



Brooklyn Community Board 14

Serving the Communities of Flatbush, Midwood & Parts of Kensington

September 2020 Meetings

Hello friends! We are looking forward to seeing you online at CB14 board meetings this month. Meetings continue to be held virtually for now. Continue reading below for the dates, times and online links for all of the upcoming meetings.

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. Our [website](#) is updated regularly with announcements regarding Covid-19, City & State services and district news. Send us an email to sign up for our newsletters.

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

Welcome new Board Members! Please join the CB14 Executive Committee for a discussion including new board member orientation, the CB14 Youth Council and a preview of upcoming Land Use Hearings. [Click here for the meeting.](#)

Community Board 14 General Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

Please join us for Community Board 14's September General Board Meeting. The meeting will begin with a Public Hearing on [Community Budget Recommendations](#) at 6:30. The regular monthly meeting will commence directly following the public hearing at approximately 6:45 PM. [Click here to view meeting the agenda.](#) [Click here for the meeting.](#)

Joint Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee and Transportation Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 23, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

The meeting agenda includes an update on District schools projects and reopening plans and a proposal to permit street use for outdoor distancing. DOT representatives will also present a planned bicycle lane installation on Parkside Avenue. [Click here for the meeting.](#)

Public Hearing

Wednesday, September 30, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

2328 Olean Street, Block 7677, Lot 78: BSA Calendar No. 2020-50-BZ. This application is filed pursuant to Sections 73-621 and 73-622 of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, as amended, to request two special permits to enlarge an existing single family residence, one for the portion located in a residential (R2) zoning district and one of the portion location in a residential (R3-2) zoning district. Applicant's Representative: Lyra J. Altman, 212-452-4284.

Because the public hearings will be held remotely (via Webex), all those wishing to speak will have to pre-register with the Board by email. Please note, only one member per group is granted time to speak on behalf of a group. Each speaker will be allotted up to three minutes to speak. Those who have not pre-registered will be able to view the hearing on our YouTube channel and comment via email. Emailed comments will not be shared with the public during the hearing but will be attached to the Board's recommendation to be part of the public record. [Click here for the public hearing.](#)

October 2020 Meetings

Upcoming October meetings will include our Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30 PM and two public hearings that will be of community interest on Wednesday, October 21st at 6:30 PM.

The first public hearing will be a land use hearing to gather information and public input on the Department of Homeless Services' plan to build a general population men's homeless shelter at 21 Duryea Place. The Department of Homeless Services and Black Veterans for Social Justice will present and take questions regarding their plans to open a general population men's shelter at 21 Duryea Place in 2021.

The second public hearing will be regarding a private application submitted by 1600/20 Realty Corporation for 1620 Cortelyou Road, Block 5159; Lots 1, 8,9,10, 13, 61 [ULURP Nos. C180496ZMK; N180497ZRK] requesting a Zoning Map Amendment from an R6A/C2-4 to R7D/C2-4 district and text amendment to map a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing area coterminous with the project site. These actions would facilitate a mixed-use development with ground floor retail and 85 dwelling units. Applicants Representative: Richard Lobel 212-720-3328. For more information about this project, visit www.cb14brooklyn.com/projects/1620-cortelyou-road-rezoning.

In the Community

New York City budget cuts are severe and we can look around and see the signs in our community. We will do our best to facilitate requests pertaining to all city agencies and we appreciate your understanding and patience. We applaud those community members who have stepped up to lend a hand by [volunteering with Parks](#) and in the community at large! Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, both Prospect Park Alliance and NYC Parks have lost critical funding, and the seasonal workforce is significantly smaller compared to last summer. This combined with an increase in park visitors has led to the park getting much more love than it can handle. Read below for ways you can help out!

Carry In + Carry Out Your Trash

Please carry out of the park everything you bring into the park with you, and please clean up your trash and litter. If you are able to carry out your trash, you will be doing your park a great service. If this is not possible, please use the large trash receptacles that Prospect Park Alliance is installing in key areas of the park. [View this map for receptacle locations.](#)

Volunteer at Prospect Park

Every Saturday and Sunday through August 30, Prospect Park Alliance is offering both a [Volunteer Greeter](#) and also a [Green and Go Kit](#) program to help keep the park green and vibrant. Greeters circulate the park in teams of two, handing out trash bags, encouraging park visitors to take their trash and recyclables home with them, informing the public about steps they can take to be a park champion and protect the park's natural areas and wildlife, and sharing other key information that will have a positive impact on all park visitors.

Brooklyn Borough President's Community Clean Up Program

The Brooklyn Borough President's office will help organize community clean ups. Here is a message from Borough Hall: "We all deserve a safe place to raise healthy children and families, and part of what makes that possible is a clean community. Like you, our office has noticed a backslide in the upkeep of many of our streets, and it has greatly impacted our quality of life. We cannot and will not accept a borough where rats and trash gain the upper hand over public health. While our office continues to push for improved service from the Department of Sanitation, we are looking to organize community clean-ups in partnership with neighborhood organizations and leaders like you." If you are interested, please email Community Board 14 and we will connect you to the organizers who can provide tools, masks and other necessary resources to make this project a success.

At Home

Please remember that property and business owners are required to 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](#). This community action will greatly help prevent street flooding and standing water during and after storms.

Census 2020

The 2020 Census is still underway. As of late-August, only 57.3% of Brooklyn residents have filled out a census response. We can (and must) do better Brooklyn! 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>



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