

November, 2015 District Manager's Report

Highlights from Borough Service Cabinet (BSC) Meeting:

Deputy Borough President Bonilla Reported: Matthew Washington, former Chair of Community Board 11, was appointed as Deputy Borough President for Budget and Policy. His tenure began November 2nd.

MBPO is hosting a Public Hearing on the (2) proposed Zoning Text Amendments for: Mandatory Inclusionary Housing, and Zoning for Quality and Affordability text amendments. The Hearing will be held on Monday, November 16th, 2015 at the Clinton School, 10 E. 15th Street; 6p.m. – 8p.m. If you plan to testify please RSVP & upload your testimony at www.bit.ly/ZQA-MIHHearing.

Borough President Brewer and over 60 staff and volunteers participated in the 46th Annual African-American Day Parade in honor of 46 late community leaders, including Vicky Gholson, former Community Board 9 member; Walter Delgado, former chair of Community Board 12; and Constance Baker Motley, the first African-American female borough president of Manhattan.

Hearing on Manhattan traffic congestion took place September 17th; a report to address hearing findings will follow. The hearing addressed a wide array of issues, including concerns regarding Uber and app-based for-hire vehicle services; Move NY agenda for “equitable” toll increases; proposals for subway and bus transit improvements at a time of increased ridership; impacts of Vision Zero on traffic; traffic calming vs. congesting effects of pedestrian plazas; Gateway project for second Hudson River tunnel; and sightseeing buses. In addition, a study to examine for-hire vehicle cap is also pending.

Report on police-community relations was released at a press conference on September 29th, with Brooklyn Borough President Adams and civil rights attorney Normal Siegel. The report recommends increase in police officer age of entry to 40 years old, “paid sabbatical” for police officers to work at community non-profits; trainings on de-escalation of tensions; and civilian academy and enhanced public profile for such experiences.

The MBPO office will propose to release a request for proposals for community-based organizations to engage in programming to carry out the recommendations, with focus on youth engagement.

As many as 60% of the Community Board members has taken the courses, and some have taken multiple. CUNY Data Service Corps members for 2015 have reported; the office hopes to provide more training and assign them to Community Boards at an earlier time, to extend their assignments. The program will work in conjunction with BetaNYC and Noel Hidalgo to create a “boot camp” on open data and technology skills for Community Board members.

Chief of Staff Mates: Draft Mandatory Inclusionary Housing and Zoning for Quality and Affordability text amendments were released September 21st. The office will reach out to all Community Boards on the positions and concerns from Borough President Brewer and to hear feedbacks. Talks on infill development outlined in the NYCHA Next Generation plan are also ongoing.

Community Affairs Director Songhai Reported: Community Board application process for 2016 appointments will begin soon. The 2015 cycle saw 722 applicants. The office will seek to hear from chairs and district managers about their needs and the desired profile of new members. Community liaisons will soon reach out to all chairs and district managers to set up time for discussion on this matter and will assist in outreach to the targeted communities and organizations.

Northern Manhattan Director Moore Reported: Constituent services unit will be organizing a series of forums and clinics to focus on community empowerment and access to benefits and services. The series will cover SNAP, eviction prevention, food pantry access, Medicare & Medicaid, idNYC as well as a number of other topics. Event on food access with Health First will take place in November and run until Thanksgiving. Discussion on NYCHA Next Generation plan continues with all resident association leaders; outreach to district managers will take place soon. African Immigrant task force is now working on meeting the needs of the community and its small businesses, with targeted outreach for hair braiders currently ongoing.

Agency Reports

26th Pct Reported:

Shooting I/F/O 1470 Amsterdam Ave. at approximately 2:35p.m. The incident was reported as a 911 Call of a male shot at 1470 Amsterdam Ave., when Officers arrived a 24 year old Black Male suffering from an apparent gunshot wound to the upper thigh. When questioned by investigating officers, the victim was initially uncooperative but later informed Officers that he had confronted a perpetrator for robbing him in the past. When the confrontation became physical and the perpetrator began losing the fight, the perpetrator pulled out a revolver and fired a single shot hitting the victim in the leg. The perpetrator was later identified as a person named "Noel" who may possibly reside at 1470 Amsterdam Avenue. The victim's injuries were not life threatening and he is expected to recover. The shooting is still under investigation and more information will be provided as it develops.

Shooting I/F/O BTH (By-the Hudson) Restaurant & Bar Lounge on Sunday, November 8th responding Officers reported at approximately 12:45a.m. shots were fired in the vicinity of the By-the-Hudson restaurant. It was further reported (2) male blacks, with whom security had a physical altercation, retrieved a firearm from their car and shot 3 to 4 rounds (no one struck or injured). Security also reported suspects were observed fleeing in a Silver Dodge or Chrysler vehicle with unknown model and plate number. The shooter was described as a male Black in his 20's with a beard and dreadlocks.

26th Pct. will host its Holiday Party on Friday, December 18th, 2015 (Flyers to follow)

Dept. of Homeless Services: There have been numerous homelessness-related concerns as of late. Agency has assigned peace officers to Fort Washington shelter; the facility now has six officers for each shift. Agency has also deployed 11 peace officers to Bellevue men's shelter. Private security guards are now on duty at the East 3rd Street shelter. Community pushback is still extant for the Main Chance drop-in center; agency is still working on establishing trust and assisting clients to move into shelter or permanent housing. Facility is open to everyone, and a community advisory board has been constituted, with CB 5 and local precincts represented.

There have been calls to close this facility, but the agency believes that its location near Grand Central Terminal warrants keeping the facility in place.

NYC Dept. of Finance: Robin Bermudez has been moved to Taxpayer Advocate Office on to duties related to pre-Article 78 assessment and exemption evaluation. All NYC Rent Freeze-related inquiries should go to Robin Washington.

NYC Commission on Human Rights: Local law banning employer credit check prior to job offers took effect September 3rd. Fair Chance Act took effect September 27th. Trainings for employers will take place throughout the Fall.

Manhattan Legal Services (Columbia University) is offering FREE Housing-related Legal Services the Second and Fourth Wednesday of every Month; 1p.m. – 5p.m. (no appointment necessary) at the Community Board No. 9 Office, 18 Old Broadway (bet. 125th & 126th) [see Flyer attached] *{Revised Flyer Attached to accommodate upcoming holidays}*.

Farmer's Market – Sugar Hill Greenmarket is available at 155th St. & St. Nicholas Ave. Saturdays, 8a.m – 4p.m.; July 25th – November 21st (See attached Flyer).

New York Public Library Budget was recently approved for \$43M, this increase will allow for additional hours for All NYPL; 93 Librarians added throughout the city; and various capital improvements. For further information please visit their website at www.nypl.org

Con Edison Reported: Work is continuing on Broadway (bet. 140th – 145th) St.

Department of Transportation (DOT) Reported:

- **Milling and resurfacing** schedule for the week of 11-15-2015 to 11-21-2015. (See attached schedule);
- **Select Bus Service (SBS) coming to Upper Manhattan and the South Bronx**, MTA NYCTransit (NYCT) and the NYC Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) are currently studying the Bx6 as a potential SBS route. The Bx6 currently connects Manhattan and the Bronx and is serving nearly 25,000 daily riders. This joint effort is to provide fast and reliable bus service. SBS has been implemented on eight routes across the city, in every borough. There are currently four routes in Manhattan: the M15 the runs on First and Second Aves.; M34/M34A along 34th Street, M60 on 125th Street, and the M86 along 86th Street. NYCT and NYCDOT are kicking off a public outreach process this fall; and will engage official stakeholders as well as bus riders and residents along the corridors. For further information about this project please visit www.nyc.gov/brt.
- DOT has begun the implementation of the dedicated lane for SBS buses between Lenox & Morningside Aves. for quick passenger pick-up/drop-off as well as right turns;
- **Bike Share program has begun Northern Manhattan** boards are being briefed on the program and discussions have begun for designated bike stations; which will involve the removal of existing parking. All major institutions (Columbia University, and City College) have been contacted for their input as well;

- **DOT** is preparing to make a series of changes to Broadway bet. 135th and 155th Streets. These changes are intended to make the thoroughfare safer for pedestrians while improving the flow of traffic;
- **DOT** extended bus lanes on 125th Street from Lenox Avenue to Morningside Ave.: - Dedicated lane for buses between Lenox and Morningside Avenues; Drivers may enter bus lanes for quick passenger pick-up/drop-off or right turns only; parking, loading, and bus stops remain at the curb;
- **DOT is conducting a one-year, community-driven planning process to increase safety and mobility for pedestrians and bicyclists traveling across the Harlem River.** The result of the planning process will be a planning document, expected to be released in the Spring of 2016, outlining a series of short and long-term safety improvement projects on city streets and structures connecting Manhattan and the Bronx.

The Harlem River Bridges Access Plan will describe community preferences for increasing access to jobs, schools and recreational amenities on both sides of the river, and will serve as a tool to guide future investment and seek funding for future transportation projects. <http://a841-tfpweb.nyc.gov/greenway/category/harlem-river-bridges-access/>.

Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Reported:

Renovation of the W 145th Street entrance to the park will commence shortly and take place in stages over the coming months. The project is scheduled to be completed by the Spring-2016, during the renovation the pedestrian walkway leading into and out of the park from Riverside Drive and 145th Street will be closed to ALL foot traffic on ALL weekdays between the dates of Monday, November 9th and Friday, November 20th due to construction. ALL pedestrians who usually enter or exit through this area will be directed to the 138th Street pedestrian gate. The 145th Street Pedestrian Walkway WILL BE open on the weekend of November 14th and 15th. The vehicular roadway will remain open to all vehicular traffic during this time period. It is expected the pedestrian walkway at 145th Street will reopen to the public on a daily basis on Monday, November 23rd.

Parks Department Reported: Holiday Tree Lighting Event will take place at the West Harlem Piers Park (125th Street & Marginal Street) on Saturday, December 12th, 4p.m. – 6p.m.

Citizens Committee for New York City:

Neighborhood Grants are being offered from gardening and community organizing to oral history projects and healthy cooking workshops, Citizens Committee awards grants of up to \$3,000.00 to grassroots groups working on community-building projects across NYC. The 2016 Neighborhood Grants application is now available online at <http://www.citizensnyc.org>.

Neighborhood Leadership Institute – Fall 2015 is offering a series of free participatory workshops to build community organizing skills. All Workshop Participants (including Basics of Community Organizing) will receive a Neighborhood Leadership Certificate, for further info. contact Imani Brown at lbrown@citizensnyc.org or (212) 822-9567.

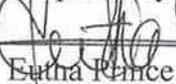
Compost Bin Build Workshop: Learn how to turn "waste" from your community garden and kitchen into black gold. This Green Thumb workshop will teach you step-by-step how to build a 3 bin compost system so you can blend greens (rich in nitrogen) and browns (rich in carbon) into compost and improve your soil's fertility.

Manhattan DA's Office reported on: Warrant Amnesty/Clean Slate – In partnership with the Office of Court Administration, NYPD, and the Legal Aid Society the DA's Office is offering individuals the opportunity to resolve outstanding summons and warrants issued in New York City. Without fear of arrest, people will be able to consult with defense attorneys from the Legal Aid Society onsite, prior to participating. The Event will also include a Resource Fair with local organizations offering Clean Slate participants workforce development, job placement services, and other assistance. (See Flyer attached)

Upcoming Announcement(s)/Event(s):

- **125th Street BID** in conjunction with Manhattan Community Boards 9 & 10; Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce and the Harlem Arts Alliance are hosting the Harlem Holiday Lights – 2015 on Thursday, November 19th at 2:30 p.m. (See attached Flyers) <http://harlemlightitup.com>.
- Manhattan DA's Office "CLEAN SLATE" is hosting a Borough-wide forum to clear Summons and Warrants issued to individuals for: Disorderly Conduct; Consumption of Alcohol in Public; Trespass (Violation); Littering; Unlawful Possession of Marijuana, and Various Subway Offences; Urinating in Public, and more will held on Saturday, November 21st, 2015, 9a.m – 3p.m., at Soul Saving Station Church, 302 W. 124th Street (bet. Frederick Douglass Blvd. (See attached Flyer)
- Youth Empowered to Succeed (YES) Y.E.S. OSY is an Out-of-School Youth Program for young adults who are low-income between the ages of 16 and 24 and are not working and not in school. Students gain skills to secure entry-level employment in: Carpentry; Plumbing; Facilities Maintenance; Electrical; Painting; and Weatherization. Space is LIMITED CALL NOW at (212) 453-5399, 5378, or 5381, program starts January-2016. *(See attached Flyer)*
- WHDC is hosting a Community Holiday Celebration & Toy Giveaway: Come out and enjoy Holiday Celebrations with Singers, Dancers, and Toy Giveaways. This event is FREE and open to the public each child will receive a goody bag of toys and books. You must R.S.V.P. by December 1st at info@westharlemdc.org or call (646) 476-3394 to receive a ticket for entry to event.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eutha Prince

District Manger

11/19/15

CLEAR YOUR SUMMONS WARRANT

*Manhattan DA Cyrus R. Vance Jr.,
the Office of Court Administration and the Legal Aid Society Present:*

CLEAN SLATE

Saturday, November 21, 2015

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Soul Saving Station Church

302 W. 124th Street

(at Frederick Douglass Boulevard)

**Resolve outstanding NYC summons warrants* on-site,
without fear of arrest, for:**

- Disorderly Conduct
- Consumption of Alcohol in Public
- Trespass (Violation)
- Littering
- Unlawful Possession of Marijuana
- Various Subway Offenses
- Urinating in Public
- **AND MORE**

Resources & Giveaways
Available All Day!



*Summons warrants do not apply to felonies and penal law misdemeanors.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
212.335.3310
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Has cometido una violación en NYC... ¿TIENES UNA ORDEN DE ARRESTO PENDIENTE?

El Fiscal Cyrus R. Vance Jr.,

la Oficina de Administración de la Cortes y Asistencia Legal Presentan:

COMIENZA DE NUEVO

sábado, 21 de noviembre de 2015

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Iglesia de Soul Saving Station

302 W. 124th Street

(en Frederick Douglass Boulevard)

Resuelva sus órdenes de arresto pendientes*, sin temor a ser arrestado, por violaciones como:

- Conducta desordenada
- Consumo de Bebidas Alcohólicas en Público
- Entrada Ilícita (Violación)
- Botar basura en público "Littering"
- Posesión Ilegal de Marihuana
- Ofensas relacionadas a violaciones en el sistema de metro/ trenes
- Orinar en público
- **Y MÁS**

¡Feria de Información y Regalos

Todo el Día!

*Órdenes de arresto por cargos criminales graves y menores no aplica para este programa.



PARA MAS INFORMACIÓN:

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Community Holiday Celebration & Toy Giveaway

Sunday December 6, 2015

2 p.m. — 3 p.m. (Doors open at 1:30 p.m.)

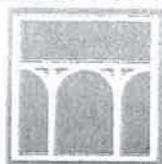
Miller Theatre (at Columbia University)

2960 Broadway (at 116th Street)

You are invited to West Harlem Development Corporation's Community Holiday Celebration. Singers and dancers will set a festive mood before the toy and book giveaway. The event is FREE and open to the public. Each child will receive a goody bag of toys and books. You must R.S.V.P. by Dec. 1 at info@westharlemdc.org or 646-476-3394 to receive a ticket as entrance into the event.

*Unclaimed tickets will be reissued after Dec. 1.

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Featuring: Dances for a Variable Population, El Mariachi Infante, Harlem Opera Theater, Impact Repertory Theatre, Mama Foundation for the Arts and Wendy Hilliard Foundation.

Celebración Comunitaria y Entrega de Juguetes

Domingo 6 de diciembre del 2015

2 p.m. — 3 p.m. (Puertas abren a la 1:30 p.m.)

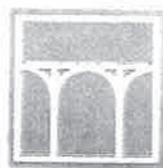
Miller Theatre (en Columbia University)

2960 Broadway (con la W. 116th)

West Harlem Development Corporation les invita la tercera celebración comunitaria y entrega de juguetes. Ven y disfruta del baile y la música antes de la entrega de juguetes y libros. Éste evento es libre de costo y abierto al público. Cada niño recibirá una bolsa con un juguete y libros. **Para recibir su boleto de entrada debe RSVP antes del 1 de diciembre a info@westharlemdc.org o al**

646-476-3394. *Boletos no reclamados serán reeditados después del 1 de diciembre.

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From Old Broadway
to Morningside Ave.

Come out to experience joy,
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caroling, gospel music, liturgical
dance, giveaways, spoken words,
and more!



**NOVEMBER 19TH, 2015
STARTING AT 5:30PM**

Spiritual Village at:
1351 Amsterdam Avenue
Between 125th & 126th

MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARDS 9 & 10

Present

THE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE FROZEN

November 19, 2015
5:30pm - 8pm

Harlem Commonwealth Council, Inc
361 W 125th Street
Between St. Nicholas &
Morningside Aves.

Princess Elsa will sing
"Let it go"

face painting
arts and crafts
puppet show

