

Program Newsletter

DISABILITY PRIDE AT THE COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND

Self-advocates from ADAPT Community Network celebrated Disability Pride Month at the College of Staten Island's annual Disability Pride Celebration. The group enjoyed speeches and performances and connected with members of the disability rights community. They also visited the Willowbrook Mile, commemorating the history of Willowbrook State School and the advocacy that led to its closure. One first-time attendee shared that he enjoyed the event and was glad Willowbrook had been shut down.



For more information and a complete list of other upcoming activities please visit

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Highlights

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Upcoming Events

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MEALS ON WHEELS



Community volunteers continued to proudly take part in Meals on Wheels, contributing to an important service in their community. After returning to the Center, administrators welcomed one of the volunteers and took the opportunity to introduce themselves. The interaction also provided a meaningful moment of connection and accessibility, as they communicated with one another using American Sign Language (ASL).

MAKING A SPLASH

Swimmers celebrated meaningful milestones at the pool this summer! One returned to the water for the first time since age nine and shared that afterward, she felt more relaxed and was able to move more easily. Another swimmer returned to the pool for the first time since before the pandemic. Both enjoyed getting back in the water and experiencing the benefits of swimming and movement.



LIGHTSCAPE AT THE SHED



ADAPT art lovers visited The Shed to experience LightScape, an immersive exhibition combining sound, film, and visual art. The hour-long experience unfolded across seven screens, surrounding the group with shifting images and sounds centered on continuous transformation and multisensory engagement. Everyone enjoyed the immersive show and had a great time visiting The Shed together.

ART, IDENTITY, & DISABILITY AT THE MOMA



A visit to the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) gave art enthusiasts an opportunity to learn more about Frida Kahlo's work. While viewing Self-Portrait on the Borderline Between Mexico and the United States, they shared their interpretations and discussed themes of identity, culture, disability, immigration, belonging, and how lived experiences can influence creativity and self-expression.

ART HIGHLIGHT: PELHAM BAY PARK BY RUKYA GREENE



Art and nature came together at Pelham Bay Park, where a photographer, Rukya Greene, captured the beauty of the outdoors. Through a series of photos, the artist highlighted the park's scenery and found creative inspiration in the natural world.

Future Dates to Remember

8/22: Shed Gallery

8/23: Hometown on Broadway (sensory-friendly performance)

8/31: NYPL: Get Your Library Card Visit

9/2: SummerStage: Samara Joy & Christian McBride

9/10: New York Hall of Science

9/10: The Vessel

9/14: Art in the Park: Prospect Park

9/14: Disability Voter Week

9/16: NYC Votes at Lawrence Avenue

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COMMUNITY NETWORK



Disability Voter Week

Hosted by:

**NYC
VOTES**

Friday
September 18, 2026

175 Lawrence Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11230
10:00am - 12:00pm

Refreshments will be provided



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