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Weekly Updates from Queens Borough Hall - August 26, 2016

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FUNDING UPGRADES FOR PLAYGROUND IN WOODSIDE

Hart Playground in Woodside will soon receive some much needed upgrades thanks to Borough President Katz and City Council Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer, who together announced a combined allocation of \$2.7 million to improve and beautify the busy neighborhood playground, which has not undergone any significant renovations in 20 years. Also pictured include Queens Parks Commissioner Dorothy Lewandowski (second from r.), Community Board 2 Chair Denise Keehan-Smith (l.) and District Manager Debbie Markell Kleinert (r.).



SECURITY CAMERAS INSTALLED AT SPRING CREEK PARK

In the wake of the horrific rape and murder earlier this month of Queens resident and jogger Ms. Karina Vetrano, the NYPD this week installed eight new security camera units on the perimeter of Spring Creek Park in Howard Beach. The cameras were funded by Borough President Katz as part of a larger \$1.2 million plan for the purchase and installation of 34 camera units boroughwide. "You enter there, you exit there, you're going to be filmed," she said at Councilmember Eric Ulrich's August 8 community meeting about Vetrano's murder, where she pledged to work with the NYPD to get the cameras installed.

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INAUGURATIONS AND A BIRTHDAY IN FLUSHING

The August 19 inauguration ceremony for the new leadership of the Flushing Chinese Business Association (FCBA) included an impromptu celebration of Borough President Katz's birthday, which also fell on August 19. Borough President Katz first extended appreciation to outgoing FCBA President Ms. Liu Tie Shu for her six years of service to Flushing, then congratulated and welcomed new FCBA President Mr. Gary Hu on his election. Also pictured: State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli, State Senator Toby Stavisky, Assemblymember Ron Kim and Councilmember Barry Grodenchik.



RETURNING TO BREEZY POINT

Borough President Katz returned to the Rockaway Point Association for their annual meeting with elected officials on August 22 to offer an update about her Hurricane Relief Task Force's ongoing facilitation of multi-agency coordination on post-Sandy rebuilding and resiliency efforts. Borough President Katz also discussed the critical importance of the local community's say in determining the future of Fort Tilden Army Reserve Center, a nine-acre piece of federal land slated for disposal.



SALUTING VOLUNTEERS WHO COMBAT HUNGER

At Tomchei Shabbos of Queens' (TSQ's) fifth annual volunteer appreciation event on August 24, Borough President Katz paid tribute to TSQ's dedicated volunteers who help feed the hungry with nearly 400 food packages per week. Borough President Katz gave special recognition to Mr. Avi Ringelheim (second from l.), a volunteer who has helped deliver food packages to countless needy families and individuals for over 35 years.



QUEENS TOURISM KIOSK RETURNS TO U.S. OPEN

For the fifth year in a row, a Queens tourism promotion kiosk will be placed at this year's U.S. Open Tennis Championships, the largest annually attended sporting event in the world, which begins next week at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. In recent years, nearly half of the tournament's attendees were from outside the metropolitan area and, of those, 15 percent were from abroad. Borough President Katz joined Assemblymembers Jeffrion Aubry (third from r.) and Margaret Markey (fourth from l.), City Councilmembers Julissa Ferreras-Copeland (fifth from l.) and Peter Koo (sixth from l.), and other officials this week to help unveil the tourism kiosk.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR HOMELESS KIDS

Borough President Katz is encouraging members of the public to donate backpacks and other school supplies to homeless children as part of "Project: Back to School," an annual initiative organized by the Coalition for the Homeless. The Borough President's Office is accepting donations through August 31 in the "Project: Back to School" drop-off box located in the lobby of Queens Borough Hall at 120-55 Queens Boulevard in Kew Gardens. Donations dropped off at Borough Hall are anonymous and are not tax-deductible. All donated items received will be distributed to schoolchildren living in homeless shelters to help them get the upcoming school year off to a good start.

UPCOMING EVENTS (for an expanded list of Queens events, click [here](#))

QUEENS LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING

[TENTATIVE] Thu September 8 at 10:30am @ Queens Borough Hall

"NEXT NEW IDEA TO NEW VENTURE" CLASS (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

[AT WWW.QUEENSNY.ORG/QEDC/BUSINESS/EVENTS](http://WWW.QUEENSNY.ORG/QEDC/BUSINESS/EVENTS))

Mon September 12 at 5:45pm @ Queens Borough Hall

QUEENS BOROUGH BOARD | Topic: TBD

Mon September 19 at 5:30pm @ Queens Borough Hall

QUEENS BOROUGH CABINET | Topic: TBD

Tue September 20 at 9:30am @ Queens Borough Hall

QUEENS LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING

Thu September 29 at 10:30am @ Queens Borough Hall

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Mon October 3 at 5:45pm @ Queens Borough Hall

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Wed October 19 at 9:30am @ Queens Borough Hall

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Thu October 20 at 10:30am @ Queens Borough Hall

CELEBRATION OF ITALIAN AMERICAN CULTURE & HERITAGE MONTH, HOSTED BY BOROUGH PRESIDENT KATZ

(RSVP AT WWW.QUEENSBP.ORG/RSVP)

Tue October 25 at 7pm @ St. John's University (Marillac Hall)

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Mon November 7 at 5:45pm @ Queens Borough Hall

VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE CEREMONY, HOSTED BY BOROUGH PRESIDENT KATZ (RSVP

AT WWW.QUEENSBP.ORG/RSVP)

Wed November 9 at 11am @ Queens Borough Hall

QUEENS LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING

Thu November 10 at 10:30am @ Queens Borough Hall

QUEENS BOROUGH BOARD | Topic: TBD

Mon November 14 at 5:30pm @ Queens Borough Hall

QUEENS BOROUGH CABINET | Topic: TBD

Tue November 15 at 9:30am @ Queens Borough Hall

QUEENS LAND USE PUBLIC HEARING

Thu December 1 at 10:30am @ Queens Borough Hall

**"NEXT NEW IDEA TO NEW VENTURE" CLASS (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
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Mon December 5 at 5:45pm @ Queens Borough Hall

QUEENS BOROUGH BOARD | Topic: TBD

Mon December 12 at 5:30pm @ Queens Borough Hall

QUEENS BOROUGH CABINET | Topic: TBD

Tue December 13 at 9:30am @ Queens Borough Hall

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