



**BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND
COMMUNITY BOARD #3**

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**Parks & Recreation and Environmental Committee
Public Hearing Report**

DATE: September 10, 2024

TIME: 7:00PM

IN PERSON: No

VIRTUAL: Yes

SPEAKER: Yes

Committee Members Present

Al Klingele, *Chair*

Robert Bozza

Clifford Hagen

John Kiernan

Frank P. Morano

Anthony Riccardelli

Paul Sanders

Committee Members Absent

Frank Morano

Staff

Charlene Wagner, *District Manager*

Stacey Wertheim, *Community Coordinator*

Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

Board Members Present

Jeff Geary

Gary Fleming

Harold Kozak

Guests

Stephen Caruso, Superintendent, Department of Sanitation New York (DSNY) Bureau of Community Affairs

Colleen Siuzdak, Administration Coordinator, Department of Parks, Staten Island

Frank Rapacciuolo, Representative, Cm. Joseph Borelli

Susan Conlon, Richmondtown-Clarke Avenue Civic Association

Public Contact Session

None

Agenda

Stephen Caruso, Department of Community Affairs for DSNY, presented on new initiatives that will take effect this fall.

- **Increase in Fines for repeat offenders**—Beginning December 19th, fines for cleaning infractions such as sidewalk obstruction and curb litter up to 18” from the curb will be \$50 for the first offense, \$300 for the second, and \$500 for the third and subsequent offenses.
- **Residential Containerization Requirement**—Beginning November 12th, 2024, buildings with 1-9 residential units are required to use bins with tight-fitting lids. Bins can be put out at 6:00 p.m. and recycle-in bags can be put out at 8:00 p.m. Enforcement begins in 2025.
- **Curbside Composting**—Beginning October 6th, 2024, food scraps, yard waste, and leaves will be picked up once a week on recycling day. You must use either the NYC brown bin or another bin with a tight-fitting lid and composting decals adhered to the pail.

For more information, please visit <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/index.page>

For questions regarding containerization, please visit

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/collection/containerization/residential-containerization.page> or call **855-NYC-BINS**

Department of Parks & Recreation Announcements

Vital Parks for All, NYC Parks’ vision to equitably strengthen our city’s health, environment, and communities through our park system.

Parks believes every New Yorker deserves access within their own communities to parks that are:

- Clean and Safe
- Green and Resilient
- And supported by Engaged and Empowered New Yorkers (like you)

To help New Yorkers see their community's level of access to the 21 elements of a Vital Parks system, including Park Condition Score, capital investment, community partner groups, athletic facilities, and park enforcement patrol, Parks has developed a ***Vital Parks Explorer tool***. This tool expands transparency and allows Community Boards to compare their level of access to Community Boards throughout the borough and the city. Community Board profiles are downloadable from the tool, and you can also zoom in by block to see what your community has or what is missing. You can access this new tool by visiting the website [Vital Parks Explorer \(nycgovparks.org\)](https://www.nycgovparks.org).

Parks has also launched **My Parks Vital Signs**, a new analysis of every park in the city, and developed a score that will help you understand the condition of your park. My Parks Vital Signs include recent capital investment, mapped trees, events, and volunteer engagement opportunities. You can learn more about My Parks Vital Signs by visiting [Vital Parks: How It Works : NYC Parks \(nycgovparks.org\)](https://www.nycgovparks.org)

For additional information on Vital Parks please contact Colleen Siuzdak at Colleen.Siuzdak@parks.nyc.gov or Joseph Homsey at Joseph.Homsey@parks.nyc.gov or visit <https://www.nycgovparks.org/about/vital-parks>

- Living Breakwaters Project is nearing completion. There is an event on September 28th, 2024. All are welcome to attend.
- Seaside Nature Park Comfort Station construction is underway
- Owl Hollow Soccer Field will get a turf replacement, funded by the City Council.
- Raptorfest, Sunday, September 15th, 12-3pm at Freshkills Park.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Councilman Borelli is working on legislation in the City Council to curb the expense for homeowners who must purchase a NYC Bin.
- Councilman Borelli is sponsoring Movies in The Park beginning Friday, September 13th, and the following two Fridays.

Respectfully submitted,



Albert W. Klingele
Chairman, Parks & Recreation and Environmental Committee