

A Message From ASSEMBLYMEMBER HARVEY EPSTEIN



ASSEMBLYMEMBER HARVEY EPSTEIN COMMUNITY BOARD 6 REPORT, OCTOBER 2023

Friends,

I am deeply saddened by the events that unfolded this weekend in Israel. The murder of civilians, including children and the elderly, was unimaginable. Hamas' terrorist acts must be condemned.

Every person deserves freedom from violence and I worry that additional violence against civilians will continue.

Let this be a moment where we come together as New Yorkers to stand opposed to the loss of innocent lives and fight back against oppression. We must unite for a better future.

See you around the neighborhood,

Harvey

EVENTS

Final Fall Hang with Harvey: Wednesday, October 25th from 10 AM to Noon

Assemblymember Harvey Epstein

HANG WITH HARVEY

Upcoming Hangs!

Wednesday, September 20th 5-7 PM
Baruch Plaza (Bernard Baruch Way, 27th St.
between 3rd & Lex)

Wednesday, October 11th 2- 4 PM
Stuyvesant Square Park (2nd Ave & 16th
near the fountain)

Wednesday, October 25th 10 AM- Noon
Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza (E 47th close
to 1st Ave)



Join me and our team at our final fall Hang with Harvey event. We want to hear from you about issues in our neighborhoods. This will take place on Wednesday, October 25th from 10:00 AM to Noon at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza (E 47th close to 1st Ave)
Please call 212-979-9696 with any questions!

Shredding Event with Sen. Gonzalez: Sunday, October 22nd from 10 AM to 2 PM

Assemblymember Harvey Epstein &
Senator Kristen Gonzalez's

SHREDDING TRUCK!



WHEN: Sunday, October 22nd from
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

WHERE: Bellevue Park on Mt.
Carmel Place (E 27th between Mt.
Carmel & 2nd Ave)

WHAT: No electronics or batteries,
paper only. One standard size file
Box (15" x 12" x 10") per person.

Please call 212-979-9696 or email
district74@nyassembly.gov with any
questions.



**Kristen
Gonzalez**
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We will be hosting a shredding event with Senator Kristen Gonzalez on Sunday, October 22nd from 10 AM to 2 PM at Bellevue Park on Mt. Carmel Place (East 27th Street between Mt. Carmel and 2nd Ave). No electronics or batteries, paper only.

Halloween with Team Harvey: Tuesday, October 31st from 3 PM to 6 PM



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A Halloween-themed poster with a black background. It features a white spiderweb in the top left, a white bat in the top right, and several blue and orange striped candy bars scattered around. At the bottom, there is a white ghost holding a brown bag and a small dog in a white costume. The text is centered and reads:

**HALLOWEEN
W/ TEAM HARVEY**

Tuesday, October 31st
3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
My District Office (107
Ave B)

Trick or Treat at the
Team Harvey Office!
Pets welcome!

The seal of the Assemblymember's District, featuring a central figure and the text "ASSEMBLYMEMBER HARVEY EPSTEIN" and "DISTRICT OF NEW YORK".

Join us as Team Harvey dresses up and celebrates Halloween at our district office (109 Ave B) from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Tuesday, October 31st. We will be handing out candy and checking out some awesome costumes. This is a great event for the family or anyone with a pet. Homer will be handing out dog treats!

E-Waste Event: Sunday, November 5th from 10 AM to 2 PM



RECYCLE YOUR E-WASTE

Sunday 11/05/2023 10am – 2pm Rain or Shine

Avoid a fine: It's now illegal to discard electronics in the trash!

DROP OFF SITE: **Tompkins Square Park**
Avenue A b/w 9th & 10th Sts | LES

WE ACCEPT: Working & non-working computers, monitors, printers/scanners, keyboards, mice, cables, TVs, VCRs & DVD players, phones, audio/visual equipment, cell phones & PDA's

Hosted by **Lower East Side Ecology Center**
Co-hosted by Council Member Carina Rivera,
NYS Senator Brian Kavanagh, Assembly Member Harvey Epstein &
In Cooperation with Congressman Dan Goldman
For more information:
lesecolocenter.org or 212.477.4022

The electronic waste collection program is made possible by:



EVERYTHING BATTERS



Join Team Harvey and the LES Ecology Center at Tompkins Sq. Park (Ave A between 9th and 10th St.) from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 5th to dispose of your e-waste.

Taking Down Student Debt: Strategies for Repayment & Attaining Loan Forgiveness: Monday, November 6th at 6 PM

Taking Down Student Debt: Strategies for Repayment & Attaining Loan Forgiveness

Join us for this free webinar to get expert guidance to tackle your student loans.

**Monday, November 6th
@ 6:00 PM ET**



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Scan to register:



Join Team Harvey and Edcap as we host a webinar on student loan repayment and forgiveness on Monday, November 6th at 6:00 PM. With the government resuming payments on loans for the first time in 3 years, it is important to know your options. Register [HERE](#).

Team Harvey's Holiday Party: Thursday, December 7th from 6 PM to 8 PM

Join Team Harvey for food, fun, and community as we celebrate the holiday season together. **We will gather on Thursday, December 7th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Lower East Side Girls Club (402 E 8th St.).** Please RSVP by November 28th by calling our office at 212-979-9696.

HARVEY'S HEADLINES

Breaking Ground on Solar Education Along the East River



Last month, I joined Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine, Councilmember Keith Powers, Senator Brian Kavanagh, Rep. Jerry Nadler's team, NYC Economic Development Corporation, and the Mayor's office to break ground on the Solar 2 Education Center along the East River. Solar 1 is currently New York City's only self-sustaining solar-powered building and during Hurricane Sandy became an integral resource for folks without power.

The [new Solar 2 facility](#) will have 2 classrooms to educate young people and the entire community about solar energy. An important aspect of addressing climate change is energy innovation and I am happy to see this happening in District 74.

Advocating for Community Healthcare



In recent weeks, [Mount Sinai announced their intention to close Beth-Israel Hospital](#), a vital community healthcare resource. This announcement comes amid Mount Sinai's attempt to [close the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary](#). Both of these institutions provide critical healthcare to District 74 residents, specifically low and middle-income populations and folks with disabilities.

I released a [joint statement](#) with Manhattan Borough President Levine, Councilmembers Rivera and Powers, Assemblymember Glick, Congressman Nadler, and Senator Gonzalez stating our intent to hold Mount Sinai accountable for their actions and exercise all oversight authority possible. Team Harvey will do everything in our power to fight for affordable and accessible health care for our community. Healthcare is a human right.

Honoring Tudor City Greens



Last month, our Director of Constituent Services Joanna Sanchez presented Tudor City Greens with a proclamation for their 35th anniversary. They have been wonderful stewards of the precious green space in Midtown Manhattan. As a direct result of Tudor City Greens' preservation efforts, Midtown residents have more places to experience the tranquility of nature. We are proud to honor their dedication to our district!

COMMUNITY NEWS & RESOURCES

Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests



Great news! The federal government relaunched its free COVID-19 at-home tests program. Households can receive four free rapid tests delivered directly to their home. For more information and to place an order, click [HERE](#).

Construction Bulletin Now through 10/17

Click [HERE](#) to view a list of construction projects going on in our neighborhood due to the Central Business District Tolling project. You may experience changes to your route.

High School Application Update

The high school application opens on October 3rd after school hours. The deadline to apply is Friday, December 1, 2023. Current eighth-grade (and interested first-time ninth-grade) students in NYC can apply.

Families should access the application via their [MySchools.nyc](#) account. Need help creating an account? Watch this [tutorial](#). On MySchools, families can browse schools and programs and learn about open houses and information sessions. Families should add 12 choices to their child's

application and should list these choices in their true order of preference, with their top choice as #1. You can submit a high school application one of the following ways:

- Online with [MySchools.NYC](#)
- Through your child's current school counselor
- At a Family Welcome Center (schools.nyc.gov/FWC)

Please note that the nine Specialized High Schools (schools.nyc.gov/SHS) have separate admissions processes that also open on October 3rd! These schools will not show up as options on the general high school application.

- LaGuardia High School has its own application in MySchools. If you are interested, complete the LaGuardia application and submit your audition by Friday, December 1st – learn more about the audition process here: schools.nyc.gov/HSAuditions.
- The remaining Specialized High Schools admit students based on their scores on the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT). Registration for the SHSAT opens on October 3rd and closes on Friday, October 27. Practice tests, test dates, and test locations are available at schools.nyc.gov/SHS

Redistricting Public Input

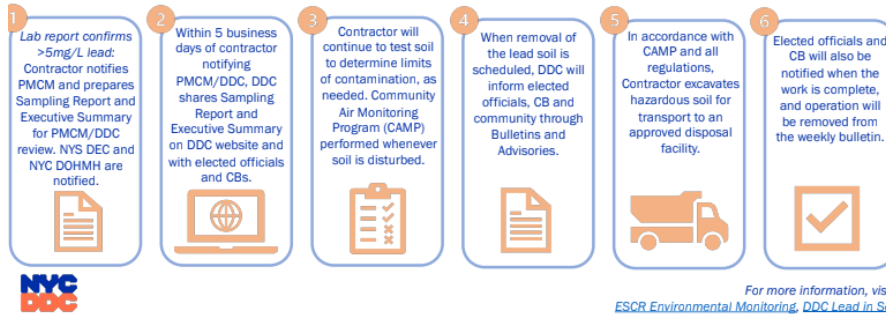
Due to ongoing legal challenges with the New York Congressional redistricting effort, the commission is seeking public input. The public is invited to submit input by emailing submissions@nyirc.gov or by sending mail to Attention: Submissions, Independent Redistricting Commission, 250 Broadway, 22nd Floor, New York, NY 10007. All submissions received will be made available to all Commissioners and staff.

If you wish to view the congressional plans the Commission previously submitted to the Legislature, click [HERE](#). If you would like to view the congressional plan drawn by the Special Master and used in the 2022 congressional elections, click [HERE](#).

ESCR Lead Discovery & Mitigation Efforts

ESCR | Lead Discovery, Notification, and Mitigation

- Throughout construction, soil samples are collected to analyze soil conditions and determine disposal methods.
- When the soil tests return with a lead reading greater than 5.00 mg/L, the Local Law 72 procedure is initiated.
- Generally, soil is left in the ground, undisturbed, and away from the public. Much of the soil in the park is NYC typical urban fill from when the park was created. Typical urban fill is found all over NYC.



Click [HERE](#) to access the information we received from the NYC Department of Design and Construction regarding the discovery of lead at ESCR and mitigation efforts. The impacted soil will be secured, removed, and disposed of to ensure public safety.

ESCR ConEd Line Abatement

We recently received this information from Con Ed:

“ConEd is currently upgrading utility lines in the southern portion of the ESCR PA1 project area, within the Greenway along the FDR Drive west of Pier 42. The improvements ConEd is making to the lines is to strengthen them, which includes applying a carbon fiber epoxy coating. The material, similar to concrete drying, needs to dry without rain, soil, or debris landing on it. This is why the ConEd lines are being covered with plastic tent-like structures.

Asbestos was found on a portion of the lines which is very common for ConEd utilities all over the City. The removal of materials containing asbestos is completed by a ConEd subcontractor certified in asbestos removal. **Over the next month, during the week and weekends, the public may see workers in Tyvek suits as these individuals are in close proximity with the asbestos-containing materials on a daily basis and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is mandatory for their work.** (They also may wear Tyvek suits when applying the epoxy coating, mentioned above, to prevent the epoxy from staining clothing.) The asbestos abatement work is being done in accordance with all local, state, and federal guidelines, and is contained and disposed of as required. This work was completed in the northern portion of East River Park earlier on in the project.”