

November, 2018 District Manager's Report

Agency Reports:

Run Safe New York (Safety Tips for Runners)

- There's safety in numbers, don't run alone. Find a partner or a group run with. A local Runners Club is a good place to start;
- Trust your instincts and change your route if you sense that you are in danger;
- Always tell someone where you are going;
- Carry a cell phone, whistle, or personal alarm to summon emergency assistance;
- Avoid running in deserted, poorly lit areas, or areas with overgrown foliage/shrubbery;
- Run against traffic so you can observe approaching automobiles;

26th Pct. Community Affairs

Turkey Drive is underway donations are being accepted at the 26th Pct.

Patrol Borough Manhattan North

What you need to know about the NYPD's "New Marijuana Enforcement Policy"

- ✓ **Smoking marijuana in Public OR possessing any amount of marijuana in public view is still illegal in New York City. You can be arrested and charged with a crime;**
- ✓ **Under the NYPD's new marijuana enforcement policy, smoking marijuana in public or possessing up to 25 grams of marijuana in public view for personal use may result in a summons rather than an arrest, if you are eligible;**
- ✓ **You may still be arrested for smoking marijuana in public if you are on probation, parole, are a known violent offender, or if your behavior is an immediate threat to public safety.**

DEP Reported: Catch basin cleaning of 935 catch basins within the district.

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 storm water 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;

Libraries:

NYPL Reported on: 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.

Department of Buildings (DOB) Reported:

Homeowners Night held every Tuesday, 4p.m. – 7p.m. If you are a homeowner, tenant, small business owner or building manager, DOB encourages you to visit your local borough office where Department of Buildings staff can answer your questions and provide the information you need 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 our online resources including DOB NOW and the Buildings Information System (BIS)

Permits, construction codes, zoning regulations, sign offs, certificates of occupancy, place of assembly, equipment installations, violations and civil penalties are just a few of the things we can assist you with.

plan examiners, inspectors and staff are here to help you build and live safely in New York City – *no appointment needed.*

HRA Reported:

CUSTODIAL PARENTS: If you are a single parent (or guardian) raising a child alone in New York City, and the other parent isn't helping out financially under law, that parent must pay child support and the Office of Child Support can help you get it.

THE OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT (OCSE) works with New York City families, regardless of income or immigration status, to ensure that children receive financial support from both parents. OCSE helps custodial parents (Parent, relative, or guardian who lives with and is the primary caretaker of a minor child) to understand the child support program and provides services throughout the process. OCSE assists noncustodial parents (Parent who does not live with and is not the primary caretaker of a minor child) by offering programs to help them meet their child support obligations and manage their child support cases. The child support process is a partnership between OCSE and Family Court. Many people think that OCSE and Family Court are part of the same agency. Although they share the same goal of improving the lives of New York City children through the formal child support system, they are two different organizations, with different functions.

The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) is part of the New York City Human Resources Administration (HRA), an agency of the City of New York. The child support process starts when a custodial parent files an application for services. OCSE will locate the noncustodial parent, serve a summons, and establish paternity. After the child support order is established in Family Court, OCSE monitors, collects, and distributes the payments. If payments fall behind, OCSE has the authority to enforce the child support order through administrative means.

FAMILY COURT is part of the New York State Unified Court System. The court's role in the child support process starts when a parent, guardian, or the Department of Social Services (HRA in New York City) files a petition for paternity and/or child support. The court is responsible for establishing new child support and medical support orders, and modifying existing ones. If payments fall behind, a violation petition may be filed in court. When that happens, the court has the authority to enforce the child support order through judicial means.

To apply for child support services, any mother, father, or guardian who cares for a child can go the Family Court in the borough they live in. Parents who receive cash assistance are automatically referred to our Borough Offices for services.

Our services include:

- Locating the other parent
- Establishing legal fatherhood (paternity)
- Establishing child support and medical support orders
- Collecting and distributing support payments
- Enforcement of child support orders

Even if you believe the noncustodial parent cannot afford to pay child support right now, you should still get a child support order. Establishing legal fatherhood (paternity) all by itself can benefit your child.

They do not address divorce, custody, or visitation, though they can guide you to outside mediation services.

MTA Reported:

Customer Count Survey is underway to help in ridership on subways; Bus; Staten Island Railway; New Staten Island "SIM" Express Bus Service. Help the MTA improve your ridership; tell them about your experience at www.mta.info/CustomersCount.

This is to let you know that MTA New York City Transit is undertaking subway street stair repair at three staircases on the 155th Street C station. The stairs to be repaired are S3, S4 and S5 in that order. Each staircase will close for approximately three months. Work includes repairs to stairs, lighting, drainage and handrails. The tentative closing date for staircase S3 is Thursday, September 27, 2018.

Manhattan DA's Office Reported:

Hope and Help: Confronting the Upload Crisis in our Community is offering information and resources for individuals with substance use disorders and those seeking to help them. Featured discussion led by Manhattan DA CY Vance with NYC health experts, individuals with lived experience with a substance use disorder, and community members.

Manhattan prosecutors will discuss alternatives to incarceration, drug treatment, and how the Good Samaritan Law is saving lives. *(See Flyer)*

Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence Reported:

In the current #Me-too movement, as people across the City and the country are empowered to share stories or sexual violence that had previously been silenced, this a critical time, and NYC stands with Survivors.

If you or someone you know has experienced sexual violence, help is available:

- Visit NYC Hope at www.nyc.gov/nuchope to access resources;
- Call the NYC Rape and Sexual Assault Hotline available 24/7/365 at (212) 227-3000;
- Contact NYC Will counselors 24/7/365. Call 888-NYC-WELL (888-692-9355), text WELL to 65173 or visit www.nyc.gov/nycwell

DID YOU KNOW?

As part of Department of City Planning (DCP) ongoing effort to train community board members on planning, zoning and the City's land use review process, DCP has scheduled a training session for new community board members.

This training session is intended for new community board members, or those new to their respective land use committee, to supply them with the knowledge and tools necessary to make them even more effective advocates for their communities and participants within our planning and land use processes.

Where:

DCP Headquarters -- Public Hearing Room
120 Broadway, Lower Level
New York, NY 10271

When:

Tuesday, December 4th, 6:00 – 8:30pm
Please RSVP no later than November 27th, unfortunately due to building security we cannot accommodate those that do not RSVP.

Please RSVP: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScNAOLRtSm8PWM4d-Chg71UD9vqyNFqf_21P0pbV463ulzx2A/viewform

Doors open 30 minutes prior, please arrive early to sign in and meet fellow community board members as well as DCP staff that are designated liaisons to each community board. Training will start promptly at 6pm. Light refreshments will be provided. For further questions or additional accommodations please contact Alison Brown at [212-720-3593](tel:212-720-3593) or abrown@planning.nyc.gov.

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](#).

NYC Advisory Commission on Property Tax Reform Public Hearing in Manhattan:

Mayor de Blasé and City Council Speaker Corey Johnson established an advisory commission to develop recommendations to make the City’s property tax system simpler, clearer, and fairer, while ensuring that there is not reduction in revenue used to fund essential City services. The Commission will hold a series of public hearings this fall and next spring to hear from all who pay property taxes directly or indirectly (*Spring Dates to follow*).

Hookah Lounges have new regulations:

Under the Smoke – Free Air Act of 2002, serving or smoking shisha containing tobacco is prohibited in NYC restaurants and bars. A recent amendment to this law now bans establishments from serving or smoking non-tobacco shisha unless they have obtained a permit to operate as a non-tobacco hookah establishment.

Any entity that in good faith believes itself to be a non-tobacco hookah establishment shall have 180 days from the effective date of the local law to apply to the department for a permit as a non-tobacco hookah establishment.

NYC Businesses are required by law to separate their organic waste.

The NYC Department of Sanitation recently adopted new business organics rules. If a business meets the minimum requirements outlined below, they must comply with the business organics rules.

Establishments covered by Business Organics Rules

As of August 15, 2018

- Food service establishments with a floor area of at least 15,000 sq. feet;
- Food service establishments that are part of a chain of 100 or more locations in NYC
Retail food stores with a floor area of at least 25,000 sq. feet;
- Food manufacturers with a floor area of at least 25,000 sq. feet; Food wholesalers with floor area of at least 20,000 sq. feet
- Arenas and stadiums with a seating capacity of at least 15,000 people;

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.

Upcoming Events:

- **Mobile Mammography Program** come and learn more about the importance of early cancer detection, mammograms, and how to get screened at:
Where: Manhattan Community Board No. 9 General Board Meeting, Castle Gardens, 625 W. 140th St. (Community Rm.), NYC 10031; **When:** Wednesday, November 14th at 6:30 P.M. (*See Attached*)
- **Harlem Holiday Lights will be held on Thursday, November 15th**
<http://www.125thstreet.nyc/individual-event-detail/?eventid=27414>;

Respectfully Submitted,


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THE CITY OF NEW YORK
COMMUNITY BOARD 9
MANHATTAN



Welcome to 125th Street*
HARLEM LIGHTS 2018

Thursday, November 15, 2018
125th Street Between 5th & Twelfth Avenue
FREE EVENT

Dapper Dan
Joins the 25th
Annual Harlem
Holiday Lighting
as the Grand
Marshall!



- Parade of Lights
- TD Bank Community Stage with live performances
- Community Board #9 Children's Village
- Community Board #10 Street Activation
- HealthFirst Health Villages
- Healthfirst Karaoke
- In - store activities and promotions
- Marvel Characters
- Whole Foods ABRAZOS Army Band, Mama Foundations and much more...



For more information, please contact 212 - 662 - 8999 or email specialevents.125thstreetbid@gmail.com or visit www.harlemlightitup.com

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Activities



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**Mount
Sinai**

Mobile Mammography Program

Come and learn more about the importance of early breast cancer detection, mammograms, and how to get screened at:

When: November 14th at 6:30 pm

Where: Castle Gardens, 625 W. 140th St Community Rm
NYC 10031

**If you have any questions, please call us at (844) EZMAMMO (844-396-2666)
or email us at mobilemammo@mountsinai.org**

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