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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

- I) Ms. Effie Ardizzone presented on Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Issues.
 - A) Owners Water bill rebates for Home: All 1-3 family homes in NYC will receive a one-time rebate of \$183 through the NYC Department of Finance. This will likely show up in the next water bill, although some home owners have already received their rebate.
 - B) Fire hydrant usage and related concerns: We are in a lockdown area but sprinkler caps can be installed by the local fire department. Anyone 18 or older can request a sprinkler cap from the local firehouse. Unfortunately, individuals have learned how to turn on the hydrants; this should only be done by the FDNY. Call 311 and DEP will come out and shut down the hydrant. If a sprinkler cap is on the hydrant, it is not as high a priority as an uncapped hydrant because of the danger of the force running water. Sprinkler caps cannot be installed on 2 way streets. Community Boards 4 & 5 has the highest issues with open hydrants. Through Hydrant Education Actions Teams (HEAT) paid for through DYCD's SYEP, youth educate the community about the importance of water conservation.
 - C) Home owner's Insurance: Applications are available for additional coverage from the sewer to your house. They are available at the Board Office.
 - D) Complaints can be addressed here: The Bureau of Customer Services (BCS) located at 1932 Arthur Avenue.
 - E) DEP participates in National Night Out Against Crime: This is held the first Tuesday in August. The board can request information for our table.
- II) Ms. Betty Arce presented on feral cat Colonies: The presentation was dedicated to Mr. Martin Brenna, a resident of our community who recently died. The presentation was informative and it highlighted the tremendous and urgent need for an animal shelter in the Bronx. Copies of the presentation are available at the board office
- III) The Committee reviewed and discussed the Budget priorities (Capital & Expense): It was agreed by all that the Animal shelter should remain as a top priority. The final response will be sent later but each person left with their own survey will be responsible for sending it back to the Board office.
- IV) Adjournment