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**MARK LEVINE**

## **Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine's May 11, 2022 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6**

### **St. Vartan Park Conservancy Launch and Celebration of the Opening of the St. Vartan Park Garden**

On Monday, May 9th, Borough President Levine was pleased to join Congress Member Carolyn Maloney, Council Member Carlina Rivera, Council Member Keith Powers, Department of Parks and Recreation Manhattan Borough Commissioner Bill Castro, St. Vartan Park Conservancy Founder and Community Board 6 Environment and Parks Committee Chair Kevin O'Keefe, St. Vartan Park Conservancy Director Kelley Anne Allen, St. Vartan Park Conservancy Ecosystems Manager Juniper June Taraneh Shay, and the PS 281 Green Team to officially launch the St. Vartan Park Conservancy and to celebrate the opening of the St. Vartan Park Garden.

### **SCOTUS Roe v. Wade Draft Opinion**

Last week, Borough President Levine attended the massive rally at Foley Park to oppose the Supreme Court's draft opinion reversing Roe v. Wade. Borough President Levine called the Supreme Court's expected decision "a breathtaking setback" and "brutal blow to millions of women and all who believe in reproductive freedom."

### **Almost 900 Community Board Applications Received**

Borough President Levine was pleased to have received almost 900 community board applications and he would like to thank the more than 800 people who have participated in community board interviews. The Manhattan Borough President's Office is continuing its review of this incredible number of both new and re-

applications. All applicants should expect to receive a response within the next week.

### **Medium Risk COVID Alert**

Last week, New York City officially moved into the medium risk or “yellow” COVID alert status. This is due to the rising number of omicron and sub-variants currently in the city. With roughly 2500 cases daily, Borough President Levine continues to encourage New Yorkers to follow the recommendations of the NYC Department of Health: to receive booster shots (only 37% of the city has gotten their booster); “strongly recommending” mask-wearing in public indoor settings; to test before and after social gatherings; and in the event of a positive COVID-19 test result, contacting (212) COVID-19 to be evaluated for treatment.

### **Public Restrooms**

This past week, [Borough President Mark Levine teamed up with Council Member Rita Joseph](#) to reintroduce legislation in the City Council aimed at combating NYC’s notorious lack of public restrooms. Public restrooms are an issue of equity, public health and sanitation. This legislation would require the Department of Transportation and the Department of Parks and Recreation to work with community boards and to publish a report on feasible locations for at least one public restroom in every city ZIP code – a major step toward public bathroom access in every neighborhood across the five boroughs.

### **The Uptown Wagon**

The Uptown Wagon – a mutual aid group providing everything from free meals to clothing, PPE, toys, haircuts, and basic medical services – will take place again at Borough President Levine’s Northern Manhattan Office, located at 431 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street on Wednesday, May 18th. Please help to share this information with those in need.