• CB 9's Economic Development committee supported area small business by collaborating with Harlem Community Development Corporation (HCDC), NY State Economic Development Corporation NY (EDC), New York's Women Chamber of Commerce and the Tenant Association of 3333 Broadway to create a forum to allow MWBE certified businesses knowledgeable practices on requirements and other needs to ensure that they can secure state contracts. The event was well attended, and received positive feedback as the presenters indicated measures by which business can pre-position themselves to receive contracts; strategies and techniques they can use to develop a better relationship with purchasing agencies and where online they can go to get further information as well to present themselves as eligible to receive bids.

• WEACT for Environmental Justice has concluded a component of its building community resiliency and held a half day workshop on Nov. 14th discussing findings and next steps around preparedness and response to a disaster. Community members were presented with a variety of ways that resiliency could be developed such as electrical democracy and climate hubs whereby decisions and actions can be coordinated. As these actions are looked to be implemented across the community we will look to work with WEACT to ensure all CB 9 residents are aware of what's required of them as well as becoming fully aware of the role they can play in building an even more resilient community.

• CB9 is looking to partner with the TA and management at 3333 Broadway Housing, the Police Athletic League (PAL), Phat Time which is a locally based non-profit aimed at teaching new technologies, with a focus on developing entrepreneurial and marketable skills in line with the 21st century economy. Through this partnership, efforts will be made to determine the feasibility of a resource center at this location initially focused on technology and then open to a resource and skill building center.

• The Borough Board, encompassing all 12 community boards, unanimously passed a resolution supporting the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) in light of the 50th anniversary of the formation of the commission. The resolution acts for the continued support of elected officials and citizens to defend the NYC Landmarks Law, a strong LPC to support the distinctive aspects of the city that are officially designated as landmarked.

• CB 9 would like to encourage current members to ask friends, family and colleagues to apply for positions on the community board. This is a great opportunity to support the strengthening of your community by bringing resources and needed skills to the board. Applicants are asked to consider the amount of time that they can devote to this endeavor as it requires a significant commitment to partaking in meetings and follow-up needs. Applications will soon be able to access applications on line.
• Due to inclement weather the Holiday Lighting program has been postponed to Dec. 1st. Please save the date in your calendar as members of the Arts and Culture committee has dedicated a lot of time and energy in making the event a success.

• CB 9 would like to offer congratulations to Rev. Georgette Morgan-Thomas on her recognition by the BP’s office for the hard work she has done in securing resources, building partnerships and developing initiatives to support the health and wealth growth of the CB 9 community.