



Manhattan Community Board 9

Serving Hamilton Heights, Manhattanville and Morningside Heights

SENIOR ISSUES COMMITTEE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, November 12, 2019

Committee Members

In Attendance: Anthony Fletcher, Martin Wallace, Marti Cummings

Absent (Unexcused): Rev. Georgiette Morgan-Thomas

Drew Berner – Hamilton Grange Library – 503 West 145th St. Near Amsterdam Ave.

Programs – (see Flyers)

Beginning Yoga – Chair Yoga

CPR training with the FDNY – (No certification)

Several Tech Programs Available

Tax Prep starts in Early Feb. – AARP – lasts through tax day

A.F. How long have you been the resident librarian for adult programming?

D. B. – Since July. Also, Bloomindale and George Bruce, previously.

A.F. Do they have different programs?

D.B. Depends on abilities of local staff and needs of community. Some have more Tech Service, some have more jobs programs. Also depends on layout of library.

You can find the schedule of events at NYPL.ORG; printed calendar in library, or call 212-926-2147 for more information.

Is CPR open to all? Yes. Lasts one hour. No certification.

Adopt agenda.

Review and adopt minutes

Presentation – Officer Clifford from 26th Precinct – Scams affecting Seniors

Clifford is Crime Prevention Officer – has worked on the force for 19 ½ years. Here for past 5 years.

What do we do? Public education and outreach efforts. Read AM reports – analyze then develop strategies for responding. Work closely with Universities, Duane Reade, Senior Centers, any place w/ security officers.

Today – trend is phone scams. Any offers – hang up!

This A.M. – new scam against female senior. Was isolated, overwhelmed and alone. In February, a new senior, male, entered a program. The two are associated. He gains control of her debit card, etc. Officer

Clifford has opened an investigation into potential elder abuse. Senior center where this is happening can get no information.

Sometimes we find similar situations involving family members scamming other family members. Grandson robs grandmother.

Phone scams

Banks, IRS, Utility companies.

Always check your bank statement. Clear account with bank in person.

Drive throughs at fast food chains – employees photograph credit cards.

4 Columbia U. students scammed out of \$112,000.

We chat, Facebook – sending photos around to use as blackmail.

Grand Larceny – Theft of items over \$1,000

Packages being stolen from lobbies of buildings. Have P.D. check your Apt. or Building to verify locks on front and home door are working.

Check Deposit Scam

Pay scammer and then cash their check at your bank – check no good.

Ann B. – Bank tellers – are they trustworthy? Who can you trust? Went into major bank branch – high level person at bank branch wanted to know – do I want 3% interest on acct? How do you know me? Wouldn't let me take info. Home.

Spoofing

Call shows up as false name on screen.

Freeze your credit. Don't give out your SS# to anyone!

Fishing – Mail Scam

P.O. inspector for inside jobs. 'Fishing' mail directly from boxes on the street. Sign checks with special unwashable gel pens. IN some cases, post office boxes were physically removed from the sidewalk, emptied, and then replaced by fishers.

Credit card companies, IRS, Soc. Sec., Utilities – these companies will not call you!

Tips:

1. Know your precinct number: 212-678-1311
2. If unsure – hang up! Don't give out info on the phone
3. Know your NCO (Neighborhood Coordinating Officer)
4. Know when your checks/bills are being mailed out
5. Make no transactions by phone
6. I.D – Get ID# and name of anyone visiting your apartment
7. Do not open your door to anyone who you don't know or can't identify.
8. Police can't enter your apartment without a warrant

Turkey handout coming up

Transportaion Issues – Subcommittee on Street Safety and Design

M. W. We need to hear from you! Meet last Tuesday every other month. Will send out details. Call Martin: 347-238-9876 or e-mail at martianwalrus@gmail.com

A Burley – Lasalle Traffic Light – changes too quickly for crossing Broadway at Lasalle. Forward to Lyle B.

58th st. and 3rd Ave. – Access ramp for bus. When can we have that in our community? Forward to Lyle B.

Martin will look into these and any other issues that come up.

Old Business

Meeting time and date change is needed. George Bruce librarian offered Wednesday at 11:00 AM. Next meeting would be on December 4th.

Membership votes 5 yes to 4 no in favor of changing the meeting time for Deember. We will revisit the decision in December based on attendance.

Meeting Adjourns ca. 2:30 PM