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WEEKLY UPDATES FROM QUEENS BOROUGH HALL - MAY 8, 2015



CELEBRATING THE FDNY'S 150th ANNIVERSARY

Borough President Katz stopped by the Elmhurst firehouse of Engine 287, Ladder 136, Battalion 46 on May 2 to express appreciation to our City's Bravest for their selfless service to all New Yorkers. (From L to R: U.S. Rep. Grace Meng, Carter and Hunter Katz, FDNY First Deputy Commissioner Robert Turner, Firefighter Annette Astaizia, Fire Captain Brian Neville and an unidentified firefighter).



HURRICANE SANDY RECOVERY UPDATE

Homeowners will soon be able to rebuild their homes (with improved flood resiliency elements) to their original form prior to the storm. The Department of City Planning's proposed Citywide Flood Resilience text amendment will finally remove the red-tape that had burdened entire neighborhoods and prevented thousands of homes from fully rebuilding post-Sandy. The need for the amendment emerged from Borough President Katz's Hurricane Relief Task Force and is a testament to effective inter-agency collaboration. Also, a new law now provides property tax relief for owners who rebuilt and repaired homes and businesses damaged by Hurricane Sandy.

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PAVILION'S TENT OF TOMORROW TO BE PAINTED THANKS TO PAINTERS UNION'S PRO BONO SERVICES

Due to the tremendous generosity of Painters District Council #9 and the New York Structural Steel Painting Contractors Association, the New York State Pavilion's Tent of Tomorrow will soon be refreshed with a new coat of paint. The pro bono reclamation project (estimated value of \$3 million) will beautify this iconic, architectural marvel. Together we will restore this national treasure into a visible icon befitting "The World's Borough" for generations of families and visitors to enjoy.



ROSEDALE LITTLE LEAGUE CHEERS NEWLY-INSTALLED PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MEASURES

It's the site of an April 2013 crash involving then-7-year-old and Rosedale Little Leaguer Alec McFarlane, who was struck by a car while crossing 147th Avenue between the baseball fields. For years, the families and leaders of the community made requests for safety measures, but were repeatedly denied. When the issue came to Borough President Katz's attention last year, she and Councilmember Donovan Richards urged the Department of Transportation to take a closer look. DOT agreed and, upon re-evaluation,



WE MOURN THE LOSS OF NYPD OFFICER BRIAN MOORE OF THE 105th PRECINCT ANTI-CRIME UNIT

"Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family at this time. On this day we honor his career of heroism, bravery and valor with the New York City Police Department. Our officers have our respect for their devotion and the very real dangers they face day-in and day-out to fulfill their mission to protect our city." - Borough President Melinda Katz

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