

# NEWS FROM

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**Carl E. Heastie**  
Member of  
Assembly



Dear Neighbor(s):

First, I write to wish you and your family an exciting summer filled with fun and relaxation.

I wanted to update you about some of the accomplishments we achieved during this year's legislative session. My Assembly colleagues and I were able to pass an extension of mayoral control of New York City schools and we approved a sound budget that puts our families first.

In addition to passing several key pieces of legislation, I was able to secure local funding for programs in the Northeast Bronx. The Legislature was also able to provide significant resources for capital and infrastructure investments throughout the state. These resources are absolutely vital for our community to grow and thrive.

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. I pledge to you that I will always do all I can to look out for our families and protect our community.

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,

Carl E. Heastie  
Member of Assembly

## **Assemblyman Heastie allocates \$500,000 to replace broken air conditioning at Bay Eden Senior Center**

Assemblyman Carl Heastie is working with the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) to install a brand new HVAC (air conditioner) unit in Baychester Houses since the air conditioner broke down this spring. In addition, Assemblyman Heastie has dedicated \$500,000 in State and Municipal Facilities Program funding to install a new HVAC unit at the Bay Eden Senior Center.

## **Assemblyman Heastie wins two- year extension of mayoral control**

Assemblyman Carl Heastie passed a comprehensive bipartisan new law to meet the diverse needs of every community in New York State (Ch. 61 of 2017). The omnibus bill included a two-year extension of mayoral control of New York City schools, giving our educational system stability and allowing our schoolchildren to thrive. As part of the package, the Legislature passed a three-year extension of local sales taxes (including New York City) and other taxes to give local governments certainty in their budget planning to provide the essential services we expect.

## **Assemblyman Heastie announces YMCA Community Center project to receive \$60 million**

Assemblyman Carl Heastie announced that the cost of the Edenwald Community Center project has increased to \$60 million. This new facility, located at 1250 E. 229th St., will provide space for recreational use and social gatherings in the Northeast Bronx. The project was initially priced at \$48 million, but has now expanded. It will be financed by state and city funding as well as private funding from the YMCA.



Assemblyman Carl Heastie visits with members of a R.A.I.N. senior center.

## Assemblyman Heastie secures \$125,000 for roof repairs at Jamaica Progressive League

Assemblyman Carl Heastie has secured \$125,000 in funding to help the Benevolent Arm of the Jamaica Progressive League repair its leaking roof. This much-needed infrastructure investment will allow the Progressive League to continue to offer services to all members of the community. The Benevolent Arm of the Jamaica Progressive League provides social services for all members of the community and offers programs to share Caribbean culture with the general public.

## Assemblyman Heastie allocates \$15,000 to the Unity Neighborhood Center

Assemblyman Carl Heastie has allocated \$15,000 to the Unity Neighborhood Center to cover costs associated with the summer programming it provides to children in the Northeast Bronx. The center helps educate and entertain young children during the summer months.

## 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 will provide meals for the elderly community.

**R.A.I.N. Inc.** – Financial assistance will provide 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.



Members of the Bay Eden Senior Center greet Assemblyman Carl Heastie.

**Bronx Bethany Community Corporation –** Funds will be used to provide services to the community youth by offering a summer day camp.

**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.

**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.

**Education Through Music –** Funds will be used to provide music instruction for children at P.S. 68 and P.S. 169.

**St. Nicholas Chess for Kids –** Funds will be used to provide chess instruction and competitions for local kids.

**New York Junior Tennis League –** Funds will be used to provide free tennis instruction for local youth.

## Assembly passes a new law to increase the age of marriage consent

Assemblyman Carl Heastie announced the passage of a new law to raise the minimum age for marriage to 17 years of age. The legislation would prohibit anyone under the age of 17 from marrying and establish a rigorous court approval process for 17-year-olds seeking to marry in New York State (Ch. 35 of 2017). Under previous law, 14-, 15- and 16-year-olds were permitted to marry under some circumstances. The new law would not allow these children to be married under any circumstance.

*“Allowing children as young as 14 to marry is irresponsible and jeopardizes the well-being and future of our youth,” said Assemblyman Heastie. “This legislation will protect thousands of young people from being exploited by forced marriages and help ensure that anyone in the state seeking a marriage license is doing so of their own free will.”*



Assemblyman Carl Heastie meets with members of 1199SEIU on their lobby day.

## Assemblyman Heastie announces \$86,815 to support the Clean Streets project on White Plains Road

Assemblyman Carl Heastie has secured funding to fully implement The Doe Fund's "Ready, Willing & Able Program" for the year. 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 are once again litter-free through the hard work of the people of The Doe Fund's "Ready, Willing & 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.



CWA 1180 members pose with Assemblyman Carl Heastie while they visit the New York State Capitol.

*"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 Assemblyman Heastie. "With the 'Ready, Willing & Able' crews working along White Plains Road, our streets are clean again."*

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*"This year's legislative session was a successful one. We passed measures to move New York State forward, protect our families and bring resources to the Northeast Bronx."*

— Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie



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