



COMMUNITY UPDATE

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2026 Legislative Session Preview

As the 2026 legislative session approaches in just a few short weeks, I want to share with you a few of my priorities for the year ahead. While each session brings new challenges and opportunities, much of what shapes our work in the Legislature is influenced by factors beyond our direct control. In January, we'll begin working alongside a new mayoral administration, City Council, and other citywide officials. I'm hopeful that together we can make meaningful progress to protect the environment from emerging contaminants, combat housing insecurity, strengthen bodily autonomy, and do more to protect New Yorkers from vehicular crashes.

Environmental Conservation

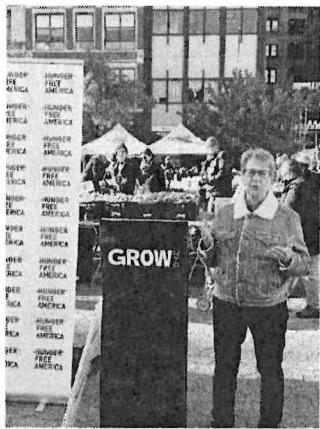
I will continue to make passing the **Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (PRRIA) (A.5322)** and the **Bigger Better Bottle Bill (A.6543)** my top priorities. Passing PRRIA will be a major step toward reducing packaging waste, including toxic substances used to package food, by shifting responsibility to producers for the packaging they utilize when selling and shipping products.

The Bigger Better Bottle Bill proposes a five-cent increase to the bottle deposit, and to expand the range of covered beverages that require a deposit, such as coffees, teas, and sports drinks. These changes to the program will boost recycling rates and provide critical support to the state's redemption centers. **These bills remain priorities for me because I believe we must take meaningful action to confront the waste crisis created by our disposable society, as its impacts on human and environmental health grow even more severe.**

I will also advocate for the passage of the **Beauty Justice Act (A.2054)** and the **PFAS-Free Products bill (A.7738)**, both of which aim to eliminate toxic substances from everyday

this year, for a tour of their Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP.)

It was helpful to learn about their intake and treatment procedures, hear about their future plans, and to meet the extraordinary Bellevue medical professionals who provide support to New Yorkers in need of emergency psychiatric care.



Hunger Free America and GrowNYC

I recently joined Hunger Free America and GrowNYC at the Union Square Greenmarket to spotlight the findings of their latest Annual National Hunger Survey Report, found here: <https://hungerfreeamerica.org/en-us/research/2025-annual-hunger-survey-report>. Far too many people in the city face food insecurity and rely on critical programs like SNAP to make ends meet. It is shameful that the federal administration has used programs that help people put food on the table as political fodder to enact their disgraceful agenda.

Celebrating the Holidays with the Greenwich House Older Adult Center at Westbeth

Always a treat to see our neighbors at the Westbeth Older Adult Center. A reminder that Greenwich House offers programs in the arts, education, and social services, providing thousands of New Yorkers with personal enrichment and cultural experiences. They also provide case management and social activities for seniors at their four Older Adult Centers.



Learn more about their programs, including lunches and other special meals, at www.greenwichhouse.org. For more information, email olderadults@greenwichhouse.org or call 212-255-5191.



Reimagining Canal Street Redesign Proposal



Make Your Voice Heard in the Canal Street Redesign Proposal!

NYC's Department of Transportation is working on a plan to redesign Canal Street for much-needed enhancements to safety and accessibility. Your voice is critical to ensure that the community is heard and able to provide input on the proposed design plan.

A NYC DOT survey is open until December 31
and is available in English and Traditional Chinese.

You can learn more about the proposal and submit your feedback here:
<https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/about/canalstreet.shtml>

In this scam, the fraudster impersonates an official from a government entity or utility company and extorts money, gift cards, or other items from the victim by claiming they must pay a fine or fee in order to resolve an issue. No government agency or utility company will ever require a gift card or cash as payment.

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Energy Assistance Programs

As it gets colder, the impact of a gas or energy shut-off can mean no heat during winter months. Below are a few programs that offer qualifying residents assistance with their utilities:

ConEd's CONCERN Program

- From November 1 to April 15, eligible residents can sign up for Con Edison's CONCERN program to assist with bill management and prevent electricity or gas shut-offs.
- You may be eligible if you're 62 or older, 18 or younger, and/or have a permanent disability.
- As a reminder, ConEd will not disconnect residential customers' service if the forecast calls for below freezing temperatures.
- Learn more by visiting: <https://www.coned.com/en/accounts-billing/payment-plans-assistance/special-services/cold-heat-protections> or by calling Senior Direct at 1-800-404-9097.

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

- The Home Energy Assistance Program can help eligible New Yorkers heat and cool their homes. If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year and could also be eligible for emergency HEPA benefits if you are in danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off.
- Eligibility is based on income, household size, the primary heating source, and the presence of a household member who is under 6, age 60 or older or permanently disabled.
- You can learn more at <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>

The advertisement features logos for SBA, NYSBDC, and PACE. It includes a photo of a group of people at a panel discussion. Text on the left reads: "Join Us For IN-PERSON SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING PANEL". Below that, a smaller text block says: "Join us for an invaluable opportunity to hear directly from more than a dozen lenders as they share insights on financing options tailored for small businesses. Take advantage of one-on-one networking sessions to connect with lenders and discuss your specific needs." At the bottom, it says: "January 15th, 2026 - 9:00 am to 12:30 pm (ET) at 1 Pace Plaza in the Student Center". A QR code is at the bottom right, with the URL "nysbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events" below it.

Interested candidates should inquire as soon as possible, as qualifying tests are taking place now through late February. Lifeguards earn \$22 per hour and work locations include the beautiful oceanfront in the Rockaways, historic Coney Island, and more than 50 outdoor pools! To learn about testing dates and locations please visit: <https://www.nycgovparks.org/opportunities/jobs/lifeguards>.

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