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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Sanitation and Environment Committee
Tuesday, October 29, 2024 – 6:30pm
This meeting was conducted via Zoom

Minutes

CB8 Attendance: Bill Angelos, Addeson Lehv, Sahar Husain, Rita Popper, Barbara Rudder, Judy Schneider

Approximate Number of Public Attendees: 32

1. **Presentation "Composting- It's Mandatory!" by Marissa Yanni, representative from the Department of Sanitation, will discuss:**
    - **What and How to Compost**
    - **What are the Benefits**
    - **How to Advocate for Compliance**
    - **Q&A**
    - **Presentation: Fall 2024 Announcements**

    When the City announced that the collection of compostable materials is mandatory, Community Board 8 Manhattan's Sanitation and Environment Committee invited the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) to educate the community on the guidelines for composting collection. The goal is to convert food and yard scraps into reusable materials instead of contributing to a landfill.

    Every building, no matter its size, and every business that creates food are required to collect compost materials in any lined 55-gal or less bin with a DSNY decal. The bins must be placed at the curbside on the day of recycling collection. Although mandatory, fines will not be issued until next year. Each individual resident must store their materials in any type of bag. To prevent odors, it can be stored in the freezer.

    What can be collected for composting:
    - Any food product, including meat, fish, bones, and rinds from fruit and vegetables.
    - Plain, uncoated paper coated with food stains.
    - All garden refuse, such as dirt, branches, etc.

    What do not put in compost bins:
    - Anything that can be recycled.
    - Coated paper with food stains.
    - Trash and hygiene materials such as diapers and waste products.
    - Litter from animals.

2. **Old Business** - None discussed.
3. **New Business** - None discussed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:39 pm.

Sahar Husain, Addeson Lehv, and Barbara Rudder, Co-Chairs