



March 8, 2023

Greetings –

I am hosting an in-person Town Hall meeting on Thursday, March 23rd at PS 9 in Prospect Heights, and all constituents are welcome to attend. We will be discussing State and local issues and I look forward to hearing your concerns and questions. From 6pm – 7pm, we will have the MTA, NYC Department of Finance, NYC Department of Sanitation, NYC Department of Environmental Protection, NYC DOT, Community Board 8, and the Brooklyn Public Library there to share resources and answer questions. From 7pm – 8:30pm, I'll talk about what's going on in Albany and answer your questions. Please see the flyer below and [RSVP here](#) if you'd like to attend.

ROBERT CARROLL
ASSEMBLYMEMBER // 44TH DISTRICT

Prospect Heights Town Hall
Thursday, March 23
P.S. 9 | 80 Underhill Avenue
(bet. Bergen & St. Marks)

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS HOUR: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Assemblymember Carroll has invited city agencies to address your top neighborhood concerns:

MTA New Services & bus route redesign

NYC Benefits for tenants & homeowners
Department of Finance

NYC Strategies to address rat concerns
Department of Sanitation

NYC Climate Resilience & Storm Preparedness
Environmental Protection

NYC Bike lanes, Citibikes, Street safety
DOT

Brooklyn Youth literacy programs for spring & summer
Public Library

Brooklyn Local initiatives & issues
COMMUNITY BOARD 8

ASSEMBLYMEMBER ROBERT CARROLL'S TOWN HALL PRESENTATION: 7:00 - 8:30 pm



- Report from Albany
- State Budget & Priorities
- Legislative Initiatives with local impact
- Question & Answer Session

BRING YOUR QUESTIONS AND GET ANSWERS FROM ASSEMBLYMEMBER ROBERT CARROLL

RSVP TO CARROLLR@NYASSEMBLY.GOV OR CALL 718-788-7221

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Update on the Park Drive Safety Study and Roadway Improvements in Prospect Park

As an avid user of Prospect Park and as the Assemblymember who represents all the park, I am keenly aware of the numerous and diverse constituencies who share the space. No place exemplifies the mixed-use nature of the park more than Park Drive where park-goers of all ages merge to socialize, stroll, run, cycle, and enjoy a space that had previously been designed for cars not people. After the closure of Park Drive to outside vehicular traffic, my office joined [Prospect Park Drive Safety Task Force](#) organized by the Prospect Park Alliance to identify concerns and opportunities with the change.

This week, Prospect Park Alliance released the [results of a safety study of the Prospect Park Drive](#) conducted by a leading traffic consultancy firm, in partnership with NYC Parks and NYC DOT. The study was designed to address safety issues on the Park Drive, which have intensified with the significant increase in usage of the Park Drive by pedestrians, runners and cyclists in recent years.

I am excited to see that the safety study's recommendations include piloting a reconfiguration of the roadway: increasing overall space for cyclists and pedestrians and giving pedestrians space on both sides of the Park Drive to minimize conflicts. These changes will be piloted as DOT crews repave the eastern portion of the Park Drive starting next week. Work will take place overnight and should be completed in five weeks. Following the 18-month pilot, the redesign will be evaluated for implementation along the full drive.

This is a start and leaves other issues to be addressed, but I'm hopeful that this is a step in the right direction! Please reach out to my office if you would to share your thoughts on the project or have other recommendations for improvements. I look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you in the park soon!

NYC Schools Update – Pre-K/3-K Enrollment Deadline Extended

The deadline to apply to Pre-K and 3-K has been extended to **Monday, March 13th!** If you live in NYC and have a child born in 2019 (Pre-K) or 2020 (3-K), they are eligible to apply. Apply online through [MySchools.nyc](#).

Learn more about Pre-K admissions [here](#) and for 3-K admissions [here](#). If you have questions, call NYC Schools at 718-935-2009 or email ESEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov.

March 15 Deadlines for NYC Resident Tax Benefits and Rebates from NYC DOF

[The Department of Finance administers tax exemptions and abatements that help New Yorkers save on their property taxes](#), including:

- Senior Citizen Homeowner Exemption (SCHE): Available to owners 65+ with annual income of \$58,399 or less.
- Disabled Homeowner Exemption (DHE): Available to owners with disabilities and annual income of \$58,399 or less.
- Veterans: Available to eligible veterans of foreign wars, veterans with honorable discharges, spouses/widow(er)s of veterans, and Gold Star parents.
- Clergy Exemption: Available to eligible members of the clergy or their unremarried surviving spouses. [Full eligibility information and application instructions](#).

\$150 Property Tax Rebate

Homeowners have until March 15, 2023, to apply if they haven't already received the fiscal year 2023 property tax rebate. If your property is your primary residence and your total household income is \$250,000 or less, you may be entitled to a \$150 property tax rebate. Think you qualify? [More info here](#).

And finally, **Notice of Property Value (NOPV)** season is here! Mailed to you each January, the NOPV will tell you NYC DOF's determination of your property's market and assessed values. Want to learn more about this important notice and get help with any questions you might have? [Find an outreach event near you](#).

If you have any concerns about these or any other legislative or community matter please email me at carrollr@nyassembly.gov or call (718) 788-7221.

-Bobby

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