

**Dear Neighbor(s):** 

First, I write to wish you and your family a wonderful summer full of exercise and enjoyment.

I wanted to update you about local funding secured, in partnership with state Senator Jamaal Bailey, during this year's legislative session for programs in the Northeast Bronx.

The Legislature was able to provide significant resources for capital and infrastructure investments throughout the state. These resources help our community grow and create more opportunity for our families.

There is still much work to be done, and I look forward to continuing to fight to keep the Northeast Bronx a wonderful place to live. It's an honor representing our community, giving our families a strong voice and working to build a better New York State.

As always, 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,

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Carl E. Heastie Member of Assembly

#### **Groups funded through the Special Projects Program**

**St. Luke's Food Program (\$25,000)** – Financial assistance will provide transportation and supplies to offer food to the local community.

Baychester/Edenwald Senior Center (\$20,000) – Financial assistance provides meals to the elder community.

**R.A.I.N. Inc.** (\$40,000) – Financial assistance provides support for the following R.A.I.N. Inc. senior centers: Gun Hill senior center, Boston Secor senior center, Eastchester senior center and Boston East senior center.

Mind-Builders Creative Arts Center (\$175,000) – Funds will be used to purchase materials and supplies for the Community Folk Culture Program. This program offers an opportunity for young adults to have hands-on experience with shared cultural arts and activities while documenting and archiving this heritage.

**The Christopher School (\$15,000)** – Funds will be used to purchase occupational and adaptive physical education equipment for students with disabilities.

**Education Through Music (\$20,000)** – Funds will be used to provide music instruction for children at P.S. 68 and P.S. 169.

**AIMHigh Empowerment Program (\$10,000)** – Funds will be used to conduct a reading and math program hosted at P.S. 111.

**St. Nicholas Chess for Kids (\$10,000)** – Funds will be used to provide chess instruction and competitions for local kids.

**Bronx Bethany Community Corporation (\$50,000)** – Funds will be used to provide services to the community youth by offering a summer day camp.

Edenwald YMCA Recreation Center Update: Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) approved in record time! Stay tuned for groundbreaking announcement!



Assemblyman Heastie hosted a community shredding and recycling program in conjunction with the New York City AARP.

#### Assemblyman Heastie announces \$175,000 to continue The Doe Fund Clean Streets project on White Plains Road

Assemblyman Heastie successfully secured funding for The Doe Fund's "Ready, Willing & Able Program." Since 2003, The Doe Fund has had a work crew along White Plains Road from Gun Hill Road to 233rd Street that collects trash and keeps the sidewalks and streets clean.

The busy commercial corridor of White Plains Road between Gun Hill Road and East 236th Street is once again litter-free through the hard work of the people of The Doe Fund's "Ready, Willing and Able" initiative. The Doe Fund is a not-for-profit homeless service organization that provides permanent solutions to homelessness through paid work and a host of other social services.

"White Plains Road is a wonderful place to live and shop, but like many neighborhoods in New York City, keeping a handle on the litter problem can often be a challenge," said Heastie. "The 'Ready, Willing & Able' crews working along White Plains Road are making our streets clean again."

Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie secured \$175,000 in funding for The Doe Fund Inc. during the 2018 legislative session to continue this highly successful street cleaning and community beautification project in the Northeast Bronx five days a week.

## Assemblyman Heastie allocates \$50,000 to the Williamsbridge NAACP

Assemblyman Carl Heastie was able to secure \$50,000 in funding through the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) in order to support the Williamsbridge NAACP. These funds will be used to hire security personnel to make sure that the Williamsbridge NAACP Center remains a safe and secure place for children and families to learn and play.

#### Assemblyman Heastie provides an update on capital projects funded by the state for the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)

With the recent announcement of a federal monitor for NYCHA and new state and city commitments, our office will give updates on major capital repairs such as roofs, elevators and boilers.

#### **Baychester Houses**

- Security lighting and cameras
  - Estimated completion by January 2019
- Closed circuit television and layered access security doors
  - Estimated completion by August 2018
- Heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at Bay Eden Senior Center
  - NYCHA is finalizing the application to the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York

#### **Boston Secor**

- Mailboxes for all four buildings
  - Estimated completion by July 2020
- Closed circuit television security
  - Completed January 2018
- Community center upgrades
  - In design phase
- Lighting improvement
  - Project scope assessment phase

#### **Eastchester Gardens**

- Layered access security doors and lighting improvements
  - Completed May 2018
- Intercoms for buildings
  - Project scope assessment phase

#### **Edenwald**

- Closed circuit television cameras for security
  - In construction, estimated completion by December 2018
- Lighting improvements
  - In design phase

#### Gun Hill

- Fencing and grounds work/landscaping
  - In design phase



Assemblyman Heastie and Janice Walcott with Priscilla Crowell, who was awarded "Senior of the Year."

#### Assemblyman Heastie allocates \$1.5 million in funds to Eastchester Branch Public Library

Assemblyman Carl Heastie has allocated \$1.5 million in State and Municipal Facilities Program funding to install handicapped-accessible features to provide better access to the Eastchester Branch of the New York Public Library. The funds will be used to create a handicapped-accessible ramp and entryways. Additionally, the funds will allow for other features such as handicapped-accessible bathroom accommodations.

"Members of the community living with disabilities should not have to face obstacles to enjoying all the wonderful resources and knowledge offered by the New York Public Library," said Assemblyman Heastie.

#### Scudder Intervention Services receives \$125,000 in state funding

Assemblyman Heastie was able to arrange funding through the Office of Children and Family Services to support the Scudder Intervention Services Foundation and its Suicide Institute and Suicide Center. The funding will be used to provide community outreach services to the Northeast Bronx, transportation services and materials to support mental hygiene and substance abuse programs.

#### Assemblyman Heastie secures \$150,000 for Mosholu Montefiore Community Center

Assemblyman Heastie secured \$150,000 in programmatic funding to implement a community health program through the Mosholu Montefiore Community Center. The Mosholu Montefiore Community Center serves more than 35,000 Bronx residents each year through free and affordable support, enrichment, education and recreation programs, opening up new opportunities, transforming neighborhoods and helping individuals live full, productive lives.

## Assemblyman Heastie secures \$100,000 in funding for Jamaica Benevolent Arm and Cultural Center

Assemblyman Heastie allocated funding through the Office of Children and Family Services to replace the roof at the Benevolent Arm and Cultural Center of the Jamaica Progressive League.

### Susan E. Wagner Day School receives \$30,000 in funding from Assemblyman Heastie

Assemblyman Heastie has allocated \$30,000 in state funding to assist the Susan E. Wagner Day School in providing services to the Northeast Bronx. The funds will be used to update the existing telephone system to provide intercom and security features. These features will help ensure that children learn and play in a safe and healthy environment.

## Assemblyman Heastie secures \$50,000 in funding for the North Bronx School of Empowerment

Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie has allocated funding to support the Restorative Practices program at M.S. 113. These funds will help empower local students to overcome challenges and to strive for success in all their endeavors.

"Our children need to have every opportunity to achieve on a high level. Sometimes those opportunities come in the form of new computer equipment or new classrooms. Children need and deserve every advantage we can give them!" said Assemblyman Heastie.



Assemblyman Heastie is visited in Albany by students from the Wake-Eden Christian Academy with Pastor Frank Williams and teacher Angelique Coleman.

#### Assemblyman Heastie secures \$1.25 million for Mitchell-Lamas in the Northeast Bronx

Assemblyman Heastie has directed funding to be allocated to Bronxwood Towers, Tilden Towers, Tilden Towers II, Lindville Housing and Parkside Development to assist with upgrades and repairs.

**Bronxwood Towers** – Funding will be used to repair plumbing, replace mailboxes and building ventilation and repave the parking surfaces.

**Tilden Towers** – Funding will be used to repair and replace the building intercom and renovate the lobby.

**Tilden Towers II** – Funding will be used to renovate the community room and paint the facility.

**Lindville Housing Development** – Funding will be used to repair and replace plumbing and windows in the building.

**Parkside Development** – Funding will be used to install new lighting for the common areas, fencing and a sprinkler system.

### Assemblyman Heastie allocates \$50,000 to the North Bronx NCNW

Assemblyman Heastie has secured funding to provide materials, services and supplies to support the NCNW day care program. This funding was secured through the Office of Children and Family Services and will provide families with the support they need to know their children are in quality and healthy care.



Assemblyman Heastie addresses members of 1199SEIU on their legislative lobby day.

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# News from Carl E. Heastie Member of Assembly

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"Putting families first. Stronger schools. More opportunity. That's what I'm fighting for to make the Northeast Bronx an even better place for our families."

— Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie

