

July, 2010 District Manager's Report

Highlights from the District Service Cabinet Meeting (6/10/10)

PSA-6 -Domestic Violence is on the rise, PSA-6 is hosting a Domestic Violence Forum during the Summer. Family Day will be held on the following dates: Manhattanville Houses (8/14/10, and Grant Houses (8/21/10); National Night Out will be held on August 3, 2010 at the Polo Grounds Housing Development.

26th Pct. - Residential Graffiti Removal should be reported to 311, once reported Sanitation will power wash graffiti at no cost to landlord; \$500 reward for the report and apprehension of Graffiti Vandals.

DA's Office -Manhattan DA Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., launched a newly formed Hate Crimes Unit. This Unit will strengthen the Office's existing work in investigating the prosecuting hate and bias crimes. District Attorney Vance also announced the appointment of a veteran prosecutor, Assistant District Attorney Joan Illuzzi-Orbon, as Chief of the Unit.

As part of DA Vance's hate crimes initiative, the Office will collaborate with the New York City Police Department and community organizations to develop strategies that seek to prevent bias motivated crimes, whether based on religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation.

Manhattan DA Cyrus R. Vance, Jr., announced the expansion of the Office's Vehicular Crimes Unit. This expansion will enhance the resources and abilities of the Manhattan District Attorney's Office to investigate, prosecute and prevent vehicular crimes. In addition, the DA's Office will work more closely with the NYPD in investigating these cases, advocate for new legislation to strengthen the state's vehicular crimes laws, support local New York City vehicular safety law enhancements, and host a training summit this fall for law enforcement from across the state.

Sanitation -Reported DOT has been requested to replace missing street cleaning signs throughout various locations within District 9, which will allow the mechanical sweepers to clean the streets; Sanitation also requested that DOT install signs allowing loading and unloading for Tractor Trailers on 12th Avenue.

Parks -Repainting is under way at the 148th Street Playground along the Hudson River Parkway; Parks and NYPD have kept a strong presence at Playground warning no alcoholic beverages are allowed; St. Nicholas Park (Plaza) is participating in the City-wide Initiative "Make Music" a Piano will be installed at the Park on 6/21/10 thru 7/5/10.

Pools - All Pools in the District are scheduled to open on Thursday, July 8, 2010.

City Council Member Robert Jackson -Reported a drop in the Census since it has gone into the numerator phase; July 10, 2010 Relay Event at Riverbank State Park 9am to 11pm participants will walk the track promoting and raising funds for Cancer Research.

MBPO – Scott Stringer – Announced the MBPO/Bank On is looking to enroll 10,000 unbanked families throughout the Borough, with the highest concentration in the communities of China Town, Harlem, and Washington Heights; **Manhattan Borough President is co-hosting an Upper West Side Town Hall Meeting**, Tuesday, July 13, 2010, from 6-8p.m.; at the Goddard Riverside Community Center, 593 Columbus Avenue (Bet. 88th and 89th Street) for further info. and to RSVP please contact BP's Office at (212) 669-4462 or events@manhattanbp.org

MBPO announced an agreement on the State Funding for Student Metro Cards, the MTA and the State Legislature have reached a funding agreement that keeps the Student Metro Card program running, which is a relief to parents and students across the city.

Public Advocate Bill de Blasio released a comprehensive charter revision proposal that would enhance government transparency and accountability, foster a new level of civic engagement, and help restore the balance of power at City Hall. There were also four (4) critical points that the Public Advocate has proposed to strengthen and support Community Boards;

- 1). Independent Budgets for Community Boards
- 2). Providing Community Boards with a resource center in each borough with an Officer of Urban Planning;
- 3). Categorizing Community Boards as 501 C3's and giving them non-profit establishment assistance so they are able to fundraise
- 4). Developing a Community Benefit Agreement Tracker to insure that communities get their fair share from developers.

Public Advocate is hosting an Open-Forum Town Hall Meeting in Washington Heights/Northern Manhattan. This meeting is an opportunity for members of the community to discuss the issues that are important to them with their elected officials. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 21st from 7pm-9pm at the Isabella Geriatric Center, 515 Audubon Ave. at 190th Street, New York, NY 10040. The doors will open at 6:30pm. Interpretation services will be available and refreshments will be served. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Phil Jones at (212) 669-7200 or organize@pubadvocate.nyc.gov

Announcements:

RiverBank State Park – Operating hours have been restored to full operation.

MTA – The 125th Street Viaduct Repainting Project has begun, and will last for one year. During the phases of the project structural cleaning and the removal of loose paint from the viaduct will occur, the work areas will be enclosed with tarps and a vacuum will be used to collect the debris. The MTANYC Transit and its contractors are required to abide by all

applicable Federal, State and City regulations regarding the removal of paint. In order to perform this project on the elevated track structure, access to the roadway and the temporary modification of traffic flow directly adjacent to the active work areas will be restricted. All applicable permits for the modification of existing traffic regulations have been obtained from the NYC Department of Transportation as follows:

- Two lanes of traffic in each direction will be maintained along Broadway;
- Project-required equipment will occupy the roadway directly adjacent to the median on both sides of the work area; and
- Vehicular traffic will be shifted to the curb-side and middle lanes in each direction along Broadway.

Due to the width of the roadway adjacent to the project area, parking for private vehicles will be temporarily suspended along Broadway between LaSalle Street and West 133rd Street for the duration of this work.

Join the Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer in celebrating the 21st Anniversary of the Dominican Parade, Thursday, July 15th, 2010, 10:30am – 12Noon, One Centre Street, 19th floor, Large Conference Room, to RSVP, please call (212) 669-4374 or receptions@manhattanbp.org

Manhattanville Health Station is open and providing free HIV, and STD testing; free Pap smears; Hepatitis B Vaccine, for further info, please contact Yvonne Flores, Clinic Manager at (212) 531-7203.

Free Health Clinic at St. Mary's Church, 521 W. 126th Street on Tuesday's 5:30p.m. – 8:30p.m.

Submitted by,



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