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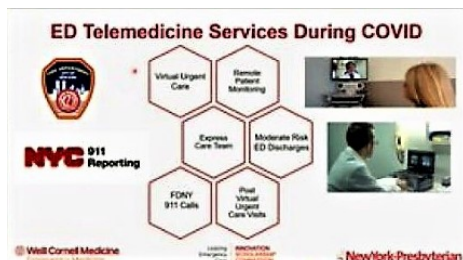
esna 2021 VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING THE SECOND TIME AROUND

“Zoom is lovelier, the second time around; just as wonderful as in person on the ground.” So once again ESNA held its annual meeting virtually. If you missed it, watch it at <https://www.facebook.com/esnanyc/> where you will see a first time look at how telemedicine



can affect lives in the East Sixties. The highlight of the meeting was a presentation by Guest Speaker Dr. Robert Tanouye, Director of Clinical Services, Emergency Department New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. Dr. Tanouye gave a fascinating talk on how Covid 19 accelerated virtual care in emergency medicine and how telemedicine was essential in meeting the vast needs after

discharge from the emergency department and in the home. Covid recovering patients were sent home with a finger device monitoring oxygen levels that could be read by a technician in the hospital for virtual care. Another innovation was the creation of Community Tele Paramedicine (CTP) in partnership with EMS. Can you



imagine avoiding a trip to the ER by having a tele-paramedic come to your home with emergency medicines and all of the same equipment as in the ER such as EKG; IVs; and other diagnostic machines feeding the data back to the doctor in the ER so that a course of treatment could be prescribed while interacting with the patient, both on video. Dr. Tanouye said that this whole new level of virtual care has been quite successful and well received by patients who have experienced CTP. The doctor said that this was just the beginning of one of the ways to close the gap of care disparities that exist in many areas of the US. But for us in the East 60's, it is a wonderful way of getting care in the comfort of home instead of that dreaded trip to the ER.

After the business segment of the annual meeting -- approval of minutes, election of directors and the

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Trader Joe's Opens in the ESNA Community

At 8:00 AM Thursday morning, December 2, the long nightmare was over. The 20,000 sq. ft. space under the Queensboro Bridge, vacant since the Food Emporium closed in 2015, was vacant no more. The vaulted Guastavino titled ceiling now vibrated the with the hum of hundreds of wide-eyed shoppers. In the words of Brian Lamothe, store manager, “We're happy to be part of your community, and proud to offer unique products

Photo Gallery



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Treasurer's Report – Barry Schneider stepped up to give the Presidents Report, focusing on activities involving parks, transportation and construction projects in the area. He reviewed the continuous expanse of the East Midtown Greenway, the former Sanitation Building, Andrew Haswell Green Park and the East River Esplanade which will ultimately have bicycle/pedestrian pathways, beautiful plantings and luxurious sweeping lawns. *Completion of the 12-story building for Hospital for Special Surgery over the FDR at 70th Street is scheduled for 2024. *The York Avenue Sewer and Water Main project from 60th to 64th Streets with final sidewalk and street restoration should be completed by late Spring 2023. *In 2022, the south outer roadway of the Queensboro Bridge will be converted to a pedestrian-only walkway. *Upgrade of elevators at Tramway Plaza will be completed by year end. East Side Access, 63rd and 2nd is on target for December 2022. The goal is to finish street work for the ADA compliant elevator at the 68th Street & Lexington Avenue subway by 2024. *As for condo constructions, the Leyton at 63rd and Third will be available early winter and construction has started on a 25-story building on 62nd Street at the corner of Second Avenue. *No date has been set for the opening of Home Depot at the former Bed Bath and Beyond site, but Trader Joe's at the former Food Emporium site should be open before the end of the year. (Editor's note: Trader Joe's opened to raves on December 2nd!) Barry said that there is certainly a lot going on in the neighborhood and encouraged people to pass by ESNA's new bulletin board at CVS on 64th and Second Avenue for updates from time to time.

During the meeting President Barry Schneider introduced Elected Officials who have supported ESNA over the years. State Senator Liz Krueger and State Assemblyman Dan Quart expressed optimism that things can get done in Albany under the new administration. State Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright congratulated ESNA on its fourth decade of service under the leadership of Barry and Judy Schneider. Councilmember Ben Kallos then thanked ESNA for the organization's efforts contributing to a cleaner and more green neighborhood following which Barry Schneider presented the Council-member with the ESNA Community Spirit Award for his years of service to the community during his two terms in office and especially for providing those great sidewalk trash baskets. Other community members were introduced including Russell Squire, chair of Community Board 8, Judge Jim Clynes, former chair of CB8 and William Castro, Manhattan Borough Parks Commissioner, who talked about the \$21 million project to reconstruct the weathered pilings under the surface at East 63/64 Street on the East River Esplanade.

In closing Barry reminded everyone of the need to support ESNA's local merchants. He thanked everyone for attending in what hopefully would be the last of a virtual annual meeting. He said that he hoped the next annual meeting would be in person combining ESNA's 30th Anniversary and Volunteer Appreciation Celebration. With that, the Zoom came to an end. “We can say what led us to this miracle we've found; but we're very glad we Zoomed the second time around.”

- Joan Fabio



19th Precinct “2021 Cop of the Month” Awards

ESNA was proud to award three officers of the 19th Precinct with individual “Cop of the Month” awards. A luncheon was held in the Precinct’s Muster Room on October 27th to honor all awardees for the year 2021.

ESNA New Merchant Member

Little Italy Pizza, St. Catherine’s Park — NYC’s “Best” pizza arrives on the Upper East Side. We use only the freshest and finest ingredients. Try the Notorious “Penne Vodka Pizza” “The Lu Lu” “Grandma” to name a few. Our famous recipes & crust makes “our” pizza like no other! Made fresh all day: Pizza, Salad, Hot Subs & more — 359 East 68 St (1st Ave.) 212-249-2244

Become an ESNA Volunteer!

The weather outside may be frightful and the winter solstice may yet be days away, but ESNA’s thoughts have already turned to spring! We’re eager to resume outdoor activities with our dedicated members –our tree pruners and graffiti removal volunteers! We encourage you to Join us as we once again come out of our homes and engage in our community enhancement projects. Email us at info@esna-nyc.com for full details!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please Print)

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____ Apt. No. _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Day: _____ Evening: _____

Email _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

• Co-op/Condo Owner

• Senior Co-op/Condo Owner (65+)

• Renter

• Senior Renter (65+)

• Townhouse Owner

• Commercial/Business/Professional

\$25.00

\$20.00

\$15.00

\$12.00

\$50.00

\$50.00

Membership Dues Enclosed

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