



April 12, 2024

Greetings –

Today, the Assembly voted on another State budget extender to keep government running through Monday, April 15th as negotiations continue. My office has been receiving many calls from constituents as well as residents throughout the State concerned about several aspects of the budget. Among the issues that have come up the most are Sammy’s Law ([A.7266](#)) to reduce speed limits in New York City, the HEAT Act ([A.4592](#)) to facilitate the transition away from fossil fuels to renewable energy and cap energy bills for working families, maintaining and expanding tenant protections, and stopping any Medicaid cuts – especially those to the Medicaid Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program (CDPAP), which allows for homecare to be provided by friends and family members.

I strongly support the inclusion of Sammy’s Law, the full HEAT Act, and expanded tenant protections in the budget and strongly oppose any rollbacks to the 2019 Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act and cuts to Medicaid. I will continue to be vocal and work with my colleagues in the Legislature about these and other matters that are priorities of mine including arts, transportation, and education funding.

Childhood Literacy Advocacy in D.C.

On Wednesday, I was in Washington D.C. to join advocates from across the country to call for federal legislation and resources devoted to reforming how literacy is taught in schools nationwide. For too long policy makers and education leaders have ignored sound pedagogy when it comes to childhood literacy with tragic consequences. Unfortunately, it bears repeating that 70% of New York State’s fourth graders are reading below grade level with the numbers even more distressing for children from low-income households.



I am confident that through a coordinated effort at the federal, state, and local levels, we can change course and ensure that all our children have the opportunity to become fluent readers

and successful students. My Right to Read legislation ([A.2897/S.5480](#)), elements of which are being considered in budget negotiations, requires the State Education Department to set evidence-based standards for early literacy curricula, teacher training adhering to the science of reading, and ongoing reporting on the part of districts to both parents and policy makers to ensure progress and accountability.

Prospect Park Path Restoration Improvements Funded by My Office

Through \$1 million in funding provided by my office, the Prospect Park Alliance is restoring pedestrian paths between Endale and Meadowport Arches, and from the Garfield Place pedestrian path to the Long Meadow. These improvements will provide an accessible route for visitors, and address the erosion that has occurred due to heavy use of these popular pathways to the Long Meadow. Work will also include new drainage and benches. The Prospect Park Alliance believes that the work will be completed by Summer of this year.

Path Restoration Improvements

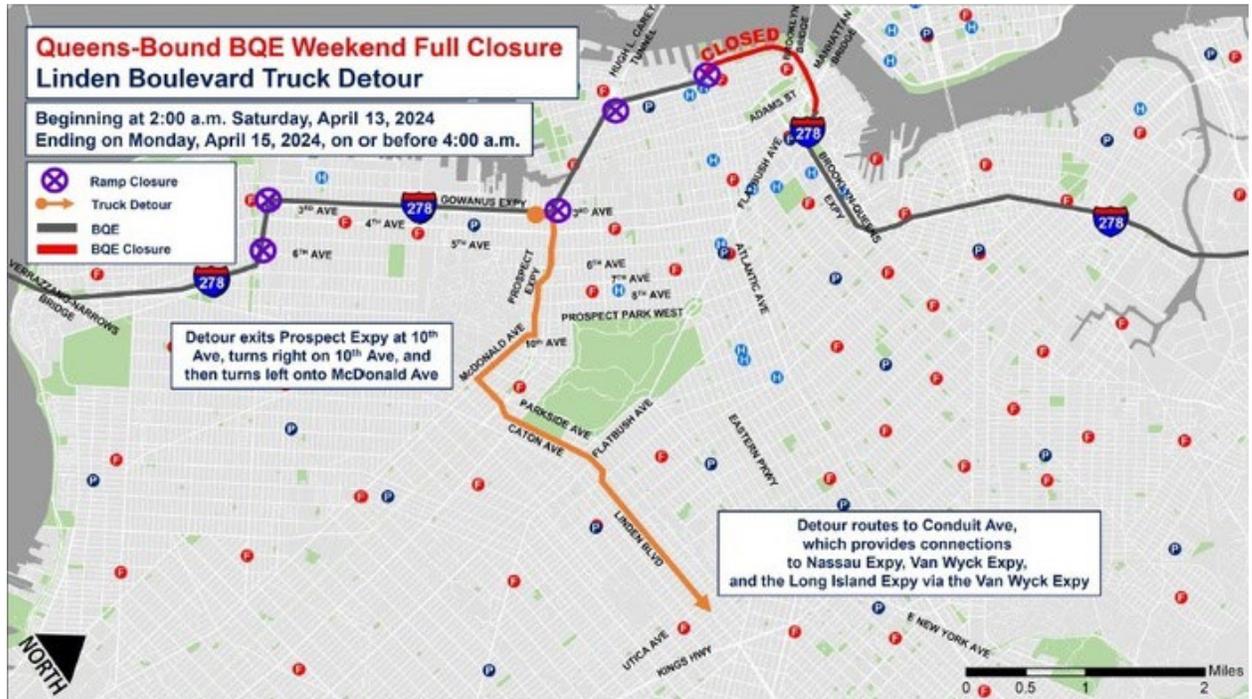


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Please note that Long Meadow access is available through the Endale and Meadowport Arches and via the 3rd Street Entrance. Work is slated to conclude by Summer 2024. For more information on park improvement projects, visit prospectpark.org/tracker.

Update on BQE closures this Weekend

The ongoing repair work on the BQE will require the full closure of the BQE between Atlantic Avenue and Sands Street between 2:00 AM Saturday, April 13 until 4:00 AM Monday, April 15. This DOT closure will divert some Queens bound passenger cars and all Queens bound trucks onto the Prospect Expressway to Caton Ave via McDonald Ave. This will be the same detour route as the October closure.



My office will be in contact with the 72nd Precinct to ensure that traffic safety will be properly enforced throughout this time.

Spring Clean and Green 2024

I am hosting my annual Spring Clean and Green event on April 21st at Machate (aka Park) Circle entrance to Prospect Park! We'll have electronic recycling, textile recycling, kid's stop n' swap, and more. There are also giveaways, special services, information, and demonstrations to help you have a greener and cleaner Spring 2024.

NOTE: Due to City budget cuts, this year's event WILL NOT feature paper shredding. Instead, I will host paper shredding at my district office this year on May 31st.

See full details on the flyer below and [RSVP if you plan to bring E-Waste:](#)



**ROBERT
CARROLL**

ASSEMBLYMEMBER // 44TH DISTRICT



Spring Clean & Green



Sunday, April 21

10 am - 2 pm (rain or shine)

At Park Circle in Prospect Park

(entrance to Prospect Park on Prospect Park Southwest & Parkside Avenue, across from TD Bank)



Textile Recycling by Wearable Collections: Bring used, freshly laundered clothing as well as shoes, sneakers, accessories, hats, belts and handbags plus household linens such as sheets, curtains and towels. **(No rugs, bath mats, comforters, pillows, large luggage, or insulation materials)**



Stop 'N' Swap by GrowNYC: bring your clean, reusable, portable items such as clothing, housewares, electronics, books for all ages, plus kids clothing, toys and gear including car seats and strollers ALL that you no longer need and take something you do need home for free! www.grownyc.org/swap



sanitation

E-Cycling by NYC Department of Sanitation: computers, monitors, printers/scanners, keyboards, mice, cables, TVs, VCRs and DVD players, phones, audio/visual equipment, cell phones. **(No Paper Shredding! No batteries or media such as disks, DVDs, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, etc. or hazardous materials.)** **RSVP using the QR Code below:**

For more details
call or email
my office at
718-788-7221
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These agencies and organizations will offer demonstrations, information and FREE giveaways:

Stop "N" Swap will cancel if weather is inclement, please check the website or the QR code from this flier on the day of the event to confirm their attendance.



Registration is open for the 2024 New York Restoration Project tree giveaway!

The giveaway kicks off on Saturday, April 13th and will continue on Saturdays and Sundays through Sunday, May 12. You must register in advance to get a tree, click the Web site to find the tree giveaway locations. The closest distribution location to my Assembly district is Green-Wood Cemetery on April 28th, visit the Web site to register.

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

-Bobby

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