



# Assemblyman Mike Miller

District 38

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

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## **November 2014**

Dear Friends,

First I want to thank all of my supporters for re-electing me this November. I am happy to say with your help, I will have the privilege of representing the 38<sup>th</sup> Assembly District for another two years.

With that said, the holiday season is here. Thanksgiving is only a couple of days away and Christmas is right around the corner. Holiday decorating and an influx of advertisements have already begun. Hopefully many of us have plans to be with our families and share in all the good tidings the holiday season brings. At this time it is important to remember those who are less fortunate. There are thousands of people who will be relying of food pantries this Holiday Season. Any donation goes a long way. After all generosity is what the holiday season is about. There are also several people who have no family and will be spending the Holiday Season alone. If you know any such people consider extending an invitation to join in your festivities. No one should be alone during this time.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy Holiday Season and remember I will continue to work hard for you 24/7 to address any problems, concerns, or suggestions you might have.

Sincerely,  
Mike Miller  
38<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

# Assemblyman Mike Miller Hosts Hispanic Heritage Event Honors Local Latino Citizens Who Impact Community

## Jamaica Avenue Trolley Ride



*Maria Thomson Executive Director of the Woodhaven Business Improvement District, her staff, and I riding the Trolley along Jamaica Avenue.*

On Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> I took a ride on the historic Free Trolley provided by the Woodhaven Business Improvement District.

## Association of Mutual Help Unity and Solidarity Honoree



*State Senator Jose Peralta (D- East Elmhurst), State Senator Joe Addabbo (D-Howard Beach), Council Member Elizabeth Crowley (D-Middle Village) and I.*

On Friday October 24<sup>th</sup>, I was honored by the Association of Mutual Help Unity and Solidarity (AAMUS) along with other elected officials for our dedication to the community.

On October 9, 2014, I held a Hispanic Heritage Event at the Richmond Hill Block Association located at 110-08 Jamaica Avenue in Richmond Hill, Queens to honor the contributions of the local Latino community. In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, which stretches from September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> I presented awards to 7 individuals for their contributions to the community. Among those being honored were New York City Councilman Rafael Espinal, Luis Lucas, Domingo Santos, Eddy Vega, Carmen Ramirez, Elba Suarez and Maximo Luna. It was truly an honor to present these awards to such fine individuals. This is my way of offering what little thanks I can for the tremendous effort and sacrifice these individuals put into making our community a better place to live.

Hispanic and Latino populations are growing in America. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, 50.5 million people, or 16 percent of the U.S. population, are of Hispanic or Latino origin. The U.S. ranks second worldwide for the largest Hispanic population behind Mexico. By 2043, Hispanics are projected to comprise approximately 30 percent of the national population.

Hispanics comprise over 18 percent of New York State's population and have helped influence our society through a strong commitment to family, faith, hard work and service. There are roughly 2.3 million Hispanics living in New York City – roughly 29 percent of the population – the most Hispanics in any city in the nation. There are 1.2 million Hispanics or Latinos 18 and older who are veterans of the U.S. armed forces.

Since 1968, Hispanic Heritage Month has recognized the positive contributions Hispanic and Latino Americans have made to our country and communities. New York is home to many of the most influential, whether they have been acclaimed or not.

## Veterans Legislative Breakfast



*With American Legion Legislative Chairman Robert W. Condoleo.*

On Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup>, I attended the American Legion Veterans Legislative Breakfast at the Daniel M. O'Connell American Legion Post 272. I was glad to support our veterans and give valuable clarification on policies that will directly affect them.

## Rudy's Bakery 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



*Ted Renz, Myrtle Avenue BID director, Toni Binanti owner of Rudy's Bakery.*

On October 25<sup>th</sup> I presented a proclamation to Toni Binanti, owner of Rudy's Bakery. The Proclamation recognized Rudy's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as one of Ridgewood's iconic establishments.

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# Assemblyman Mike Miller Continues to Fight for Services to Our Veterans!

I held a veterans town hall meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> at American Legion Post 118 in Woodhaven to discuss local veterans' issues on the city, state, and federal level including sharing services that are currently available to veterans. Among those who attended the town hall was Commissioner Loree Sutton from the Mayor's Office of Veterans' Affairs and representatives from several veterans services organizations including the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

This upcoming session, I will make it a priority to pass legislation that I have introduced to give veterans' services organizations 120-days to rectify violations given by city agencies as well as legislation that would create a voluntary contribution on the state personal income tax return for veterans' services organizations. I am committed to fight for our veterans in the Assembly to get them the services that they need including state funding assistance for the burial of indigent or unclaimed veterans. I want to thank Councilman Ulrich for his leadership in addressing the needs of the large and increasing number of veterans throughout New York City and I thank him for bringing us all together to discuss the needs of veterans during this town hall meeting.

# Legislative Updates

## Summer Reading Challenge



*The certificate recipients of M.S 210.*

Last month I recognized the various students who completed this year's summer reading challenge. Students were motivated to read for 15 minutes a day for 40 days, during their summer vacation. I am happy to say that hundreds of children within our district participated.

## Community Emergency Response Team



*The Members of the Richmond Hill CERT team.*

On Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> I attended the Community Emergency Response Team or (CERT) meeting. CERT members are trained in the proper way to react in emergency situations. Due to a grant I secured, the group was able to buy new supplies including batteries for their radios, first aid supplies and other essential materials. Having completing CERT training, I can attest to the invaluable knowledge the program offers.

As the next session approaches, we are currently re-introducing our bills, which will receive new numbers before the end of the year. For those of you that track my legislation throughout session, these bill numbers will be available to you through the New York State Assembly website:

<http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/>

Please be on the lookout for updates on the following bills that I plan on re-introducing during the next legislative session:

<a href="#">A10180</a>	Relates to requiring motor vehicle and motor cycle tires and rims to bear a permanent serial number
<a href="#">A9473</a>	Relates to implementing dedicated crossing times at all major thoroughfares in the city of New York
<a href="#">A9304</a>	Includes mentally disabled as among those veterans qualified to hold licenses granted under section 35-a of the general business law
<a href="#">A8614</a>	Relates to prohibiting overnight parking by vehicles not registered in this state in the city of New York
<a href="#">A8258</a>	Relates to the issuance of distinctive plates for members of Kiwanis International
<a href="#">A2493A</a>	Requires a 120-day warning period for violations at certain veterans' organization facilities
<a href="#">A5541</a>	Requires local planning board review of proposed homeless projects and public hearings thereon
<a href="#">A2445A</a>	Establishes the veterans service organizations fund
<a href="#">A3810</a>	Provides for a discount on driver's license renewal fees for senior citizens

# Happy Thanksgiving!