



Assemblyman

ANDREW HEVESI

Community Update

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Hevesi Requests Allocation in State Budget to Upgrade Freight Locomotives

Assemblyman Hevesi, along with over eighty of his Assembly colleagues, delivered a letter to Speaker Silver last month requesting that he allocate \$3 Million in the 2014-2015 State Budget to upgrade an antiquated freight locomotive as part of a project to overhaul the state-owned fleet. Last year, New York State took the crucial first step in this process by providing funding to upgrade a locomotive from a US EPA Tier 0 classification, to an environmentally enhanced Tier 4 model. This locomotive is expected to be online by December of 2014. Assemblyman Hevesi and his colleagues asked for the Speaker's continued commitment to making New York a national leader in environmentally sustainable rail transport.

Assemblyman Hevesi Hosts a 'STAR' Registration Assistance Program at the Glendale Library

On February 20th, Assemblyman Hevesi, in partnership with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, will be hosting a School Tax Assessment Relief (STAR) registration assistance program at the Glendale Library. A representative from the State Department of Tax and Finance will be on hand to answer any questions you may have concerning the guidelines of the Basic and Enhanced STAR process, and will also assist with registering. The event will run from 4 P.M. – 6 P.M. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions regarding this event.

Hevesi Passes Bill to Protect Rent Regulated Tenants

Assemblyman Hevesi recently led the passage of A00171, a bill ensuring timely rent reductions for tenants living in rent regulated apartments. State agencies are currently encouraging landlords to convert their buildings from buildings with master-metered utilities to individually metered buildings. The electrical usage of each apartment can then be determined and billed to the tenant. Assemblyman Hevesi's bill requires the state to adhere to a specific timeline to institute and publicize rent reductions for residents who are newly required to pay for their electrical utilities. The Assemblyman is also continuing work to ensure that residents have access to affordable housing.

Assemblymember Hevesi to Co-Sponsor CUNY College Access Workshop

Assemblyman Hevesi invites aspiring college students and family members to attend an information session by the City University of New York (CUNY) on its academic programs and application process. The event will be held on Saturday, March 8th from 11-1 p.m. at the Shops at Atlas Park, 8000 Cooper Avenue, in Glendale. The presentation will also include information on financial aid and scholarship opportunities at CUNY's 19 undergraduate colleges. Free parking will be provided for attendees at the indoor south parking garage. Please call our office at (718) 263-5595 with any further questions about the event.

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