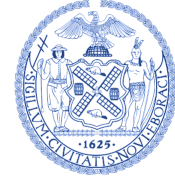


NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

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October 2021 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

Highlights

New Wave Pier is now opened back up to the public! During negotiations for the East Side Coastal Resiliency project, my office fought to secure funding from the Mayor's office to revitalize part of the East River Esplanade in my district. The walkway, spanning from East 38th Street to East 41st Street, has newly installed graphics to give it a more welcoming and vibrant look, all while adding some amenities for residents to enjoy such as new turf areas, picnic tables, and fence banners. These improvements should foster increased usage of this space. I look forward to utilizing this space myself, and hope to see my fellow constituents when I am out there.

Earlier this year in April, the Mayor announced that the curbside organics program would return, and many residents in my district were elated at the news. During the pandemic, my constituents sprung into action to save composting by opening new drop-off locations in Stuyvesant Town, St. Vartan's Park, and Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. But unfortunately, we recently learned that the return of curbside organics would be phased in on a monthly basis, and that there is no timeline currently for when our district will be included. In response to this, I wrote a letter to the Mayor and leadership at the Department of Sanitation calling on them to re-examine the sign up and wait list process for the curbside organics collection program, and implored them to restore curbside organics to our district. It's so important that we have access to composting, and I am committed to fighting for this resource for our community.

On Sunday, my office will be hosting a bike helmet fitting and distribution event with the Department of Transportation. It'll be from 11-2:30pm at Stuyvesant Town Playground 9 (1st Ave. Loop Road between 16th & 18th streets). Join us for this fun opportunity to get a new helmet and celebrate all the wonderful biking opportunities in our city!

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, Council Member Mark Levine, and I proposed a resolution on August 26 to repeal Cabaret Law zoning regulations that serve as a barrier for restaurants and bars operating in New York. In 2017, the Council passed historic legislation that repealed the Cabaret Law and established the Mayor's Office of Nightlife. Despite this important step, many restaurants and bars are still not permitted to have dancing or entertainment under current zoning regulations. The proposed resolution calls to end some of the outdated provisions of the city's zoning laws over dancing and entertainment, so establishments would be regulated based on capacity of venue, rather than zoning.