

HEAT BEAT

HYDRANT EDUCATION ACTION TEAM

Farewell HEAT Team 2013



This summer, the Hydrant Education Action Team (HEAT) performed outreach to schools, community based organizations, community boards and community centers to educate residents on the hazards of illegally opened fire hydrants. Their efforts resulted in increased public safety as well as an increase in the conservation of water. Neighborhood business owners, local residents, and community agencies, as well as NYC Comptroller John Liu and Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, recognized the HEAT teams for educating the public on hydrant misuse and positively impacting local communities. Even though the end of the summer brings a close to this year's HEAT program, the teams will be back again next year and ready to talk to residents, community leaders, and business owners about the importance of hydrant safety. In the meantime, don't forget to put a cap on it! The HEAT teams thank the Manhattan and Bronx communities in which they worked for their interest in and support of HEAT's mission this summer.

Special Thanks To Our Community Partners!

The Community Board 12 Team would like to give a special thank you to the Isabella Center, located on 515 Audubon Avenue, for their cooperation with the Hydrant Education Action Team and for hosting them at three different events this summer. Ms. Carol Ban, Director of Aging in Place Programs, accommodated us with a table at her YUM food market, which is held every Wednesday at the Isabella Center from 11a.m. to 4p.m. that allowed the HEAT team to spread their message to the community's senior citizens. In addition, the Isabella Center allowed us to present the HEAT message to their arts and craft class at Jay Hood Wright Park. The seniors at the needle class were concerned about the dangers associated with illegally opened fire hydrants, and made commitments to call 311 if they see an open hydrant. The Isabella Center also invited us to distribute our flyers at their monthly time bank meeting. Creating such partnerships with community organizations strengthens outreach and helps to spread HEAT's message.



YUM Food Market at the Isabella Center

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East Concourse Senior Center



Highbridge Advisory Senior Center

The Bronx Community Board 4 HEAT team thanks their partner organizations and institutions for their support and assistance in spreading the HEAT message. They are: Captain Poole and Lieutenant Miccio of Firehouse Engine 68/Ladder Company 49, Mr. Rodriguez of the HighBridge Gardens NYCHA Development, Ms. Margaret Fleesack of the Highbridge Library Branch, Ms. Megan Noland of the New Settlement Community Center, and Ms. Dawn Holloway of the Melrose Branch Library. We also appreciate Officer Tejada from the 44th Precinct for welcoming us at this year's National Night Out Event.

We would also like to thank Ms. Quinones and her patrons from the Highbridge Advisory Senior Center who assisted us in closing a fire hydrant located on West 169th Street and The Edward L. Grant Highway. Finally, we would like to thank Ms. Lucy Lombello, Coordinator of the East Concourse Senior Center, and her clients for aiding us in closing three fire hydrants in the Concourse/Tremont Neighborhood.

Meet Our HEAT Elites

SoBRO's HEAT Elites are devoted members of the HEAT team who have not only performed the scheduled outreach this summer, but have also gone above and beyond by searching for additional opportunities to spread the HEAT message— whether through identifying new community partners or speaking to just one more person before the day's end.

We would also like to honor the HEAT Team Leaders as HEAT Elites, who—on a daily basis—guided the teams through their visits to neighboring parks, community organizations, and local events. Throughout the course of the summer they became role models to many of the HEAT team members; their instruction and example helped to develop leadership qualities in many of the HEAT team members.



Team Leaders: Christine Blanch, Cristal Espejo and Briana Morgan. HEAT Members: Jeremy Arroyo, Nyasia Perciballi, Carlos Ramos, Emmanuel Raudales, Tavon Scipio and Zavon Scipio.

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.

