



Community Board 12

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District Manager Report

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The Month of October is:

- **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**
- **Domestic Violence Month**
- **Hispanic Heritage Month**

Fire Department New York (FDNY) reported Lithium-Ion batteries are used in various devices. These batteries are commonly used in cell phones, laptops, tablets, electric cars, and scooters. Lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy and can pass a threat if not treated properly. Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode. You should never purchase batteries from Amazon.

Do not put lithium-ion batteries in your trash or recycling, it is illegal. You recycle the batteries by taking them to a battery recycling location or nyc.gov/batteries for disposal instructions.

**FDNY Capital Improvements within Firehouses and EMS Stations in
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**Engine 301/Ladder 150 – Waterproofing
91-04 197th Street
Queens, NY 11423**

**Engine 303/Ladder 126 – Waterproofing
104-12 Princeton Street
Jamaica, NY 11435**

**Engine 275/Ladder 133 – Generator
111-36 Merrick Blvd.
Jamaica, NY 11433**

**Engine 137/Ladder 165 (B54) – Generator
117-11 196th Street
Queens, NY 11412**

Housing Litigation Division (HLD)

Regarding legal assistance to prevent tenant harassment and eviction, HPD does not provide legal services directly; there are resources provided by the city that are available to residential tenants.

- Tenants can initiate an action in Housing Court based on a claim of harassment. Housing Court Answers provides information about Housing Court procedures and can be reached at (212) 962-4795.
- Free legal advice and counsel is available for New York City residential renters. Tenants who receive a Notice of Eviction, should call 311 and ask for the “Tenant Helpline”, or contact the Mayor’s Office to Protect Tenants at: <https://www1.nyc.gov/content/tenantresourceportal/pages/>
- Tenants may also visit <https://www.evictionfreenyc.org> for guidance on how to respond to eviction notices or call Housing Court Answers at (212) 962-4795.

In cases of maintenance condition violations and evidence indicating owners are allowing conditions to deteriorate with the goal of forcing tenants to leave, HPD’S Anti-Harassment Unit may take legal action to address harassment in

residential buildings. The attorneys may initiate comprehensive litigation in Housing Court with a claim of harassment for buildings identified by the results of housing code inspections and tenant interviews performed by the unit.

Winter is approaching and I understand that people need to stay warm, but safety always comes first. When using a space heater, you must be extremely careful and take precautions. Even though they are illegal they are still being sold.

Space Heater Safety Tips:

- **DO NOT** use a regular extension plug or an adapter piece, make sure your extension plug is heavy duty only.
- **DO NOT** plug the space heater directly into the wall as it can cause an electrical fire.

Demolition

1. 141-03 116th Avenue
2. 153-22 Hillside Avenue

Daylight Saving Time Ends on November 6th, 2022

Our community is as good as we make it if you see something you say something. Take pride in your community.