



Maspeth Town Hall

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Newsletter

September 2024

A Message from our Executive Director

Dear Member,

I hope you have enjoyed your summer! We have been busy at Maspeth Town Hall and I am excited to share some updates with you.

First and foremost, I would like to thank our elected officials and long-standing partners for their funding allocations this fiscal year. Thank you to Council Member Robert Holden and the New York City Council Speaker's Initiative for their support of After School, Community Park Day, NYPD Explorers, and general operating expenses. Thank you to Assemblymember Steven Raga for his support of Senior and Regents Review programming. Thank you to Thomas Rudzewick and Maspeth Federal Savings for their support of After School programs. Thank you to ExpandedEd Schools for their grant to support our P.S. 58 After School Program. These grants, along with the support of our membership, help us continue our mission to support our community.

Our Summer Rising program ended on August 16, 2024 after 7 weeks of programming at 3 schools. Our 2,200 participants had a fulfilling experience of enrichment activities and special programming. We also employed over 300 Maspeth Town Hall and Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) employees. We received Above Standard ratings from our funder, Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), at our visits for the quality of our services. I would like to thank our supervisory team and lead Program Directors for their hard work and dedication to make our summer program a success: Sean Kearney, Andrea Solares, Bill Donovan, Bill Dobranski, Lorraine Finocchiaro, Arlene Solares, Crystal Samuels, Joseph Pullara, and Seida Muratovic.

We have enjoyed our community partnerships this summer. We collaborated with Assemblymember Raga's office for a

Community Clean Up in Maspeth along Grand Avenue on August 4. We participated in the National Night Out Against Crime hosted by the 104th Precinct Community Council on August 6 (a big thank you to Maspeth Federal Savings for accommodating the location change due to the heavy rain). We also assisted Council Member Holden's office with the Back to School Giveaway on August 26.

We will be partnering with Senator Gianaris's office to host a mobile DMV at Maspeth Town Hall on September 7. Big Joe Fitness is hosting free workshops at Juniper Park on September 7 if you are interested in trying out his classes prior to the start of our Fall programming. Please visit our website or social media for more information about signing up for these events.

Our After School programs begin on September 16. We will be at 12 locations this year, serving over 2,000 participants and their families. Registration information can be found on our website.

We are excited to share our Fall program lineup, including new workshops! As a reminder, our Senior Strong program with Big Joe continues on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM through the end of September and into the Fall.

Thank you for your continued support of Maspeth Town Hall and I hope to see you in our building this Fall!

Mary Contreras

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After School Program Fall Registration

Registration is now open!

Please check our website maspethtownhall.org/afterschoolprogram for more information.
Programs begin on Monday, September 16, 2024.



Maspeth Town Hall hosted over 2,200 students from July 2 – August 16 at P.S. 7 in Elmhurst, P.S./I.S. 49 in Middle Village, and P.S./I.S. 119 in Glendale, funded by the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). Summer Rising is a full-day camp providing academic and enrichment programs to participants in grades K-8.

This summer we had many partnerships with outside vendors for enrichment programming, including New York Enrichment Group for yoga instruction and Blue Unicorn Learning League for dance instruction. We also collaborated with Chess in the Schools for chess instructional sessions. We hosted Harlem Magic Masters for a basketball performance, Mainstages for a game show, Uncle Tony's Reptiles for educational shows, and Prismatic Magic for an educational laser assembly.

One of the new initiatives from DYCD for students in grades 6-8 is Exploring Futures, which is designed to teach students career readiness and life skills. This summer, we worked with Speakhire and the Academy of Animated Art to provide hands-on workshops for our participants. In Speakhire's Discovering Leadership course, participants broke up into cohorts based on their career aspirations to learn leadership skills through individual and group activities. In the Academy of Animated Art's course, participants designed their own short animated film with guidance from industry professionals including Pixar and Dreamworks.

A special thank you to our supervisory staff, Program Directors, and line staff for making this summer a great success!



Program Spotlight

Classes will begin on Monday, September 30, 2024. If you are interested in any of the programs, please visit our website and click on the 'Other Programs' menu option for more information, pricing, and registration forms. You can also email us at programs@maspethtownhall.org or call 718 335-6049, ext. 132.

	SENIORS	TODDLERS	ADULTS
MONDAY	<p>Fine Art 10:00 - 12:00 <i>begins Sep 30</i></p>	<p>Zumbini 9:45 - 10:25 <i>begins Sep 30</i></p>	
TUESDAY	<p>Senior Strong 10:00 - 10:45 <i>ongoing</i></p>	<p>2 Year Old Playgroup 9:30 - 11:15 <i>begins Oct 1</i></p>	<p>Special Workshops (see below)</p>
WEDNESDAY	<p>Instructional Mahjong 10:00 - 12:00 <i>begins Nov 6</i></p> <p>Line Dancing 1:00 - 2:00 <i>Oct 16 - Nov 20</i></p>	<p>2 Year Old Playgroup 9:30 - 11:15 <i>begins Oct 2</i></p>	<p>Sweat & Swagger/Zumba 6:30 - 7:30 <i>begins Nov 6</i></p>
THURSDAY	<p>Senior Stretch 10:00 - 10:45 <i>begins Oct 3</i></p>	<p>Under 2 Year Old Playgroup 9:30 - 11:00 <i>begins Oct 3</i></p>	<p>Big Joe Fitness 6:30 - 7:15 <i>begins Oct 3</i></p>
FRIDAY	<p>Senior Strong 10:00 - 10:45 <i>begins Oct 4</i></p>		

SPECIAL TUESDAY WORKSHOPS

Line Dancing

6:30pm - 7:30pm
Oct 8
Nov 12
Dec 10

Creative Classes with Dori

6:30pm - 8:30pm
Oct 22
Nov 19

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SENIOR TRIP!

Christmas Cheer & Sing Along

A Christmas show to remember with songs you know and love with the Reflections Show Band and an All Star Comedian!

Monday, December 2, 2024

9:30am

LiGreci's Staaten

\$55 - includes bus transportation and lunch

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