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RECOVERY AGENDA: MAYOR DE BLASIO EXPANDS OPEN STREETS: RESTAURANTS, ANNOUNCES MORE LOCATIONS FOR OUTDOORDINING AND RECREATION

Eighty-nine Open Streets: Restaurants citywide; over 10,400 Open Restaurants

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio today announced four more locations for car-free outdoor dining on weekends, expanding the popular [Open Streets: Restaurants](#) program to 89 streets citywide. One additional partner organization has added weekday hours. More than 10,400 restaurants are now participating in the broader [Open Restaurants](#) initiative, which Mayor de Blasio recently declared permanent and year-round as part of the city's long-term recovery agenda. The mayor today also announced an additional .32 miles of [Open Streets](#).

"Outdoor dining has kept New Yorkers safe and healthy and supported the restaurants that keep our city vibrant. And the Open Streets: Restaurants program has reimagined our urban landscape and drawn on our greatest resources: creativity and resilience," said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. "I'm proud to offer even more options for New Yorkers to enjoy a meal outdoors, and I look forward to expanding the program further."

"Now that Open Restaurants has already changed the look and feel of 'Summer in the City,' it's now poised to be part of 'Autumn in New York' as well, as outdoor dining will expand to more hours and more locations – from the South Bronx to the West Village," said **DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg**. "We remain grateful to Mayor de Blasio and all our agency and community partners for the vision and dedication that have sustained a team effort that has saved almost 100,000 jobs – and one which we now look forward to continuing year-round."

"Open Streets and Outdoor Dining have been two bright spots in these dark times, and I'm proud to keep expanding both these initiatives in my district and throughout the five boroughs. We must continue working to give New Yorkers more open space and to support our restaurants and small businesses as best we can during and after this pandemic," said **Council Speaker Corey Johnson**.

In September, the Administration [announced](#) the first 40 Open Streets: Restaurants locations for street closures during weekday hours. Previously, car-free outdoor dining hours had been limited to weekends.

Weekend outdoor dining at the new locations will begin as early as today, Friday, October 2, with days and times varying by location. Hours for each participating location can be found on the Open Streets: Restaurants [homepage](#).

New Open Streets: Restaurants				
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Partner	On Street	From Street	To Street	Borough
Third Avenue BID	Willis Ave	E 147th St	E 148th St	BX
Park Slope Fifth Avenue BID	5th Ave	9th St	5th St	BK
West 111th Street Block Association	Amsterdam Ave	W 110th St	W 111th St	MN
Jeffrey's Grocery	Waverly Pl	Christopher St	W 10th St	MN

Expanded Hours for Existing Open Streets: Restaurants				
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Partner	On Street	From Street	To Street	Borough
MacDougal Merchants Association	MacDougal St	W 8th St	W 3rd St	MN

Mayor de Blasio today also announced that the following areas will be added to the Open Streets program, which makes roadway space available for socially distanced recreation on 80 miles of streets citywide:

New Open Streets					
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Partner	On Street	From Street	To Street	Borough	Miles
Asian American Federation	Barton Ave	150th St	149th Pl	QN	0.05
45th St Block Association -	45th St	9th Ave	10th Ave	MN	0.17
Uptown Grand Central	Pleasant Ave	E 118th St	E 120th St	MN	0.1

"I am very happy the merchants in Murray Hill came together in partnership with Asian American Federation and the city to support of the Open Restaurants program in Flushing. This is an innovative approach to dining that will bring the customers and character back to our neighborhoods," said **Council Member Peter Koo**.

"The Open Streets: Restaurants program has provided a lifeline for restaurants across our city, while transforming for the better the way we all use and interact in our streets. I'm excited for the Open Restaurant street in partnership with the Park Slope Fifth Avenue Bid, to help support restaurants right here in the heart of Park Slope, and in front of our office," said **Council Member Brad Lander**.

Open Streets operate from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, with timing varying slightly depending on staff availability. No through traffic is permitted, with remaining vehicle traffic limited to local deliveries, pick-ups/drop-offs, necessary city service vehicles, and emergency vehicles only. These drivers are alerted to be hyper-vigilant and to drive at 5 MPH along these routes.

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