MAJOR TOPICS & OTHER ISSUES

Assemblywoman Clark 21st Annual Spring Cleanup & Beautification Day, which will be on Saturday, May 30th, 2015, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The following parks which will be included in this year's event are: Queens Village Veterans Plaza, Wayanda Park **Cambria** Playground And Delphin Greene Park. . If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact my office and speak to my staff member, Maylene Thurton at (718) 479-2333.

<u>"311 TEXTING"</u>

The City provides non-emergency information texting. Customers can "text" a question about City services to short code 311NYC (311692) and receive an immediate response.

Free Wi-Fi Is Available in Select NYC Parks The City and AT&T have announced a fiveyear initiative to provide free Wi-Fi service in 20 City parks. Visit the Parks Department site for locations near you.

You May Qualify for Benefits

Visit www.nyc.gov/accessnyc to screen your family for up to 30 City, State, and Federal health and human services. You May Qualify for Benefits

Visit www.nyc.gov/accessnyc to screen your family for up to 30 City, State, and Federal health and human service benefit programs.

You Can Learn About Your ECB Ticket Online

Use the Environmental Control Board's (ECB) ticket finder to find information about tickets issued by the 13 different City agencies that enforce quality of life laws, including violations filed by the Sanitation, Buildings, and Fire

BSA CAL # 77-15-BZ Private House 244-36 85th Avenue Bellerose, NY 11426

PROPOSAL TO AL-TER THE EXISTING BUILDING, MODIFY-ING, THE INTERIOR LAYOUT AND EN-LARGING THE SEC-OND FLOOR TO AL-LOW FOR A TWO **BEDROOM DWELL-**ING UNIT. THE PRO-POSED ALTERA-TIONS WOULD RE-SULT IN AN IN-CREASE OF FLOOR AREA OF 376.78 SO. FT. ALL AT THE UPPER LEVEL OF THE EXISTING RESI-DENCE.

CONGRATULATIONS The FDNY is Celebrating it's 150th Anniversary. Stay Tuned for Event Details

BLOCK PARTY According to the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO):

Block Party - A Block Party is a street activity requiring the closure of a single block of a street, or a portion of their for BLOCK PARTY According to the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO):

SMOKE-FREE PARKS AND BEACHES

Mayor Bloomberg signed a bill that prohibits smoking within New York City's parks, beaches and pedestrian plazas. By supporting this legislation, we welcome the chance to improve the beauty of the city's public outdoor spaces, and ensure an even healthier and cleaner experience for New Yorkers.

<u>Law's Effective Date May 23, 2011</u> Public Spaces Covered by the Smoking Ban Smoking will be prohibited in the following areas:

•All New York City parks except median strips •Beaches and boardwalks

Public golf courses



Sports stadium grounds
Pedestrian plazas such as those at Times Square and Herald Square.
Smoking continues to be prohibited in playgrounds, pools and inside stadium

Health Impact

Studies suggest that sitting 3 feet away from a smoker outdoors can expose you to the same level of secondhand smoke as if you were sitting indoors with a smoker. Secondhand smoke can trigger asthma attacks, increase the risk of blood clots and hurt blood vessels. The new law will reduce people's exposure to secondhand smoke outdoors. New Yorkers are exposed to secondhand smoke at higher rates than the national average In fact, 57% of New Yorkers who do not smoke have elevated levels of cotinine in their blood compared to 45% of non-smokers nationally. Cotinine is residue left by exposure to secondhand smoke. There is no known safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, and smoke-free parks and beaches will help to eliminate a source of secondhand smoke.