

in case you missed it . . .

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL
THIS WEEK IN THE NEWS

Week of September 22, 2008

this week at the council

City Plans to Increase Health Care for Neighborhoods Without

New York City plans to [expand primary health care](#) facilities in 11 neighborhoods across the five boroughs, City Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn [announced on Monday](#), "I think we all know that too much money gets spent on expensive inpatient care," Ms. Quinn said [at a news conference at City Hall](#). "Too many New Yorkers have the emergency room as their primary doctors." The announcement first announced in the Speaker's 2007 State of the City address.

Clinic Access Bill to Protect City Clinics

A new city law that helps to protect clients of city clinics from harassment by anti-abortion protesters, reforms in a tax-abatement program to spur business development and resolutions to rename 30 Staten Island streets in honor of a slain police officer and soldier, several politicians and community activists highlighted yesterday's City Council meeting. [The Clinic Access Bill](#) mandates that anti-abortion protesters observe a 15-foot "buffer" around health clinics and keep entrances and access to the facilities clear. It also bumps up the charge of harassing health clinic clients to a misdemeanor.

Council Honors Long Time Radio Host

On Monday night, Brooks was among the first inductees into the New York Press Club's Hall of Fame. In another honor, Wednesday afternoon Brooks was honored by the City Council with a proclamation and [glowing words](#) from Council Speaker Christine Quinn. Brooks, a native New Yorker, graduated from Syracuse University and worked as a reporter and editor at Newsday for 11 years before becoming the News Director for a "top-40" radio station called 1010 WINS in 1962.

Council Urges Help for Haiti After Four Hurricanes

Top New York Officials including Governor David Paterson and Speaker Christine Quinn are urging New Yorkers to [continue donating to Haiti](#) after four devastating back to back hurricanes. So far 74 pallets of supplies have been collected at the Bedford Armory in Brooklyn, including 340 cases of water. But Governor Patterson says the Army National Guard facility at 1579 Bedford Avenue at Union Street in Brooklyn will remain open through Sunday afternoon to continue to accept donations.

Indoor Bike Racks Mandate, in the Works

No space in your [cubicle for a bike](#)? Council member David Yassky and transportation groups want to mandate that commercial buildings in the city provide indoor bike racks. With gas prices what they are and environmentalism on everyone's mind, more New Yorkers are taking to the streets on two wheels.



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CHRISTINE C. QUINN, SPEAKER