

NEWS FROM BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #10

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One of the ways that community boards can be assistance to their constituencies, is by contacting government agencies and seeking their services, when there is a problem in the neighborhood. Recently, it came to Bronx Community Board #10's attention that an illegal massage parlor and prostitution location was operating out of a property at E. Tremont Avenue. This matter was reported to the 45th Precinct by the Board, and an investigation ensued, which involved other units of the Police Department. The investigation resulted in an arrest, and the site has been shut down. The Board invites the public to contact it, with it their concerns regarding neighborhood conditions. The Board is grateful to the officers of the 45th Precinct and their colleagues for their efforts.

Community Board #10 is in the process of scheduling meetings with City agencies concerning the establishment of budget priorities for the Board. The Board would like to invite all of the civic organizations operating within its service areas to contact the Board, with their suggestions for capital and expense projects from the City's budget. While funds may be limited, that does not mean that the funding for these needed projects has been eliminated. Therefore, it is important for these organizations to contact the Board with their budget items. Interested parties can send their information to BX10@CB.NYC.GOV, or by contacting the Board at 718-892-1161 or by mail at Bronx Community Board #10 at 3165 E. Tremont Avenue, Bronx, NY 10461.

Difficult economic times require innovative responses. To this end, the South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation (SoBRO) is operating The SoBRO Learning Center, which provides Workforce Development Skills Training and Employment Services. The Center also provides Adult Basic Education. SoBRO has a long and honorable history of meeting the business and communal needs of Bronxites. The Center is located at 647 E.180th Street, between Belmont Avenue and Hughes Avenue. Enrollment for job training takes place every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 AM. Interested parties can call 646-340-9436 or contact jkamara@sobro.org. to arrange for an appointment. Please come dressed for a job interview and if possible, bring a resume. Interested parties should also bring a photo ID and Social Security Card. After training, the Center provides job placement assistance.

From June through October each year, New Yorkers should be aware of the presence of West Nile Virus. West Nile Virus is a carried by mosquitoes which can infect humans and animals. It is spread when someone or an animal is bitten by an infected mosquito. The virus can result in short term flu-like symptoms, but in some cases, it can result in more serious illnesses. The mosquitoes can breed in standing water, tall grass, weeds and bushes. The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene advises that water can accumulate in unused tires, cans, pools and covers. The mosquitoes can enter one's home through unscreened windows, doors or broken screens.

The agency recommends that if you are bitten, and have flu-like symptoms to seek medical assistance. The agency further recommends the removal of old tires from your property, the disposal of old cans and containers, making sure that the roof gutters drain properly and are cleaned, cleaning and chlorinating pools, overturning plastic pools and changing the water every three to four days in bird baths. Additionally, repair or replace all broken screens. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene maintains a more comprehensive analysis of the West Nile Virus issue, which can be found at nyc.gov/health/wnv. or 311. This site further provides updates, on the agency's spraying efforts.

Bronx Community Board #10 is available to assist you with your concerns, please feel free to contact us at 718-892-1161 or BX10@cb.nyc.gov. Please feel free to visit our office at 3165 E. Tremont Avenue. We are open five days a week between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.