

"This is Staten Island at its best."

-BP ODDO

## BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S DIRECT CONNECT SUNDAY

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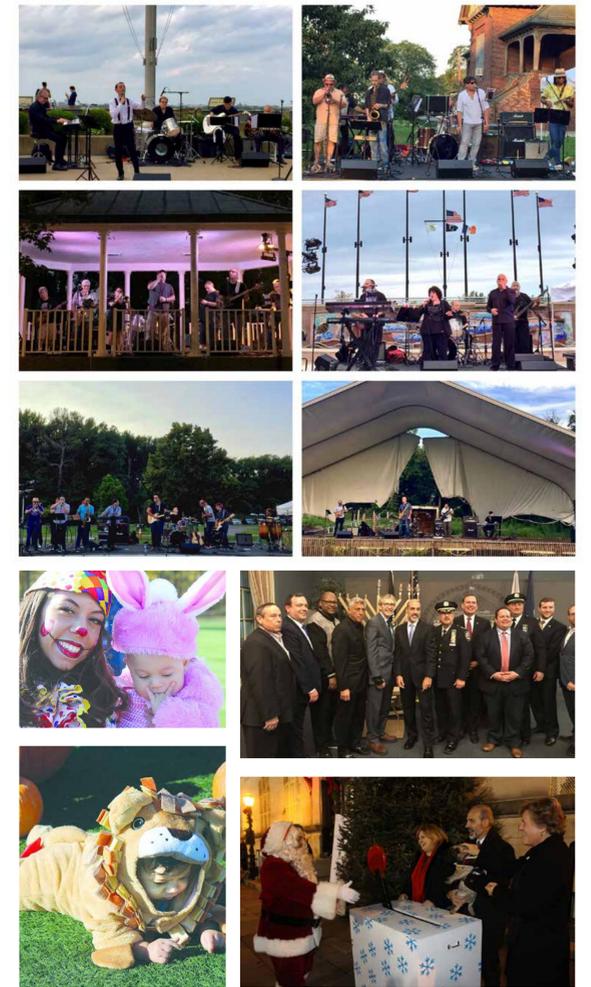


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Because we are an island separated from the other boroughs, Staten Island has a unique sense of community. Borough President Oddo hopes to enhance that sense of community by hosting various events around Staten Island to educate, entertain, and help constituents.

Our popular Sunset Summer Concert Series continued this year with ten performances in nine different parks throughout the borough. We are extremely grateful to the local musicians who graciously donated their time and talent to entertain us on those summer evenings. We closed out the summer with over 2,000 Staten Islanders on a beautiful summer night at Midland Beach, where our very own Vito Picone and the Elegants headlined the Stars of the Boardwalk Concert.

The Borough President welcomed hundreds for our somber and reflective 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at Postcards. This year, we also dedicated a new memorial that honors the sacrifices made by Staten Island's First Responders who died as a result of their brave service on—and in the aftermath of—that tragic day.



# Bringing the Community Together

CELEBRATIONS, MEMORIALS, AND CONCERTS

Building on the success of Rome Through Richmond Town, BP Oddo wanted to give Staten Island even more food, more music, and more culture this year. Partnering with Mount Loretto and Catholic Charities, we co-hosted Festa Italiana at the Mount: The Biggest Columbus Day Celebration in the History of Staten Island. Over 20,000 Staten Islanders came out to celebrate with us over the course of the three-day festival. It truly was the biggest Columbus Day celebration in our borough's history!

Continuing holiday traditions, the Borough President once again held his Halloween Hoopla festival, as well as a Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting.

