



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Addabbo partnering with Assemblywoman Rajkumar for first time to bring paper recycling and household good donation event to Forest Park

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A graphic sign for a recycling event. The title "Bandshell Parking Lot @ Forest Park" is in green. Below it, two columns of text list items accepted and not accepted. The "ACCEPTING" list is in black, and the "NOT ACCEPTING" list is in red. The background features green recycling symbols.

**Bandshell Parking Lot @
Forest Park**

ACCEPTING:
PAPER (3 BOXES MAXIMUM OF
PERSONAL, BUSINESS OR
MEDICAL FILES)
CLOTHING & SHOES
SMALL APPLIANCES
KITCHENWARE
TOYS & BIKES
JEWELRY
SMALL FURNITURE
AMERICAN FLAGS

**NOT
ACCEPTING:**
ELECTRONICS
CARDBOARD, MAGAZINES,
FILE FOLDERS &
PRE-SHREDDED PAPER
AIR CONDITIONERS
PAINT
TIRES

This April, State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. will be partnering for the first time with new Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar to bring the popular bi-annual recycling event to the Forest Park Bandshell Parking Lot. Community Board 10 will be joining the event as the community sponsor.

Due to the success of last year — when the COVID pandemic forced the traditional one-day event to be split into two events — Addabbo and Rajkumar will once again be providing the community with two separate events for their recycling needs.

On Sunday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., residents will be able to shred their personal, private documents with USA Shred and donate unwanted household goods with the United War Veterans Council at the Forest Park Bandshell Parking Lot.

Items that will be accepted during this event are: paper (3 boxes maximum of personal, business or medical files), clothing and shoes, small appliances, kitchenware, toys and bikes, jewelry, small furniture, American flags, and eye glasses.

Items that cannot be accepted are: any electronics, cardboard, magazines, file folders, pre-shredded paper, air conditioners, paint, and tires.

“Since COVID forced us last year to change up the way we bring this event to the community, we have decided to once again split the recycling event into two dates, which will help keep all participants as safer as we continue to battle the COVID pandemic,” Addabbo said. “I am happy to see that Assemblywoman Rajkumar is joining us in bringing this great event to our constituents. I look forward to working with her and her staff on this fantastic event.”

“With this event, we will be helping our veterans by sending them important household items. Uplifting veterans who have given everything for our country is our sacred duty,” Rajkumar said. “Additionally, through robust shredding services, we will be protecting the privacy of Queens residents. Every two seconds, someone is the victim of identity theft. Accessible shredding services is key to helping prevent this. I applaud my colleague Senator Addabbo for having established this bi-annual event, and I look forward to co-hosting many

more.”

In order to keep everyone safe, NYC Parks Department is requiring all participants to wear masks when in the parking lot, especially when interacting with a volunteer. Those who wish to make donations or shred their documents are also asked to stay in their vehicles as much as possible, for the safety of the staff and volunteers. Please have all items in an easily accessible part of the car, such as the backseat or trunk, to allow a volunteer to safely remove them and bring them to the proper location.

If anyone wishes to exit their car, they must fill out a visitor health screening questionnaire — as per Parks Department requirements — indicating if they have any symptoms of COVID-19 or if they have been in close contact with someone who has contracted the virus in the previous 14 days. They will also have to provide their name, phone number and email address for contact tracing purposes if it is found that anyone with COVID was present at the event.

“This is a perfect time to do some Spring Cleaning and get rid of those personal documents and household goods that are causing clutter around the house,” Addabbo added. “I encourage everyone to come out — safely — to this recycling event.”

The permit for an electronic waste event for this Spring is currently under review by NYC Parks Department. When that is approved, more details will be made available. For more information about this event, contact Addabbo’s office at 718-738-1111.