

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

AT HOME

- Place candles away from trees, decorations, drapes and other potentially flammable items
- Keep children away from plants such as mistletoe, holly berries, Jerusalem cherry, and amaryllis as they can be toxic if ingested
- Make sure your tree doesn't block any exits in case of emergency. Stand it away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources
- Check both natural and artificial trees for potential fire hazards
- Keep fragile ornaments and decorations out of children's reach
- Read the instructions on holiday decorations, especially lights, to avoid misuse or accidents. Turn decorative lights off before you leave home or go to bed.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in an easily accessible place and check your smoke alarms.

IN THE KITCHEN

- Never defrost frozen food at room temperature, thaw it in the refrigerator, cold water, or the microwave to avoid bacterial contamination and possible food poisoning
- Don't place pans on an open oven door as it can cause the oven to tip over or become damaged
- Keep young children away from open flames and hot dishes when cooking
- If you are frying, grilling or broiling food, do not leave it unattended.

ON THE GO

- Make sure your car is ready for winter weather and keep an emergency kit with a first aid kit, flashlights, non-perishable food, water, matches and other items in your vehicle
- Always arrange a designated driver or other safe way to get home when you go out anywhere that you'll be drinking
- Keep hot food, gifts and other large items in the trunk to avoid them becoming projectiles in the event of a sudden stop
- Avoid travelling alone at night and park as close to your destination as possible
- Take out your keys before you get to your car and keep a secure hold on purses and bags
- Do not leave gifts, packages, or other valuables out in your car, keep them in the trunk or out of sight



In the 2016 legislative session, I was able to secure capital funding for the following organizations.

- NYCHA for Capital improvements to NYCHA developments across the district. Capital improvements include improving safety, lighting and security
- Earl W. Jimerson Housing Company, Inc. for Capital improvements to safety, lighting and security
- Patrick E. Gorman Housing, Inc. for Capital improvements to safety, lighting and security
- Cypress Hills Local Development Corp. for Capital improvements to safety, lighting and security
- NYC Board of Education:
 - Capital Improvements to Gymnasium on the Thomas Jefferson Campus
 - Purchase and installation of a Black Box Theater; mobile computer labs; smart boards; cameras and sound equipment for the Performing Arts and Technology High School
 - Capital Improvements to the playground at I.S. 211
 - Capital Improvements for I.S. 276, P.S. 272 and J.H.S. 78
- NYC Health & Hospitals for a Cervical imaging system, 3D-4D Ultrasound Machine for the East NY Diagnostic Health Center
- East NY Local Development Corp for Capital Improvements for Local Organizations including Arts East New York
- NY Community Hospital for Infrastructure and Boiler repair
- New York City Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice for Capital Improvements and Site renovation, Equipment and Computers for the Brownsville Cops & Kids Boxing Program
- Jewish Community Council of Marine Park for Capital Projects
- CUNY Kingsborough Community College for the Creation of Student Union and Intercultural Center
- Brookdale Hospital for the purchase of equipment for the Breast Cancer Lab

In the upcoming session I will work with leadership to continue to secure funds for projects across the district.