

April, 2012 District Manager's Report

Borough Service Cabinet Meeting – Highlights

Wi-Fi in Parks Presentation

Julie Raskin, Chief of Staff for Deputy Commissioner for Management and Budget, presented on the current state of Wi-Fi in our parks as well as the plan to expand to 13 more locations by September 2013. The City is currently in partnership with AT&T to provide Wi-Fi to 26 locations throughout the five boroughs. 19 locations have opened with 6 more locations scheduled to open this spring. The 13 additional locations are being provided by non-profits, conservancies, and BIDs. In September, DoITT signed a 10-year agreement with Cablevision and Time Warner to provide Wi-Fi in at least 32 more parks locations (probably more like 50-60).

Julie Raskin, Chief of Staff for Deputy Commissioner for Management and Budget, can be reached at (212) 360-1341 or julie.raskin@parks.nyc.gov.

DDC Project Updates

Maria Centeno, Director, Office of Community Outreach & Notification at DDC reviewed the list of active DDC projects for this fiscal year through the 2014 fiscal year. Projects were broken down by community board and status of project. Boards should aim to meet with DDC during the design phases of each individual project so as to have maximum impact on scope of project.

Maria Centeno, Director, DDC Office of Community Outreach & Notification, can be reached at (718) 391-2225.

Announcements:

The Municipal Art Society of New York is hosting a Livable Neighborhoods Training on Saturday, May 12, from 9a.m.-4p.m. at Pratt Manhattan – The Livable Neighborhoods Training, a free day-long workshop series offered by the Municipal Art Society and PRATT Institute's Programs for Sustainable Planning and Development, and is designed to provide communities with the resources needed to transform local vision into effective plans. For on-line registration, please visit www.mas.org/inp. If you would like more info. or have questions regarding registration, contact Joel Kolkmann at jkolkmann@mas.org or (212) 935-3960, ext. 1231 (see Flyer).

125th Street – BID Fourth Annual "BID ON CULTURE" Project REQUEST FOR Proposals - Banner Designs

The 125th Street Business Improvement District (the "125th Street BID"), the Harlem Arts Alliance ("HAA") and Harlem Community Development Corporation ("Harlem CDC") request proposals for the design of banners for the fourth annual BID ON CULTURE project. BID ON CULTURE is an ongoing initiative of the 125th Street BID that is intended to showcase the cultural vitality of Harlem along its primary commercial thoroughfare - the famed 125th Street. Its objective is to promote recognition and understanding of Harlem's unique and

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authentic heritage, its role as a vibrant center of culture and to help promote the continued revitalization of 125th Street as the economic and artistic heart of Harlem.

Banner designs selected through this Request for Proposal ("RFP") will help to further brand and celebrate 125th Street as the center of culture in Harlem, a community that enjoys worldwide name recognition and has an unparalleled history of contribution to the nation in all fields of human endeavor.

The fourth annual bid on culture project will consist of custom designed banners hung from streetlight poles along 125th Street, from Fifth Avenue to Morningside Avenue. The banners will be displayed starting in June 2012 to commemorate Harlem's legacy as the crossroads of diverse cultures in America.

EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: May 18, 2012, 5:00 PM. Proposals must be submitted via email to: applications@harlemaa.org or Contact: Michael Unthank, Executive Director, Harlem Arts Alliance, (347) 735-4280 click [here](#) to download the entire RFP.

"Close to Home" Public Hearing - Comment on the New Draft Juvenile Justice Plan

Close to Home is a new juvenile justice initiative to place youth, found by Family Court to have committed a delinquent act, in or close to their communities in confined residential-type settings or Non-Secure Placement (NSP) in the City. Governor Cuomo recently signed the legislation for the implementation of the initiative. In accordance with the legislation, ACS has released a draft implementation plan for NSP and is seeking comments from the community and juvenile justice stakeholders before finalizing and submitting it to the State for review and approval.

The Public is invited to submit oral or written comments at the hearings on:
Monday, May 7, 2012; 5-8p.m., Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street and **Tuesday, May 8, 2012, 10a.m. – 1p.m.**, at the Health Building (2nd fl. - Auditorium), 125 Worth St.

The Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH) has recently expanded its jurisdiction OATH now oversees the operations of the Administrative Court that is responsible for holding hearings on notices of violation issued by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH). As a new division of OATH the Health Tribunal is independent from the agency that issues violations which means recipients of notices of violation will receive access to a impartial and timely Hearing. OATH is also providing on-line Hearings to constituents contesting DOHMH charges forms can be found on OATH's website @ www.nyc.gov/oath.

CUNY's Accelerated Study in Associate Programs (ASAP) is providing a Comprehensive Student Support Program at all CUNY Colleges that provide intensive advisement; career services; consolidated course schedules; and financial support including tuition waivers for financial aid, monthly metro cards are also provided. For additional information can be obtained at www.cuny.edu/asap.

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NYC Plaza Program is now open for the fifth round, accepting applications until Friday, July 13, 2012. Here is your opportunity to apply for city funds to enhance the public realm, create more open space, and give your neighborhood a quality public space.

To learn more about the program, feel free to attend any of the information sessions (see below). If you can't make any of the information session, please read the 'Guidelines' thoroughly before applying (attached here and also available for download from the NYC Plaza Program website: www.nyc.gov/plazas).

Feel free to contact Vaidila Kungys (vkungys@dot.nyc.gov 212-839-6693) or Emily Weidenhof (eweidenhof@dot.nyc.gov or 212-839-4325) if you have any questions.

NYC Plaza Program Public Information Sessions:

Queens: Thursday, April 13 at 3 pm. Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Boulevard, Room 280

Manhattan: Friday, April 20 at 10 am. DOT, 55 Water Street, Ground Floor, BID Room

Bronx: Wednesday, April 25 at 10 am. DOT Bronx Borough Office, 1400 Williamsbridge Road, First Floor Conference Room

Staten Island: Wednesday, May 2 at 10 am. Staten Island Borough Hall, 10 Richmond Terrace, Conference Room 122

Brooklyn: Friday, May 4 at 3 pm. DOT Brooklyn Borough Office, 16 Court Street, Large Conference Room

HON. CYRUS R. VANCE, JR. MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES THE LEGAL BOUND PROGRAM 2012 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Manhattan District Attorney's Office invites rising High School juniors and seniors to apply for the **2012 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**.

To apply, students must **reside** in Manhattan.

Qualified students should email or send a **resume**, and an **essay explaining their interest in the law** to the address listed below. Applications should be postmarked by: **FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2012**. Interview slots are limited therefore early submission is encouraged.

Students must bring two (2) letters of recommendation, one from their current school, to the interview.

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Please email or mail resume and essay to:

New York County District Attorney's Office
Community Affairs Unit
Attention: Ms. Carol Ragsdale
One Hogan Place, Room 824
New York, New York 10013
Telephone: (212) 335-9082
legalbound@dany.nyc.gov

Columbia University Project: Columbia University is planning to construct a new 12-story building containing affordable housing apartments on the southwest corner of Broadway and 148th Street. (see Flyer)

Utility Improvements Storm Sewer Installation

What is happening

Installation of a new storm sewer along Marginal Street between St. Clair Place and West 125th Street; along the south side of West 125th Street between Marginal Street and 12th Avenue and along 12th Avenue between West 125th Street and West 132nd Street.

What to expect

Regular Work hours: 7:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Activities include saw cutting, excavation, installation of sheeting/shoring, backfilling, installation of concrete support slabs, sidewalk restoration, road restoration, installation of pre-cast electrical ducts, electrical manholes, pre-cast box culverts and sewer chambers.

Night work began the week of March 26th at the intersection of West 131st Street and 12th Avenue. Work

hours are 10pm-5am. The NYC Department of Transportation requires that all intersection work be performed at night. This will include some noisy work and is expected to be completed in mid-April.

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The work area will extend slightly east into the southbound parking lane.

Temporary closure of one traffic lane and eastern parking lane on northbound 12th Avenue/Riverside Drive underneath the viaduct between West 125th Street and St. Clair Place

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Temporary removal of parking lane on west side of 12th Ave between W 125th and W 132nd

Temporary removal of bus stop at intersection of West 125th Street and West 129th Street

No standing on the east or west side of 12th Avenue between West 130th and West 131st Street

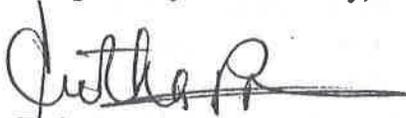
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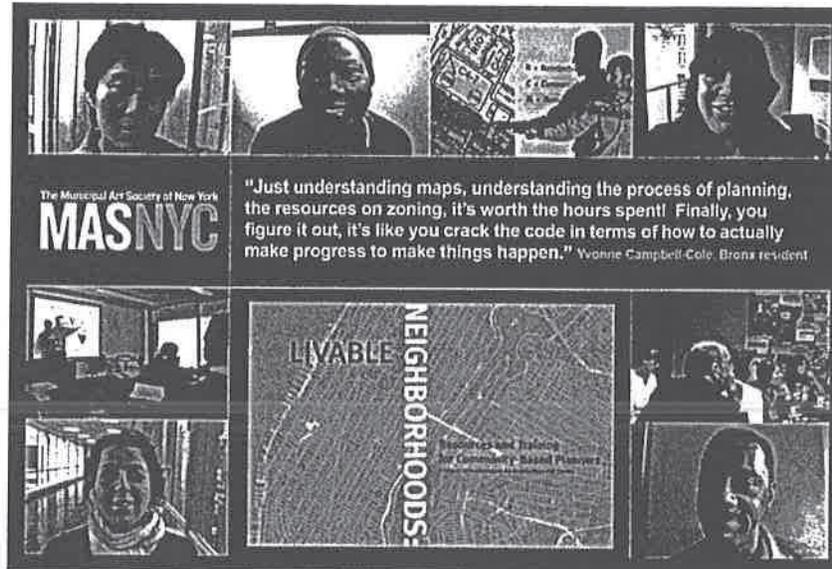
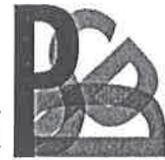
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Respectfully Submitted by,



Eutha Prince
District Manager
4/19/12



Register for the 2012 Livable Neighborhoods Training

The Municipal Art Society and Pratt Institute's Programs for Sustainable Planning and Development are pleased to announce the sixth annual Livable Neighborhoods Training at Pratt Manhattan. The Livable Neighborhoods Training was created to provide communities with the knowledge, tools, and training needed to strengthen neighborhood decision-making and transform local vision into effective plans. Participants receive practical information at facilitated workshops and access to both a comprehensive community planning toolkit and a web-based network for ongoing discussion and additional resources.

Come join over one hundred New Yorkers from neighborhoods across the city to learn more about how to make positive transformations in your neighborhood. A unique mix of facilitators from community-based organizations, government, advocacy and academia give you multiple perspectives on neighborhood issues.

Your neighborhood has surely changed in the past few years, so register today and learn how to help your community grow sustainably and equitably. For online registration, please visit www.mas.org/lnp. If you would like more information or have questions regarding registration, contact Joel Kolkmann at jkolkmann@mas.org or 212.935.3960, ext. 1231.

Livable Neighborhoods is made possible through the generous support of the Altman Foundation.

Date and Time: Saturday May 12th, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline: Friday May 4th (as space permits). Registration is free and open to the public, however priority is given to members of grassroots organizations and community boards.

Location: Pratt Manhattan, 144 West 14th Street, between 6th and 7th Avenues.

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The following is the schedule for the Spring 2012 Livable Neighborhoods Training:

Time	Course
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Breakfast and Check-In
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Welcome Address
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Community Organizing Across the City
11:00 AM - 12:15 PM	Zoning 101
	Advocating for Parks and Open Space
	Neighborhood Based Economic Development
	Turning a Vision into a Plan
12:15 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM - 2:30 PM	Using Maps and Data
	Navigating the Public Review Process: ULURP and Environmental Review
	Community Based Sustainability Initiatives
	Media and Public Relations for Advocacy
2:45 PM - 4:00 PM	Historic Preservation and Preserving Cultural Assets
	Creating and Preserving Affordable Housing
	Advocating for New York's Changing Streets: Bike Lanes and Public Plazas
4:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Wrap-Up



Public Hearing

Comment on The New Draft Juvenile Justice Plan!

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Brooklyn, NY 11201

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10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
The Health Building, *2nd Floor Auditorium*
125 Worth Street
New York, NY 10013

To read the proposed plan, search Close to Home at nyc.gov or pick up a copy from the ACS Office of Advocacy, 150 William Street, 1st Floor, New York, NY 10038; between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The public may also submit written comments via e-mail at closetohome@acs.nyc.gov or by mail to:

Close to Home
C/O Division of Policy Planning and Measurement
150 William Street, 17th Floor
New York, NY 10038

All comments must be received by Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.



What is Close to Home?

On March 30, 2012, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed into law the Close to Home legislation. The passage of Close to Home paves the way for youth found to have committed a delinquent act to be placed by the New York City Family Court in or close to their communities in the City, instead of hundreds of miles away upstate New York. Close to Home builds on the City's legacy of juvenile justice reform, led by Mayor Bloomberg, which includes reducing the use of detention and placement, increasing community-based alternatives and lowering recidivism rates, while making our City even safer.

What benefits do we expect from Close to Home?

- ✓ **Safer Communities:** Moving youth closer to home will be the latest in a series of juvenile justice reform initiatives that have successfully reduced recidivism rates, resulting in stronger and safer communities.
- ✓ **Keeping Families Engaged:** Rather than having to travel to distant facilities to visit their children, New York City families will be able to maintain frequent contact with their youth in care, and participate in their rehabilitation.
- ✓ **Improved Educational Outcomes:** Youth will attend and receive credits from New York City public schools or schools in which they can earn credits toward graduation.

In accordance with the legislation, ACS has released our draft plan for the placement of youth in non-secure settings in or around New York City. ACS is seeking comment from interested members of the community and juvenile justice stakeholders on the draft plan before it is submitted to the State for review and approval.

What can the community expect?

- Some noise associated with abatement and demolition of buildings north of the 99 Cent store on Broadway between 147th Street and 148th Street
- Some noise associated with construction of the new building
- Possible lane closures around the project site on 148th Street and Broadway
- Regular work hours: 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (no night work anticipated at this time)
- Preventative safety measures include sidewalk bridging, construction fencing, scaffolding, netting and site safety management

Who is designing the building?

The building is being designed by Magnusson Architecture and Planning. Magnusson is an award winning, New York City-based firm with a strong reputation of creating sustainable communities through well designed and high-performance architecture. Find out more about the firm at <http://www.maparchitects.com>.

Who is constructing the building?

The building is being constructed by Hunter Roberts Construction Group. Hunter Roberts is a New York City-based firm that has been recognized as "Contractor of the Year" by New York Construction magazine and has also been awarded several safety excellence awards. Find out more about the firm at <http://www.hunterrobertscg.com>.

Is there a commitment to working with minority, women and locally-based firms and individuals?

Columbia University has a long-standing commitment to working with minority, women, and locally-based firms and individuals. On this project – as on all major University construction projects – the University has a goal of at least 35% of the dollars spent awarded to MWL firms and at least 40% of the labor force be MWL.

What types of communications will the University send on the project?

A project fact sheet, regular construction updates, and an informational Web site are all part of the communications plan for the project. Sign-up for regular e-mail updates by e-mailing projx@columbia.edu or calling 212-854-2222.

Who can I contact with questions or for more information?

- Call the Columbia University Facilities Services Center at (212) 854-2222, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or e-mail projx@columbia.edu
- Visit the project Web site at: <http://facilities.columbia.edu/3595-Broadway>

3595 Broadway (at 148th Street)

What is happening?

Columbia University is planning to construct a new 12-story building containing affordable housing apartments on the southwest corner of Broadway and 148th Street. The Meeting with God Church, currently located at 3581 Broadway at 147th Street, will be moving into the ground level space of this new building. The remaining areas of the new building will include affordable housing units for some residents currently living in the area of Manhattanville in West Harlem where the University is building a new campus.

Are there any other changes planned for the rest of the block on the west side of Broadway between 147th Street and 148th Street?

The 99 Cent store will remain as their lease indicates. The former Dominos Pizza store will be utilized as a staging area and field office to decrease construction/parking impacts on the street and in the neighborhood. A tenant for the space vacated by the Meeting with God Church has not yet been determined.



Sketch of 3595 Broadway

When is it happening?

Abatement has commenced at the existing building at the site (the buildings north of the 99 Cent store). After abatement and demolition, construction can begin and is expected to last approximately two years. The building is expected to be completed by fall 2014.

Why is Columbia constructing a new residential building?

This project is part of Columbia's commitment to equal or better affordable housing for some residents currently living in the area of Manhattanville in West Harlem where the University is building a new campus.

What are some of the environmentally sustainable elements of the project?

The project will be compliant with Enterprise Green Communities, the first national green building program developed for affordable housing. The program focuses on the use of environmentally sustainable materials, reduction of negative environmental impacts and increased energy efficiency, and emphasizes designs and materials that safeguard the health of residents and locations that provide easy access to services and public transportation.

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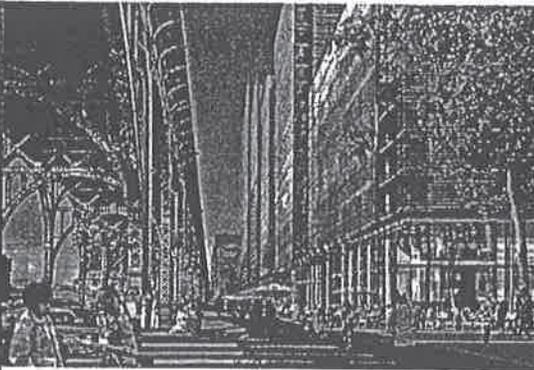
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- Delivery of equipment and materials to the site
- Trucking of materials off-site from excavation operations
- Installing forms at the outer face of the northeast section of the slurry wall for the grade beam. Installing drilled shafts in zone 1 and 2 of the top-down area
- Perform geotechnical borings along West 131st Street between Broadway and 12th Avenue
- Dig test pits on West 131st Street to locate street utilities that have to be relocated for the next phase of the slurry wall project.
- No standing on West 129th Street between Broadway and West 125th Street.

-Please note that all activities are subject to change based on weather and other field conditions-

Need More Information?

For project updates and information, please visit <http://campusplan.columbia.edu>. For questions or concerns, e-mail projx@columbia.edu or call our Services Center at 212-854-2222, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Manhattanville in West Harlem Campus Plan

Construction Activities for the Next Two Weeks

Over the next three decades, Columbia's long-term plan for the old Manhattanville manufacturing area will revitalize the four former industrial blocks from 125th/129th to 133rd Street between Broadway and 12th Avenue, and three small blocks along the east side of Broadway from 131st to 134th Street, into an environmentally sustainable and publicly accessible center for academic and civic life woven into the fabric of the West Harlem community.

Construction Activities for the Weeks of: April 16, 2012 and April 23, 2012

Utility Improvements

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Summer 2012 Internships

In partnership with the local community, Columbia University is offering *paid* summer internships for local* high school students to gain real work experience before graduation. Previous work experience is a plus, but not required. Internships begin July 9, 2012 and end August 10, 2012.

The deadline for application submissions is May 4, 2012.

Internships Available

Finance and Business Administration	Engineering & Operations
Community & Public Relations	Communications & Media Relations
Finance	Public Safety
Manhattanville Development	Project Management
International Affairs	Legal
Student Services	Student Advising
Arts & Culture	Space Planning

***Local is defined as the following zip codes:**

10025, 10026, 10027, 10029, 10030, 10031, 10032, 10033,
10034, 10035, 10037, 10039; 10040, 10451, 10454, 10455, 10474

For more information, please contact:

Willie Bentley, Jr., Employment Operations Manager

Columbia Employment Information Center

Phone: 212-851-7254

Email: wcb2111@columbia.edu