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[May 2023] Full Board Report to Manhattan Community Board 6

Full Newsletter: [<https://us9.campaign-archive.com/?u=73e8e9414b5a25e31f84f3b3f&id=fa465a8841>]

Highlights

1. For the second consecutive year, District Attorney Bragg announced \$20,000 in funding to up to ten Manhattan community-based organizations for summer youth gun violence prevention programs. The funding will be used to pay young New Yorkers stipends to participate in meaningful programming or to enhance and beautify public spaces that are known areas for gun violence. "Combatting gun violence in our communities remains my top priority as District Attorney and that mission becomes all the more important as we head into the summer months," said DA Bragg.
 - Here is a link to the full press release for those interested in learning more:
<https://manhattanda.org/d-a-bragg-announces-funding-opportunity-for-summer-youth-gun-violence-prevention/>
2. The DA's Office is seeking proposals for an initiative to develop a Court-based Navigators program at Manhattan Criminal Court. These navigators will focus on building trusted relationships with individuals arraigned in Manhattan and released to the community, and ultimately connecting them with voluntary services. Applications are currently open, and more information can be found here: <https://ciji.org/court-based-navigators/>
3. The Manhattan DA's Office and Thrive Collective invite you to join us at our Annual East Harlem Art of Healing Festival, a community building and city-wide event focused on healing from the trauma of gun violence. Professional artists will facilitate creative art activities that include mural painting, drawing, spoken word, music, and dance. The day will be filled with food, resources, workshops, and fun. The festival will be on Saturday, June 17th in the school yard of PS/MS 007 located on 160 E 120th Street from 12:00pm – 4:00pm.
4. The Manhattan District Attorney's Office will be hosting a Gun Buyback event in partnership with the NYPD at Memorial Baptist Church located at 141 West 115th Street on June 10th from 10:00am – 4:00pm. The Gun Buyback will offer community members the opportunity to anonymously turn in their firearms in exchange for prepaid gift cards and/or an iPad. The Office will be releasing more information about the buyback in the coming weeks.