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## Brooklyn Community Board 14

*Serving the Communities of Flatbush, Midwood & Parts of Kensington*

### April 2020 Newsletter

Sharing district news, announcements and resources with the community.

#### District Service Requests

As of March 18th, the staff of CB14 has been serving the community remotely. While the district office is closed, we continue to address community complaints including after-hours construction, work without a permit, which have been fielded to the Department of Buildings; requests and questions related to the Department of Sanitation; questions and concerns regarding work that has been deemed to be essential such as the sewer project on Parkville Avenue; fallen tree limbs; illegal parking; street light issues; access to benefits and health information and various other city agency concerns. Please do not hesitate to email us at [info@cb14brooklyn.com](mailto:info@cb14brooklyn.com) or leave a phone message at **718-859-6357**. We will get back to you as quickly as we can.

#### Covid-19

Updates and new information is added to our website nearly every day. Please check [www.cb14brooklyn.com/covid-19-resources](http://www.cb14brooklyn.com/covid-19-resources) frequently for City and State announcements, educational resources, health, employment, benefits and food assistance information, small business support, volunteer opportunities and more. We have participated in many teleconferences with organizations, agencies and elected officials to stay up to date on information and community support. We also post opportunities for community members to take part in virtual town halls and webinars. For the most up-to-date news and announcements

from the City of New York, the main City website for all things Covid-19 is [www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19](http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19). Please, stay involved, stay informed and stay well.

## CD14 Covid-19 Testing Site

On April 10th the State of New York opened a drive-thru testing facility at the Sears parking lot at 2307 Beverley Road. Please note that you must call 888-364-3065 to speak with a representative and set up an appointment, if warranted. The best thing you can do to stop the spread of Covid-19 is to stay home as much as possible. Please [click this link](#) to view a message from the NYC Health Commissioner.

## Census 2020

April 1st was National Census Day. Now, more than ever, it is vital for every Brooklyn resident to be counted so that our Borough gets the federal support and resources we need to recover from Covid-19 and to thrive in the future! Please fill out a 2020 Census online form at [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov) today! Filling out the form is easy, safe and only takes a few minutes. Online responses can be submitted in English as well as [12 other languages](#). [Click here](#) to learn more about why the Census matters so much! Let's make sure everyone does their part to **Make Brooklyn Count 100%**!

## ULURP

Land Use Application hearings have been postponed until further notice. For those interested in the [1620 Cortelyou Road application](#), please be advised that once the clock begins ticking again, CB14 will have approximately 55 days to render a recommendation to City Planning. We will schedule a public hearing within that time frame. For more information on the proposal, click the [Projects](#) tab on our website.

## Essential Construction

Based on State & City executive orders, the NYC Department of Buildings has provided guidance regarding [permitted essential construction activities](#). A map is available showing permitted City construction jobs [here](#). You can file a complaint about unpermitted construction work by [clicking this link](#). If you have any questions or concerns about construction activities,

you can contact 3-1-1, contact the Department of Buildings directly [using this link](#), or provide the address and description of the construction activities to CB14 by emailing [info@cb14brooklyn.com](mailto:info@cb14brooklyn.com).

## Public School Information

On April 11th, NYC Mayor Bill de Blasio [announced](#) the closure of all New York City public schools for the remainder of the 2020 school year. All classes for the 2019-2020 school year will be completed online and remotely. Students and families are advised to access the [NYC Department of Education's Infohub](#) for the latest DOE announcements and updates, as well as the [DOE Learn at Home site](#) for access to remote learning tools, resources, free digital devices, home internet service, meals and more.

## CB14 Economic Study

Brooklyn Community Board 14's 2019-2020 Planning Fellow, Andrew Jones completed a study titled "[Past, Present and Future of the Community District 14 Economy](#)." Looking at changes in neighborhoods in CD 14 over time, where they were situated as the COVID-19 put a halt to so much economic activity creates an interesting and timely foundation from which the community will have to build. It's good and timely work! Find it on our website under [Projects](#). You are also invited to peruse past year's [Planning Fellow studies](#) which also provide interesting and important insights about the district.

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## More Online Resources

With holidays upon us, it is harder than ever to distance from our community, our friends and loved ones and to celebrate as we would like. At the same time, there has been an abundance of creative virtual gatherings and opportunities to explore the community and beyond from the safety of your home. Avail yourself of the virtual resources offered by:

- [The Brooklyn Public Library](#)
- [The Brooklyn Museum](#)

- [Prospect Park](#)
- [NYC Parks @ Home](#)
- [BRIC](#)

If you have a suggestion to add to a future newsletter or the CB14 website, please send us an email at [info@cb14brooklyn.com](mailto:info@cb14brooklyn.com).

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