



Manhattan Community Board 9

Chair Report September 20, 2018 Executive Meeting

Welcome Back

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Argus Community Methadone Clinic

With the help of a coalition of individuals and organizations including the 147th st Block Association, elected officials and CB9, we have successfully convinced the Office of Alcoholism Substance Abuse and Services and Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene, that we do not want the location of a methadone clinic within a residential area. As such, we are looking to engage with Argus as well as other stakeholders to be much more engaged and aligned with what constitutes an agreeable location within the CB9 community.

Breakfast at Columbia

In holding Columbia accountable for keeping up their end of the bargain, we must hold our selves accountable to take advantage and when necessary request services from Columbia. As such, many board members and the community at large had the opportunity to attend the CU Collaborative of Youth and Family Outreach Programs breakfast, hosted at the Morningside campus on Thursday Sept. 13th at 8am. It offered the opportunity for leader from our neighborhood schools and youth development programs, to learn about the Columbia University educational enrichment opportunities and supportive programs for youth. Tours of the Morningside campus were also provided.

Celebrating Harlem PAL

On Thursday, September 20th, Police Athletic League, PAL, will be hosting a celebration along with the Garden of Dreams Foundation, to recognize the renovation of the PAL Harlem Center – and they have extended an invitation to CB9.

PAL's Harlem Center is where leaders are born. Located in the heart of Harlem, our center provides a safe haven for young people year round. The Harlem Center offers opportunities for academic growth and recreation, arts and crafts, step, and dance. We expand on each youth's capabilities and empower them to strive to be their best. The Saturday Academy focuses primarily on the performing arts with choir, tap, jazz, hip-hop, modern, African dance, and Step classes.

We teach our "Emerging Leaders" skills in leadership and communication as an example for our younger participants. Counselors and specialists work incredibly hard to ensure young people learn while having fun through tutoring, homework assistance, arts and crafts, music, drama, games, and recreation. Being a member of the Harlem PAL can lead to endless opportunities.

The event will be at the PAL Harlem Center, 441 Manhattan Avenue between 119th Street and Manhattan Avenue at 4:00PM.

Respectively Submitted by,

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**Padmore John
Chair**