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

Full Newsletter: [<https://us9.campaign-archive.com/?u=73e8e9414b5a25e31f84f3b3f&id=6ec0314454>]

Highlights

1. The Manhattan DA's Office and Thrive Collective would like to remind you to join us at our Annual East Harlem Art of Healing Festival, a community building and citywide 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.
2. "Saturday Night Lights" launched its citywide summer youth sports program at noon on Saturday at Basketball City. This tipped off weekly sports events that will be held throughout the summer at 136 locations across the five boroughs to engage young people in healthy, team building activities and to build trust between youth and law enforcement. Saturday Night Lights was originally founded by the Manhattan District Attorney's Office and is currently run by the Department of Youth and Community Development and the NYPD, with support from all five district attorney's offices.
3. In honor of Gun Violence Awareness Month, the Manhattan DA's Office, in partnership with NYPD and the Memorial Baptist Church, hosted a gun buyback on June 10th where community members surrendered their firearms in exchange for prepaid gift cards or iPads. The buyback brought in 50 guns, including ghost guns and semi-automatic weapons. "There are far too many people grieving due to gun violence, and we have an urgent responsibility to use every tool at our disposal to get guns off our streets," said District Attorney's Bragg.
4. Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg recently announced the indictment of Benjamin Abrams for a car chase through Midtown that injured two police officers, caused a collision with multiple vehicles, and destroyed an outdoor dining structure. Abrams drove the wrong way into oncoming traffic and onto sidewalks, leading officers on a pursuit on E 30th Street and through Midtown South.
 - Here is a link to the full press release for those interested in learning more: <https://manhattanda.org/d-a-bragg-announces-indictment-in-car-chase-that-injured-two-police-officers-destroyed-outdoor-dining-structure/>