

# NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2021

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# CELEBRATIONS TAKING BACK THE PARK

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ARTS & CULTURE NEW YORK NEWS

### THE TOP 10 OLDEST PARKS IN NYC

- 1. Bowling Green Park (1733)
- 2. City Hall Park (1736)
- 3. The Battery (1790s and later)
- 4. Duane Park (1797) At Hudson and Duane streets in Tribeca,

### 5. Veterans Park, Staten Island (1836)

Staten Island's oldest park, laid out in 1836. Originally Port Richmond Park, the site was renamed after World War II in 1949 as a tribute to local veterans.



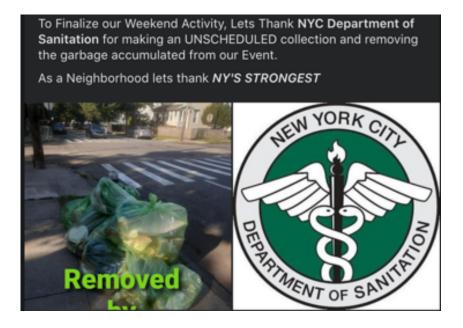








A Whole Hearted **THANK YOU** to; **Pamela Silvestri [SI Advance]** for promoting our Food & Craft Festival Event and Supporting our efforts in Port Richmond- - For Port Richmond.









Some times the good guys win. Hopefully we can exert such influence in Port Richmond.



#### ANIMAL COMPANION NEWS



We have been seeing this cute dog wandering around a few homes on LaForge Ave. near Port Richmond Ave. Found out he belongs to a neighbor.





# PORT RICHMOND STRONG STRONG AT ADMINISTRATION AND A



I have noticed, when there are issues, the responses and reactions to many people: "Why don't you"-"Why don't they do this"-"It's because they don't do this"-"How come this"-"Because they"...

If something is happening and you do not agree with it nor like it and you feel something is not being corrected at the pace you would like it, HANDLE IT YOURSELF.

If you sit and complain, and do nothing, you are partly to BLAME.

WHEN YOU POINT TOWARDS SOMEONE OR SOMETHING,
TWO FINGERS ARE POINTING TO THE DIRECTION OF THE ISSUE,
BUT THREE (3) FINGERS ARE POINTING BACK AT YOU.

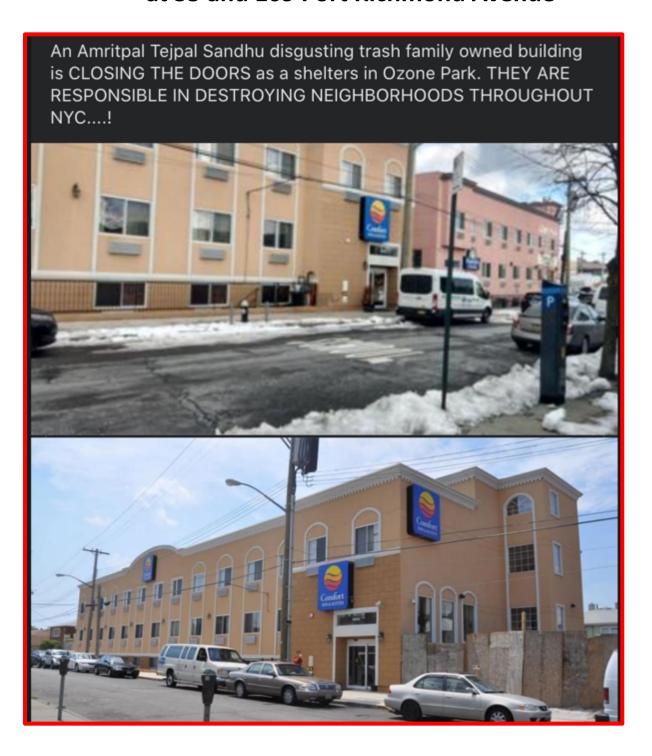


We salute
Erin
and all
who share
for her
"can do"
attitude.



# **CALLING OUT**

# Sandhu hopes to inflict similar degradation at 35 and 109 Port Richmond Avenue



### **Letitia James - NYS Attorney General**



#### **POLITICAL PARTY BBQ..!**

Many are quick to run and eat a **HOTDOG** -- but when it comes time to actually work they are all **MISSING IN ACTION**.

Feb 2020 (pre-pandemic) this Civic group traveled to AG Office in Manhattan to file and submit a formal complaint to investigate numerous acts of violations and fraud allegations against Sandhu We sat, Patiently, and finally spoke with a representative and we submitted a formal official complaint with the reps finals words were;

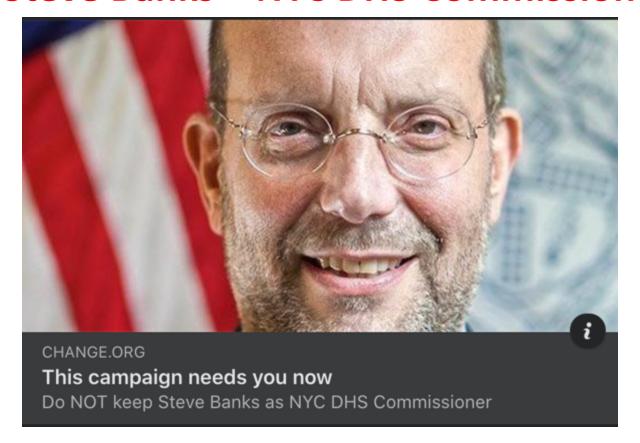
To Date: **NOTHING!** 

This developer continues to commit violations by contaminating our drinking water and our environment Last occurrence : 8-7-2021

ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS REPRESENTING THE NORTH SHORE SHARE THE BLAME OF DOING NOTHING IN ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE. ALL!

We also wrote to her office requesting a RICO investigation into Sandhu's corrupt organization. Her office responded that we contact the Department of Investigation, which we I did. *Guess there is not enough political capital in it for her.* 

### Steve Banks – NYC DHS Commissioner



Steve Banks and the Department of Homeless Services are inept in handling these issues.

Shelters are not the answers, NOT Healthy.

The City & State doled out **Billions of dollars** into a failing system -- with developers and special interest groups making the most revenue. *Like Cuomo's sister who operates THREE NON-PROFIT HOMELESS SERVICES IN NYC.* 

### THEY WANT TO PLACE MULTIPLE SHELTERS ON STATEN ISLAND.

Steve Banks called on the NYPD, NUMEROUS TIMES, to remove a homeless person from in the vicinity of his residence....
IMAGINE THAT!!!!!

### Stephanie Shavuo and Debi Rose

Whaaaat? Diane Savino is taking credit foe resolving this problem? Oh I hate Staten Island and the handkerchief heads!

This was Ms. Shavuo's reply to a Constituent who had sent them the excellent article about the enduring problem of sidewalks along Trantor Place by Paul Liotta of *The Advance* -- once they realized they couldn't get away with taking credit, once again, for something they didn't do. <a href="https://www.silive.com/news/2021/08/why-it-took-50-years-for-a-staten-island-community-to-get-a-paved-sidewalk-along-an-a-staten-island-an-a-staten-island-an-a-staten-island-an-a-staten-island-an-a-staten-island-an-a-staten-island-an-a-staten-island-an-a-staten-island-an-a-stat

At the request of the Constituent, we sent out a letter to ALL Elected Staten Island Officials requesting them to tell this City Elected Official representing the most diverse community on Staten Island do her job and discipline an employee who spewed hatred and a racial slur to a constituent with Resignation or Termination.

unsafe-stretch-of-road.html

The New York Post picked up the story.

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**EXCLUSIVE** 

# NYC Council staffer spews racial slur at black Staten Island constituent in email

By Carl Campanile and Julia Marsh

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https://nypost.com/2021/08/19/nyc-council-staffer-spews-racial-slur-at-black-staten-island-constituent-inemail/?fbclid=IwAR33MrL4GxV2XknoRc47QVxBQPkSn3Ti5lestGckpHTs74AKbC3oGApM1UY

To date Ms. Shavuo is still employed, on our dime, even though she has declared "...I hate Staten Island..."

In the twelve years Rose has short-changed our community, we never suspected it was based on contempt.



# **HATE INCIDENT**

Response from Taco bell Representatives.
Through our persistence and the support of the community throughout Staten Island, throughout NYC and as far out as Texas.

Taco Bell Representatives have responded with action.
We will be meeting with the Company and their Representatives.

Dear Mario & Respected Port Richmond Strong Civic Association, It is deeply concerning to have received negative feedback from you in regards to our employee's inappropriate greeting and behavior with respected NYPD officers on Drive Through approximately 10p.m. on August 9th, 2021.

As we were made aware of the incident, we have immediately advised employee in concern not to report to work and are in process of performing proper investigation, and documentation procedures for immediate termination.

It is unfortunate that our employee did not adhere to high hospitality standards and customer service training provided to him. We personally apologize for his behavior and take full responsibility for it.

We would like to ensure you and our community that this unfortunate inappropriate behavior will not occur again and, is not a reflection of us as an organization. We respect and aim to support NYPD and all of our community civil organizations, school districts etc. as a community driven organization. We have taken pride in offering employment to young talent of local Staten Island workforce and will continue to do so.

We will put in our best effort to further coach and train, our Forest Ave., Staten Island team to ensure non-reoccurrence of any such incident going forward.

Partners at the company have already personally apologized to Sergeant Rivera and he is satisfied with our action and response.

Devang Shah Director Of Operations Taco Bell, Forest Ave.



### **LAW & ORDER**

Don't even think about committing crime in Port Richmond. We will hunt you down and you will pay. Once again our NYPD does a great job.



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He allegedly stuck-up 3 delis and a liquor store on S.I. in 7 weeks. Now, up to 7 years in prison.

In May, the city began offering \$100 rewards for tips submitted to the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline that lead to the seizure of an illegal dirt bike or ATV.

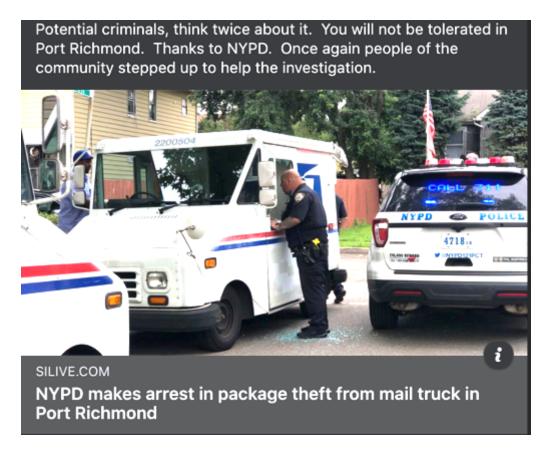


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NYPD cracks down on dirt bikes, ATVs: Here's how many were confiscated on S.I.



Does anybody know this guy? He stole my Amazon packages... be aware .. he probably does it everyday



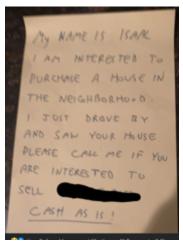
### PLEASE SHARE WITH FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS.....!

Complaints have come in regarding reports of a man placing notes on the Door.

### **BE CAREFUL- THIS MAY BE A SCAM!**

If you see this person, please take photos of person and /or photos of vehicle



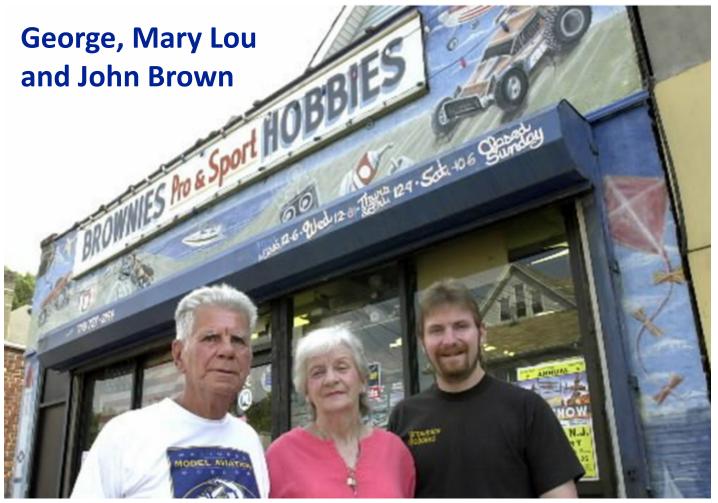




### **SMALL BUSINESS**

# **Love this Legacy Business**

# **Congratulations on 50 Years!**



https://www.silive.com/entertainment/2017/09/brownies hobby shop in port ri.html



George is honored with a Veterans Banner at the corner of Bennett and Port Richmond Avenue

https://www.portrichmondstrong.com/team/george-w.-brown-jr.-

George W. Brown Jr.

U.S. Navy World War II and Korea



# **CLEAN INITIATIVE**



### Julie Lazzari August 5 at 5:36 PM · 🔇

This man does an amazing job cleaning our community. He is the nicest man you will ever meet. Always kind and respectful .Today I witness a crazy women putting the garbage he just cleaned into the street. He asked her to stop, she just continued to scream and make a mess. How he stayed so calm . I dont know. We thank him and apologized for the crazy women.



# Port Richmond Clean Initiative- Phase II Subject: Telephone/Utility Poles.

We have decided to maintain, clean, and monitor posts of Advertisements, Announcements, and at times some vile flyers placed on these posts.

**EVERYONE** is guilty of placing items on the Pole...including ME.

Difference is, we are responsible in **removing** flyers.

We understand:

It is an alternative resource to make money- No problem.

It is the only way to get business- No problem.

It is a way to inform the community of events- No problem.

**BUT,** you must responsible enough to **REMOVE** these flyers after the date of event... Leaving it up looks messy, unattractive and most importantly,

# WHEN IT GOES ON THE GROUND IT CONTRIBUTES TO THE CLOGGING OF SEWER CATCH BASINS AND CONTRIBUTES TO FLOODING.

OUR employee has to pick these up!

We will be discussing with DSNY if any of these actions are a summonsable offenses.

#### **KEEP PORT RICHMOND CLEAN - PLEASE!!!**



Here posters removed from poles in the last two days.

### This Civic Group started our Clean Initiative in January 2020

Cleaning of 1579 Forest
Avenue SINY 10302:
We cleaned the [Outside]
curb-line of this now vacant
building. But regarding the
inside of this location there
are privacy and safety
concerns. We found it would
be unsafe and inappropriate
to clean this and endanger the
youth group(s) who assist us.
We spoke with the owners of
the property. They assured us
it will be addressed-ASAP.
Will keep you all posted.





When you wake up and receive a Love Letter from Dept of Sanitation stating they will be addressing the conditions under the railway, while we were all sleeping . . . it is a good day.

I visited the Ozone Park Food Pantry to see a well organized and smooth operation.

THE PANTRY PARTICIPANTS ARE ORDERLY, PATIENT, RESPECTFUL OF SPACE, AND QUIET. THE AREA IS MAINTAINED.

THE RESIDUALS OF THE PANTRY ARE CLEANED UP AND PLACED IN BAGS AND SCHEDULED TO BE PICKED UP BY DSNY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PANTRY CLOSES. ALL BOXES BROKEN DOWN AND PLACED IN ORDER FOR DISPOSAL.

Ozone Park Civic gave a care package for our neighbors in Mariners Harbor Communi-Fridge. BECAUSE WE ALL CARE!



#### PORT RICHMOND CLEAN INITIATIVE

TWO MORE SMALL BUSINESSES EMBRACING A CLEAN COMMUNITY.

- ITALO FINE ITALIAN FOODS
- BROTHERS PIZZERIA

They accepted the terms in monitoring a DSNY waste Bin.

We say THANK YOU to these two small Port Richmond business.!





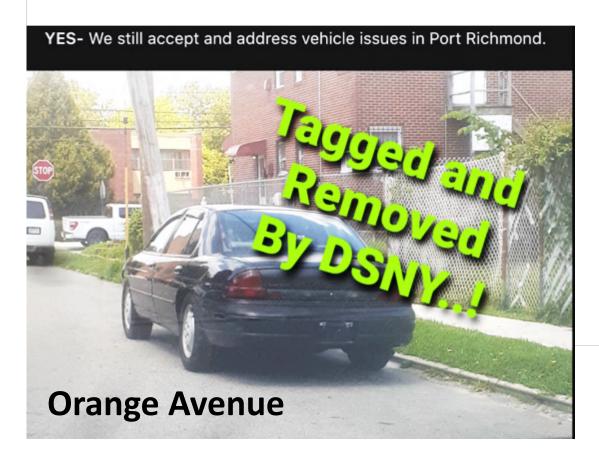




alongside the 121 YCOs, NCOs and our Summer of Growth participants. #SISummerofGrowth #CommunitySolutions

#### TRANTOR PLACE

We will continue to provide a safe passage for the members of our community until the CITY, STATE, FEDERAL, THE POTUS, THE POPE... GOD......Figures out what and when to finalize this issue



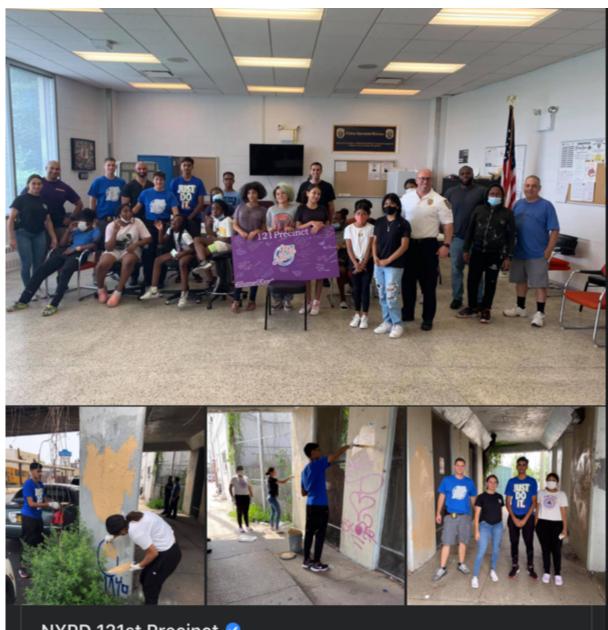


Blackford Avenue Laforge Avenue TAGGED



Homestead Avenue near Heberton Avenue

# **GRAFFITI**



NYPD 121st Precinct ♥ August 10 at 4:54 PM · €

Today our youth coordination officers and our community helped clean up graffiti in Port Richmond. #sisummerofgrowth



# **INFRASTRUCTURE**

# **FLOODING**

A long term, recurring issue.

You may file for assistance from the NYC Comptroller <a href="https://comptroller.nyc.gov/.../2016/07/water-damages.pdf">https://comptroller.nyc.gov/.../2016/07/water-damages.pdf</a>



Kramer Place between Jewett and Derby Ct.



ATTENTION: FLOOD PRONE AREAS IN PORT RICHMOND:

Congresswoman
Malliotakis' office is
communicating
with OEM & FEMA to
respond to area.

They have been monitoring the Port Richmond areas of the flooding.







From our July 21 meeting: UPDATE ON FLOODING CONDITIONS IN FOLLOWING AREAS

Cortlandt St.-Haughwout Ave.-Derby Ct.- Bache Ct.-Kramer Place-Lexington Ave.- Palmer Ave- V/O Post & Jewett Ave.

There is currently a **CAPITAL PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES THIS AREA- CLOVE LAKES AREA-WESTERLEIGH AREA** 

which should resolve most of these issues.

### **SPEED REDUCERS**

### **CATHERINE STREET**

We prepared a petition for residents of Catherine Street. We needed better then 90% participation of the street to move, which we received. We formally requested Community Board #1 for support in this matter, which we received. We then officially submitted to NYC DOT for review. It was accepted and a follow-up study is being conducted.

The Latest: Speed Bump Team is backed up. Will get to the study in mid-August.

### ANDROS AVENUE (NOT PORT RICHMOND)- BUT WE STILL CARE!!!!!!

Sent formal request to the Commissioner of Dept of transportation (NYC DOT), along with the Borough Commissioner for Staten Island (NYC-DOT) to survey and install Speed-reducers (Speed Bumps) on Andros Avenue.

### **CATCH BASIN REPAIRED**





# **HOMETOWN HEROES**

Port Richmond military history dates from the Revolutionary War.

We we are honored to salute our Veterans.



Frank Lomonico

WW2 Veteran and a War Hero at the Battle of the Bulge. Educator at McKee High School. Our deepest condolences to the entire Lomonico Family.



Joseph Ernest Pinzolo

US Army, WWII, participated in the D-Day invasion of Omaha Beach with the 49<sup>th</sup> AAA Brigade. He graduated from Brooklyn Law School. Worked as a Certified Public Accountant, as well as an Attorney for many years for Surrogates Court until his retirement.



**Donald McAndrews** 

Korean War Army Paratrooper and City of New York FireFighter. Our sincere condolences to the entire McAndrews Family and Friends. He is a relative to one of our Board members; Mr. Gary Lane.



Elizabeth Wincelowicz

In 1944 she joined the Army Nurse Corps as a 2nd Lieutenant, assigned to the 5th Auxiliary Surgical Corps, assisted at the front lines to receive the wounded soldiers in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany. She went to Korea via a Hospital ship and worked in a General Hospital near Seoul. worked in the U.S Marine Hospital in Stapleton