

in case you missed it . . .**NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL
THIS WEEK IN THE NEWS**

Week of October 20, 2008

this week at the council

Council Bill to Help Grow Primary Care Health Services

A report released by Council Speaker Christine Quinn pointed out that one of the best ways to [improve health care](#) is to provide access to quality primary care. "This report reveals specific barriers New Yorkers face in accessing basic care, and we must now use this data and information as a guide to improve health care," she said. "We will be taking significant steps to guarantee improvements at clinics so that anyone who needs health care has access to it."

Council Members Announce Breast Cancer Research on Staten Island

A Staten Island study received a boost of \$80,000 from the City Council, and Council Speaker Christine Quinn and the borough's Council delegation visited the Willowbrook college to promote the groundbreaking work. "So many women on Staten Island are getting breast cancer and dying of breast cancer," said Ms. Quinn who lost her mother to the disease when she was 16, and grew up on Long Island, which also has uncannily high rates of breast cancer. "If we find out about why these women get breast cancer, it will help us save women and it will also give us data about why other women who live near landfills or high traffic areas have a greater propensity for breast cancer." "We are talking about the health and well being of the [women of Staten Island](#); we're talking about our moms, our sisters, our wives, our girl friends," said City Councilman James Oddo, who secured \$12,000 to augment the \$68,000 in the budget that came from the speaker. "This is really important stuff."

Council Talks with FCC about White Spaces

The council unanimously passed a: "Resolution urging the Federal Communications Commission to [open a formal comment period](#) on the Commission's TV white space test report to enable all stakeholders to thoroughly review the data and comment, and to set aside a sufficient number of broadcast channels for the exclusive use of wireless microphone in order to protect all incumbent wireless microphone users." It is a big issue in New York not only because of TV stations and networks there, but because of Broadway's extensive use of wireless microphones, a business that the resolution points out generates \$5 billion in spending and accounts for 44,000 jobs.



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