

NEWS FROM

Carl E. Heastie Speaker



Speaker Carl E. Heastie applauds NYC proposal to bring new recreational and community facility to Edenwald

The New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) announced the release of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the development and operation of a new recreational and community facility in the Edenwald neighborhood of the Bronx. Speaker Carl E. Heastie has been the leading advocate for this project, intended to bring a 45,000 square-foot, multi-generation recreational facility to the Northeast Bronx. The new facility will enhance the quality of life in Edenwald and surrounding neighborhoods by providing physical and recreational space for use by the local community.



Speaker Carl Heastie applauds the announcement of a project to develop a multi-generational recreation facility in the Edenwald section of the Northeast Bronx.

“The residents of the Northeast Bronx have been calling for a recreational facility in our neighborhood for years,” said **New York State Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie**. “Today the City of New York heard their voices. This new facility will help bring families and friends closer together and provide our children a safe atmosphere to learn and grow.

A broad coalition of Bronx leaders including Speaker Heastie, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Councilman Andy King and Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson have been advocating for this new recreation center for several years. The recreational facility will sit on the eastern portion of the larger Edenwald site, located at 1250 E. 229th St.

Dear Neighbor(s):

First, I write to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season filled with joy and love.

I would like to take a moment to update you about some funding allocations that have been secured for the Northeast Bronx. My Assembly colleagues and I were able to pass a sound budget that provides the necessary resources to help keep our community vibrant and safe.

In addition to acquiring local funding for operating purposes, the Legislature was also able to provide significant resources for capital and infrastructure investments. While there is still much work to be done, I pledge to you that I will continue to do all that I can to secure the resources needed to improve our community.

As always, if there is any way that I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

With Love and Hope,

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Carl E. Heastie".

Carl E. Heastie
Speaker

“The Assembly Majority and I will continue to make certain New York remains committed to providing the opportunities for success our families deserve.”

Speaker Heastie announces the continuation of The Doe Fund Clean Streets project on White Plains Road

New round of funding secured by Speaker Heastie brings back popular program.

Speaker Carl E. Heastie secured \$100,000 in funding for The Doe Fund Inc. during the 2015 legislative session to continue this highly successful street cleaning and community beautification project in the Northeast Bronx.

Since 2003, The Doe Fund’s “Ready, Willing & Able” program 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. This service was canceled for a couple of years because of the economic downturn.

The busy commercial corridor of White Plains Road between Gun Hill Road and East 233rd Street is once again litter-free through the hard work of The Doe Fund’s “Ready, Willing & Able” initiative. The Doe Fund is a not-for-profit homeless service organization that provides permanent solutions 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 Speaker Heastie. “With the Ready, Willing & Able crews working along White Plains Road, the streets are clean again.”

Speaker Carl Heastie secures \$125,000 in capital funding to buy a new security patrol vehicle for the 47th Precinct Community Council

Speaker Carl Heastie has dedicated \$125,000 in funding to the 47th Precinct to purchase a security vehicle for the community council. The vehicle will be used to patrol streets to keep the neighborhood safe. “Keeping our homes and streets safe and secure is a key part to building a strong community,” stated Speaker Heastie.



Speaker Heastie joins Jamaal Bailey, Madaha Kinsey-Lamb, and Andy King at the Open House Street Festival at Mind-Builders Creative Arts Center.

Speaker Carl Heastie allocates \$50,000 to Unity Neighborhood Center for a new playground

Speaker Carl Heastie has allocated \$50,000 to improve the Unity Neighborhood Center’s pre-kindergarten playground, which is in desperate need of repairs. The funding will be used to purchase multipurpose play equipment and level the playground to make it safer. Additionally, the funds will be used to cover the playground with artificial grass. This new playground will give the children a place where they can have fun while developing physical skills.

Mind-Builders receives \$750,000 allocated by Speaker Heastie

This funding, secured in the state budget, will allow Mind-Builders Creative Arts Center to renovate the outer grounds and exterior of the building. These renovations will include a ramp entrance for people with mobility issues and a new surface for the playground for children to play safely. Additionally, the allocated funding will provide for new pavement, shrubbery, a fence, trash receptacles, benches and bicycle racks.

Speaker Carl Heastie and the Food Industry Alliance provide turkeys for Thanksgiving dinner

Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie in conjunction with the Food Industry Alliance provided turkey dinners for seniors and families in the Northeast Bronx for Thanksgiving celebrations. In the true spirit of Thanksgiving, turkey dinners with “all the fixins” were given to local families so residents could enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

“I would like to recognize the work of the Food Industry Alliance and their efforts to help local families enjoy the spirit of the holiday season,” said Assemblyman Heastie. “This is just another example of how New Yorkers share the holidays with each other.”

Assemblyman Heastie and the Food Industry Alliance donated the turkeys and provided the coordination of these events.

Speaker Carl Heastie allocates \$2 million for security lighting and security doors in NYCHA facilities

Speaker Heastie secured \$2 million in capital funding through the state budget to pay for needed security upgrades to New York City Housing Authority facilities in the Northeast Bronx.

- Edenwald will be receiving lighting improvements on the grounds and in the buildings.
- Boston Secor will see improved lighting on the grounds and throughout the halls and common areas of the building.
- Baychester will be getting new security-grade external doors and interior common area doors.
- Eastchester Gardens will be receiving new security-grade lobby doors and common area doors.



Speaker Heastie, Councilman Andy King, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Congressman Engel, Assemblyman Dinowitz and residents of the Northeast Bronx gathered to celebrate the renaming of East 229th Street as “Carmen Rosa Way.”

Hunts Point Market to receive \$2.5 million in funding to replace aging electrical infrastructure

Speaker Carl E. Heastie has agreed to allocate \$2.5 million to New York City so that it can perform necessary improvements to the aging electrical facility that powers the market. The funds will be used to purchase new electrical equipment that provides power to the commercial building and tenants in the market.

Speaker Heastie dedicates \$1.9 million to the New York Public Library Wakefield branch

The New York Public Library will use the capital funding to do a full renovation of the Wakefield branch. The renovation requires a number of major interior and exterior improvements including masonry rehabilitation, new entrance doors, ADA bathroom upgrades, new ceilings and lighting, and electrical upgrades.

“The Wakefield branch has served this community for many decades. After this renovation, the Wakefield branch will be a source of education for generations to come,” said Speaker Carl E. Heastie.



Speaker Carl E. Heastie and his daughter, Taylor, march with the rest of “Team Heastie” to fight breast cancer.

Groups funded through the Special Projects Program

St. Luke's Food Program

Financial assistance will provide transportation and supplies to offer food to the local community.

Baychester/ Edenwald Senior Center

Financial assistance provides for meals for the elder community.

R.A.I.N. Inc.

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.

Bronx Bethany Community Corporation

Funds will be used to provide services to the community youth by offering a summer day camp.

East 233rd Street Senior Center

Financial assistance will provide materials for senior programs and activities.

Mind-Builders Creative Arts Center

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.

Education Through Music

Funds will be used to provide music instruction for children at P.S. 68 and P.S. 169.

Unity Neighborhood Center Inc.

Funds will be used to purchase materials and supplies to expand services in P.S. 87 and P.S. 21. This program provides instruction in dance, drawing and painting.

Theatre International Inc.

Funds will be used to provide an after-school theatre arts program. The funds from this grant will be used for the purchase of materials to run this program from Richard R. Green Middle School.

New York Public Library

Funds will be used to purchase books for the Eastchester, Edenwald and Wakefield branch libraries.

Gun Hill Youth Football and Cheerleading Program

Funds will be used to purchase materials and supplies to conduct football and cheerleading youth programs.

Zodiacs Track Foundation

Funds will be used to host sports clinics in the Edenwald Neighborhood to get the local youth and community involved in healthy lifestyles.

City Parks Free Youth Sports Program

Funds will be used to provide free golf and tennis instruction for youth ages 5-16 twice a week for 6-8 weeks during the summer.



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“I pledge to you that I will continue to work hard for the residents of the Northeast Bronx.”

– Speaker Carl E. Heastie