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Rudy's last town-hall hurrah tonight

The mayor, in New Dorp, will talk about the aftermath of Sept. 11

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Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani will hold what could be his last Staten Island town hall meeting tonight at 8 in the Excelsior Grand, New Dorp.

Discussion of the World Trade Center attack is expected to take up much of Giuliani's night, said Barbara Stellabotte, the mayor's Community Assistance Unit director for Staten Island.

The mayor will discuss Island evacuation plans, help for small businesses affected by the tragedy, and Island residents' fears about possibly contaminated Twin Towers debris being dumped at the Fresh Kills landfill.

In addition, Giuliani may face questions about the Rockland Avenue street widening project and the traffic light at Todt Hill and Circle roads.

He also may hear from residents who are concerned about a stalled sewer project on Weed Avenue in New Dorp.

The mayor will be accompanied by the commissioners of numerous city agencies, and the meeting should last around 90 minutes, said Ms. Stellabotte.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Stellabotte said the Excelsior Grand can accommodate up to 1,200 people, although City Hall expects only 400 or 500 to show up.

The mayor's last Island town hall meeting, in June, was marked by a heated exchange between Giuliani and borough bus union leader Larry Hanley over private express-bus franchises.

Hanley was thrown out of the meeting.

A group of teachers also staged a walkout in the middle of Giuliani's remarks.

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