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WEEKLY UPDATES FROM QUEENS BOROUGH HALL - JULY 17, 2015



ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In honor of the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Borough President Katz welcomed the ADA Legacy Bus to Borough Hall with a proclamation on July 13. The ADA Legacy Bus is on a nationwide tour in honor of the ADA, which prohibits discrimination based on a disability. Those pictured include Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) Commissioner Victor Calise (first row r.), United Spinal Association President and CEO James Weisman (second row r.), and Trina Hazell, a college student and a member of the MOPD Youth Council.



FOREST PARK BREAKS GROUND ON RENOVATIONS

Forest Park in Kew Gardens broke ground on a \$1.9 million renovation project (\$550,000 funded by Borough President Katz) which will include new benches, pathways, curbing and the restoration of the baseball field. The park and its playground will remain open during construction. Those pictured include City Councilmember Karen Koslowitz (fourth from l.), Queens Parks Commissioner Dorothy Lewandowski (third from l.), Community Board 9 chairperson Raj Rampershad (second from r.) and Community Board 9 District Manager Lisa Gomes (l.).

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NYPD EXPANDS NEW NEIGHBORHOOD POLICING INITIATIVE AFTER PRELIMINARY SUCCESS

The New York City Police Department (NYPD) presented details on its new neighborhood policing initiative, "One City: Safe and Fair – Everywhere," to the Queens Borough Board and Cabinet on July 13. The new initiative, which focuses on preventative community outreach and aims to strengthen the partnership between police and City residents, has had preliminary success in its four citywide pilot commands – two of which were in the Rockaways. Those pictured include NYPD Assistant Chief Terrence Monahan (seated in front of the microphone), Chief of Staff in the Office of the Chief of Department and members of the Borough Board and Cabinet.



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