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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE

Chair:	Betty Arce
Meeting Date:	January 3, 2023
Meeting Time:	7 pm
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/9hBfcEvb4NQ
Members In Attendance:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betty Arce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Hill <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosalie Leslie <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gwendolyn Thomas-Steed <input type="checkbox"/> Lowell Green <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hugo Gonzalez <input type="checkbox"/> Carlos Sosa
Minutes done by:	Betty Arce

Minutes:

- I) Committee Guidelines
- II) Introductions & Attendance
- III) Review of previous minutes - Approved
- IV) New Business

DSNY Updates

a) Christmas Tree Collection

- i. DSNY will collect clean Christmas trees (and wreaths!) from Friday, January 6, 2023 through Saturday, January 14, 2023 — weather permitting.
- ii. <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/services/food-scraps-and-yard-waste-page/christmas-trees>

b) Targeted Neighborhood Taskforce

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i. What is it? - A cross-agency collaboration that will result in cleaner streets, more jobs, fewer rodents, and improved quality of life for our city's 8.8 million residents.

ii. What is included in the plan?

1. 200 Sanitation Workers under a new unit—Targeted Neighborhood Taskforce (TNT) for regularly scheduled cleanings of approximately 1,500 'No Man's Land' areas around the city — areas such as bridges, highways and on/off-ramps, underneath underpasses, corner lots, and others that may have never been on a regular cleaning schedule

2. Daily emptying of park litter baskets that are along the fence, near the entrance, just inside the entrance - anything visible from the street, in addition to corner baskets DSNY already serves

3. Additional cameras to continue enforcement against illegal dumping

4. More bike lane cleaning equipment

c) New set-out rules

i. DSNY published final rules that will change waste setout time for residential and commercial properties. The rules became effective on December 31, 2022, and residents and businesses will be required to comply with the new set-out times on April 1, 2023. A summary of the rule is below. ii. <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/resources/streets-and-sidewalks-laws/multiunitsetout>

d) Snow Laborer Registration

i. DSNY is still accepting applications for snow laborers ii. <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/services/snow-response/work-with-us>



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Rat Academy Trainings · <https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-1-e&q=nyc+rat+academy>

- o Rat Academy training will resume in January 2023.
- o For information on how to sponsor a virtual or in-person Rat Academy, email ratportal@health.nyc.gov.
- o Virtual o Thursday, January 26, 6pm to 8pm on Tuesday, January 31, 5pm to 7pm on Thursday, February 9, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The committee discussed the possibility of offering this training at a future meeting, perhaps in collaboration with the Health & Human Services committee.

Questions were raised about illegal dumping – requested a follow-up presentation on this topic and how the new Targeted Neighborhood Task Force mentioned above will remedy the persistent dumping in CB 7; will the taskforce also concentrate on railroad tracks?

Requested an update on food scraps drop-off sites within the community board;

In a continuing discussion about garbage and the intersection with the rat problem, committee members have been tasked with sharing photos of how their residential buildings contain & manage garbage, as an exercise in comparing good and bad practices and how these practices contribute to preventing or contributing to the rat problem.

Committee members made a recommendation for a Google form/ survey page to capture more detailed information such as apt. bldg. garbage areas? Metal or plastic bins, adequate lighting? Etc.

A request for a SAFE Disposal event on the west side of the Bronx that is convenient for community board residents as well. Will follow up with DSNY



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Concerns were raised about the recent sightings of coyotes in near-by Riverdale and Woodlawn. How to report such sightings was provided.

<https://nyc.gov/site/wildlifeny/things-to-do/report-a-sighting.page>

For beehives: <https://portal.311.nyc.gov/article/?kanumber=KA-02230>

A request was made for a presentation on feral cats;

A community resident raised a few issues that will be followed up by staff:

- School trash outside of PS 46 and PS 10
- Sewage leaking into Community garden at 2597 Bainbridge Avenue (Fordham Bedford Lot-Busters)

Next meeting date – February 7, 2023 7 PM

Discussion on next agenda – TBD

Adjournment