

NEWS FROM

Speaker of the Assembly **Carl E. Heastie**



Dear Neighbor,

As we approach the festive season of giving, I extend my warmest wishes and holiday blessings. As your representative in Albany, I am pleased to share some updates with you. This year has been marked by significant achievements for the Northeast Bronx. It has been a privilege to advocate and collaborate with you as we seek to enhance and secure further investments and successes in the upcoming year, all thanks to your unwavering support.

With the new year just around the corner, let this serve as a reminder of the profound significance of community and the impact we have on one another. I look forward to another year of laughter, friendship, and growth with my family – all the members of the 83rd Assembly District. During this time, I encourage you to reach out to friends, family, and loved ones as this season not only brings smiles but also insecurity. Remember, community is the magic that brings people together.

In Albany and here in the Bronx, I will continue to fight for you, making the neighborhood the best place to raise a family. Together, we can continue to make the Northeast Bronx even greater. 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,

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Speaker Carl E. Heastie partners with local elected officials and community partners to provide turkeys for Thanksgiving dinner



Speaker Heastie, Councilman Riley, Senator Bailey, Congressman Torres, Borough President Gibson, Northeast Bronx YMCA Leadership, and District Council of Carpenters distributing turkeys to the community.

Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie, in collaboration with Senator Jamaal Bailey, NYC Councilman Kevin Riley, Congressman Ritchie Torres, Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson, the Northeast Bronx YMCA, and the NYC District Council of Carpenters, provided turkeys for families in the Northeast Bronx to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday.

“Thanksgiving is a time for family, love, and togetherness,” said Speaker Heastie. “Our annual Community Turkey Distribution ensures that families can participate in the holiday season and experience the joy it brings. During these challenging times, the Northeast Bronx continues to come together and show much-needed support to families across the district.”

The event brought out hundreds, providing turkeys and ingredients to make side dishes like corn bread and collard greens. These groceries ensured participants would be able to provide a traditional meal at home with their loved ones.

Assemblyman Heastie Hosts a Holiday Toy Distribution

During the holiday season, many of our 'littlest' friends and neighbors do not have a present to unwrap from Santa under the tree. **To ensure that no child is left without a toy #TeamHeastie hosts its annual Toy Distribution**, giving families the joy of having a gift to unwrap and the experience of joy during the holiday season. Working with community partners and community members, this event is always a success.



Assemblyman Heastie distributing toys

One Love, One Heart, Jamaica

Following a historic storm, Hurricane Melissa, the Caribbean, particularly the island of Jamaica, faced unprecedented destruction. From crumbling infrastructure to unsalvageable material and the crippling of its agricultural center, Jamaica has been severely affected. Despite these hardships, the resilience and upbeat spirit of its people remain unshaken. **As a district that is home to the most Jamaican residents and those of Jamaican descent outside of the island, the 83rd District stepped up and stood out.** Led by #TeamHeastie's own, Jevonni Brooks, Chief of Staff, alongside the support of the entire community as well as the elected officials of the area, thousands of pounds of non-perishable food, clothing, toiletries, safety equipment, first aid supplies and much more were secured to assist the many families impacted by Hurricane Melissa.

"When our brothers and sisters are hurt, there's no turning a blind eye. We stand with Jamaica and its people. Out of many, we are one."

- Speaker Heastie



Joined by the Consulate General of Jamaica, Northeast Bronx elected officials coordinated relief efforts for Jamaica community impacted by Hurricane Melissa, rallying supplies and support for families working to rebuild.

#TeamHeastie Hosted Annual Spooktacular Halloween Celebration

On October 31st, Assemblyman Carl Heastie, alongside the Bridgefield Civic League, hosted a Halloween costume party for children and families. **The annual celebration brought forth ghosts, a variety of animals, Blippi, Minnie Mouse and even the entire Addams Family** joined by community partners like the American Debate League.

Children of all ages and their families participated, bringing their best costumes and dance moves. The event continued to showcase the unity of our community, giving our youngest members a safe place to have fun.



2025 Halloween went down in the books for one with the most creative costumes. We were visited by the Addams family, Minnie Mouse, Pikachu, the Smurfs and so many others.

Project Keep Our Streets Clean

Assemblyman Heastie has partnered with ACE to continue its daily cleaning initiative, focusing on much-needed areas that have seen an increase in discarded litter and illegal dumping. Five days a week, the ACE team can be seen on the Boston Road, Gunhill Road and Baychester corridors, assisting to keep the streets clean. **If you should witness any illegal dumping activity and increase in litter accumulation, please feel free to call us at (718) 654-6539.** When we work together, we can create a cleaner and greener community.

Speaker Heastie Supports the 1st Annual Baychester Academy Spelling Bee

This year, the Baychester Academy participated in a spelling bee, showcasing the exceptional talents of the district's young students. **After an intense competition, twelve fifth graders advanced to the final round.**

The winner of the final round housed at the school will go on to represent Baychester Academy at the national level. Congratulations to all the participants; you have all emerged as winners and your community will always be your biggest supporters.



Baychester Academy Annual Spelling Bee



2026 CALENDAR

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2026 Holidays

Jan. 1 New Year's Day
Jan. 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb. 16 President's Day
May 25 Memorial Day

June 19 Juneteenth
July 4 Independence Day
Sept. 7 Labor Day
Oct. 12 Columbus Day

Nov. 11 Veterans Day
Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 25 Christmas Day

THE HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP) CAN HELP ELIGIBLE NEW YORKERS COVER THEIR ENERGY BILLS. APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE ARE NOW OPEN!

Eligibility is based on:

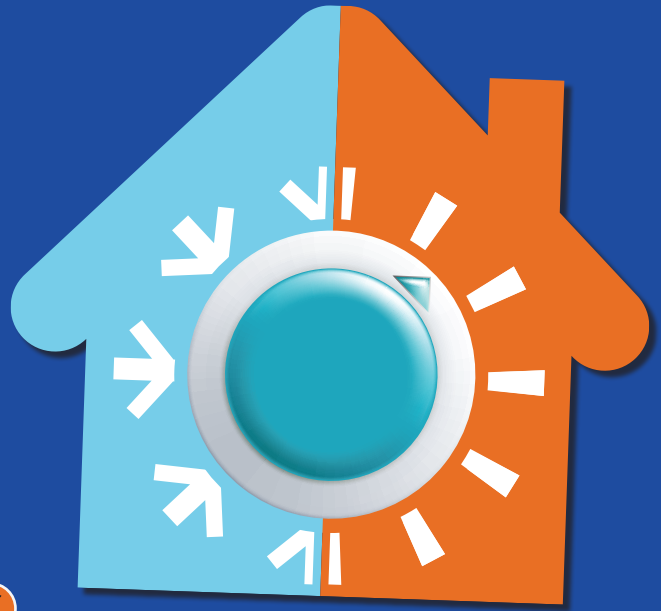
- ☑ Income
- ☑ Household size
- ☑ Heating source
- ☑ A household member under 6, over 60, or with a disability

Benefits range from **\$21 TO \$900**, depending on living situation.

If you pay for heat directly, benefits are sent straight to your fuel vendor.

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*"Wishing you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy new year. **As we welcome 2026, I'll continue fighting to make life more affordable for families, keep our neighborhoods safe, and ensure our state remains a place where everyone can thrive.**"*

– Speaker Carl E. Heastie

