



NEWS FROM

Speaker of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie

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Assemblyman Carl Heastie along with Senator Jamaal Bailey, Councilman Kevin Riley, Rep. Jamaal Bowman, Councilman Dinowitz, DA Darcel Clark and BP Vanessa Gibson at Annual Juneteenth Rally



Dear Neighbor,
I write to wish you and your family a fantastic summer full of joy and laughter! **In this newsletter you will find updates on issues we have addressed this legislative session and information on local funding I was able to secure for programs right here in the Northeast Bronx. These programs contribute to a better quality of life for our community, and I hope they're helpful to you.**

As your Assemblyman, I take great joy in providing necessary resources to help our community prosper, but there is still much work to be done. I look forward to continuing to work toward bettering our community, making

it the best place to live and raise a family. From safeguarding our neighborhoods to providing families with resources to succeed, I will keep fighting for you.

We are stronger when we bring our voices together. I encourage you to actively participate by sharing your comments and suggestions. If there is any way that I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me. My office is here to serve you.

With Love and Hope,

Carl E. Heastie
Speaker of the Assembly

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Local Funding Secured in the State Budget

- **St. Nicholas Chess for Kids, Inc - \$10,000** – Funds will provide materials and supplies to run an after-school chess program for local youth.
- **Education Through Music - \$150,000** – Funds will be used to provide music instruction for children in our local public schools.
- **East 233rd Street Senior Center - \$10,000** – Financial assistance will provide materials for senior programs and activities.
- **Wiz Kids Books B4 Basketball - \$30,000** – Funds will be used to purchase new materials and supplies for activities.



District 11's Annual SoapBox Derby with Middle School 144



Speaker Heastie partners with AARP for a community Shredding Event

- **Wildcats - \$100,000** – Funds will be used to run a cleanup program for the Northeast Bronx.
- **Fresh Air Fund - \$1.6 million** – This program, also known as Camp Junior, is an innovative project that allows Bronx youth to experience summer camp in upstate New York. The funding will provide disadvantaged youth with the opportunity to leave the city and spend two weeks learning about nature and the great outdoors.
- **Addicts Rehabilitation Center Foundation Inc. - \$100,000** – Funding will support services for addiction rehabilitation in the Bronx.



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Speaker Heastie Invests in our Community's Seniors

Seniors play a vital role in our community and supporting them through funding programs designed to enrich their day to day is important. Senior programs provide a space for seniors to connect with their peers while fostering much-needed social interaction and activity. These programs provide not only social activities, but also prioritize the health and wellness of our most vulnerable through programming and nutrition.

- **Bay Eden Senior Center - \$30,000** – Funding will provide for materials and supplies for the senior program.
- **RAIN Inc. - \$100,000** – Funding will provide programming at senior centers throughout the Northeast Bronx.

Investment in Food Programs Provides Increased Stability for Families

In this year's state budget, Speaker Heastie made significant investments in food assistance programs to ensure families in need receive nutritious food items. Food insecurity programs are vital to our community and address the humanitarian needs of our neighbors. Nutritious meals provide families with greater health and well-being, as well as better education and economic outcomes.

- **Grow NYC - \$250,000** – Funds will go toward programming and support for Grow NYC sites in our local communities. Grow NYC makes fresh, affordable produce accessible to underserved communities across NYC.
- **St. Luke's Community Food Program - \$25,000** – Funds will go toward programming and support for Grow NYC sites in our local communities. Grow NYC makes fresh affordable produce accessible to underserved communities across NYC.
- **ICNA Relief USA - \$25,000** – Funds will alleviate human suffering by providing caring and compassionate service to victims of adversities and survivors of disasters.

Groups Funded Through the Special Projects Program

- **Citizens Committee for New York City - \$200,000** – Community improvement grants
- **Jewish Association Serving the Aging for the Bay Eden Senior Center - \$25,000** – To support programming for Bay Eden Senior Center
- **Junior Achievement of New York - \$250,000** – Tennis programs
- **Wake Eden Community Baptist Church - \$125,000** – Summer STEM program
- **Gun Hill Basketball Association, Inc. - \$25,000** – Basketball programming
- **ICNA Relief USA Programs - \$25,000** – Food Pantry funding
- **SCO Family Services - \$25,000** – Human services to children, families, adults, and the community
- **Nest Music Conservatory, Inc. - \$50,000** – to assist to provide music education to youth in the Bronx through out-of-school programs, live events, and academic empowerment
- **New York Common Pantry, Inc. - \$500,000** – For food services in the NYC community
- **Beulah Church Of God Seventh Day, Inc. - \$25,000** – Food pantry
- **New York Zoological Society - \$85,000** – Support programming
- **Olivet Gospel Church - \$50,000** – Food pantry



Assemblyman Heastie and Team Heastie participate in a community clean-up

Bill to Create the New York State Community Commission on Reparations Remedies Passes the Legislature

The Assembly passed legislation to create the New York State Community Commission on Reparations Remedies to examine the impact of slavery, discrimination and

systemic racism against African Americans, and to propose appropriate remedies. (A.7691, Solages).

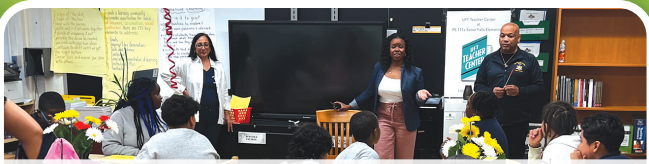
Speaker Heastie said, *"The institution of slavery in our state and nation laid the groundwork for the racial, economic and institutional injustices that have plagued communities for decades. This is a historic piece of legislation that will confront the insidious history of slavery and the way its legacy continues to affect Black New Yorkers today."*

The legislation would establish the New York State Community Commission on Reparations Remedies to examine the institution of slavery, de jure and de facto racial and economic discrimination against people of African descent, and the impact of these forces on living African Americans. The commission would be tasked with making determinations regarding appropriate remedies and reparations, as well as examining potential policy and legislative solutions for damages done to people and communities.

To know our future, we must know our past.



Assemblyman Carl Heastie with Community Leaders Shirley Feron and Cheryl DeWitt at his Annual Juneteenth Rally



Assemblyman Carl Heastie visited his Alma Mater, P.S. 111 to speak with the 5th grade cohort about homelessness

Assemblyman Heastie Allocates \$60,000 in Funds to Local Libraries

Assemblyman Carl Heastie has dedicated funding to purchase materials and supplies for local libraries. Our libraries play a crucial role in communities everywhere, providing invaluable resources that promote the progression of knowledge and culture.

"Members of the community, especially our youth, rely on libraries for not only books but access to the information highway – the internet. Highspeed internet is not always available in all households but having computers in our local library gives so many the assistance they need to grow. Thanks to the New York Public Library, there is always an opportunity to expand your horizons and open your mind to a book, as well as close the ever-growing technological gap," said Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie.

Speaker Heastie Awards Local Schools Funding for Needed Updates

In the fall, Speaker Heastie toured local public schools to assess their needs and find ways to best assist students and families. Following these tours, Speaker Heastie has allotted **over \$3 million** in state funding for these schools to update infrastructure and begin various projects. **Projects include: HVAC repair, school gymnasium updates, creation of science labs, technology updates, afterschool programming, agriculture instruction, music programming, air-conditioning units, STEM programs, auditorium equipment, water fountains, washer/dryer systems, extra-curricular activities, and so much more.**

"Our children deserve the best education possible, regardless of their zip code," said Speaker Heastie. "Public schools are the backbone of our community, training the minds of tomorrow. We must continue to work to give these institutions the best equipment, the best supplies, and the best environment to ensure they can provide our children with the best education."

Schools Visited

Elementary Schools

- Seton Falls (P.S. 111)
- P.S. 112
- P.S. 169
- Public School (P.S. 87)
- The Edward A. Fogel School for Critical Thinking and The Arts (P.S. 68)
- P.S. 121
- P.S. 21
- P.S. 103
- P.S. 41
- P.S. 16
- P.S. 189
- P.S. 78

Middle Schools

- Pelham Gardens Middle School
- Michelangelo Junior High School
- One World Middle School
- Bronx Alliance Middle School
- Baychester Middle School

- Pelham Gardens Middle School
- Leaders of Tomorrow
- North Bronx School of Empowerment
- M.S. 462

High Schools

- High School of Computers and Technology
- High School for Contemporary Arts
- Bronx High School for Writing and Communication Arts
- Bronx Aerospace High School
- Bronx Lab School
- Bronx Academy of Health Careers
- Bronxwood Preparatory Academy
- New World High School
- Academy for Scholarship and Entrepreneurship
- Harry S. Truman High-School

Speaker Heastie Secures \$75,000 to Fund the Bridgefield Civic League

Assemblyman Carl Heastie has nominated Bridgefield Civic League to receive funding to help in the continued renovation and upkeep of the facility and the ongoing education and service programs conducted by the League. The funding will assist in the renovation and needed repairs to the building. Additionally, the funding will help the Bridgefield Civic League provide education services, mentoring, and career training to the local community.

Assemblyman Heastie Secures \$50,000 for NAACP's Williamsbridge Branch

The Williamsbridge branch of the NAACP will be able to conduct education and afterschool programming for local families with funding secured by Assemblyman Carl Heastie through the state Education Department. This program helps children achieve academically through education and mentoring from older students and adults.

Speaker Heastie Delivers \$365,000 for the Mind-Builders Creative Arts Center

Speaker Heastie helped secure \$365,000 in this year's state budget for the Mind-Builders Creative Arts Center. The program offers children enrichment and instruction in music, dance, theatre and other arts programs. Funds will be used to purchase materials and supplies for continued program operation in our community.

Education in the arts has been shown to offer numerous benefits, including bolstering creativity and expression, increasing critical thinking and problem solving, and fostering emotional intelligence in both children and adults.

This program offers an opportunity for young adults to have hands-on experience with shared cultural arts and activities. The programs are conducted year-round to help keep young adults off the street and engaged in quality cultural enrichment.



P.S. 111 Graduation

Speaker Heastie Secures \$75,000 for the Bronx Bethany Community Corporation

The Bronx Bethany Community Corporation will be receiving \$75,000 in state funds as the result of Assemblyman Heastie's advocacy. The funds will be used to allow local children to enjoy summer day camp and other resources.

Speaker Heastie Secures \$30,000 for the Northeast Bronx Day Care Center

Assemblyman Heastie has reallocated \$30,000 in funding for the Northeast Bronx Day Care Center (formerly known as the Susan Wagner Day Care) to purchase materials, services and supplies. The facility, located at 4102 White Plains Rd., will allow local youth to enjoy a safe, educational and clean play experience.

Speaker Heastie Secures Funding for Cameras for Local Police

Community safety continues to be a top priority for residents of the Northeast Bronx, and investments in technology will play a great part in bolstering security. Argus Cameras, also known as 'eyes in sky,' enhance the capabilities of local police departments, enhancing surveillance and deterring crime. Speaker Heastie secured **\$450,000 for the 47th and 49th NYPD Precincts** to purchase and install these cameras throughout the 83rd Assembly District.

Speaker Heastie Secures Funding for Northeast Bronx YMCA

The YMCA of Greater New York was awarded \$5 million to support the operation of community centers across New York City, including our very own Northeast Bronx YMCA. This funding will enable the Y to continue to service local communities through time-tested programs, such as After School for Youth, summer camp, teen center activities, older adult programming, adult literacy programs and food pantries. As you know, the YMCA does not turn anyone away due to inability to pay and this funding helps to maintain the Y's ability to serve in this way.

This recreation center is a historic asset to the community that promotes better health maintenance and social opportunities for the young and elderly alike. It provides children and families with a place to learn and grow in a healthy environment. This facility, located at 1250 E. 229th St., also provides space for recreational use and social

gatherings in the Northeast Bronx. Since its opening, the Northeast Bronx YMCA is now home to over 3,000 members.

Another **\$150,000 was awarded to the Northeast Bronx YMCA to provide second grade swimming lessons to local schools.** With water-related accidents at an all-time high nationwide, it is of the upmost importance to provide children with necessary lessons to ensure they can swim and be safe when around pools. The YMCA provides swimming lessons for adolescents as well as for adults.

With summer now in full swing, many children are out of school and require summer enrichment to continue learning in preparation for the new school year. With the assistance of Assemblyman Carl Heastie, **many students will be attending the Northeast Bronx YMCA summer camp at no or low cost to families, due to an additional \$150,000 grant he worked tirelessly to secure.**

Don't miss out on Speaker Heastie's summer

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Team Heastie Attended Camp Junior's Clean Up Day to prepare for the influx of children this summer

"From investing in community programs to protecting our neighborhoods, this year's legislative accomplishments will allow the Northeast Bronx to prosper by bringing much-needed resources home."

– Speaker Carl E. Heastie