



Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation

# RIOC News

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RIOC staff toured FDR Four Freedoms Park to learn about the history and legacy of this iconic memorial.

# Letter from the President & CEO

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Dear Roosevelt Islanders:

The past few weeks have been eventful across Roosevelt Island. We kicked things off with a special “Tramiversary” event honoring the 50th anniversary of the Roosevelt Island Tramway, followed by our annual Pride Flag Raising Ceremony. Roosevelt Island Day drew more than 1,000 residents and visitors to Firefighters Field for an afternoon of family-friendly activities. During the event, RIOC and the Roosevelt Island Historical Society were honored to receive proclamations from Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright recognizing the Tram’s 50th anniversary.

We’ve also been working on a number of initiatives to enhance the island. To support island sustainability, you may have recently noticed the arrival of new blue recycling bins, an initiative led by the RIOC Grounds team. Please help us with recycling and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

Our Maintenance, Grounds, Capital Projects, and PSD teams have been working together making road and sidewalk upgrades to the west side. The repaving of West Road and curb repair is now complete. Work also continues on improving the sidewalk that runs parallel to the promenade

from Meditation Lawn down to the subway. That work is expected to be completed over the summer and will improve ADA access, as well as reduce persistent flood issues for pedestrians. Thank you to everyone involved for the great work!

RIOC has worked hard to facilitate a connection between New York City agencies overseeing the steam plant demolition work and residents. That effort takes a step forward with a Community Advisory Group (CAG) formed in conjunction with the local elected officials, the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), and the New York City Department of Buildings (DOB). CAG members from local Roosevelt Island institutions were invited to discuss project updates during monthly meetings. Members of the public can continue to submit questions regarding the steam plant to [ridemolition@hpd.nyc.gov](mailto:ridemolition@hpd.nyc.gov).

Finally, I want to thank everyone who took the time to submit ideas for the future of our retired Tram cabins. We received over 150 submissions, and we are currently reviewing your input. We want more ideas from the community and will ask for your ideas about designs and programming for the piers and open spaces along the west side that deserve more attention. This is part of our continuing efforts to rethink how we

can make the most of underutilized neighborhood assets.

As usual, the RIOC newsletter will take a short break over the summer. In the meantime, I encourage everyone to take advantage of all that Roosevelt Island has to offer during the warmer months, including our upcoming Summer Movie Series in Southpoint Park. Thank you for helping make Roosevelt Island such a vibrant, engaged, and welcoming community. Go Knicks!



# Employee Spotlight



## Employee Spotlight

### Can you tell us a bit about your background?

I have a long history of working in local government and political campaigns. Previously I have worked for Rep. Dan Goldman, Sen. Jon Ossoff, Council Member Francisco Moya, and served as a Chief of Staff in the Georgia House of Representatives. I came to New York from Georgia four years ago for what was supposed to be a one-month contract job for a political campaign. By week two I decided I wasn't leaving and jumped headfirst into community organizing and activism in Queens. I live nearby in Woodside and love taking the tram to the island every day!

### What brought you to Roosevelt Island?

Prior to joining RIOC, I served as the Assistant Director of Communications and Public Affairs at the Battery Park City Authority. I love waterfront

neighborhoods and the very special qualities they have compared to other neighborhoods. I also am very interested in the history of New York City, and the evolution of Roosevelt Island is truly amazing.

### What will your role focus on, and how do you hope to make an impact?

I'm really passionate about community building and uplifting others. My role will focus on expanding the efforts of the communications team by making sure residents are informed about local initiatives, connected to the work we are doing at RIOC, and being a person residents can easily reach out to with quality-of-life issues. If you see me out and about on Main Street, feel free to say hello!

### What has been your favorite part of Roosevelt Island so far?



**Becky Beaver**

Director, Communications and Public Affairs

Four Freedoms State Park is absolutely incredible. Such a beautiful space for quiet introspection. Franklin D. Roosevelt also has a special place in my family's history. My great-grandfather was employed through the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) as part of the New Deal during the Great Depression. That program allowed my family to survive the hard economic times.

## Community Calendar



### Friday Evenings: 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, and 8/7

Mark your calendars! The summer movie series will begin on Friday, July 17th. The films we'll be screening for the 2026 Roosevelt Island Outdoor Movie Series are: How to Train Your Dragon (PG live-action), Wicked: For Good (PG); Superman (PG-13); and Zootopia 2 (PG).

**2026  
SUMMER MOVIE SERIES**






July 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON</b>
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>WICKED: FOR GOOD</b>
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>SUPERMAN (PG-13)</b>
Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ZOOTOPA 2</b>

Rain Dates: August 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

**SOUTHPOINT PARK**  
EVENT START: 7:00PM  
MOVIE START: SUNSET

NEW YORK STATE  
Roosevelt Island  
Operating Corporation

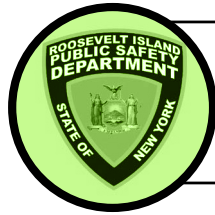
A series of four films shown at Southpoint Park on a 40-foot screen, includes food vendors selling on-site, pre-film music and on-screen slide presentations.

# Officer of the Month

We're excited to highlight the Officer of the Month from the last few months. The Officer of the Month award recognizes officers who show outstanding dedication and impactful service to the community.



**Officer Neal**



## December Officer of the Month

Officer Neal sets a high standard every day, and both his peers and supervisors respect him for it. New officers to PSD count on him for guidance, and even veteran officers turn to him when questions come up. He takes on every

task eagerly and carries himself with integrity and pride. Officer Neal shows what it means to be a PSD officer, and he comes highly recommended for this recognition.



## January Officer of the Month

Officer Montano consistently performs her duties with excellence and stays committed to the safety and well-being of residents and visitors alike. Her vigilance, professionalism, and steady presence on patrol have made a real difference for public safety on the island.

Since earning her Special Patrolman status, Officer Montano has conducted numerous traffic stops, issued vehicle summonses for a

range of violations, and held both drivers and cyclists to local traffic regulations. Her proactive approach, sense of responsibility, and attention to detail have contributed a great deal to the community's security and order.

Her dedication reaches well beyond routine duties, as she's shown in her awareness and decisive action during critical situations. Officer Montano's dedication to duty, consistent professionalism, and commitment to the

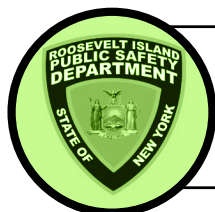


**Officer Montano**

security of Roosevelt Island make her an invaluable asset to Public Safety.



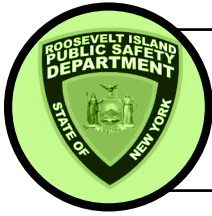
**Officer Deleon**



## February Officer of the Month

Officer Deleon has been nominated for the Officer of the Month Award in recognition of his outstanding work and dedication to serving the Roosevelt Island community. He consistently demonstrates excellence and commitment as a hardworking officer, patrolling the island diligently and keeping residents and visitors safe.

Officer Deleon's consistent hard work, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to the safety and security of Roosevelt Island make him a true asset to Public Safety. He is highly deserving of the Officer of the Month award.



## March Officer of the Month

Officer Heras has been nominated for the Officer of the Month award in recognition of his outstanding work and dedication to serving the Roosevelt Island community. He consistently demonstrates excellence and commitment as a hardworking officer, patrolling the island diligently and keeping residents and visitors safe.

Since joining the Roosevelt Island Public Safety Department, Officer

Heras has worked around the clock to make sure each shift has enough officers to maintain the security and well-being of the community. He has also proven himself capable as a desk officer—answering emergency calls, dispatching officers to the scene, and assisting everyone who walks into the Public Safety Department.

Officer Heras’s consistent hard work, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to the safety and security



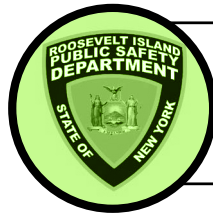
**Officer Heras**

of Roosevelt Island make him a true asset to Public Safety. He is highly deserving of the Officer of the Month award.



**Officer Montano**

Officer Montano has been nominated for the Officer of the Month Award in recognition of her exceptional service to the Roosevelt Island community,



## April Officer of the Month

where she consistently exemplifies the highest standards of professionalism, vigilance, and integrity. Her proactive patrol efforts have made a measurable, positive impact across the island.

Officer Montano has distinguished herself through her daily work. She has conducted numerous traffic stops, issued summonses for a wide range of violations, and held both motorists

and cyclists to traffic regulations. Her firm but fair approach has improved traffic flow and strengthened community safety. Her steady enforcement of parking rules—addressing illegal parking and coordinating the towing of improperly parked vehicles—has also brought better order and accessibility to Roosevelt Island.



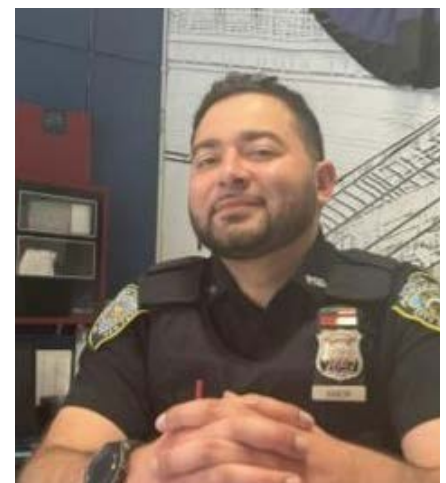
## May Officer of the Month

Officer Amor is an excellent member of PSD who continues to grow in his role. He has built strong rapport with the residents of Roosevelt Island and has a real talent for de-escalating volatile situations, staying courteous even when he has to take lawful action.

Officer Amor is truly a public servant

and is dedicated to the safety and well-being of others on the island. He is a valued partner to his fellow officers and the community.

He should be commended for his consistent work ethic and unwavering dedication to keeping Roosevelt Island safe.



**Officer Amor**

# Updates from RIOC

## RIOC, RIHS Partner to Celebrate Roosevelt Island History on “National Historic Markers Weekend”



In celebration of National Historic Markers Weekend, the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) and the Roosevelt Island Historical Society (RIHS) teamed up for a special one-day event on Sunday, April 26, focused on promoting the island’s rich history through community engagement and exploration. The day included the unveiling of the island’s newest historic marker, followed by a Roosevelt Island History Quest hosted by RIOC and RIHS for island youth and families.

The event began with RIOC, RIHS, and local children unveiling the island’s newest historic marker at the Roosevelt Island Visitors Center, which originally served as a kiosk for the Queensboro Bridge Trolley during the first half of the 20th century. Built in 1909, the remarkable structure features the same Guastavino tiling found in Grand Central Terminal and served the trolley line until 1957, when service was discontinued.

Following the unveiling, RIOC hosted a special Roosevelt Island History Quest, coordinated by RIOC’s Youth Center staff in collaboration with RIHS, in which island youth and families visited six of the island’s historic markers to learn more about their history and have their “Island Passports” stamped. Participants who collected stamps from all six locations received a special thank-you gift courtesy of RIOC’s Youth Center and RIHS.

“Roosevelt Island has a remarkable history, and events like this are a wonderful way to celebrate and share that story with the community,” said **B.J. Jones, President and CEO of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation**. “It was especially meaningful to see the RIOC Youth Center involved, helping our young people and families connect with the landmarks and stories that make this community so unique. Thank you to Judy Berdy for her tireless dedication to preserving our history, and to Ana Medina and our Youth Center staff for their incredible work creating an engaging and informative experience for island families.”

“Sunday’s event, sponsored by RIHS and RIOC, was a great success and a strong example of the cooperation between all parties involved,” said **Judy Berdy, President of the Roosevelt Island Historical Society**. “Under the leadership of BJ Jones, and thanks to the work of Bryant Daniels and the RIOC Maintenance team, we

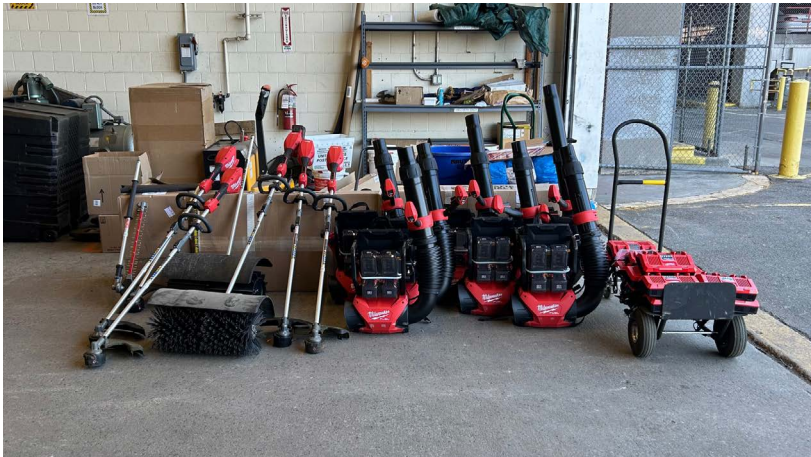


installed a new historical marker in front of the Visitors Center honoring the rich history of the trolley kiosk. And working with Ana Medina of the RIOC Youth Center on the Roosevelt Island History Quest was a wonderful experience. Her students and staff were outstanding, and her professionalism and preparation helped make the day a success. I also want to thank the RIHS volunteers who supported the event, staffed locations, and helped bring everything together. It was a fun and memorable day, and we look forward to working with RIOC and the Youth Center on many more events in the future.”

## RIOC Grounds Crew Converts to Electric Equipment, Organic Fertilizers and Pesticides

The RIOC Grounds team works hard to keep our island looking beautiful. Heading into the busy spring season, the team will now have some new, fully electric tools at their disposal to help them in their work. The new equipment includes 8 backpack blowers, 5 weed trimmers, 2 brushes, a hedge trimmer, and a reciprocator for edging.

In addition, to minimize chemical use, RIOC is dedicating itself to an all-organic approach to landscape maintenance. The corporation began to only use organic fertilizers in spring of 2025, and organic (OMRI) certified pesticides have been integrated into the Grounds team's protocols this spring.



## New Blue Recycle Pails Added to Main Street

Look what's coming to a Main Street near you; new (blue) recycling pails courtesy of RIOC Grounds! If you have—or see—recyclable goods that need to be disposed of, please make sure to put them in the blue containers.



# Roosevelt Island Film Festival

The Roosevelt Island Film Festival celebrates its sixth year from June 25–28, 2026, at the Main Street Theatre, located at 548 Main Street.



Roosevelt Island film festival is proud to celebrate its **SIXTH YEAR!** We're excited to bring you four days of inspiring stories, creative voices, and unforgettable films.

Held in the heart of *historic* Roosevelt Island, our festival is a unique celebration of independent film and the vibrant community that makes it all possible.

**JUNE 25 TO THE 28TH** Main St., Theatre  
548 Main St.  
Roosevelt Island, NY

**DATES**  
June 25 to the 28th

**VENUE**  
Main St., Theatre  
548 Main St.  
Roosevelt Island, NY

**WHAT TO EXPECT**  
A dynamic showcase of independent storytelling from around the world.

**FILM CATEGORIES**

- FEATURE FILMS
- SHORT FILMS
- DOCUMENTARY
- TELEVISION PILOTS

**SPECIAL MENTION TO THE SPONSORS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE FESTIVAL YEAR YEARLY.**

GRANNIE ANNIES BAR & KITCHEN	FUSION SALON
TRIBA	WHOLESOME FACTORY
CATAPANO ENGINEERING	ISLAND WINE N SPIRIT
CONNECTICUT FILMWORKS	NISI KITCHEN
ACCOUNTABLE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	CHINA 1 KITCHEN
BREAD AND BUTTER	ROLLS N BOWLS
	PICCOLO TRATTORIA

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★ SUPPORT INDEPENDENT FILMMAKER FROM AROUND THE WORLD ★  
*President, founder, Toni Vitale and the Roosevelt Island film festival crew. Look forward to seeing you there.*

# Operation Smooth Ride: 375 Potholes and Counting!

The RIOC team is continuing to tackle quality of life issues around the island, many of which were compounded by one of the worst winters New York City has experienced in many years. “Operation Smooth Ride,” or recent islandwide pothole blitz, has led to more than 375 potholes filled or fixed since the start of Spring, with more scheduled fixes planned for the coming weeks. We’ve also used this initiative to try and encourage the community to sign-up for and use the Brightly ticket system. Anyone in the community can visit the RIOC website, sign-up on our home page for a brightly account, and begin submitting tickets for RIOC to assess and respond to operational issues cited around the island. Thanks to the RIOC Maintenance team for helping to keep the ride around the island smooth!



# Sportspark Adds New Free Pregnancy Yoga Class



**Sportspark**

**Step onto the mat with us for a Community Prenatal Yoga class made just for moms-to-be!**

Whether it's your first trimester or your final stretch, this class is all about **feeling good, moving gently, and connecting with other amazing women on the same journey.**

**Event Details**  
Every Saturday starting May 16  
from 11:15am-12:15pm  
Instructor: Nishita Hegde  
RYT-200, RPYT  
Location: Sportspark

**Free admission!**

*Note: Please ensure to speak to your OB-GYN before starting any physical activity during pregnancy*

Step onto the mat with Sportspark for a Community Prenatal Yoga class made just for moms-to-be! Whether it's your first trimester or your final stretch, this class is all about feeling good, moving gently, and connecting with other amazing women on the same journey.

Flow through modified vinyasa movements designed to ease those everyday pregnancy aches, build strength, and prep your body & mind for a smoother birth picking up helpful tools like breathwork and pelvic floor exercises to support you through pregnancy, birth, and beyond.

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# Happy 50th Tramiversary!

The Roosevelt Island Tramway recently turned 50, and the Roosevelt Island community was invited to celebrate one of New York City’s most iconic transportation landmarks during a special “50th TRAMiversary” event at Tramway Plaza on May 28, 2026.

Hosted by the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) in partnership with Leitner-Poma of America and the Roosevelt Island Historical Society (RIHS), the celebration honored five decades of service, history, and community connection provided by the Roosevelt Island Tramway since its opening in 1976.

Over the last 50 years, the Tram has safely transported more than 85 million riders across the East River while becoming both a critical transportation connection and one of New York City’s most recognizable landmarks. Originally opened in 1976, the Tram quickly evolved from an innovative transit solution into a defining symbol of Roosevelt Island and a unique part of the New York skyline.

The event featured special guests, including POMA CEO Daren Cole, RIHS President Judy Berdy, and remarks from Felicia Park-Rogers, District Director for Congressman Jerrold Nadler.



## RIOC Launches Public Initiative to Reimagine Original Roosevelt Island Tram Cabins

In conjunction with the Tram's 50th anniversary, RIOC launched a new public engagement initiative asking the community to help imagine a future for two original tram cabins that have sat idly beneath the island's Motorgate Helix for more than a decade.

The cabins, which served Roosevelt Island commuters from 1976 until the Tram was overhauled in 2010, have fallen into a state of disrepair over time. The initiative invited residents, artists, designers, and members of the public to submit ideas for what the old cabins could become, including possible public art installations, historical displays, community spaces, or other creative concepts tied to Roosevelt Island's unique identity and history. "For more than 50 years, the Tram has been one of the defining symbols of Roosevelt Island and one of the most iconic modes of transportation in the world" said RIOC President & CEO B.J. Jones. "These cabins are an important piece of history, but after sitting neglected for years, we felt strongly that 50 should look better than this. We're excited to invite the community into the conversation about what these old Tram cabins could become next."

Submissions were accepted through a new page on RIOC's website, where participants were able to share ideas for potential uses, placement, artistic concepts, and other potential opportunities connected to the cabins.



\*This image represents community submitted ideas and is not an official rendering.

## West Road Curb Repair and Repaving Completed

West Road curb repair and repaving is now complete! The project involved heavy milling and removal of old z-bricks that had been previously paved over with asphalt, which created persistent pothole issues. A safer curb was also installed to improve pedestrian safety in the area. Thanks to RIOC Maintenance for spearheading this work!



## Roosevelt Island Community Celebrates Pride Month

On Monday, June 1st RIOC hosted its fourth annual Pride Flag Raising Ceremony to mark the beginning of Pride Month 2026. The event focused on the inclusive spirit of the island and the need to support our neighbors as allies in the fight for equality. Speaking at the event were RIOC President and CEO B.J. Jones, AVP of Communications and Government Affairs Bryant Daniels, and members of the Roosevelt Island LGBTQ+ community, including Thom Heyer and Penny Gold. RIOC has also lit the iconic Girl Puzzle Monument in Lighthouse Park in Pride colors for June and will also light the Roosevelt Island Lighthouse for Pride at the end of the month.



## The Roosevelt Island Public Purpose Fund Awards \$260,000 in Grants to 18 Nonprofits

The Roosevelt Island Public Purpose Fund at The New York Community Trust has announced \$260,000 in one-year grants to 18 nonprofits working to benefit Roosevelt Island residents and enhance their quality of life. The Trust appointed an independent, five-person advisory committee of members of the Roosevelt Island community to review applications and make grant recommendations. Committee members live or work on the island and reflect a range of professional and community perspectives. Members remained anonymous during the review period to keep the process fair and confidential.

Special thanks to the Advisory Committee members for their efforts:

- Penny Gold, Roosevelt Island resident
- Deolinda Leitao-Greene, Roosevelt Island resident
- Frank Raffaele, co-owner of The Sanctuary
- Anna Scaglione, professor of electrical and computer engineering at Cornell Tech
- James Shafer, director of international student recruitment and enrollment at Touro University, Roosevelt Island resident

The awards program, which began in 1989, supports projects to make life on Roosevelt Island more enjoyable and equitable for all. Grants from this round will support education and youth development, services for older adults, environmental programming, arts and culture, and more for the Roosevelt Island community.

“Each year, the Public Purpose Fund helps strengthen the organizations that make Roosevelt Island such a unique and vibrant community,” said RIOC President and CEO B.J. Jones. “This year’s allocations reflect the incredible diversity of nonprofits serving our Island, with funds awarded for the arts, youth programming, environmental education, athletics, senior services, accessibility initiatives, and more. We are proud to support this outstanding group of community organizations and are grateful for the work they do every day to improve quality of life for Roosevelt Islanders. Our thanks to The New York Community Trust and this year’s advisory committee for their thoughtful work.”

## West Side Infrastructure Survey

We want to hear from you! RIOC wants to improve our public spaces along the west side of the island including the West Side Pier, Eleanor’s Pier, and the Tram Waterfront. Scan the QR code to share your thoughts with us — and be on the lookout for a community “walkshop” to visit these spaces together and discuss your ideas this July.



# Community Celebrates Roosevelt Island Day on Firefighters Field

On Saturday, June 6th, Roosevelt Island Day returned to Firefighters Field for a beautiful afternoon celebration, drawing well over 1,000 residents and visitors from across the Island and beyond.

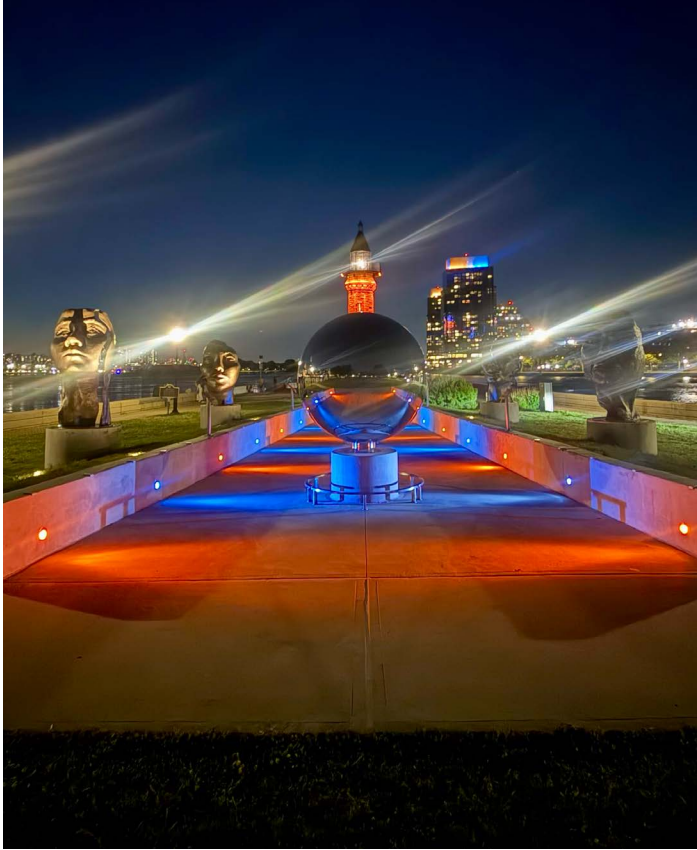
Attendees enjoyed a wide variety of family-friendly activities, including inflatable rides, carnival games, arts and crafts, live DJ entertainment, community tables, and free refreshments. The event also featured a community planting project with iDig2Learn, an e-waste recycling collection hosted by the Roosevelt Island Older Adult Center and State Senator Liz Krueger's Office, and a pop-up bicycle repair station under the Helix. In addition, Sportspark hosted a free yoga class on the facility's front lawn which drew a great crowd. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, joined by New York City Comptroller Mark Levine, also presented RIOC and the Roosevelt Island Historical Society with proclamations honoring this year's 50th anniversary celebration of the Roosevelt Island Tram.

RIOC would like to thank all of the volunteers, community groups, stakeholders, and island residents who came out to make this year's Roosevelt Island Day the best one yet!



## Go New York, Go New York, Go!

Roosevelt Island was all in for the Knicks as they capped off a historic 2026 NBA Finals run, winning their first championship in 53 years! Throughout the Finals, RIOC showed its team pride by displaying supportive messages on our red buses and lighting the Girl Puzzle Monument and Lighthouse in orange and blue to celebrate the Knicks' long-awaited victory.



## Holiday Update: Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Show Not Visible From Roosevelt Island

The Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Show will not be visible from Roosevelt Island this year and is not a viewing location. As a result, RIOC will not be running a ticket lottery or sending out any communications regarding a ticketed 4th of July event to the community.

For those looking to watch the show, official viewing points will be along the lower Hudson River and the Lower East River near the Brooklyn Bridge and the Seaport District.

While we still expect higher than average traffic to the island on July 4th, we do not anticipate the numbers to reach what we typically see when the fireworks celebration is hosted closer to the island.

# Board Updates

## Board Updates

On Monday, May 4, the RIOC Board's Governance Committee met to review several proposed policy updates, including policies related to employee travel, the use of personally owned vehicles for business purposes, and discretionary funds.

On Tuesday, May 12, the Board's Operations Advisory Committee received updates on a number of ongoing operational initiatives and capital projects, including repairs to the AVAC system, our efforts to fill potholes with "Operation Smooth Ride", planning for the formation of the Roosevelt Island Steam Plant Demolition Construction Advisory Group, and ongoing improvements and maintenance efforts across Roosevelt Island.

On Thursday, May 14, the full RIOC Board of Directors met and approved several governance and administrative items, including updates to Corporation policies and the appointment of Lance Polivy as Vice President and General Counsel. The Board also approved a resolution related to the refinancing of the Octagon complex and received updates on the Corporation's finances and Public Safety Department operations.

On Thursday, June 18, the Board's Real Estate Development Advisory Committee met to receive updates on ongoing development matters and real estate initiatives affecting Roosevelt Island, including discussions related to west side infrastructure improvements and engagement planning, commercial rent, and began reviewing community input for the repurposing of our retired tram cabins.

On Tuesday, June 23rd, the full RIOC Board of Directors met and reviewed RIOC's financial statements for fiscal year 2026 and approved a number of required reports, including RIOC's annual report. The Board also authorized the corporation to enter into new contracts for legal services, the rehabilitation of Eleanor's Pier, and mid-life overhauls for two more red buses, among other actions.



# YC Highlights



The Roosevelt Island Youth Center Summer Program is a free summer enrichment program for Roosevelt Island residents ages 7–18. Operating from Monday, July 6 through Friday, August 21, the program provides youth with a safe, structured, and supervised environment where they can remain active, engaged, and socially connected throughout the summer months.

Designed to support the holistic development of young people, the program offers a diverse range

of recreational, educational, cultural, and wellness-based experiences that foster personal growth, build confidence, and encourage positive peer relationships. Participants will engage in performing and visual arts activities, traditional and nontraditional sports, fitness and wellness programming, leadership and civic engagement workshops, college and career readiness activities, indoor and outdoor recreation, themed-based experiences, cultural enrichment opportunities, educational trips, and special culminating events.

The goal of the program is to provide meaningful and enriching experiences that help youth develop new skills, explore their interests, strengthen social connections, and continue their growth during the summer break. Through a balanced blend of learning, recreation, and exploration, participants are empowered to return to school prepared, motivated, and ready for success in the upcoming academic year. Registration is currently full; however, you may still join the waitlist: <https://www.rioc.ny.gov/community/youth-center/summer-programming>.

## YC iDig2Learn Activity



## YC Science Fair

