest for young people to earn a spot on Community Board 1
 - ⇒ My annual Community Fair, Oct. 15, Historic Tappen Park
 - ⇒ Salary negotiation workshops for women—coming this fall
- Keep up to date with these events and other neighborhood news. Visit debirose.nyc.gov to sign up for my newsletter. Or connect with me on social media

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What's new in your neighborhood?

In January, I hosted a State of the District address at Snug Harbor. With new schools, parks, health facilities and more, the North Shore is seeing positive growth at a rate not seen in generations. I wanted to share with my constituents the progress we are making as well as my vision for the next four years. Thanks to all who attended, including our newly elected City Council Speaker, Corey Johnson!