

## Updates from the office of Assemblymember Monica Wallace on money-saving programs

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## **Assemblymember Monica Wallace Keeping you informed on important programs**

## Save the date!

Emergency Preparedness Training with the American Red Cross Saturday, Dec. 9 at 10 a.m.

Cheektowaga Senior Center 3349 Broadway Cheektowaga, NY 14227

To register,

- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps low-income households pay the
  cost of heating their homes. Eligible individuals can receive one regular HEAP benefit and
  could also be eligible for an emergency HEAP benefit if in danger of running out of fuel or
  having utility service shut off. Call the Erie County HEAP hotline at 716-858-7644 to learn
  more.
- Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) can help lower the cost of prescription drugs for New Yorkers age 65 and older who are not receiving full Medicaid benefits. Call 1-800-332-3742 (TTY 1-800-290-9138) for an application.
- Basic STAR is a property tax reduction for homeowners who earn up to \$500,000 in annual income and is based on the first \$30,000 of full value of a home. Visit www.tax.ny.gov/star to learn more.
- Enhanced STAR and the Senior Citizens' Exemption both provide property tax relief for seniors. Visit www.tax.ny.gov/star to find out if you qualify.

If you're having trouble applying to these programs or if you need assistance with any other community issue, please contact my office at: **Assemblymember Monica Wallace** • 2562 Walden Ave., Suite 102 • Cheektowaga, NY 14225 • 716-686-0080 • wallacem@nyassembly.gov