

HEAT BEAT

HYDRANT EDUCATION ACTION TEAM

It's the end of July... but this isn't Goodbye!

The Hydrant Education Action Team has left a lasting impression on the Bronx and Manhattan communities for the past month, but we aren't done just yet! This week, Community Board 12B visited the Raoul Wallenberg Park on 189th Street and Amsterdam Avenue to give a presentation in Spanish to women and children from the Dominican Women's Development Center. The community appreciated our work while recognizing that we are promoting their children's safety.



Everyone loves our jeopardy game, it's fun and informative!

This week in Washington Heights, the team visited Convent Garden on West 151st Street. Julie Davis, the keeper for the garden, is a neighborhood activist. When we met with her, she strongly supported HEAT's mission. Davis reiterated the danger of illegally opening fire hydrants due to the strength of the water pressure. She also added, "Because open fire hydrants affect the pressure of our water supply, it's very important for preserving not just my garden but also plant life in the entire city." Davis assured the team that she will incorporate tackling illegally-opened fire hydrants into her activism in the future.



Why We Work With The F.D.N.Y.

Community Board 12A met with Battalion Chief Anthony Montera at Engine 95 Ladder 36. He's dedicated himself to saving people's lives and properties for 26 years. In appreciation, Montera said, "The HEAT program has greatly supported New York City's fire department by educating members of the community on how the wasteful use of fire hydrants impact not just their own lives but the lives of many others when my men are responding daily to emergencies."



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Upcoming Events

August 6: National Night Out

CB4: 2 East 169th Street

CB5: 2120 Ryer Avenue

CB12A: 4292 Broadway

CB12B: 2207 Amsterdam Avenue

Time: 3PM-8PM

August 7: Fort Tryon Park

Location: 515 Audubon Park 190th Street

Time: 1:30PM

August 8: East Concourse Senior Center

Location: 236 East Tremont Avenue

Time: 11:00AM

The time has come again for the HEAT team to work alongside with the NYPD for their annual National Night Out against crime. Last year there were hundreds in attendance. HEAT teams handed out literature, rewarded prizes and distributed giveaways. This year we look forward to having another exciting year working with the NYPD and meeting members of the community. Come join us!

Public Opinion

Samantha Jones from 166th Street and River Avenue explained to the HEAT teams that she was harmed by an open fire hydrant at her own home when her first floor apartment flooded. She was forced to leave for a couple of days until all of the water was drained out of her apartment. Jones said to us, "I'm really glad you guys are out here. It will prevent what happened to me from happening to anyone else."



Meet Our HEAT Elites!



Brandon Rios CB 12B

"This is my second summer on the HEAT team. I wouldn't want to do anything else. Everyone drinks and uses water, so everyone is affected by an open hydrant. I've grown to love community outreach because it entails a goal to make a positive change in our communities."

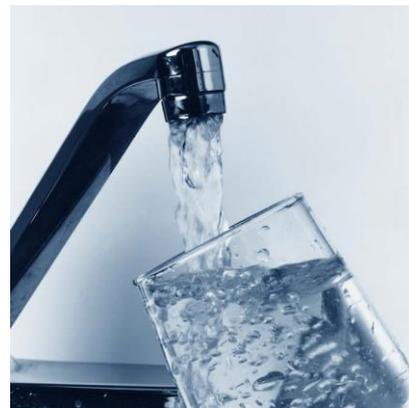


Steven Veliz CB 12A

"I remember once when a store owner told me how much he appreciated what I was doing because his business was once affected by an open hydrant. I truly appreciate being a part of this group. Not only do I feel accepted by the community, but I've also felt accepted by my peers who I work with everyday."

Did You Know?

The national average of indoor residential water use per day per person is 60-70 gallons.



The Hydrant Education Action Team (HEAT) is jointly sponsored by:

The purpose of HEAT is to educate community residents and stakeholders about the problems surrounding the illegal use of fire hydrants.

