

THE SUNVIEW AT THE ACROPOLIS
RENTAL FAQ

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Address: 257 Nassau Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11222

[Rental Agreement Template Here](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is this Place?

- The Sunview Luncheonette is a co-operative, a storefront on pause, a member-based social club, a space for art, poetics, regionalism, mutual aid, and commoning. It floats above the second largest oil spill in US history, down the street from an active EPA Superfund site on stolen land. It is resistant to traditional forms of commerce, commodification, and to gentrification. It is above all, an “approach,” and least of all, an “outcome.” It is unknown. It is hopeful. It saves you a seat at the counter.
- We are all volunteers, and we all pitch in to keep the space going, for each other, not just for ourselves. The Sunview Luncheonette is a 501(c)7 Member Based Social Club.

What is the rental rate?

- The basic non-member rental rate for neighbors and friends is \$350 for a day or evening event (max 8 hours). \$35/hour for additional time. In most cases we ask for a \$150 security deposit and for evening rentals a \$100 door person fee which hires a door person for four hours
- Film shoots need to be bid and quoted coordinated through The Locations Department (email locations@thesunview.org) for more information.

Does the Sunview have liability insurance?

- Yes, we have basic liability which will cover your event in the space, but film and photo rentals need to provide their own supplementary per-event insurance.

Can we do BYOB and can we have / sell food or alcohol?

- We have a functioning, if basic, kitchen set up right now - with three induction burners, a tabletop convection oven (1/2 sheet size), rice maker, coffee percolator, etc. All plates, cups and cutlery you would need too. Rentals can not “sell” food or alcohol since we do not have a certificate from the health department unless you provide one or a liquor license for the public, unless you provide a [temporary liquor license](#). You can ask for donations.

Is clean-up solely our responsibility?

- Cleaning up is the renter’s responsibility and we ask for a \$150 cleaning deposit, which is refunded after the rental period unless the space was left uncleaned. See other rules below.

Is there a stereo system/speakers? What devices are they compatible with?

- Yes we have good speakers, and you can plug in a laptop or phone - we have a dongle for iphones, etc. We need to be somewhat quiet in the space though (see below)

Could we also have access to the projector?

- Certainly! We have an HDMI cable and some adapters for that.

What is the current address?

- 257 Nassau Avenue at Kingsland Avenue in Greenpoint. We moved three blocks away from our old location at Nassau and Henry.

What's the capacity of the venue?

- 22 seats in the front room, but you could set up another 10 or so in the back, and when we've had poetry readings or shows we've said the front space holds 35-40 comfortably. Beyond that it starts to feel cramped!

Accessibility (see below for a longer response)

- Sunview is on the ground floor, with no steps or stairs, and is wheelchair accessible. Unfortunately our bathroom is not ADA compliant for now.

Wifi?

- Yes we have Wifi. Details are in the space.

Is the space climate controlled?

- No. The space is heated in the winter, but there is no AC in the space. In the summer months we get a cross breeze if you open the front and back windows, and we have an assortment of fans.

How late can we go?

- We have to be quiet in the space, there is a family with young children upstairs - music off and people start to leave - by 10 pm on weeknights. The space should be locked and cleaned up by 11 pm. On weekends, we will respect a 10 pm “turn-down” time for noise, but can start to close up and clean up at 11, out by 11:30 pm.

What other rules are there?

- No smoking, no candles, no fires (inside or out - no smoking in the backyard, etc.)
- We aim to keep our kitchen pest free - with that in mind:
 - Keep the kitchen clean, clean your dishes, dry them, and put them away, please take out the trash and recycling and deposit into the proper bins in the front of the building at the end of your event.
 - Wipe down all counters.
 - Please don't leave food in the fridge.

During my event, what if someone comes in and asks...

- What Sunview is?
 - “The Sunview Luncheonette is a 501(c)7 Member Based Social Club that rents this location, and my event tonight is...”
- To buy food/ drinks? (This happens sometimes)
 - Sunview is not licensed to sell anything, but at your event you may serve food and beverages and recommend a donation.
- To speak with the Sunview point of contact?
 - Email hello@thesunview.org with any questions
- To turn down the music/ address a complaint?
 - Please be courteous! There is a family living upstairs and we try to be respectful neighbors.
- From the local precinct...
 - Tell them that “This is a private event,” and that “We rented the space for the night/day.”

In case of emergency:

- Sunview address: 257 Nassau Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11222
- Intersection of Kingsland Ave and Nassau Ave
- First aid kit is located next to the stereo in the cabinet beneath the turntable.
- [Police precinct 94 contact](#)
- Nearest hospitals:
 - Woodhull: 760 Broadway, Brooklyn; open 24 hours
 - NYU Langone: 550 1st Ave, Manhattan; open 24 hours

Accessibility at the Sunview Luncheonette

The Sunview Luncheonette is committed to creating a welcoming, inclusive, and accessible space for all visitors, participants, and collaborators. Our programs are rooted in hospitality, mutual care, and the spirit of experimentation, and we strive to ensure that everyone can take part in the life of the Luncheonette.

Sunview runs on the model of the gift economy. All events are free to enter and take part in. Events can be funded through suggested donations on a sliding scale, but are not structured around an entrance fee for guests.

Physical Accessibility

The Luncheonette's current location is on the ground floor and can be accessed directly from the sidewalk. Restrooms are located on the same level as the main space but are not yet fully ADA-compliant. We are working toward improving accessibility as part of our ongoing renovations.

Events and Gatherings

We aim to make our public programs—including meals, talks, screenings, and performances—accessible and comfortable for a range of participants.

If you have specific access needs or questions prior to visiting or attending an event, please reach out to us at hello@thesunview.org. We welcome conversations about how to make our space and programs more accessible and are always learning how to do better.

Land Acknowledgement

The Sunview Luncheonette operates on the unceded land of the Lenape people, in *Lenapehoking*, the homeland of the Lenape Nation. We acknowledge that the founding of the United States was made possible through the forceful displacement

and genocide of Indigenous peoples, including the Lenape and other communities who have lived, gathered, and cared for this land and water for thousands of years.

This place—now called Greenpoint, Brooklyn—was once part of a vibrant estuarine ecosystem, shaped by tidal marshes, oyster reefs, and river currents. These lands and waters bear the ongoing marks of colonization, industrialization, and environmental degradation. As a space for gathering, conversation, and collective imagination, the Sunview Luncheonette seeks to honor the histories that have been erased or obscured, to listen deeply to the stories embedded in this place, and to work toward more just and reciprocal relationships with the human and more-than-human communities that sustain us.

We pay respect to the Lenape people—past, present, and emerging—and commit to supporting Indigenous-led movements for sovereignty, environmental justice, and cultural resurgence.