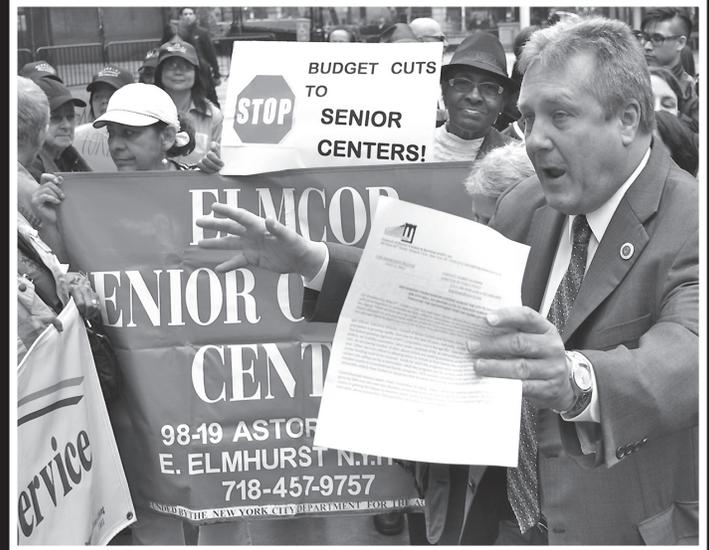


# CELEBRATING BANGLADESHI INDEPENDENCE DAY



CM Dromm joined Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen, Bangladesh Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York (right) at a reception on March 26th to celebrate the 41st Bangladeshi National Independence Day. Joining the celebration was the Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, President of the 66th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (second from right). Dromm was honored and delighted to take part in the festivities and recognize the Bangladeshi community for its tremendous contributions to New York City.

# CARING FOR OUR SENIORS



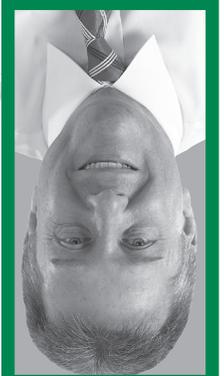
CM Dromm is a strong supporter of our senior citizens and is fighting hard against any cuts to our senior centers. He is particularly concerned about a potential cut of \$6,000,000 to case management. Dromm knows firsthand how important services to our seniors are. He recently joined seniors on the steps of City Hall to speak out against these proposed cuts.

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## TRAVERS PARK EXPANSION - IT'S A DEAL!



In a major victory, CM Dromm forged a deal to preserve the last remaining open space in Jackson Heights, a neighborhood which has one of the worst ratios of persons to park space acreage in the city. Seizing a once in a lifetime opportunity to bring more parkland to the area, New York City officials quickly began negotiations with the Garden School as soon as their athletic field was put up for sale

over a year ago. The agreement reached with the City is a win-win for Jackson Heights and the Garden School, who negotiated in good faith to ensure that the lot remained an open space for the area. At 25,000 square feet, the Garden School athletic field is a significant addition to neighboring Travers Park. The lot was purchased for \$6 million, of which \$4 million was secured by CM Dromm. The Mayor's office and the Queens Bor-

ough President's office contributed \$1 million each. Dromm and community advocates, with the approval of Queens Community Board 3, have already secured permission to permanently close the adjacent street (78th Street). When combined with the purchase of the Garden School lot, the existing parkland will almost double in size. Special thanks to Deputy Mayor Howard Wolfson for his invaluable assistance in this project.

## DROMM ADDS PARKS AND OPEN SPACE



### LANDING LIGHTS PARK RENOVATION

CM Dromm expedited the reconstruction of the baseball field at Landing Lights Park. The Parks Department has begun a \$750,000 upgrade to the ball field and the project should be completed by fall of 2012. CM Dromm knows how important it is to families and our community, in general, to improve and maintain existing parkland.

### 37<sup>TH</sup> ROAD PLAZA IMPLEMENTATION

The 37th Road Public Plaza project is a result of the federally-funded Jackson Heights Transportation Study. The New York City Department of Transportation's (DOT) three-year study identified ways to improve pedestrian safety, reduce traffic congestion, and minimize noise and air pollution. The plan included the installation of the 37th Road Plaza. It is heavily used and has contributed to the economic revitalization of the area. Recently, the Department of Transportation placed planters and café style tables in the plaza. Soon, performance art, movies and community events will be held in the plaza. Stay tuned!



### SCHOOLYARDS TO PLAYGROUNDS

Schoolyards at P.S. 69 and I.S. 145 were recently renovated and opened to the public on weekdays after school and on weekends from 8 a.m. to dusk as part of PlaNYC's Schoolyards to Playgrounds program. The schoolyards will also be open all summer. CM Dromm believes the additional park space will be enjoyed by families for years to come.



## SECURING \$2.6 MILLION FOR SCHOOLS



CM Dromm presented I.S. 61 Principal Joe Lisa and students with a check for \$130,000 to upgrade the school's auditorium. The funds were part of \$2.6 million Dromm secured for the schools in his district that will go towards capital improvements and various technological purchases including computers and SMART boards. Dromm was a New York City public school teacher for 25 years and recognizes the importance of adequate funding for our schools.

## FIGHTING TO REOPEN ELMHURST LIRR STATION



Congressman Joe Crowley and CM Dromm called on the MTA Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) to reopen the Elmhurst Station, a move that will help to further revitalize Elmhurst and the surrounding area. The station was closed in 1985. Recently, both officials joined MTA LIRR President Helena Williams on a walking tour of the Elmhurst Station as part of their ongoing discussions to explore the possibility of building a new station and restoring service to Elmhurst.

## DROMM DEMANDS JUSTICE FOR TRAYVON MARTIN

CM Dromm joined other Council Members on the steps of City Hall demanding justice for Trayvon Martin's death. Dromm and his colleagues donned hoodies and carried bags of Skittles and bottles of iced tea, just as the Florida teenager did when he was shot. The full City Council then voted in favor of a resolution condemning Trayvon's shooting and the inadequate investigation that followed.



## DROMM DELIVERS FOR HOMELESS LGBTQ YOUTH

CM Dromm held a toiletry drive for homeless lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth. The supplies were collected at his community office in Jackson Heights and delivered to Sylvia's Place, Metropolitan Community Church of New York's emergency shelter serving over 1,000 homeless LGBTQ youth each year. Sylvia's Place is often the first stop for New York City's LGBTQ youth in crisis.

