



NEWS FROM

Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie

Dear Neighbor,

I write to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season filled with Joy and Love. I also want to thank you for all your critical support for our community while we battle the coronavirus.

Additionally, I want to update you about some events and developments in the Northeast Bronx. In addition to cultivating local capital projects, I have also been hosting community events and coordinating support for important issues. Together, we as a community make a difference and help make the Northeast Bronx the best place to live and grow a family.

I am aware that there is still much work to be done. I pledge to you that I will continue to do all that I can to bring the necessary resources to continue the revitalization of 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. Stay safe!

With Love and Hope,

Carl E. Heastie
Speaker of the Assembly

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**YMCA
Now Open!**



Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, local elected officials and community stakeholders celebrate the grand opening of the Edenwald YMCA community and recreational facility.

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

On November 23, Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie, in cooperation with the Food Industry Alliance, NYC District Council of Carpenters and ICNA Relief, provided turkey dinners for families in the Northeast Bronx for Thanksgiving celebrations. As the holiday season began, Assemblyman Heastie got into the holiday spirit by donating 200 turkey dinners to be distributed to members of the community. Turkey dinners with "all the fixins" and canvas shopping bags were distributed to local families so they could enjoy a classic American tradition for the holiday.

"I would like to recognize the work of the Food Industry Alliance for their efforts to help local families enjoy the holiday season," said Assemblyman Heastie. "This is just another example of the joy of giving and how New Yorkers share the holidays with each other." Assemblyman Heastie and the Food Industry Alliance donated the turkeys and provided the coordination for this event.



Member of Assembly Carl Heastie gives away free turkeys to local residents for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Musician and entertainer Slick Rick joins Speaker Heastie to deliver food to the community.

Speaker Heastie and community leaders host food giveaway at Northeast Bronx YMCA

On November 22, Speaker Heastie gave out free holiday food in conjunction with FreshDirect, City Harvest, Slick Rick & Victory Patch Foundation, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Congressman Jamaal Bowman, Councilman Kevin Riley and Senator Jamaal Bailey. The event was a tremendous success enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Residents were able to enjoy the new YMCA facility and have conversations with Bronx community leaders. Five hundred turkeys with fixings, groceries as well as hot meals were distributed to families in the 83rd Assembly District.

Resurfacing Roads in the Edenwald Neighborhood

Speaker Heastie, in conjunction with NYC DOT, has been able to secure a commitment for the city to resurface the areas surrounding Edenwald Houses. The roads surrounding the Edenwald Houses have fallen into disrepair and are now scheduled to get much-needed repairs. The resurfacing is for Edenwald Avenue between Baychester Avenue and Wilder Avenue.

Safety Improvements coming along White Plains Road from East 214th St. to East 226th St.:

- Install curbside parking protected bike lane on northbound White Plains Road between East 214th St. and East 226th St. and southbound White Plains Road between East 216th St. and East 226th St.
- Install painted pedestrian islands on White Plains Road between East 215th St. and East 226th St.
- Continue installation of new traffic signal at East 215th St.
- Reduce northbound White Plains Road to one lane between East 214th St. and East 216th St.
- Update curb regulations and install commercial loading zones at select locations

Implementation began in late October 2021.

NYC DOT will be installing a bicycle network expansion and greenway connection project on East 233rd Street, Webster Avenue and Bronx Boulevard. The project will include:

- Protected bike lanes on Webster Avenue between Nereid Avenue and East 233rd St., and East 233rd St. between Webster Avenue and Bronx Boulevard
- Bus improvements with boarding islands on Webster Avenue and East 233rd St.
- Pedestrian improvements with painted pedestrian spaces, a new crosswalk and an actuated pedestrian signal with signal timing improvements at East 233rd St. and Bronx Boulevard

This project was implemented in the fall of 2021.

Safety improvements coming to Webster Ave. from East 240th St. to East 233rd St., and East 233rd St. at Webster Avenue and Bronx Boulevard:

- Install parking protected bike lanes on Webster Avenue between East 240th St. and East 233rd St.
- Install delineator protected bike lanes on East 233rd St. between Webster Avenue and Bronx Boulevard
- Install new pedestrian crosswalk at East 233rd St. and Bronx Boulevard
- Change direction of travel to one-way southbound on Bronx Boulevard from East 233rd St. to Bronx River Parkway on ramp
- Update travel direction to two-way on Bronx Boulevard between Bronx River Parkway and East 229th St.
- Build concrete bus boarding islands on Webster Avenue at East 240 St., East 235 St. and Bronx River Parkway
- Install bus boarder with bike lane access on East 233rd St.

Implementation began in early October.



Assemblyman Carl Heastie along with local elected officials as well as YMCA leadership and staff take a moment after distributing turkeys for Thanksgiving for a quick picture.

Resurfaced Roads in the Northeast Bronx

Adee Avenue	Boston Road to Bouck Avenue ✓	Kingsland Avenue	Boston Road to Dead End ✓
Morgan Avenue	Waring Avenue to Dewitt Place ✓	Kingsland Avenue	Arnow Avenue to Hammersley Avenue ✓
Astor Avenue	Esplanade to Seymour Avenue ✓	Tillotson Avenue	Baychester Avenue to New England Throughway ✓
Givan Avenue	Eastchester Road to Wickham Avenue ✓	East 229 Street	White Plains Road to Needham Avenue/Grace Avenue ✓
Fenton Avenue	Dead End to Needham Avenue ✓	Furman Avenue	East 236 Street to Nereid Avenue ✓
Deyo Street	Fenton Avenue to Eastchester Road ✓	Edenwald Avenue	Baychester Avenue to Dead End/City Limits ✓
Sexton Place	Kingsland Avenue to Givan Avenue ✓		

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2022 CALENDAR

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2022 Holidays:

Jan. 1 New Years Day
Jan. 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb. 21 Presidents Day
May 30 Memorial Day

June 19 Juneteenth (observed on 20th)
July 4 Independence Day
Sept. 5 Labor Day
Oct. 10 Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day

Nov. 8 Election Day
Nov. 11 Veterans Day
Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 25 Christmas Day (observed on 26th)



Speaker Heastie, Mayor de Blasio and Councilman Kevin Riley announce renovations for Haffen Park at "Valley Day 2021."

\$43 Million Capital Improvements for Haffen Park

Speaker Heastie, Councilman Riley and Mayor de Blasio announced that the city is allocating \$43 million for improvements for Haffen Park in the Northeast Bronx. Speaker Heastie grew up playing in the park and has worked with city officials to solicit suggestions on improvements for residents of the Northeast Bronx.

As a result of this outreach, the pool will receive a full reconstruction with an estimated cost of \$5-10 million. Design for the project began in August 2021 and the reconstruction is projected to be completed in October 2022.

Additionally, the Haffen Park Playground and Landscape will get a full renovation. This project will reconstruct the playground and landscape, including pavement, water and drainage systems, park lighting and plantings. Finally, the project will construct an adult fitness area at Haffen Park. Design for the project began in May 2021 and the full renovations/construction is estimated to take 12 to 18 months.

"Myself, Councilman Kevin Riley and Senator Jamaal Bailey are committed to improving all the parks in our community," said Speaker Heastie.

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"I want to wish all of you a wonderful, safe holiday season surrounded by family and friends. As the 2022 legislative session approaches, I'll keep working to address the issues that matter most to Northeast Bronx families."

- Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie

