

## Fire, Manhole Cover Explosion, Veterans Day Parade All Affecting Traffic This Morning



(Queens-WABC, November 11, 2003) — A manhole cover explosion has rocked a Queens neighborhood.

This Kew Gardens neighborhood was rattled awake around 8:00 a.m. this morning when a manhole exploded around 83rd Avenue near Kew Gardens Road.

The explosion was powerful enough to shatter that manhole cover into five separate pieces. It also blew out several windows on adjacent apartment buildings. There are no injuries from this explosion.

The fire department is now on the scene. They have closed the street and secured the scene. Keyspan energy has also arrived at the scene.

Meanwhile, a three-alarm fire is burning in a storefront church in Harlem.

The fire is burning in the Calvary Christian Fellowship at 236 West 116th Street. It is not under control. No injuries have been reported.

Today is also Veterans day. Government offices, including most post offices are closed today and there will be no regular mail delivery.