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1. Rally to Stop Combined Heat and Power Plants in Stuyvesant Town:

On Sunday, June 6th, Borough President Brewer joined Stuyvesant Town Peter Cooper Village Tenants' Association President Susan Steinberg, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, State Senator Brad Hoylman, State Assembly Member Harvey Epstein, and Council Member Keith Powers in calling upon Beam Living and Blackstone to scrap their plans to build and operate two fossil fuel burning combined heat and power plants. Borough President Brewer looks forward to continuing this fight for environmental justice and public health.

2. Combatting Racist Vandalism:

On Thursday, June 3rd, Borough President Brewer, former NYC Commissioner Gregg Bishop, and Dr. Ricco Wright, owner of Black Wall Street Gallery held a press conference to denounce three incidents of racist vandalism that occurred on Sunday, May 30th, Monday, May 31st, and Tuesday, June 1st, around the 100th Anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre, and to demand that the NYPD investigate the vandalism as a hate crime. Black Wall Street Gallery was originally founded in Tulsa, OK, and opened its SoHo location in October 2020. The art gallery's current exhibition "21 Piece Salute" brings together 21 art pieces by 21 Black artists. The exhibition is a tribute to the Tulsa Race Massacre Centennial, in which white mobs killed hundreds and burned 35 blocks of one of the most affluent Black communities in the nation to the ground.

3. Manhattan Vaccine and Recovery Task Force Meeting:

Last week, Borough President Brewer's Manhattan Vaccine and Recovery Task Force focused on education. There is significant new funding for City schools from the American Rescue Plan and from the (now fully-funded) Fair Student Funding allocation. The task force heard from advocates about the need for transparency and about how the money should be spent. Advocates for Children, the Education Trust, Inside Schools, and Alliance for Quality Education spoke of need for mental health services and wrap-around services in general; the need for fully funded 3 and Pre-K (particularly the need for certified special education teachers for those grades); the need for enhanced literacy programming, smaller class sizes, and more. Please email info@manhattanbp.nyc.gov to join these weekly task force discussions about vaccines and recovery.

4. How to Get Vaccinated:

Borough President Brewer has compiled a checklist on her website at [this page](#) to ensure all Manhattanites know about every free COVID-19 vaccination option. City-run sites and State mass vaccination sites now accept walk-ins for anyone (12+ or 18+ depending on the vaccine). City-run sites will also give second doses to anyone who got their first shot elsewhere; bring your CDC vaccination card for the second dose.

5. Congratulations to New and Re-appointed Community Board Members:

Borough President Brewer congratulates Manhattan Community Board 6's new and re-appointed members.

6. Business District Recovery Initiative Briefing and Meeting with NYPD Chief Terry Tobin:

Last month, the NYPD briefed the Manhattan Borough President's Office on its Business District Recovery Initiative. It was an excellent discussion. Borough President Brewer is looking forward to a follow-up meeting with NYPD to learn about the metrics NYPD is using for evaluation, how Alternative-to-Detention programs will be utilized, and how those who have been issued mental health removal orders will be appropriately cared and accounted for. Borough President Brewer also met with the head of the newly-formed NYPD Bureau of Interagency Operations, Chief Terry Tobin, who will work to help bridge the gaps between the NYPD and city and state agencies.

7. Senior Center Re-Openings:

Last week, Mayor de Blasio announced that senior centers throughout the city may re-open. Outdoor activities are now permitted and indoor activities may begin on June 14th.