

Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, May 19, 2010
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center
195 Linden Street (Corner of Wilson Avenue)
Brooklyn, New York 11221
6:00PM

-Public Hearing Items-

- 1) NYC Board of Elections – Demonstration of the New Poll Site Voting System to be used in New York City starting in September 2010 beginning with Primary Day.

Representatives: Valerie Vasquez – Director of Public Relations

Mr. Polanco – Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Employee of the Board of Elections

Ms. Ellen Giwa – Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Employee of the Board of Elections

Community Board #4 is the first Community Board to have hosted this demonstration.

Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requires each polling location to have at least one voting system accessible to individuals with disabilities, including no visual accessibility for the blind and visually impaired, in a manner that provides the same opportunity for access and participation (including privacy and independence) as for other voters.

For those with disabilities the machine can read the candidate's name aloud to the voter. Ballots and voter machines are in various languages such as English, Spanish, Chinese, and Korean. The keypad has a Braille component as well.

NYC Board of Elections (BOE) cannot meet with all 4.5 million voters so they are asking that others learn how to use the new machine and then educate others. The Board of Elections can make presentation at libraries, senior citizens centers, and at other organizations upon request. The machine has a battery backup and an emergency backup in case of a power outage.

The Board Chairperson, Ms. Dent encouraged those present to go and cast their mock vote so that they will be able to see how the machine will work on Primary Day and Election Day. If a mistake is made voters are allowed to have up to 3 ballots for errors however; once the ballot has been submitted into the machine voters can not receive another one.

The Chairperson thanked the Board of Elections for attending the board meeting and for demonstrating the machine.

- 2) New York City Department of Parks & Recreation – Street Tree Planting Forestry Department

Abby Jameson & Ian Jack presenting:

Mr. Ian Jack: In the Fall 2009-10 season 380 trees were planted in the Bushwick community with 90 of them planted because of individual requests. The Community was noted for a high level of childhood respiratory illnesses such as Asthma. To help with this problem trees are being planted under a program called "Trees for Public Health".

To avoid the problem of having older trees ruining the sidewalks trees are now beginning to be planted in larger pits. As part of the City's effort to plant a million trees over the next 7 years they are assuming responsibility for the sidewalk. So, if someone should fall and hurt themselves on the sidewalk due to a tree that has been planted, the NYC Parks & Recreation Department will assume the responsibility. There is a new city program which will monitor the sidewalks.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) has a Sidewalk Repair Program that replaces more than 2 million square feet of sidewalk a year. DOT's Sidewalk Repair Program focuses most of its work on City-owned property and in neighborhoods with predominately 1, 2, and 3 family homes. Despite the large scale of this program, this amounts to less than 1% of the City's total sidewalk area a year. DOT relies on property owners to maintain the rest of the sidewalks.

Property owners are encouraged to maintain their sidewalk and perform repairs to their sidewalks before a condition becomes a defect which would give rise to a violation. If the sidewalk is damaged due to a city planted tree article #26 will follow:

Article #26: Tree roots have pushed up my sidewalk, what should I do? If your sidewalk problems are caused by tree roots, dial 311 and request an inspection by asking for the Trees and Sidewalks program. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) will receive the request and arrange for a tree inspection. DPR will let the property owner know if the sidewalk is eligible for repair under their Trees and Sidewalks Program. To repair the sidewalk using a private contractor, the property owner should hire a licensed contractor who will obtain a work permit from DOT. DPR can assist the contractor with repairs to sidewalks around street trees free of charge. This work must be coordinated with DPR by dialing 311 and requesting a Root and Sidewalk Consultation. Please note that no street tree roots can be cut without written permission from the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR).

Abby Jameson: When a tree has been requested or a block is getting trees what will happen is at least 1 month before the tree(s) are planted a notice is sent to the residents of the area letting them know what will occur. Next, underground utilities are marked such as gas, electric and cable lines so as not to be disrupted when the digging starts. The contractor as well as a forestry worker from the DPR will then mark in white paint where the tree is going to be planted. The contractor will then come back and cut the tree pit and soon after that they will come back again and excavate. Some contractors will excavate and plant the tree at the same time-others will excavate all their pits and come back a week or two later to plant the trees. Each tree planted will receive a tag to let you know how to take care of the tree as well as to let you know what type of tree you have received.

Questions were open to the audience; these are a few of them:

Chairperson: Who is responsible for trees planted 5-6 years ago and how can they get on the Trees & Sidewalk program?

You can enroll in the program by calling 311 and they will send someone out to evaluate the tree and sidewalk.

Ms. Smith: Will you come back and prune the trees once they have been planted?

No, the Forestry Department does not prune the trees the local DPR-Borough Office will come and prune the trees such as the Litchfield Mansion Prospect Park Office. The trees are pruned on a 7 year cycle however due to these hard economic times with public finances the years have been extended to up to as many as 11 years.

One can be a civilian pruner in which they will receive a badge, license and a hat. This program is being encouraged because in time it will allow the care of the trees to be moved from the city to the people. The hope is to have over 6 million trees in New York City by the year 2017, so help is needed for person to become civilian pruners to care for all of these trees.

What if you do not want a tree?

The Mayor's policy in which he stated in the election and he will follow through, the sidewalks are actually the Mayor's sidewalk and he will have his trees.

How long does it take for a tree that is requested to be planted?

It can take up to 1 – 1 ½ years for the request to be filled. If you are waiting for a tree to be planted that was requested you can check the status by calling the Brooklyn Borough Forester Tree Planting Office at 718-760-6794.

What are some of the reasons why a tree can not be planted if requested?

If planting a tree interferes with a bus stop, light pole, stop signs, building entrance, driveway and etc. a tree will not be planted.

What steps should one take if they feel that a tree present a danger?

If anyone feels that a tree poses a danger they should call their Borough Forestry Office, they have the equipment and the budget to remove the damaged tree. The City is deeply concerned about the trees so if someone feels that a tree has a disease or something is wrong with it they will come and check the tree quickly. Call 311 and emphasize to them that something bad is going to happen, for example, the tree is about to fall down and they will send someone out immediately.

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Jack and Ms. Jameson of the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation Street Tree planting Forestry Department for their presentation.

The Chairperson acknowledged and thanked the following for their attendance and for providing service at the Community Board meetings:

- Two (2) Police Officers representing the 83rd Precinct
- Jessica and Steven from the Municipal Art Society
- The 2 representatives from the NYC Fire Department.
- Last but certainly not least our Elected Officials for their representation

- 3) Battalion Chief Joseph Schiralli who is with the 28th Battalion located at 392 Himrod Street. The building is occupied by Ladder 124 & Engine 271.

Statistics:

Last month there were 47 structural fires and 19 non-structural fires

EMS statistics: 2008 - 2009

2008: 86 Civilian deaths

2009: 73 Civilian deaths

There are 20 units throughout the City slated to be closed due to budget cuts and there is a concern that Engine 271 will be one of them. They are still waiting to see what monies they will receive from the State.

The Fire Department merged with the EMS workers in 1995 in order to increase the response time when a medical emergency occurs. When someone has a heart attack and the heart stops pumping blood to the brain a person loses oxygen to the brain and the critical time to revive a person is within 6 to 8 minutes. After a person has not had oxygen supplied to the brain after 8 minutes they are considered biologically dead. It is very rare that a person can survive after that period of time. The Fire Department's response time is usually 2 to 4 minutes. If Engine Company 271 is closed the response time will be increased causing an even longer time for someone to receive the oxygen to their brain that is needed. Battalion Chief Joseph Schiralli is asking for the board and the communities help in their efforts of trying to keep the engine company open.

Questions entertained:

Mr. Austen Martinez: Every year the same issue occurs where they want to close Engine 271. Why are they always the one scheduled to be closed?

Battalion Chief Joseph Schiralli feels that since there are a few fire houses in the geographical area that if they close one of the fire companies in that area that the response time should not be increase that much. Engine Company 271 is in a double house which means that they are housed with Ladder 124. There are 2 units in that house and the other surrounding fire houses are single engine companies. They do not want to close an entire fire house; however it is easier to close one company in a double house instead of a company in a single house. Please send your letters of complaint to Mayor Bloomberg or send your letters to the Community Board and they will forward it to City Hall.

Ms. Dent stated that the Community Board and the Elected Officials do not want the fire company to close, so whatever support that they can give they are willing to do.

Ms. Julie Dent called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance to the Community Board #4's Wednesday, May 19, 2010 Community Board meeting at 7:30pm.

The Chairperson then asked the District Manager, Ms. Nadine Whitted to call the first roll.

The District Manager stated that they were very involved in the rally that was held and that they can not afford to have any fire house closed in this district because in the 70's Bushwick was on fire. That Fire Company not only

services what some calls Northern Bushwick but also Queens which it is very close to Wyckoff Heights Hospital. The Hospital depends on them so they are a very vital critical service provider to the district.

Roll Call: 28 members present constituting a quorum.

The Chairperson asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. The agenda was accepted by Mr. Cyril Joseph with the correction of the Fire Department added to the agenda and second by Mr. Austen Martinez. All members present were in favor.

The Chairperson asked for the acceptance of the previous month's minutes with any necessary corrections. The previous month's minutes was accepted by Ms. Saudria Simmons and second by Ms. Elvena Davis. All members present were in favor.

Chairperson's Report:

The Chairperson then asked that the Elected Officials and/or their representatives to introduce themselves and give out their respective addresses and telephone numbers.

- 1) Italia Guerrero – Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz' Office, 209 Joralemon Street, 718-802-4032
- 2) Johnny Joyner – Senator Martin Dilan, 786 Knickerbocker Ave., 718-573-1726
- 3) Abby Bello - Councilman Erik Martin Dilan, 387 Arlington Avenue, 718-642-8664
- 4) Karen Cherry – Congressman Ed Towns, 107-04 Flatlands Ave. Office, 718-272-1175,
Cell #: 718-309- 9755
- 5) William Harris – Assemblyman Vito J. Lopez, 53rd Assembly District, 434 South 5th Street, 718-963-7029
- 6) Debra Dilan – NY State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli, 59 Maiden Lane, 212-383-2665
- 7) Alejandro Echeverri – Councilmember Diana Reyna, 217 Havemeyer Street, 718-963-3141

Ms. Dent thanked the 2 New York City Police Officers from the 83rd Pct. for being present at the meeting.

The Chairperson invited all to attend the upcoming committee meetings:

- Civic/Religious Committee & Youth/Education Committee on Thursday, May 20, 2010. The agenda will focus on the final plans for the Annual parade which will take place on Thursday, 10, 2010. The meeting will be held at the board's office at 315 Wyckoff Avenue, 6pm.
- Public Safety Committee on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at the 83rd Precinct located at 480 Knickerbocker Avenue. The committee will discuss the planning of a special public hearing on Sexual Offenders. The committee will also discuss the petition received by community residents concerning the permitting of the park by the Bushwick High School Campus.

The (SYEP) applications for the 2010 summer program must be completed and submitted by Friday, May 21, 2010. The program will run for 7 weeks from July 6th to August 21st. Participants work up to 25 hours a week while earning \$7.25 per hour. Job placement include government agencies, hospitals, summer camps, nonprofit, small businesses, law firms, museums, day cares, and retail corporations. All NYC residents between the ages of 14 and 24 are eligible.

Celebrate 100 years of service at Brooklyn Botanic Garden – As Brooklyn Botanic Gardens marks its first century of service to the community, we hope you will join in celebrating the Garden's founding vision, decades of innovation and exciting plans for the future! For more information, please visit www.bbg.org.

In July the City plans to displace 2000 children. We are protesting the closing of 20 City run Day Care Centers. The plan to close these centers will lead to the permanent lost of child care student slots in low income neighborhoods at a time of great need. The chairperson asked that everyone continue to reach out to the Elected Officials to state that we can not afford to see any of the 20 day care centers close their doors. Please write letters to the Mayor.

Soul Tigers Marching Band, Inc. presents an Auction/Fundraiser on Friday, June 4, 2010 form 6pm-9pm. The event will take place at Brooklyn Borough Hall located at 209 Joralemon Street. The funds will be used to assist the band with their travel to Africa.

Shapeup NYC – Free fitness Classes, Expert Instructors are located at 42 locations across New York City. Shaping up has never been so easy! The class is being offered at I.S 291 for the Bushwick area. Classes are located in all five boroughs. For class schedules and to learn more about Shapeup NYC, visit www.nyc.gov/parks or call 311.

District Managers Report:

The District Manager attended several meetings this month.

The District Manager, Chairperson, the Public Safety Committee Chairperson, Barbara Smith and the First Vice Chairperson, Martha Brown attended a meeting on Thursday, April 29, 2010 that was sponsored by Community Board #3, KCDA Office and NYPD PBBN which provided information on the NYS-Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA). The Brooklyn Kings County District Attorney's Office provided information and entertained questions.

- What is the NYS Sex Offenders Registration Act? The NYS Sex Offenders Registration Act (SORA) was enacted into law in 1996. It requires all individuals convicted of designated sexual offenses to register with the Division of Criminal Justice Services.
- Is this the same as Megan's Law?
- Who has to register? The law applies to all individuals convicted of designated sexual offenses, regarding of whether the victim is an adult or a child.
- What does it mean to register?
- What are the risk level classifications?
- What is the length of time that a sex offender must register?
- What happens if a sex offender does not register?
- How can I learn if any sex offenders live in my neighborhood? There are 4 ways to learn if a sex offender lives in your neighborhood.
 1. 1) Call the NYS Fenders Registry at 1-800-262-3257. You must provide the name of the person as well as some other identifying information such as a date of birth, social security number, driver's license number or exact address
 2. You can get a list of the Level Two and Level Three sex offenders who live in your community by going to the website of the Division of Criminal Justice Services: www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us click on the New York State Subdirectory of Registered Sex Offenders. You can search the Subdirectory geographically by zip code or city/town.
 3. Your can go to your local police precinct and ask to look at the subdirectory, which is kept on file by the police.
 4. The police are authorized to notify the community about sex offenders who reside there.

Additional information can be obtained by going to www.criminajustice.state.ny.us

School Construction Authority

The School Construction Authority (SCA) advises of a Construction Project at Bushwick Leaders High School for Academic Excellence. The work will include reinforcing the support elements of the building. The work will begin shortly and the expected completion date is in December 2011. The work requires asbestos abatement. According to the SCA the material does not easily create airborne fibers or pose potential fiber exposure to surrounding occupants.

A copy of the NYC Department of Education School Construction Authority's letter was attached to the District Manager's report.

For this year only due to the revision of the Summer Playstreet Application the deadline has been extended to May 31, 2010.

Street Activity Permits

The Street Activity Permit is used primary to close off the street from traffic flow. The most popular use is for block parties. However, churches, community based organizations and health organizations must also apply for a permit when requesting to use the city's street. ONE MUST APPLY NINE (9) WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE REQUESTED DATE. The process involves the board's office consulting with the 83rd Precinct who would determine if there has been any negative activity on the requested street.

Due to the overwhelming number of requests only 10 street closing applications are accepted on any given date in the community district; with the first (5) being granted a rain date. To ensure smooth traffic flow consecutive street closing are prohibited.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden Greenest Block in Brooklyn Contest

The purpose of the contest is to promote streetscape gardening, tree stewardship, and community development in the borough of Brooklyn through block and merchant associations and other community groups. The contest is free to enter. In addition to prizes for residential and commercial blocks, prizes are also awarded to Greenest Storefront, Best Street Tree Beds, Best Window Box and Best Community Garden Streetscape. Winners will receive cash prizes or gardening tools and all participants will be awarded a recognition certificate.

To be judged for all these prizes, your block must enter either the Residential or Commercial block categories. Residential entrants must be a: Block Association, Homeowners Association, Civic Organization, Community Garden, School or other.

For more information please call 718-623-7250.

Economic Census Workshops

The Census Bureau is conducting two half-day workshops for data users on the 2007 Economic Census.

- New Users learn about the range of data about businesses available from the Census Bureau, including both the Economic Census and more frequent data sets.
- Experienced users learn about new features of the data, comparability issues, and qualifications of the data.
- Attendees gain skills in accessing Economic Census data in American FactFinder.
- Attendees have the opportunity to tell others about their practical applications of the data and learn what others are doing.

The cost is FREE. Dates for New York are Thursday, June 10, 2010 from 1:30pm – 5:00pm and Friday, June 11, 2010 from 9:30am to 1:00pm. Location: New York Metropolitan Transportation Council, One Seaport Plaza – 199 Water Street, 22nd Floor, New York 10038.

For June 10, 1:30pm: www.regonline.com/new_york_ny_1_economic_census_conference

For June 11, 9:30am: www.regonline.com/new_york_ny_2_economic_census_conference

FREE - College Classes & Services for Veterans

La Guardia Community College - Apply for GI benefits, college enrollment & other financial aide, preparing for college placement test in reading, writing and math. Develop an electronic portfolio, use your military experience to select a career or college major. Call (718) 482-5386/5231 for more information.

Community Board #4's Annual Parade – Thursday, June 10, 2010 (Brooklyn Queens Day) the board have over 40 youth nominated!!! They are still looking for other local organizations to join in on a day of fun, food and celebration.

Baseball Organizations:

Field of Dreams Sport Club Little League will have their opening day ceremony parade in dedication to Leandra's Law on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at 10:00am. Location: Knickerbocker Avenue and Menahan Street, Marching to Irving Avenue and Madison Street "Bushwick Campus Baseball Field" for more information call 347-465-6305

The Quebradillas Little League Baseball Organization: Grand Opening Day on Saturday, May, 22, 2010
Location: IS 383 Park at Greene & Knickerbocker Avenues

Committee Reports:

Parks & Recreation Committee, Mr. Austen Martinez - Chairperson: Meeting held Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 6:00pm, 315 Wyckoff Avenue

Items Discussed:

1) Insured Policies

Quebradillas Baseball Organization, B.Q. Sports, Inc., Field of Dreams produced valid insurance policies.

The Roberto Clemente Baseball League and the United Little League did not attend meeting (Did not produce insurance policies or rosters)

- 2) Presentation of Baseball league rosters:
 - 1) Quebradillas Baseball Organization
 - a) 24 Teams, 15 players per roster
 - b) 4-6 years old, 5 teams
 - c) 7-8 years old, 4 teams
 - d) 9-10 years old, 6 teams
 - e) 11-12 years old, 4 teams
 - f) 13-14 years old, 5 teams
 - 2) B. Q. Sports, Inc.
 - a) 13 teams, 15 players per roster
 - b) 4-6 years old, 3 teams
 - c) 7-8 years old, 3 teams
 - d) 9-12 years old, 3 teams
 - e) 11-12 years old, 4 teams
 - 3) Field of Dreams
 - a) 16 teams, 15 or 16 per roster
 - b) 4-6 years old, 4 teams
 - c) 7-8 years old, 4 teams
 - d) 9-10 years old, 4 teams
 - e) 11-12 years old, 4 teams

The contracts shown by the various baseball leagues were signed by the parents indicating that the majority of the children in the leagues are the children of Bushwick. All leagues present were in compliance.

Committee members discussed the Roberto Clemente's disregard for the age limit requirements and rules that each league are required to follow. All leagues were clearly informed and have been told a number of times that the cut off age is 12 years old. While holding a temporary permit, the Roberto Clemente Little League sublet the field to a school in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. Members from Community Board's PRC witnessed that the kids using the park was clearly over the age limit of 12 years of age.

What are the criteria of the Department of Parks for one applying for the use of the Parks?

- 1) The leagues must have insurance
- 2) Children under the age of 12
- 3) Live in the Bushwick Community

The Department of Parks & Recreation allows Community Board #4 to recommend who will use the parks in the district.

Recommendation:

The PRC made a recommendation to send a letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the immediate revocation of the permit issued to the Roberto Clemente Baseball League and the United Little League from using the Knoll Street Ball Field due to their lack of respect for Community Board's #4 rules and regulation in using the parks.

The Chairperson of the Parks & the Recreation Committee motioned not to let the Robert Clemente Baseball League and the United Little League be issued a permit for the 2010 -2011 season. The motion was second by both Ms. Barbara Smith and Mr. Robert Camacho. All board members were in favor.

Public Safety Committee, Ms. Barbara Smith - Chairperson, meeting held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, 83rd Precinct, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 6:00pm

Items Discussed:

NYS Liquor Authority – License Request

Please see Public Safety Committee Report for more information

Next PSC meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2010

Old Business:

Ms. Dent asked Ms. Laura Braslow to put in writing a description of what the Arts & Cultural Committee will do along with listing the objective of the committee.

Ms. Whitted stated that before the Arts & Cultural Committee becomes a part of a standing committee it will need to be outlined to everyone.

Ms. Braslow agreed to put the details of the committee in writing so that it can be voted upon.

New Business:

Ms. Whitted announced the Community Board's #4, 5th Annual Parade's new date – Thursday, June 10, 2010. Volunteers are needed. The next CRC meeting will be held Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 315 Wyckoff Avenue, 6pm.

Merchant Association Myrtle Avenue/Irving Avenue (MEMA): Due to the economic situation the business community is asking for help with closing down illegal street vendors. Businesses are going out of business and closing their doors because they can not financially compete against the illegal vendors.

Ms. Whitted: A meeting will be arranged in the near future with the 83rd Precinct and the Economic Development Committee to determine how to best help the merchants with this problem. The merchants will be notified of the meeting date.

Announcements:

Ms. Barbara Smith: The 83rd Pct. Community Council will have a fund raiser "Mother and Father Day Dance" on May 21, 2010. It will be held two weeks after Mothers Day and two weeks before Father's Day. Tickets: \$15.00

Alejandro Echeverri: Council Member Diana Reyna along with the Department of Transportation will have a meeting on the Quality of Life on Broadway. The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 27 at 7pm. For more information please call 718-963-3141

Laura Braslow: Bushwick Open Studio and Arts Festival- 4th year event on June 4-6, 2010.

Registration is now open online until May 2, 2010 at www.artsinbushwick.org

Board members that are interested in being on the Arts & Culture Committee were asked to see Ms. Braslow.

Save the Date! Buena Vida's Annual Health Fair & Festival, Saturday June, 19th 2010, "Growing with the Community", Block Festival at 48 Cedar Street, Brooklyn, New York. There will be games, rides, raffle and music! For more information contact: Debbie Laskin at 718-928-3525 or dlaskin@buenavidacenter.org

Storefront: The Kids of Bushwick!!! Please join gallery directors Jason Andrew and Deborah Brown for a punch and cookie reception celebrating and exhibition of art made by kids of Bushwick. Friday, May 21 from 5-7pm at 16 Wilson Avenue, for more information please contact 646-361-8512.

Jessica Rivera, Municipal Art Society: City Youth Internship on learning how to project maps for the MAS. The program is available for Freshman, Sophomore & Junior High School students. If interested call Jessica at 718-300-2172. The program pays \$10.00 per hour.

Shaun Michael: Linden/Bushwick Community Garden (corner of Broadway & Linden Street) Farmers Market opens Wednesday May 26, 2010 at 10am -6pm. EBT and WIC are gladly accepted, there will be an hourly drawing for food and prizes.

Free! Food demos & Tastings, Bicycle-Blended Smoothies, Live Music and Healthy Cookout with Bushwick food Coop at 1PM for \$5.00

The Market is under the directorship of Mr. Cyril Joseph and Ms. Avellar Hansley. For more information visit www.Bushwickfarmersmarket.org

Johnny Joyner representing State Senator Martin Malave Dilan: "Bringing Government to the People", Thursday, May 27, 2010, 7pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church located at 94 Hale Avenue (between Ridgewood and Arlington Avenues) Public Safety Community Forum, Topic: Improving Quality of Life and Safety in Our Community
Guest Speakers: NYS Assemblyman Darryl Towns, 54th AD, NYC Councilman Erik Martin Dilan, 37th CD, Inspector Jeffrey B. Maddrey, 75th Precinct, Representative from the Office of District Attorney Charles Hynes, John Rodriguez, President, Zone 2 Advisory Board, Inc. and Cameron Foster, Director, Cypress Hills LDC, Weed & Seed project

For more information please contact: Hugo Espinal or Derrick Davis at 718-573-1726 / Fax: 718-573-2407

Jason Jensen, Arch Collective Art Gallery: Working with 384 Troutman Street, on building a garden. For more information please call 404-312-3223, website: www.arch-nyc.com

Mary McClellan, Community Representative of Broadway Bushwick Community Coalition: The next meeting will be held at 871 Bushwick Avenue (corner of Himrod Street) on Thursday May 20, 2010 at 7pm.
Topic: Pot Holes For more information email MaryMcClellan@hotmail.com or call 718-453-9105

The New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development in partnership with Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz presents "Homeowner Education Month 2010: The Fundamentals of Buying and Owning a Home", Wednesday, June 16, 2010, 6pm-9pm at Brooklyn Borough hall, 209 Joralemon Street, The Courtroom, 2nd floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Giveaways! Prizes! Space is limited, to RSVP call 212-863-5710
Olivia Triana, State Farm Insurance Agency: The insurance company offers banking, car and home insurance, retirement investment accounts, etc. Located: 136 Wyckoff Avenue, 718-386-6800

The District Manager thanked Ms. Olivia Triana from State Farm Insurance Agency for her donation towards the purchase of the Community Board's Annual Parade T-Shirts.

Rev. Matthew Rae: What is happening on Broadway from Myrtle Avenue to Eastern Parkway? Where are our Elected Officials & Leaders?
Where is our Mayor Bloomberg?

Mr. A. Martinez: (Speaking as resident of Bushwick and not as a board member) When was the last time we have a town hall meeting so as to be informed on what is going on in the community? Why so we have to go somewhere else in order to find out what is going on? The congressman and the elected officials should be at the community board meeting.

For the Record the Chairperson, Ms. Dent informed the audience that the Elected Official do send their representatives to the meetings every 3rd Wednesday of the month. She stated that the Bushwick Community is well informed of what is happening in the community. She would also like to see more Town Hall meetings in Bushwick. She agrees that at times it is good to sit down with the elected officials and not with their representatives.
However they do send representatives out to each and every meeting and the records of such are located at the Community Board 4's office.

Alejandro Echeverri representing Council Member Diana Reyna Office: The Department of Transportation stated that the meeting will be from Myrtle to Broadway. The community input is needed!! Come to the meeting and tell them that the area needs to be extended. Mr. Echeverri has been having monthly events in Bushwick and in acknowledgment of the concerns of Mr. Martinez and Rev. Rae he stated that the community will be hearing about more meetings and events in Bushwick from his office.

2nd Roll Call: Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm