

District Manager's Report  
March/April 2004

For the Month of March 2004 staff had approximately 1,100 contacts (see attached), with the most after Board Business being those seeking information.

Borough Services Cabinet – Ms. Prince attended the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes from February will be attached for the April 15th General Board. The next meeting is April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

District Services Cabinet – Minutes from the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting attached for the April 15th General Board, with highlights from the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting given verbally.

**DISTURBING CRIME TRENDS** – Both of our Police Precincts (26 & 30) have experienced increases in the major crime categories. In the 26<sup>th</sup> it is Assaults and Robberies that are up (Year to Date there is a 60% increase), while in the 30<sup>th</sup> Homicides, Rapes and Grand Larceny Auto has been on the rise. Some of these figures may be reporting as with stats in Housing Property going to the 26, and Grand Larceny in both Precincts affected by the policy of reporting missing credit cards etc. not where they were lost but in the command in which you reside.

That does not change the fact that the Amalgamated Bank on West 125<sup>th</sup> Street, and Green Point at West 145<sup>th</sup> and St. Nicholas were robbed five days apart, or that Gang activity on the Precinct borders and stabbings are up. Even Transit District 3 is showing a Month to date increase of 80%. After years of dropping crime Board 9M is NOT READY to ACCEPT a REVERSAL.

Events Attended;

April 2, 2004 – I attended the Career Day at I.S. 172 & RMAL I.S. 286 (see attached) along with Board Member Frances Mack, meant to give the children in this troubled school which I have reported on POSITIVE ROLE MODELS and careers to aspire to. Ms. Mack set up Community Board 9 Table and spoke in the Morning session. I spoke in the afternoon.

The event was coordinated by Mr. Melvin Alston of ACS who should be commended in bringing together over thirty speakers.

April 3, 2004 – I attended the Fundraiser for the Daly Day Academy (see attached) which was founded in September 2003 by Parents and Teachers from the now defunct Modern School. While located on West 146<sup>th</sup> Street in Board 10M, 40 of their 75 students reside in CB9. The Event was held at River Bank State Park, and featured a Fashion Show, as well as a performance by the Main Ingredient. Our friend Jackie Rowe Adams is a supporter.

BUREACRATIC MALICE – This is a term I use every once in a while to describe when an Agency acts in such a way as to leave no other description.

I am referring to the problem that residents have been having with summonses by primarily 54 Tiemann Place, and 75 Claremont Avenue for parking in front of Pedestrian Ramps. This office first became aware of the situation around late August. Investigation showed visually that neither site was a Ped Ramp, but a Curb Cut. Letters were written to Parking Violations indicating such and asking that the summons be dismissed.

In the mean time the 26<sup>th</sup> Precinct stopped targeting that location, but Traffic Enforcement continued with a pattern of hitting drivers there after mid month, perhaps to insure a quota.

In January we found that depending on whom at PVB reviewed our letter the summonses were either dismissed or a request was made for supporting proof that these were not ped ramps. I reached out to D.O.T. who referred me to the Pedestrian Ramp Unit (Yes there is one) in Queens, who after repeated calls I sent a letter in February. When I finally spoke some one in that office in March I was told that since these locations predated 1996 they could not be Ped Ramps, but NO THEY WOULD NOT GIVE ME A LETTER to that effect!!

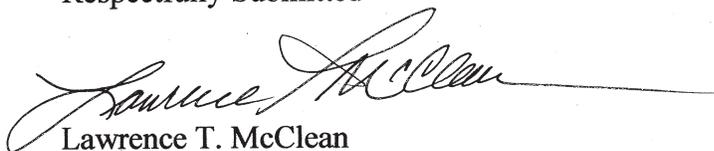
When I complained to the D.O.T. Liaison I was referred to the Department of Buildings, which is responsible for Curb Cuts (if by now your dizzy don't feel alone). The Director of Outreach at D.O.B. pulled up the info which indicated that Claremont Avenues Curb Cut was from 1958 before they put a wall in front of it, and the one on Tiemann was illegal. No I could not get a letter from them saying it was not a Pedestrian Ramp but I could get the print out as to their status as curb cuts. Mind you ALL the Tickets were for blocking a Pedestrian Ramp. So I asked for that and attached it with a follow up letter to PVB for persons with tickets.

In the Meantime the Chair Mr. Montblanc has agreed for us to reach out to the media about this issue, and now D.O.T. is upset saying we should be mad a Traffic Enforcement. In the mean time while this was going on for three months the NYC Dept. of Finance was raising the amount on the tickets above the ORIGINAL \$ 165.00.

Like I said at the beginning Bureacratc Malice.

WALKING WOUNDED – It is good to see Treasurer Barbara Marshall back up and around and we are heartened to note that Ramon Jennett, Laenoria Conyers, and Sophie Johnson appear to be making progress towards recover

Respectfully Submitted

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Lawrence T. McClean  
District Manager  
April 8, 2004

MONTHLY LOG

Compiled From Telephone Logs-Sign In Sheets-Correspondence

MONTH \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY:	PHONE	WALK-IN	MAIL	TOTAL
BOARD BUSINESS	<u>215</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>550</u>
PERMITS	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>17</u>
COMPLAINTS				
A) Housing	<u>10(6)</u>	<u>5(2)</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>18</u>
B) Traffic	<u>5(1)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>	
C) Police/Fire	<u>15(7)</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>30</u>
D) Environmental (noise, pollution, open hydrants, sanitation)	<u>5</u>	<u>15(9)</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>25</u>
E) Other	<u>20(2)</u>	<u>15(2)</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>45</u>
INFORMATION	<u>85</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>140</u>
REFERRAL	<u>25</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>50</u>
EMPLOYMENT	<u>5</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>30</u>
* OTHER	<u>90</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>245</u>
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>477</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>278</u>	<u>1145</u>

@ Includes Board & Committee Meetings \* Includes Legal Aid  
 \* Includes Site Visits