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**Melinda Katz**  
Queens Borough President



**Weekly Updates from Queens Borough Hall - July 15, 2016**

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Born and raised in Jamaica Queens, New York, James Dale, the son of Annie and James Dale Jr, had a strong love for music. At the age of 14, James was enrolled into a gifted music program where he developed as a vocalist and songwriter. Since then James has been blessed to come in contact with some of the most outstanding names in the music industry such as Richard Smallwood, John Legend, Common, Fabulous, SIA, Timothy Wright, the great Emily Cissy Houston, and the list goes on. He is currently a part of the National Action Network Committee where he serves as the musical leader behind AL Sharpton. James Dale also started his own company called SemajMuzic which specializes in artist development. James released his brand new single entitled "Change My Life" from his first solo project "The Introduction."

**SPRINGFIELD PARK**

Springfield Boulevard between 146th and 147th Avenues in Springfield Gardens

**FREE ADMISSION, RAIN OR SHINE  
APPROXIMATELY 90 MINUTES**

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## QUEENS OUTPACES CITYWIDE JOB GROWTH

Queens saw a 7.8 percent increase in the number of jobs – higher than the citywide average – under Borough President Katz between December 2013-2015, according to a NYC Economic Development Corporation's (NYCEDC's) analysis on recently released jobs data. The encouraging figures illustrate the growth and momentum underway here in Queens.



## NEW SCHOOL IN CORONA TO OPEN THIS SEPTEMBER

Borough President Katz toured I.S. 311Q, a brand new five-story school building in Corona recently constructed and slated to open this September. The new school will instruct students in grades 6-8 and provide 785 new school seats in District 24, one of the most overcrowded in the city. Also on the tour and pictured are (from l. to r.) State Senator Jose Peralta, Assemblymember Francisco Moya, Community Board 4 District Manager Christian Cassagnol and School Construction Authority External Affairs Director Michael Mirisola.



### FOREST PARK'S DEVROY PLAYGROUND BREAKS GROUND

Borough President Katz and NYC Parks broke ground this week on a \$1.45 million upgrade to Joseph DeVoy Playground in Forest Park. The upgrades are being fully funded by the Queens Borough President's Office and include the addition of dynamic playground equipment, a drinking fountain and additional seating. Work began in late June and is expected for completion by Summer 2017. Also at the groundbreaking were NYC Parks' Queens Commissioner Dorothy Lewandowski; Forest Park Trust President Michael Palermo; Doris DeVoy, widow of Joseph DeVoy whom the playground is named after; Raj Rampershad of Community Board 9 and Barbara Stuchinski of Community Board 6.



### CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL DESIGN WORKSHOP

In honor of Caribbean Heritage Month, Borough President Katz and the West Indian American Day Carnival Association hosted a series of costume design workshops at Queens Borough Hall for kids to create their own costumes to wear during the upcoming Junior Carnival this September.



## 40 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE

During a joint meeting of the Queens Borough Board and Borough Cabinet this week, Borough President Katz and Councilmember Barry Grodenchik presented a Proclamation to Marilyn Bitterman, who is retiring from her position as District Manager of Community Board 7. Ms. Bitterman joined CB7's staff in January 1976 and became District Manager in 1998. The Proclamation recognized her 40 years of outstanding service to the people of her district and declared July 11, 2016 to be "Marilyn Bitterman Day" in Queens.



## KATZ CONCERT SERIES COMES TO ROCKAWAY BEACH

Hundreds of people enjoyed the groovy sounds of the band "Alive N' Kickin'" (pictured), which lived up to its name with a lively performance of a variety of hit songs from the 60's to today at its concert last weekend at Beach 94th Street near the boardwalk in Rockaway Beach. The concert was part of the Katz Concert Series and was sponsored by Borough President Katz in partnership with the Kupferberg Center for the Arts, NYC Parks and City Councilmember Eric Ulrich.



Free t-shirt giveaways! All concerts are free admission and will run rain or shine.

**KATZ CONCERT SERIES FT. "JAMES DALE" IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KUPFERBERG CENTER FOR THE ARTS, NYC PARKS AND CITY COUNCILMEMBER DONOVAN RICHARDS, JR. (WWW.QUEENSBP.ORG/KATZCONCERTS)**

Sun July 17 at 5:00pm @ Springfield Park, Springfield Boulevard between 146th and 147th Avenues in Springfield Gardens

**KATZ CONCERT SERIES FT. "ALIVE N' KICKIN'" IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KUPFERBERG CENTER FOR THE ARTS, NYC PARKS AND CITY COUNCILMEMBER PAUL VALLONE (WWW.QUEENSBP.ORG/KATZCONCERTS)**

Sun July 24 at 5:00pm @ Fort Totten, Totten Avenue at Cross Island Parkway in Bayside

**KATZ CONCERT SERIES FT. "QUEENS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA" IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY AND QUEENS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (WWW.QUEENSBP.ORG/KATZCONCERTS)**

Wed July 27 at 7:00pm @ St. John's University (Great Lawn), 8000 Utopia Parkway in Jamaica

**KATZ CONCERT SERIES FT. "THE MOONLIGHTERS" IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KUPFERBERG CENTER FOR THE ARTS, NYC PARKS AND CITY COUNCILMEMBER DONOVAN RICHARDS, JR. (WWW.QUEENSBP.ORG/KATZCONCERTS)**

Sun July 31 at 5:00pm @ O'Donohue Park, Seagirt Boulevard and Beach 17th Street in Far Rockaway

**KATZ CONCERT SERIES "THE DEVOTIONS" IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KUPFERBERG CENTER FOR THE ARTS, NYC PARKS AND CITY COUNCILMEMBER PAUL VALLONE (WWW.QUEENSBP.ORG/KATZCONCERTS)**

Sun August 7 at 5:00pm @ McNeil Park, Poppenhusen Avenue and 119th Street in College Point

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**UPCOMING EVENTS (for an expanded list of Queens events, click [here](#))**

**COLOMBIAN PARADE OF NEW YORK (TO MARCH WITH BOROUGH PRESIDENT KATZ, RSVP AT [WWW.QUEENSBP.ORG/RSVP](http://WWW.QUEENSBP.ORG/RSVP))**

Sun July 24 at 12:00pm @ Northern Boulevard from 69th Street to 86th Street

**JOB FAIR HOSTED BY BOROUGH PRESIDENT KATZ AND THE UNITED STATES TENNIS ASSOCIATION (MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE AT [LEGACY.AMERIVENTS.COM/TALENT](http://LEGACY.AMERIVENTS.COM/TALENT))**

Thu August 4 from 10:00am - 3:00pm @ Queens Borough Hall

**ECUADORIAN PARADE OF NEW YORK (TO MARCH WITH BOROUGH PRESIDENT KATZ, RSVP AT [WWW.QUEENSBP.ORG/RSVP](http://WWW.QUEENSBP.ORG/RSVP))**

Sun August 7 at 12:00pm @ Northern Boulevard from 69th Street to 86th Street

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Thu August 11 from 10:00am - 3:00pm @ Queens Borough Hall

**QUEENS LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING**

Thu August 18 at 10:30am @ Queens Borough Hall

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