

November, 2014 District Manager's Report

Highlights from the Borough Service Cabinet (BSC) Meeting – 10/24/14

Presentation on: Commodity Distribution Point Program (OEM)

Commodity Distribution Point (CDP) is a program designed to provide a scalable system for the distribution of essential, life sustaining supplies during a disaster. CDP emerged out of Hurricane Sandy, as experiences of rescue and recovery effort suggest the natural and man-made events are highly capable of cutting off supplies of food, water and baby formula. OME has identified at least one site in each Community Board and is in the process of finding two alternate sites for every site. Department of Parks and Recreation and Department of Education are also closely involved in the site selection, as many potential CDP sites are either in various parks or in schools. The goal is to provide the public with a basic idea of site location, demarcated routes for each CDP site, information of all 59 district managers on the site for their individual district, and completion of storage and offloading facilities at each site.

CDP will act as a program immediately deployed upon the three “trigger” situations: 1) access to supplies “prevented” for 10,000 or more for at least 48 hours, 2) access to supplies “disrupted” for 20,000 or more for at least 48 hours, and 3) any other obvious needs for life-sustaining supplies arising from a given population.

CDP works with various non-profit organizations and GrowNYC, as well as a number of vendors and suppliers, in securing a steady amount of non-perishable items and having them readily available for distribution at any time. Each CDP site can provide life-sustaining supplies for up to three to five days. There are over 100 sites across NYC where post-disaster medication distribution will take place. Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene recently conducted a drill involving at 30 sites. It is also likely that CDP will partner with this program to integrate the distribution of medications into the system.

Presentation on: NYSERDA Economic Development Growth Extension (Solar 1)

Solar 1 is an organization under contract with NYS Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) established to reach out to commercial and residential occupants, especially those in apartment buildings and small shops, on energy efficiency initiatives. Developing a working relationship with Community Boards, Elected Officials and governmental agencies, Solar 1 builds on this foundation and has established themselves a partner with community organizations to promote the replacement of outdated infrastructure with efficient new technology. Solar 1 is also committed to assisting clients in securing grants, subsidies and tax credits for these initiatives.

Established in 1975, NYSERDA is a public benefit corporation funded through a service benefit charge assessed through utilities. All residential buildings, including public housing units, are

assessed this charge. NYSERDA then awards contracts to both non-profit organizations and for-profit corporations to promote energy efficiency and to perform the actual work of installing efficient devices. As a non-profit, Solar 1 is committed to serve as a one-stop resource for energy efficiency initiatives and to assist clients in having a look at premises, suggesting efficiency measures and applying for funds from NYSERDA.

Presentation on: City Email Address Pilot for Manhattan Community Board Members

The Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DoITT), in consultation with the Manhattan Borough President's Office and Mayor's Community Affairs Unit, is planning to provide New York City Community Board members with official New York City email addresses. This would enable community board members to use official government addresses with engaging in City business. DoITT will be piloting this initiative with Manhattan Community Boards for potential citywide expansion.

Once implemented, any community board member with internet access will be able to log-in using the Microsoft Outlook Web Application (OWA). This is the same tool City employees from Mayoral and other agencies utilize when needing to access their email boxes remotely.

There is no cost to Community Boards or their members for this service.

Participating board members will be required to review and abide by the Citywide Acceptable Use Policy for Technology Resources, to be distributed by the board office.

Highlights from the DSC Meeting (11/12/14)

Agency Updates:

FDNY (See Stats)

26th Pct. (See Stats)

- **NYPD Harlem Job Fair** will take place on Saturday, November 22nd, 2014, 1p.m. – 4p.m., at Our Children's Foundation, 527 W. 125th Street (between Old Broadway & Amsterdam). Please bring multiple copies of current resume; business attire a must; no large backpacks or bags will be allowed inside building. Representatives from local businesses/organizations will be in attendance: Chase Bank, City National Bank, Dinosaur Barbecue, City College, Modell's Sporting Goods, Starbucks, Rite Check, Duane Reade, and Morningside Heights Housing Corporation for name a few...

30th Pct. (See Stats)

Transit District No. 3 (see Stats)

Sanitation: NYC Recycles – Celebrate Autumn with Recycling and Sustainability

The NYC Department of Sanitation, Recycling and Sustainability are enjoying a busy season. Leaf Crunch, NYC Organics Collection in schools, Green Friday, and the opening of a new household special waste drop-off site are just a few events happening citywide this Fall.

Leaf Crunch 2014 – Volunteers are encouraged to collect leaves in their local parks, the leaves will then be collected for Compost and locally donated to local greening projects. For more info. visit www.nyc.gov/LeafCrunch2014.com

What to do with your Leaves – If you are located with the NYC Organics Collections pilot area, put your leaves in an unlined bin marked “yard waste”, or in paper lawn and leaf bags, compostable bags, or clear plastic bags. Please do not place leaves in black bags. Leaves can also be dropped off in brown paper bags or clear plastic bags to select neighborhood-based drop-off sites.

Manhattan Household Special Waste Drop-Off Site – Household waste products (paint, batteries, and other potentially hazardous household materials can be dropped-off at the newly opened Manhattan household special waste drop-off site located at 74 Pike Slip. This site, along with special waste drop-off sites in other boroughs, allows you to safely dispose of potentially harmful household products. All five sites are open every Saturday and the last Friday of each month, from 10am -5pm, to learn more visit website at www.nyc.gov/safedisposal.

DOT: Vision Zero was enforced on November 7th, 2014 and implemented to decrease vehicular accidents by demanding a strong street presence and increased street-level enforcement against dangerous driving. The NYPD will target the most dangerous driving behaviors and step up enforcement against drivers who fail to yield to pedestrians, drive distracted and who choose to speed or ignore traffic signals. NYPD will issue more speeding summonses at the precinct level and will acquire additional advanced speed guns and increase the number of officers trained to use them. The City will also increase the number of speed guns available to the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC). TLC will create a new safety enforcement squad guns to crack down on those drivers who the City entrusts with taxi and other for-hire licenses.

Libraries:

George Bruce (see calendar)

Morningside Heights (see calendar)

Manhattan Borough President’s Office reported:

- The Community Forum on Ebola sponsored by the West Harlem Development Corporation (WHDC), MBPO, and City College was a huge success and attended by over 400 participants;

- The Borough President’s Office is pleased to announce the Fall 2014 **Community Board Leadership Series**. The series is designed to cover introductory and advanced topics useful to perspective, newly-appointed and experienced community board members as well as appointees serving on numerous other boards: BID, CEC, CAB, SWAB, and Museums. Trainings are conducted at both the uptown and downtown locations.

Topics include:

- **Community Portal: Data and Mapping Tools;**
- **NYC Budget Process and the Role of the Community Board;**
- **Teens Serving on Community Boards;**
- **Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Training;**
- **Land Use and Zoning 101/Advanced Land Use and Zoning;**
- **CPR-Response to Emergencies;**
- **Diverse, Inclusive and Transparent Leadership;**
- **Conflict of Interest & Freedom of Information Law**

For further info. and to register for trainings please contact the MBPO at (212) 669-8300 or visit their website at www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov.

City Councilmember Mark Levine’s Office reported on Participatory Budgeting for Councilmanic District 7 it was stated that Participatory Budget Sessions are being held to obtain ideas from the community on how they would like to spend \$1 million for community improvements to parks, schools, libraries, streets, and more. Sessions have been scheduled throughout the district, with one recently held at the Morningside Heights Library – 2900 Broadway @ 113th Street. For further information on these sessions and other info please visit their website at www.council.nyc.gov.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) reported: The 12 Younge EMS Unit was recognized as “Unit of the Month” coodos to our EMS team!!!

Manhattan District Attorney Office reported: The New York County District Attorney’s High School Internship Program is underway, a rigorous six-week internship that provides students with and insider’s view of the criminal justice system. Every Intern is assigned to a unit within the office and helps Assistant District Attorneys and other staff members with their work. Interns also attend presentations and trips and participate in a mock trial competition. Applicants must reside in Manhattan or attend a school in Manhattan; applicants must be sophomores, juniors or seniors in High School; Applicants must commit to attend the entire program; applications must be submit by Friday, March 27th, 2015 via mail or email to HSIP@danay.nyc.gov (see flyer)

Human Rights Commission reported: The City of New York Department of Housing Preservation & Development, in partnership with the Parodneck Foundation's Community Assisted Tenant Controlled Housing, Inc. (CATCH) and other governmental and non-profit agencies held a "Owners Forum" on Wednesday, November 12th, 2014. The Forum was held to educate property owners and distribute information on property tax exemptions, foreclosure prevention, building permits, housing discrimination, recycling, lead/pest control, low-interest home repair loans, and more.

Events within MCB9:

Manhattan Community Board No. 9, and the Women's Chamber of Commerce are hosting a Job Forum with Crescent Consulting on: Wednesday, November 19th, 2014, 3-6p.m., at Riverside Park Community – 3333 Broadway (see attached flyer)

Holiday Lights – the 125th Street BID, Harlem Commonwealth Council, and Manhattan Community Board No. 9 will celebrate the Holiday Season at the Holiday Lights kick off (turning on the Light countdown begins at 7p.m.):

MCB9 is sponsoring:

- **Celebrate the Lights at the Winter Wonderland** on Thursday, November 20th, 2014, at 6:30p.m., 361 W. 125th Street. Activities will include: Arts & Crafts; Toys; Refreshments, and a Special visit by the "Christmas Queen" (see flyer)
- **Peace, Joy, and Love...Spiritual Village** on Thursday, November 20th, 2014 at 6:30p.m., activities will include: A Celebration of Music, Dance, and Song; Caroling on 125th Street; give-a-ways; and refreshments (see flyer)
- **NYPD Harlem Job Fair** will be held on Saturday, November 22nd, 2014; 1-4pm; at Our Children's Foundation, 527 West 125th Street (see flyer)
- **Central Harlem Senior Citizens' Centers, Inc. and Project Find** will be celebrating the Thanksgiving Day Holiday on Thursday, November 27th, 2014 by delivering (2) full holiday meals (breakfast and dinner) to homebound, live alone, or unable to fix their own meals for that day. Participants must be 60 years and older, reside in Harlem (catchment area river to river between: 110th Street and 155th Street). (see flyer)

Respectfully Submitted,

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MCB9 – 11/20/14

