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Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine's April 12, 2023 Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

1) Chag Pesach Sameach:

Manhattan Borough President Levine wishes all those who celebrate a "Chag Pesach Sameach."

2) Open Meetings Law Update:

Mayor Adams has extended the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration for 30 days through April 20th, 2023. The Manhattan Borough President's Office will keep community boards updated on further extensions.

3) Community Board Application Update:

The Manhattan Borough President's Office has received nearly 1,000 community board applications this year. Manhattan Borough President Levine wishes to thank all those who have applied and reapplied for community board membership. The Manhattan Borough President's Office is currently reviewing the applications and holding virtual Community Board interviews. Those who have applied or reapplied to Manhattan Community Boards should have received an email with a link to schedule their virtual Community Board interview. If you have applied or reapplied to your Manhattan Community Board, but have not yet received an email requesting that you schedule your community board interview, please reach out to Brian Lafferty, Community Liaison to Manhattan Community Boards 5 and 6 at 929-510-6740 or blafferty@manhattanbp.nyc.gov.

4) New and Improved Manhattan Borough President's Office Website:

The Manhattan Borough President's Office's website <https://www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/> has been updated with additional resources and it now has a cleaner, easier-to-use interface. Those who visit the Manhattan Borough President's Office's website may now submit community events that they would like the Manhattan Borough President's Office to share on its website at <https://www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/resources/events/submit-a-event/>. The calendar of submitted events and the events that the Manhattan Borough President's Office is hosting or sponsoring may be viewed at <https://www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/resources/events/>.

5) Manhattan Borough President Levine Announces his “Shed the Shed” Plan and Initiative:

New York City has over 280 miles of sidewalk sheds and there are currently more than 4,000 sidewalk sheds in Manhattan. These sidewalk sheds play an important role in keeping New Yorkers safe from falling debris and construction equipment. However, sidewalk sheds stay up an average of 498 days, negatively impacting local businesses and quality of life.

To ensure sidewalk sheds come down more quickly while keeping New Yorkers safe, Manhattan Borough President Levine announced a “Shed the Shed” plan and initiative in early March. The plan includes additional support for buildings that are struggling to make their façade repairs swiftly and it would seek to hold building owners and building managers accountable should they fail to complete their façade work expeditiously and remove sidewalk sheds in a timely manner. To learn more about what the plan, please visit <https://www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Shed-the-Shed-Report-V5.pdf>.

6) Borough President Levine Testifies in Support of Right to Counsel:

On March 27, 2023 Manhattan Borough President Levine testified in support of Right to Counsel, a law that he introduced as a Council Member that requires legal representation be provided to those facing eviction in housing court. Unfortunately, due to the avalanche of eviction cases in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, tenants are struggling to get legal representation. For more than a year, Manhattan Borough President Levine and Bronx Borough President Gibson have called upon the New York State Unified Court System repeatedly to slow the calendaring of housing cases in which tenants do not have an attorney.

7) New York City Department of Transportation Announces Construction of 20 Microhubs:

On April 6, 2023, the New York City Department of Transportation announced that it will be building 20 microhubs with dedicated space for unloading into smaller low-emission or human-powered vehicles. The full press release from the New York City Department of Transportation is available at <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pr2023/dot-hub-pilot-truck-deliveries.shtml>.

8) Borough President Levine Joins Council Member Velazquez, Environmental Advocates, and Zero-Waste Emissary Alysia Reiner

On April 11, 2023, Manhattan Borough President Levine joined New York City Council Member Velazquez, who Chairs the Committee on Consumer and Worker Protection, in support of Int 1003-2023, which would require reusable eating utensils and eating containers at food service establishments and returnable food packaging at fast casual food establishments. The text of the proposed legislation is available at <https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6165443&GUID=B6D03540-836C-4352-965C-B3A58E16A0C1&Options=ID%7CText%7C&Search=Int+1003>.