



NEWSLETTER

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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.



PORT RICHMOND FOOD FESTIVAL

FREE EVENT FOR KIDS, FAMILIES, SENIORS

Brought
to you by



NYPD 121st
Precinct

&

PORT
RICHMOND
STRONG



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.

To Finalize our Weekend Activity, Lets Thank NYC Department of Sanitation for making an **UNSCHEDULED** collection and removing the garbage accumulated from our Event.

As a Neighborhood lets thank **NY'S STRONGEST**



Monday, August 23 is official start day.



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.



UPDATE I FOUND MAX , A NEIGHBOR HAD HIM , SAW THE FLYER ANN CALLED. THANK YOU, THANK YOU SO MUCH.



Nucci's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria
MY WHOLE FAMILY HAS COVID. HE DELIVERED ALL THE WAY TO BULLSHEAD!!! CONTACTLESS SO NO GERMS TO HIS STAFF.



GOOD PEOPLE



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

An Amritpal Tejpal Sandhu disgusting trash family owned building is CLOSING THE DOORS as a shelters in Ozone Park. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE IN DESTROYING NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGHOUT NYC....!



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 for 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. <https://www.silive.com/news/2021/08/why-it-took-50-years-for-a-staten-island-community-to-get-a-paved-sidewalk-along-an-unsafe-stretch-of-road.html>

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.

The New York Post picked up the story.

METRO **EXCLUSIVE**

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

By **Carl Campanile** and **Julia Marsh**

August 19, 2021 | 7:55pm | Updated

<https://nypost.com/2021/08/19/nyc-council-staffer-spews-racial-slur-at-black-staten-island-constituent-in-email/?fbclid=IwAR33MrL4GxV2XknoRc47QVxBQPkSn3Ti5IestGckpHTs74AKbC3oGApM1UY>

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

Potential criminals, think twice about it. You will not be tolerated in Port Richmond. Thanks to NYPD. Once again people of the community stepped up to help the investigation.



SILIVE.COM

NYPD makes arrest in package theft from mail truck in Port Richmond

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



This women is one of the people putting those yellow paper at everyone's house





SMALL BUSINESS

Love this Legacy Business

Congratulations on 50 Years!

George, Mary Lou
and John Brown



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.



Some people do not realize what value Kenneth brings to this community.

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.



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!**

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.



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.!



NYPD 121st Precinct

July 27 at 6:10 PM · 🌐

Today we had a successful clean-up at Veterans Park, 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

YES- We still accept and address vehicle issues in Port Richmond.



Orange Avenue

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](#)

FLOODING

A long term, recurring issue.

You may file for assistance from the NYC Comptroller

<https://comptroller.nyc.gov/.../2016/07/water-damages.pdf>



Kramer Place between
Jewett and Derby Ct.



DRYDEN COURT ...FLOODED AGAIN ...WE CALLED 311 AT 3 AM AND COULDN'T GET THROUGH. Be safe port Richmond with the tropical storm today 🙏🙏

**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 than 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.



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.



Joseph Ernest Pinzolo

US Army, WWII, participated in the D-Day invasion of Omaha Beach with the 49th 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.



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