

ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING RULES SUSPENSION 2011 SUSPENSION CALENDAR CITIZEN SERVICE CENTER 311

NOW THERE IS ONE EASY NUMBER TO ACCESS ALL OF NEW YORK CITY'S
NON-EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT SERVICES...

24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK...

**REPORT NOISE POLLUTION, CHECK YOUR GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE
OR REQUEST A POT HOLE OR STREET LIGHT REPAIR**

* Please note, you should continue to use **911** for all emergencies.

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
SEP 5, MON	* LABOR DAY	Oct 8, Sat	Yom Kippur	Nov 1, Tues	All Saints Day	Dec 8, Thurs	Immaculate Conception
Sep 29-30, Thurs-Fri	Rosh Hashanah	Oct 10, Mon	Columbus Day	Nov 6-8, Sun-Tues	Idul-Adha	DEC 25, SUN	* CHRISTMAS DAY
		Oct 13-14, Thurs-Fri	Suchoth (2 Day)	Nov 8, Tues	Election Day	DEC 26, MON	* CHRISTMAS DAY (OBERV.)
		Oct 20, Thurs	Shemini Atzereth	Nov 11, Fri	Veterans Day		
		Oct 21, Fri	Simchas Torah	NOV 24, THURS	* THANKSGIVING DAY		
		Oct 26, Wed	Diwali				
JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL	
JAN 1, SAT	* NEW YEAR'S DAY	Feb 3, Thurs	Asian Lunar New Year	Mar 9, Wed	Ash Wednesday	Apr 19-20, Tues-Wed	Passover (1st/2nd Days)
Jan 17, Mon	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday	Feb 12, Sat	Lincoln's Birthday	Mar 20, Sun	Purim	Apr 21, Thurs	Holy Thursday
		Feb 21, Mon	Washington's Birthday (Pres. Day)			Apr 21, Thurs	Holy Thursday (Orthodox)
						Apr 22, Fri	Good Friday
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						Apr 25-26, Mon-Tues	Passover (7th/8th Days)
MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST	
MAY 30, MON	* MEMORIAL DAY	Jun 2, Thurs	Solemnity of the Ascension	JUL 4, MON	* INDEPENDENCE DAY	Aug 15, Mon	Feast of the Assumption
		Jun 8-9, Wed-Thurs	Shavuot (2 Days)			Aug 30-Sept 1, Tues-Thurs	Idul-Fitr

* MAJOR LEGAL HOLIDAY RULES
IN EFFECT: On Major Legal Holidays, stopping, standing and parking are permitted except in areas where stopping, standing and parking rules are in effect seven days a week (for example, "No Standing Anytime"). Accordingly, parking meters will not be in effect on major legal holidays. Source: NYC DOT
www.nycouncil.info



In an effort to provide more efficient ways to communicate with my constituents, I am expanding my email operations. If you have access to a computer and would like to be kept up to date on issues that affect our community and our city, please email me at Koslowitz@council.nyc.gov and enter "I Want to Hear From You" in the subject line. Thank you for your help.

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News from Council Member
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News from Council Member Karen Koslowitz

29th District, Queens

REVERSAL OF PARKING METER RATE HIKE

I am proud to have worked with Speaker Christine C. Quinn and Transportation Chair James Vacca in reaching an agreement with the Mayor that forestalls a parking meter rate hike which would have affected all neighborhoods outside of Manhattan's Central Business Core. The hike would have raised the meter rate from 75 cents per hour to \$1 per hour and would have represented the second such increase in only 18 months. Preventing the increase in parking meter rates is a major victory for small businesses and taxpayers. Breaking the backs of the middle class and small businesses is the wrong way to attempt to fix our fiscal woes. Bob Dylan once wrote 'watch your parking meters'; with Council Member Vacca and Speaker Quinn's efforts, I am proud that we "watched our parking meters" and protected hardworking New Yorkers.



Council Members Vacca and Koslowitz hail the reversal of the parking meter rate hike.

IMPORTANT COUNCIL LEGISLATION CREATES THE SILVER ALERT PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

I recently supported legislation creating the Silver Alert system for seniors. This bill will help families find missing seniors suffering from Alzheimer's or other cognitive impairments by creating a "Silver Alert" Program. Researchers have found that 60 percent of people suffering from Alzheimer's will at some point wander off unknowingly. If they are not found within 24 hours, more than half of these individuals will turn up seriously injured or dead. The Silver Alert program is similar to the Amber Alert, in that it gives the public information about missing seniors believed to be in imminent danger or harm. The city will be responsible for communicating information pertaining to the missing person to appropriate organizations, including media outlets, senior service providers, medical facilities, and community organizations. Information will be conveyed through all appropriate means, including email notifications, text messages, telephone calls, television broadcasts, or radio broadcasts.

Dear Neighbor,

New York City has always been the economic and cultural capital of the nation. Policy makers from the rest of the country and all over the world look to New York City as an example in how to govern and lead. That is why, during these tough times, we must strike the right balance between fixing our budget problems and protecting vital services to our communities.

Serving the constituents of this community is my top priority and I will continue to fight for the services we need and deserve. Due to the threat of budget cuts, many of these services are in jeopardy. We must stand together and demand that core services are kept intact. I need your help and voice in demanding that our quality of life stay strong.

As we move forward, we can reflect on the past successes and challenges of 2010, including:

- Fighting the draconian cuts to senior centers, schools and fire houses.
- Coming together as a community to recover from a devastating tornado.
- Working to allow small businesses to grow through improved relations with city agencies.
- Demanding answers, accountability and better services from City Hall as a result of the crippling blizzard.
- Stopping the proposed parking meter rate increase.

With the winter behind us, I look forward to seeing you throughout the district. I will be continuing my travelling community office series in order to bring my district office services to you. In addition, I will be hosting town hall meetings and other events that will allow us to continue to talk and exchange ideas. Please go to my website (<http://council.nyc.gov/d29/html/members/home.shtml>) and sign up for my e-news to stay informed about events and important happenings in our community and city.

Sincerely,

Karen Koslowitz
Karen E. Koslowitz

EVENING OFFICE HOURS FOR CONSTITUENTS

I am pleased to announce evening office hours for constituents. For landlord-tenant issues and other legal matters, office hours will take place from 6pm to 8:30pm pm every Tuesday at my District Office located at 118-35 Queens Blvd, 17th Floor (entrance on 78th Crescent). Barry Goldstein, a Queens based attorney, will be available to discuss matters with constituents. For all other evening appointments from Monday to Thursday, please contact (718) 544-8800 or Koslowitz@council.nyc.gov.

COUNCIL HOLDS HEARINGS ABOUT THE DECEMBER 2010 BLIZZARD RESPONSE

As evidenced by the widespread problems that occurred in the wake of the December 26th blizzard, the City's response and clean-up efforts were not up to the standards that New Yorkers are accustomed to. To help better understand what went wrong and what we need to do to prevent such problems from happening again, the New York City Council held oversight hearings. I was very dismayed at the dangerous problems that occurred as a result of the storm from December 26th. The storm caused seniors to be stranded at home, students unable to attend school and left buses and cars abandoned in the streets. I am confident that, at the conclusion of our hearings, the administration was able to recognize the severity of the situation. Based on the testimony we received, the Council has drafted legislation that we believe will curtail many of the problems faced during the December 2010 blizzard.



Council Member Koslowitz listens to testimony at the blizzard response hearing at City Hall.

CHAIR OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

I am proud and honored to have been appointed Chair of the New York City Council's Economic Development Committee. The importance of the work of this Committee, especially during these tough times, cannot be underestimated. As Chair, I plan to work on development issues that will both promote New York City and benefit the taxpayers and residents who work so hard day in and day out. We in government must focus on all aspects of economic development, especially increasing opportunities right here in Queens through our wonderful cultural institutions. I encourage you to contact my office if you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can best improve economic development in our city. I will continue to serve on the Committees of Consumer Affairs, Education, Rules and Privileges, Finance and Standards and Ethics.

DOOR TO DOOR WITH CITYMEALS-ON-WHEELS

This winter I joined Citymeals-on-Wheels in delivering well-balanced nutritional meals in Forest Hills. The program, one of the largest in the United States, delivers food and companionship to homebound elderly New Yorkers, thereby allowing them to live with dignity in their own homes and communities. Citymeals-on-Wheels helped bring over 2.2 million nutritious meals to more than 16,000 seniors in every borough of New York City last year. Citymeals-on-Wheels is an integral part of our community serving thousands of seniors who are unable to shop or cook for themselves. I am very proud to support them and take part in the great work of this organization.

ATTENDING THE DIWALI PARADE



It was an honor for me to attend the 11th Annual Diwali motorcade parade in Richmond Hill. Diwali, the holiest of Hindu celebration, is observed by lighting diyas, simple oil lamps, to signify the victory of good over evil in the individual. The five-day festival commemorates the return of Lord Rama after a 14-year exile in the forest and his victory over the demon-king Ravana, by lighting rows of lamps.

COUNCIL MEMBER KAREN KOSLOWITZ THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT



Standing strong with firefighters on Grand Avenue in Maspeth.



Visiting seniors at the Austin Self Help Senior Center with Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn.



Attending closing ceremony for JCCA's Bukharian Teen Lounge Intern Program.



Serving hot meals at Masbia Soup Kitchen in Rego Park.



At the 2011 Lunar New Year Parade in Flushing with New York City Comptroller John Liu, Assembly Member Grace Meng and State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky.



Introducing the DOE Fund to Rego Park.