



ASSEMBLY MEMBER
DANIEL
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**RAT RESERVOIR
PILOT PROGRAM
& UPCOMING
RODENT ACADEMY**

Dear Neighbor,

I write to notify you of an important program to combat serious rat infestations in our neighborhood. In response to a large number of complaints received from residents, my office, the local community board, and other officials in the community, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) has recently launched a **Rat Reservoir Pilot Program**, which seeks to eliminate rat infestations in especially affected neighborhoods.

Rat Reservoir Pilot Program

This Pilot Program focuses on the area from **105th to 110th Streets between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue**. My office has been working closely with DOHMH to help advertise this Pilot Program, which serves tenants, businesses, and building owners. In addition to locating areas of rat activity, baiting city-owned spaces, and pest-proofing public infrastructure to prevent the re-emergence of rats, DOHMH is providing individualized services to tenants and building owners.

For tenants, DOHMH will serve as an intake center for rat-related complaints and use them to determine where to inspect and what actions to take to address rodent issues. For building owners, DOHMH will also conduct inspections with building owners and advise owners on individualized rodent abatement steps for their property. If you are a **tenant or a building owner and have a rat-related issue**, please contact one of the Pilot Program team members listed below:

Primary Contact:
Mitchia Jeffrey, Inspector
(413) 326-2079
mjjeffrey@health.nyc.gov

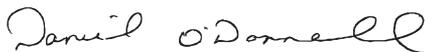
Secondary Contact:
Caroline Bragdon, Director
(646) 632-6549
cbragdon@health.nyc.gov

Rodent Academy

In order to further the work of the Pilot Program, my office will also be co-hosting a **Rodent Academy** with **Community Board 7**, the offices of **Borough President Gale Brewer** and **Council Member Mark Levine**, and the **Ascension Church**. Conducted by DOHMH, this free event will serve tenants and building owners, and will cover several topics, including prevention tactics, how to do an inspection, how to treat a rat problem, and how to supervise pest control companies. The Rodent Academy will be held on **Thursday, January 15th, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** at the **Ascension Church** (221 W. 107th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue). A rat-resistant garbage can will be provided to each household that attends. Spanish language translation is available upon request.

Please RSVP for this event with my office by contacting Justin Simmons at (212) 866-3970.

Very truly yours,



Daniel O'Donnell
Assembly Member