

# HEAT BEAT

HYDRANT EDUCATION ACTION TEAM

## Week in Review

The HEAT teams worked diligently to share their mission with the residents and businesses in the community boards we canvass. This week, the team assigned to Bronx Community Board 4 visited the Highbridge Advisory Senior Citizens Center. The seniors were very eager to learn and share their stories about the usage of fire hydrants. During our outreach in Bronx Community Board 5, and Manhattan Community Board 12, we visited the local firehouses and were able to interview several firefighters. Overall, we were successful at communicating the dangers posed by illegally opened hydrants and we are looking forward to future events and activities we have planned for July. Residents and business owners were very welcoming and receptive to our mission.

*“Community Board 4 is in the house”*



## Upcoming Events

JULY 2013

**July 16** New Settlement Community Center

Location: 1501 Jerome Ave

Time: 10:30 AM

**July 17** Grand Concourse Library

Location: 155 East 173<sup>rd</sup> St

Time: 11:00AM

**July 23** Marc After School Programs

Location: 2105-2111 Jerome Ave

Time: 11:00AM

**July 29<sup>th</sup>** Dominican Women’s DEV Center

Location: Jay Hood Wright Park Playground



*“Come play the HEAT Jeopardy game at our events.”*

# HEAT BEAT

HYDRANT EDUCATION ACTION TEAM

## Interview

This week, one of the teams assigned to Manhattan Community Board 12 visited Engine Co. 84 and Ladder Co. 34. While visiting the fire house, HEAT team member Jasmilca Martinez interviewed firefighter Matt, who has been working with Engine Co. 84 for ten years. During the interview, he talked to us about the various safety rules and regulations regarding the use of fire hydrants. He mentioned to our team the importance of allowing only a firefighter to open a hydrant, and if there is a hydrant open in a residential area, he stressed the fact of making sure there is a spray cap on the hydrant. The firefighter also talked about the negative impacts of an illegally opened hydrant. He stated how an illegally opened hydrant lowers water pressure, which it makes it harder for them to fight fires. He said he would then have to go and locate a different hydrant because of the low pressure. He was pleased with our mission and slogan “put a cap on it”! He told us that he was happy to see our teams of young adults out in the community talking about fire hydrant safety, and sharing valuable information about other ways to stay cool and hydrated during the summer months.

This week the other team assigned to Manhattan Community Board 12 visited Engine Co. 95 and Ladder Co. 36. While visiting, they were able to interview firefighter Randy Cole. Firefighter Cole has been with Engine Co. 95 for 11 years. When asked what his views were on water safety when children are playing in a street with an illegally opened fire hydrant running, he stated, “It was not safe at all because young children can get seriously injured.” Firefighter Cole said that he was very pleased to see a group of young adults out promoting safer ways for people within the community to stay hydrated and cool for the summer.



**“FDNY and HEAT wants you to put a cap on it.”**

## Public Opinion

Sgt. Libby at the 44<sup>th</sup> Pct. stated how it’s very upsetting to him when he sees an illegally opened hydrant. He said he witnessed an accident involving a young man in his mid-30s who suffered injuries from playing in the illegally opened hydrant. This accident occurred in the Highbridge section of the Bronx.

## Did You Know?

- An illegally opened fire hydrant wastes 1,000 gallons of water PER MINUTE. This endangers the water supply and risks public safety!



\*The purpose of HEAT is to educate community residents and stakeholders about the problems surrounding the illegal use of fire hydrants.

**The Hydrant Education Action Team is jointly sponsored by:**

