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## NYC Parks Announces \$75 Million In Mayoral Funding For Ongoing Reconstruction Of East River Esplanade Projects

On Saturday, February 22, NYC Parks Commissioner Mitchell J. Silver joined by Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, Manhattan Deputy Borough President Matthew Washington and Council Member Ben Kallos - along with many other civic leaders from the Upper East Side and East Harlem - to announce that Mayor Bill de Blasio has allocated additional funding, \$75 million, to further East River Esplanade reconstruction projects spanning from East Midtown through East Harlem. ESNA was represented by President Barry Schneider and Vice President Judy Schneider.



“Thanks to Mayor de Blasio’s continued commitment to addressing waterfront needs, we are able to continue the extensive work of bringing our beloved East River Esplanade into a state of good repair,” said **Commissioner Silver**.



## ESNA Holiday Sing a Rousing Success!

Led by the Jolly Holiday Singers in Victorian-period costumes, esna's annual event to collect toys and games for the young patients at New York-Presbyterian

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## “Build The Block” Neighborhood Safety Meeting

On the evening of Friday, February 8, ESNA hosted the first “Build the Block” Neighborhood Safety Meeting in Sector A of the NYPD 19<sup>th</sup> Precinct. “Build the Block” neighborhood safety meetings are strategy sessions between local police officers and the people they serve. The meetings have two simple goals: identify the public safety challenges of a specific neighborhood and discuss potential solutions.

Moderated by our **Neighborhood Coordination Officers** Bryan White and Michael Haigh, and **NCO Supervisor** Sgt. Sandy



Rodriguez the discussion raised a number of issues of general concern – traffic enforcement, illegal electric bikes, errant bike riders flouting the rules of the road and endangering pedestrians day and night. As the meeting was wrapping up, there was consensus that the next quarterly “Build The Block” meeting, should have representatives of the Traffic Enforcement Division in attendance to address our many concerns regarding safety in our streets and on our sidewalks.

ESNA will notify its members when the next quarterly meeting is scheduled. Keep tuned and be sure to attend!

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Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center was a fitting kick-off to the holiday season. We were joined this year by the administrators and nurses of the Pediatric Care Unit of NY-P/WCMC who expressed their deep gratitude to the esna community for the scores and scores of toys and games for their young charges. Your generosity went a long way to making a significant difference in the lives of many who would receive no other Christmas gifts but for your thoughtfulness. And a special “Thank you” to NYPD P.O. Officers Haigh and White, the NCOs of Sector A for their help in delivering the toys and games to the Pediatric Care Unit. And a belated Happy New Year to all!

## ESNA New Merchant Members' & Update

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## Become an ESNA Citizen Tree Pruner!

Please join us! The tree pruning certification and license renewal course is being offered by Trees New York this spring beginning on May 2 at The Arsenal, 830 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Citizen Pruner Tree Care Course trains volunteers in tree care, biology, identification and pruning. The course consists of eight hours of classroom training and four hours of hands-on experience in the field. To register, visit [treesny.org](http://treesny.org). Trained pruners who work



with ESNA will have the \$100 course fee reimbursed by ESNA. Please phone us at 212 713-5826. We'd be pleased to discuss becoming an ESNA Citizen Tree Pruner with you.



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!**

**ESNA'S 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STREET FAIR  
SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2019  
East 60<sup>th</sup> Street  
Between Fifth and Madison Avenues –  
Noon to 5 PM  
Contact us if you wish to volunteer at the Fair!**

## Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (*Circle One*)

Individual Co-op/Condo Owner	\$25.00
Senior Co-op/Condo Owner	\$20.00
Renter	\$15.00
Senior Renter	\$12.00
Townhouse Owner	\$50.00
Commercial/Business/Professional	\$50.00

Membership Dues Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*And now you can join online at [esna-nyc.net/membership](http://esna-nyc.net/membership).*