



Assembly Member  
**HARVEY  
EPSTEIN**



74<sup>TH</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT • REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE • END OF SUMMER 2023

Dear Neighbor,

We hope you had a great summer. With the end of the legislative session in June and a wonderful summer spent in the district, we wanted to update you on what we've been up to and let you know about some upcoming events.

This summer, my team has been celebrating the accomplishments of young people in our district and supporting their educational achievements. We celebrated the successes of the members of the District 74 Youth Council who are going off to college. We also hosted 5 Summer Youth Employment Program participants for a summer of community service. Additionally, we launched a Summer Reading Challenge in partnership with the Assembly and Two Boots Pizza, which got hundreds of students in our district reading every day this summer. Finally, we visited many wonderful youth programs, summer camps, and schools. With the start of school, we look forward to more opportunities to support the young leaders of the 74th District.

See you around the neighborhood,

Harvey

## Legislative Victories in 2023

I was proud to be the primary sponsor of the following bills that passed the Assembly since my last newsletter:

- A01191, Epstein - Requires the Department of Environmental Conservation, in coordination with NYSERDA, to take a thorough accounting of funds allocated and spent toward meeting the state's climate goals in an annual report
- A01122, Epstein - Requires commercial parking garages that receive state funds to install charging stations to pay for charging without an additional cost to park while charging
- A05815, Epstein - Mandates an annual report on the participation of individuals with disabilities in New York state contracts. This data will provide greater transparency and help create equitable representation for all New Yorkers in our state contracts
- A04504, Epstein - Adds a Transit-Dependent Individual to the MTA Board to ensure that the MTA leadership prioritizes making our transit system accessible, equitable, and efficient for all New Yorkers



- A00458, Epstein - Provides deceased tenant's legal representatives the option to terminate a tenant's lease upon notice to the landlord
- A02176, Epstein - Mandates a frequent comprehensive report on unaccompanied minors and separated children in the foster care system
- A6672, Epstein - Makes it easier for students to recover student debt by allowing the place of trial to be the residence of the defendant

# Upcoming Events

## ***Hang with Harvey!***

Talk to Harvey about legislative and community concerns.

- **Wednesday, September 20th**  
at 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
**Baruch Plaza**  
151 Bernard Baruch Way, New York,  
East 25th Street between 3rd Ave and Lex Ave  
closer to Lex
- **Wednesday, October 11th**  
at 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
**Stuyvesant Square Park**  
9, Rutherford Place, New York  
(West of Second Avenue by the fountain)
- **Wednesday, October 25th**  
from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
**Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza**  
E 47th St, New York  
(Just west of 1st Avenue near the green market  
area)



## ***Hang with Harvey and Homer***

Join my rescue dog Homer and me as we hang out at the park! Pet constituents are welcome.

**Wednesday, September 27th**

at 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Bellevue Park**

East 27th Street

between Mt Carmel and 2nd Ave

# Other Exciting Events



## **Halloween with Team Harvey Candy Giveaway**

107 Ave B

October 31st

from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Bring your family by to see our amazing costume  
this year and get candy for your family.

## ***Shredding Events***

No electronics or batteries paper only.

One standard-size file box (15" x 12" x 10") per person

- **Sunday, October 1st, 10 AM - 2 PM**  
Rain date: Sunday October 8th, 10 AM - 2 PM  
Tompkins Square Park  
Ave A between East 8th and East 9th Street  
(East side of the Street)  
with DSNY
- **Sunday, October 22nd, 10 AM - 2 PM**  
Bellevue Park  
On Mt. Carmel Pl  
East 27th Street between  
Mt Carmel and 2nd Ave



# Community Update

## District Walkthrough with the Mayor



In May, Mayor Adams joined me for a walkthrough of Tompkins Square Park and a discussion with East Village small business owners and advocates. During this visit, I advocated for Mayor Adams to take action on better support for our small businesses and improving the conditions in Tompkins Square Park.

## Staff Update

Meet our new Communications Coordinator, Jenna Meehan! Jenna recently graduated from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. She earned a B.A. in Political Science, B.A. in Social and Criminal Justice, and a minor in Sociology. Jenna was raised in Dubuque, Iowa, and has previously worked for the NY City Council, the FCC Office of Legislative Affairs, United Way, and AmeriCorps. She is starting her M.S. in Public and Urban Policy at the New School this fall. Jenna is passionate about social justice issues, bagels, dogs, and the Oxford comma.



## Local Impact



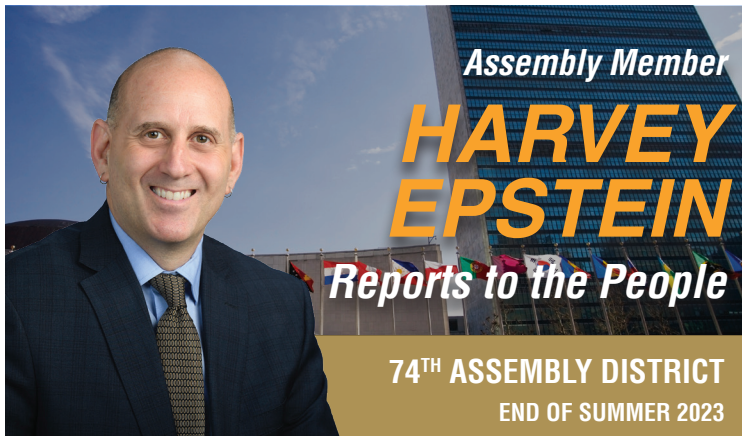
This past year my office has:

- Distributed over 500 bags of donated clothing to asylum seekers in our district
- Allocated millions of capital and operating dollars to community nonprofits, local schools, and public housing developments
- Resolved over 600 constituent cases with issues ranging from housing to healthcare
- Held dozens of community events and Hang with Harveys to talk to community residents and hear their concerns
- Toured numerous nonprofits in our community and learned about their services
- Attended dozens of community meetings around affordable housing, public safety, community activities, etc.

## Harvey Helps

This year, we had a mother reach out to our office because she was unable to afford childcare, which meant she could not work to provide for her family. This situation is all too common. My office sprung into action by contacting the NYC Human Resources Administration on her behalf to get her a childcare voucher. This mother is now able to work full-time and therefore provide for her family. We are committed to empowering constituents to break the cycle of poverty. If you or someone you know in our district needs assistance with applying for public benefits programs, do not hesitate to reach out to our office.

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## Youth Council Application

Do you know a high schooler looking to gain community service and leadership experience? Scan this QR code for an application to the District 74 Youth Council! Youth Council Members help Assembly Member Harvey Epstein determine legislative priorities. The Youth Council gives members an opportunity to organize around issues they care about and get more involved in their community. Applications are due September 30th.

