July/August, 2018 District Manager’s Report

Agency Reports:

26th Pct. Reported:

A Homicide occurred on Sunday, July 29th at approximately 1:23 am, when officers received a radio call for shots fired at the West Harlem Piers located near Marginal Street between 125 Street & 133 Street. When officers arrived at the scene, they noticed a large crowd exiting the location from the north and south ends of the pier. Several minutes later, another unit broadcasted that they had a confirmed male shot at St. Luke’s hospital. The victim was identified as 21-year-old, Pope, Rashaun of the Bronx, NY. An examination of Mr. Pope revealed that he sustained a single gunshot wound to his upper right chest. Unfortunately, Mr. Pope did not survive his injury and was pronounced deceased at 2:06 am.

The incident is being actively investigated by members of the 26 Precinct Detective Squad and the Manhattan North Homicide Squad Unit

26th Pct. Crime Prevention Unit Reported:

Mailbox fishing is the process in which thieves gain entry into the interior of mailboxes and steal mail. The purpose of stealing the mail is to obtain checks, credit/debit/gift cards and other personally identifiable information that would allow the their and others to gain access to your finances.

What you can do to prevent mailbox fishing:

- When you use a mailbox, deposit the mail as close to the scheduled pick-up time as possible;
- Drop mail containing checks and any other personally identifiable information directly at the Post Office or hand it directly to your mail carrier;
- Use a pen with pigmented (permanent) ink to write checks out. This ink prevents the altering of your checks;
- Whether you use the US Mail or other methods to move your money, remember to make record of the transactions, incase you need it for future reference.

Check washing is a process in which thieves use common household products to alter checks stolen out of mailboxes. They then make the checks payable to themselves or other parties.

What you can do to prevent checks from being altered:

- Use a pen with pigmented (permanent) ink to write checks. The ink is not easy to alter;
- Shred any voided or incorrectly written checks;
Check your account balance frequently to ensure checks where cleared by the establishment that you wrote them out to. Note the thieves usually re-write the check for the original amount you wrote, but simply change the payee name.

DEP Reported:

NYC DEP Bureau of Water & Sewer Operations / Distribution Operations performed some trunk main valve operations on Wednesday, 8/8/2018, in the vicinity of St. Nicholas Avenue & W. 135th Street, Manhattan. Possible discolored water conditions within the area highlighted on the attached map, attributed to this one-day DEP operation. DEP flushed the hydrants as needed to address the issue. Residents were informed to run their cold tap water before using until clear. If discoloration continues call 311 and DEP will flush out the nearest hydrant.

DEP has joined with City colleagues from across City government to release the draft NYC Stormwater Management Plan that is required by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The Plan is the City’s first comprehensive effort to reduce pollution in stormwater runoff in areas served by the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). It’s part of an integrated planning approach that builds off of earlier green and grey infrastructure projects to improve water quality in NYC’s waterways.

The draft is available for download on the DEP website.

Background Information:

When it rains in New York City, stormwater flows over impervious surfaces such as streets, sidewalks, rooftops, and parking lots before reaching a sewer. Along the way, stormwater can come in contact with pollutants such as oils, pathogens, and sediments. In areas with a separate storm sewer system, this pollution is carried into nearby waterbodies. This is harmful to water quality and can negatively impact the local ecology or limit recreational uses like boating.

The Clean Water Act, which congress passed to help protect and restore the health of waterbodies across the country, regulates pollution from the stormwater as well as other sources. To reduce stormwater pollution, the Clean Water Act requires cities with a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) to obtain permits to discharge stormwater into local water bodies.

How do sewer systems handle stormwater?

The City has two types of sewer systems that keep stormwater from flooding streets and homes; a combined sewer system and a separate sewer system. While these systems look the same at the street level, there are some important differences.

- In a Combined Sewer System, both wastewater and stormwater are carried by a single pipe to a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). During times of heavy precipitation, the combined sewer system may be overwhelmed and discharge into waterbodies. This discharge is known as a combined sewer overflow (CSO);
In a Separate Storm Sewer System, wastewater and storm water are carried by separate pipes. Wastewater is conveyed to a WWTP where it is treated, while untreated stormwater is discharged into the waterbody.

**Department of Parks and Recreation Reported:**

- **Summer Movie Night (schedule attached)**

- **West Harlem Development Corp. (Arise!!) is hosting an Anti-School Shooting Rally**
  (See attached Flyer) on:

  Date: Friday, August 10th, 2018
  Time: 11A.M. – 5P.M.
  Place: St. Nicholas Park Plaza – 135th Street & St. Nicholas Ave.

**Libraries:**

George Bruce Library Reported - **NYPL 2018 ESSAY CONTEST** – Win a Trip to a Yankees Game by entering the 2018 Summer Reading Essay Contest. Write an essay about a favorite book you’ve read recently and what it means to you. *(See Flyer attached)*

**Culture Pass** – Explore New York City’s museums and attractions with Culture Pass. If you have a library card, you can reserve a pass and get free admission to dozens of cultural institutions. Save money and discover more about our City!!!

**Bookshare** - An online library that makes reading accessible for people who cannot read standard print. With Bookshare books, members can listen to a book, follow along with highlighted text, read in braille, and customize their experience in ways that make reading easier. Bookshare is a benetech technology initiative. Benetech is a nonprofit that empowers communities through software for social good. Their work transforms how people with disabilities read and learn, makes it safer for human rights defenders to pursue truth and justice, and connects people to the services they need to live and prosper.

**Who can join?**

Anyone with a disability that makes it difficult or impossible to read printed materials, including learning disabilities, physical disabilities, blindness, and low vision.

**DOT Reported:**

Edward F. Pincar Jr. was recently appointed the Manhattan Borough Commissioner of Manhattan

**Department of Transportation will increase parking meter rates in Manhattan** for both passenger and commercial vehicles starting October 1st. As reported meters play a vital role in creating a safe, efficient street network. They help encourage turnover and parking availability
at the curb, which generates economic activity for New York’s businesses, and also enhances traffic safety by reducing incidences of double parking. This increase in meter rates is the first since 2013.

Unlike the largely uniform borough-wide rates that exist today, the new rates are tiered and reflective of local neighborhood parking conditions including land use, density and parking demand. In Manhattan, the increases for passenger vehicles are between $0.25 and $1.00/hr. for the first hour. In addition, the new structure introduces a progressively priced second hour in areas south of 96th Street. Commercial vehicles will see an increase between $1.00 and $2.00/hr. Outside of Manhattan, the rate increases vary between $0.25 and $1.00/hr. The attached Map provides details of the new rates throughout Community Board No. 9. (See Attached Map)

Department of Buildings (DOB) Reported:

FREE inspections of property owners’ deck, porch, or retaining wall are being provided from July 16th – August 31st. Call 311 to request a FREE no penalty inspection.

Following the inspection, homeowners will be notified of the findings and whether or not the conditions observed pose an immediate safety hazard or warrant repairs. The issuance of violations will be withheld for a limited time, giving homeowners the opportunity to make corrective repairs.

The DOB has performed several hundred of these inspections since the launch of the No-Penalty Deck and Retaining Wall Inspection Program in 2010, keeping New Yorkers safe and saving homeowners time and money by preventing accidents. By law, homeowners are required to maintain their decks, porches, and retaining walls in a safe and code compliant manner at all times.

Human Rights Commission Reported:

Criminal history can’t be part of the hiring process until after a job offer. That means everyone gets a fair chance, and employers get to consider more candidates. Criminal records are off-limits until an employer offers the job.

Once an employer finds out about applicants record, the employer can decide not to hire. But before making a final decision, an employer must do the follow three things:

1. Give applicant a copy of any background check it did on them;

2. Evaluate applicants by considering specific factors and share that written evaluation with applicants;

3. Hold the job open for at least three business days after the employer communicates its decision to applicant so that applicant can respond to decision.
MBPO Reported:

323 people have been appointed to Manhattan’s 12 Community Boards for two-year terms that began June 1st, including 92 new members!

Applications for the Manhattan Community Award Program (MCAP) for Fiscal Year 2019 are now available.

MCAP provides small funding awards—typically between $3,500 and $5,000—to nonprofit organizations and public schools. Each award is contracted through one of four city agencies: Department for the Aging, Department of Corrections, Department of Education, or Department of Health & Mental Hygiene. Proposals must relate to the specific agency’s overall mission and goals.

If you have a project or program that could benefit from this funding, you are encouraged to apply.

A review panel made up of the budget staff will assess applications based on the factors listed on the MBP’s website. You can access the application at my office’s grants portal. The deadline for submission is Friday, August 10, 2018. For more information, please visit my website’s MCAP page. If, after viewing the website, you still have questions or need more information, please email our budget staff at budget@manhattanbp.nyc.gov, or call Vanessa Diaz-Lopez at 212-669-4814, Nelson Andino at 212-669-8145, or James Thomas at 212-531-4264.

Reported on the Percy Sutton 5K Run the run celebrates historic Harlem and is part of HARLEM WEEK, taking place on Saturday, August 25th, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. This Race is one of the northeast area’s largest cultural celebrations.

This fast 5K course circles St. Nicholas Park and runs alongside Jackie Robinson Park, both historic and beautiful enclaves in the heart of Harlem. Though there is significant climbing in the first mile, most of the rest of the race is flat and downhill, including a thrillingly flat and fast final half-mile to the finish on St. Nicholas Avenue at approximately 138th Street, near the Percy E. Sutton Education Complex.

Post-Race Festivities: Enjoy entertainment, including DJs and dancers, from 7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Nicholas Park Plaza, located at 135th Street and St. Nicholas Park.

For more information about HARLEM WEEK events, visit harlemweek.com. To learn more about The Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce, visit greaterharlemchamber.com.

Registration is currently being held at the Manhattan Borough President Northern Manhattan Office – 431 West 125th Street.

City Council Member Mark Levine’s Office Reported: The 5th Annual Back-to-School Block Party will be held on Thursday, August 30th, 5-7 p.m., on 141st Street (Bet. Hamilton Place &
Amsterdam Avenue). To R.S.V.P. for this event, please register online at www.marklevine.nyc/2018blockparty or call (212) 928-6814. (See Attached Flyer)

DID YOU KNOW?

Department of City Planning (DCP) – Announced as part of City Planning’s ongoing climate resiliency initiatives, DCP is working with coastal communities to update the special zoning regulations that apply in the floodplain. These regulations promote flood-resistant building design to ensure that neighborhoods are more resilient to flooding and climate change. However, they were adopted on a temporary, emergency basis following Sandy, and need to be made permanent to ensure buildings do not lose the zoning flexibility that enables resilient design.

You can read more about this input from stakeholders, residents, Community Boards, civic and homeowners associations, non-profit organizations, property owners, businesses, architects, and elected officials in the Community Outreach Summary, and DCP invites you to get involved by sharing your input through their feedback form.

Homeowners Night: If you are a homeowner, tenant, small business owner or building manager, DOB encourages you to visit your local borough office every Tuesday, 4p.m. – 7p.m. to discuss and obtain information needed to:

✓ Plan for a home renovation or construction project;

✓ Address an open violation on your property;

✓ Obtain more information and records about a property;

✓ Use DOB’s online resources including DOB NOW and the Buildings Information System (BIS) – No Appointment needed!!!

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation’s (NMIC) Train & Earn program is a 5-week paid certification and training program for youth ages 16-24 who are out of school and not working at the time of enrollment. Candidates receive a stipend of $500 once they complete certifications, program benchmarks and trainings. There are also opportunities to earn incentives, and candidates will receive metrocards while enrolled in programming. NOW RECRUITING FOR SEPTEMBER!!

What do Train & Earn candidates receive?

Candidates earn the following certificates and training:

- ServSafe Certificate
- National Retail Federation’s Customer Service Certificate
- Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Certificate (minimum reading score required)
• Opportunity to receive NYC Food Protection Certificate
• Potential for 100 hours of paid internship experience
• Employment readiness training
• Academic tutoring and services (basic skills training)
• One full year of education/career counseling and services

How do applicants qualify?

• Must be 16-24 years old (any applicant under 18 must have guardian consent)
• Reside in the 5 boroughs

Call Now!!

• Ms. Emma Valencia: 212-453-5378
• Ms. Dale Reyes: 212-822-8325

NMIC's Education & Career Services Department is located at: 45 Wadsworth Ave., Second Floor, New York, NY 10033

Sidewalk Obstruction:

Sidewalk areas must be kept free from any obstruction that could impede pedestrian traffic. Obstructions may include, but are not limited to, refuse, refuse containers, merchandise, bins, racks, coin-operated rides, sandwich or A-frame signs, over-extended sidewalk displays/stands, ATMs, ice machines and acrylic enclosures, etc.

Stores are permitted to have outside displays of merchandise. The items displayed must consist of goods which are available for sale inside the store and all sales must occur inside the premise. Structures for merchandise displayed outside the store may extend **NO MORE THAN 3 FEET INTO THE SIDEWALK FROM THE BUILDING LINE AND NO HIGHER THAN 5 FEET**. However, streets that are designated “zero sidewalk display streets” may not have any displays placed on the sidewalks. To find out if a street is a “zero sidewalk display street,” please call 311.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Eunice Prince
District Manager
08/09/18
Movies Under the Stars: August 2018

Pack a picnic, grab a blanket and come enjoy a movie in a neighborhood park! This summer, NYC Parks will movie showings throughout the five boroughs. Movies begin at dusk. For more information visit nyc.gov/parks or call 311.

Contact (212) 360-1430 or accessibility@parks.nyc.gov for more information regarding accessibility.

**Gifted (2017)**
Wednesday, August 01
DeWitt Clinton Park (ball courts)
12th Ave & W. 54th St.
New York, NY 10019

**Justice League (2017)**
Thursday, August 02
Highbridge (CPF field)
W 172nd Street & Amsterdam Ave.
New York, NY 10033

**The Jackie Robinson Story**
Friday, August 03
Jackie Robinson Park
85 Bradhurst Ave.
New York, NY 10030

**Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets (2017)**
Saturday, August 04
Inwood Hill Park Peninsula
Enter through W 218 Street & Indian Road
New York, NY 10034

**The Boxtrolls**
Tuesday, August 07
Raul Wallenberg Playground
Lauren Hill Terrace & Amsterdam Ave
New York, NY 10040

**Wonder Woman (2017)**
Thursday, August 09
Bellevue South Park
East 26- East 28 Mt Carmel Pl
New York, NY 10016

**Isle of Dogs**
Thursday, August 09
Matthew Sepolin Playground
W 70 St, Brw W. 6th Ave & Amsterdam
New York, NY 10025

**Malcolm X (1992)**
Friday, August 10
Hansborough Rec. Rooftop
35 w. 134th St. (Lenox Terrace Pl.)
New York, NY 10031

**Peter Rabbit (2018)**
Friday, August 10
Twenty-Four Sycamore's Park
501 W 60th St
New York, NY 10025

Wednesday, August 15
James Weldon Johnson Pig.
E 119th st bet. 3rd & Lexington Ave.
New York, NY 10029

**The Fantastic Mr. Fox (2009)**
Thursday, August 16
Samuel Seabury Playground
Lexington Ave., E 86th St. to E 96th St.
New York, NY 10128

**Selma (2015)**
Friday, August 17
Hansborough Rec. Rooftop
35 w. 134th St. (Lenox Terrace Pl.)
New York, NY 10037

**Wrinkle in Time (2018)**
Friday, August 17
Jacob H. Schiff Playground
Amsterdam Ave, btw. W 138th & W 139th
New York, NY 10031

**Wonder Woman (2017)**
Saturday, August 18
Hansborough Rec. Rooftop
35 w. 134th St. (Lenox Terrace Pl.)
New York, NY 10037

**The BFG (2016)**
Tuesday, August 21
Colonel Young Playground
W. 143rd St. to W. 145th St., Lenox Ave.
New York, NY 10037

**Thor: Ragnarok (2017)**
Wednesday, August 22
Booker T. Washington Park
W 107 St, Columbus & Amsterdam New York, NY 10025

**Spider-Man Homecoming (2017)**
Friday, August 24
Carmansville Park
Amsterdam Ave., W 151st St. to W 152nd St.
New York, NY 10031

**Lee Daniels’ the Butler (2013)**
Friday, August 24
Hansborough Rec. Rooftop
35 w. 134th St. (Lenox Terrace Pl.)
New York, NY 10037

**A Ballerina's Tale (2015)**
Saturday, August 25
Martin Luther King Jr. Park
Lenox Ave., W 113 to W 114 streets
New York, NY 10026

**Isle of Dogs (2018)**
Tuesday, August 28
Sol Lain Playground
290 E Broadway,
New York, NY 10002

**Jumanji (2018)**
Wednesday, August 29
Morningside Park
290 E Broadway,
New York, NY 10026

**Coco (2017)**
Thursday, August 30
Jackie Robinson Park
85 Bradhurst Ave.
New York, NY 10030

**Sherlock Gnomes (2018)**
Friday, August 31
Inwood Hill Park Peninsula
Payson Ave. & Seaman Ave.
New York, NY 10034
FRIDAY
AUGUST 10 2018
"HEAR US NOW"
MARCH 4 OUR LIVES!
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Harlem, NY

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11AM - 5PM

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Gun Violence
Gangs
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Immigration
Education
Programs
Teen Suicide
Mental Illness
Answers from
City & State
Elected Officials
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Medical
Professionals,
Non-Profit
Organizations
& Young Adults

WEST HARLEM
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York, NY 10027
646-476-3394
www.westharlemdc.org
Monday – Friday 9-5pm
2018 Parking Meter Rate Changes
Community District: 109

Metered Zones

ZONE M3 (Passenger): Original: $1.50; New: $2.50
ZONE 1 (Passenger): Original: $1.00; New: $2.00
ZONE 3 (Passenger): Original: $1.00; New: $1.25
NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
MARK LEVINE'S
5th Annual
Back-to-School Block Party
FREE Summer Meals!
FREE School Supplies!
FREE Educational Resources!
Music, games, giveaways and more!

Thursday, August 30th
5 - 7:30pm • 141st Street
(Between Hamilton Place & Amsterdam Avenue)

To RSVP for this event, please register online at marklevine.nyc/2018blockparty or call 212-928-6814
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Block Party
¡Regreso a la Escuela!

¡Almuerzo GRATIS!
¡Útiles escolares GRATIS!
¡Recursos educativos GRATIS!

Música, juegos, regalos y más!

Jueves, 30 de agosto
5 - 7:30pm • 141st Street
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