

NEW YORK STATE SENATOR Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.

## Addabbo Brings Nyc Department of Consumer Affairs to Senior Centers in November to Advise How to Avoid Scams

JOSEPH P. ADDABBO JR October 31, 2011

**Queens, NY, October 31, 2011** – During November, **NYS Senator Joe Addabbo** (D-Queens) is pleased to sponsor guest speaker Fred Riley, Senior Community Relations Coordinator for the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs, to present his lecture at senior centers in the senator's district, advising members how to avoid scams. Among the topics on Mr. Riley's agenda are:

- Overview of the Department of Consumer Affairs
- Refund policies and receipt requirements
- Consumer complaint process
- Identity theft prevention
- Scam prevention-sweepstakes, lotteries using atms
- Process to report and correct identity theft
- Working with debt collection agencies
- Calls from phony police or firefighter charities
- Phony contractors ringing doorbells offering to fix your roof, chimney, boiler
- bank accounts & signature forgeries

Lectures are scheduled for Addabbo's district senior centers below for these dates/times:

Tuesday, November 1 at 11 AM

Howard Beach Senior Center, 156-45 84<sup>th</sup> Street, Howard Beach

Tuesday, November 15 at 10:30 AM

Maspeth Self Help, 69-61 Grand Avenue, Maspeth

Thursday, November 17 at 11 AM

Ozone Park Senior Center, 103-12 101st Avenue, Ozone Park

Tuesday, November 22 at 11 AM

Middle Village Senior Center, 69-10 75<sup>th</sup> Street, Middle Village

For more information, or to report a scam, contact the Department of Consumer Affairs, 212 487-4266 or log on to <u>http://www.nyc.gov/consumers</u>. Or call the Senator's district offices in Howard Beach (718-738-1111) or in Middle Village (718-497-1630).

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