

Assemblyman Heastie, Local Elected Officials and Community Leaders Break Ground on New YMCA Community and Recreational Facility in Edenwald



NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, Congressman Eliot Engel, Shirley Fearon, Al de Castro, Council member Andy King, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Assemblyman Carl Heastie, Senator Jamaal Bailey, YMCA of Greater N.Y. President and CEO Sharon Greenberger and Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark.



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Update from Assemblyman **Carl E. Heastie**

on construction of new
YMCA Community and
Recreational Facility in
Edenwald

“The YMCA’s groundbreaking ceremony marks a historical milestone for the Northeast Bronx.”

— Assemblyman Carl E. Heastie

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Dear Neighbor(s):

First, I hope you had a wonderful summer full of exercise and enjoyment. I wanted to update you about the progress we have made in bringing the new YMCA Community Center to the Northeast Bronx.

We recently held a groundbreaking ceremony to begin construction of the facility and I am very excited to see this dream come to fruition. The facility is long overdue and our community deserves this intergenerational recreation center to bring families and friends together.

I'm very proud of this accomplishment and look forward to continuing to improve our community. As always, if there is any way that I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me. My office is here to serve you.

With Love and Hope,



Carl E. Heastie
Member of Assembly



Work starts on YMCA Community Center

The state-of-the-art facility will create 100 permanent jobs and include two pools, a full basketball court and programming for all ages

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Mayor Bill de Blasio, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Council member Andy King, Senator Jamaal Bailey, local elected officials and community stakeholders broke ground on Aug. 20, 2018, for a new YMCA community and recreational facility in the Edenwald neighborhood of the Bronx. The 50,000-square-foot facility will serve as a valuable resource to the community, offering two swimming pools, a full-length basketball court, gym facilities, an indoor track, a wellness center, a child care facility and multipurpose rooms. Kevin Riley, director of community relations for Speaker Heastie, deserves special thanks for managing the office's efforts in the development of this YMCA.

The center will also provide child care, after-school and summer camp, classes to improve health and wellness, and activities to strengthen the community, including senior adult programs and civic classes for new Americans. The recreational facility is expected to serve thousands of New Yorkers by year four of operations. The project will place an emphasis on local hiring and MWBE contracting.



Community leaders Gloria Bent, Kevin Riley, Shirley Fearon and Sherene Hall at the YMCA groundbreaking.



Assemblyman Heastie joins Council member Andy King, Senator Jamaal Bailey and Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark to break ground at the site for the new YMCA in the Northeast Bronx.

“This state-of-the-art recreational facility will be a welcome addition to the community. By opening a YMCA here, we have illustrated the importance of making lasting investments into the health, wealth, education and overall well-being of often overlooked communities. For this I would like to thank Mayor de Blasio, Borough President Diaz Jr., Council member King and all our community leaders for coming together to make this project a reality. Our unwavering efforts have resulted in a win for the Bronx.”

– Assembly Speaker Carl E. Heastie

The YMCA was selected in August 2016 to develop and operate the recreation center. In May 2018, the Edenwald YMCA facility certified into the city's public review process and is expected to open in 2020. Construction of the facility is expected to create 100 temporary construction jobs and 100 permanent, living wage jobs. As part of the de Blasio administration's efforts to expand economic opportunities for minority- and women-owned business enterprises (MWBEs) and local residents, the YMCA has committed to a 35 percent MWBE contracting goal for design and construction and will engage in local hiring efforts through the city's HireNYC program.

The YMCA is committed to accessibility for all members of our community. The Y's Financial Assistance Program ensures no one is turned away due to their inability to pay.