

Dear Neighbor,

New York State has some of the nation's strongest protections and services for elders. I am always looking for ways to make Brooklyn a better place for older residents.

I have compiled a list of resources available for older adults and urge you to become familiar with our community's offerings.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office.

Sincerely,



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Resources and Services for Older New Yorkers

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Assemblymember Stefani Zinerman: Supporting Brooklyn's Older Adults

Save this handy list of local and state resources for older adults!

Caregiving

The Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) helps people 60 and older continue to live at home with the support and safety they need. EISEP improves access to non-medical support services, such as assistance with dressing, bathing, shopping or cooking. NY Connects can help you find services in your community. For help and to apply, call NY Connects at 800-342-9871.

Medicare

Medicare is a federal health insurance program for people 65 and older or those who are younger and have specific disabilities. Medicare Part A helps pay for inpatient hospital or nursing home care, as well as some home health and hospice care programs. Part B offers optional supplemental support for doctor fees, outpatient hospital care and other medical items and services not covered under Part A. Part C offers options for private Medicare plans with extra coverage. Part D provides prescription drug coverage. Medicare is run by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, although you can apply through Social Security.

Tax Relief

Taxes are a significant burden on many older New Yorkers. Fortunately, there are many available relief programs, including:

- Real property tax exemption: you may be eligible to have your real property tax bill cut in half. This 50% exemption is offered to homeowners ages 65 and older whose annual income is within specified guidelines. To find out if this exemption and others are in effect in your locality and what the eligible income levels are, call 311 and ask for the NYC Department of Finance.

- Property tax credit: homeowners and renters with a gross annual income of \$18,000 or less or who pay \$450 or less in rent may be able to obtain a property tax credit. To get this tax relief (up to \$375 depending on income), you must submit claim form IT-214 to the state Department of Taxation and Finance. You will not automatically receive this credit; you must file for it. Remember, you don't have to pay state income taxes to receive the credit. For more information, visit tax.ny.gov/pit/credits/real_property_tax_credit.htm.
- Income tax exemption for retirement income: tax law exempts up to \$20,000 in qualified retirement pension and annuity income per person per year from state income taxes. You must be older than 59 and a half or be 59 and a half during the tax year to qualify. Visit tax.ny.gov/pit/file/information_for_seniors.htm to learn more.

Investing in Our Community

Assemblymember Zinerman helped secure state funding for many local programs and facilities that Brooklyn older adults rely on, such as \$125,000 to build a rooftop garden at IMPACCT Brooklyn's Senior Residence at 811 Lexington Ave. She also secured \$35,000 for the Age Friendly Healthy Aging Initiative at Age Friendly Central Brooklyn, Inc. (2023-24 Enacted NYS Budget).



Important Contacts

For emergencies that require immediate assistance, call 911

NYC 311 Customer Service Center

Dial 311 to connect with non-emergency government services, including Dept. for the Aging and Dept. of Finance
TTY: 212-504-4115
portal.311.nyc.gov
Outside of the five boroughs
212-New York (639-9675)

New York Connects

800-342-9871
nyconnects.ny.gov

NYC Human Resources Administration Medicaid Helpline

888-692-6116
health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid

Medicare

800-MEDICARE (633-4227)
TTY: 877-486-2048
medicare.gov

Social Security

800-772-1213
TTY: 800-325-0778
ssa.gov

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