

# January, 2009 District Manager's Report

## Highlights from the District Service Cabinet Meeting (01/14/09)

### FDNY

Update on Fire at Ladder 23 Engine 80 located at 503 West 139<sup>th</sup> Street; extensive damage was reported on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors location is currently being reviewed by design consultant who estimated renovation completion in approximately 16 months at a cost of 5 million dollars.

### Police

26<sup>th</sup> Pct. (see stats)

30<sup>th</sup> Pct. (see stats)

Manhattan Patrol Borough (see stats) Class graduated on December 31<sup>st</sup> 42 officers deployed to Manhattan North; 74 officers deployed to 30<sup>th</sup> Pct.

PSA 6 – Reported that the \*Viper Units currently patrolling Grant Houses with 16 digital cameras stationed in the hallways, elevators, roof, and on the grounds.

**(Video Interactive Control Unit/Eye in the Sky) which enables the police to obtain live video images.**

### Manhattan DA's Office

(see stats)

Manhattan DA's Office is offering the Legal Bound Program (Summer Internship). The DA's Office invites Junior High and High School students to apply for the 2009 Internship Program. Students must reside in Manhattan and be between the ages of 14 and 17 (18 years old if still in High School). Qualified students should send a resume and essay explaining their interest in law (see attached)

### Parks Department

Parks Department collected 253 trees for recycling; graffiti increased in the district arrest have been made.

## Highlights from the Borough Service Cabinet Meeting (12/19/08)

### Heat Smart, New York

New York State now has a special program HeatSmartNY, which is a program designed to help you manage your energy bills, save money, discover simple tips to cut your

energy costs and protects the environment. HeatSmartNY wants to help you control your energy bills and stay warm this winter; if you or anyone you know are experiencing difficulties paying your energy bills please contact HeatSmartNY at 877-NYSMART or visit [www.heatsmartny.org](http://www.heatsmartny.org) . Free workshops on saving energy are also available to the public for further info please contact Jill Lawson at (212) 417-6172 (see flyer attached).

### **MBP's Testimony**

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer testified before the MTA opposing the proposed Access-A-Ride fare hikes and the reduction in services on 20 Manhattan buses. (see attached) also a public hearing was held on January 14<sup>th</sup>

Manhattan BP also stated that the Mayor has withdrawn the RFP to close Senior Centers (see attached).

### **Update(s)/Announcement(s):**

HPD – Division of Neighborhood Preservation /West Harlem Initiative is offering the following services for West Harlem residents only:

- Information about Tenant's Rights and Legal Services;
- Landlord-Tenant Conflict resolution support;
- Information on available Housing opportunities (Section 8 vouchers available);
- Information and Resources available for Owners interested in maintaining the affordability and condition of residential properties;

Services are being offered Monday through Friday, 10am to 4pm for further information please contact the West Harlem Initiative at (212) 283-0222. (see flyer attached)

**Hon. Magdi Mossad, P.E., has been appointed as the new Manhattan Borough Commissioner.** Magdi Mossad, who is a New York State licensed Professional Engineer began serving the City as an Assistant Plan Examiner in the Manhattan Borough Office in 1984 and was later, selected to work with the Deputy Commissioner for Technical Affairs. Mossad has gained experience in several positions, including Deputy Brooklyn Commissioner, Queens Borough Commissioner and most recently, Brooklyn Borough Commissioner since 2006.

Manhattan Borough President's Office is sponsoring a Free Tax Preparation Day (Federal and NY State Tax Returns prepared by IRS certified volunteers). Families (with dependants) are earning less than \$45,000 and individuals earning less than \$20,000 are eligible for Free Tax Preparation. Please note that space is limited call the Manhattan Borough President's Office at (212) 531-1609 to make an appointment.

FDNY's Bureau of Fire Investigation's Juvenile Fire-setters intervention Program is offering workshops to deter youngsters from playing with fire. This program offers both education and referral service to youths who are involved in fire play for further info. please call (718) 722-3600.

**Street Closing(s) – Crane Operations:**

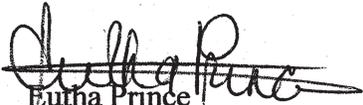
150<sup>th</sup> Street (between Amsterdam and Broadway) will be closed to vehicular traffic for Crane operation on Saturdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. from January 10<sup>th</sup> to January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

143<sup>rd</sup> Street (between Broadway and West 142<sup>nd</sup> Street) will be closed to vehicular traffic for Crane operation I/F/O 620 West 143<sup>rd</sup> Street. This closure will take place on the following dates from 8am to 4pm: January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> (Flagmen will be posted to redirect traffic).

**Employment Opportunities:**

Assistant Gardener Exam No. 8076 is currently being offered until January 27, 2009 (see attached Notice)

Respectfully Submitted by,

  
Eutha Prince  
District Manger



# CompStat

26th Precinct

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Report Covering the Week of 01/05/2009 Through 01/11/2009

## Crime Complaints

	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date			2 Year	8 Year	16 Year
	2009	2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Change	2009	2008	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg (2001)	% Chg (1993)
Murder	0	1	-100.0	1	1	0.0	0	1	-100.0	****	****	****
Rape	0	0	****	0	1	-100.0	0	1	-100.0	****	****	-100.0
Robbery	5	7	-28.5	16	20	-20.0	5	9	-44.4	66.6	0.0	-64.2
Fel. Assault	1	1	0.0	2	7	-71.4	1	3	-66.6	-85.7	-66.6	-83.3
Burglary	1	1	0.0	4	3	33.3	1	1	0.0	0.0	-75.0	-96.3
Gr. Larceny	5	5	0.0	20	21	-4.7	5	11	-54.5	0.0	0.0	-72.2
G.L.A.	1	1	0.0	3	4	-25.0	1	2	-50.0	****	****	-90.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-18.75</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>-19.30</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>-53.57</b>	<b>-18.75</b>	<b>-27.7</b>	<b>-83.33</b>
PSB	8	15	-46.6	35	48	-27.0	8	22	-63.6	14.2	-33.3	-89.7
Transit	3	0	****	7	2	250.0	3	1	200.0	****	50.0	
Housing	2	1	100.0	4	7	-42.8	2	5	-60.0	-77.7	-50.0	
Shooting Vic.	0	0	****	1	0	****	0	0	****	-100.0	****	****
Shooting Inc.	0	0	****	1	0	****	0	0	****	-100.0	****	****
Rape 1	0	0	****	0	1	-100.0	0	1	-100.0	****	****	-100.0

## Arrests\*

\*Includes ALL arrests by NYPD and all other outside agencies (FBI, DEA, Pvt. Sec., etc) within the confines of this precinct.

<b>All Arrests</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>-13.5</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>47.6</b>
Murder	0	0	****	1	0	****	0	0	****	****	****	****
Rape	0	0	****	0	0	****	0	0	****	****	-100.0	-100.0
Robbery	4	8	-50.0	8	14	-42.8	4	8	-50.0	33.3	300.0	33.3
Fel. Assault	0	1	-100.0	3	4	-25.0	0	2	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0
Burglary	2	0	****	2	0	****	2	0	****	100.0	100.0	-33.3
Gr. Larceny	0	1	-100.0	2	2	0.0	0	1	-100.0	-100.0	****	-100.0
G.L.A.	0	0	****	0	0	****	0	0	****	****	-100.0	****
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-40.0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-20.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>-45.4</b>	<b>-25.0</b>	<b>-33.3</b>	<b>-60.0</b>
Gun	0	0	****	0	0	****	0	0	****	****		
Narcotics	10	5	100.0	25	12	108.3	19	5	280.0	-24.0	26.6	-34.4
DWI	3	3	0.0	3	7	-57.1	3	5	-40.0	0.0	200.0	
VTL 511	10	8	25.0	33	33	0.0	15	13	15.3	200.0	36.3	
PSB	24	36	-33.3	107	86	24.4	39	45	-13.3	-4.8	-15.2	95.0
OCCB	6	2	200.0	15	4	275.0	13	2	550.0	-7.1	116.6	-43.4
Det. Bureau	6	5	20.0	15	13	15.3	8	7	14.2	-11.1	-27.2	300.0
Transit	22	12	83.3	52	34	52.9	28	17	64.7	40.0	250.0	600.0
Housing	5	5	0.0	17	21	-19.0	7	9	-22.2	-73.0	75.0	-53.3

## Summons Activity / Reports

Parking	416	296	40.5	1,132	1,256	-9.8	509	545	-6.6	-11.7	-40.2
Moving	188	188	0.0	486	732	-33.6	235	323	-27.2	-16.3	-3.6
Criminal	46	44	4.5	178	234	-23.9	61	66	-7.5	-45.5	-35.1
ECB	0	1	-100.0	0	1	-100.0	0	1	-100.0	****	-100.0
DIR	0	0	****	0	0	****	0	0	****	****	-100.0

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Murder	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	**** *
Rape	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	-100.0
Robbery	1	8	-87.5	14	22	-36.3	1	11	-90.9	-96.1
Fel. Assault	2	2	0.0	9	13	-30.7	5	3	66.6	-72.2
Burglary	1	2	-50.0	2	10	-80.0	1	4	-75.0	-97.5
Gr. Larceny	4	0	**** *	13	8	62.5	4	0	**** *	-63.6
G.L.A.	1	1	0.0	6	6	0.0	1	2	-50.0	-90.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-30.7</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>-25.4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-40.0</b>	<b>-88.6</b>
PSB	8	13	-38.4	43	58	-25.8	11	20	-45.0	-89.6
Transit	1	0	**** *	1	1	0.0	1	0	**** *	**** *
Housing	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	**** *
Shooting Vic.	1	0	**** *	2	1	100.0	2	0	**** *	0.0
Shooting Inc.	1	0	**** *	2	1	100.0	2	0	**** *	0.0
Rape 1	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	-100.0

## Arrests\*

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<b>All Arrests</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>**** *</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>**** *</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>**** *</b>	<b>-100.0</b>
Murder	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	-100.0
Rape	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	-100.0
Robbery	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	-100.0
Fel. Assault	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	-100.0
Burglary	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	-100.0
Gr. Larceny	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	-100.0
G.L.A.	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	**** *
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>**** *</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>**** *</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>**** *</b>	<b>-100.0</b>
Gun	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	-100.0
Narcotics	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	-100.0
DWI	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	**** *
VTL 511	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	**** *
PSB	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	-100.0
OCCB	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	-100.0
Det. Bureau	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	-100.0
Transit	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	-100.0
Housing	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	**** *

## Summons Activity / Reports

Parking	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	**** *
Moving	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	**** *
Criminal	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	**** *
ECB	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	**** *
DIR	34	45	-24.4	145	168	-13.6	53	62	-14.5	**** *



# CompStat

Patrol Borough  
Manhattan North

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Murder	1	2	-50.0	2	7	-71.4	1	4	-75.0	-50.0	-66.6	-90.0
Rape	2	2	0.0	6	11	-45.4	2	5	-60.0	0.0	-77.7	-88.2
Robbery	50	69	-27.5	250	287	-12.8	77	108	-28.7	-17.2	-37.4	-74.5
Fel. Assault	29	42	-30.9	121	145	-16.5	54	68	-20.5	-1.8	-38.6	-66.2
Burglary	22	46	-52.1	91	163	-44.1	32	69	-53.6	-43.8	-63.6	-90.8
Gr. Larceny	110	124	-11.2	406	435	-6.6	142	178	-20.2	-19.7	4.4	-56.0
G.L.A.	20	22	-9.0	61	73	-16.4	26	32	-18.7	44.4	-33.3	-91.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>-23.78</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>-16.41</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>-28.02</b>	<b>-17.33</b>	<b>-31.2</b>	<b>-77.34</b>
PSB	204	278	-26.6	828	1,007	-17.7	291	417	-30.2	-20.4	-32.0	-80.2
Transit	14	9	55.5	37	31	19.3	17	12	41.6	240.0	41.6	
Housing	16	20	-20.0	72	83	-13.2	26	35	-25.7	-21.2	-43.4	
Shooting Vic.	2	1	100.0	10	12	-16.6	3	3	0.0	-50.0	-50.0	-90.0
Shooting Inc.	2	1	100.0	9	11	-18.1	3	3	0.0	-25.0	-50.0	-88.4
Rape 1	0	0	**** *	4	7	-42.8	0	3	-100.0	-100.0	*** *	-100.0

## Arrests\*

\*Includes ALL arrests by NYPD and all other outside agencies (FBI, DEA, Pvt. Sec., etc) within the confines of this precinct.

<b>All Arrests</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>1,263</b>	<b>-6.7</b>	<b>3,450</b>	<b>3,825</b>	<b>-9.8</b>	<b>1,680</b>	<b>1,972</b>	<b>-14.8</b>	<b>-19.3</b>	<b>-5.8</b>	<b>33.2</b>
Murder	3	0	**** *	7	2	250.0	3	1	200.0	200.0	200.0	-76.9
Rape	2	2	0.0	3	6	-50.0	2	5	-60.0	-33.3	-60.0	-88.2
Robbery	44	47	-6.3	104	132	-21.2	57	70	-18.5	-3.3	11.7	-41.8
Fel. Assault	22	33	-33.3	107	114	-6.1	51	52	-1.9	0.0	-36.2	-32.8
Burglary	5	6	-16.6	27	36	-25.0	7	18	-61.1	-53.3	-56.2	-82.0
Gr. Larceny	29	26	11.5	88	69	27.5	37	38	-2.6	94.7	27.5	68.1
G.L.A.	4	3	33.3	9	9	0.0	5	4	25.0	150.0	-16.6	-80.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>-6.8</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>-13.8</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>-13.8</b>	<b>-43.1</b>
Gun	8	9	-11.1	18	21	-14.2	12	16	-25.0	0.0		
Narcotics	218	308	-29.2	535	741	-27.8	318	436	-27.0	-37.2	-32.6	-26.3
DWI	26	31	-16.1	91	119	-23.5	53	49	8.1	20.4	211.7	
VTL 511	99	99	0.0	333	319	4.3	125	158	-20.8	-11.3	12.6	
PSB	540	674	-19.8	1,867	2,232	-16.3	822	1,083	-24.0	-20.1	-3.2	25.1
OCCB	173	222	-22.0	431	434	-0.6	256	305	-16.0	-38.7	-38.7	34.0
Det. Bureau	119	101	17.8	296	285	3.8	157	165	-4.8	-2.4	-12.2	101.2
Transit	134	121	10.7	359	341	5.2	176	187	-5.8	-18.1	33.3	19.7
Housing	168	114	47.3	386	428	-9.8	213	179	18.9	7.5	17.0	58.9

## Summons Activity / Reports

Parking	4,919	5,269	-6.6	16,282	17,340	-6.1	6,754	8,414	-19.7	29.1	-38.5
Moving	2,199	2,428	-9.4	7,375	7,887	-6.4	2,924	3,748	-21.9	-20.8	-1.5
Criminal	928	1,741	-46.6	3,618	5,340	-32.2	1,365	2,363	-42.2	-41.5	-16.7
ECB	2	9	-77.7	8	48	-83.3	4	10	-60.0	-88.2	-96.1
DIR	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	0	0	**** *	**** *	-100.0

**COMMUNITY BOARD #9 DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETING**

**1/14/09**

**TRESPASS AFFIDAVITS**

443 (337)

**NARCOTIC EVICTIONS**

1,710

RESIDENTIAL

1,604

COMMERCIAL

106

2008

RESIDENTIAL

13

**TRESPASS ARRESTS**

**PENDING MISDEMEANORS**

17

JAIL

4

**MARIJUANA ARRESTS**

**PENDING FELONIES**

4

**PENDING MISDEMEANORS**

38

**CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE/COMMUNITY SERVICE**

3

**CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE/DRUG TREATMENT**

3

JAIL

4

**DRUG ARRESTS**

**PENDING FELONIES**

24

**PENDING MISDEMEANORS**

13

**CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE/COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2

**CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE/DRUG TREATMENT**

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JAIL

20

**LARCENY ARRESTS**

**PENDING FELONIES**

**5**

**PENDING MISDEMEANORS**

**10**

**JAIL**

**7**

**ROBBERY ARRESTS**

**PENDING FELONIES**

**18**

**WEAPONS ARRESTS**

**PENDING FELONIES**

**7**

**PENDING MISDEMEANORS**

**16**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARRESTS**

**PENDING FELONIES**

**7**

**PENDING MISDEMEANORS**

**29**

**MILINDA EVANS CASE**

**GUN BUY BACK PROGRAM**

**SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM**



ROBERT M. MORGENTHAU  
MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
ANNOUNCES

**THE LEGAL BOUND PROGRAM  
2009 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

- ❖ The Manhattan District Attorney's Office invites Junior High and High School students to apply for the **2009 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**.
- ❖ To apply, students must reside in Manhattan and be between the ages of 14 and 17 (18 years old if still in high school).
- ❖ Qualified students should send a resume and an essay explaining their interest in law to the address listed below and postmarked no later than FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2009. We will contact each student who sends these materials and schedule an interview. Interview appointments are limited.
- ❖ Please send a resume and essay to:  
  
Community Affairs Unit  
New York County District Attorney's Office  
Attention: Ms. Carol Ragsdale  
One Hogan Place, Room 824  
New York, New York 10013  
Telephone: (212) 335-9082
- ❖ Interviews are scheduled Monday through Thursday (during after-school hours) **from mid-January through April. FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009 is the last day of interviews**. The interviews will take place at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, located at 1 Hogan Place or the Northern Manhattan Office, located in the Adam Clayton Powell State Office building, 163 West 125th Street.
- ❖ **Students must bring two reference letters (one from the current school) to the interview.**



Department of  
Housing Preservation  
& Development

DIVISION OF NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

# *West Harlem Initiative*

*560 West 133<sup>rd</sup> Street, New York, NY 10027*

## *An HPD Initiative in West Harlem*

- Information about Tenant's Rights and Legal Services
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- Information on Available Housing Opportunities
- Information and Resources Available for Owners Interested in Maintaining the Affordability and Condition of Residential Properties

**MON - FRI: 10AM – 4PM**  
**(212) 283-0222**

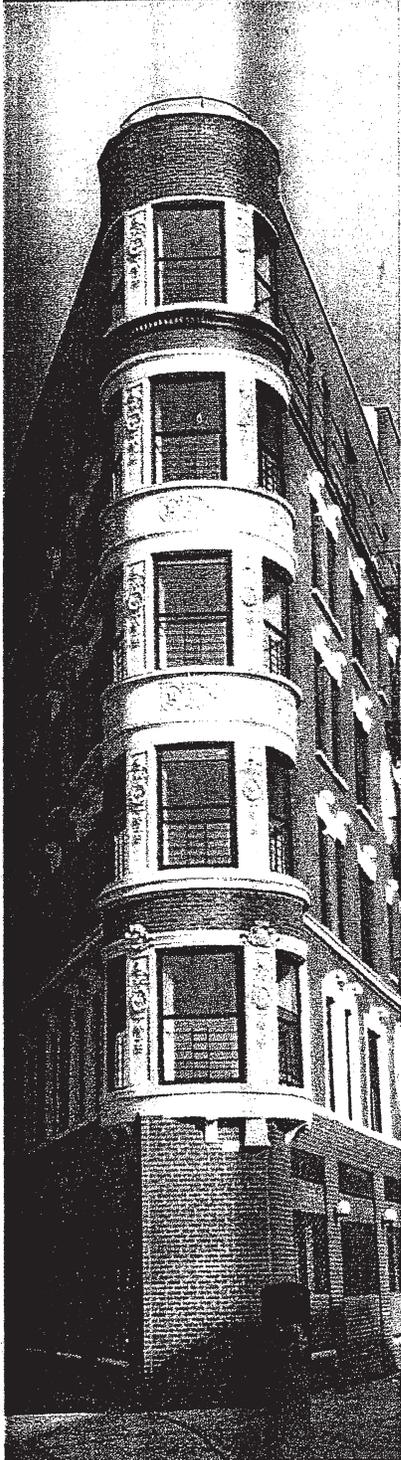
MICHAEL R. BLOOMBERG, *Mayor*  
SHAUN DONOVAN, *Commissioner*  
[nyc.gov/hpd](http://nyc.gov/hpd)



The Citizen's Service Center  
at 3-1-1



Printed on paper containing 30% post-consumer material.



## New York State Wants to Help You Control Your Energy Bills

To help you stay warm this winter and control your energy bills, New York State now has a special HeatSmartNY<sup>®</sup> toll-free number and Web site.

By calling 1-877-NY-SMART or visiting HeatSmartNY.org, you can learn about programs to help you manage your energy bills, save money, discover simple tips to cut your energy costs, and protect the environment.

### Tips to Help You Save Energy

- Reduce drafts around windows and doors, and you can save up to 20% on your heating bills.
- Open your shades and drapes during the day to let sunlight in, and close them at night to keep cold air out.
- Close your fireplace flue when it's not in use.
- Lower your thermostat – for every one degree you lower your thermostat for a 24-hour period, you could save 3% on your heating bills.
- Use a programmable thermostat to lower temperatures automatically while you are at work, at night, or when you are away. You can save about \$100 a year.
- Set your water heater no higher than 120 degrees.
- Have your furnace or boiler inspected and insulate your hot water pipes.
- Clean or replace your furnace filter once a month and save \$10-\$30 a year.
- Insulate and seal heating ducts. Poorly sealed ducts can waste 10-30% of your energy.
- Use Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs), which last 10 times longer, use 75% less electricity and run cooler than incandescent bulbs.

## Take the Chill Out of Your Winter Energy Bills.

Whether you rent an apartment or own your own home, follow these simple tips to control energy costs –

Insulate your attic and foundation space.

Check your furnace filter monthly.

Use a programmable thermostat.

Use ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> appliances.

Switch to CFL bulbs.

Caulk cracks around windows and doors.

Close vents in rooms not in use.

Close your shades and drapes at night.

Use your utility's budget plan.

And, if you're having trouble paying your energy bills, this toll-free number and Web site can connect you to assistance programs.

**HeatSmartNY** | Call 1-877-NY-SMART or visit [HeatSmartNY.org](http://HeatSmartNY.org)

## Control Your Heating Costs

Heating costs are made up of two factors: cost of the heating fuel and amount of heating fuel you use. HeatSmartNY has resources available to help you manage energy use and cost, including:

### Financial and Bill Payment Assistance

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)  
City-sponsored assistance programs, such as:  
Budget plans, which provide equal monthly payments  
Deferred payment agreements, which may be available if you have fallen behind on your bill and cannot pay in full  
Helpline for consumer complaints and inquiries  
Hotline for gas/electric shutoffs

### Energy Efficiency Programs

ERDA energy efficiency programs  
R Weatherization Assistance Program  
Community-based energy services programs

### HeatSmartNY Workshops

HeatSmartNY workshops are available across the State to assist you in controlling energy costs.

For more information on these and other programs, call 1-877-NY-SMART or visit [HeatSmartNY.org](http://HeatSmartNY.org)

## Your Electric or Gas Utility

For energy-saving tips, payment option plans and financial assistance programs offered by your utility, contact:

### Central Hudson Gas & Electric

1-800-527-2714 • [www.denergygroup.com](http://www.denergygroup.com)

### Consolidated Edison

1-800-752-6633 • [www.coned.com](http://www.coned.com)

### Conning Natural Gas Corporation

1-607-936-3735 • [www.conninggas.com](http://www.conninggas.com)

### National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation

1-800-365-3234 • [www.nationalfuelgas.com](http://www.nationalfuelgas.com)

### National Grid

1-800-642-4272 • [www.nationalgridus.com](http://www.nationalgridus.com)

### Metro (formerly KeySpan Energy Delivery)

1-718-643-4050 • [www2.nationalgridus.com](http://www2.nationalgridus.com)

### Long Island (formerly KeySpan Energy Delivery)

1-800-930-5003

### New York State Electric and Gas

1-631-755-6200 (for calls outside the territory)  
[www2.nationalgridus.com](http://www2.nationalgridus.com)

### Orange and Rockland

1-877-434-4100 • [www.oru.com](http://www.oru.com)

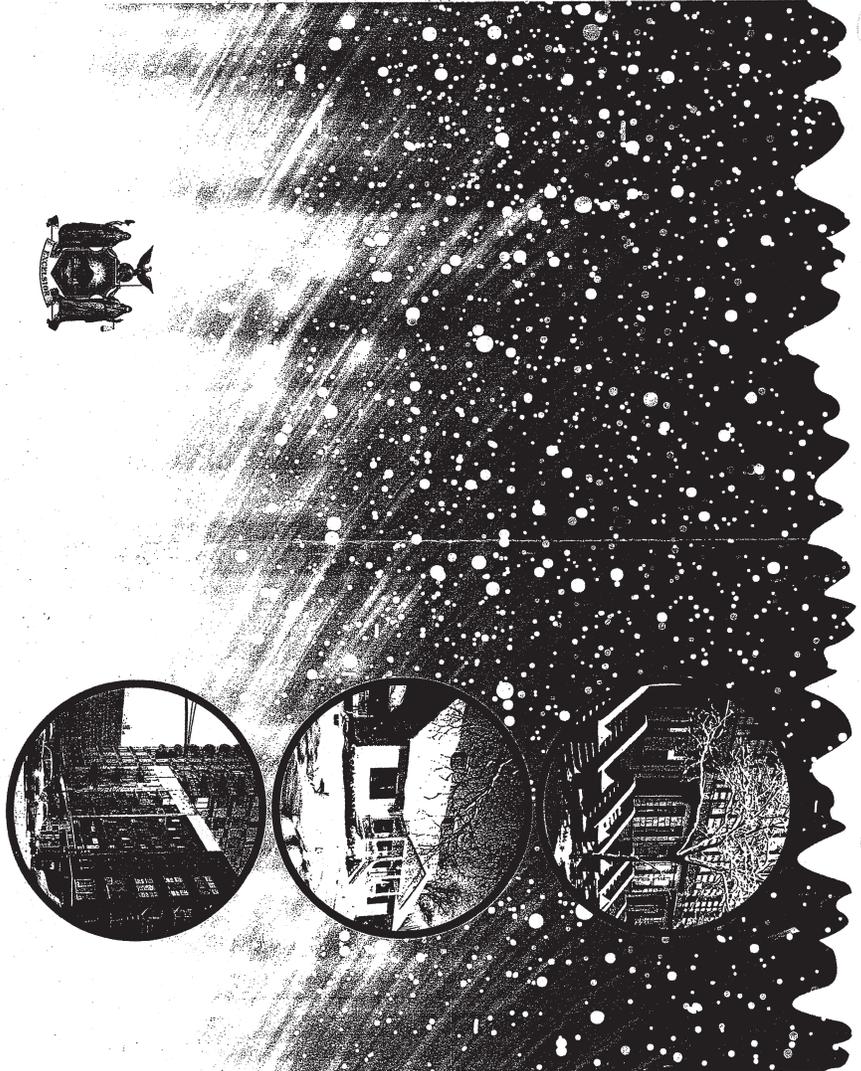
### Rochester Gas and Electric

1-800-743-2010 • [www.rge.com](http://www.rge.com)

### St. Lawrence Gas Company

1-800-673-3301 • [www.stlawrencegas.com](http://www.stlawrencegas.com)

# Heat Smart New York.



To learn more about programs to help you control your energy bills, call

1-877-NY-SMART

or visit

[HeatSmartNY.org](http://HeatSmartNY.org)

Simple, affordable ways to cut your energy costs and keep warm this winter.

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SCOTT M. STRINGER  
BOROUGH PRESIDENT

**Testimony of  
Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer  
before the Metropolitan Transit Authority**

December 17, 2008

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When the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) announced the now infamous doomsday budget last month, I testified before this Board urging you to reconsider the Access-A-Ride fare hike, a proposal that shifts the burden of our collective transportation debt onto the backs of New Yorkers with disabilities.

You have presented a budget proposal that not only calls for an Access-A-Ride fare hike from \$2 to as much as \$5, but couples it with a reduction in bus service that will leave thousands of New Yorkers with disabilities stranded in their homes.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires us to provide "comparable" transit services for people with disabilities. How can the MTA claim to meet this requirement with a broadly inaccessible subway system, a reduction in bus coverage, and a paratransit Access-a-Ride fare that is double the base fare? The MTA wants to charge a disenfranchised, underemployed population twice the fare charged to their non-disabled neighbors, while at the same time, providing a transit system that manages to be even less accessible than it had been previously.

The proposal calls for service reductions on 20 Manhattan buses. Last week, my office investigated the impacts that you ignored and discovered that while the selection took into consideration parallel subway routes, it failed to consider the accessibility of each subway station.

For example:

- Slated for weekend elimination: the M21 runs from Gramercy to Soho. It passes six subway stations – none of which are ADA accessible.
- Slated for daytime elimination: the M10 runs from Herald Square to the Harlem River. It passes eight subway stations between 59th Street and 116th Street – none of which are ADA accessible.

- Slated for elimination: the M8, runs along 8th Street river to river. It passes three subway stations – only one of which is ADA accessible.
- Slated for daytime elimination: The M104 runs from Turtle Bay to Morningside Heights. Of the eight IRT stations it passes between 59th Street and 116th Street, only one is ADA-accessible.
- Slated for daytime elimination: the M18 runs from Central Park North to Washington Heights. For more than 2 miles on Convent Avenue it passes no subway stations and crosses no other bus lines.

The true outrage here is the compound impact of reducing bus service while raising the fare for Access-A-Ride. With fewer bus routes available, riders whose disability or health condition prevents them from using subways will have to rely more heavily on Access-A-Ride, the very service whose fare is about to double.

In the weeks since my last testimony, I have met with transportation watchdogs, disability rights activists, and transit riders all over the city. I collected 2,400 signatures of concerned New Yorkers outraged by the dispassion and disengagement that the MTA has shown its riders. These proposals only serve to distract us from finding real solutions to the budget challenges that we face.

We need proposals that are creative and courageous. We need bold ideas and real leadership. I want to commend the Ravitch Commission, which took a broad overview of the MTA's expense and capital budget needs, and made some strong recommendations, including a region-wide payroll tax. I applaud the Governor for creating this Commission and I urge the Board to work with the Commission, the State and the City to adopt real solutions.

New Yorkers with disabilities are essential to the culture, the character and the economy of New York City. Any MTA budget proposal must reflect this.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.



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**Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer  
Testimony before the New York City Council  
Committee on Aging and Subcommittee on Senior Centers**

**December 4, 2008**

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Good afternoon. Thank you Chairperson Arroyo, Chairperson Vacca, and members of the Committees on Aging and Senior Centers, for the opportunity to testify today on the impact of the Department for the Aging's modernization plan on the City's senior centers and in favor of Intro 821-A.

By 2030, 20 percent of our city's residents will be over the age of 60. It is therefore critical that we strengthen our infrastructure and programs to ensure seniors are well supported as they age. I am concerned that the Administration is not working in good faith to take us in that direction. I have been to hearings, press conferences and meetings asking the Administration to reconsider the modernization efforts. I hope that today someone will start listening.

There is bad news to contend with. The country is in recession and each of us will need to make sacrifices. There are tough choices to be made, but has DFTA given up the responsibility of helping seniors age with health, dignity and safety? How else should we interpret reducing Social Adult Day Care by over \$1 million? And how is reducing funding to Elder Abuse Prevention by \$424,000 in the best interest of vulnerable senior citizens? At the same time, the Administration is trying to take away the funding Borough Presidents give to senior centers and programs in their boroughs. DFTA has not convinced me that the reductions to their budget from FY08 to FY09 will not result in decreased services, in fact, just the opposite. In combination, these cuts will result in the decimation of senior services as we know them.

Make no mistake, modernization is not simply a response to the fiscal crisis, it is an attempt by the Administration to further an agenda. Are we going to retreat back to the David Stockman model of crisis management, turn our backs on the needy and starve government programs? We must be willing to invest in our seniors with the confidence that the economy will rebound. It is irresponsible and shortsighted to focus on balancing the budget on the backs of the people who built this great City.

My overarching concern with the DFTA modernization plan is the number of proposals released in rapid succession seeking to institute changes which the advocate and provider communities have told me they do not support. I understand that change is necessary in order to prepare for the coming "longevity revolution," but I have concerns about the hasty nature of these changes and the lack of consideration that has been given to the opinions and needs of the providers on the ground.

While DFTA rightfully seeks ways to improve senior center utilization and encourages centers to dream and plan big, it must also recognize and support existing programs that we know to be efficient and reliable. I hope that DFTA will consider the following issues carefully and address these concerns.

1. **DFTA must convince me that centers will maintain core services at all contracted senior centers with the proposed changes in funding.** Educational, cultural and recreational programs are valuable to all seniors; however, with the current economic downturn and the rapidly aging population, we can assume there will be an increased demand for core services. I urge DFTA to identify baseline requirements for core service commitments that all senior centers must provide, particularly in regards to nutrition.
2. **DFTA must inform the public which senior centers will close, and ensure adequate geographic coverage amidst the closures.** In practical terms, modernization will result in fewer senior centers that are larger in size and more comprehensive in scope. DFTA has a responsibility to ensure that all seniors have access to a center a reasonable distance from their home. The Council is moving DFTA in the right direction with Intro 821-A which requires that public notification be given when senior centers face cuts, consolidation or closure.
3. **DFTA must consider transportation services for seniors who will have to travel further distances to reach their nearest center.** Accessibility is one of the most important factors in senior center utilization. If it is too difficult for seniors to reach their centers, they will simply stay home. The travel distance, number of buses or subways that need to be taken, and number of busy roads that must be crossed will all factor into a senior's decision about using a center. DFTA must understand that no senior center proposal is complete without a comprehensive transportation plan.
4. **DFTA must maintain culturally appropriate services.** Many centers have developed specialized cultural, nutritional and social programming to cater to the demographics of the communities they serve. This often includes bilingual staff. If centers are consolidated or closed, DFTA must ensure that seniors have access to services that are culturally appropriate to them.
5. **DFTA must preserve social networks amidst senior center closures.** Many seniors have long standing relationships with staff and other seniors at their local centers. These relationships are strong contributors to the health and well-being of seniors. I urge DFTA to acknowledge the importance of these relationships and develop a plan to preserve the existing social networks that have been created through senior centers.

6. **DFTA must support senior center management and staff in the transition to evidence based practice and new models of service delivery.** It is generally understood that there will be a reduction in the number of senior centers in 2009 – 2010 and a reduction in DFTA's total annual budget. It is an unfair expectation that senior centers should be able to provide the same level of service with less funding. Further, the proposed shift to evidence-based programming will require additional training and resources for agency staff. DFTA must carefully consider the increased burden that may be placed on staff and ensure that the appropriate training and supports are in place before the contracts take effect. It is time for DFTA to think creatively. Consider collaborating with colleges and universities to place graduate students in senior centers to research, implement and evaluate evidence-based practice.
7. **DFTA must ensure that resources continue to go to services.** In my conversations with Administration, DFTA assured me that modernization will result in no service reduction. Then DFTA passed a 3% reduction onto service providers. To claim this is not DFTA reducing services is wholly disingenuous. The ideas proposed in the modernization plan require substantial senior center changes—changes that will likely be costly to implement. I fear senior centers will be pushed to cut back on other services, or will face overall financial insecurity. Many senior centers already fundraise to meet their basic operational needs. To require that they meet their own development needs will shift staff resources away from where it should be—focused on seniors.

My primary recommendation to DFTA is to retract the Senior Center RFP until the concerns raised today can be adequately addressed. The aging network is already reeling from the case management transition and is preparing to absorb more changes as the new home delivered meals contracts are fully implemented. I am deeply concerned that DFTA's modernization efforts are creating delays in service delivery and will end up hurting seniors rather than helping them.

I've seen DFTA make demands on the providers and seniors, and it's about time DFTA started answering to some of our demands for transparency and accountability. I am here today to ask the Council to stand up and say no to DFTA's ill-conceived modernization plan. I look forward to working with you and our senior service providers to responsibly prepare New York City's senior centers for the future.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer  
**Sent:** Friday, December 19, 2008 5:31 PM  
**To:** Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer  
**Subject:** Great News to Share

Dear Friends:

I am writing today to share good news. Deputy Mayor Gibbs, Speaker Quinn, and the new DFTA Commissioner Lilliam Barrios-Paoli announced this morning that the senior center RFP has been put on hold. This is a tremendous victory which was won by thousands of dedicated seniors, advocates and elected officials working together. Congratulations to all of you who wrote letters, attended rallies, gave testimony at hearings, called on your friends to stand with you, and refused to back down. Congratulations are also in order for Speaker Quinn, Councilmember Arroyo and Councilmember Vacca for their leadership on this issue.

I have said from the beginning that DFTA's "modernization" plan was ill-conceived. Improved services for seniors are greatly needed, but this will not be achieved by closing centers that are working well. DFTA needs to start from scratch and come up with a plan that builds on the strengths of our current system, rather than doing away with it.

To read testimony that I presented before the City Council Committee on Aging and Subcommittee on Senior Centers, click: [here](#)

To read testimony I presented to DFTA, click: [here](#)

Yours truly,



Scott M. Stringer

Manhattan Borough President



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Mayor

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Commissioner

**NOTICE  
OF  
EXAMINATION**

**ASSISTANT GARDENER**

**Exam. No. 8076**

**WHEN TO APPLY:** From: January 7, 2009  
To: January 27, 2009

**APPLICATION FEE: \$35.00**  
Payable by mail by money order to DCAS  
(EXAMS) or payable online by credit card,  
bank card, or debit card.

**THE TEST DATE:** The multiple-choice test is expected to be held on Saturday, April 18, 2009.

**WHAT THE JOB INVOLVES:** Assistant Gardeners, under supervision, assist in and perform tasks such as planting, cultivating and caring for trees, flowers, plants, shrubs and other flora. Assist in and perform tasks involved in the maintenance and operations of greenhouses and nurseries. Assist in and perform tasks involved in operation and care of hand and power gardening tools and equipment. Perform simple record keeping and prepare simple written reports. Drive vehicles and operate other motorized equipment incidental to the performance of duties. All Assistant Gardeners perform related work.

**Special Working Conditions:** Assistant Gardeners may be required to work shifts including nights, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Some of the physical activities performed by Assistant Gardeners and environmental conditions experienced are: Standing, bending, kneeling and stooping for extended periods of time; climbing around and over various types of terrain; loading and unloading plants and horticulture supplies; operating mechanized equipment; and working outdoors in all kinds of weather. These tasks may be performed in City grounds and propagation facilities.

(This is a brief description of what you might do in this position and does not include all the duties of this position.)

**THE SALARY:** The current minimum salary is \$33,840 per annum. This rate is subject to change.

**HOW TO APPLY:** If you believe that you meet the requirements in the "How to Qualify" section, there are two ways to apply for this examination:

1. **Online at the DCAS Website:** If you wish to apply online, go to the DCAS Online Application System (OASys) at [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs) and follow the onscreen application instructions for electronically submitting your application and payment, and completing any required forms. The following methods of payment are acceptable: major credit card, bank card associated with a bank account, or prepaid debit card which you may purchase online or at various retail outlets.
2. **By mail:** Refer to the "Required Forms" section below for the form(s) that you must fill out. Return all completed form(s) and the application fee to DCAS Applications Unit, 1 Centre Street, 14th floor, New York, NY 10007 by mail only.

DCAS will not accept applications in person from candidates.

**HOW TO QUALIFY:**

**Education and Experience Requirements:** By the last day of the Application Period you must have:

1. One year of full-time experience in gardening work, including experience in each of the following: planting, cultivating and caring for trees, plants shrubs and lawns; or
2. A certificate from a horticulture or botanic program containing college-level courses, such as programs offered by the New York Botanical Garden, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, etc.; or
3. A satisfactory combination of education and/or experience that is equivalent to "1" above. Thirty semester credits from an accredited college, at least fifteen of which must be in horticulture, agriculture, agronomy, plant pathology, botany, landscape design or architecture, entomology, forestry, floriculture, plant production, and/or crop management, may be substituted for the one year of the work experience described in "1" above.

**READ CAREFULLY AND SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE**