

Our Bronx community and its issues

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All communities suffer from problems, even if some are small, they still suffer, problems such as crime, rape, killings, evictions, gangs, etc. And my community is not spared from them. I will talk about my community I have not lived much in my community but I feel that it is a good community I am talking about Bainbridge which is located between 196 Kingsbridge and on the sides we have Fordham and Bedford Park I feel that my community is one of the most don't worry in the 5 years that I have been alive, I have not seen many crimes. They patrol the community a lot and everyone seems to be united, but not so united, they help each other, but they do not have groups or anything like that.

I also think that it is a good community and that we have half of the transportation like 3 trains that are 4, B and D buses also the Bx2, Bx1, which go all over the great hall we also have the Bx34, Bx25, Bx26, Bx9, too the Bx41, Bx17, and others that I don't know, but I feel that it is a great community as once a lady was fighting with her ex or something like that and my neighbor from the house across the street entered her since the man had a weapon, not yet We were sure if it was a knife or a pistol and the neighbor called the police which was quick, they found the suspect and took him away, my community is made up of a higher percentage of Hispanics in second place we have Black African Americans in third place to Asians and finally to whites, we also have many nearby schools and some parks, which is the important thing and what people are most interested in if they have children, we have 3 universities: Fordham, Lehman college and Monroe college, there is another one a little further away It's called Manhtatan and it's a paid university, which is why my community itself has great advantages.

But just as it has great advantages, it also has disadvantages, such as finding parking or parking is difficult, and more so on weekends there are times when people fight over

parking spaces or people get into double parking and the residents' cars get wrecked. Once my car was parked in their spot and overnight I had a rear end hit like some school or transit buses crash or hit residents' cars. We also see the trains that after the pandemic various crimes have occurred such as harassment, and assaults, they even throw people or throw themselves onto the train rails.

One of the topics that I want to talk about in my paper report is how dangerous animals are, well how dangerous they have become after 2020 like 2021 and 2022 we saw that people became more aggressive we saw that many more crimes happened maybe later This was the result of so much confinement and I saw how the people who were waiting for the train suffered more attacks. I also heard people say that taking the train is no longer safe. Many people were afraid to take the train with them. I was also afraid that something would happen to my parents. I saw so many things on the news that I was already suffering from depression like a person putting feces on a lady's face other than just because they pushed people, dragging people onto the train tracks people on the roofs of trains and much more perhaps this caused people anxiety that some threw themselves towards the rails looking for their own death.

These were some problems that happened after the pandemic, many people began to suffer from depression and anxiety and it has been seen that now the mental health of the person is on the ground. now all the schools and other things are aware of this, but could they use this as an excuse to commit a crime? Well, I don't think it's a justification for killing someone or hurting someone, maybe they have mental problems, but I feel like that doesn't give you the right to do this type of crime.

What can we do? I feel that since it's now a normal thing to talk about we can try to give free support, create applications, and have everyone see it so we can help.

Do you think this will help? Actually, not much, maybe it will reduce some of the cases of depression, but not all, and maybe it won't help to avoid committing crimes. I think that eliminating crimes, that is not going to be possible, the world is on a scale where evil and good are needed, I think. that we will not be able to eliminate it from the total but I firmly believe that it can be reduced.

I think I strayed a lot, let's go back to the topic, what can we do to reduce these crimes on the train? I think we can put these doors that are called screen doors and windows that in several countries are used more in Asian countries and for the crime of throwing someone or jumping, the doors open only when the train comes because I see that here we have the method of that yellow line that doesn't stop there but people pay no attention and keep stopping there, they are more victims to be thrown.

How could we solve the crimes of harassment and assault? I think that they could be fixed in the way of putting more officers on the trains. I see that they have already put it but it does not seem to work since there are people who are afraid of them as authorities, but I think that a good part could be worked with the police and do That they are more sociable so that the community or people can believe in them is not just standing on the train, it is trying to interact.

I think that other of the problems that occur in my community is the parking problem, there are people who occupy double space or some have more than 3 cars and it is seen that there is a lot of discussion about parking sometimes you have to park in the pomp or in places that say not to park since they cannot find parking, it is stressful for someone who has a car and spending hours looking for parking is stressful, some prefer to pay a fine in order to park, there are people who take away their license plates to park anywhere and not receive a fine there are places where you pay but they are a bit far by car it is close but walking is long how could we solve this, maybe putting lines so

that they can see which are the parking lots or maybe trying to talk about it so that they are respected the space so that there are no problems, also another problem in my community is that the cars of the residents are hit and collided by school or city buses because there are people who park in double parking, that is, double lane and that causes a lot to pass number of collisions or hits in resident cars also causes traffic in the area.

My neighborhood has a population of 146,813 including Latino/Hispanic, which is 99,985 Non-Hispanic White 8,260 Black/African American 24,456 Asian 10,021 Other Non-Hispanic 1,948 Non-Hispanic Two or more races 2,143, we also have home occupancy numbers of, total homes are 53,180, occupied homes 50,996 and finally vacant homes 2,184. The most common crimes in my community are robbery, felony assault, grand theft, auto theft, petty theft, Misd. assault and finally other sexual crimes. Other information about my community is about the prisoners and ex-prisoners, of which there are 228 prisoners and 280 ex-prisoners. I feel that this data is important about my community since we can see how safe we are or how safe our community is, the data is interesting Knowing more about your community makes you a better neighbor. I guess seeing that we have a diversity of people from different countries.

Going back to the issue of people being thrown onto train tracks is extremely serious and requires immediate action to prevent and address it. I will provide you with some possible solutions to solve this problem:

Security and surveillance: It is essential to improve security and surveillance in train stations and along the tracks. This involves installing additional security cameras,

increasing the presence of security personnel, and ensuring a rapid response to any incidents or suspicious activity.

Education and awareness: Awareness campaigns should be carried out in communities and schools to inform people about the dangers and consequences of jumping onto railway tracks. This may include disseminating information about the associated risks, safe alternatives, and the serious legal consequences of such actions.

Security barriers: Installing physical barriers such as fences or walls along railroad tracks can help prevent people from unauthorized access. These barriers can be combined with intrusion detection systems that alert the authorities in case of a possible intrusion.

Coordination between authorities: It is essential that authorities in charge of security at train stations, such as police, security personnel, and train company personnel, work together and share relevant information to identify and address any potential threats.

Deterrent Measures: Additional measures can be put in place to deter people from jumping onto the rail tracks, such as posting clear signage about the dangers and consequences, as well as having visible security personnel at stations.

Collaboration with the community: Fostering the active participation of the community in the prevention of this type of incident can be very effective. This can include creating community safety committees, training volunteers to patrol problem areas, and promoting a culture of safety and respect for the railways.

It is important to highlight that solving this problem requires a comprehensive approach that combines several of these solutions and the participation of different actors, such as authorities, train companies, the community, and individuals. In addition, the allocation of adequate resources must be guaranteed to implement these measures and constant monitoring must be maintained to assess their effectiveness and make adjustments if necessary.

Another solution to the problem of assault and harassment on trains is a serious concern that requires a comprehensive approach to address. Here are some steps that can be taken to resolve this issue:

Awareness and education: It is important to implement awareness campaigns to inform passengers about harassment and the importance of reporting any incident. Posters can be placed at stations and inside trains to educate people about the issue and provide information on how to report bullying.

Security personnel and surveillance cameras: Increasing the presence of security personnel both at stations and on trains can deter stalkers and provide a greater sense of security for passengers. Also, installing surveillance cameras in key areas can help identify offenders and provide evidence for prosecution.

Reporting and effective response: It is essential that victims feel safe and supported when reporting any form of harassment. Authorities and training companies must ensure that there are clear and accessible channels for reporting incidents and that a prompt and effective response is provided to each report.

Staff training: Train company staff and security authorities should receive adequate training on how to identify, prevent and address harassment. This includes developing skills to intervene safely and effectively in bullying situations and providing support to victims.

Coordination between authorities and collaboration with the community: It is necessary that the authorities responsible for training safety work together and collaborate with the community to address this problem. Alliances can be established with local organizations, women's rights groups, and other relevant actors to implement joint prevention and response strategies.

Technology and safe design: Technological measures, such as emergency buttons on trains, real-time monitoring systems, and mobile security applications, can be implemented to facilitate communication and response in an emergency. In addition, the design of carriages and stations must be safe, with adequate lighting, well-guarded areas, and accessible spaces to call for help.

It is essential to address the problem of harassment and assault on trains through a combination of preventive, response, and victim support measures. Collaboration between various stakeholders, including authorities, train companies, staff, and the community, is essential to create safe environments and ensure the well-being of passengers.

Making a community safer involves the active participation of all members and the implementation of preventive measures.

Promote communication and community participation

Establish a network of watchful neighbors

Improve public lighting

Strengthen home security

Collaborate with local authorities

Promote safety education

Promote rehabilitation and social reintegration

Remember that making a community safer is a collective and ongoing effort. It is important to maintain open communication, be willing to work together and be committed to the safety and well-being of all members of the community.

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