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THRU THE COMMON GOAL OF
MAINTAINING PUBLIC ACCESS TO PARK



NYC PARKS, SENATOR K. GONZALEZ
& USTA

WE FUNDRAISED

\$240K LIGHTS CAMPAING GOAL



	Funding Sources & Construction Vendors	Cost	% Complete
1	<input type="checkbox"/> CURRENT MTAC FUNDRAISING	\$238,033.59	99%
2	Summer Ladders, Rays, Backyard Bar, Merch/Raffle (Minus 2024 Reimbursables)	\$28,289.59	12%
3	GoFundMe	\$4,744.00	2%
4	USTA Grant Tier III	\$55,000.00	23%
5	USTA Eastern Sectional	\$150,000.00	TBD
6	James Murphy/Good Room Event	\$0.00	TBD
7			
8	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRUCTION BUDGET	\$240,000.00	
9	(8) 40ft LED Light Poles	\$81,357.58	34%
10	Electrical	\$69,845.00	29%
11	Architect/Engineer	\$16,500.00	7%
12	General Contractor	\$69,000.00	29%
13	City Fee's (ie NYC DOB Fee's, Special Inspections) + Contingency	\$3,297.42	1%
14			
15	FUNDS STILL TO BE RAISED	\$1,966.41	1%
16			



CONCLUSION: NONPROFIT AS THE IDEAL PARTNER

CLOSING STATEMENT



After considering the points in this presentation, the nonprofit model clearly offers a more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable solution for installing the lights as well as other future planned capital improvement phases (ie court resurfacing, new fence, landscaping/seating).

Our nonprofit proposal ensures that public spaces remain truly public, the lighting meets professional standards, more free programming is available for children, juniors, families, senior citizens and all of this comes at no cost to the Parks Department.

This is a long-term investment in the community by the community, preserving public access and fostering inclusivity, in stark contrast to a private company's more exclusive, profit-driven model.

NYC PARKS AGREES!!!
FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD!
“ADOPT A PARK”





**TO BE CONTINUED:
MORE PHASES?**

- 1 2025 LIGHTING**
- 2 COURT RESURFACING**
- 3 NEW FENCE/PUBLIC ENTRY**
- 4 LANDSCAPING/SEATING**
- 5 MORE COURTS!!!**



**DID YOU KNOW THAT
TENNIS & PICKLE BALL
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ONE'S HEALTH**

**TOP SPORTS FOR
LONGEVITY &
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The New York Times

The Best Sport for a Longer Life? Try Tennis.

People who played tennis, badminton or soccer tended to live longer than those who cycled, swam or jogged.



TENNIS FOR SENIORS – THE BEST SPORT FOR OVER-40S?

WHY TENNIS IS A GREAT SPORT FOR SENIORS

Tennis: A Sport for All Ages and Skill Levels

TENNIS FOR ALL AGES: THE PERFECT SPORT TO PLAY DURING FALL

10 Reasons Why Tennis is the Best Sport

Tennis Is A Sport That All Ages Can Enjoy

10 BENEFITS OF TENNIS FOR KIDS

Staying Active Over 50: Why Tennis Is Great for Older Adults

There's No Age Limit in Tennis

Tennis-A Great Sport for Those Over 50

Tennis Everyone! Why tennis is the best sport for a long, healthy and active life

Why Do Old People Love Tennis



**TENNIS & PICKLE
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EVERYONE!**

DON'T TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT!



"I am an avid user of the courts all year round, multiple days each week I would love to see an improvement and expansion of the facility and fully support all initiatives to do so!" — DAVID HARRIS, 44

"I think McCarren Tennis is special because of the community. I made friends with whom I spend time outside of tennis, and that was been very rewarding. I'd love to see more support for lights/improvements/more programs so that more of the Greenpoint/Williamsburg community can enjoy the tennis: both because it's a great workout but mostly because of the community and friendships that it brings" — CONRADO BRENNAN, 27

"I have been playing at McCarren Tennis courts regularly for the past 7 years and have made many wonderful friends and tennis hitting partners along the way. I would love to see more improvements on the Tennis courts (more courts please!), Fence maintenance and possible more lighting so more people can play tennis till the end of the evening." — JONATHAN BORIN, 47

"The McCarren park tennis courts are one of my favorite things about living in Williamsburg. A great community hub that I try to take advantage of a few times a week. My only complaint? They're so busy that it's hard to find courts. More courts and lights to play at night would be a huge win for the tennis community!!!" — WILL DENNIS, 34

"The McCarren courts give us a place not just for improving our physical health, but our mental health as well, through a sense of community!" — GENE GAYOL, 50

"A lack of lights limits how much we can play at night, and a general lack of accessible and affordable courts in New York can make it challenging to get on court at all. The simple improvements being requested by the mccarren tennis association will help alleviate these issues, while allowing us to continue to grow the community, which benefits Williamsburg as a whole" — JIM BREYER, 39

"As soon as the Lower East Side courts went away, everyone flooded to McCarren. We need more courts. Way more courts!" — JOEL BACH, 53

"More courts, PLEASE! We need way more. Plus, I can't afford the bubble. It's WAY too expensive for me and my family." — AMANDA LINCOLN, 41

"Playing at McCarren has ignited my love for tennis and introduced me to many life-long friends. It is a place for tennis enthusiasts of all levels to come together. I am so grateful to have something so awesome be so accessible. — BOON MEESUWAN, 31

"I'm super thankful for the McCarren Park tennis courts & community, and believe expanding the quantity and times that players can use the courts would represent a significant boost to the desirability of living in the neighborhood." — BEN AGHION, 36

"I have no doubt adding more tennis courts for public use would have a positive impact for both local businesses as well the community at large." — JENIFER HAMM, 24

"These courts are too important to too many people to not care for them and improve them. As the community continues to grow, we find ourselves fighting more and more for court time.. I implore you to please help fund the ongoing development of the courts." — CYNTHIA BANYON, 34

"From the amazing park department employees, to the volunteers from the mccarren tennis association, to the social media managers, all the way to the players: the passion for tennis and this tennis community is priceless, and on a personal level, has resulted in numerous friendships. This is a passionate community who put their own time and energy into improving the experience for everyone." — JON BELELIEU, 22

"In a city with many more tennis players than tennis courts, the McCarren park tennis courts are a critical hub for the local tennis community and a major enhancement to our park and neighborhood." — SAMANTHA O'NEIL, 43

"We would be incredibly grateful if you were to set up lights for the remaining courts. Even more excited if you were consider setting up more public courts. The parking lot next door has so much space and is hardly being used!" — JACOB GOLLUB, 62

"Tennis is so important for our mental health and with costs of living increasing, we hope tennis can become more accessible year round! I would love to see the tennis area improved for the future of the park and my kids. Would also love to see additional courts for the area as the demand is insane!." — LANA HANSEN, 43



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Intro 0694

Citywide Public Bathroom Network



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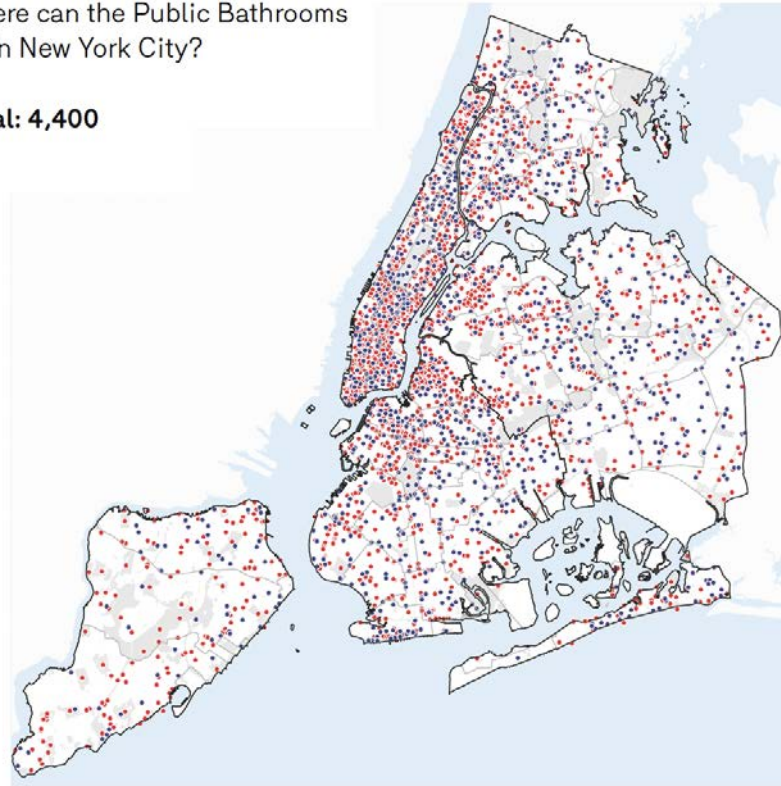
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About Intro 0694

- Began drafting Spring 2022, introduced August 2023 with homeless advocates, mobile workers, elder advocates, legal service providers, childcare providers, and more.
- Dynamic target ratio of 1 toilet per 2,000 New Yorkers by 2035; or about 4,100 total public bathrooms compared to today's 1,100
- Integrates public bathrooms into the City's existing strategic planning processes & requires interagency coordination with quadrennial reports
- Creates public bathroom map showing planned & existing bathrooms, including accessibility and design features, hours of operations, agency responsible for maintenance

Where can the Public Bathrooms go in New York City?

Total: 4,400



A bill introduced in New York City Council could get us to one bathroom for every 2,000 residents by 2035. This would provide public access to 4,400 public bathrooms.

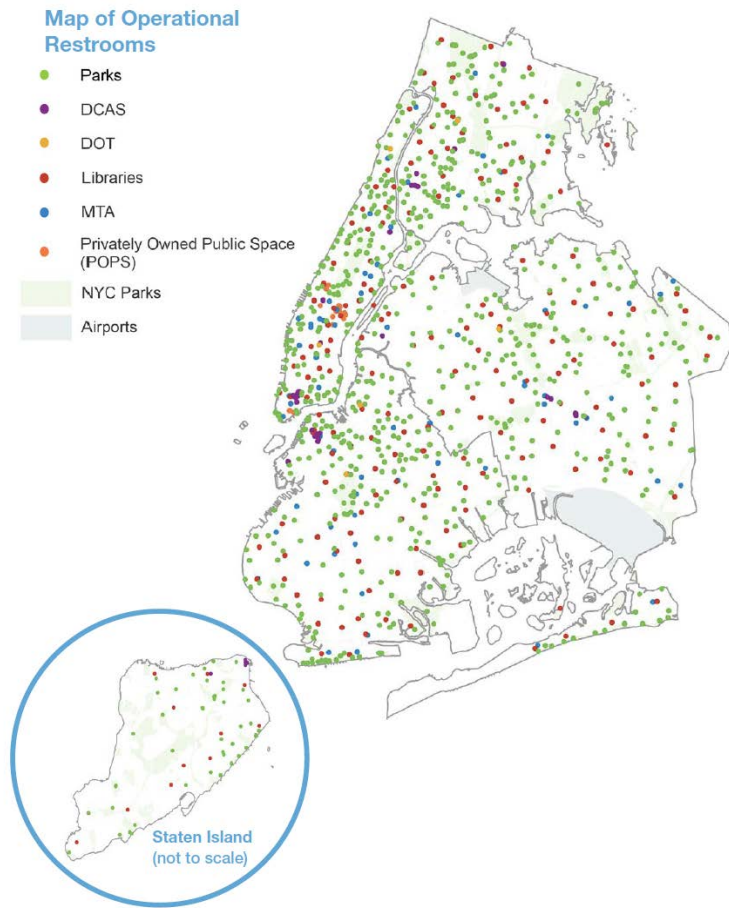


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The Need

- 1,066 public bathrooms are currently operational. This is a ratio of 1 bathroom per 7,800 New Yorkers.
 - 943 of are open yearround and 123 seasonally
 - NYC ranks 93rd of the 100 largest U.S. cities in public bathrooms per capita
- The lack of bathrooms disproportionately affects vulnerable populations, including the homeless, people with health conditions, the disabled, children, pregnant people, people who menstruate, and seniors.
- In 2023, NYPD issued 3,698 criminal summonses and 5,672 civil summonses for urinating in public.
- Difficult to find when nature calls!



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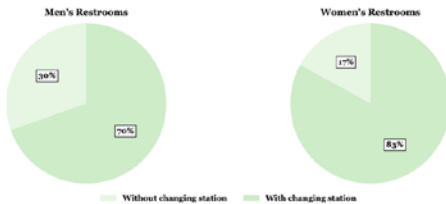
Current State of Public Bathrooms

- 93 additional bathrooms non-operational due to active repairs, slated demolition, or potential relocations
- A recent Council survey of 102 Parks bathrooms (51 men's and 51 women's) in each Council District found that two-thirds (66%) of all examined Parks restrooms were closed or had health and safety issues (see snapshots)

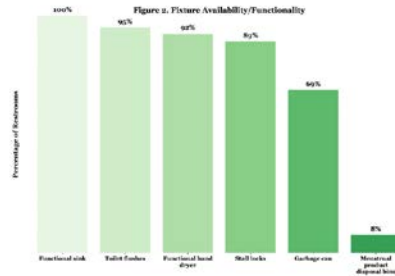
3. There is a significant disparity in the availability of baby changing stations between men's and women's restrooms.

Notably, 24% of restrooms inspected lacked baby changing stations.¹¹ In fact, there was a distinct gender gap regarding the availability of these stations: 30% of men's restrooms lacked baby changing stations compared to 17% of women's restrooms. Despite these observations made by Council staff in the restrooms selected for this report, B-W asserts that 93% of park restrooms currently have baby changing stations.¹²

Figure 3. Baby Changing Stations in Men's vs Women's Restrooms



2. Several restrooms lacked stall locks and garbage cans.



Approximately one in every nine stalls inspected by Council staff lacked functioning locks¹³ and 30% of restrooms did not have a garbage can. Only 8% of restrooms had menstrual product disposal bins. Moreover, 77% of restrooms, including 23% of women's restrooms, had no place to throw away menstrual products - lacking both trash cans and disposal bins.

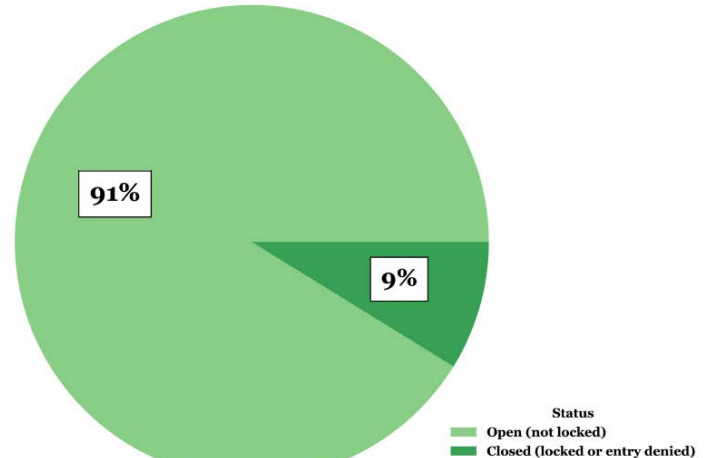
Findings

OID compiled the results of the 102 park restroom inspections and found the following:

- Although most restrooms were open and easy to locate, some were closed during scheduled open hours.

Almost 9% of restrooms surveyed by Council staff were closed when they should have been open and available for use. Staff observed lines at only one restroom and found two restrooms difficult to locate.

Figure 1. Restroom Status



Challenges: Siting, Costs and Timelines

Parks/Non-APTs

- It can take 2.5 to 4 years to build a new public bathroom.
- Usually bathrooms go through multiple phases of development, including predesign, design, procurement, and construction.
- Must go through various levels of review including City's law department, approvals by local CB and Public Design Commission, and OMB authorization.
- The average cost of a non-APT bathroom is \$3.5 million in FY 24 dollars, but they can go up as high as \$5 million.

Automated Public Toilets (APTs)

- Costs: \$175,000 per bathroom, not including installation
- Complicated siting requirements
- Process:
 - DOT receives APT site recommendations through 311 requests, CMs, BPs, CBs, and BIDs. Following the request, DOT analyzes the site to determine if it meets criteria in the franchise agreement.
 - Within 60 days of the request, JCDecaux must conduct an engineering feasibility review.
 - If the site passes this review, DOT will start the approval process, including approvals by the Mayor, City Council Speaker as required by authorizing resolution. Additional approval must also be secured from the Community Board, the Public Design Commission, and the local Council Member.



What Is the City Doing?

- “Ur In Luck” Initiative: 82 new & refurbished restrooms to come online citywide in next 5 years, will site 14 additional APTs in next 2 years
 - This includes the LL 114 report numbers that stated there were 55 planned (funded, not yet started) new Parks bathrooms will be complete in the next five years.
 - Google Map Layer
- LL 114 report: 54 active new restroom capital projects in development in City parks and 1 planned APT spread over 37 Modified Zip Code Tabulation Areas (ModZCTAs).
- LL 114 report: NYC ID’d 96 potentially conceptually feasible locations for new public restrooms across 60 ModZCTAs. (These sites need engineering studies to determine actual feasibility)
- “Loo York City” working group



What Is the City Doing?

- Strategies to decrease costs, speed up timelines
 - Prefabricated single occupancy restrooms (Portland Loo)
 - Modular construction
 - Public-private partnerships
 - Design Build RFPs
 - Public Facilities



Rendering of Soundview Rec Center in the Bronx, which will have 2 external facing bathrooms



40th Precinct Police Station in Mott Haven is the first station to house a public multi-purpose with access to bathrooms.



The Hunter's Point South Gotham Point tower at 527 2nd Street provides multistalled public bathrooms directly accessible from the public sidewalk.



Five "Portland Loo's" will be piloted in City Parks. These durable, single occupancy toilets cost about \$185,000, not including utility hookups and labor.



Next Steps

- Negotiating with the Administration and making necessary edits to better complement other bathroom bills (CM Joseph's Intro 267)
- Building support:
 - Sign resolutions and letters of support for the bill!
 - Intro 0694 has 23 sponsors but we need more! Call your Council Member and ask them to sign on, if they haven't already.

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October 11, 2024

Council Speaker Adrienne Adams
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Jamaica, NY 11434
speakeradams@council.nyc.gov

RE: Wide Bathroom Network Intro 0694

Dear Council Speaker Adams:

At the regular meeting of Brooklyn Community Board No. 1, held the evening of October 8, 2024, the board members received a report from the Parks & Waterfront Committee. Please be advised that the board members voted to support sending this letter.

The vote was as follows: 25 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSAL"

With the additional population increase within our Greenpoint – Williamsburg community, Brooklyn Community Board #1 express its support for the Intro 0694 City Wide Bathroom Network.

Working for a Better Williamsburg-Greenpoint.

Sincerely,

Dealice Fuller
Chairperson

C.C. Councilmember, Sandy Nurse.
Councilmember, Lincoln Restler.
Councilmember, Jennifer Gutierrez



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Commissioner Martin Maher
Brooklyn Parks
NYC Department of Parks & Recreation Prospect Park
Litchfield Villa
95 Prospect Park West
Brooklyn, NY 11215

RE: Non-Profit MacCarren Park Tennis Association's 2024 Summer Lights Campaign.

Dear Commissioner Maher:

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Brooklyn Community Board #1 express its support for the Non-Profit McCarren Tennis Association's 2024 Summer Lights Campaign to bring addition lighting to the McCarren Park Tennis Courts, and their campaign in support of addition public access to those in our community.

Working for a Better Williamsburg-Greenpoint.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dealice Fuller". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dealice" and the last name "Fuller" clearly distinguishable.

Dealice Fuller
Chairperson



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October 8, 2024

CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller and CB #1 Board Members

FROM: Gina Barros, Chair, Capital Budget Committee

RE: Capital Budget Committee Meeting Report: September 26, 2024.

The Capital Budget Committee meeting was held on Thursday, September 26th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at CB #1's District Office, 435 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. The agenda was to review and update the District Needs Statement for FY 2026.

Present: Barros, Chair; Feng, Co-Chair; Teague, LaBorde, Gross, Peterson, Jagtani* (Non-Board Member.)

Absent: Gross; Jagtani* (*Non- Board Member) We had a quorum

The Chairperson of the Capital Budget Committee, Ms. Gina Barros, summarized that Community Boards are given a broad range of responsibilities for advising the city about local budget needs and priorities under the City Charter. The City Charter mandates that Community Boards consult with agencies regarding their districts' Capital and Expense Budget Needs for the next fiscal year and react to the funding choices presented in the preliminary budget.

The District Needs Statement is a tool that the Community Board members can use to advocate for those district needs that the community defines as important when the City allocates its resources and services.

The District Needs Statement has Capital and Expense Budget Request items prioritized with assigned numbers. The guideline is that Capital Budget Priorities has 28 Request items, and Expense Budget Priorities has 26, however more Request Items can be submitted if needed. There are 6 Community Support Request items that are not prioritized.

Also, the Community Board is asked to identify the top three pressing issues. For Brooklyn Community Board One, the top three pressing issues are Affordable Housing, Parks and Open Space, and Transportation/Mobility (Infrastructure, street resurfacing, and street light repairs). The District Needs Statement, however, also includes other essential community priorities: Health Care, Human Services, Youth Services, Education, Child Welfare, Public Safety, Economics, and Environmental.

This year, the Capital Budget Committee has continued to work with Community Board One Committees on their recommendations based on their work with agencies and public hearing responses to District Needs Request items. The Statement for District Needs for FY 2026 submissions is due October 31, 2024.

In summary, the changes to the District Needs Statement were the following:

1. The Transportation Committee revised and updated all the District Needs Request Items. The committee agreed to approve the revised items except for the following two District Needs Request Items. Further review and input from the full board and community were needed. These two District Needs were the following.
 - a. The District Needs Item Request proposes bringing Continental Army Plaza and LaGuardia Playground together by closing the Roebling Street on-ramp to the Williamsburg Bridge; transforming Roebling into a plaza to help reduce car and truck traffic.

After the Capital Budget Committee meeting, Mr. Paul Kelterborn, the Co-Chair of the Transportation Committee, submitted the following revision of this Request Item for the Full Board to review and vote on.

REVISED

-Study the Unification of Continental Army Plaza with LaGuardia Playground

- Aspart of their platform, El Puente proposesto bring Continental Army Plaza and LaGuardia Playground together by repurposing the Roebling Street on-ramp to the Williamsburg Bridge. Transforming Roebling into a plaza would help reduce car and truck traffic in a neighborhood with elevated ratesof asthma and a shortageof public space. It would knit together two isolated parkstoprovideenhanced park spaceto a neighborhood that

lacks access to green space. This proposal is now a part of the DOT/WXY community plan for the BQE corridor “Reconnecting Communities.”

- b. The District Needs Item Request to Complete the Brooklyn Greenway (Kent, Quay, West, Commercial) proposed that more pedestrian space is needed for the large and growing number of active Greenway users. This proposes removing the floating parking lane and incorporating the reclaimed space into expanded pedestrian space and wider bike lanes. NACTO recommends a 12' width for two-way traffic. The Kent retail corridor also needs loading zones and daylighting throughout.

After the Capital Budget Committee meeting, Mr. Paul Kelterborn, the Co-Chair of the Transportation Committee, submitted the following revision for the Full Board to review and vote on.

REVISED

-Complete a safety redesign for the Brooklyn Greenway (Kent, Quay, West, Commercial)

More pedestrian space is needed for the large and growing number of Greenway active users. Sidewalk space is insufficient for shoppers, runners, walkers, wheelchair users, those pushing strollers, and dog walkers. The success of the bike lane means that it is now too narrow to accommodate current or future usage. The city should study options for expanding pedestrian space and right-sizing the bike lane to improve safety for all users. The Kent retail corridor also needs loading zones to support businesses and daylighting throughout to minimize conflicts and provide a safe environment for all street users.

2. Environmental Committee updated and proposed new items. (See District Needs Statement FY 2026.)
3. The Park’s Committee added one new item. “Pathways, walkways and path in the future should be impermeable pavements.”
4. The Committee members agreed on the importance of including Women’s needs in the District Needs Statement. This should include more resources for Women who experience domestic violence and daycare services for working women, especially single-working parents. There should be community-based programs for local women reexamining their roles in society.

Furthermore, the District Needs Statement needs to be sensitive to how to support women doing work in the community, volunteering, and holding everything up that people don’t even know exists. This includes women who are taking care of the mentally ill, seniors, and single parents who work full-time.

It was agreed that this year, the Capital Budget Committee will work with the Women's Committee to describe and integrate Women's Needs into our District Needs Request Statement.

District Needs Request Item #16 was removed. Provide more on-street trash cans and recycling containers. OMB has supported this request.

New District Needs Request Item #16. There needs to be access to reproductive health services in all aspects. Including data collection from local hospitals on who has been treated because of violence. There needs to be more infant childcare services.

5. The following District Needs Items were completed and removed from the District Needs Statement. Renovation of playground equipment completed for Frost Playground in the summer of 2024. Although not on the District Needs Request to highlight, the Cooper Park Public Restroom Reconstruction was completed.

We will include comments received at the Public Hearing. People who give their written comments either as speakers in the Public Hearing or in writing to the District Community Board office will be adopted in the Community Board Report.

See the attached Draft of the Statement of District Needs and Community Board Budget Request for FY 2026.

Respectfully submitted for CB#1 Board Members adoption.

Gina Barros
Chairperson of Budget Committee

HEALTH CARE AND HUMAN SERVICES

Most Important Issue Related to Health Care and Human Services

Environmental health issues (noise, lead, respiratory illness, moisture, mildew, mold, etc.)

REPLACE WITH:

RECENT HEALTH TRENDS Community Board No. 1 had ranked third out of the 59 districts citywide with a high number of asthma cases. Despite a city-wide drop in cases, our district still has a high rate. We remain concerned in any rise in cases of asthma in the district. Funds must be earmarked for additional testing, education and specialized treatment. Several years ago, there was a CDC cancer and asthma study conducted in this District and we strongly support a new, updated study be carried out. In addition, the DEP ought to conduct a study of air and traffic pollution (which is particularly bad in our District), particulate matter, construction pollution (thousands of apartment building units constructed and under construction), widespread chemical contamination (three superfund sites, dozens of brownfield sites and one large-scale underground oil spill), and widespread lead-contaminated soil, and their environmental and health impacts. We continue to support efforts by the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, DEP and HPD to thwart lead poisoning as it is a very serious condition, especially for children. Children with lead poisoning may develop health, learning and behavior problems. Education about lead poisoning is important so that people can make their homes safe and healthy as well as learn about treatment and access to testing. Reports about AIDS in New York City have yielded the following figures for Community Board No. 1: the rates of new HIV diagnosis in Greenpoint and Williamsburg-Bushwick health districts range 0.50 & 1.30 per 1,000 persons/population. The combined rates for our district are above the rates for Brooklyn (0.68), New York City (0.84) and the US (1.14). Rates of people living with HIV & AIDS show Greenpoint at 5.5 and Williamsburg-Bushwick at 12.1 per 1,000 persons/population which again, is above the rates of Brooklyn (6.4), NYC (9.2) and US (3.2). We urge that the medical community continue addressing this grave disease and that additional programs be developed toward prevention, education and treatment. As the only New York City hospital within blocks of Community Board No. 1, Woodhull Hospital must be aggressive in addressing the needs of all of our constituents.

Need for Health Care and Facilities

ADD

Need for Women's Services.

(This is an excerpt from our Statement of District Needs)

Health Services – Our district has serious health issues that must be addressed. CB#1 remains concerned about the delivery of health care services in the district and supports efforts for improvement. More services are needed to address women's needs. There needs to be access to reproductive health services in all aspects, including data collection from local hospitals that have been treated because of violence. There needs to be more infant child care.

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE, CITY SERVICES AND RESILIENCY

Most Important Issue Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

REPLACE WITH:

Environmental concerns affecting citizens

Climate change is a direct existential threat to Brooklyn Community District #1. Much of its borders are waterways that include the East River and Newtown Creek, which is a federal superfund site and inundated with over a dozen of the City's most voluminous CSO outfalls. Hurricanes Irene, Sandy, Ida and others, and severe storm burst events increasing in quantity and intensity, are devastating the residences, businesses, schools and streets with coastal storm surges, inland flooding and indoor backflows. Exacerbating this is rising sea levels, predicted to increase locally by a foot by 2050 and rising groundwater levels. Our district is also laden with widespread contaminated superfund, brownfield and underground oil spill sites permeating groundwater and soil, adding another dangerous facet to this phenomenon. OUR DISTRICT NEEDS A COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCY PLAN CREATED AND IMPLEMENTED.

Community District Needs Related to Core Infrastructure, City Services and Resiliency

Keep until DEP updates/responds

Needs for Water, Sewers, and Environmental Protection

(Excerpt from our Statement of District Needs) SEWER CONSTRUCTION As one of Brooklyn' oldest communities, Community District No. 1 naturally suffers from a terribly outdated and inadequate sewer system. The continued upgrading and replacement of our sewers remains an on-going necessity. The stretch of Graham Avenue, from Meeker Avenue to Metropolitan Avenue, continues to be plagued by foul sewer odors that emanate from the catch basins. To date, DEP has not been able to resolve the condition. An additional unresolved sewer related matter is DEP's failure to step up to the plate and aggressively correct numerous cave-in conditions from previous sewer pipe work that now requires trench restoration. These are sites where there was inadequate shoring, or wood shoring that was never removed and decayed causing underground subsurface voids which have subsequently collapsed.

The Department of Environmental Protection continues to drag its feet in this matter while every day these conditions worsen and present public safety hazards. Community Board No. 1 has forwarded the following locations since 1999 to receive priority attention: • Clymer Street between Wythe and Bedford Avenues • Division Avenue between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue • Eckford Street between Norman and Nassau Avenues • Grand Street between Humboldt Street and Morgan Avenue • Maujer Street between Lorimer Street and Union Avenue • Meserole Street between Lorimer Street and Union Avenue • Montrose Avenue between Union Avenue and Bushwick Place • Moore Street between Humboldt Street and Manhattan Avenue • North 6th Street between Driggs Avenue and Roebling Street • Rutledge Street between Bedford/Marcy/Lee Avenues • Scholes Street between Morgan and Union Avenues • Skillman Avenue between Humboldt Street and Graham Avenue • Ten Eyck Street at Lorimer Street These locations were to be addressed in FY 2009, however, the Department of Design and Construction relates that the work is delayed because DEP says they have no funding! In another portion of the District, the area directly under and north of the Kosciuszko Bridge continues to be forgotten and floods constantly with the free-fall drainage from the BQE. Sewer construction here has been delayed, too. This item also needs to be promptly addressed by the responsible environmental agencies of both the City and State.

Brooklyn Community Board One, Capital Budget Committee

Draft Statement of District Needs and Community Board Budget Request for FY 2026 Committee Meeting 09/26/2024

SUBJECT: CAPITAL BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025

1. Creation of a new firehouse in the Northside area.

Responsible Agency: Fire Department

Explanation: Fund the Operations of a Newly Created Firehouse (FDNY) on the North side. The closure of the firehouse at 136 Wythe Avenue serving the mixed-use north community leaves this expanding residential neighborhood without adequate fire protection. Loft conversion and future development planned for the waterfront will greatly increase the population and businesses in the area requiring fire protection.

2. Fund construction & rehabilitation of subsidized/affordable housing, including waterfront and upland areas in the CB#1 area.

Responsible Agency: Department of Housing Preservation & Development

Explanation: Fund Construction and Rehabilitation of Subsidized/Affordable Housing. The neighborhoods of Greenpoint and Williamsburg have critical housing needs. Allocating funds to provide affordable housing in the district remains a vital concern of CB #1. Adequate subsidies are essential to ensure the balanced development of our community. We do not want to see any public housing lost.

3. Reinstate funding for the Greenpoint-Williamsburg Tenant Legal Fund (\$2 million), including anti-harassment provisions per the Administration's Points of Agreement regarding the Greenpoint-Williamsburg waterfront rezoning.

Responsible Agency: Department of Housing and Preservation and Development

Explanation: More funding is needed because of the increased displacement, illegal displacements, and the need to help fight harassment.

4. Provide more housing for median-income households.

Responsible Agency: Department of Housing Preservation & Development

Explanation: We want to balance out the affordable housing needs in our community by targeting a range of Area Medium Income starting and providing deeper affordability where necessary.

5. New Comfort Station for the WNYC Transmitter Park.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

Explanation: WNYC Transmitter Park is a well-used open space on our waterfront. A comfort station is greatly needed on the site to accommodate the many users, including children and their families, and also parks department gardeners and maintenance staff. Friends of NYC Transmitter Park Steering Committee supports this request, as they work with NYC Parks to plan a phased revitalization of the historic WPA (Works Progress Administration 1935). In addition to the priority of the installation of a community comfort station, they are working to secure maintenance and operations funds for the upkeep of this facility. They make reference to NYC Comptroller Brad Lander's report, Discomfort Stations, The Conditions and Availability of NYC Parks Bathrooms, confirming the need for comfort stations for not only WNYC Transmitter Park but all NYC parks.

6. Funding to continue the development of Bushwick Inlet Park (including additional construction of the park itself/remediation of the Bayside Fuel Oil site).

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation:

Explanation: Funding for the further development of Bushwick Inlet Park (including construction/expansion of the park itself and the remediation of the Bayside Fuel Oil site and the Citi Storage site). This park was promised to the community when the rezoning occurred on the waterfront. The acquisition of the parcels has moved forward, and mayoral funding was secured in the fall of 2021 for the demolition of the building and future park development. The remediation of the Bayside site will happen in the future as a funded project.

7. Provide Funding for the restoration of restrooms in the following parks.

Martinez Park; the address is 195 Graham Ave Brooklyn, NY 11206

De Hostos Park; the address is 133 Harrison Ave Brooklyn, NY 11206

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation:

8. Renovation of playground equipment for the following parks

- a. Justice Ramirez Playground – between Mc Kibbin Street, White Street, and Bogart Street. This playground needs complete reconstruction with all new play equipment, a safety surface, fixed drainage issues, spray showers, seating areas horticulture, and maximum playability.
- b. American Playground – Milton Street and 81 Franklin Street
- c. Roebling Playground - Taylor Street and Lee Avenue
- d. Bushwick Pool Playground –
- e. Vincent Abate Playground –

9. Renovation of the McCarren Park Asphalt Field located at Bedford Avenue, North 12th Street.

Explanation: Convert the asphalt field to synthetic turf to address the huge demand for youth soccer and to ease the use of adjacent grass fields.

10. New Item from Park Committee

Pathways, walkways, and paths in the future should be impermeable pavements.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

11. Redevelop NYCHA Playground on Roebling & South 9th Street.

Responsible Agency: Housing Authority

Explanation: Redevelop the NYCHA Playground on Roebling Street and South 9th Street. This park is well-used by the community. The playground is aged and needs upgraded equipment and infrastructure.

12. New Item from the Environmental Committee

Responsible Agency: Department of Environmental Protection

Supplement the Newtown Creek section of the Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) with additional measures to reduce the amount of raw sewage discharged into Newtown Creek beyond the LTCP plan, which will still allow hundreds of millions of gallons of raw sewage to discharge into the creek annually.

Explanation: Increasing discharge into the East River should not be an option.

13. PS 250 George H. Lindsay school; District #14 requests allocating funds for an electronic school sign and security cameras.

Responsible Agency: Department of Education

Explanation: The principal of this school has lobbied for this request. The plans for the school signs were approved, but the principal was told they did not have the funds. The signs and security cameras will improve communication with parents and students and act as a security system that will be a deterrent and provide the school with another layer of security.

14. Renovation of McCarren Park Handball Courts

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

Explanation: The community frequently uses the handball courts in McCarren Park, as many people enjoy playing handball. Handball Court games have been a large part of the culture for those who grew up in Brooklyn and remain so today. This request item has been on the District Statement Request for over three years. (There have been public speakers and emails to the community board advocating for the renovation of the McCarren Park Handball Courts.)

15. Construct New Pickleball Courts:

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

Explanation: Parks and Recreation will identify available space to construct pickleball courts to meet the increasing demand from the community.

16. Restore and fund the redevelopment of “Sands Park” under the Williamsburg Bridge.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

Explanation: This park was abandoned over the years and subjected to storage by work contracted on the Williamsburg Bridge. Provide a new or expanded park, amenity, playground, and outdoor athletic field.

Improvement for the concrete triangle at Williamsburg Street & Rodney

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

Explanation: Request funds to make sidewalks safer for pedestrians to walk and include the installation of much-needed lighting.

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Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

Explanation: Request funds to make sidewalks safer for pedestrians to walk and include the installation of much-needed lighting.

- 18. Surveillance Cameras for the Williamsburg Bridge (road walkway, sidewalks, bikeways).**
Responsible Agency: Police Department

The Explanation: Enhanced security through surveillance cameras will increase the public's safety. The Williamsburg Bridge is heavily used by vehicular traffic on its roadways and by pedestrians/bike riders on its walkways.

- 19. Replace sidewalks around Williams Plaza (aka Jonathan Williams Development/NYCHA) from Division Avenue/South 9th Street/Broadway/Marcy Avenue.**

Explanation: These sidewalks are in disrepair around the development.

20. Repair and Upgrade Subway Infrastructure

- NYCT - Continuation of the Station upgrading program (G,L,J,M lines). Identify/fund subway train stations in CB#1 that will be upgraded with elevator access. The committee also requested that the Hewes train, J/M lines station improve lighting. There has been an increase in crime at this train station.
 - Funding and completion of elevators at the eight stations (out of 15 in CB1) missing them, Nassau Avenue, Broadway, and Flushing on the G Train. Graham Ave, Montrose Ave, and Morgan Ave on the L Train. Hewes St, and Lorimer St on the J/M/Z Trains.
 - Restore G Train service to Forest Hills in Queens and extend the train to ten cars.
 - Reopen closed subway entrances at:
 - Broadway (G), particularly at the northern end of the station the four corners of Montrose and Union
 - Morgan Ave (L), the closed staircase at Harrison and Morgan
- Flushing Ave (G), reopen the entrance outside of the Pfizer building, which Eric Adams called for as BP, reopen the Union/Walton entrance on the northern end of the platform

- 21. Request that seats and a bus shelter be added at the following MTA bus stops:**
Bus stop #B44, Bedford Avenue & Wallabout. Bus stop #62 bus, on Roebling between South 8 & South 9th Street. The buses are rarely on time. Buses at stop #62 and #67, on Wythe Ave & Clymer St. This bus stop is in front of the park. Bus stop, located on Lee Ave between Taylor and Wilson. A double bus shelter is already at the #44 & B11 bus stop.
Responsible Agency: Transportation

Explanation: This incentive would entice the population to travel more by bus, such as to and from work, appointments, and errands. It would also address the needs of Seniors and people with disabilities. It would make life easier and travel more comfortable.

Reconstruct Streets: numbers 22-31 priorities.

Responsible Agency: Department of Transportation

Note: In total the 11 listed corridors account for 12,178 crashes, 4,269 injuries, and 32 deaths in CB1 in the last ten years. That is out of a total of 43,415 crashes (28.05%), 12,504 injuries (34.14%), and 60 deaths (53.33%).

22-Redesign and Reconstruct Metropolitan Avenue from Varick Avenue to River Street

- There have been [2,608 crashes with 780 injuries and 3 deaths](#) in the last ten years on Metropolitan Avenue. Existing conditions on the street create a high level of conflict between all users with commercial loading and unloading, its use as a critical bike route, and heavy pedestrian volumes. Therefore we need a comprehensive redesign that includes pedestrian safety enhancements, speed reduction, daylighting, loading zones, protected bike lanes and bus prioritization.

23-Redesign and Reconstruct Grand Street from the Grand Street Bridge to River Street

- There have been [1,714 crashes with 672 injuries and 6 deaths](#) in the last ten years on Grand Street. Existing conditions on the street create a high level of conflict between all users with busy retail activity, commercial loading and unloading, its use as a critical bike route, and heavy pedestrian volumes. Therefore we need a comprehensive redesign that includes pedestrian safety enhancements, speed reduction, daylighting, loading zones, protected bike lanes and bus prioritization.

24. Redesign and Reconstruct Lorimer Street from the Bedford Slip/Manhattan Avenue to Meeker Avenue

- There have been [210 crashes with 64 injuries](#) in the last ten years on Lorimer Street. The street bisects McCarren Park creating unsafe conditions for the high volume of park users, particularly children and senior citizens. The slip lane between Lorimer and Manhattan on Bedford Avenue presents a particularly dangerous condition. Therefore, we need a comprehensive redesign that includes pedestrian safety measures, daylighting, loading zones, speed reduction, and bus improvements, all with a focus on quality public space enhancement, particularly through the park and at the slip lane.

25. Redesign and Reconstruct Graham Avenue from Meeker to Broadway

There have been [773 crashes with 335 injuries and 3 deaths](#) in the last ten years on Graham Avenue. Existing conditions on the street create a high level of conflict between all users with

dense residential housing, large schools, busy retail activity, commercial loading and unloading, its use as a critical bike route, and heavy pedestrian volumes. Therefore we need a comprehensive redesign that includes pedestrian safety enhancements, speed reduction, daylighting, loading zones, protected bike lanes and bus prioritization.

- 26 Redesign and Reconstruct Kingsland Avenue from Maspeth Avenue to Meeker Avenue**
 - There have been [299 crashes with 51 injuries and 1 death](#) in the last ten years on Kingsland Avenue. Existing conditions on the street, most notably its excessive width, create a high level of conflict between all users with high pedestrian volume from Cooper Park Houses and the coming Kingsland Commons, commercial loading and unloading, and its use as a critical bike route. Therefore we need a comprehensive redesign that includes pedestrian safety enhancements, speed reduction, daylighting, loading zones, protected bike lanes and bus prioritization.
- 27. Redesign and Reconstruct Broadway from Bedford Avenue to Flushing Avenue.**
 - There have been [1,967 crashes with 813 injuries and 6 deaths](#) in the last ten years on Broadway. Existing conditions on the street create a high level of conflict between all users with busy retail activity, commercial loading and unloading, its use as a critical bike route, and heavy pedestrian volumes. Pedestrian and bike traffic are particularly high as it is the most direct route between Bed Stuy, Bushwick, Ridgewood and East New York. Therefore we need a comprehensive redesign that includes pedestrian safety enhancements (with a particular focus at subway stations), speed reduction, daylighting, loading zones, protected bike lanes and bus prioritization.
- 28. Redesign and Reconstruct Morgan Avenue from Meeker Avenue to Johnson Avenue.**
 - There have been [1,027 crashes with 334 injuries and 5 deaths](#) in the last ten years on Morgan Avenue. Existing conditions on the street create a high level of conflict between all users with heavy commercial and industrial activity, illegal truck parking and staging on the street and its use as a critical bike route. The existing bike lane is substandard and non-continuous. Therefore we need a comprehensive redesign that includes pedestrian safety enhancements, speed reduction, daylighting, loading zones and wide protected bike lanes.
- 29. Redesign and Reconstruct Greenpoint Avenue from McGuinness Boulevard across the Greenpoint Avenue Bridge.**
 - There have been [622 crashes with 178 injuries and 1 death](#) in the last ten years on Greenpoint Avenue. Existing conditions on the street create a high level of conflict between all users with heavy commercial and industrial activity, and its use as a critical bike route between Brooklyn and Queens. The existing bike lane is substandard and unprotected. The area will soon see the construction of a new park, The Gateway to Greenpoint, at Kingsland/Greenpoint. Therefore we need a comprehensive redesign that

includes pedestrian safety enhancements, speed reduction, daylighting, and wide fully protected bike lanes for the entirety of the corridor.

30. Redesign and Reconstruct Union Avenue from Meeker Avenue to Broadway.

- There have been [992 crashes with 371 injuries and 1 death](#) in the last ten years on Union Avenue. Existing conditions on the street create a high level of conflict between all users with dense residential housing, busy retail activity, commercial loading and unloading, its use as a critical bike route, and heavy pedestrian volumes. There is a particularly critical need for safety improvements at subway stations where pedestrian volumes are extremely high. Therefore we need a comprehensive redesign that includes pedestrian safety enhancements, speed reduction, daylighting, loading zones, protected bike lanes and bus prioritization.

31. Redesign and Reconstruct Bushwick Avenue from Flushing Avenue to Kingsland Avenue.

- There have been [1,555 crashes with 571 injuries and 5 deaths](#) in the last ten years on Bushwick Avenue. Existing conditions on the street create a high level of conflict between all users with dense residential housing, busy retail activity, commercial loading and unloading, its use as a critical bike route, and heavy pedestrian volumes. Therefore we need a comprehensive redesign that includes pedestrian safety enhancements, speed reduction, daylighting, loading zones, protected bike lanes and bus prioritization with special attention paid to the area around PS 147 between Siegel Street and McKibbin Street and across from the Bushwick branch of the Brooklyn Public Library

32. Redesign and Reconstruct Driggs Avenue from North 12th Street to Meeker Avenue.

- There have been [411 crashes with 100 injuries and 1 death](#) in the last ten years on Driggs Avenue. The street bisects McCarren Park and runs alongside McGolrick Park, PS 110, and St. Stanislaus Church and School creating unsafe conditions for all users, particularly park goers, children and senior citizens. It is frequently used as a dangerous shortcut with traffic speeding between Meeker Avenue and McGuinness Boulevard. It also forms part of a key east-west bike route connecting the Kosciuszko Bridge to the Williamsburg Bridge. Therefore we need a comprehensive redesign that includes pedestrian safety measures, speed reduction, daylighting, loading zones, and a safe bike connection all with a focus on quality public space enhancement particularly around both parks.

33. Neighborhood Loading Zones

- The lack of safe and accessible loading zones is a commonly-raised complaint, especially in our retail corridors. Loading zones are oftentimes not included with redesigns, which leads to double parking and conflicts between cars as well as drivers and pedestrians. It

also slows down our bus system Therefore, we request the addition of loading zones in all commercial corridors and high density residential neighborhoods.

Continued Support Items

Support needed improvement for McGolrick Park's Grounds Infrastructure and Play Areas.

Explanation: The Board supports this positive program, providing renovation funding and staffing assignments for parks and playgrounds. We urge that this project continues and expands in FY2026 and hope that the specific facilities recommended by the Board in our priorities will be favorably acted upon. a. The exercise equipment in the parks needs to be upgraded for Seniors. b. Water fountain upgrade: A more hygienic water bottle filling station in McGolrick Park.

Continue Support the Plaza Project at Moore Street Market.

SUBJECT: EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025

1. Increase funding for Community Boards.

Responsible Agency: Mayor's Office of Management and Budget

Explanation: Charter-mandated Community Boards are vital to the City's operating process. Community Boards play a formal role in decisions on land use, have input on capital & expense budgets, & monitor service deliver-essentially servings as little "City Halls" for their communities. They are responsible for sounding boards for the local elected officials and acting in consultation with them. They provide constituents an opportunity to have their voices heard on numerous issues. Furthermore, community boards need to be able to hire planners and other skilled professionals to evaluate Development Projects.

2. Fund the operations of a newly created firehouse (FDNY) in the Northside.

Responsible Agency: Fire Department

Explanation: The closure of the firehouse at 136 Wythe Avenue serving the mixed-used north community leaves this expanding residential neighborhood without adequate fire protection. Loft conversion and future development planned for the waterfront will significantly increase the population and businesses in the area requiring fire protection.

3. Increase park maintenance funds and operations/recreation staffing at CB #1 parks and playgrounds (including support equipment). Include additional hours for women's swim time at Metropolitan Pool.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

Explanation: Recreational and exercise needs of all age groups are important; men, women, children and the elderly greatly benefit from recreational activities and training.

4. **Increase the staffing of outreach programs that handle education, testing, and counseling for addictions, nicotine cessation (smoking/vaping), and drug abuse. There are concerns about emerging synthetic drugs.**

Responsible Agency: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Explanation: There is a Mental Health Crisis in the Williamsburg and Greenpoint community due to the overuse and abuse of drugs that have led to homelessness, domestic violence, and increased crime rates. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, seniors have become more isolated, resulting in depression. They still need outreach and counseling.

5. **Increase the Department of Youth and Community Development Agency's community board fair share, after-school, and summer and recreation funding for CB #1.**

Responsible Agency: Department of Youth and Community Development

Explanation: Over 32% of CD1's population is 18 years of age or younger, and many of these individuals require education, recreation, and counseling programs to escape from an environment of crime and poverty. The inadequate levels of Youth Bureau funding available to CD1 severely undermine the ability of these programs to serve this population effectively. The significant expansion of all Youth Bureau allocations should be implemented as promptly as possible.

6. **Funding to support subsidies to lower rents for senior citizens to reduce an increase in homelessness.**

Responsible Agency: Department of Housing Preservation and Development

Explanation: Increase funding to support subsidies to lower rents for senior citizens and to reduce the increase in homelessness.

7. **Increase home care services and homebound meals funding, especially in providing these services for the frail and elderly.**

Responsible Agency: Department of Aging

Explanation: The elderly have relied on their local senior citizen centers for daily social interaction, meals, counseling, and easy access to programs to combat depression and social isolation.

8. **Create a new fund for the Affordable Housing and Infrastructure Fund (\$10 million) created under the Administration's Points of Agreement regarding the Greenpoint-Williamsburg waterfront rezoning.**

Responsible Agency: Department of Housing Preservation and Development

Explanation: A new fund is requested. The Affordable Housing and Infrastructure Fund (\$10 Million) was created under the Administration's Points of Agreement regarding the Greenpoint-Williamsburg waterfront rezoning. Proceeds from this fund will only be available to development parcels that use the waterfront inclusionary housing program referenced in the agreement and that participate in the esplanade transfer program as noted in the agreement's Open Space section). Funds will be used to offset site-specific infrastructure costs partially.

- 9. Provide safe street crossing/continued presence (NYPD Crossing Guard Post) at Jackson Street & Kingsland Avenue for children attending various local schools/after-school programs (St. Francis Developmental School, PS 132, St. Nicholas/Rosary Academy, IS 49 Campus, Grand Street Campus/Beacon Program, IS 126/Beacon Program, School Settlement House Association).**

Responsible Agency: Police Department

- 10. Expand funding for library operations – Brooklyn Public Library, including branches within CB #1; fund extended days/hours; fund computer catalog and increase book budget.**

Responsible Agency: Brooklyn Public Library

Explanation: In the past, we know that the Brooklyn Public Library has been underfunded relative to the other NYC library systems. We urge that this inequality be eliminated and that a fair proportion of the system's funds be allocated to CB1's four local branches. Public libraries are for all age groups. For some people in the community, it is the only computer they get to use. For children, it offers a free selection of a variety of books and a quiet space to do their homework and study.

- 11. Fund new science labs for schools (including middle school grades) in District 14/Region 8 located within the confines of Community Board No. 1's district.**

Responsible Agency: Department of Education:

Explanation: New science labs are needed in the various schools in our District. The labs would provide new facilities or replace outdated ones and utilize modern equipment for instruction. Additionally, additional daycare or head start programs would be established to serve Greenpoint/Williamsburg, which is now underserved.

- 12. Expand the park enforcement patrol project to incorporate McCarren Park (including Park Rangers).**

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

Explanation: McCarren Park is a heavily utilized regional facility that should receive an allotment of this patrol force to provide increased security and supplement the efforts of the overworked departmental staff.

- 13. Fund comprehensive study of environmental health hazards, including air**

**quality and asthma to learn the cumulative effects on cb #1.
the study should include the dep wastewater treatment plant.
Responsible Agency:** Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Explanation: Community Board No. 1 has been impacted by many adverse environmental factors, including but not limited to air and traffic pollution, particulate matter, construction pollution (thousands of apartment building units constructed and under construction), widespread chemical contamination (three superfund sites, dozens of brownfield sites and one large-scale underground oil spill), and widespread lead-contaminated soil. A comprehensive study is needed to assess these impacts and develop resolutions, such as anti-asthma initiatives, to be implemented. The Study should include the DEP Newtown Creek Resource Recovery Facility

**14. Establishment of a senior citizen center to serve the southwest area
Williamsburg, central to Division Avenue and Clymer Street.
Responsible Agency:** Department of the Aging

Explanation: At present, accessible senior center services do not exist for the expanding senior citizen population of the west area of Williamsburg. Although we are aware of the current funding constraints regarding senior center services, the current needs compel us to support the establishment of such a facility in the area central to Division Avenue and Clymer Street.

**15. Expand the refuse collection program for NYCHA and other significant housing developments. Implementing this request will relieve the residents of community board one, eight public housing developments (including the Board of Education and Senior Citizens facilities).
Responsible Agency:** Department of Sanitation

Explanation: Expand the Refuse Collection Program for NYCHA and Other Large Housing Developments and include Schools & Senior Centers. Implementing this request will relieve the residents of Community Board No. 1's eight public housing developments who suffer from chronically inadequate refuse collection services.

16. There needs to be access to reproductive health services in all aspects. Including data collection from local hospitals on who has been treated because of violence. There needs to be more infant childcare services.

**17. Continue/expand the building inspector training program; increase the number of inspectors (DOB) for CB#1.
Responsible Agency:** Department of Buildings

Explanation: OMC did not support this request; however, we disagreed because of the increased building development in the community.

The number of building inspectors should increase in proportion to the huge building development impacting our community. We will need an increase in the number of building inspectors and the addition of a training program to train inspectors to be skilled enough to do this.

18. Increase funding of the “Green Street Program” for projects in CB #1, including the much-needed improvements and replacement of the fencing of park triangles.

Responsible Agency: Department of Park and Recreation

Explanation: These improvements made under the Green Streets programs have benefited the community and provided additional greening for the area lost due to the beetle (Asian Long Horn Beetle) infestation. This program should include areas that need improvements and fences, such as the park triangle: Badame Sessa , Father Giorio, and the Memorial Gore at Maspeth Avenue, Bushwick Avenue/Metropolitan Avenue.

19. Increase allocation for rehabilitation loan programs

Responsible Agency: Department of Housing Prevention and Development

Explanation: The neighborhoods of Greenpoint and Williamsburg have critical housing needs. The allocation of funds to provide affordable housing in the district remains a vital concern of CB #1. Adequate subsidies must be allocated to ensure the balanced development of our community.

20. Catch basin cleaning should be maintained and increased to eliminate and prevent debris build-up from maximizing water drainage from streets during downpours and other rain sessions.

Responsible Agency: Department of Environmental Protection

Explanation: Climate change has brought much heavier storms, flooding, and even flash flooding to NYC. Recent storms have illustrated the dangers of clogged catch basins.

21. New Item

Fund the creation and implementation of a comprehensive district climate change resiliency plan to help mitigate the increasing onslaught of flooding from sewer backflow, cloudburst events, rising groundwater levels, rising sea levels,

and storm surges, which chronically and increasingly cause severe flooding in homes, businesses, and streets.

Responsible Agency: Department of Environmental Protection

Explanation: Our district is, to a large extent, a waterfront community. There needs to be a deep investment in long-term climate change mitigation measures to help offset the harmful and devastating effects of climate change that are upon us.

22. Expand community composting programs

Agency: Department of Environmental Protection

Explanation: Our community supports the composting program. We request school educational composting programs and outreach educational resources for residents. Regular curbside organics collection will help reduce garbage hauling costs and contribute to reduced greenhouse emissions by keeping organics and food scraps out of landfills.

23. New Item

An analysis should be done on streets south of the Newtown Creek Resource Recovery Facility that are flood-prone for the absence of catch basins and the installation of them in those areas where they are lacking them.

Responsible Agency: Department of Environmental Protection

Explanation: This contributes to increasing chronic rain event flooding in these areas.

24. New Item

Conduct an audit of the state of all sidewalks in CB1. Identify areas where Sidewalk repairs are needed.

Responsible Agency: Transportation

25. New Item

Conduct an audit of all streetlights in CB1. Identify areas where we need better lighting and provide a plan for installing them.

Responsible Agency: Transportation

26.-Study the Unification of Continental Army Plaza with LaGuardia Playground

● As part of their platform, El Puente proposes to bring Continental Army Plaza and LaGuardia Playground together by repurposing the Roebling Street on-ramp to the Williamsburg Bridge. Transforming Roebling into a plaza would help reduce car and truck traffic in a neighborhood with elevated rates of asthma and a shortage of public

space. It would knit together two isolated parks to provide enhanced park space to a neighborhood that suffers from a lack of access to green space. This proposal is now a part of the DOT/WXY community plan for the BQE corridor “Reconnecting Communities”

27. -Complete a safety redesign for the Brooklyn Greenway (Kent, Quay, West, Commercial)

● More pedestrian space is needed for the large and growing number of Greenway active users. Sidewalk space is insufficient for shoppers, runners, walkers, wheelchair users, those pushing strollers, and dog walkers. The success of the bike lane means that it is now too narrow to accommodate current or future usage. The city should study options for expanding pedestrian space and right-sizing the bike lanes to improve safety for all users. The Kent retail corridor also needs loading zones to support businesses and daylighting throughout to minimize conflicts and provide a safe environment for all street users.

28. -Identification of Opportunities for Public Spaces (Slip Lanes)

- Slip lanes are statistically the most dangerous areas for pedestrians. We request that the DOT evaluate a phased plan for which ones can be eliminated now, and how they can be repurposed in the future. The Bedford Slip, Memorial Gore, and Meeker corridor areas, in particular, should be studied and evaluated for plaza space.

29. -Safety and Access around Schools and Parks

- Focusing street safety efforts around schools and parks is paramount for protecting children and other residents. The DOT toolkit, including loading zones, public space creation, daylighting, raised crosswalks, and stoplights/signs, could be utilized to vastly improve the streetscape. Children of all ages should be able to safely ride bikes and scooters to and from school. Our schools and parks should be the SAFEST places in Greenpoint and Williamsburg.



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October 8, 2024

COMMITTEE REPORT

Land Use, ULURP, and Landmarks (Subcommittee) Committee

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller and CB1 Board Members

FROM: Ms. Del Teague, Committee Chair
Mr. Stephen Chesler, Committee Co-Chair
Ms. Bozena Kaminski, Landmarks Subcommittee Co-Chair

RE: Land Use Committee Report from October 1, 2024

The Committee met on the evening of October 1, 2024, at 6:00 PM at CB1 District office, 435 Graham Ave. (Corner of Frost St), Brooklyn, NY. 11211

Present: Teague; Chesler; Kelterborn; Vega; Kantin*.

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October 16, 2024

Thomas Carroll
Legislative Affairs Representative
New York Power Authority
123 Main Street
White Plains, New York 10601

**RE: Kent Small Natural
Gas Power Plant Site
(49 River Street)
RFQ # Q24-7562KM**

Dear Mr. Carroll:

Please be advised that Brooklyn Community Board No.1 held its regular board meeting on October 8, 2024, at 211 Ainslie Street, Brooklyn, NY. The members received a report from the Land Use Committee. The report was in regard to the proposed reuse of the Kent Small Natural Gas Plant site. (Please see the attached report)

Kindly be advised that the board members voted unanimously to recommend that the entire waterfront site located at 49 River Street be converted as an additional public open space park, which could enhance the open space that is projected for the nearby proposed River Ring development and help connect the adjacent Grand Ferry Park, Domino Park, and future River Ring development.

The vote was as follows: 26 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".

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Honorable Sarah Carroll
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NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC)
1 Centre Street 9th Floor North
New York, NY 10007

**RE: Domino Refinery-Marquee
Signage Internal Illumination
Docket # LPC-24-08473**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Land Use, ULURP, and Landmarks (Subcommittee) Committee

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller and CB1 Board Members

FROM: Ms. Del Teague, Committee Chair
Mr. Stephen Chesler, Committee Co-Chair
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District Manager's Report

TO: All Board Members

**FROM: Johana P. Pulgarin
District Manager**

RE: OCTOBER 2024

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2. Complaint Tally Sheet for September - October 2024.
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DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 435 GRAHAM AVENUE BROOKLYN NY 11211

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

District Manager, Ms. Johana P. Pulgarin called the District Service Cabinet Meeting to order and noted the agenda which included a round robin session. The District Manager introduce Ms. Gina Barros (Chair of the Capital Budget Committee).

ROUND ROBIN SESSION

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION (DSNY): Ms. Erica Glinski, District Superintendent, talked about the Residential Waste Containerization (See the attached). For further information:

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/collection/containerization/nyc-bin-faq.page#requirements>

District Manager Johana Pulgarin, asked about the campers parked around the community and what is DSNY doing about it.

Superintendent Ms. Glinski, said that they have plates and there is not much they can do about it. DSNY ask them to move but they come right back.

District Manager Johana Pulgarin, said that we receive a lot of complaints about mobile campers on Vandervoort between Van Dam St. and Meeker Ave, regarding garbage and dispose of human waste.

Ms. Glinski, mentioned that there is a homeless guy on the corner of Ainslie Street and Keap Street. They schedule to clean it up tomorrow, but the problem is that they can only let him move his stuff across the street, when they leave, he puts everything right back

The District Manager Johana Pulgarin asked if the DSNY has any items concerning the District Needs. Ms. Glinski said she didn't have any Sanitation District needs to report.

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (NYC DSS): Ms. Yuri Sanchez, DSS Brooklyn Borough Director, informed that she doesn't have any updates. She talked about the upcoming meeting with the Public Safety & Human Services Committee regarding the migrant crisis. Ms. Sanchez said that is a multi-agency response, we are not the only ones managing the migrant crisis. She asked if Brooklyn Community Board 1 can also reach out to the Mayor's Office to invite the Mayor's NYC Asylum Seekers Unit .

The District Manager Johana Pulgarin said that the Mayor's Office is also on the agenda for other items.

Ms. Sanchez said that they also work with the Mayor's NYC Asylum Seekers Services.

The District Manager Johana Pulgarin said that we have reached out to Mr. Hercules Reid from the Mayor's Office but we have not received any information. Ms. Sanchez suggested that CB1 invite the Superintendents of Schools to speak about the migrant crisis.

The District Manager Johana Pulgarin asked Ms. Sanchez to reply to the original email with the request to come with all the information of what other Departments are also working with DSS to manage the migrant crisis so that they can be also invited.

The District Manager Johana Pulgarin asked about the food stamps scam and how to report it, and how the process is? Does the victim required to make a report to NYPD? Or how does it work.

Ms. Sanchez said that this issue would be handled by her Agency and the NYPD does not handle it. People need to call the DSS or NYPS and provide the information of the transactions so the Agencies can start an investigation to track frauds or any other issues. People need to fill out a form to report and apply for reimbursement.

The District Manager Johana Pulgarin asked if the DSS has any items concerning the District Needs. Ms. Sanchez said that there was not any District needs to report.

NYPD 90 PRECINCT: P.O. Reilly from special operations reported that in the last 28 days crime rates are down and stated: It will rise slightly because in the past wintertime we had a very big spike in burglaries but prior to the spring we made a huge headway into that. And the burglars have been subsided,

The District Manager Johana Pulgarin stated that we have received several complaints from the area regarding noise from loud restaurants. P.O. Reilly stated that NYPD did a comprehensive breakdown on it. They're in contact with the Mayor's Office of Nightlife.

The District Manager Johana Pulgarin requested that the NYPD have a presentation at our upcoming meeting on November 12, 2024, or future Board meetings regarding the Night Life program to share with the Community the efforts of the NYPD.

NYC DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT): Ms. Ronda Messer, Director of Community Affairs, informed that DOT is still working on the McGuiness Blvd design, and she doesn't have any other update for this meeting.

The District Manager Johana Pulgarin asked if the DOT has any items concerning the District Needs. Ms. Messer answered NO.

NYPD 94 PRECINCT: P.O. Norberto Rivera from Community Affairs, informed that NYPD is prepared for the protest against DOT McGuiness Blvd plan. This protest would begin from McGuiness Blvd and Bayard St.

P.O. Rivera informed the cabinet that around 10 thousand scooters have been seized and the company that had been hired to destroy them has lost the contract, so they are just sitting on the NYPD base. He informed as well that we are getting criminals from Queens that come, snatch and go back to Queens, usually 2 people in one scooter and this is becoming a pattern.

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 1: District Manager Pulgarin thanked everyone for attending and concluded the meeting. The District Manager advised all attendees that the next District Service Cabinet Meeting would be held on October 31, 2024.



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General Information

What is the NYC Bin?

The NYC Bin is the official bin exclusively for properties with 1-9 residential units (including single-family homes to 9-unit apartment buildings) to set out their trash. It is available for purchase at a significantly lower price than similar bins at retail stores.

The NYC Bin is the next step in New York City's plan to get black bags of garbage off the streets and make our city cleaner and safer for all New Yorkers.

The NYC Bin is only available for purchase at www.bins.nyc or by calling 1-855-NYC-BINS. They are exclusively available for NYC property owners and building managers and will only be delivered to addresses within the five boroughs.

Is the NYC Bin just for trash, or for all waste such as recycling and composting?

Separate NYC Bins are available for purchase for recycling and composting though they are not required.

How much is the NYC Bin?

The NYC Bin is available at a significantly lower price than similar bins at retail stores. Pricing depends on the size. Details are available at www.bins.nyc.

Requirements

When do I need to start using the NYC Bin?

- **November 12, 2024:** All properties with 1-9 residential units must use bins, 55 gallons or less, with secure lids for trash set out.
- **June 2026:** All properties with 1-9 residential units will be required to use the official NYC Bin for trash set out.

Who is required to buy the NYC Bin?

Property owners and building managers of buildings with 1-9 residential units (including single-family homes to 9-unit apartment buildings) are responsible for purchasing NYC Bins for trash. They must ensure there are sufficient bins to store all the trash produced by residents in their buildings.

The new rules also apply to special-use buildings receiving DSNY collection – including City agencies, nonprofits, houses of worship, and professional offices in residential buildings.

Do I need to use a NYC Bin to set out my compost?

You do not need to use a specific NYC Bin for composting, but they are available for purchase. Compost must be set out in sealed bins of 55 gallons or less. Curbside composting is currently in effect in Queens and Brooklyn and will expand to all five boroughs this October.

Penalties for Non-Compliance

Starting **November 12, 2024**, failure to use a bin that is 55 gallons or less with a secure lid for trash set out will result in fines:

- \$50 for the first offense
- \$100 for the second offense
- \$200 for the third and subsequent offenses

Bin Specifications

What sizes are available for the NYC Bin?

- **35-Gallon Bin:** Ideal for small, single-family homes. It can hold up to 3 kitchen trash bags.
- **45-Gallon Bin:** Recommended for properties with multiple residential units. It can hold up to 4 kitchen trash bags.
- **21-Gallon Bin for Compost:** It can hold up to 7 three-gallon compost bags.

Do my bins need to be lined with a bag?

No, but using a liner helps keep your bin clean. For your compost bin, line only with clear plastic, paper, or compostable bags.

Using the NYC Bin

How many NYC Bins do I need?

Property owners and building managers should ensure there are enough bins to accommodate all trash in sealed NYC Bins.

What should I do if I have extra trash from a one-time event (like a party, spring cleaning, or home construction project) that doesn't fit into my bins?

Property owners and managers should ensure they have sufficient bins to accommodate all trash.

Delivery and Tracking

How can I track delivery of my NYC Bin?

You can track your delivery online by visiting www.bins.nyc and clicking on "Order Status." Use your order number, email address, last name, and phone number to check the status of your order.

Issues and Replacements

What if I already own bins?

You may continue to use your existing bins until June 2026, provided they have secure lids and are 55 gallons or less. After that, you will need to switch to the official NYC Bin.

How do I dispose of my old bins?

Plastic and metal bins are recyclable. To dispose of them, place the old bins upside down on your recycling day with a note indicating that they are for recycling.

What if my NYC Bin arrives damaged?

Reach out directly to the manufacturer at www.bins.nyc.

Do the NYC Bins come with a warranty?

Yes. The NYC Bin comes with a 10-year warranty. Visit www.bins.nyc for more details.

What should I do if my bin is stolen?

File a police report with the NYPD. NYC Bins include a space for property owners to write their address for easy identification.

Support

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AIR		NATIONAL GRID	1
ANIMAL CONTROL		NOISE	26
APPLICATION	23	OTHER	
ARCADE / RIDES		PARKING	17
ASSISTANCE	32	PARKS DEPARTMENT	1
BASKET REQUEST		PEST CONTROL	
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CATCH BASIN		POOLS	
CAVE - IN		POTHOLES	
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COLLEGE		PRUNING	
CON-EDISON	2	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	
CRIME		REAL ESTATE	
DCA		RECYCLING	4
DCAS		REFERRALS	
DEMO		REGULAR PICKUP	
DEP	12	RELOCATION	
DERELICT AUTO /BIKES		RENT CONTROL	
DOCUMENTS		SANITATION	22
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EDUCTAION		SENIOR HOUSING	
ELEVATOR		SERVICE	
ENFORCEMENT		SEWER BACKUP	
EQUIPMENT		SEWER BREAK	
FEDERAL		SIDEWALK	
FIRE DEPARTMENT		SIGNS	
FOOD STAMPS		SNOW REMOVAL	
GREEN STREET		SOCIAL SERVICES	
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	6	SPRAYING	
HEAT / HOT WATER		STATE	
HIGHWAYS		STREETLIGHT	
HPD	4	TRAFFIC LIGHTS	
HRA		TREE REMOVAL	
HRA		TREE REQUESTS	
HS		TRENCH WORK (& DEP)	
HYDRANT		UNSWEEP STREET LIGHTER	
INFO REQUEST	52	VERIZON / CABLE	
JHS		WATER	
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LICENSE	62		
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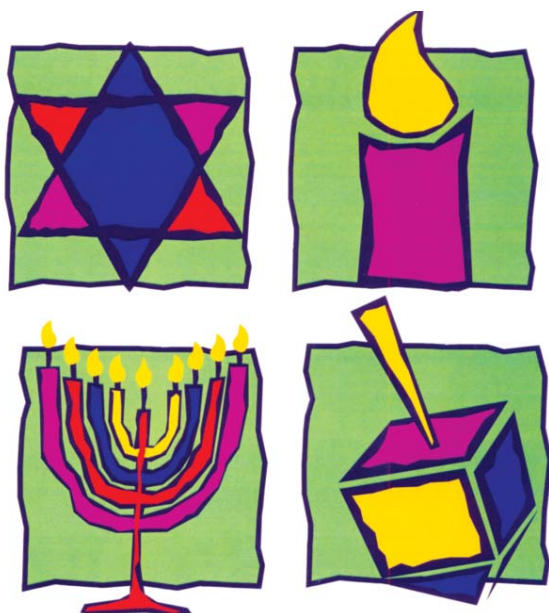


FIRE SAFETY FOR JEWISH OBSERVANCES

The Sabbath and Jewish holidays are a time of family gatherings, celebrated with special foods, songs and customs. Many holy days and observances, as well as the weekly Sabbath, are a time for traditional cooking and candle rituals.

However, without safety precautions, these customary religious observances may increase the risk for fires and fire-related injuries.

***Celebrate your heritage safely
with the following guidelines.***



PREPARING THE KITCHEN AND COOKING

Fifty percent of all apartment fires and one-quarter of the fires in private homes start in the kitchen. Most home cooking fires involve the stovetop portion of the range. One-third of these fires result from unattended cooking.

The majority of fires and burns can be prevented during food preparation by taking safety precautions. Follow these precautions when preparing the kitchen and cooking, especially for the Sabbath and holiday meals when there is increased activity in the kitchen:

- Stay in the kitchen--don't leave cooking food unattended.
- Wear tighter or snug-fitting sleeves. (Loose sleeves are more likely to catch on fire or get caught on pot handles.)
- Take extra precaution when handling boiling water.
- Cook at indicated temperature settings, rather than higher settings.
- Don't become distracted by attending to children or answering phone calls or doorbells.
- Create a "kid-free zone" of at least three feet around your stove.
- Keep area clear of towels, papers or anything that could burn.
- Turn pot handles inward, facing the wall, to prevent burns caused by overturning or spills.
- Have a pot lid and container of baking soda handy to smother a pan fire. **DO NOT USE WATER.**
- Treat burns immediately with cool running water and seek medical attention.

SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

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SABBATH AND HOLIDAY CANDLE SAFETY

More than 33 percent of candle fires occur when candles are left unattended. Half of the people killed by candle fires in the home are *younger than 20 years of age*, with most of the victims between the ages of five and nine. Burns and fires burns are the leading cause of death in the home for children and young adults.

Holiday time means candles, matches and fire. When burning candles, make your home safer by:



- Using sturdy candleholders, with flame-protective non-combustible (glass or metal) shades or globes.
- Placing candles at least four feet away from curtains, draperies, blinds, kitchen cabinets and bedding.
- Placing candles out of reach of small children and pets.
- Extinguishing candles when they burn within two inches of the holder.
- Never leaving burning candles unattended.
- Securing hair and clothing, such as sleeves or aprons, from the flame when handling candles.
- Keeping candles, matches and lighters, including lit memorial containers and Chanukah menorahs, out of reach of children.

When searching for hametz, keep candles away from bedding, tablecloths, clothing or anything that can burn. Use a flashlight for hard-to-reach places.



FOLLOW THESE IMPORTANT FIRE SAFETY TIPS FROM THE NEW YORK CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

DEVELOP A FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

Can your family survive a fire in your home?

Protect your family by planning and practicing a home fire escape plan. Know two ways out from each room and agree on a meeting place outside your home so you will know everyone is out safely.

MAKE SURE YOUR SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS WORK

Twice a year when you change your clocks:

- Change your smoke detector alarm battery.
- Change your carbon monoxide detector alarm battery.
- Practice your home fire escape.

IF THERE IS A FIRE:

- Do not try to fight the fire yourself.
- Get out and stay out. Do not try to gather personal possessions.
- **CLOSE THE DOOR ON YOUR WAY OUT.**
- If smoke is present, exit as low to the ground as possible and keep your mouth covered.
- **CALL 911 ONCE YOU REACH A SAFE LOCATION.**
- **If any part of you or your clothing catches fire, do not run or try to put out the fire with your hands. Cover your face with your hands and drop to the ground and roll over and over.**

***Effective April 2014 all new and replacement smoke alarms in multiple dwellings and private homes must have a sealed 10 year battery that is non removable and non replaceable. It must also have an audible "end of life warning".**



צוגרייטן די קאך און קאכן

פופציג פראצענט פון אלע דירה פייערן און א פערטל פון די פייערן אין פריוואטע הייזער הויבן זיך אן אינעם קאך. מערסטנס היים קאכן פייערן פאסירן פון די אויבערשטע טייל פונעם גאז. א דריטל פון די פייערן קומען פון קאכן וואס מען האט געלאזט אן אויפזיכט.

דאס מערהייט פון פייערן און בריען קענען פארמיטן ווערן אין צייט וואס מען גרייט צו עסנווארג דורך נעמען זיכערהייט מאסנאמען. פאלגט אויס די מאסנאמען אין צייט וואס מען גרייט צו די קאך און קאכן, ספעציעל פאר שבת און יום טוב מאלצייטן ווען מען פארעט מער אינעם קאך:

- בלייבט אינעם קאך--לאזט נישט קיין עסן וואס קאכט אן אויפזיכט.
- גייט מיט שמאלערע אדער מער צוגעפאסטע ערמל. (ברייטע ערמל הויבן אן ברענען מער אפט און קענען ווערן פארכאפט אין די הענטלעך פון טעפ)
- געבט זיך עקסטער אכטונג אין צייט פון באהאנדלען קאכעדיגע וואסער.
- קאכט אויף די געצייכענטע גראד, ווי איידער אויף העכערע גראד.
- ווערט נישט פארנומען מיט אנדערע זאכן דורך זיך אפגעבן מיט קינדער אדער ענטפערן אויף די טעלעפאן אדער טיר.
- מאכט א "קיין-קינדער זאנע" פון כאטש דריי פיס ארום אייער גאז.
- האלט די פלאץ ליידיג פון האנטוכער, פאפירן אדער אנדערע זאכן וועלכע קענען ברענען.
- דרייט די הענטלעך פונעם טאפ אויף אריין, צו די וואנט, צו פארמיידן בריען וועלכע פאסירן פון טעפ וועלכע דרייען זיך איבער אדער גיסן זיך אויס.
- האלט א דעקל פון א טאפ און א שאכטל בעיקינג סאדע גרייט צו אויסלעשן א פענדל פייער. נוצט נישט קיין וואסער.
- באהאנדלט בריען זאפארט מיט קילע רינעדיגע וואסער און באקומט מעדיצינישע הילף.

עת און ימים טובים זענען א צייט פאר פאמיליע צוזאמקומען, וועלכע ווערן געפייערט דורך ספעציעלע עסנווארג, געזאנגען און מנהגים. אסאך הייליגע טעג און מצוות, ווי אויך די וועכנטליכע שבת, זענען א צייט פאר רעליגיעזע קאכן און אנצינדן ליכט.

אבער, אן זיכערהייט מאסנאמען, קענען די אייגענפירטע רעליגיעזע פירונגען הייבן די געפאר פון פייערן און פייער-פארבינדערע וואונדן.

פייערט אייער מסורה אויף א זיכערע פארנעם מיט די פאלגנדע אנווייזונגען.



שבת און יום טוב ליכט זיכערהייט

מער ווי 33 פראצענט פון ליכט פייערן פאסירן ווען מען לאזט איבער ליכט אן אויפזיכט. האלב פון די מענטשן וועלכע שטארבן פון ליכט פייערן זענען **יונגער ווי 20 יאר**, און רוב זענען צווישן די עלטער פון פינף און ניין יאר. בריען און פייער בריען זענען די גרעסטע אורזאך פון טויט אינדערהיים פאר קינדער און יונגע מענטשן.

יום טוב צייט מיינט ליכט, שוועבלעך און פייער. ווען איר צינדט אן ליכט, מאכט אייער שטוב מער פארזיכערט דורך:

- נוצן פעסטע לייכטערס, מיט פלאם-שיצענדע, נישט ברענענדיגע (גלאז אדער אייזן) האלטערס.
- שטעלן ליכט כאטש פיר פיס אוועק פון פארהאנגען, בילדער, בליינדס, קאך שאפעס אדער בעט-געוואנט.
- שטעלן ליכט וואו קליינע קינדער און פעטס קענען נישט צוקומען.
- פארלעשן ליכט ווען זיי ברענען אינערהאלב צוויי אינטשעס פונעם האלטער.
- נישט לאזן ברענענדיגע ליכט אן אויפזיכט.
- האלטן האר און קליידונג, אזויווי ערמל אדער שירצלעך, אוועק פון די פלאם ווען מען באהאנדלט ליכט.
- שטעלן ליכט, שוועבלעך און צינדערס, אריינגערעכנט אנגעצינדענע יארצייט ליכט און חנוכה מנורות, אויף א פלאץ וואו קינדער קענען נישט צוקומען.



ביי בדיקת חמץ, האלט די ליכט ווייט פון בעט-געוואנט, טישטיכער, קליידונג אדער אנדערע זאכן וועלכע קענען ברענען. נוצט א פלעשלייט פאר פלעצער וואס איז שווער צו דערגרייכן.

פאלגט אויס די וויכטיגע פייער זיכערהייט אנווייזונגען פון די ניו יארק סיטי פייער דעפארטמענט



אויב א פייער פאסירט:

- פרובירט נישט אליינס צו באקעמפן די פייער.
- גייט ארויס און בלייבט אינדרויסן. פרובירט נישט צו צאמנעמען פערזענליכע פארמעגנס.
- **פארמאכט די טיר אויפ'ן וועג ארויס.**
- אויב עס איז דא רויעך, גייט ארויס וואס נענטער צו די ערד און האלט אייער מויל צוגעדעקט.
- **רופט 911 איינמאל איר קומט אן צו זיכערע ארט.**
- אויב א טייל פון אייער קערפער אדער קליידער הויבט אן ברענען, פרובירט נישט צו לויפן אדער צו אויסלעשן די פלאמען מיט אייערע הענט. דעקט צו אייער פנים מיט אייערע הענט און פאלט צו די ערד און קוילערט זיך איבער און איבער.

פלאנירט א פייער אנטלויף פלאן

קען אייער פאמיליע איבערלעבן א פייער אין אייער שטוב? באשיצט אייער פאמיליע דורך אויספלאנירן און אויספרובירן א היים פייער אנטלויף פלאן. ווייטט איבער צוויי וועגן ארויסצוגיין פון יעדע צימער און שטימט צו אויף א פלאץ אינדרויסן פון אייער היים זיך צו טרעפן כדי צו וויסן אז יעדער איז ארויסגעקומען באצייטנס.

מאכט זיכער אז אייער רויעך און קארבאן מאנאקסייד אלארמס ארבעטן גוט

- צוויי מאל א יאר ווען איר טוישט אייערע זייגערס:
- טוישט די באטערי פון אייער רויעך אלארם.
- טוישט די באטערי פון אייער קארבאן מאנאקסייד אלארם.
- פרובירט אויך אייער היים פייער אנטלויף.

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הכנת המטבח ובישול

50 אחוז מכלל השריפות בדירות ורבע מהשריפות בבתים פרטיים מתחילות במטבח. רוב השריפות בבישול ביתי כרוכות בטווח המקטע של הכיריים. שליש מהשריפות הללו נובעות מבישול ללא השגחה.

ניתן למנוע את רוב השריפות והכוויות במהלך הכנת המזון על ידי נקיטת אמצעי זהירות. הקפידו על אמצעי הזהירות הבאים בהכנת המטבח והבישול, במיוחד בארוחות השבת והחג כאשר יש פעילות מוגברת במטבח:

- הישארו במטבח - אל תשאירו אוכל מבושל ללא השגחה.
- לבשו שרוולים הדוקים יותר או צמודים יותר. (שרוולים רופפים נוטים יותר להתלקח או להיתפס על ידי חפצים)
- נקטו אמצעי זהירות נוספים בעת טיפול במים רותחים.
- בשלו בהגדרות הטמפרטורה המצוינות, ולא בהגדרות גבוהות יותר.
- אל תסיחו את דעתכם על ידי טיפול בילדים או במענה לשיחות טלפון או לדפיקה בלת.
- צרו "אזור ללא ילדים" של לפחות שלושה מטרים סביב התנור שלכם.
- שמרו על אזור נקי ממגבות, ניירות או כל דבר שעלול להישרף.
- סובבו את ידי חפצי הפנימה, הפונות לקיר, כדי למנוע כוויות הנגרמות מהתהפכות או שפיכה.
- שימו בהישג יד מכסה סיר ומכל של סודה לשתייה כדי לחנוק אש במחבת. אין להשתמש במים.
- טפלו מיד בכוויות במים זורמים קרים ופנו לטיפול רפואי.



בת והחגים היהודיים הם זמן של מפגשים משפחתיים, הנחגגים במאכלים מיוחדים, שירים ומנהגים. ימי קודש ומצוות רבות, כמו גם השבת השבועית, הם זמן לבישול מסורתי ולטקסים של נרות.

עם זאת, ללא אמצעי זהירות, מצוות דת מקובלות אלו עלולות להגביר את הסיכון לשריפות ולפציעות הקשורות באש.

**חגגו את המורשת שלכם בבטחה עם
ההנחיות הבאות.**



גלאי עשן מצילי חיים

גלאי פחמן חד חמצני מצילי חיים

גלאי עשן מצילי חיים

הודעת בטיחות אש ציבורית ממחלקת הכבאות של העיר ניו יורק

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משותפים בגאווה את ניו יורק מאז 1865

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בטיחות עם נרות שבת וחג

יותר מ-33 אחוז מהשריפות מנרות מתרחשות כאשר נרות נשארים ללא השגחה. מחצית מההרוגים בשריפות נרות בבית הם **צעירים מגיל 20**, כאשר רוב הקורבנות בין הגילאים חמש עד תשע. כוויות ושריפות כוויות הן הגורם המוביל למוות בבית של ילדים ומבוגרים צעירים.

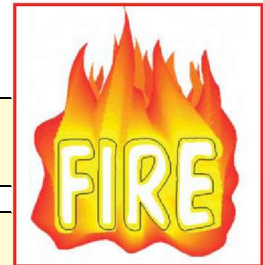
זמן חג פירושו נרות, גפרורים ואש. בעת הדלקת נרות, הפכו את ביתכם לבטוח יותר על ידי:

- שימוש בפמוטים יציבים, עם גווני או גלובוסים שאינם דליקים (זכוכית או מתכת) המגנים על הלהבה.
- הצבת נרות במרחק של לפחות ארבעה מטרים מוילונות, וילונות, תריסים, ארונות מטבח ומצעים.
- הנחת נרות הרחק מהישג ידם של ילדים קטנים וחיות מחמד.
- כיבוי נרות כאשר הם נשרפים במרחק שני סנטימטרים מהמחזיק.
- לעולם אין להשאיר נרות בוערים ללא השגחה.
- אבטחת שיער ובגדים, כגון שרוולים או סינרים, מהלהבה בעת טיפול בנרות.
- שמירת נרות, גפרורים ומצתים, לרבות מכלי זיכרון דולקים וחנוכיות חנוכה, הרחק מהישג ידם של ילדים.



בחיפוש חמץ יש להרחיק נרות ממצעים, מפות, בגדים או כל דבר שעלול לשרוף. השתמשו בפנס למקומות שקשה להגיע אליהם.

עקבו אחר הטיפים החשובים האלה לבטיחות באש ממכבי האש של ניו יורק



במקרה של שריפה:

- אל תנסו להילחם באש בעצמכם.
- צאו והישארו בחוץ. אל תנסו לאסוף חפצים אישיים.
- **סגרו את הדלת בדרככם החוצה.**
- אם יש עשן, צאו כמה שיותר נמוך לקרקע ושמרו את הפה שלכם מכוסה.
- **התקשרו למספר 911 ברגע שאתם מגיעים למקום בטוח.**
- אם חלק כלשהו מכם או הבגדים שלכם עולה באש, אל תרוצו או תנסו לכבות את האש עם הידיים. כסו את הפנים עם הידיים, צנחו על הקרקע והתהפכו מצד לצד.

פתחו תוכנית מילוט מאש

האם המשפחה שלכם יכולה לשרוד שריפה בבית שלכם?

הגנו על המשפחה שלכם על ידי תכנון ותרגול של תוכנית מילוט משריפה. הכירו שתי דרכים לצאת מכל חדר והסכימו על מקום מפגש מחוץ לביתכם כדי שתדעו שכולם בחוץ בשלום.

ודאו שגלאי העשן והפחמן החד-חמצני שלכם פועלים

פעמיים בשנה כאשר אתם מחליפים את השעון שלכם:

- החליפו את סוללת גלאי העשן שלכם.
- החליפו את סוללת גלאי הפחמן החד-חמצני שלכם.
- תרגלו את סדר הפעולות להימלטות מאש בבית שלכם.

***נכנס לתוקף באפריל 2014 כל אזעקות העשן החדשות והחלופיות במספר דירות ובתים פרטיים חייבים בסוללה אטומה ל-10 שנים שאינה ניתנת להסרה ואינה ניתנת להחלפה. היא חייבת להיות גם בעלת "אזהרת סוף חיים" נשמעת.**

SNAP and Cash Assistance Benefit Skimming Replacement FAQ

If your SNAP or Cash benefits have been electronically stolen, you can now submit a claim for replacement of these stolen benefits. Your benefits may be partially or entirely replaced.

What is electronic benefit theft (also known as “skimming” “phishing” or “card cloning”)?

Skimming is a type of theft. Thieves put an overlay on a store’s card-swiping machine to copy EBT, credit, and debit card information. The thieves use the information to make fake cards (called “clones”) and use them to steal money from accounts. Skimming can happen anywhere you swipe your EBT card. Your benefits can be stolen through skimming even if you always have possession of your EBT card.

Phishing is a different type of scheme where thieves trick people into clicking on a link (usually sent through text or email) that allows them to access your account information.

What should I do if my benefits were stolen?

It can be frustrating and frightening to have your benefits stolen. But there are steps you can take to reduce your exposure and submit a claim for replacement benefits.

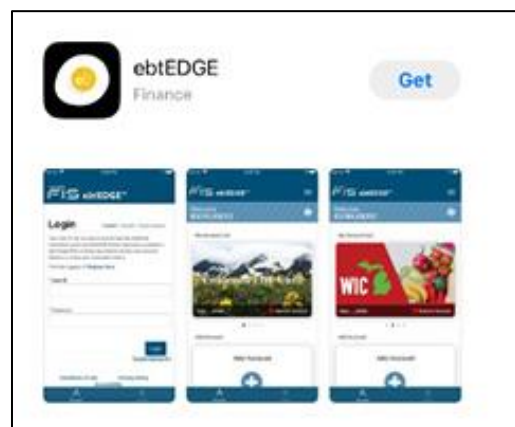
Step 1. Report your card as stolen. If you realize your benefits have been stolen, you must report your EBT card as stolen. To report your card stolen, request a new card, and change your PIN, please go to <https://www.ebtedge.com/> or call EBT Customer Service at 888-328-6399. You will not receive any replacement benefits if you have not reported that your EBT card was stolen. **Note:** at this time, ebtedge.com is only available in English. The EBT Customer Service line requires you to enter the last four digits of your EBT card number – after that, service is available in Arabic, Mandarin, English, Haitian-Creole, Italian, Korean, Russian, and Spanish.

Step 2. Obtain your EBT Transaction history. To submit a claim for replacement benefits, you must report the date, location, and amount of each individual transaction that was fraudulent. These are the transactions which you yourself did not make, but rather were made by whoever stole your card’s information.

How to get your EBT History:

There are several ways to obtain the history of your EBT transactions. Choose whichever is easiest for you:

- **Option 1:** Checking your EBT history at [ebtedge.com/](https://www.ebtedge.com/) or by downloading the ebtEDGE mobile app (available for download in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store); or
- **Option 2:** Calling the toll-free EBT Customer Service line at 1-888-328-6399. You may use the helpline to Hear your last ten transactions on the automated menu or Request a printed two-month statement of your account history from the automated menu or from a customer service representative. You can also



review your transactions with a live customer service representative. For transactions which were more than 15 months ago, you will need to speak to a representative.

Your EBT history will include mostly transactions that you remember making – such as trips to your regular grocery store. But you may see transactions which look strange – stores you’ve never shopped at, maybe even in cities you’ve never visited. These kinds of transactions may indicate electronic benefit theft (fraud). You will need to report the date, location, and amount of each of these fraudulent transactions to submit a claim for replacement benefits.

Step 3. Submit a claim for Replacement Benefits.

Once you have identified which transactions were fraudulent, you are ready to submit a claim for replacement benefits.

There are several ways to submit a claim:

1. Online: visit nyc.gov/hra

Submitting a claim **online is the fastest, easiest method! DSS Strongly recommends applicants submit a claim online if possible.**

2. Mail: To obtain a paper claim form, you can:

- Print a claim form available at nyc.gov/hra or
- Call Infoline [718-557-1399] and request a form be mailed to you.
- Visit your local Center

You can mail a completed paper claim form to:

Department of Social Services
P.O. Box 02-9121
Brooklyn GPO, Brooklyn, NY 11202

Submitting a paper claim form, especially requesting a form be mailed to you, is the slowest method, and it may take longer for DSS to receive your claim and issue any replacement benefits.

3. In-Person: You can visit your Benefits Access Center, SNAP Center, or HASA Center. You can find SNAP and BAC Centers on nyc.gov/hra (under the ‘Locations’ tab).

What information will I need to submit a claim?

You will need:

1. Your Client Identification Number (CIN) and Case number.
2. Your Current Mailing Address
3. The date, location, and amount of each fraudulent transaction.

If you have had both SNAP and Cash benefits stolen, you must report them on the same claim form. There will be separate sections of the form so the transactions will not get mixed up.

What is my client identification number (CIN)?

Your client identification number is an 8-character code which is a mix of letters and numbers. You can find your CIN on your EBT Card, as shown below. It is labeled “ID Number”. Each person on a case has their own CIN – but you **MUST** use the CIN listed on your EBT card for the application to be processed, even if that CIN belongs to someone else on your case.



How do I find my Case Number?

Your case number has ten characters. The first nine characters are numbers, and the final character is a letter. Your case number is not listed on your EBT card, but you can find your case number on any notices HRA has sent you about your case, and also find it by logging in to ACCESSHRA. If you have trouble finding your case number, you can also call Infoline [718-557-1399] or visit your Center.

Why do I have to confirm that I reported my card as lost or stolen?

HRA wants to ensure that your account is no longer at risk, and that any replacement benefits that are placed on our card are not stolen again. The instructions above, and the instructions on the claim form, can guide you through the process of reporting your card stolen.

How do I complete the rest of the claim form?

There are a few summary fields to fill out before you list your individual stolen transactions.

Cash Benefits: The first section is about stolen Cash benefits. If you did not have any Cash Assistance benefits stolen, please leave this section blank. Below is a list of the questions and instructions.

- **Date I Realized my Cash benefits were stolen:** This is the date when you became aware that your benefits had been stolen. This might not be the date of the actual theft. This date should not be *before* the date of the fraudulent transactions. **If you do not know the exact date, you should leave this field blank.** Leaving this field blank will not cause your claim to be rejected.

- **First Date Cash benefits were stolen:** This is the earliest date in your transaction history where you see a fraudulent transaction. For example, if you see fraudulent Cash transactions on April 3rd 2023 and April 4th 2023 then you should list April 3rd 2023 here. If you only see fraudulent transactions on one date, list that date here. Please note that Cash Assistance transactions from before January 1, 2022 are ineligible for replacement, and should not be listed.
- **Last Date Cash benefits were stolen:** This is the most *recent* date in your transaction history where you see a fraudulent transaction. For example, if you see fraudulent Cash transactions on May 5th 2023 and May 6th 2023, then you should list May 6th 2023 here. If you only see fraudulent transactions on one date, list that date here. If you only see fraudulent transactions on one date, your “first date” and “last date” will be the same – that is OK.
- **Total Cash Benefits that were stolen:** This is the total dollar amount of Cash Assistance Benefits which were stolen. This should be the total (sum) of all the Fraudulent Cash Assistance transactions. For example, if you are reporting one fraudulent cash transaction of \$300, and another fraudulent Cash transaction of \$200, then your Total listed here should be \$500. It is very important that you fill out this “Total” field correctly.

SNAP Benefits: The next section asks about SNAP benefits. If you did not have any SNAP benefits stolen, please leave this section blank. The instructions here are identical to the Cash Assistance portion above, but it’s for SNAP instead of Cash.

- **Date I Realized my SNAP benefits were stolen:** This is the date when you became aware that your SNAP benefits had been stolen. This might not be the date of the actual theft. This date should not be *before* the date of the fraudulent SNAP transactions. **If you do not know the exact date, you should leave this field blank.** Leaving this field blank will not cause your claim to be rejected.
- **First Date SNAP benefits were stolen:** This is the earliest date in your transaction history where you see a fraudulent SNAP transaction. For example, if you see fraudulent SNAP transactions on April 3rd 2023 and April 4th 2023 then you should list April 3rd 2023 here. If you only see fraudulent SNAP transactions on only one date, list that date here. Please note that SNAP transactions before October 1, 2022 are ineligible for replacement, and should not be listed.
- **Last Date SNAP benefits were stolen:** This is the most *recent* date in your transaction history where you see a fraudulent SNAP transaction. For example, if you see fraudulent SNAP transactions on May 5th 2023 and May 6th 2023, then you should list May 6th 2023 here. If you only see fraudulent SNAP transactions on one date, list that date here. If you only see fraudulent SNAP transactions on one date, your “first date” and “last date” will be the same – that is OK.
- **Total SNAP Benefits that were stolen:** This is the total dollar amount of SNAP Assistance Benefits which were stolen. This should be the total (sum) of all the Fraudulent SNAP Assistance transactions. For example, if you are reporting one fraudulent SNAP transaction

of \$400, and another fraudulent SNAP transaction of \$300, then your Total listed here should be \$700. It is very important that you fill out this “Total” field correctly.

Note: You should not add SNAP and Cash benefits together into one “TOTAL”. For example, if you had \$400 of Cash benefits stolen, and \$500 of SNAP benefits stolen, your “TOTAL” should be \$400 Cash in the Cash Assistance Section and \$500 of SNAP in the SNAP section – not \$900 in either section.

Do I have to complete the attestation part in the last section?

Yes – your claim will not be accepted if you do not check the box attesting to the accuracy and truthfulness of your claim.

What if my case has closed?

You do not need to have an active SNAP or Cash Assistance case to be eligible to receive a replacement benefit. If it has been determined that your benefits were stolen through electronic means such as EBT card skimming, cloning, third party misrepresentation, or other similar fraudulent methods like phishing, you may be eligible for replacement benefit even if your case has closed. If you are found eligible for replacement benefits, these will be available for use on your EBT card even if your case is closed. You do not have to re-apply for SNAP or Cash Assistance in order to access the replacement benefit.

Will all of my stolen benefits be replaced?

It depends. For both benefit types, the replacement benefit you are eligible to receive is either the amount of SNAP or cash benefits that were stolen, or an amount equal to two (2) times the SNAP or cash benefits you received in the most recent complete month during which you received SNAP or Cash before your benefits were stolen, **whichever is less**.

How long will it take to get my benefits after I submit a claim?

Processing time will vary. If you are accepted for replacement benefits, please allow up to 4 weeks for replacement benefits to be put on your card and to receive a notice in the mail notifying you of our decision. You do not need to submit another claim while your claim is being processed – submitting another claim will not help us process your claim more quickly.

How long do I have to submit a claim for replacement benefits after I discover the theft?

For both SNAP and Cash, you must submit a claim for replacement benefits within 30 days of discovering that your benefits were stolen. This means that if the “date of discovery” you list on your claim is more than 30 days ago, your claim will be rejected. However – if you do not know your exact date of discovery, you can leave this field blank. Leaving this field blank will not cause your claim to be rejected.

There is one exception to the 30 day rule: reporting fraudulent transactions from prior to August 21, 2023. For SNAP retroactive claims with dates of theft from October 1, 2022 and Cash Assistance retroactive claims with dates of theft from January 1, 2022 up to August 21, 2023, households must complete and submit the replacement application to the district by **OctoberDecember** 31, 2023, or within thirty (30) days from the date they discovered the theft, whichever is later.

How far back can we report stolen benefits?

There are separate rules for Cash and SNAP.

For Cash: replacement Cash benefits are limited to fraudulent transactions on or after **January 1, 2022**.

For SNAP: replacement SNAP benefits are limited to fraudulent transactions on or after **October 1, 2022**.

What if I've had my benefits stolen more than once? Are there limit on how many times I can submit a claim?

There are separate rules for Cash and SNAP.

For Cash: Households may not receive more than two (2) replacement Cash benefits for the time period from January 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022. Thereafter, households may not receive more than two (2) replacement Cash benefits in a single federal fiscal year (October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, and October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024). After September 30, 2024, households will only be eligible to receive one (1) replacement Cash benefit in a single federal fiscal year.

For SNAP: Households may not receive more than two (2) replacement SNAP benefits in a single federal fiscal year (October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, and October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024).

From: Merola, Ryan (DSNY)
Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 6:03 PM
To: Merola, Ryan (DSNY)
Cc: Okotieuro, Gbubemi (DSNY) ; Caruso, Stephen (DSNY)
Subject: 2024-2025 Draft Snow Plan: Brooklyn

Dear Borough President, Council Members, and Community Boards,

Attached please find the Department of Sanitation's Draft Snow Plan for your borough for the 2024 – 2025 snow season.

We welcome any comments you may have on the draft plan, and we ask for those comments no later than November 1 so that they can be reviewed before the plan is finalized for the November 15 deadline. You can send comments to customerservice@dsny.nyc.gov.

Once the plan is finalized, we will work with our city partners to organize briefings on what to expect during the snow season.

Thank you!

-Ryan

Ryan A. Merola
NYC Department of Sanitation



The City of New York Department of Sanitation

2024-2025 Draft Snow Plan Borough of Brooklyn

Pursuant to Local Law 28 of 2011

**Jessica Tisch, Commissioner
September 2024**

The New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) Borough Snow Plan describes measures DSNY will take to fight winter weather, clear streets for safe transportation, and address issues of public safety related to snow and ice conditions. This document is published pursuant to the requirements set forth under Local Law 28 of 2011.

I. INTRODUCTION

DSNY keeps New York City clean, safe, and healthy by collecting, recycling, and disposing of waste, cleaning streets and public spaces, enforcing the rules around cleanliness, and clearing snow and ice. A critical component of this mission is to clear snow and ice from New York City's more than 19,000 lane-miles of roadways and associated infrastructure in a prompt, reliable, and equitable manner.

Winter conditions on the city's roadways introduce potential hazards to all forms of travel. Snow, ice, and other winter weather can impede first responders, temporarily close businesses, close schools, and restrict the mobility of all New Yorkers. Snowfall may lead to the disruption of normal traffic patterns and public transportation. In prolonged or severe snowfall, disruption may last for extended periods of time.

DSNY is dedicated to promptly clearing snow and ice from the city's roadways. However, this is often a time-consuming effort, especially during periods of heavy or persistent snowfall, accompanied by dropping temperatures and strong winds. This Snow Plan focuses on the strategic planning, organization, and response to winter weather conditions, outlining the operational tasks involved in spreading salt on roadways, as well as the plowing, piling, hauling, and melting of substantial snow accumulations from the city's thoroughfares.

II. PLANNING

DSNY takes a continuous and systematic approach to preparation and planning for winter weather. During the spring and summer seasons, DSNY personnel conduct a comprehensive review of approximately 1,500 snow-plowing routes across the city. Adjustments are made as needed, informed by insights from the previous winter season and any modifications to the urban landscape, such as the construction of new schools or hospitals. Snow routes no longer follow outdated "priority" designations, instead being designed to provide equity to all parts of the city. DSNY also performs preventative maintenance on all snow-related equipment and makes upgrades to the equipment as necessary.

In the fall, DSNY holds meetings internally to coordinate operations, discuss snow staffing, and plan snow-drill exercises. DSNY also meets with other city agencies to coordinate asset dedication for its snow operations and to discuss putting city agencies on notice during a Snow Alert. A Snow Alert indicates the type of winter weather expected, amount of snowfall or precipitation expected, temperature and timing of the event as forecasted by weather services contracted by DSNY. As a result of these meetings, DSNY and other city agencies have adopted procedures and made assets available as outlined in Section V-D, below.

DSNY representatives also attend Community Board district service cabinet and borough service cabinet meetings to report on DSNY's Snow Plan.

In the months before the Snow Season begins, DSNY ensures it has adequate equipment, plow parts, and supplies to carry out the Snow Plan, including sufficient plows and chains. DSNY has established contracts with multiple vendors for the replenishment of salt stockpiles, calcium chloride, and brine. These products are delivered to DSNY storage locations located in each borough (see Appendix E). DSNY has 31 permanent and 11 seasonal salt storage sites, with the capacity to store over 300,000 tons of rock salt citywide. DSNY also has 53 calcium chloride locations citywide with the capacity to store 380,500 gallons of calcium chloride. Calcium chloride system components are inspected and tested prior to Snow Season to ensure pumps, nozzles, and associated hardware are fully functional.

Every year, a snow-drill exercise is conducted at the beginning of the Night Plow season to prepare all personnel and identify areas that may need adjustments. This exercise involves all DSNY divisions, including both operational and administrative functions.

III. TRAINING

DSNY conducts annual in-service training for uniformed staff each year from September through December. Training for Sanitation Workers includes, but is not limited to, equipment operation, attachment of plows and chains, use of two-way radios, and the use of route navigation technology, along with other annual training topics related to city and DSNY policies.

Front end loaders are a vital piece of snow removal equipment. Each year, Sanitation Workers are selected for training to operate front end loaders at the DSNY training academy located at Floyd Bennett Field. Additional instruction is provided on how to deploy hired equipment and “load and dump” procedures for snow hauling and disposal.

IV. ASSIGNED EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL

For a full list of equipment and personnel assigned to each district, see Appendices A and B.

V. IMPLEMENTATION

The following is a step-by-step overview of how DSNY fights an impending snow event.

While DSNY is the lead agency on the removal of snow and ice, the successful implementation of these plans is dependent on equipment and personnel from other city agencies as well, in particular the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR).

A. Forecast and Preparation

The DSNY Operations Office monitors weather forecasts through the contracted weather reporting services 24/7. The following services will be contracted for the 2024-2025 Snow Season: Accu Weather, Compu Weather, and Metro Weather.

When a risk of snow is indicated by the forecast, senior DSNY staff consider the need to activate personnel and equipment for snow response. If the forecasted amount of frozen precipitation would result in the need to deploy plows, personnel are scheduled into two 12-hour

shifts (normally 7 A.M. to 7 P.M. and 7 P.M. to 7 A.M.). During these situations, regularly scheduled days off for Sanitation Workers and Uniformed Officers are cancelled to ensure maximum personnel availability. DSNY formulates staffing needs 24 hours in advance of snowfall based on weather forecasts and other factors. After an assessment is made as to the necessary action, DSNY will issue a Snow Alert informing DSNY personnel, the Mayor's Office, and other city agencies of a pending snow event. In addition to receiving the snow alert, DEP, DOT, and DPR may be notified of the need for their resources to address the pending snowfall if forecasts warrant it (see Section V-D for city agency responsibilities).

The DSNY Bureau of Public Affairs will issue a Snow Alert declaration to all media and the public via a news advisory and all social media channels. Such advisories will also be posted on New York City Emergency Management (NYCEM)'s Severe Weather page, available at: <http://www.nyc.gov/severeweather>. Subsequent weather forecasts are monitored, and DSNY's Operations Office maintains ongoing communication with contracted weather forecasting services.

Before the snow event, DSNY personnel prepare equipment to begin snow response operations. This may include loading salt spreaders with salt and calcium chloride, attaching plows to equipment used for plowing, and attaching chains to spreaders and plowing equipment based on precipitation type and the amount of precipitation forecasted. If forecasts dictate, hired equipment vendors may be instructed to prepare for piling, hauling, and/or towing operations.

In the hours prior to snowfall and throughout winter weather events, weather condition reports are submitted hourly from DSNY's field weather stations. Salt spreaders may be pre-positioned to begin salting at the first trace of precipitation on roadways.

B. Salting and Plowing Operations

DSNY no longer uses tiered routing designations for different categories of streets – every street is on a route, and every route can be dispatched as needed. This includes bike lane routes.

At the first trace of snow or frozen precipitation on roadways, salt spreaders begin dispensing salt. Salt spreaders are DSNY's first line of defense against snow and ice conditions. Large salt spreaders have plows attached and have the capacity to hold approximately 16 tons of salt. Salt spreaders are equipped with tanks of liquid calcium chloride for pre-wetting salt to enable the melting of snow and ice at lower temperatures. Each salt spreader can hold between 120 and 240 gallons of liquid calcium chloride, depending on the series of truck. DSNY continues to pre-treat specific roadways with liquid sodium brine solution. Beginning 24-48 hours prior to a predicted snow event, DSNY may pretreat certain streets citywide with a liquid sodium brine solution designed to reduce the adhesion of snow and ice to the pavement. This process suppresses snowfall accumulation and can increase the effectiveness of DSNY's plowing operations and provide greater traction to motorists.

Plowing operations begin when snowfall exceeds two inches. Plowing clears snow from the roadways to make roadways passable for emergency vehicles and vehicular traffic. Operators must follow their assigned routes in the proper order to ensure route completion. As a result, plows cannot be diverted from routes to resolve customer complaints until after snow has stopped falling and assigned roadways are clear.

DSNY may deploy specialized equipment based on the conditions. Pick-up spreaders are small spreaders with plows attached for treating narrow roadways and other areas where large salt spreaders cannot access. These spreaders can hold approximately 2.5 tons of salt. Front end loaders are primarily used for salt loading and may be used for plowing narrow streets and loading cut downs during snow hauling operations. Trucks equipped with V-plow attachments may be strategically deployed to locations where drifting or significant snow accumulations hinder the effectiveness of standard truck plows.

Additionally, in heavy snowfall events, DSNY may activate emergency hired equipment contracts as needed.

C. Situational Awareness

DSNY headquarters, located at 125 Worth Street in Manhattan, operates a snow command center. All spreading and plowing equipment are outfitted with two-way radios and GPS devices to maintain communication with supervisory personnel, borough commands, and the snow command center throughout an event. GPS devices are installed in all DSNY equipment as well as the units responding from other city agencies that may be assigned to DSNY during winter weather events. This allows DSNY to track all resources engaged in snow response efforts.

DSNY maintains situational awareness throughout a snow event using a range of technologies and channels of communication. Supervisory personnel monitor operations in the field which are communicated with district, borough commands, and the snow command center. DSNY's snow command center, monitors periodic progress reports on the status of spreading and plowing operations.

In 2023, DSNY made significant enhancements to our GPS tracking application known as BladeRunner 2.0. BladeRunner 2.0 features significant technology enhancements to better support plowing, salting, cleaning, and collection operations, including:

- Enhanced GPS tracking data for broader time windows, multiple vehicles, and extended history;
- Google map integration to provide a modern view — with satellite and street view access — for vehicles and facilities;
- Real-time brine progress data;
- New visual layer data with brine coverage locations, snow preposition points, and protected bike lane information;
- Ability to locate vehicles of interest through proximity features and advanced time frame and location search capabilities;
- Significantly enhanced search capabilities; and
- New cloud-based system to allow for more concurrent users and faster response times.

Ahead of any predicted snowfall, DSNY will activate its snow command center, where BladeRunner 2.0 is housed, to track operations around the city. Each of the thousands of DSNY Superintendents have been trained to use the system, which will be available in all 59 DSNY garages. New Yorkers will still be able to utilize PlowNYC to track plowing progress in their neighborhoods.

Radio communication is an effective tool for relaying orders and information to and from the field. Each borough command utilizes separate radio channels to expand radio transmission abilities during winter weather events.

When the NYC Emergency Management's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is activated in response to a winter weather event, DSNY Operations Office will assign personnel to the EOC for the entirety of the activation. The DSNY representative is responsible for coordinating interagency needs through NYCEM's EOC including, but not limited to, assisting emergency vehicles, NYCHA developments, hospitals, and other important areas. This coordination will continue for the duration of the EOC activation. DSNY also assigns personnel the NYPD and DOT command centers to monitor those agencies' camera feeds in real time.

D. Other City Agencies

City agencies are responsible for clearing snow from their own property and facilities to comply with their Charter-mandated responsibilities. During a snow event, other city agencies (DOT, DPR, and DEP) may assist DSNY by providing plowing equipment and personnel as described below; this participation is essential to the timely and equitable clearing of snow and ice.

DOT: The Department of Transportation provides plowed trucks with operators (see Appendix F). When plowing operations are completed, these trucks may also assist in snow hauling operations. During a snow event, DOT will send a representative to the DSNY snow command center to facilitate coordination between DSNY and DOT. All DOT employees assigned will be directed by DSNY personnel. DOT services the four lower East River Crossings and calls upon DSNY to assist as necessary during a snow event. Additionally, the Brooklyn Promenade on the BQE, from Tillary Street to Atlantic Avenue will not be salted. DOT will use their same anti-icing protocol for this stretch. DSNY will still be responsible for plowing the BQE along the Brooklyn Promenade area.

JCDcaux, DOT's bus shelter contractor, is responsible for maintaining and clearing the interior of bus shelters.

DEP: The Department of Environmental Protection provides plowing assistance to DSNY when necessary. DEP also advises DSNY on sewers suitable to support snow melting operations.

DPR: The Department of Parks and Recreation provides plowing assistance to DSNY when necessary. DPR supplies light duty vehicles with plows, which can perform snow removal work in narrow streets across the city.

NYPD: DSNY collaborates with NYPD Highway, Traffic, and Tow divisions, facilitated by the Tow Truck Task Force, to exchange contact information and review the deployment of NYPD tow trucks during and after significant snowfall, as well as the protocols for highway escort routes. Additionally, DSNY assigns representatives to the NYPD command center to coordinate efforts and monitor street conditions through private and public streaming video feeds from several cameras positioned throughout the five boroughs.

FDNY / EMS: FDNY, along with NYPD, DOT, and DSNY, staff the Tow Truck Task Force, which is coordinated through NYCEM. In heavy accumulation events, DSNY may be called upon to clear roadways to provide access for FDNY vehicles or NYPD tow trucks to tow snowbound ambulances.

MTA: DSNY attends the MTA's Annual Snow Operations Meeting to discuss issues and concerns going into the new Snow Season. MTA submits priority locations for DSNY salting and plowing, including turn-around locations for bus lines.

Port Authority & TBTA: The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey is responsible for managing bridges and tunnels between New York and New Jersey as well as airports in New York City and Northern New Jersey. The Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority (TBTA) manages the toll bridges and plazas within New York City. Although DSNY does not directly coordinate the Port Authority or the TBTA responses, communication is still maintained throughout the entirety of each event. These authorities have seats at NYCEM's Emergency Operations Center and are in constant contact with City agencies during a snow event. If necessary, DSNY will assist as able.

E. Customer Service

New York City's 311 Customer Service Center is main source for non-emergency services and information about city government, including information and services related to winter weather events. DSNY has worked very closely with the city's 311 Customer Service Center to provide a medium for public information and when appropriate for registering service requests and complaints related to winter weather events. Throughout these events the DSNY Bureau of Community Affairs sends regular updates to the 311 Customer Service Center regarding snow operations, Emergency Snow Shoveler and private equipment hiring, enforcement of sidewalk clearing responsibilities, and collection service schedules.

During the winter weather event, the 311 Customer Service Center uses Rapid Service Requests, allowing customers to submit reports of locations of concern during DSNY snow operations. Because DSNY is actively salting/plowing snow or ice from highways, roadways, and streets, it cannot respond to individual plowing or spreading requests. This information is used to provide awareness to field personnel. These locations are mapped periodically during and immediately after a snow event, and these maps are used to evaluate the effectiveness of snow operations and allocate resources as necessary.

After the snow event ends and DSNY has announced that snow clearing operations have concluded, all complaints and service requests are sent immediately from 311 directly to the district garage and/or Enforcement division for action. Supervisory personnel will assess all complaints and take action to remediate if necessary.

The following are examples of complaints and/or service requests received by 311: (1) unplowed streets (those streets where it is apparent that a plow has missed the location); (2) conditions where a plow has been down a street but residents have been throwing snow into the street creating new conditions; (3) unsafe icy patches on city streets; (4) icy conditions not caused by a storm or natural event; and (5) enforcement service request for failure to clear snow/ice from sidewalk area.

The DSNY Bureau of Community Affairs is available to liaise with government and elected officials and community boards regarding snow events by providing updates and maintaining communications. The Bureau of Community Affairs also serves as liaison to the city's 311 Customer Service Center.

New Yorkers can use the PlowNYC online mapping tool to track the progress of DSNY snow operations throughout the five boroughs. PlowNYC is activated when DSNY snow clearing

operations begin. When PlowNYC is active, residents can access a map displaying city streets that have been serviced by DSNY snow clearing equipment. Streets are color-coded based on the amount of time that has elapsed since a plow or spreader last passed down the street, and the map is updated every 15 minutes. PlowNYC data is available to the public and software developers through the city's Open Data Portal. To access PlowNYC, go to: <https://plownyc.cityofnewyork.us/plownyc/>

F. Snow Clearing Operations

Spreading and plowing operations continue until all public streets are cleared. When snow accumulations approach the 6 to 8-inch range, depending on forecasted temperatures and additional frozen precipitation, DSNY may transition into a piling/hauling operation. Snow ridges, created from plowing to the right, are pushed into piles to increase curb accessibility, and are scheduled for removal. DSNY updates piling routes as needed each season.

DSNY has an established requirements contract for supplemental snow piling and hauling equipment that includes equipment for emergency towing of vehicles. (See Appendix G). With this contract, contractors will be expected to have equipment readily available for DSNY employment throughout the Snow Season.

Temporary piles made by DSNY are hauled to DEP approved snow melter locations. Additional piles made by the public should be reported to 311 for DSNY removal.

When forecasts warrant, DSNY stages snow melters in pre-determined locations. DSNY has 26 small snow melters, each capable of melting 60 tons of snow per hour and two larger "mega-snow melters" capable of melting 120 tons of snow per hour. Snow melters are used in conjunction with hauling operations. Water from the melted snow is discharged directly into city sewers preapproved for melting operations by DEP (see Appendix C for approved locations).

DSNY, through arrangements with DPR and other entities, obtains usage of large vacant lots which may be used as snow disposal locations during major hauling operations when melting locations become overburdened. These locations allow DSNY to move large amounts of snow from the city streets which can be left to melt naturally.

Alternate side parking regulations may be suspended before, during, or after a snow event. After roadways have been serviced and the temperatures are expected to be above freezing, the process of clearing snow from street cleaning routes begins. Alternate side parking regulations will be reinstated to facilitate this process. A combination of front-end loaders, plows, spreaders and pick-up spreaders may be used to clear snow away from curbs.

G. Clearing Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure

DSNY has committed to addressing bike lanes while simultaneously treating all city roadways. After salting and plowing operations have stopped, DSNY addresses snow and ice removal from pedestrian overpasses, step streets, bus stops and crosswalks. DSNY has a fleet of 102 skid-steer loaders to clear pedestrian areas more quickly and efficiently and 44 smaller bike lane plows to pre-treat and clear snow from protected bike lanes.

After major snow events, DSNY employs individuals as Emergency Snow Shovelers to clear crosswalks, pedestrian curb cuts, catch basins, paths for loading and unloading at bus stops,

sidewalks adjacent to vehicular overpasses, and pedestrian bridges. All work performed by Emergency Snow Shovelers are supervised by DSNY personnel.

Each year in October, DSNY seeks individuals interested in registering as Emergency Snow Shovelers during major snow events via its website and through the media, and by providing information through 311 upon request. Interested applicants can register at any local district garage between the hours of 7 A.M. to 3 P.M., after making an appointment online or through 311. The rate of pay begins at \$18.54 per hour and increases to \$27.81 per hour after completing the first 40 hours in a given week. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, eligible to work in the United States, and capable of performing heavy physical labor. All applicants must bring two small passport-sized photos, originals, and copies of two forms of identification, and social security card at the time of registration.

Citi Bike is a public-private partnership between the City of New York, represented by the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT), and Lyft. Lyft is a private company that owns and operates bike share systems around the country. Lyft is required to remove snow from a six-foot radius around bike stations. Lyft is also responsible to remove any snow that is inadvertently plowed against Bike Share stations. In cases where severe snowstorms are predicted, Lyft will be responsible for removing bikes and deactivating stations in advance.

H. Property Owner Responsibilities

All New York City property owners and managers, including homeowners, are required to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks adjacent to their properties.

Snow and ice must be cleared from sidewalks within these specific timeframes from the end of snowfall:

- Snowfall Ends between 7 A.M. and 4:59 P.M.: Clear within 4 hours.
- Snowfall Ends between 5 P.M. and 8:59 P.M.: Clear within 14 hours.
- Snowfall Ends between 9 P.M. and 6:59 A.M.: Clear sidewalks by 11 A.M.

Snow and ice may not be pushed into a street or crosswalk. Where possible, clear a continuous path at least four feet wide. Corner properties should clear a path to the crosswalk, including pedestrian ramps. Property owners must also shovel the area around any fire hydrants and should clear a path to any catch basin to encourage proper drainage. Those who do not comply can face fines of \$100-\$250. If possible, New Yorkers should consider assisting older neighbors or those with disabilities.

Pursuant to Local Law 27 of 2011, NYC Service and DSNY provide capacity-building tools and resources to local not-for-profit organizations and other community groups to establish registries of volunteers willing to help remove snow on behalf of persons who are unable to do so due to infirmity, illness, or disability. For more information and resources, visit nyc.gov/snow.

Owners of private streets, driveways, parking lots, easements and other non-public roadways are responsible for clearing their properties. Snow may not be pushed or thrown into a city street from any private property. Operators who violate this provision are liable for fines that start at \$100.

I. Waste Containerization Requirements

During extreme weather, DSNY may suspend waste containerization requirements for residents and businesses, if conditions require. DSNY will post any information regarding the suspension of containerization requirements on its website and will notify the public via Notify NYC. To sign up for Notify NYC, call 311, visit www.nyc.gov, or follow @NotifyNYC on X (formerly known as Twitter).

APPENDIX

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ASSIGNED SNOW PERSONNEL BY DISTRICT

The following reflects planned personnel to respond to snow events.

Personnel available from other units such as Solid Waste Management and Lot Cleaning will be assigned to Boroughs on a citywide basis as needed.

Brooklyn North Borough Chief - Joseph Rainone				
DISTRICT	ADDRESS	G/S	SUPV	S/W
BORO OFFICE	161 VARICK STREET			
BROOKLYN NORTH 1	161 VARICK STREET	1	8	95
BROOKLYN NORTH 2	465 HAMILTON AVENUE	1	6	68
BROOKLYN NORTH 3	525 JOHNSON AVENUE	1	6	52
BROOKLYN NORTH 4	161 VARICK STREET	1	6	34
BROOKLYN NORTH 5	606 MILFORD STREET	1	8	93
BROOKLYN NORTH 8	1760 ATLANTIC AVENUE	1	6	52
BROOKLYN NORTH 9	356 WINTHROP STREET	1	6	30
BROOKLYN NORTH 16	922 GEORGIA AVENUE	1	6	46
BROOKLYN NORTH 17	105-02 AVENUE D	1	8	70
	TOTAL	9	60	540

Brooklyn South Borough Chief - Thomas Sica				
DISTRICT	ADDRESS	G/S	SUPV	S/W
BORO OFFICE	1824 SHORE PARKWAY			
BROOKLYN SOUTH 6	127 2nd AVENUE	1	6	70
BROOKLYN SOUTH 7	5100 1st AVENUE	1	6	54
BROOKLYN SOUTH 10	5100 1st AVENUE	1	8	74
BROOKLYN SOUTH 11	1824 SHORE PARKWAY	1	6	79
BROOKLYN SOUTH 12	5602 19th AVENUE	1	6	64
BROOKLYN SOUTH 13	2012 NEPTUNE AVENUE	1	6	52
BROOKLYN SOUTH 14	1397 RALPH AVENUE	1	6	57
BROOKLYN SOUTH 15	1750 EAST 49 STREET	1	10	96
BROOKLYN SOUTH 18	105-01 FOSTER AVENUE	1	8	127
BROOKLYN SOUTH 6A	93 VAN BRUNT STREET			1
	TOTAL	9	62	674

GRAND TOTAL 18 122 1214

B

DSNY INVENTORY OF AVAILABLE SNOW MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT

BORO	DIST.	Large Spreader	Utility Haulster	Plowable Trucks	Front End Loaders	Anti Icing Vehicles	Plow Blades Assigned	V-Plows Assigned	Skid Steers	Bike Lane ATVs	Snow Melters	SUV
B R O O K L Y N	1	11	2	49	10	1	59	8	2	2		5
	2	7	3	21	5		49	2	2	1		4
	3	5	2	44	5		48	4	1			8
	4	3	1	40	4		31	4	2			4
	5	10	3	42	5		40	7	2	1		3
	8	4	1	27	4		30	4	1			4
	9	3	1	23	2		17	2	1	1		2
	16	5	1	24	5		37	4	1			4
	17	9	2	41	4		44	4	2			5
	BORO										2	9
N O R T H	LCU											
	SERT											22
	TOTALS	57	16	311	44	1	355	39	14	5	2	70

BORO	DIST.	Large Spreader	Utility Haulster	Plowable Trucks	Front End Loaders	Anti Icing Vehicles	Plow Blades Assigned	V-Plows Assigned	Skid Steers	Bike Lane ATVs	Snow Melters	SUV
B R O O K L Y N	6	6	3	41	5		43	4	2	2		4
	7	7	1	36	4		39	3	2	2		6
	10	9	2	54	4		56	4	3			4
	11	8	1	49	6	1	63	7	3			7
	12	7	1	47	3		52	6	1			9
	13	7	3	18	2		33	4	1	1		5
	14	6	5	48	3		49	5	1			6
	15	11	6	64	4		56	5	2			4
	18	16	2	59	2		82	11	2			3
	BORO										4	10
S O U T H	SERT											24
	TOTALS	77	24	416	33	1	473	49	17	5	4	82

B O R O U G H R E C A P	BORO	Large Spreader	Utility Haulster	Plowable Trucks	Front End Loaders	Anti Icing Vehicles	Plow Blades Assigned	V-Plows Assigned	Skid Steers	Bike Lane ATVs	Snow Melters	SUV
	BKN	57	16	311	44	1	355	39	14	5	2	70
	BKS	77	24	416	33	1	473	49	17	5	4	82
	TOTAL	134	40	727	77	2	828	88	31	10	6	152

C**Snow Melter Staging Areas**

DEP locations

Location	From	To
Flatlands Avenue	Milford Street	
Buffalo Avenue	Eastern Parkway	East New York Avenue
Dupont Street	Commercial Street	Franklin Street
Clinton Street	Bay Street	Halleck Street
Bay Parkway	60th Street	McDonald Avenue
Surf Avenue	West 16th Street	West 19th Street
Avenue D	East 105 Street	East 101 Street

D**Authorized snow disposal locations:**

- Forbell Street - 803 Forbell Street (DSNY)
- Calvert Vaux Park - Shore Parkway b/t West 26th & West 28th Street (DPR)

E**Salt and Calcium**

There are **(13)** salt storage sites.

Usable capacity is **(61,100)** tons.

There are **(16)** tank locations for the storage of calcium chloride.

Total storage capacity is **(100,500)** gallons.

F**OCA's**

DOT will provide **(18)** truck plows with operators.

DEP will provide **(1)** truck plows with operators.

DPR will provide **(TBD, previously 10)** truck plows with operators.

G**Piling and Hauling Contracts**

Minimum
Pieces of
Equipment

Bestway Carting	10
Natural Landscaping	18
Ricceli	43
Cherry Hill	5
Breen Brothers	6
Bedford Lanscaping	2

From: [BK01 \(CB\)](#)
To: [BK01 \(CB\)](#)
Subject: Fw: Community Board 1 Monthly Parks Update – October 2024
Date:

From: Salig, Mary (Parks)
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 3:49 PM
To: BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>
Cc:
Subject: Community Board 1 Monthly Parks Update – October 2024

Hello all - Please see below.

Partnerships for Parks volunteer projects – Outreach Coordinator

Adrian Kalinowski is your new Partnerships for Parks Outreach Coordinator for park properties within Brooklyn Community Board 1.

CB1 currently has the following projects under construction:

- Box Street Park –EDC contractors have begun on site work.
- Bushwick Inlet Park: CitiStorage Demolition – began summer 2024, and will be complete winter 2024.
- Bushwick Inlet Park: Motiva –construction estimated began March 11, 2024 and will be complete fall 2025.
- Sarah J.S. Tompkins Garnet Playground – construction began fall 2023 and is expected to be complete fall 2024.

We have several projects awaiting construction start:

- American Playground – redesign and reconstruction of the playground.
- Berry Playground – construction is expected to begin spring 2025 and complete spring 2026.
- Ericsson Playground – in design.
- McCarren Park natural turf softball fields –construction anticipated to begin spring 2025 and completed spring 2026.
- McCarren Park asphalt field

Mary Salig-Husain (she/her/hers)
Park Administrator



Deed Theft Prevention Workshop

Presented by Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso,
Medgar Evers College, Brooklyn Legal Services,
and Grow Brooklyn

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Housing Preservation
& Development

NYC
Buildings

**Tuesday, October 15
6 PM – 8:30 PM**

**Medgar Evers College
1650 Bedford Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11225**

- Learn about deed theft and estate planning to protect your home from scammers.
- Access free one-on-one consults on deed fraud issues you are facing.
- Discover the importance of estate planning and begin intake for support with living wills, power of attorney, and healthcare proxies.
- Connect with city agencies and public resources.

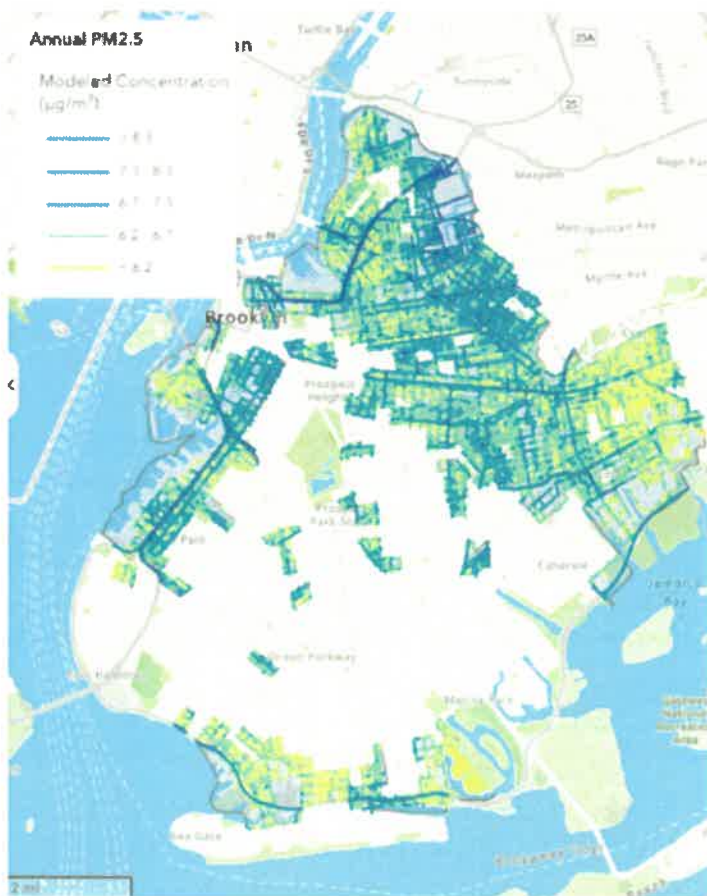
RSVP: Visit bit.ly/BKDeedTheft or Call (718) 802-3700

UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON BROOKLYN COMMUNITY AIR MONITORING INITIATIVE

Community Air Monitoring Public Meeting

Thursday, October 10
6 PM – 8 PM

Brooklyn Borough Hall
Courtroom (2nd Floor)
209 Joralemon Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201



Join DEC for a discussion of your community air monitoring result updates!

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will be providing air monitoring result updates for communities participating in the State's 2022-2023 Community Air Monitoring Initiative. This meeting will feature on-line story maps with interactive mapping tools for the communities to explore data as they discuss air quality concerns and emission reduction strategies.

Your input is important! Get involved in the Community Advisory Committee to help inform future strategies to reduce air pollution in your community.

Join us on October 10th for a presentation (6:00 - 7:00 pm) to learn more, ask questions, and provide input, and an information session with interactive story maps to explore data with DEC (7:00 - 8:00 pm).

You can find more details plus links to join an upcoming virtual meeting if you are unable to attend in person from the QR code at right or at <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/air-quality/community-air-quality/2022-23-statewide-community-air-monitoring-initiative>.

Interpreter and translator services are available upon request.

Request 10 days before the meeting by calling (518) 402-8044 or by e-mail to language@dec.ny.gov.



QUESTIONS?

CONTACT US AT CLCPA.CAM@DEC.NY.GOV



Department of
Environmental
Conservation



From: [BK01 \(CB\)](#)
To: [Castrillon, Luis](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Re: No Cannabis Storefront at 807 Manhattan
Date: Friday, October 11, 2024 1:27:03 PM

From: LicensesBK01 (CB) <LicensesBK01@cb.nyc.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2024 1:23 PM
To: BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Re: No Cannabis Storefront at 807 Manhattan

From: Mark Stuver 1
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 12:28 PM
To: LicensesBK01 (CB) <LicensesBK01@cb.nyc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: No Cannabis Storefront at 807 Manhattan

CAUTION! EXTERNAL SENDER. Never click on links or open attachments if sender is unknown, and never provide user ID or password. If **suspicious**, report this email by hitting the **Phish Alert Button**. If the button is unavailable or you are on a mobile device, forward as an attachment to phish@oti.nyc.gov.

Are you aware that 807 Manhattan is a mixed use building with a residential component of 29 units - a landmark historic restoration - and the commercial component of the historic Greenpoint Savings Bank - the landmark itself?

Residents at 1080 Lorimer occupy the same building on the same lot number, pay taxes under 807 Manhattan for the same parcel of property, and have easements, required egress and shared roof space for all HVAC and filtering needs at 807 Manhattan. Cannabis businesses assume a statistically demonstrated very high risk of armed theft due to their cash business.

The entrances at 1080 Lorimer, where families enter and exit their homes, will be the most vulnerable point of access to the product and cash this business deals in. Children will be sleeping less than 100 feet from armed guards in their building, guards that - should a break-in occur - will be tasked with protecting marijuana and money, not the lives of families that would be caught in any crossfire. The door to 807 Manhattan at 1080 Lorimer are also less than 100ft from the access and playgrounds of PS. 31.

Your response tells me you are not aware of this. But, we know the embattled Mayor Adams is aware of this building. His visit for undisclosed purposes to the Greenpoint Savings Bank in September was documented by residents. At that point in the timeline, there is no way he did not know of this forthcoming proposal. Any instant declaration of support for a Cannabis Shop and Club at this location is suggestive.

This is all pretty heavy so I will leave you with a joke.

How is Lincoln Restler's response to the concerns about a Cannabis Shop, Lounge, and Club at the Historic Greenpoint Bank like a Turkish Consulate Fire Drill?

There IS NO ALARM!

Get it? I hope so. Endangering constituents for a catchy location to pedal pot is not a joke.

I would be more than happy to sit down and hear your response to these concerns.

All the best,

Mark Stuver

Lorimer

11222

On Oct 5, 2024, at 10:43 AM, Mark Stuver <> wrote:

To all,

In case it is unclear, 807 Manhattan and 1080 Lorimer are different entrances to the same building with same lot number, with required egresses and shared roof access. 1080 Lorimer, the residential component of this property, had guarantees in the offering plan to all 29 unit buyers that 807 Manhattan would NOT be a head shop nor a dispensary. Smoking is prohibited in our building the commercial and residential components of 807 Manhattan and 1080 Lorimer are intertwined, overlapping and inextricably connected.

This is not about whether we in the building support legalization. I support legalization, but as long as cannabis is federally prohibited, these businesses assume a consequential risk of theft. Our building is shared and our egresses make us an access point for these thefts. This business will dramatically undermine the security and safety of my home and family - we have a door direct to street - and everyone else's who lives at 1080 Lorimer.

The articles below give well researched grounds for my assertions.

<https://www.kcrw.com/news/shows/greater-la/weed-gaza-hammer/cannabis-robberies>

<https://www.asisonline.org/security-management-magazine/articles/2024/04/cannabis/alarming-trends-in-cannabis-crime/>

Please do not reply with another form letter and consider the exact circumstances of this building.

Sincerely,

Mark Stuver

Brooklyn, NY 11222

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2024, at 12:34 PM, Mark Stuver <markstuver@mac.com> wrote:

Mark Stuver
1080 Lorimer Street, 1F
Brooklyn, NY 11222

10/4/24

Dear Cannabis Review Board,

I am a native Coloradan and spent the majority of my adult life in California before marrying a proud New Yorker from Williamsburg.

We now live with our 3yo. at 1080 Lorimer Street in Greenpoint in a building that is adjoining and contiguous with 807 Manhattan Avenue, where a very recently posted flyer notified us of a deal that appears to have been in the works for at least a year: Altitude NY LLC plans to open a Cannabis Storefront in our building.

I have seen legal Cannabis shops touted as a boon to neighborhoods, only to see communities suffer when they become pot-tourist destinations; this sad pattern was evident in Venice Beach and Western Colorado. The gold rush mentality values the short-term profits of businesses over long-term community health. And, in both regions, when the businesses' over optimistic bottom lines weren't met, so-called legal dispensaries often turned into fronts for illicit activities and substances. These businesses are also historically targets of violent robbery due to their cash business and valuable and easily sold product. So, as a parent worried about the safety of my family, I am writing to formally express my opposition to the application for the proposed cannabis dispensary and smoking lounge at 807 Manhattan Avenue (Greenpoint Savings Bank – a landmarked historical property).

While I acknowledge the evolving landscape of cannabis legislation and its potential benefits, I believe that this historic location, with its residential component, is not suitable for such a business, especially given that this business has not fully disclosed all intended uses in

their permit application with Community Board 1. There are many murky aspects as to how such business is being considered for this large and historic space and why it is desirable for the renters and property owners (Jack Terzi, JTRE and Slate Property Group). At double the floorspace of the largest licensed cannabis retailer in the state of New York, it is quite possible Altitude intends more than just retail. Altitude is publicly linked with cannabis lounge and events companies that offer in-house smoking.

1080 Lorimer, the adjoining and intertwined property is non-smoking and residential. 807 Manhattan, the landmark Greenpoint Savings Bank, is the commercial component of the *same lot number*. The Offering Plan that every 1080 resident purchased their home under expressly prohibits this sort of business. To be clear, this is not a 'party-wall' situation; several residents' units and our building gym are *in* the bank. When the bank's roof leaks, it floods our units and ground floor, and there is required egress between the residential and commercial sections for roof access and emergencies. We are the same building.

Several residential units at 1080 Lorimer - including my family's - have doors direct to the street. I chose this level of exposure to have facile access to the neighborhood, but now our units will be the obvious weak point for anyone planning a robbery of what would be the largest cannabis retail space in New York City at 807 Manhattan Ave. If this seems far-fetched, read the July 5th 2024 [article](#) in the NYTimes detailing the wave of armed thefts in Greenpoint and Williamsburg, where planning and violent force was repeatedly used to take a much smaller haul than a large scale cannabis shop would offer. Armed guards employed by Altitude to protect their product and profits would not add to the safety of my family and other residents; it is frightening to think of in our building.

Beside the health and safety of the residents of 1080 Lorimer, there are many additional community reasons to consider in the bullet points below, including proximity to the public elementary school and a new preschool. Our kids, our community, and our neighborhood deserve better. I urge all entities with such power to deny the permitting for the Altitude dispensary and club at 807 Manhattan Avenue and to prioritize locations that are more appropriate for such establishments. The overt realities and the potential pitfalls of a Cannabis Storefront at this location are too great to ignore.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark Stuver

Brooklyn, NY 11222

- **Lack of Transparency in application:**

- Altitude NYC (the applicant) has failed to disclose that, in addition to being a cannabis retail location, its primary use will be as a smoking club, where indoor cannabis smoking will take place along with events and music. Please see the business website (<https://altitudeclubnyc.com/>), located at 1302 Myrtle Avenue and social media (Instagram: [@altitudeclubnyc](https://www.instagram.com/altitudeclubnyc)). Altitude NYC has already opened “Xhale Lounge” (see <https://thexhalelounge.com/>) where events are held and cannabis is consumed indoors. Clearly the intention behind renting a massive 11,200 sq foot space is to use this as a party venue (i.e. club) where products purchased can be smoked and consumed.
- The average square footage for a cannabis retail shop in the Greenpoint neighborhood is currently 1,610 sq ft, a considerably smaller footprint than the proposed location and the intention can only be to use this as a party venue/club. This use is a violation of the zoning use group 6.
- Altitude Club NYC/Xhale Lounge appear to currently operating an illegal business at 1302 Myrtle Avenue.

- **Violation of Bylaws of 1080 Lorimer/807 Manhattan Avenue and NYS Attorney General Offering Plan:** 807 Manhattan is a commercial unit within and attached to a condominium complex, 1080 Lorimer Street, therefore all secondhand smoke will negatively impact and potentially harm the adults and children/infants that reside in that condominium. The Board of 1080 Lorimer was not consulted about this lease and there are a

number of prohibited uses per the 1080 Lorimer NYS Attorney General Offering Plan, which includes use as a ‘head shop’ and any venue that creates loud music or noisy events. Additionally, 1080 Lorimer is a non-smoking building, which includes the smoking of marijuana. Therefore, this proposed business would be in direct violation of these policies and allowed uses. Lastly, there are several residential units that are in the bank building itself and would be at the highest level of risk

- **Saturation of Cannabis stores in**

Williamsburg/Greenpoint: Currently, there are at least 20 active cannabis dispensaries and 7 pending applications within a one-mile radius of the proposed site. Empire Cannabis Club at 833 Manhattan Avenue is only 232 feet from this proposed club. Another cannabis dispensary was approved for 922 Manhattan Avenue, under 1000 feet from this application. This concentration raises concerns about public safety, traffic, fire hazards, and the overall character of our neighborhood. Additionally, having multiple dispensaries so close together can create an oversaturation that detracts from the diverse retail options that our community needs and deserves.

- **Fire and Safety Hazards:** A cannabis dispensary and club of this size poses a significant fire and safety hazard to a landmarked historic building and given that 807 Manhattan Ave is connected to 1080 Lorimer Street, a residential building, this poses a direct threat to the homes of 29 families that reside in that building. There is an open access corridor between the commercial space and the residential space, which creates potential safety breaches.

- **Nearby Schools, Youth, and Places of Worship:**

- PS 31 is only 449 feet away – (1080 Lorimer and 807 Manhattan are connected buildings with an entrance at 1080 Lorimer)
- A new preschool, Kuei Luck Early Childhood Center, at 171 Calyer is only 220 feet away
- Greenpoint YMCA at 99 Meserole Avenue is a public youth facility within 500 feet (1080 Lorimer and 807 Manhattan are connected buildings with an entrance at 1080 Lorimer)

- St. Anthony Catholic Church at 862 Manhattan Avenue is 229 ft away

- **Other nearby uses:** There is a playground on Lorimer Street connected to PS 131 and nearby residential homes, which raises additional concerns about access and safety for our children and families. It is essential to prioritize the well-being of our community members and ensure that local businesses complement rather than detract from the area.

From: [BK01 \(CB\)](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Re: No Cannabis Storefront at 807 Manhattan
Date: Friday, October 11, 2024 1:28:32 PM

From: Mark Stuver
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 12:28 PM
To: LicensesBK01 (CB)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: No Cannabis Storefront at 807 Manhattan

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Are you aware that 807 Manhattan is a mixed use building with a residential component of 29 units - a landmark historic restoration - and the commercial component of the historic Greenpoint Savings Bank - the landmark itself?

Residents at 1080 Lorimer occupy the same building on the same lot number, pay taxes under 807 Manhattan for the same parcel of property, and have easements, required egress and shared roof space for all HVAC and filtering needs at 807 Manhattan. Cannabis businesses assume a statistically demonstrated very high risk of armed theft due to their cash business.

The entrances at 1080 Lorimer, where families enter and exit their homes, will be the most vulnerable point of access to the product and cash this business deals in. Children will be sleeping less than 100 feet from armed guards in their building, guards that - should a break-in occur - will be tasked with protecting marijuana and money, not the lives of families that would be caught in any crossfire. The door to 807 Manhattan at 1080 Lorimer are also less than 100ft from the access and playgrounds of PS. 31.

Your response tells me you are not aware of this. But, we know the embattled Mayor Adams is aware of this building. His visit for undisclosed purposes to the Greenpoint Savings Bank in September was documented by residents. At that point in the timeline, there is no way he did not know of this forthcoming proposal. Any instant declaration of support for a Cannabis Shop and Club at this location is suggestive.

This is all pretty heavy so I will leave you with a joke.

How is Lincoln Restler's response to the concerns about a Cannabis Shop, Lounge, and Club at the Historic Greenpoint Bank like a Turkish Consulate Fire Drill?

There IS NO ALARM!

Get it? I hope so. Endangering constituents for a catchy location to pedal pot is not a joke.

I would be more than happy to sit down and hear your response to these concerns.

All the best,

Mark Stuver

On Oct 5, 2024, at 10:43 AM, Mark Stuver wrote:

To all,

In case it is unclear, 807 Manhattan and 1080 Lorimer are different entrances to the same building with same lot number, with required egresses and shared roof access. 1080 Lorimer, the residential component of this property, had guarantees in the offering plan to all 29 unit buyers that 807 Manhattan would NOT be a head shop nor a dispensary. Smoking is prohibited in our building the commercial and residential components of 807 Manhattan and 1080 Lorimer are intertwined, overlapping and inextricably connected.

This is not about whether we in the building support legalization. I support legalization, but as long as cannabis is federally prohibited, these businesses assume a consequential risk of theft. Our building is shared and our egresses make us an access point for these thefts. This business will dramatically undermine the security and safety of my home and family - we have a door direct to street - and everyone else's who lives at 1080 Lorimer.

The articles below give well researched grounds for my assertions.

<https://www.kcrw.com/news/shows/greater-la/weed-gaza-hammer/cannabis-robberies>

<https://www.asisonline.org/security-management-magazine/articles/2024/04/cannabis/alarming-trends-in-cannabis-crime/>

Please do not reply with another form letter and consider the exact circumstances of this building.

Sincerely,

Mark Stuver

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2024, at 12:34 PM, Mark Stuver > wrote:

Mark Stuver

10/4/24

Dear Cannabis Review Board,

I am a native Coloradan and spent the majority of my adult life in California before marrying a proud New Yorker from Williamsburg. We now live with our 3yo. at 1080 Lorimer Street in Greenpoint in a building that is adjoining and contiguous with 807 Manhattan Avenue, where a very recently posted flyer notified us of a deal that appears to have been in the works for at least a year: Altitude NY LLC plans to open a Cannabis Storefront in our building.

I have seen legal Cannabis shops touted as a boon to neighborhoods, only to see communities suffer when they become pot-tourist destinations; this sad pattern was evident in Venice Beach and Western Colorado. The gold rush mentality values the short-term profits of businesses over long-term community health. And, in both regions, when the businesses' over optimistic bottom lines weren't met, so-called legal dispensaries often turned into fronts for illicit activities and substances. These businesses are also historically targets of violent robbery due to their cash business and valuable and easily sold product. So, as a parent worried about the safety of my family, I am writing to formally express my opposition to the application for the proposed cannabis dispensary and smoking lounge at 807 Manhattan Avenue (Greenpoint Savings Bank – a landmarked historical property).

While I acknowledge the evolving landscape of cannabis legislation and its potential benefits, I believe that this historic location, with its residential component, is not suitable for such a business, especially given that this business has not fully disclosed all intended uses in their permit application with Community Board 1. There are many murky aspects as to how such business is being considered for this large and historic space and why it is desirable for the renters and property owners (Jack Terzi, JTRE and Slate Property Group). At double the floorspace of the largest licensed cannabis retailer in the state of New York, it is quite possible Altitude intends more than just retail. Altitude is publicly linked with cannabis lounge and events companies that offer in-house smoking.

1080 Lorimer, the adjoining and intertwined property is non-smoking

and residential. 807 Manhattan, the landmark Greenpoint Savings Bank, is the commercial component of the *same lot number*. The Offering Plan that every 1080 resident purchased their home under expressly prohibits this sort of business. To be clear, this is not a 'party-wall' situation; several residents' units and our building gym are *in* the bank. When the bank's roof leaks, it floods our units and ground floor, and there is required egress between the residential and commercial sections for roof access and emergencies. We are the same building.

Several residential units at 1080 Lorimer - including my family's - have doors direct to the street. I chose this level of exposure to have facile access to the neighborhood, but now our units will be the obvious weak point for anyone planning a robbery of what would be the largest cannabis retail space in New York City at 807 Manhattan Ave. If this seems far-fetched, read the July 5th 2024 [article](#) in the NYTimes detailing the wave of armed thefts in Greenpoint and Williamsburg, where planning and violent force was repeatedly used to take a much smaller haul than a large scale cannabis shop would offer. Armed guards employed by Altitude to protect their product and profits would not add to the safety of my family and other residents; it is frightening to think of in our building.

Beside the health and safety of the residents of 1080 Lorimer, there are many additional community reasons to consider in the bullet points below, including proximity to the public elementary school and a new preschool. Our kids, our community, and our neighborhood deserve better. I urge all entities with such power to deny the permitting for the Altitude dispensary and club at 807 Manhattan Avenue and to prioritize locations that are more appropriate for such establishments. The overt realities and the potential pitfalls of a Cannabis Storefront at this location are too great to ignore.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark Stuver

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From: [BK01 \(CB\)](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] CB #01 October 8th Statement
Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 4:21:42 PM

From: SteveR
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 3:35 PM
To: BK01 (CB) <
Subject: [EXTERNAL] CB #01 October 8th Statement

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My name is Steve Rodriguez and I'm here again to speak about the noise issue from Tabu restaurant at 10 Hope St. I was excited for a new restaurant nearby but Tabu is operating much more like an outdoor nightclub. Tabu's outdoor party environment in the middle of a residential neighborhood has significantly reduced the quality of life for us and many other residents.

My family is deeply affected, including my son who lost sleep before the first day of school due to Tabu's noise the night before. Im also missing having my windows open in the evenings because of employees screaming into the night sometimes until midnight.

In just 3 months, Tabu has caused over 100 noise complaints to 311. A 3rd party consultant measured the noise at 492% over the NYC Noise Code limit.

We have seen the Community Board questionnaire which Tabu submitted to the State Liquor Authority. We feel there are serious concerns with the paperwork. The Community Board's stipulations about outdoor noise are crossed out and sections around enforcing a quiet environment and soundproofing are totally violated. The last page has no Community Board signatures. It seems like Tabu is ignoring the process.

We're asking the Community Board to formally request a disciplinary hearing from the State Liquor Authority. Thank you for your time, service and attention to this important matter.

From: [BK01 \(CB\)](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Statement re: Tabu's Noise Violations and SLA Discipline
Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 11:29:40 AM

From: Taylor Light
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2024 6:56 PM
To: BK01 (CB)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Statement re: Tabu's Noise Violations and SLA Discipline

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Hi There -

My name is Taylor Light, I'm a resident at 14 Hope St. and a new dad to a 4 month old. We moved to 14 Hope St. when my wife was pregnant because we loved this community and saw it as a great neighborhood to raise a child.

Those hopes have been shattered by the incessant, abrasive, illegal noise coming from our new neighbor, Tabu.

Our 4month old's sleep is disturbed 4-5 nights per week by loud bass, screaming patrons. We are considering moving after being here for only 5months.

Enough is enough. Tabu is repeatedly in violation of noise restrictions, they have sidestepped processed with you, the Community board, and there have been mountains of 311 complaints against this unruly, disrespectful business that shows no intent to fix a problem that's ruining our lives.

I urge the Community Board to formally request a disciplinary hearing from the State Liquor Authority.

Best,
Taylor Light
Resident of Hope St.

Taylor B. Light / テイラーライト

Max's Statement 2024-10-08

Hello everyone. My name is Max Rozen. I'm a homeowner and Board President at 14 Hope St.

I'm here with my neighbors again to speak about the noise issue from Tabu restaurant at 10 Hope St. A dozen of us made statements last month in person or over email.

Tabu hosts an outdoors nightclub environment in the middle of a residential neighborhood. Their screaming employees and heavy bass pound our homes well after 11pm.

In just ~2.5 months, Tabu has caused 106 noise complaints. A sound consultant from NYC's approved list measured the noise at 492% over the legal limit.

One night, I went downstairs to Tabu, pleading with them to get things under control. Tabu's owner suggested, if I don't like the noise, maybe I should go to the Hamptons. This was heartbreaking. This neighborhood is my home. Tabu prioritizes their customers, not their neighbors who are here every day.

Take a look at paperwork that Tabu filled out for the Community Board and submitted to the State Liquor Authority. There are serious concerns. Our Community Board's stipulations about outdoor noise are simply crossed out. Guidelines around enforcing a quiet environment and soundproofing are totally violated. The last page has no Community Board signatures at all.

I have seen first-hand the hard work that this Board does to balance the needs of businesses and residents. I'm extremely concerned that Tabu is sidestepping this process.

What kind of message does that send to you as the Community Board, when Tabu disregards your authority and the guidelines you created for our community? What does it say to businesses, who work hard to meet stipulations, while Tabu simply ignores them? And what does it say to everyone here, when our community is suffering, but Tabu's suggestion is to go to the Hamptons?

We need to get to the bottom of the paperwork, the violations of our Community Board's stipulations, and the chaotic environment that Tabu is creating with excessive noise. I urge the Community Board to formally request a disciplinary hearing from the State Liquor Authority. I am not alone - I have a letter cosigned by 4 buildings and over 30 neighbors with the same request. Thank you for your time and attention to this urgent matter.

**Re: Tabu Restaurant - Severe Noise and Disregard for the Community, Request for SLA Outreach -
Maiz Restaurant Corp d/b/a Tabu
10 Hope Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211**

Dear Members of the Community Board #01 Brooklyn NY –

We are writing to express the profound concern and frustration regarding the **ongoing noise situation and severe violations of Community Board liquor license stipulations** by Maiz Restaurant Corp, d/b/a Tabu, License #0340-24-129578, SLA Case Number CS-24-12442, located at 10 Hope Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211.

At the Brooklyn Community Board #01 SLA Review Committee meeting last September, and the following Full #01 Meeting of October 2023, a liquor license was recommended for Tabu under specific stipulations. These were intended to preserve the peace and quality of life in the surrounding neighborhood. **These stipulations have not only been ignored but flagrantly violated.**

Tabu is surrounded on all sides by apartments and a preschool. Instead of operating as a community-friendly restaurant, Tabu operates as what can only be described as an **outdoor nightclub**, creating a disruptive and chaotic environment almost daily. Since opening in July, Tabu has hosted **extremely loud bass-heavy music, a resident DJ, fire-performers, dancers, and screaming employees** who deliver bottles with fire sparklers. Much of this is from their uncovered backyard featuring giant concert-style speakers. The disturbances go on late into the night with no regard for the well-being of their neighbors. SLA licensees have an obligation to prevent disorder including excessive noise. **Tabu not only fails to prevent excessive noise - they actively encourage it.**

At a recent #01 meeting, approximately ten (10) residents attended to testify about the **destruction of their quality of life** caused by this establishment, with more submitting email statements (see appendix). We shared how the constant noise and unruly behavior emanating from this venue have disturbed our families and eroded our living standards. We have made repeated efforts to directly communicate with the management and owners of Tabu, **pleading that they lower the sound levels and pounding bass** so we can sleep at night and restore some peace to our daily lives. We cannot fathom why Tabu creates this environment at the expense of their local community, subjecting residents to screaming employees and pounding bass.

This situation has sparked an outpouring of complaints from residents, who have repeatedly filed 311 and SLA complaints, and engaged with DEP, to report the disturbances. The noise and disorder emanating from this establishment impacts the daily lives and well-being of the community almost every day of Tabu's operation. **Tabu has one-hundred six (106) noise complaints to 311 in just ~2.5 months of operation.** A professional noise consultant measured the noise at **492% above legal limits (see appendix)**. Tabu continued to facilitate excessively disturbing noise and screaming employees even after receiving the report.

In light of the violations of our Community Board stipulations, in addition to the extensive track record of excessive noise, **we are formally requesting that the State Liquor Authority schedule a hearing to fully evaluate Maiz Restaurant Corp d/b/a Tabu's compliance with initial conditions set forth, as well as their overall application and operational history, and if necessary rescind their liquor license.** The situation is untenable. It is crucial that you engage with SLA on our behalf (case number CS-24-12442), so they recognize the severity of the situation, act in the best interest of the community, and take decisive action to bring this establishment into compliance.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

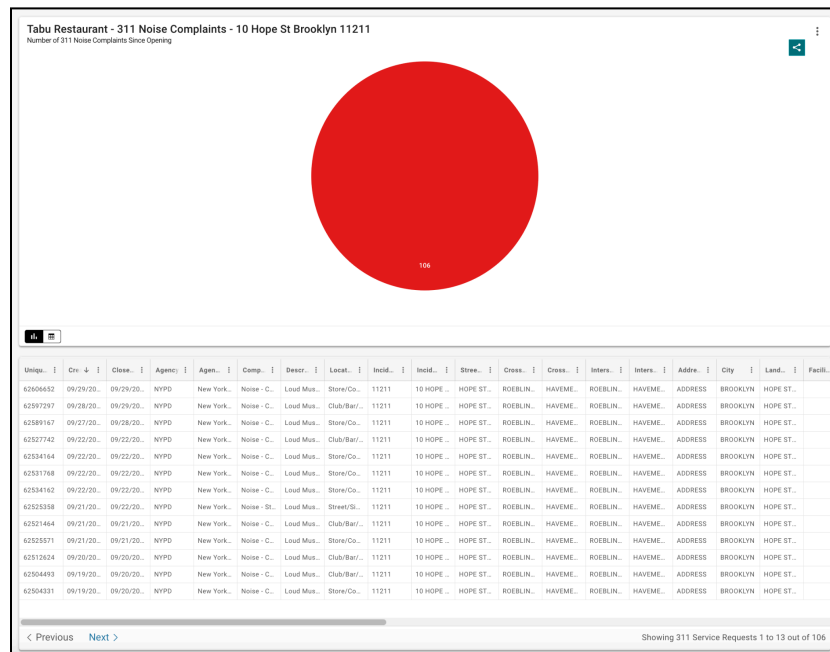
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Hope, Grand, and Roebling Neighbors, including residents from 4 buildings:

1. 6 Hope St Condo Association
2. 14 Hope St Condo Board
3. Hakarl Bee
4. Lauren Barney Castelao (Secretary, 6 Hope St Condo Association)
5. Qiwen Chen
6. Elaine Chu
7. Grace Florian (Treasurer, 14 Hope St Condo Board)
8. Andreas Goul
9. Steven Janda
10. Jilibaldo Jimenez
11. Emma King
12. Alex Light
13. Taylor Light
14. Peter Lynch
15. Adam Muller
16. Heather Neufeld
17. Alexander Ochakovsky
18. Lucas Panizza
19. Hugo Park (Secretary, 14 Hope St Condo Board)
20. Oran Reginiano
21. Cristelle Richter
22. Anouk Richter-Fleishman
23. Mika Richter-Fleishman
24. Hiroko Rodriguez
25. Shiki Rodriguez
26. Steve Rodriguez
27. Angela Rozen
28. Max Rozen (President, 14 Hope St Condo Board)
29. Lindsee Silverstein
30. Stephen Speicher (President, 6 Hope St Condo Association)
31. Marie-Victoire Wickers
32. Aleksandra Widera (Treasurer, 6 Hope St Condo Association)
33. Malachi Zussman

Appendix:

311 Complaints - Tabu has **one hundred six (106)** 311 Noise Complaints as evidenced [here](#) from July 11 - Sep 29 (~2.5 months):



Violations of Stipulations and Questionnaire Discrepancies

1. The original stipulations are on page 5. It is deeply concerning to see modified stipulations on page 7 submitted to SLA.
2. The stipulations have no CB #01 signatures.
3. The original stipulations prohibit outdoor music. The altered stipulations simply cross that out. The outdoor music, in addition to screaming, is the crux of the noise issues from the community.
4. The application requests "*The applicant will do everything in their power to provide an effective sound baffling or sound controlled environment*" and Tabu answered "YES" to this. As evident from the above, the environment is not effectively sound controlled.
5. The application requests "*The application will enforce a quiet environment in the outdoor space*". As evident above, Tabu has not enforced a quiet environment.
6. "*D.) Self closing mechanism is to be used on every door leading to the backyard*" - Tabu has glass doors between their indoor and outdoor bars. These are kept open during operation. Any self-closing mechanism is not used consistently.
7. "*E.) Umbrellas and/or soundproofing to be installed*" - There are no umbrellas and no soundproofing
8. "*G.) Must observe NYC Fire Dept Codes ... no open flames*" - Tabu has a history of performers with open flames and open-flame "tiki-style torches".
9. "*M.) Observe [...] regulations on smoking*" - Smoking (appears to be hookah) has occurred in the backyard.

Tabu's submitted paperwork compared to their actual behavior is very concerning.

Excerpts of Resident Statements:

The operations of Tabu have resulted in significant distress to the community, as evidenced by numerous [statements submitted to CB #01](#), coming from a wide-range of ages and backgrounds. Excerpts are below:

1. *I've already received homework for school, which is really important for me to do. So when I get home and start my homework, the constant bass gets really annoying. Even after that when I head to bed, the music is still blasting. **So on the first day of school, I couldn't get to bed early because of the music.***
2. *From the start, it's been clear that Tabu **operates more as a club than a restaurant.** They've installed outdoor speakers, built a DJ booth, and hired dancers, creating an **atmosphere that's loud and disruptive***
3. *I love supporting these small businesses. This restaurant, compared to nearby peers, is exorbitantly disruptive to the neighborhood. **Tabu has had 73 noise complaints in just 60 days. No other restaurant or bar comes close** [Note: this number is even higher now]*
4. *We understand that restaurant businesses have operational goals, and we are not expecting that the patio will generate no noise. However, **TABÚ must operate in a manner that respects the established guidelines** designed to ensure a harmonious living environment within our community.*
5. *Because of Tabu, **I dread the weekends**, knowing my home will be assaulted by noise.*
6. *We **usually enjoy spending time on our terrace.** The noise levels are deafening and **it's impossible to be outdoors most evenings.** There is music, loud yelling, and cheering after 11pm and even during the day on Sundays when they presumably serve brunch. **Losing our terrace is a big loss in our quality of life***
7. *We have to **raise our voices to talk to each other in our own apartment** or turn up the TV or Stereo volume to drown out the noise.*
8. *My husband can no longer use that room as an office due to noise. **We understand that living in NYC we cannot expect silence. But the amount of noise that is coming from Tabu is well in excess of that.***

9. Our usual enjoyment of open windows [...] is **no longer feasible due to the relentless noise**. It's worth noting that the previous business at this location maintained an acceptable noise level
10. The disruptive effects on our quality of life have been **catastrophic, mostly for [my toddler] ...** Since Tabu opened **she has been unable to fall asleep [...]**, sometimes **as late as midnight**. ... I think it's useful for the purpose of this meeting to reframe what Tabu is. It is **not a neighborhood restaurant but an outdoor club** with food
11. My husband even **signed their [petition] [...]** When they opened, we realized that **they had not been honest with us about the intentions** of their space. [...] We can hear the music and feel the bass as we're **trying to put our kids to bed** and even as we try to sleep **after 11:00pm**.
12. I can't sleep, I can't relax, and it's affecting my ability to work and my mental and physical health. This situation has also **deeply impacted my observance of Shabbat**, which is a very sacred time for me. [...] I have **spoken to Tabu repeatedly with no improvement or resolution**. They simply don't care about the community.

Professional Noise Consultant Report

The report was conducted by Acoustilog, a consultant on NYC's [Approved Noise Consultant List For Commercial Music Mitigation](#) on Friday September 6th 2024. The full 20 page report was submitted to the CB prior. Some excerpts are below:

- Music noise is **4.92 times louder (492%)** to the human ear than legal limits.
- Vocal noise is **16 times louder (1600%)** to the human ear than ambient noise.
- Excessive and unnecessary noise persists until **well after 11:00 PM**.
- Restaurant **violates multiple noise codes** for music, vocal noise, and mechanical noise: §24-231(a)(1), §24-231(a)(2), §24-218 (a), §24-227, §24-232
- Restaurant **produces excessive low-frequency bass noise**, "designed to attract attention," which **penetrates closed windows and can cause health issues**.
- In 2023, for Tabu's license, our Brooklyn Community Board #1 "recommended approval with stipulations [...] soundproof backyard". **The backyard has no soundproofing**.

From: [BK01 \(CB\)](#)
To: [Castrillon, Luis](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Altitude - 807 Manhattan Ave
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 10:50:47 AM

From: Elaina Bell <>
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2024 9:24 PM
To: BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Altitude - 807 Manhattan Ave

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Elaina Bell

From: [BK01 \(CB\)](#)
To: [Castrillon, Luis](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Altitude NY LLC Cannabis License (CB1 - 10/8/24)
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 11:21:45 AM

From: Jenny Hall <>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 10:33 AM
To: BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Altitude NY LLC Cannabis License (CB1 - 10/8/24)

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Hi there,

I am writing to formally express my opposition to the Altitude NY LLC Cannabis License Application which is going before Community Board 1 on Tuesday October 8, 2024. My concerns are detailed below.

The proposed location for the business, 807 Manhattan Avenue, is the historic Greenpoint Savings Bank, a landmark property on the corner of Manhattan Ave and Calyer St.

Given the huge size of this commercial space (11,000 sq ft), and the current model of Altitude NY LLC at their Bushwick location, which is both a cannabis dispensary (Altitude Club NYC) and smoking lounge/event space (Xhale Lounge), we can infer they intend to move these connected businesses to Greenpoint even though the permit application lists dispensary only.

Altitude Club NY LLC currently runs what appears to be an unlicensed dispensary and smoking lounge at their 1302 Myrtle Ave location.

The city zoning for 807 Manhattan Ave, *use zone 6*, prohibits any type of club or event venue to operate in the space.

807 Manhattan Ave is very unusual in that it is interconnected with a 29 unit residential condominium, 1080 Lorimer Street. It is not a free standing building; it is a commercial unit within a condominium complex. The two buildings are connected via an internal corridor on the ground floor and there are four residential units plus the gym that are inside the old bank building itself. The other 25 units are in the adjacent building, formerly bank offices, connected to the historical site.

Therefore any business that occupies 807 Manhattan Ave not only affects the neighborhood at large but very directly affects those 29 residential units and the families that live there.

This would include:

- threat of fire from indoor smoking, potentially impacting not just a historical landmark building but also the 29 homes inside.
- Health hazard from second hand smoke exposure affecting the babies, children, adults and pets of

the residential units.

- Potential safety risk from burglary given that dispensaries are predominantly cash businesses and these two buildings are internally connected.

Altitude NY LLC's permit, if approved, would be in direct violation of the building's offering plan which prohibits dispensaries and businesses with loud noise or music. And per the building's bylaws, which apply to both the commercial and residential units, there is no indoor smoking allowed of any substance, including but not limited to marijuana.

Other uses close to 807 Manhattan Avenue is:

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In terms of existing cannabis dispensaries in the Greenpoint/Williamsburg area, there are at least 20 active stores and 7 pending applications within a one mile radius of this proposed club. This high concentration raises concerns about public safety, traffic, fire hazards and the overall character of our neighborhood. It also leads to an over-saturation of the market that detracts from diverse retail options that would fully support the broad range of needs in a neighborhood.

For the many reasons listed above, I strongly encourage the community board to deny this permit or, at the very least, postpone the decision so that more information can be gathered as to the complete business plan of the applicant and their intended use of the space.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration of this matter.

Jenny Hall
Lorimer Street
Brooklyn, NY 11222

From: [BK01 \(CB\)](#)
To: [Castrillon, Luis](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Altitude NY LLC Cannabis License (CB1 – 10/8)
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 12:24:04 PM

From: Eli Groves <>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 11:27 AM
To: BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>
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Eli Groves
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From: [BK01 \(CB\)](#)
To: [Castrillon, Luis](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] CDNA Testimony: Grand Street BID on Street Changes
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 12:28:08 PM

From: Francesca Bruce <>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 12:13 PM
To: BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>
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Good afternoon, Johana,

Thanks so much for taking the time to speak with me yesterday. Below is the letter I am submitting to the Board for testimony; please let me know if anything else is required.

To the Esteemed Members of Brooklyn Community Board 1,

I needn't tell you that the conditions on Grand Street are harming our community; you probably experience them regularly. Since DOT changed this critical corridor, data shows we have seen more traffic, collisions, and dysfunction, and our neighbors and small businesses are suffering. What should be an artery bringing life to the neighborhood is presently strangling it.

I say this as someone with great respect for our city planners, not least as I have been one myself: it doesn't have to be this way. Since successful workshops in early 2023, we at the BID have been patiently waiting with a diverse, cross-sectional coalition for DOT to return and honor their promise to address this with the community. It is our understanding that a study proposal is already funded. Yet a year and a half later, after repeated calls for an update, the agency continues to promise a determination on a study of Grand, Metropolitan and Morgan at some indefinite time in the future.

We cannot continue to wait. As a direct result of this streetscape, community-supportive businesses have failed, people have learned to avoid the area, and were even injured or killed traversing it. The hostile street exacerbates inequities of access to goods, to sanitation, to emergency services, and to opportunity for those who live and work here. The corridor is beginning to buckle under the weight of these challenges. We need DOT to stop stalling its long-promised work, and break its silence.

We ask that the Board prioritize a meaningful response from DOT, as in prior years, in its top three issues of need, in its narratives about this issue, and in ongoing communications with the agency.

As evidence of all we stand to lose, we submit this heartbreaking letter, from one of the

stalwart businesses being forced out of the neighborhood for good:

"...The reasons [we decided to close our Grand Street location] are as follows:

Our lease was coming to an end and the landlord increased our rent drastically.

Lots of people moved out of this area.

The street is not foot traffic friendly. There is no parking to attract customers or to conduct our daily chores.

It was hard getting our food delivery so we can cook. Sometimes the trucks had to park a block away.

Our other restaurants saw a huge increase in sale where this location saw a drop due to the above reasons.

We are looking to open a new place but unfortunately it will not be on Grand street.

If you want to help save businesses there, you definitely need to address some of the street designs the DOT has been implementing...

What's sad is, the store on Grand street gave me the ability to open other stores. And more importantly help those who were in need. We fed many churches and so [many] people in shelters from that location. That location used to partner all the time with counsel member (before he became the Brooklyn borough president) Reynoso to feed the less fortunate in our neighborhood. So we are really sad to let it go. So many good memories there.

I had a plan when the lease was up, to buy a building on Grand street and move the restaurant there and have it be a soup kitchen, a few hours every morning before the restaurant is open, to feed the less fortunate in our neighborhoods. Unfortunately, after studying the changes Grand street went through the last few years, my team and I decided to implement this plan in a different neighborhood.

I live in the neighborhood, so stay in touch and keep me informed if any changes happen. I will definitely come back and open a business on Grand street if things get better.

Best,
Fabiano"

Thank you for your time and dedication, and we look forward to hearing more soon.

Francesca Fernandez Bruce

(she / her)

Executive Director

Grand Street BID



From: [BK01 \(CB\)](#)
To: [Castrillon, Luis](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Altitude NY LLC Cannabis License (CB1 - 10/8)
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 3:04:55 PM

From: Kevin Hou <>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 1:26 PM
Cc: Elena Lin <>
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Kevin Hou & Elena Lin
Lorimer Street,
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10/4/2024

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To: [Castrillon, Luis](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Subject: Opposition to Altitude NY LLC Cannabis License (CB1 – 10/8)
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 4:07:59 PM

From: Brooklyn Reid <>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 3:41 PM
Cc: Darrell Reid <>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Subject: Opposition to Altitude NY LLC Cannabis License (CB1 – 10/8)

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Dear Community Member,

We are residents of Greenpoint and our family lives in 1080 Lorimer St, connected to the Historic Greenpoint Savings Bank at 807 Manhattan Ave. We have chosen to purchase a home in Greenpoint and raise our two twin daughters in this neighborhood. There are 29 families that live inside 1080 Lorimer St, which includes 17 children under the age of 5. The safety of our family and community is at risk with yet another cannabis shop, especially connected to our building. We believe this will compromise the neighborhood and only increase crime more.

As a resident of 1080 Lorimer, We are writing to formally express our opposition to the Altitude NY LLC cannabis license application for the proposed cannabis dispensary and smoking lounge at 807 Manhattan Avenue, the Greenpoint Savings Bank – a landmark historical property.

1080 Lorimer, the adjoining and intertwined property is non-smoking and residential. 807 Manhattan, the landmark Greenpoint Savings Bank, is the commercial component of the same lot number. The Offering Plan that every 1080 resident purchased their home under expressly prohibited this sort of business. To be clear, this is not a “party-wall” situation; residents units and our building gym are IN the bank. When the banks roof leaks, it floors our units and ground floor, and there is a required egress between residential and commercial sections for roof access and emergencies. **We are the same building.**

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Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 4:22:48 PM

Please add to minutes.

Thank you.

From: Amanda Keele <>
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 3:50 PM
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From: [BK01 \(CB\)](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Altitude NY LLC Cannabis License (CB1 – 10/8)
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 9:30:09 AM

From: Lena Zhou
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 5:18 PM
To: BK01 (CB)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Altitude NY LLC Cannabis License (CB1 – 10/8)

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I urge the Community Board to deny the cannabis permit for the Altitude NY LLC cannabis license for dispensary and club at 807 Manhattan Avenue and to prioritize locations that are more appropriate for such establishments.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Lena Zhou

From: [BK01 \(CB\)](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Altitude NY LLC Cannabis License (CB1 – 10/8)
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 9:31:39 AM

From: Alicia Pellegrin
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 5:51 PM
To: BK01 (CB) <
Cc: Sascha Gardner
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Altitude NY LLC Cannabis License (CB1 – 10/8)

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Dear Community Board 1

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- Altitude NY LLC (the applicant) has failed to disclose that, in addition to being a cannabis retail location, its primary use will be as a smoking club, where indoor cannabis smoking will take place along with events and music. Please see the business website (<https://altitudeclubnyc.com/>), located at 1302 Myrtle Avenue and social media (Instagram: @altitudeclubnyc). Altitude NYC has already opened “Xhale Lounge” (see <https://thexhalelounge.com/>) where events are held and cannabis is consumed indoors. Clearly the intention behind renting a massive 11,200 sq foot space is to use this as a party venue/club where products purchased can be smoked and consumed, which is a violation of zoning use group 6.
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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Alicia Pellegrin & Sascha Gardner

From: [BK01 \(CB\)](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Altitude NY LLC Cannabis License (CB1 – 10/8)
Date: Monday, October 7, 2024 9:34:12 AM
Attachments: [807 Manhattan - Altitude permit commboard.pdf](#)

From: Fannie Liu
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2024 5:52 PM
To: BK01 (CB)
Cc: Albert Kwon
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Altitude NY LLC Cannabis License (CB1 – 10/8)

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Dear Community Board No. 1,

My husband Albert and I are strongly opposed to the Altitude NY LLC cannabis license application at 807 Manhattan Avenue, the Greenpoint Savings Bank. We are residents of 1080 Lorimer St, a non-smoking and residential building which is intertwined with 807 Manhattan Ave.

Albert and I are expecting our first child in a few months. We would be extremely concerned for the safety and health of our baby if a cannabis store/club opened in our building. I have attached a letter listing these concerns in detail. We urge you to deny the cannabis permit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Fannie

From: [BK01 \(CB\)](#)
To: [Castrillon, Luis](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Altitude NY LLC cannabis license (CB1 - 10/8)
Date: Thursday, October 3, 2024 4:55:39 PM

save for minutes.

Thank you.

From: Maria Kolaitis <
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2024 4:19 PM
To: BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition to Altitude NY LLC cannabis license (CB1 - 10/8)

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- **Lack of Transparency in application:**

- Altitude NY LLC (the applicant) has failed to disclose that, in addition to being a cannabis retail location, its primary use will be as a smoking club, where indoor cannabis smoking will take place along with events and music. This is their current business model. Please see the business website (<https://altitudeclubnyc.com/>), located at 1302 Myrtle Avenue and social media (Instagram: [@altitudeclubnyc](#)). Altitude NYC has already opened “Xhale Lounge” (see <https://thexhalelounge.com/>) where events are held and cannabis is consumed indoors. Clearly the intention behind renting a massive 11,200 sq foot space is to use this as a party venue/club where products purchased can be smoked and consumed, which is a violation of zoning use group 6.
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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,

Maria Kolaitis
Lorimer Street
Brooklyn, NY 11222

From: [BK01 \(CB\)](#)
To: [Castrillon, Luis](#)
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL] Opposition against Cannabis dispensary and smoking lounge at Greenpoint Savings Bank
Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 10:50:36 AM

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From: Keng <>
Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2024 8:29 PM
To: BK01 (CB) <bk01@cb.nyc.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Opposition against Cannabis dispensary and smoking lounge at Greenpoint Savings Bank

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Wah Loon Keng
Lorimer St
Brooklyn, NY 11222

Oct 2 2024

To: Community Board No. 1

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the application for a cannabis dispensary and smoking lounge at 807 Manhattan Avenue (the Greenpoint Savings Bank, a designated historic landmark). While I understand the shift in cannabis legislation and its potential benefits, I feel this historic location is inappropriate for such a business. The existing concentration of cannabis dispensaries in our area raises further concerns, particularly since the applicant has not fully disclosed all intended uses in their permit application to Community Board 1.

In short, my concerns are:

- physical safety and security to my family and neighbors, as our building is connected with the proposed location (more info below)
- disturbance to our entire building, given it is proposed as a club operating to late hours.
- proximity to schools and places of worship
- concentration of dispensaries in Greenpoint and Williamsburg, especially in this family-centric area
- hazards to children, seniors - although
- last but not least, the safety of our beloved dog: my pet Luna had accidentally ingested cannabis litter on the street and had to be rushed to ER. Our vet also remarked that these cases (cannabis ingestion) had skyrocketed since such an abnormally high number of dispensaries had opened.

More formally, here are our concerns shared with many of our neighbors and community:

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venue/club. This use is a violation of the zoning use group 6.

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Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Wah Loon Keng

From: BK01 (CB)
Subject: For: [EXTERNAL] Re: Comments Regarding 807 Manhattan Avenue
Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 12:44:53 PM

From: Kevin Kung
Sent: Tuesday, October 1, 2024 12:38 PM
To: LicensesBK01 (CB)
Cc: BK01 (CB) <Laurie Rouder
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Comments Regarding 807 Manhattan Avenue

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Good Afternoon,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express our strong opposition to the planned cannabis dispensary at 807 Manhattan Ave. As you may be aware, our preschool is currently under construction directly across the street at 171 Cayler Street, and it has already been approved by the Department of Buildings (DOB) and is in the pre-permitting process with the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH).

According to New York State law, cannabis dispensaries cannot operate within 500 feet of school grounds or community facilities. Given the proximity of our preschool, we believe that allowing this license to proceed would be a violation of these regulations.

Additionally, the area is home to several other educational institutions, including PS 031, which is located just two blocks away, further making this an inappropriate location for a dispensary.

We respectfully request that this license be denied in accordance with the law, as it poses a risk to the well-being of the children in our community and the educational institutions that serve them.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. We look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Kung
Executive Director, Kuei Luck Early Childhood Center

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