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## Nearly 10 tons of electronics collected at Spring Recycling Fair

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New York State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. and Assemblyman Mike Miller recently hosted their annual Spring Recycling Fair at Forest Park in Woodhaven, on Sunday, April 30.

On that sunny weather day, nearly 500 vehicles looped through the Forest Park Bandshell parking lot to drop off unwanted items, including electronics and household goods, tattered American flags, as well as documents to be securely shredded on site and properly recycled later. Residents came from all over Queens to safely dispose of televisions, computers, printers, clothing, books, dishes and other items that cannot be thrown out in the trash.

In total, this Spring event contributed to an overall collection of nearly 10 tons of electronics, more than 2 tons of paper, and two trucks full of household items for donation. Since Addabbo began hosting the event in 2009, both the Senator's and Assemblyman's event has collected over 153 tons of electronics to be recycled and not placed in our soil, as well as 44 tons of shredded paper.

“This annual event is a good reminder to residents of the community’s renewed commitment to protecting our environment,” **said Addabbo**, a member of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee. “This bi-annual event helps prevent several tons of potentially harmful items from ending up in landfills and harming the environment. I am proud to represent a community that is so conscious of the needs of our environment and the importance of properly discarding of unwanted refuse. I thank all our recycling vendors, the Lower East Side Ecology Center, Data-Struction paper shredding, and the Salvation Army, as well as Assemblyman Miller, the 102nd Precinct and the Department of Parks and Recreation for their cooperation. I also extend a special thanks to the Boy Scouts, the Glendale Kiwanis, GCop, and CERT, for volunteering to help out with the event.”

“The recycling event was a success,” said Assemblyman Miller. “It was great to see residents come out to get rid of their junk. Every time we hold this event at the Forest Park Bandshell, I am reminded of just how much this event helps individuals get rid of household items that otherwise may not be taken by conventional means. This event essentially is their way of recycling what they normally can’t.”

Another recycling event has been scheduled for September 9 at St. Camillus Catholic Academy, 185 Beach 99th Street in Rockaway Park. Addabbo and Miller have also tentatively scheduled their next Fall Recycling Fair for Sunday, September 24, at Forest Park, where they will once again be collecting electronics, paper, and household items.