



**April 21, 2023**

Greetings –

Eid Mubarak to those of you who observed the holy month of Ramadan.

The State's budget which by law is due April 1<sup>st</sup> is now almost three weeks late as negotiations between the Governor and the Legislature continue. Yesterday my colleagues and I passed another "budget extender" until Monday - stop-gap legislation proposed by the Governor that will allow state operations to continue, state employees to be paid, and critical benefits like unemployment insurance to continue to be processed. The Governor's misguided attempts to undermine the 2019 bail reforms and her intransigence on initiatives opposed by the legislature such as raising the cap on charter schools have meant that many important matters are not getting the attention they deserve. Unfortunately, some of my suburban colleagues in both the Assembly and Senate have proved equally intransigent when it comes to housing, [rejecting the Governor's proposals on housing production without putting forward meaningful alternatives](#). We must find a way to build more housing and more affordable housing both in New York City and throughout the State while at the same time expanding tenant protections like good cause eviction, but it seems likely that this challenge will have to be taken up outside of the budget.

Despite the budget impasse, I continue to work on refining and building support and advocating for my legislative priorities including renewable energy, election law reforms, and dyslexia interventions and literacy education. Every day I speak with parents whose children are struggling to learn to read, but I am hopeful we can accomplish meaningful change in our policies and practices around literacy education here in New York State. More and more attention is being paid in the media to the depths of the literacy crisis the country faces and the growing movement to overhaul how literacy is taught moving away from failed "whole language approaches" to practices and curriculum based on the science of reading. The New York Times just ran a story on this featured on its front page, which you can read [here](#). I was gratified to participate this past week on a panel hosted by Education Trust around a screening of the film "[The Right to Read](#)", produced by LeVar Burton which compellingly illustrates how literacy is a civil rights issue.



Progress is also being made when it comes to the State's transition away from fossil fuels. I remain confident that the most significant aspects of my bill, [The Build Public Renewables Act](#), which will help ensure the State meets its climate goals, will be included in the final budget. On that note I want to wish everyone a happy Earth Day tomorrow and look forward to seeing many of you at one of the Earth Day events around the district this weekend or at my Spring Green and Clean next weekend.

## **Earth Day Weekend Round Up**

### **Saturday April 22 and Sunday April 23!**

I'll be dropping by a number of these outstanding events, all around my District, that are designed to celebrate and focus attention on Earth-Day. Give the earth a little love and come join me!

**In Prospect Park...**[Join Prospect Park Alliance on Saturday, April 22](#) at the Prospect Park Audubon center to learn about seeds and the birds who eat them through hands-on crafts and activities. Plus, continue learning beyond Earth Day in the park by potting your own plant to take home. Then, (also on Saturday, April 22) [volunteer with the Prospect Park Alliance](#) to support our urban oasis by caring for street trees along the park perimeter, cultivating soil, laying down mulch, and removing litter from the tree beds along Parkside + Ocean Avenue. Appropriate for groups, teens and adults.

**In Park Slope...**[Join in the Spring Civic Sweep with the Park Slope Civic Council & Fifth Avenue BID](#), help out with the neighborhood cleanup effort and hear about sustainability plans from local representatives and businesses. Join Forth on Fourth Ave to care for street trees on 4th Ave from Pacific Street to Union Street (bring your own gloves)

**At the Brooklyn Public Library...**On Saturday, April 22, [come to the Central Library for an Earth Day Celebration](#) featuring family-friendly activities, solar power and battery demonstrations, and more!

**In Windsor Terrace...**[Earth Day at Prospect Farm](#) is on Saturday, April 22 and will include arts and crafts, garden tours, plant swap and sale, bake sale, compost demonstration, compost giveaway, and live music!

**In Ditmas Park...**[Spend Sunday, April 23 in the beautiful Ditmas Park](#) neighborhood doing community clean-up, recycling electronics, and shredding with Shredzilla among many other activities.

### **Spring Clean and Green 4/30 – RSVP**

I am hosting my annual Spring Clean and Green event on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Machate (aka Park) Circle in Prospect Park! We'll have electronic recycling, paper shredding, textile recycling, kid's stop n' swap, and more. There are also giveaways, special services, information and demonstrations to help you have a greener and cleaner Spring 2023. See full details on the flyer below:



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# Spring Clean & Green



**Sunday, April 30**  
**10 am - 2 pm**

**At Park Circle in Prospect Park**

*(entrance to Prospect Park on Prospect Park Southwest & Parkside Avenue, across from TD Bank)*



Plus these NYC agencies & organizations will provide **FREE** giveaways, signups, updates, special services, and demonstrations!



**E-Cycling by Lower East Side Ecology Center:** Computers, monitors, printers/scanners, keyboards, mice, cables, TVs, VCRs and DVD players, phones, audio/visual equipment, cell phones and PDAs. <https://www.lesecologycenter.org/programs/ewaste> (**No Batteries or media such as disks, DVDs, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, etc.**)



**KIDS Stop 'N' Swap by GrownNYC:** Bring your clean, reusable and portable children's items such as clothing, car seats, strollers, gear, games, books, & toys that you no longer need and take something you do need home for free! <https://www.grownyc.org/swap>



**Paper Shredding by NYC Department of Sanitation:** Stay one step ahead of identity thieves and shred your paper documents. (**No magazines or cardboard, remove ALL staples, No plastic or metal of any kind**) Shredding truck will stay on-site for the time scheduled or until full.



**Textile Recycling by Wearable Collections:** Bring used, freshly laundered clothing as well as shoes, sneakers, accessories, hats, belts and handbags plus household linens such as sheets, curtains and towels. (**No rugs, bath mats, comforters, pillows, large luggage, or insulation materials.**)

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**South  
Midwood  
Pollinators**



It is helpful for us to know what services people plan to take advantage of, [so please RSVP here to let us know!](#)

### **Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Jane Hauck**

Last weekend I had the honor of celebrating our beloved friend and neighbor Jane Hauck on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Jane is an immigrant from Poland who came to America in 1938. She first lived in Greenpoint and worked at the Domino Sugar Factory while attending night school to learn English. She married Norman Hauck and moved to Park Slope where they raised a menagerie of farm animals in their brownstone backyard including ducks, rabbits and a pig who became a neighborhood mascot! She became a registered nurse and a union delegate for the New York Nurses Association (NYSNA). She moved again to Windsor Terrace where she leaped into civic life as an early member of CBID, an active participant in local politics, a founding member of Citizens for the Preservation of Windsor Terrace, and an all-around go-to person whenever a need arose! Happy 100<sup>th</sup>, Jane!



If you have any concerns about these or any other legislative or community matter please email me at [carrollr@nyassembly.gov](mailto:carrollr@nyassembly.gov) or call (718) 788-7221.

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