

HEAT BEAT

HYDRANT EDUCATION ACTION TEAM NEWSLETTER

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Hello HEAT 2017

The Hydrant Education Action Team (HEAT) was created by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to educate the community about the dangers of illegally opened fire hydrants. The participants canvas the areas with high records of illegally opened fire hydrants during the summer months.

HEAT participants are hired through South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation (SoBRO) Summer Youth Employment Program. The HEAT program gives youth an important role by educating on safe and legal ways to stay cool during the hot summer months.



The HEAT participants acting out their skit - Why we should we stop illegally opening fire hydrants.



The HEAT participants in front of The Digester Eggs.

The 2017 HEAT program started on July 5th at Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The participants received training from DEP's Bureau of Water and Sewer Operations, the New York City Fire Department and SoBRO staff.

The orientation prepared the HEAT members to educate the community on the dangers associated with illegally opened fire hydrants. They learned about NYC water resources, and all the reason why illegally opened fire hydrants affect their communities, family and neighbors. The HEAT members had a life changing experience. They will never look at NYC water the same way. They all took their mission very seriously.

The goal of the **HEAT** program is to educate community residents and stakeholders about the dangers associated with illegally opened fire hydrants. Promote and advocate for the use of spray caps on fire hydrants.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We bring the HEAT

July 10

Davidson Community Center
2038 Davidson Ave.
Bronx, NY 10459 (CB5)
9 AM - 10 AM

July 11

Inwood Library
4790 Broadway
New York, NY 10034 (CB12)
9 AM - 10 AM

July 11

Bronx Terminal Market
Rooftop Films
610 Exterior St.
Bronx, NY 10451 (CB4)
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

July 12

St. Edmund Episcopal Church
Summer Camp
1905 Morris Ave.
Bronx, NY 10453 (CB5)
11 AM - 12:30 PM

July 13

Sedgwick Branch Library
1701 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Bronx, NY 10453 (CB5)
10 AM - 12PM

July 14

ACDP Beacon
3940 Broadway
New York, NY 10032 (CB12A)
10 AM - 11 AM

July 15

Bronx Terminal Market
The Bridge
610 Exterior St.
Bronx, NY 10451 (CB4)
10 AM - 1 PM

**Come for a fun
time and a
chance to win
HEAT free
Giveaways**



CB 12A with Mrs. Valez, local resident supporting the HEAT mission.

Here Comes the HEAT!

This year HEAT teams can be found in Community Board (CB) 4, 5 in the Bronx and CB 12 in Manhattan, carrying out HEAT's mission in city parks, tabling events in public libraries and community centers. They will also take part in big summer events such as Bronx Museum's Boogie of the Boulevard, NYPD National Night Out and many more.

While the first week was a short one, the HEAT team hit the ground running. Informing many residents who were not aware of how easy it is to request a spray cap from their local firehouse can be, as long as they are 18 or over.



CB5 HEAT participants at BronxWorks Summer Camp.



CB4 Heat members putting up poster with the support of local businesses.

Along with the HEAT message, the teams will distribute free fans that showcase HEAT's Capman. Capman's message is simple: "PUT A CAP ON IT!". The teams will also post HEAT fliers, in English and Spanish in storefronts of supportive businesses in the community.

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