



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 your continued support of our community.

This newsletter provides updates about several events and developments in the Northeast Bronx. I have been hosting community events and coordinating support for important issues across the district, collaborating with organizations, stakeholders and other elected officials to secure resources for the Bronx – our home. Together, we have created a tight-knit community, which has made the Northeast Bronx the best place to live and grow a family.

Here in the Assembly, I will continue to do all that I can to bring necessary resources needed for the improvement 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.

With Love and Hope,

Carl E. Heastie • Speaker of the Assembly

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Team Heastie showing their support during the 2022 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer of The Bronx Walk in Bay Plaza Mall on October 23rd.

Community leaders gather to provide Thanksgiving turkeys

Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie in collaboration with Senator Jamaal Bailey, NYC Councilman Kevin Riley, the Northeast Bronx YMCA, the NYC District

Council of Carpenters and the Food Industry Alliance provided turkey dinners for families in the Northeast Bronx for Thanksgiving celebrations.



Senator Bailey, Assemblyman Heastie, Bronx Borough President Gibson, Councilman Riley, Congressman Bowman pictured at the Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution.

“I would like to thank everyone for their hard work organizing this event and volunteering their time to give back to the community. The holidays are a time to spend with family and friends. Giving out turkeys to the community along with my colleagues in government not only provides joy to us and those who have received them, but will ensure families can partake in a centuries-old American tradition.”

– Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie

Assemblyman Heastie hosts a Holiday Toy and Food Giveaway

Assemblyman Carl Heastie hosted a Holiday Toy and Food Giveaway in partnership with Bridgefield Civic League, NYC District Council of Carpenters, Albanian American Open Hand Association Inc., Food Bank for NYC and Instacart, on December 15th.

The giveaway provided families with new toys for the children to unwrap during the Holiday Season and fresh nutritious food items to assist in preparing home-cooked meals. The evening was full of holiday music, pictures with Santa, smiling faces and of course hot cocoa to keep spirits warm and cheerful.



The three-point basketball competition is a success



Speaker Heastie, along with Councilman Kevin Riley, John Starks and staff at the three-point shooting competition.

On November 19th, Assemblyman Carl Heastie hosted a three-point community basketball competition at the Northeast Bronx YMCA. The competition boasted five heats, each catering to a specific age group. The competition intensified as the day progressed, leaving one winner from each heat/division. Each winner received a signed NBA-grade ball from John Starks, former New York Knicks Shooting Guard. The event encouraged friendly competition as well as family fun.

Speaker Heastie hosted a spooktacular Halloween Celebration

Assemblyman Carl Heastie hosted a Halloween costume party for the children of the 83rd Assembly District at the Bridgefield Civic League. Children of all ages and their families participated, bringing their best costumes, as well as some amazing dance moves. Between each activity, candy and snacks were provided, making this celebration one for the books.



Assemblyman Carl Heastie, dressed as Star Trek's Captain Kirk, partakes in Halloween Celebration with Northeast Bronx families.

Community Pickleball at the Northeast Bronx YMCA



Speaker Heastie pictured with community members at the YMCA pickleball courts.

The Northeast Bronx YMCA has become a staple in the community, bringing families and friends together through programs/activities that focus on healthy living. Pickleball, a game known for its inclusion of all, is one example of the fun that can be had at the YMCA. Speaker Heastie is a frequent visitor of the pickleball courts. With over three thousand members, the Northeast Bronx YMCA is here to stay for generations to come.



2023 CALENDAR

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2023 Holidays:

Jan. 1 New Years Day
Jan. 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb. 20 Presidents Day
May 29 Memorial Day

June 19 Juneteenth
July 4 Independence Day
Sept. 4 Labor Day
Oct. 9 Columbus Day

Nov. 11 Veterans Day (observed on 10th)
Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 25 Christmas Day

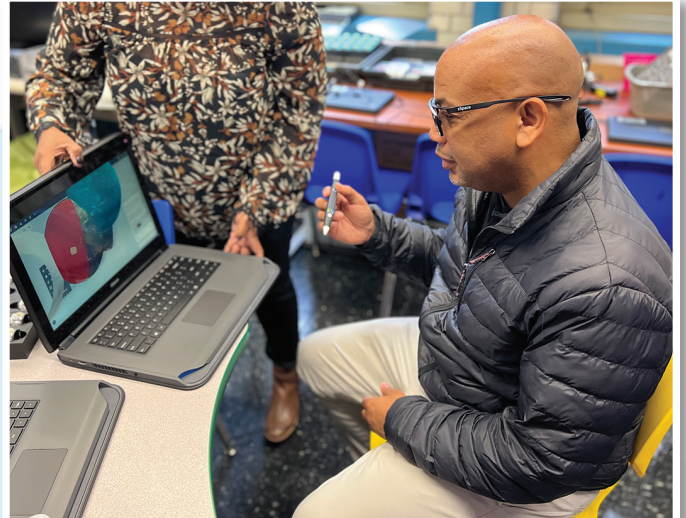
Over \$1 million in funding secured for local public schools

Assemblyman Heastie commenced his bi-annual local school tour this Fall, after a short hiatus due to COVID-19 restrictions. During this year's tour, the Speaker along with his staff, visited over 20 schools, walking through each campus, and documenting their needs/wants for the continued success of the community's children. Improvements spanned from functional water fountains, AC units for summer usage, as well as access to swimming pools to ensure children receive water safety training and swimming lessons.

Through this year's tour, many scholars also took part in the conversations. Their input was most valuable as they were able to speak on behalf of the student body. Not only were they able to identify immediate needs, in addition they shed light on resources that would be beneficial for future students.

“Ensuring our students have access to essential resources will always be my main priority. Some of the resources discussed were swimming pools and water safety lessons, which in many communities have not often been readily available. Getting our children comfortable around water can save many from water tragedies we consistently witness. Working with schools that have pool infrastructure as well as working with the Northeast Bronx Y, swimming lessons will be accessible for our community's children.”

– **Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie**



Assemblyman Carl Heastie uses a 3-D computer during his visit at P.S.21

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News from
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“My wishes for cheer and good health to you and your family this holiday season. As we welcome 2023, I'll keep fighting to bring good jobs, strengthen our schools, and make our streets safer.”

Carl E. Heastie

