



Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine's November 9, 2022 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

1.) Open Meetings Law:

Mayor Adams has issued Emergency Executive Order 243([Emergency Executive Order 243 | City of New York \(nyc.gov\)](#)), which extends the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration for 30 days through November 21, 2022. This Emergency Executive Order allows community boards to have virtual meetings.

2.) Donation Drive for Asylum Seekers with New York Immigration Coalition:

Manhattan Borough President Levine has continued partnering with the New York Immigration Coalition to collect items for distribution to asylum seekers. The Borough President's Office is collecting new toiletries, including body wash, baby and body wipes, bath towels, diapers, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, nail clippers, and menstrual products, as well as new and packaged clothing, including underwear, socks and t-shirts, and fall and winter clothing items. Donations may be dropped off Monday through Friday between 10 am and 5 pm at 1 Centre Street, 19th Floor South, New York, NY 10007 or at the Northern Manhattan Office at 431 West 125th Street, New York, NY 10025. Please note that both offices will be closed on Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day, and on Thursday, November 24th for Thanksgiving.

3.) Report on E-Commerce and Package Delivery:

Last month, Manhattan Borough President Levine released a report and series of recommendations

(www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/MBPO-Report-Tackling-the-E-Commerce-Delivery-Crisis-2.pdf) to combat the congestion caused by e-commerce and package delivery. The report lays out the current state of package delivery on city streets, the steps the City is currently taking to accommodate delivery companies, and 12 recommendations. These recommendations are broken into four overarching goals, including taking last-mile operations off of our streets, ensuring residential areas can meet the growing demand for deliveries, making e-commerce deliveries more sustainable, and better enforcing the City's traffic laws. To take last-mile operations off of our streets, Borough President Levine recommends repurposing parking garages for e-commerce fulfillment space and exploring utilizing our waterfront for cargo delivery and staging. To ensure residential areas can meet the growing demand for deliveries, Borough President Levine envisions making loading zones ubiquitous in all residential neighborhoods in Manhattan, expanding the network of access point locations at local small businesses, and launching a common carrier parcel locker pilot program. To make e-commerce deliveries more sustainable, Borough President Levine proposes launching green loading zones across the borough, varying congestion pricing fees by vehicle size, type and congestion level, amending e-cargo bike width restrictions, and building more public charging infrastructure for E-Bikes. Lastly, in order to better enforce the city's traffic laws, Borough President Levine recommends increasing enforcement of parking violations in loading zones, updating the stipulated fine program's fine schedule, and expanding the use of automated enforcement technology

4.) Community Board Leadership Training Series:

The Manhattan Borough President's Office will be hosting a series of online, hour-long training sessions next week, starting on Monday, November 14th (<https://linkpages.pro/CBTrainingSeries>). All community board members will be required to take annual training sessions on Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), conflicts of interest, and combatting implicit bias. Next week will be one

opportunity to take these 3 required annual training sessions. There will be another opportunity in the spring. There will also be optional training sessions on zoning and land use, bystander intervention (tools to de-escalate and intervene safely), conflict resolution (with the New York Peace Institute), cannabis licensing, and community board governance (parliamentary procedure, resolution writing, and human resources). The Manhattan Borough President's Office has sent out emails to board chairs and district managers with instructions on how to sign up for these training sessions. Please contact Brian Lafferty, 929-510-6740 and blafferty@manhattanbp.nyc.gov, with any questions.

5.) Million Trees Initiative:

Over the coming weeks, the Manhattan Borough President's Office will be reaching out to all community boards to consider resolutions of support for the Million Trees Initiative. Urban forests are critical natural infrastructure. They provide shade, they filter and absorb rain water, and they clean the air and sequester carbon dioxide. Community boards will play an essential role in enabling New York City to reach a 30% tree canopy by 2035.

6.) Manhattan Borough President Levine Proposes to Create a Coastal Resiliency Agency:

As we have passed the ten year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy, and, as the city faces rising sea levels and the impacts of increasingly dangerous and catastrophic weather events, we must act to protect the coastlines and communities of Manhattan. To this end, Manhattan Borough President Levine has called for the creation of a new city agency that would have jurisdiction over the waterfront ([Manhattan BP proposes new coastal resiliency agency \(ny1.com\)](http://ny1.com)). This agency would streamline coastal resiliency projects and provide accountability. Communities would have a single entity to work with and receive answers from.

7.) Recently Passed Legislation:

Public Bathrooms - Intro. 258 ([The New York City Council - File #: Int 0258-2022 \(nyc.gov\)](#)) will require the City to study and identify one feasible location for a public bathroom in every ZIP code. This feasibility study will require the City to coordinate with community boards. Moreover, it will include analysis to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, propose safety measures for identified locations, and identify challenges regarding installation and maintenance.

Rat Mitigation - Intro. 442 ([The New York City Council - File #: Int 0442-2022 \(nyc.gov\)](#)) will require a licensed exterminator to be retained before a permit authorizing certain construction work may be issued. Moreover, it will require a licensed exterminator to treat the site for rodents.

8.) Get Your Updated Covid Booster and Flu Shot!

Bellevue Hospital welcomes walk-ins Mondays through Saturdays from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. There is no cost for updated covid boosters and flu shots at Bellevue Hospital, regardless of insurance or immigration status. Updated covid boosters and flu shots are also available at pharmacies, public hospitals, and via home visit for those who are 65 or older or are homebound.

To search for covid boosters at pharmacies, visit <https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov>.

To search for covid boosters at public hospital sites, visit [New York City Health and Hospitals' Corporation's Website](#).

To sign up for a home visit (for those 65 or older or homebound), go to <http://nyc.gov/homebound>.