



# NEWS FROM

## Speaker of the Assembly Carl E. Heastie



Dear Neighbor,

I write to wish you and your family a fantastic summer full of exercise and enjoyment.

**I wanted to update you on issues we have addressed and funding we have accomplished this legislative session. I was able to secure public resources for programs in the Northeast Bronx.**

We are in a very turbulent time and I pledge to provide the responsible leadership that will bring people together and forge a path where everyone has an opportunity to realize their dreams. There is still much work to be done, and I look forward to continuing to fight to keep the Northeast Bronx a wonderful place to live. I take great joy in providing

necessary resources to help our community grow and prosper.

I hope you and your family enjoy the summer. I look forward to continue working with you to improve 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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## Speaker Heastie passes legislation to strengthen gun laws to protect New Yorkers

Speaker Carl Heastie announced that the Assembly has passed a package of legislation to strengthen New York State's gun laws to help keep New Yorkers safe in their schools, places of worship and communities.

Legislation included in the package would strengthen the 2019 Red Flag law by expanding those who can obtain an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) to include health care professionals who have examined the individual within the last six months.

Included in the package is a bill that would require an individual obtain a license prior to purchasing a semiautomatic rifle. The licensing process would be the same as it is for a pistol or revolver and would be prospective (A.10503, Jackson).

This legislation would make it illegal to possess ANY large capacity ammunition feeding devices. Additional legislation would require the State to research whether microstamping pistols is viable and implement this requirement if it is possible (A.7926-A, Rosenthal).

The package also includes legislation to address hate and threats made on social media by:

- Requiring social media networks in New York to provide a clear and concise policy regarding how they would respond to incidents of hateful conduct on their platform; and
- Maintain easily accessible mechanisms for reporting hateful conduct (A.7865-A, Fahy).
- Create a Task Force on Social Media and Violent Extremism within the Office of the Attorney General to study and investigate the role of social media companies in promoting and facilitating violent extremism and domestic terrorism online (A.10501, Meeks).



Legislation included in this package would create two new crimes. The first of which would establish "making a threat of mass harm" as a class B misdemeanor, in the case of an individual threatening to inflict or cause serious physical injury or death at a school, place of worship, business, government building or other place of assembly. It would also establish "aggravated making a threat of mass harm," or engaging in making the threat and making overt acts to further the threat, as a class A misdemeanor (A.6716-A, Wallace).

Another bill would make it illegal to purchase and sell body armor (like the type used in the Buffalo shooting) to anyone that is not engaged in an eligible profession, which includes law enforcement and other professions designated by the Department of State. It would also require the sale of body vests to be completed in person (A.10497, Jacobson).



## Protecting Home Care Nurses

Speaker Heastie has passed the Protecting Home Care Nurses Act to make sure nurses are not taken advantage of by their employers. Nursing is a physically- and mentally-taxing profession, whether it's in a hospital or home environment, and requires suitable time off and rest so nurses can do their jobs to the best of their abilities and provide patients with the high quality of care they expect and deserve. These unsung heroes provide seniors and people with disabilities or serious medical conditions with lifesaving care within the comfort of their homes so they can continue living independently in the neighborhoods they helped shape.

Unfortunately, home care workers are still overworked and underappreciated for the tireless, backbreaking work they do day in and day out. This new law will limit the number of consecutive hours worked by nurses in home care settings and guarantee their right to refuse overtime hours without fear of repercussions (A.181-A).

## Racial Justice in Traffic Enforcement

Speaker Carl Heastie passed legislation this session to **address racial disparities in traffic stops by reducing the number of traffic stops** for minor, nonmoving violations such as, stickers on vehicle windows and objects placed or suspended in or on the vehicle (A.7599).

Today's legislation would require that a traffic summons for operating a vehicle in violation of the prohibition on placement of posters or stickers on a vehicle windshield or rear windows could only be issued when there is reasonable cause to believe that the driver has committed a violation of another state law. The legislation would also require that a traffic summons for operating a vehicle with any object placed or hung in or upon the vehicle in a manner that obstructs or interferes with the view of the driver can only be issued when there is reasonable cause to believe the driver has violated another state law.

## Assembly passes the Adult Survivors Act

Speaker Carl Heastie passed the Adult Survivors Act to **ensure that adult survivors of sexual assault who were previously time-barred from civil action are able to seek justice** in court (A.648-A).

Regardless of the age, sexual assault leaves deep wounds that often take years to heal. By passing the Adult Survivors Act, the New York State Assembly helps rebalance the scales of justice by providing survivors with the time they need to come forward.

The Adult Survivors Act would create a one-year window for adult survivors of sexual offenses to bring civil claims that were previously time-barred by current statute of limitations. The legislation would also grant trial preferences to such cases to ensure timely adjudication of such actions.

## Sedrick's Law will improve safety on subway platforms

As crime rates increase nationwide, the New York City subway system has not been immune to this trend. All types of crime – violent and nonviolent – have increased markedly and it's critical that we take steps to protect riders. "A safe, functioning subway system is essential for New York City's success, which is why I helped pass Sedrick's Law (A.7016-B)", said Speaker Heastie. This legislation requires the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to **install and maintain surveillance cameras at all subway stations and in places where there is limited visibility.**

## The State Gas Tax is now suspended

The State motor fuel tax and state sales tax on gasoline is **suspended from June 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022**, because every dollar counts!

## Member of Assembly Heastie allocates \$60,000 in funds to local Public Libraries

Assemblyman Carl Heastie has dedicated funding to purchase books materials and supplies for the Wakefield, Edenwald and Eastchester branch libraries.

## HEAP can help keep you cool this summer!

**Income-eligible New Yorkers can now apply for assistance to either buy or install an air conditioner or fan for their homes. To apply, visit the link below:**

[otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/](https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/) 

## Groups funded through the Special Projects Program

- EPF - Zoos, NY Botanical Garden Program and Aquaria - additional support \$3,000,000
- Jewish Association for Services for the Aged for the Bay Eden Senior Center \$20,000 - Senior Food Program
- Junior Achievement of New York \$250,000 - youth financial literacy program
- Gun Hill Basketball Association, Inc. \$20,000 - Basketball Program
- ICNA Relief USA Programs \$25,000 - Food Pantry
- SCO Family Services \$15,000 - Youth Program
- Nest Music Conservatory, Inc. \$50,000 - Music Program
- New York Common Pantry, Inc. \$150,000 - Food Pantries
- Beulah Church Of God Seventh Day, Inc. \$25,000 - Food Pantry





## Speaker Heastie secures \$50,000 to fund the Bridgefield Civic League

Assemblyman Carl Heastie has nominated Bridgefield Civic League to receive funding to help in the **renovation of the facility and support ongoing education and service programs** conducted by the League. The funding will help in the renovation of the exterior and provide much needed repairs to the building. Additionally, the funding will help the Bridgefield Civic League to provide much needed education services to local youth and mentoring and career training to the local community.

## Carl Heastie funds Wake Eden Community Baptist Church for \$120,000 in STEM programming

In the final days of the legislative session, Assemblyman Heastie nominated Wake Eden Baptist Church to be funded by the State to implement STEM programming. The funding will go to **help children master "Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics" by implementing STEM programs** that help youth get excited to explore sciences through interactive learning programs.

## NAACP Williamsbridge Branch nominated for \$50,000 in funding by Assemblyman Heastie

The Williamsbridge Branch of the NAACP will be able to **conduct education and after-school programing for local families** with funding secured by Assemblyman Carl Heastie through the State Education Department. This program helps children excel academically through education and mentoring from older students and adults.

## Carl Heastie secures \$50,000 in funding for the NCNW

The NCNW (National Council of Negro Women) of the **Northeast Bronx** have been nominated by Carl Heastie to be funded to conduct an after-school program to help prepare youth for academic success.

## Mind-Builders receives \$365,000 allocated by Speaker Heastie

The **\$365,000 secured in the state budget will allow Mind-Builders creative arts center to provide children with education in the arts.** The program offers children enrichment and instruction in music, dance, theatre and other arts programs. Funds will be used to purchase materials and supplies for the Community Folk Culture Program. This program offers an opportunity for young adults to have hands-on experience with shared cultural arts and activities while documenting and archiving this heritage.

The programs are conducted year-round during out of school time to help keep young adults off the street and engaged in quality cultural enrichment.

## Carl Heastie sponsors Bronx Bethany Community Corporation for \$50,000 in State funding

Bronx Bethany Community Corporation will be benefitting from state funding in the sum of \$50,000 as the result of Assemblyman Heastie's advocacy. The funds will be used to allow **local children to enjoy the benefits of a summer day camp.**

## Carl Heastie secures \$30,000 for Northeast Bronx Day Care

Through a budget cleanup bill, Assemblyman Heastie has reallocated the Northeast Bronx Day Care Center (formerly known as the Susan Wagner Day Care) for funding to purchase materials, services and supplies. The facility located at 4102 White Plains Road will allow **local youth to enjoy a safe, educational and clean play experience.**

## Speaker Heastie secures funding for Northeast Bronx YMCA

The YMCA of Greater New York was awarded \$5 million to **support the operation of community centers across New York City**, including our very own Northeast Bronx YMCA. Over the course of the next year, this funding will enable the Y to continue to serve local communities through time-tested Y programs, such as after-school, summer camp, teen center and adult literacy and older adult programming. One million dollars will be used for scholarships, the YMCA does not turn anyone away due to inability to pay and this funding helps maintain the Y's ability to serve in that way.

This new facility, located at 1250 E. 229th St., also provides space for recreational use and social gatherings in the Northeast Bronx.



## Speaker Heastie secures funding for local Anti-Gun Violence programming

- DCJS NYC Health + Hospitals: Jacobi Medical Center \$65,000
- DCJS NYC Health + Hospitals: Lincoln Medical Center \$65,000
- DCJS Good Shepherd Services \$100,000



## Local Funding Secured in the State Budget

- **Bay Eden Senior Center-\$30,000**-Funding will provide materials and supplies for senior program.
- **St. Luke's Community Food Program-\$25,000**-Funding will provide materials and supplies to run senior food program.
- **RAIN Inc.-\$100,000**-Funding will provide programming at senior centers throughout the Northeast Bronx.
- **St. Nicholas Chess for Kids Inc.-\$10,000**-Funding will provide materials and supplies to run an after-school chess program for local youth.
- **Education Through Music-\$100,000**-Funds will be used to provide music instruction for children at PS 68 and PS 169.
- **East 233rd Street Senior Center-\$10,000**-Financial assistance will provide materials for senior programs and activities.



- **Wiz Kids Books B4 Basketball-\$30,000**-Funds will be used to purchase materials and supplies for activities.
- **Wildcats-\$100,000**-Funds will be used to run a clean up program for the Northeast Bronx.
- **Fresh Air Fund-\$1 million**-The program, also known as **Camp Junior**, is an innovative project that allows youth from the Bronx to experience summer camps in upstate New York. The funding will provide disadvantaged youth with the opportunity to leave the city and spend a summer learning about the outdoors and nature.

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