



**July 13, 2023**

**Greetings –**

I hope that you are finding time to enjoy the summer.

In light of the challenges we face as a State and nation, good policy is needed more than ever. I want to highlight three bills recently passed by the Legislature that I think are especially necessary and timely.

**Flood Disclosure – Homebuyers' Right to Know**

Record flooding this past week in the Hudson Valley and the Adirondacks has caused incredible damage and upended lives in the communities impacted. Last year, I passed legislation that was signed by the Governor regarding flood disclosure requirements for renters. This year I passed [a companion piece](#) of legislation, [A.1967/S.5400](#), which closes a loophole in the flood disclosure requirements for home sales. Currently, sellers have the power to opt out of disclosing flood information to buyers by paying a \$500 credit at closing. New York is the only State among the thirty that have flood disclosure requirements that has such a mechanism. This bill eliminates this “credit provision” and requires the disclosure of information concerning flood risk, flood history, and flood insurance on real property transactions. Homebuyers will now be empowered to have the information they need to protect their home and their families. **Encourage the Governor to sign the bill immediately by calling her at 518-474-8390.**

**Making New York a Safe Haven for Transgender Youth**

In June the Legislature approved and the governor signed a bill, [A.6046/S.2475](#), making New York a haven for transgender youth and their families. This law prohibits New York State Courts from enforcing the laws of other states that authorize a minor to be removed from their home if their parents or legal guardians allow them to receive gender affirming health care. It also prohibits state law enforcement from cooperating with other states' investigations regarding gender affirming care that took place legally in New York and contains provisions to protect physicians who provide gender affirming care legally in New York.

**Defending Reproductive Rights**

The Legislature also acted to further strengthen New York’s reproductive health laws by passing a telemedicine “shield law,” [A1709/S1066](#), which explicitly gives legal protection to New York doctors who prescribe and send abortion medication to patients in states who have restricted abortion.

## Free Rain Barrel and Flood Barrier Distribution

This Sunday, July 16th, my office, in partnership with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection, is distributing [free rain barrels](#) and [flood barriers](#) in 6ft and 12ft lengths to homeowners.

The distribution will take place at 1203 Albemarle Road (corner of Westminster Road). If you have reserved your rain barrel, pick up is between 9:00am and 10:45am. If you have not reserved one, a limited number of extra rain barrels will be distributed on a first come first serve basis from 10:45-11:00am. Call 347-977-1499 for a real time count of extra barrels, or 718-788-7221 to reserve one before Friday, July 14th at 4:30pm. Barrels and Flood Barriers will be distributed rain or shine and assistance will be available to get them into your car if needed.

## 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<br>(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<br>(Between West Fifth Street & Sixth Street) | 1st Tuesday       | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.   |
| Flatlands at Kings Plaza Shopping Mall<br>(Avenue U & Flatbush Avenue)       | 1st & 3rd Tuesday | 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.   |
| Flatlands at 2424 Ralph Avenue<br>(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

## Plant Sale in Prospect Heights

PS 9 in Prospect Heights is holding a plant sale this Saturday to benefit the PTO.



**Join our festive, family-friendly  
Native Plant Sale**  
**Saturday, July 15**  
**11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

Local & endangered wildlife need native plants to survive

Help butterflies, ladybugs, bees & birds!

Proceeds support enrichment programs at PS9

**PS9 Sarah Smith Garnet Garden**  
entrance on Bergen Street, near Underhill Avenue

Purchase native plants for home and community gardens, your windowsill, outdoor pots and neighborhood tree beds.

We'll have robot claws for garden clean up, sidewalk chalk, storytime and sprinklers for the kids.

  
Sarah Smith Garnet **PTO**  
[www.ps9brooklyn.org](http://www.ps9brooklyn.org)

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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