



**June 22, 2023**

Greetings –

This week, the Assembly passed several pieces of important legislation on a broad range of issues. All these bills have now passed both houses of the Legislature and will be sent to the Governor for her signature.

*Defending Reproductive Rights*

Last year, to counteract the impact of the Supreme Court’s decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson* overturning *Roe V. Wade*, the Legislature passed bills to ensure that health care providers can provide safe, legal abortions in New York without fear of legal repercussions imposed by other states as well as help make New York a safe haven for individuals from other States seeking abortion care. This week, the Assembly passed a telemedicine shield law [A.1709](#), which explicitly gives legal protection to New York doctors who prescribe and send abortion medication to patients in states who have restricted abortion. You can read more about [this measure in the New York Times](#).

*Protecting New Yorkers from Deed Theft*

[A.6656](#) will help combat deed theft; elderly homeowners in neighborhoods with rising property values have in-particular been targeted by unscrupulous actors using a range of tactics to wrongfully take title to their homes. This legislation will enable prosecutors to effectively file legal action on homes where deed theft is suspected helping to ensure scammers cannot take out loans against the ill-gotten property. The legislation will also make it possible for New Yorkers to remain in their homes and stay eviction proceedings when they can show reasonable evidence that deed theft against them occurred.

*Prohibiting Medical Debt from Damaging Credit and Improving Workers Rights*

[A.6275](#) will prohibit the reporting of medical debt by health care providers or collection agencies to credit reporting agencies. Medical debt is the most common form of reported debt and while credit reporting agencies have voluntarily agreed to not report medical debts below \$500, this only provides limited protection for patients. [A.1278](#) bans non-compete agreements in employment contracts. Studies have indicated that such agreements depress wages and have an overall negative impact on the economy. The Federal Trade Commission has proposed a [rule](#)

banning such agreements nationally, but there is no certainty that this rule will take effect making it imperative for the State to act.

### *Protecting the Hudson River from Nuclear Waste*

[A.7208](#) would make it unlawful to discharge any radiological substance into the Hudson River in connection with the decommissioning of the Indian Point Nuclear Power plant. The discharge of nuclear waste into the Hudson poses both potential health risks and damage to the local economy.

### *Criminal Justice Reform*

In the area of criminal justice reform, in addition to the Clean State Act [A.1029](#) passed last week, the Assembly passed [A.2878](#) to help those wrongfully convicted seek justice and to vacate convictions of those who were convicted under statutes that were later decriminalized or found to be unconstitutional.

### **Prime Sponsored Legislation Passed**

I am proud that four of my bills passed both houses of the Legislature this session. These bills include “Golden Day” Voter Registration [A.6132](#), Solar and Energy Storage Tax Abatement [A.6113](#), Flood Disclosure for Homebuyers [A.1967](#), and The Dyslexia Task Force Act [A.133](#).

### **Unfinished Business**

While much good was accomplished over the last two weeks, significant legislation was left unaddressed. It is a travesty that we have not passed Sammy’s Law [A.7266](#), which would give New York City more authority to lower speed limits on its streets and save lives. We also must address the State’s housing crisis with a greater sense of urgency. This will require acting on measures that will both increase housing production and protect tenants against eviction. In terms of my bills, the Dyslexia Diagnosis Access Act [A.2898](#) passed the Assembly unanimously, but the Senate failed to bring it to the floor, the New York Wildlife Crossing Act, [A.4243](#) and [A.295](#), which would reduce utility fixed charges benefiting low-income rate payers, made it the floor of the Assembly but were not given a vote. These bills remain top priorities for me, and I will continue to advocate for their passage.

### **NYC Parks Electric Micromobility Pilot & Prospect Park Roadway Redesign Surveys**

Many of you are aware of the recent changes in Prospect Park with the redesign of the roadway on East Drive and NYC Parks’ new pilot program permitting e-Bikes and e-Scooters on the loop. First, [NYC DOT's survey](#) allows you to share your thoughts on the recent [redesign of the Prospect Park roadway](#). Additionally, NYC Parks is piloting a new rule to allow electric bikes and electric scooters to use greenways and park drives across the city, including Prospect Park’s loop, from June 20, 2023 through May 31, 2024 and has a [survey on the e-bike pilot program](#). Whether you are for or against the changes, I encourage you to express your thoughts by responding to these two surveys.

## Where can I ride my e-bike or e-scooter in parks?



### Park Drives

These are roads inside parks used for jogging, skating, walking, and other recreational activities. Drives are also used by official vehicles for maintenance and operations.

Examples include the park drives that loop around Central Park and Prospect Park.



### Greenways

These are designated paths used for a variety of activities, including cycling and jogging. You can usually identify greenways by their striped lanes and signage.

Examples include the Bronx River Greenway and Shore Parkway.



### Park Paths

These are all other walking paths inside parks.

**No bicycles, scooters, or motorized or electric vehicles are allowed on paths.**

**✗ Mopeds of any kind are not allowed anywhere in parks.**

✓ Stay safe while riding! Remember to keep your speed under 20 mph and always yield to pedestrians.

▶ Visit [nyc.gov/parks/ebikes](https://nyc.gov/parks/ebikes) for more information.



### GrowNYC's Free Stop 'N' Swap

GrowNYC's free Stop 'N' Swap program is coming to PS 9 next Wednesday, June 28th from 12pm-3pm (donations accepted from 11am-2pm). PS 9 is located at 80 Underhill Avenue (enter on St. Marks Ave btw Vanderbilt and Underhill Aves). You can [sign up for GrowNYC's new monthly SNS Newsletter here](#).

Stop 'N' Swaps are free community events where the public is invited to bring clean, reusable, portable items such as clothing, housewares, games, books, & toys that they no longer need, and take home something new for free.

### MTA Metro Card Van

The very popular MTA Metro Card Van will be back in front of my District Office on July 31st at 10am. See full details on the flyer below and call or email my office if you have questions.

# The MTA MetroCard Van is Coming to Park Slope!

Sponsored by Assemblymember Robert Carroll



**Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
**416 7th Avenue**



### Services Offered at the Mobile Sales Van:

- Get help with a Reduced-Fare application
- Transfer MetroCard balances (Full fare and Reduced-Fare)
- Exchange a damaged Reduced-Fare MetroCard for a temporary replacement
- Report a lost/stolen Reduced-Fare MetroCard
- Ask our team about any MetroCard-related issues
- Ask about the OMNY Program

If you can't come on July 31<sup>st</sup>, here is  
the regular MetroCard Bus/Van Schedule for Brooklyn

LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Sheepshead Bay at 3520 Nostrand Avenue (Between Avenue V & Avenue W)	1st Tuesday	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Starrett City at Pennsylvania Avenue & Twin Pines Drive	1st & 3rd Tuesday	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Coney Island at Neptune Avenue (Between West Fifth Street & Sixth Street)	1st Tuesday	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Flatlands at Kings Plaza Shopping Mall (Avenue U & Flatbush Avenue)	1st & 3rd Tuesday	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Flatlands at 2424 Ralph Avenue (Avenue N & Mill Lane)	1st & 3rd Tuesday	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Bensonhurst at 86 Street & Bay Parkway	2nd & 4th Friday	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Bay Ridge at 86 Street & Fourth Avenue	2nd & 4th Friday	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



For additional information on this event or any other local or state issue,  
please call Assemblymember Robert Carroll's District Office at 718-788-7221



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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