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Brooklyn Community Board 14

Serving the Communities of Flatbush, Midwood & Parts of Kensington

Dear Community District 14 Members:



Summer is here and so are we! While we continue to work remotely, please don't hesitate to contact the CB14 Office at info@cb14brooklyn.com or 718-859-6357. We will do our best to assist you as quickly as possible. We plan to open the office gradually over the summer but will not be able to accept walk-in appointments until further notice.

Our [website](#) is updated regularly with announcements regarding Covid-19 and City & State services. Be sure to check out our online [community directory](#). It is full of helpful resources including a nonprofit map, district service maps, elected official information, youth resources, volunteer opportunities and more.

CB14 is fortunate to work with a host of dedicated agency liaisons and elected officials whose support we will have to rely on even more going forward. We are grateful to serve a community of so many dedicated community members and we know that we can also count on you to do your part! Please don't hesitate to reach out to our office to express concerns, bring issues to our attention and make suggestions. *Thank you!*

Community Budget Recommendations



As we begin to explore the implications of the FY'21 budget, one of the most austere in a long time, we know that many agencies will be asked to do more with less. Some services and programs will be cut and others will be cut in frequency. **This is the time of year that we request community recommendations for the following year's budget.** Let's trust better times are ahead and let us know what you feel should be added to or augmented in the budget to make our community ever better. [Click here for more information about how to submit a community budget recommendation.](#) Please submit your suggestions before the September 4th deadline.

CB14 Meetings & Online Resources



While there are no scheduled meetings of the Board over the summer, the Board has empowered a Committee of the Whole. This means that if Board action is required over the summer, regular quorum will not apply and those members who are available can take action on behalf of the Board at a public meeting. That action will then be ratified by the full Board in September. Should such a meeting take place, we will notify the public via our email list and on our website. If you missed previous Webex meetings in May and June, check them out on our [YouTube channel](#).

Fireworks & Community Safety



Fireworks continues to be a major concern in the District. Fireworks are illegal. Call 311, 911 or the FDNY Fireworks Enforcement Unit at 718-722-3600 to report fireworks. There have been a few arrests and summonses given out in the area but we have heard from many who wish to approach the issue as a public health and safety issue. Fireworks are dangerous. Every year over 10,000 people visit the hospital with serious firework related injuries. [Please take a look at the resources posted on our website](#) and feel free to download materials to remind your neighbors how much we've done over the past four months to keep ourselves and loved ones healthy and safe. *Keep washing your hands; don't risk losing them!*

Street Cleaning Updates



Alternate Side Parking (ASP) has been [suspended through July 19](#). Once ASP regulations are reinstated, residential streets will only be cleaned once per week on each side due to new citywide ASP reforms. If an ASP sign lists multiple street cleaning days, regulations will only be in effect on the last day listed on the sign. There are no changes to streets that have just one day of ASP regulations on each side or commercial streets or metered areas. [Click here to learn more about Alternate Side Parking reform.](#)

The district recently experienced extreme flooding during several torrential rain storms. The flooding occurred after months of no street cleaning. It is very important that property and business owners keep sidewalks and streets (18"

from the curb) clean to minimize accumulation in nearby catch basins. Please do not sweep or blow lawn or garden debris into the street. If you spot a catch basin that is clogged or in need of a cleaning, please report it right away by emailing or calling CB14 or 3-1-1 or [reporting the condition online](#).

Census 2020

 The **2020 Census is still underway**. You can respond online, by phone, or by mail. It's Quick and Easy! The 2020 Census takes just a few moments to complete. It's Not Too Late! You can still complete the census today. It's Safe and Secure! The U.S. Census Bureau keeps your answers safe and confidential.

Health clinics, fire departments, schools, roads and highways and so many other vital community services depend on Census funding. Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding are spent and how many seats in Congress each state gets. **Let's make sure that Brooklyn doesn't miss out!** Ask all of your family members, friends, colleagues, neighbors, and everyone you meet if they have completed the Census. Remind them that it's quick and easy at <https://2020census.gov>

Opportunities for Young People

 The NYC Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) **has been partially restored!** Youth ages 14-24 should apply before the July 15th deadline for the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) [Summer Bridge 2020 program](#). Students who applied for SYEP earlier this year

must reapply **before July 15th** for this free virtual program providing remote learning opportunities, career exploration and **paid** summer experiences! [Click here to learn more and to apply!](#) DYCD offers many other virtual resources on their website as well. From Arts and Culture to Science and Math to Talking About Racism; there are interactive projects, town halls, virtual tours and events. Go to www.nyc.gov/dycd to learn more.

Growing UP NYC also offers a myriad of links for young people. Getting support, getting involved, virtual activities and having a Civic Impact at Home are available at <https://growingupnyc.cityofnewyork.us/summer-programs/>.

Generation NYC offers additional summer resources at nyc.gov/funathome or by texting “Fun” to 97743 for the latest updates on resources and activities. Users can access dozens of diverse activities, including exercise videos, SAT practice, and links to free NBA League Pass and Mario Kart tournaments.

The **CB14 website** also hosts a number of youth resources including community programs, job information, and educational opportunities. Explore www.cb14brooklyn.com/youth/ for more details. The members of Community Board 14 are discussing ways to expand the reach and momentum of our annual youth conference. **We would love to hear from young members of our community!** Check out our website, participate in our meetings, and let us hear from you about what you need and want from your community board. Stay tuned over the summer for more exciting Youth Services news!

Have a safe & healthy summer!

Please stay in touch with CB14 this summer. Our [website](#) is a great resource for district related news and updates. Please do not hesitate to email us at

info@cb14brooklyn.com or leave a phone message at **718-859-6357**. We're not in the office, but we're available to assist Monday - Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM.



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