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I live in the Sunset Park neighborhood in Brooklyn, New York. Sunset Park has a very diverse community; the residents are from Mexico, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela, Guatemala, Asia, Europe, and other parts of the world, which makes this locality culturally rich.

I went for a walk in the area at around 2:10 pm. on Sunday, September 18. It was a beautiful sunny and windy day, and the temperature was about 80 degrees. I started my tour on 9th Avenue and 49th street near where I live. Half of the block is occupied by John J. Pershing Intermediate School 220. And across the street is the Maimonides Medical Center. Most of the people that this hospital serves are Jewish. I continue walking on 46 street and 9th Avenue; there is a Jewish community school that opens Sunday through Friday. Next, I walked down the street to seven Avenue and 44th street. There is a public school at this location, 169 The Sunset Park School, serving more than one thousand children.

In front of P.S. 169 is Sunset Park, the central park in the neighborhood. Sunset Park is a small hill, and people can watch the beautiful sunset from this park, and a beautiful view of Manhattan, Staten Island, New Jersey, and the Statue of Liberty. The park has a big swimming pool, GYM, soccer field, playground, and community garden. During the Summer, they offer free swimming lessons for children and adults. On weekends families and friends get together to celebrate birthday parties.

I kept walking down the street on four Avenue and 41st Street, another middle school, Charles O Dewey MS136. One block from the school is St Michael Catholic Church. and an elementary school,

P.S. 516. On 55th Street and Second Avenue, the Sunset Park Family Health Center at NYU Langone is another hospital that serves the Sunset Park residents. These hospitals also sponsor Community Based Daycare Centers and Senior Centers. In addition, there are small clinics all over the neighborhood, for example, dental, physical therapy, adult medicine, pediatrics, etc.

On 60th street and third avenue is PS 503 and 63rd, 4th avenue PS 971, and 50th and 6th avenue is PS 896. And on 60th and the fifth avenue is the Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. And on 63rd and 6th avenue, there is a mosque. On 49th and 7th avenue is St. Agatha catholic church. One block down on 48th and 6ave. There is an evangelical church. There are many more different churches and a Buddies Temple.

A library on 50th Street and 4th Avenue is currently under renovation, but it will reopen soon. For now, the temporary community library is on 44th street and 4th avenue. And we have two precincts, 72 at 830 4th avenue and 65 at 333 65th street—these two NYPD precincts are in charge of keeping the order and safety of the residents in Sunset park.

The commercial area in Sunset Park is on the fifth avenue between 39th street and 64 street. There are restaurants from different countries. For example, México, Colombia, Venezuela, Peru, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Republica Dominicana, Guatemala, Salvador, and Asia. ( the majority of these restaurants are friendly to people with special needs)

As I walked around the neighborhood, I took pictures of a few residential buildings in Sunset Park with a ramp at the entrance of the building designed for people with disabilities. Unfortunately, only a few buildings are friendly to people with special needs. This is interesting to know because the next time I go to a community meeting, I can bring issues to the community. I noticed that most sidewalks are well maintained and designed for people with special needs.

The Sunset Park neighborhood has access to a variety of services for the community. There are six elementary schools, and one on 46th and 8th avenue is under construction and will be open soon. There are two middle schools and one high school on 35th street and 4th avenue. Three catholic churches and many other Christian churches, Two hospitals, and three clinics, all these places are friendly for exceptional children.

Sunset Park is a crowded community, and it is nice to see people from different backgrounds get together and learn from each other. Year-round there are various community celebrations, including the Puerto Rican Parade, the Mexican Independence parade, the Chinese New year's parade, and religious festivities during Christmas and the holy week. All activities are inclusive and family-oriented.



The Asian community organizes itself to keep Sunset Park clean and beautiful.



**These residential buildings have a ramp for people with disabilities.**



**In the picture, you can see the entrance of the Maimonides Medical Center.**



**In this picture, you can see the beautiful sunset from Sunset Park.**



**Basilica of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.**





In this picture is a Pre-K Center under the umbrella of the DOE and NYU Langone Hospitals.



**This picture shows the backyard of the Pre-K school.**



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**This picture shows the mechanical ramp for people with special needs.**



**This picture shows the entrance of the play center and swimming pool.**



**A beautiful view of Manhattan from Sunset Park**