

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

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December 2022 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

Highlights

- I'm thrilled to announce the opening of a new temporary dog run at New Wave Pier! Last Friday, I celebrated the opening of the New Wave Pier Dog Run with some of our local dog owners, as well as Parks Department leadership. My office worked closely with Community Board 6 Secretary, Steve Oh, who conceptualized the idea for the dog run, brought the idea to our office, and spearheaded the discussions we had with the Parks Department on this project. This new space will fill the gap by giving more options to residents living in Kips Bay and Murray Hill, while preventing overcrowding at the other local dog runs. In order to support the project, I allocated \$15,000 to the Parks Department to help get the necessary materials needed to create this wonderful space.. I'm very excited to see our fellow dog owners utilize this space. Here's to some very happy dogs on the East Side! .
- My office, in partnership with the nonprofit organization "Room to Grow", will be hosting a digital toy drive for families and children in need. Room to Grow is an organization that helps families to develop strategies to promote their children's development and to expand their support networks. Room to Grow has created a list of high-need items including toys, books, and children's clothing. In order to contribute, please visit this link here https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/J2PZR0T1Z034/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex to select an item to buy and donate. All the items will be paid for online and will be shipped directly to Room to Grow for distribution to the children in their network. Please think about contributing to these amazing children if you are able!
- The pedestrianization of Rockefeller Center was a tremendous success during the 2019 and 2021 holiday seasons. For years, pedestrians have crushed the area around Rockefeller Center during the holiday, with up to 800,000 people. The pedestrian mitigation plan, however, was welcomed by New Yorkers and visitors alike, and made

spending time in Rock Center much more enjoyable. That's why earlier this year, Borough President Levine and I sent a [letter](#) to Department of Transportation Commissioner Rodriguez asking for the city to reinstate the plan for this year's holiday season. Thankfully the plan for pedestrianization of the area around Rockefeller Center was reinstated for this holiday season. The impacted locations include West 49th and West 50th Streets between Fifth and Sixth Avenues between 11 AM and midnight daily. Barriers will also be placed along the east side of Sixth Avenue from 48th Street to 52nd Street to give one lane of traffic to pedestrian space.