

HEAT BEAT

HYDRANT EDUCATION ACTION TEAM NEWSLETTER



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  Hydrant Education Action Team

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WELCOME HEAT 2018

For the 11th year, the Hydrant Education Action Team (HEAT) members are walking throughout your neighborhood to bring you news and information to help you have a fun and SAFE summer!



HEAT was created by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to educate the community about the dangers of illegally opened fire hydrants. The HEAT teams focus on spreading the news especially in the areas with a history of illegally opened fire hydrants during the summer months.

The South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation (SoBro) hires the HEAT team members through its participation in the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP).

CB 12 HEAT Team ready to share the HEAT mission

This summer internship gives the youths an important role in their communities and helps them develop leadership and advocacy skills. The HEAT program advocates for safe and legal ways to enjoy the cool, refreshing water from fire hydrants during the hot summer months.

The youths also have an opportunity to show residents how caring for NYC's water resources impacts them and their neighbors.

The HEAT teams share their experiences with the Bronx Community Boards 4 and 5, and Manhattan Community Board 12, residents by contributing their stories to this weekly newsletter as well as on its social media accounts. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to learn more about what's happening in the neighborhoods and at events throughout the summer.



2018 HEAT Team

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



Upcoming Events

We bring the HEAT!

July 16

Inwood Library
4790 Broadway
Manhattan, NY 10034 (CB12)
11 AM - 1 PM

July 17

Terminal Bronx Market
Rooftop Film Event
Beauty & the Beast Film
610 Exterior Street
Bronx, NY 10451 (CB4)
7 PM - 8:30 PM

July 18

Melrose Library
Stop, Rock & Read Event
910 Morris Ave.
Bronx, NY 10451 (CB4)
12 PM - 2 PM

July 19

Highbridge Senior Center
1181 Nelson Ave.
Bronx, NY 10452 (CB4)
12 PM - 2 PM



HEAT Kickoff!

The kickoff to the HEAT program started July 5th with a trip to the Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. The team members received an exciting training presented by Mr. Natan Mandelbaum, DEP Bureau of Water and Sewer Operation, Ms. LaToya Anderson, DEP Environmental Educator, and FDNY Lieutenant Anthony Mancuso. Ms. Anderson gave the HEAT team a tour of the wastewater



FDNY Lieutenant Mancuso explaining the relationship between open hydrants and fire safety

treatment process, with a close-up look at the final and most fascinating stage, the Digester Egg. The HEAT participants learned most importantly that NYC's water is the best in the country and that DEP doesn't want to stop NYC residents from using fire hydrants to cool off, but to understand the importance of requesting a spray cap which greatly reduces the amount of water released when they're opened.

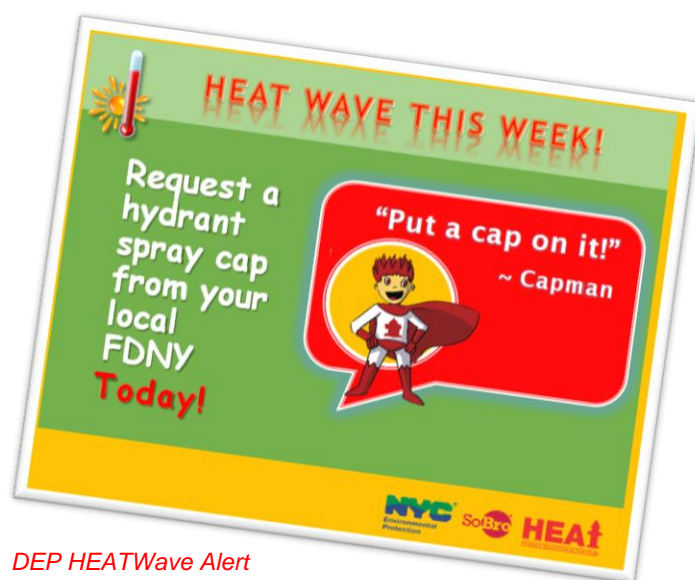


If you would like to receive email alerts for extreme heat days, go to our Facebook page to sign up!

Beating the HEAT!

HEAT teams will be doing outreach in the neighborhoods and also at some major community events! This year we will be sharing some new ideas of ways to keep cool this summer. For safe alternatives to keep cool, the teams will be distributing maps for each district identifying registered cooling centers along with parks and playgrounds that have sprinklers installed.

Also new this year, DEP and HEAT will introduce **HEATWave**, an extreme-heat notification system set up to send texts or emails to residents in the days before a heat wave hits to the city. With the



DEP HEATWave Alert

HEATWave alerts, community residents will have ample time to plan ahead and make arrangements to care for elderly residents, children and pets. The HEAT teams will be out in the community at cooling centers with activities on those extreme heat days. Check our social media pages for up-to-the-minute information and details of where we will be in your community. If you know additional ways to keep cool, post them in the comments on our Facebook, Twitter or Instagram accounts and we'll share them with your community!

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