



Brooklyn Community Board 14

Serving the Communities of Flatbush, Midwood & Parts of Kensington



Brooklyn Community Board 14 wishes you a great summer! Full board meetings are not held in July or August. Monthly board meetings will resume in September. View the 2021-22 monthly meeting schedule [here](#). Check out our summer newsletter below for information and opportunities.

CB14 District Office is available Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM by phone or email, to assist with service delivery issues and to connect you with agencies, organizations, and programs. Our [website](#) remains a great resource for community information and services. If you missed any of our meetings, they are available to view on the [CB14 YouTube channel](#). Stay cool, stay safe and stay in touch with CB14 this summer!

Caton Flats Affordable Housing Applications

Caton Flats is a mixed-use development located in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn at 800 Flatbush Avenue (NW corner of Caton and Flatbush Avenues.) The site was developed as the new home for the Flatbush Caton Market; the Flatbush headquarters for the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CACCI); a new business incubator; and 100% affordable housing. All of the 254 apartments will be affordable, with rent- and income-restrictions targeting them for families and individuals who are between 40% to 165% of AMI. To learn more, visit catonflats.com.

The lottery for affordable apartments in the new Caton Flats building is now open! Create an account on NYC Housing Connect and apply for Caton Flats. The Lottery is now open with an application deadline of August 25, 2021. Learn more and apply at <https://housingconnect.nyc.gov/PublicWeb/details/2241>

NYC Streets Master Plan

NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) is developing the [NYC Streets Plan](#), a five-year transportation plan to improve the safety, accessibility, and quality of the City's streets for all. The plan will involve an analysis of the current state of New York City's streets and seeks to respond to the City's many neighborhoods and local needs. The plan is being developed in response to [Local Law 195](#) enacted in December 2019, which directs NYC DOT to issue and implement a transportation master plan every five years. The final NYC Streets Plan will be released in December 2021.

Community members are invited to participate in the process. Public input will help DOT prioritize transportation projects and programs throughout New York City. Residents can participate and share ideas at public workshops and via an online public survey.

Public Workshops: DOT is hosting ten virtual public workshops between July 7 - July 29, 2021. **The workshop for CB 14 is on Thursday, July 8th.** A second round of workshops will be held in the fall. Each workshop will focus on different neighborhoods and areas of the city to allow you to provide insights on the areas you know best. Workshops are open to all who are interested in attending. [Click here](#) to view the workshop schedule and to register.

Public Survey: NYC DOT is seeking feedback and your ideas on how to make NYC streets better. Please take a moment to share your thoughts to help DOT better understand the transportation issues that are important to you. [Click here to take the NYC Streets Plan Survey.](#)

Fiscal Year 2023 Community Budget Recommendations

Each year, in accordance with the New York City Charter, all 59 NYC Community Boards are required to submit recommendations for NYC's capital and expense budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. Community members are invited to participate in the budget process by suggesting a new city service or capital project. A capital project generally has a value of \$35,000 and a "useful life" of at least five years. Requests for ongoing programs and regular city services such as street signs, building inspections, parks maintenance, road repair or tree pruning, for example, should be directed to the Community Board office as a routine service delivery request.

Click links to download a **Community Budget Request form** ([pdf](#) / [Word](#)). Please mail or email all budget requests to the CB14 District Office by September 10, 2021.

All submitted recommendations will be considered at two Community Board 14 public hearings on Monday, September 13 & Monday, October 18, 2021. The public hearings will be live streamed on the [CB14 YouTube channel](#). View the [FY 2022 CB14 Capital Requests](#) & [FY 2022 CB14 Expense Requests](#).

NYC Zoning Text Amendments

NYC City Planning has proposed several new [zoning text amendments](#) to help the City thrive while recovering from the long-term impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. City Planning presented to CB14 on several of these proposals. [Click here](#) to view the April 13 presentation by City Planning to the CB14 Community Environment Committee on the ZFA text amendment. [Click here](#) to view the June 10 City Planning presentation on the Hotels, Physical Cultural Establishments (PCE), FRESH II text amendments. [Click here](#) to read CB14's June 19th letter to City Planning on the proposed text amendments.

Elevate Transit Zoning for Accessibility: Zoning for Accessibility (ZFA) seeks to make our transit system more accessible and better coordinated with the streets and buildings around it. Through ZFA, developers would work with the MTA to set aside space where needed for station elevators. It would expand incentives for developers to build elevators and related station upgrades in new, high-density buildings. [Learn more about Elevate Transit: Zoning for Accessibility.](#)

Health and Fitness Text Amendment: Gyms, martial arts studios, licensed massage therapy, and many other health-related businesses require special permits from the Board of Standards and Appeals to open in most parts of New York City. The Department of City Planning is proposing new rules to ease these restrictions, cutting red tape for small businesses and providing valuable health amenities to all New York City communities. [Learn more about the Health and Fitness Text Amendment.](#)

Citywide Hotel Text Amendment: The Citywide Hotel Special Permit aims to create a consistent approach to hotel development citywide. The proposed zoning change would require City Planning Commission approval for new and enlarged hotels and motels, tourist cabins and boatels in commercial, mixed-use and paired M1/R districts. [Learn more about the Citywide Hotel Text Amendment.](#)

FRESH Food Stores Update: The Department of City Planning is proposing to update and expand the FRESH food stores program, which supports convenient, accessible grocery stores in underserved neighborhoods. The update would bring the FRESH program to more communities, among other changes to ensure FRESH stores are evenly distributed and financially viable. [Learn more about the FRESH Food Stores Update.](#)

CB14 Lunch & Learn series: Urban Planning, Land Use, Housing & Development

Brooklyn Community Board 14 hosted a six-part series during May & June about urban planning in our community, public space, housing development, land use and the built environment. Presenters included NYC City Planning, Citizens Housing & Planning Council (CHPC), NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD), Association for Neighborhood and Housing Development (ANHD), and Brooklyn Borough Hall's Office of Land Use. All videos and slide presentations are available for review at www.cb14brooklyn.com/projects/cb14-lunch-learn-series-zoning-planning-land-use.

CB14 Planning Fellow Projects

CB14 has been fortunate to host five student planning fellows from Columbia University, Hunter College, NYU, The New School and Pratt Institute, sponsored by the Fund for the City of New York. [Click here](#) to learn more about the Community Fellowship Planning Program. CB14's student planning fellows completed district

studies and produced informative reports on topics including district traffic calming, green space, residential and economic development. These projects are archived on the CB14 website. Community members are encouraged to review the completed planning fellow reports at www.cb14brooklyn.com/projects/cb14-planning-fellow-reports.

Summer Safety Tips

NYC Cooling Centers: As the heat rises, New Yorkers are encouraged to stay cool! Cooling Centers are opened during periods of high heat. A cooling center is a facility, such as a senior center or community center, where people may go to enjoy air-conditioned comfort during a heat emergency. To find the nearest location, including hours of operation, call 311 or visit the City's [Cooling Center Finder](#) website. Stay hydrated, check on elderly neighbors and relatives, and stay safe! For more heat safety information, please visit www1.nyc.gov/assets/em/html/beat-the-heat/beattheheat.

Public Pools: New York City's outdoor pools re-opened on Saturday, June 26th and will be open through September 12th, every day from 11 AM – 7 PM (closed for cleaning 3-4 PM.) For more information, go to www.nycgovparks.org/facilities/outdoor-pools. NYC Parks is also hosting summer indoor and outdoor programs and events. Click links for details of NYC Parks [summer programs](#) and [free kid's summer activities](#).

Fireworks are Illegal in NYC. Please be safe! In New York City, all consumer fireworks, including sparklers, are illegal to use, buy, sell, or transport. The illegal use of fireworks can lead to serious burns, injuries, fires and even death. Teach children that fireworks are dangerous. Be [#FDNYSmart](#) – leave fireworks to the professionals! Call 311 or [file a complaint online](#) to anonymously report the use, delivery or sale of fireworks. If you see something dangerous, call 911. For more information, including shareable video links and infographics are available at <https://www.cb14brooklyn.com/fireworks-and-community-safety/>

Stay in touch with CB14!

New York City Community Boards do not hold regular monthly board meetings during July or August, but our staff is here for you. Stay connected with the CB14 district office for assistance with any concerns, questions or issues that arise, especially those related to the district. Regular board meetings resume in September.

You will find a wealth of community resource, program and event information on our website at www.cb14brooklyn.com. If you missed any CB14 board meetings, committee meetings, or special events this year, they are available to view anytime on the [CB14 YouTube channel](#).

Community members are encouraged to sign up for our monthly newsletters and meetings calendars by emailing info@cb14brooklyn.com. CB14 staff and board members wish you a great summer! See you in September.



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