

December 8, 2004

Commissioner Adrian Benepe
Dept. of Parks and Recreation
The Arsenal
Central Park
New York, NY 10021

Re: Parking of Parks Department vehicles on 25th Street between 9th and 10th avenues

Dear Commissioner Benepe,

Parks Department employees are finding that parking in the vicinity of the Chelsea Recreation Center is in very short supply, with the result that their vehicles are ending up in inappropriate places.

The two sites that are of greatest concern to the Board are the curb cuts in front of the Center's main doors and the No Parking zone on West 25th Street, which is across the street from the loading docks of a printing plant. Parking in front of the curb cuts blocks handicap access to the center, while parking in the No Parking zone blocks trucks from entering or leaving the loading docks.

The Chelsea Recreation Center is a welcome addition to our community, but we request that the Parks Department take steps to ensure that its vehicles not interfere with the one business on the block or with access to the center by handicapped persons.

Sincerely,



Walter Mankoff
Chair
Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Jay Marcus
Chair
Transportation Planning Committee

cc: Elected officials

This letter was passed at Manhattan Community Board No. 4's December 1, 2004 meeting.