



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 7



HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON, BOROUGH PRESIDENT YAJAIRA ARIAS, CHAIRPERSON VACANT, DISTRICT MANAGER

ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE

Chair:	Betty Arce
Meeting Date:	April 4, 2023
Meeting Time:	7 pm
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/IEBksOETzxI
Members In Attendance:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Hill <input type="checkbox"/> Rosalie Leslie <input type="checkbox"/> Gwendolyn Thomas-Steed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lowell Green <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hugo Gonzalez <input type="checkbox"/> Carlos Sosa
Minutes done by:	Betty Arce

Minutes:

I) Introductions

II) Review of previous minutes - Approved

III) Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)

IV) New Business

A. Department of Sanitation Updates

1. Saturday, April 29

Bronx

Orchard Beach Parking Lot Vehicle entrance at Park Drive (end of road) 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (rain or shine)

<https://dsny.cityofnewyork.us/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/safe-events-spring-2023-en.pdf>

Committee members would like a safe disposal event within the community board for residents who are unable to travel to the beach. Will explore locations and have discussions with elected officials for assistance.

2. Waste Setout Times Change April 1, 2023

<https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/services/collection-setout-times>

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B. DEP Updates

1. Water Bill Amnesty Program-January 30, 2023 to April 30, 2023

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dep/pay-my-bills/amnesty-program.page> or Call DEP (nyc.gov) / (718) 595-7000

The NYS Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps low-income households pay the cost of water and sewer services. The program can assist households who have past due bills (arrears) for water and/or sewer services. <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/water-assistance/>

C. DOHMH Updates

1. Upcoming Rat Academy Trainings

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/services/rats-control-training.page>

D. Capital & Expense Budget Requests Agency Responses

Committee discussed and reacted to the following items:

- Advocate to elected officials for an increase in sanitation enforcement personnel to address violations of dirty sidewalks by merchants, street vendors, and homeowners.
 - o Include BIDs to help with educating and outreach to commercial owners.
- Canine waste laws – members would like to distribute dog waste bags and metal signs at any upcoming community events, contingent on budget and ability to procure in a timely manner.
 - o NYC DEP initiating outreach about the proper ways to dispose of dog waste in catch basins and sewers that ends up in the waterways. Would like to attend any Pet events where the message can be disseminated.
- Advocate for more frequent cleaning of catch basins.



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- o Make 311 reports for all flooding or pooling of catch basins and sewers
- o DEP follow up on flooding at 3100 Webster Ave.

- Request for tamper-proof hydrant valves to reduce the waste of water in running hydrants, especially in the summer. Need to research hydrant models that can only be used by authorized personnel – FDNY, NYPD, DSNY, DEP.

- o Regulate the distribution of sprinklers and provide more accountability and follow up.

V) Next meeting date – May 2, 2023 7:00 PM

VI) Discussion on next agenda

VII) Adjournment