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Bring deed changes under land use review.

In July, I joined Councilmember Margaret Chin in calling on the City Planning Commission (CPC) to invoke the City Charter and make deed restriction changes-- such as the deed restrictions lifted at the Rivington House AIDS hospice-- subject to the city's Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP).

The Charter allows the CPC to recommend new categories of land use changes for addition to the ULURP process, subject to confirmation by City Council legislation.

We lost Rivington House because their deed restriction change was managed by non-land-use agencies in an opaque process. The best way to fix this is to handle these land use changes the same tried-and-true way we've handled other meaningful land use changes for years: with ULURP, which provides for maximum transparency and public input.

Together, Chin and I are already sponsors of legislation to create a public, searchable database cataloging deed restrictions imposed by, or on behalf of, the city and require more public notice of deed restriction changes. The city still needs to do that, but it's not enough to prevent another Rivington House debacle. Making these changes part of ULURP will help do that.

You can read [the letter we sent to the CPC here](#).

NYCERS votes to end investments in gun retailers.

The NYC Employee Retirement System's board, on which I serve, voted to divest from gun retailers at their July meeting.

It's a prudent decision that contributes to the growing movement against gun violence

while advancing the interests of city pension beneficiaries and New York City as a whole. Gun manufacturers' and gun merchants' long-term business model is growing the demand for deadly weapons, and selling those weapons to people who usually don't need them and often shouldn't have them. It's a bad investment, and I was proud to vote to divest.

Leadership training videos now online.

Four of the latest trainings in our office's leadership training series are now available on my [Website](#) and [YouTube](#) channel: Land Use & Zoning 101, Advanced Land Use & Zoning, Landmarks 101, and Tools & Resources to Prepare a Statement of District Needs.

National Night Out Against Crime.



On August 2nd, police precincts across the city hosted National Night Out Against Crime events, and I was able to visit 11 of them in Manhattan. Above, at the 26th Precinct in Harlem, I greeted officers and community members.

EVENTS

Updated Summer Events Calendar is online!

Each year my staff does their best to compile the most comprehensive listing of free or inexpensive summer events. This year's edition has been updated and is [available to download](#) on my website.

August 6: 14th Street Y open house.

10 am - 6 pm, 344 East 14th Street

The 14th Street Y's Open House will be held Saturday, August 6. Enroll to receive your IDNYC card, meet new people, learn about the Jolt Coffee App, the Green Mountain Farm CSA, and the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs.

August 6: STEAM Education Conference and Hack-a-thon

10 am - 5 pm, CCNY's Aaron Davis Hall, 138 Convent Avenue

The STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) Education & Career Conference will feature sessions on careers in technology with exhibits, demonstrations and a hackathon. For info, visit [Silicon Harlem's website](#).

August 2-13: Get your municipal ID at the 14th Street Y.

Tuesdays - Saturdays from 10 am - 6 pm, 344 E. 14th Street

The 14th Street Y hosts an IDNYC "Pop-Up" enrollment site the first two weeks of August, giving local residents an additional option for easy access to IDNYC. The free municipal ID card includes one-year free memberships to 40 cultural institutions across the City, including Carnegie Hall, the Public Theatre, and the Museum of Chinese in America. IDNYC also offers cardholder discounts on groceries, medicine, and health and fitness centers. All city residents, 14 years or older, are eligible for the ID, regardless of immigration status. The enrollment center is open. To book an appointment, call 311 and say "IDNYC" or visit www.nyc.gov/IDNYC and select the "Manhattan – 14th Street Y" site.

August 8: 'Hiring Hall' for school crossing guard positions.

10 am - 5 pm, District Council 37 Headquarters, 125 Barclay Street

Know anyone interested in becoming a school crossing guard in the new school year? These part-time positions offer regular hours and pay—and the opportunity to help keep our city's kids safe. Pay starts at \$11.50 per hour and increases to \$13.49 per hour after 3 years with health benefits. Attend the hiring hall for crossing guard jobs to learn more.

August 9: Help me launch the Dominican Day parade.

6 - 8pm, United Palace, 4140 Broadway (at 175th Street)

Join me, the Dominican Day Parade Committee, and State Senator Adriano Espaillat, Assembly Member Guillermo Linares, and City Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez to kick off the Dominican Day Parade celebration! This is a ticketed event, so

please [register online](#) or call (212) 531-2277.

Please also come march with us at the parade itself on Sunday August 14! To join our contingent, call the number above or [register here](#).

Gallery's Summer show continues: Art Students League "Works on Paper."

Business hours, 1 Centre St., 19th Floor South

Please visit the gallery this summer for a look at the Art Students League's annual "Works on Paper" exhibit, a juried show of 50 students' work. Gallery hours coincide with our office's normal business hours.

All month long: Harlem "Week" celebration uptown.

This year's month-long celebration of Harlem is themed "Transforming the World: New Times/New Strategies" with a special focus on the Harlem/Havana connection. My office is co-sponsoring some of these events and we're all looking forward to attending! Find out more [on their website](#). Below I've highlighted some of my office's favorite events.

August 11: Economic Development Day & M/WBE Summit.

Harlem Week Event: A day-long economic development event at Columbia University's Alfred Lerner Hall, 115th Street and Broadway. I'll be honored at the Business Technology portion of the event at 3 pm.

August 16: Elders' Jubilee (Senior Citizens Day)

Harlem Week Event: The outdoor farmer's market and an indoor senior expo is always a great day. 10 am - 3 pm, Harlem State Office Building, 163 W. 125th St.

August 20: Summer In The City Children's Festival

Harlem Week Event: From 12 noon to 5 pm on W. 135th St. between Malcolm X Blvd. and Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd., this year's Children's Festival will salute Muhammad Ali and feature Ali Legacy, Kalabante Circus, live music, exhibits, games and arts & crafts.

August 27: Percy Sutton Harlem 5k run & walk.

Harlem Week Event: A 5K run & walk through historic Harlem. Register in advance for the 5k at www.nytr.org.

