



Dear neighbors,

I hope you are all enjoying the warm weather and have had a relaxing start to summer. This week, I am writing with news of two programs I hope will be useful for you and your families.

Expanded Child Tax Credit payments to eligible families will start going out on July 15. The maximum credit under the program is \$300 per month for each child under age six and \$250 for each child ages six to 17. These advanced payments will total 50% of the benefit, and recipients will receive the rest of the benefit as a credit on next year's tax returns. Recipients may also unenroll from advanced payments and instead receive the entire benefit amount as a credit on next year's tax returns. To learn more, visit:

www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-payments-in-2021

An infographic with a pink background. On the left, a large white bracket contains the text: "The IRS is sending the first monthly payment through the **expanded Child Tax Credit** starting **Thursday, July 15**". Below this, another bracket contains the text: "As part of the federal American Rescue Plan, eligible low- and middle-income families will receive **monthly advance payments from July through December.** Eligible recipients who filed their 2020 tax returns will receive the benefit automatically." On the right side, there are three circular images: the top one shows a woman smiling with a young girl on her back; the middle one shows a woman hugging a young boy; the bottom one shows a man and a young boy looking at a book together.

The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program is now open. The program provides qualifying seniors with a booklet of checks that can be used to purchase fruits and vegetables at participating farmers markets and farm stands. Visit agriculture.ny.gov/consumer-benefitsfarmers-markets or contact my office or your local office for the aging to learn more.

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Senior Farmers Market
NUTRITION PROGRAM

(FMNP) provides checks to seniors to buy local produce at farmers markets from **JULY 1 TO NOV 3**.

— CHECKS ARE PROVIDED —

on a first-come, first-served basis for low-income New Yorkers over 60.



Finally, my staff and I would like to wish everyone in our community a happy and safe Fourth of July weekend.



In good health,

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