

# November, 2019 District Manager's Report

## Agency Reports:

**NYPD Reported:** Vehicles are stolen for a variety of reasons, including theft for parts, insurance fraud, retagging, exporting, and joy-riding. What can you do?

**Report it,** contact your local precinct crime prevention officer or visit website at [www.nyc.gov/nypd](http://www.nyc.gov/nypd) on programs offered.

**Always lock and secure your vehicle;** Always activate your alarm when leaving your vehicle; Park in high traffic or well-lit areas when possible; Never leave property in your vehicle items such as loose change, shopping bags, GPS, cell phones, laptops, tablets and the charging cords are all targeted by thieves. **Enroll in NYPD anti-theft programs** such as VIN etching, Operation ID and Combat Auto Theft.

**OEM Reported:** On November 21, from 9:30a.m. -12P.M. elected officials, community boards and staff are invited to stop by the OEM office to meet and greet Commissioner Criswell, NYCEM staff, tour facilities including the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Watch Command and response vehicles.

**NYC Emergency Management Commissioner for the Day Essay Contest:** All New York City high school students across all five boroughs are invited to participate in the inaugural "Commissioner for a Day" essay contest NYCEM Commissioner Criswell will select the winner and invite him or her to NYCEM headquarters.

- Visit the <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/ready/rny-contests.page> for essay topics and instructions. All entries must be emailed to [readyny@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:readyny@oem.nyc.gov) with the subject line "Commissioner for a Day Essay Contest" by December 1, 2019.

**Upcoming Training – Three Steps to Organizational Preparedness** on November 19, from 9a.m – 12:30 p.m. NYCEM will host an introductory training designed to raise awareness for leaders of the community and faith-based organizations about the importance of organizational planning in advance of emergencies. The Training will outline three steps organizations can take to ensure the continuation services and best practices following an emergency. For more information, visit [www.NYC.gov/emergencymanagement](http://www.NYC.gov/emergencymanagement) with questions or event schedule.

## **Department of Sanitation Reported: Trash and Recycling Collection Times May Change During the Winter Schedule**

The New York City Department of Sanitation began its annual winter schedule operations on, October 28, 2019. Known as "Night Plow" the winter schedule enables the Department to have pre-scheduled staff on hand to respond promptly and effectively to snow and ice conditions around the clock. When it is not snowing, these Sanitation Workers are generally assigned to collection duties, and residents may notice their trash and recycling collected at a slightly different time during the season. This schedule shift lasts through mid-April.

The Department of Sanitation has a frontline defense of 705 salt spreaders dispatched prior to the start of the impending snowfall. The Department has a storage capacity for more than 300,000 tons of rock salt and 350,000 gallons of calcium chloride solution at facilities throughout the city. Once snow begins to accumulate on the City's streets and highways, the Department can deploy 2,300 plowable trucks to clear snow and ice. The Department is responsible for more than 19,000 lane miles of roadway in the City.

While the first flake of the season has not yet fallen, it's already officially snow season at the NYC Department of Sanitation. The season is starting earlier than ever, to best allow DSNY to prepare for any extra-early storms that may come our way. Moving to a winter schedule allows them to more efficiently transition their workforce, critical first responders, to snow fighting operations. When they are not on snow and ice removal duty, the night shift will collect household trash and recycling, and DSNY advises those crews to work as quietly as possible.

**Supervisor Stephen Caruso** has recently joined the Bureau of Community Affairs as **Citywide Community Affairs Officer**. As many know, Ignazio "Iggy" Terranova had announced his intention to retire from the Department of Sanitation. Supervisor Caruso will be assuming his responsibilities and is excited to continue to foster and maintain the great relationships that Iggy developed over the course of his career.

Supervisor Caruso can be reached via email at [scaruso@dsny.nyc.gov](mailto:scaruso@dsny.nyc.gov) or by telephone at 646-885-5021. Do not hesitate to reach out to him, or any member of the Bureau of Community Affairs, with any future requests.

**NYPL George Bruce Library Reported:** Articulation Short Plays to Nourish the Mind & Soul Book Launch Celebration will be held on: Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 4P.M., at the George Bruce Library, 518 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street. Performances will be followed by post-show conversation, refreshments, book sale and book signing. Come out and Celebrate stories born in Harlem in the Harlem community, **ADMISSION IS FREE!!! (Flyer attached)**

**George Bruce/Hamilton Grange Library announced: US CENSUS HARLEM RECRUITMENT DAY** - The US Census Bureau is hiring in Harlem!! Come speak with Census recruitment staff and apply for a position. Starting pay rate is \$25 per hour!!! Date Wednesday, November 13th, 2019. For further info. contact [Neighbors.Columbia.edu/harlemcensus](http://Neighbors.Columbia.edu/harlemcensus). For on-going employment information, please visit [www.2020.census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020.census.gov/jobs) for more hiring details.

**Manhattan DA's Office Reported: The Immigrant Affairs Program** was created to address the victimization of immigrants. Unscrupulous attorneys, fake attorneys, and agencies that offer "services" that they have no intention or ability to provide. The Manhattan DA's Office aims to protect individuals from such crimes; regardless of their legal status. The Manhattan DA's Office is hear to protect and support the people of Manhattan and encourages witnesses and victims to contact their office at: Multilingual Hotline (212) 335-3600.

If anyone is worried about how the "public Charge" rule may affect them, please consult a City-funded, free, safe immigration legal service provider by call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365 and

saying “public charge.” As you may have heard, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security published its final “Public Charge” rule change in August these changes became effective in October, 2019. However, a court might stop these changes before then. These changes do not apply to all immigrants. Many people are exempt from the “public charge” rule. If you are sponsoring a family member abroad, or will be traveling abroad to apply for a green card or visa, call ActionNYC for City-funded, free, trusted immigration legal services Stay up to date on important information about public charge at [NYC.gov/Public Charge](http://NYC.gov/PublicCharge).

**Human Rights Commission Reported** Complaints with the Commission on Human Rights must be submitted within one year of the last alleged act of discrimination. The Commission’s services are provided free of charge. To schedule an appointment, please call 311 or (718) 722-3131. To request a training, or to learn more about the Commission’s work, visit [www.NYC.gov/HumanRights](http://www.NYC.gov/HumanRights)

**DEP Reported (See Stats):** The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recently proposed a 2.31 percent increase in Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) water rate to the New York City Water Board. The proposed rate would keep the cost of water in New York City well below the national average. Since Mayor de Blasio made the commitment to shrink, then eliminate, the rental payment from the water system, \$792 million of ratepayer funds have stayed in the system, helping to fund critical programs while keeping rates low for property owners and businesses. The proposed rate increase is subject to review and approval by the Water Board.

The proposal also maintains existing affordability programs for low-income homeowners and multi-family housing properties that are expected to benefit as many as 60,000 customers and 40,000 units, respectively. In addition, the proposal recommends freezing the minimum charge at \$1.27 per day for the sixth consecutive year for those customers who use fewer than 92 gallons per day.

**What the Proposed Rate Would Mean for an Average Customer** - If the 2.31% water rate increase is adopted by the Board:

- A typical single-family homeowner will see an increase from \$945/year to \$967/year for water and sewer bills—an increase of \$1.82/month (based on an average consumption of 70,000 gallons of water per year).
- A typical multi-family unit with metered billing will see an increase from \$702/year/unit to \$718/year/unit—an increase of \$1.35/month (based on an average consumption of 52,000 gallons of water per year).

**DOT Reported:** Amsterdam Avenue Safety Improvement continues; Bike Share to expand further North of District 9, dates for informational sessions coming soon. Resurfacing season has concluded, DOT is currently accepting locations to repaved in 2020.

**Dept. of Homeless Services Reported:** The city is ramping up its efforts to get homeless people off the subway and into permanent housing.

The Department of Homeless Services and the NYPD recently announced they are expanding a series of initiatives to convince thousands of homeless people who take refuge on the subway to accept government assistance.

A major part of that expansion builds on a pilot launched earlier this summer, in which DHS staffers and transit cops would offer assistance to homeless subway riders who violate Metropolitan Transportation Authority's rules, like lying down across several train car seats or evading the fare.

The pilot program targeted a handful of key areas in Manhattan — and is expanding citywide, with a focus on terminal stations at the ends of subway lines, where many homeless people who sleep on trains end up.

**MBPO Reported:** Religious institutions are a bedrock of neighborhood life and identity, and serve as a social and cultural resource for thousands of New Yorkers. When religious congregations are faced with real estate challenges and must move or close, the impacts on the surrounding community can be significant. Since 2014, the Borough President's office has worked to assist them in meeting their challenges – which have been particularly serious in Central and East Harlem, Washington Heights, and the Lower East Side.

The Fall MBP formed a Religious Facilities Task Force (RFTF), inviting scores of stakeholders to meet and discuss strategies around these issues. These meetings aim to establish working connections between representative stakeholders from Manhattan congregations, non-profit developers, preservation groups, and government agencies. Together, they will explore how buildings that are consecrated and designed for religious purposes can be repurposed, shared, preserved, or redeveloped for affordable housing or non-profit use.

Two public hearings are scheduled to collect written and verbal testimony from the community. These hearings will take place at 1 Centre Street, 19th Floor South.

- **Public Hearing #1:** Monday, November 25, 2019 (6:00-8:00 pm)
- **Public Hearing #2:** Tuesday, January 14, 2020 (6:00-8:00 pm)

**State Senator Jackson Reported:** Foundation Aid increased by \$618 million, 3.5% over the 2018-19 school year; this is half of what the Assembly and Senate included in their one-house budgets. Senator Jackson won a 13-year lawsuit in 2006 that resulted in the creation of the Foundation Aid formula to equitably fund public schools in New York State. Senator Jackson stated “Frustratingly, Governor Cuomo has again turned his back on the Court of Appeals decision; ignored the will of millions of parents, student, and educators; and blocked the funding our children need and deserve”.

**Assembly Member Inez Dickens Office Reported on the following Legislative Bills recently passed:**

**A2102** - Tenant repair offset;

**A3235** - Record of performance of banking institutions;



**A3242** - Review of Real Property Assessments;

**A3833** - Racial and ethnic makeup of the board of parole;

**A3853** - Email notification to voters whenever change in polling locations;

**A3866** - Requires nursing homes to conduct quarterly audits on monies deposited by residents and report findings;

**A5495** - Eliminating rent increases for structures due to major capital improvements

### **Who's Hiring:**

**NYPD Traffic Enforcement Agents** potentially earn over \$38,000 after 1<sup>st</sup> year; Competitive benefits; Promotional opportunities; Various assignment levels; and Retirement plan. For further information please visit the following website: [www.nyc.gov/NYPD](http://www.nyc.gov/NYPD) or call 212-RECRUIT;

**2020 CENSUS JOBS:** Are you a U.S. Citizen who is 18 or older? Are you fluent in Japanese, Tagalog and/or Vietnamese? The 2020 Census may have a job for you in one of the five counties of NYC visit <https://2020census.gov/jobs;>

**NYPD School Safety Agents** potentially earn over \$30,000 starting salary; Generous medical benefits; various assignment levels; and retirement plans. For further information please visit the following website: [www.nyc.gov/NYPD](http://www.nyc.gov/NYPD) or call 212-RECRUIT.

**CITY PARKING RULES:** The City suspends alternate side parking regulations for both street cleaning purposes and traffic flow, on legal and/or religious holidays. Thanksgiving Day parking rules are suspended, Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Who is responsible for cleaning snow and ice from the sidewalk?** According to the NYC Administrative Code, every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person having charge of any lot or building must clean snow and ice from the sidewalks adjacent (i.e., in front of, on the side of, in back of) to their properties.

**What is the best way to clean snow from the sidewalk?** Remove snow along the sidewalk adjacent to your property. Do not push snow from the sidewalk into the street. Clear the snow from around the fire hydrant if there is one in front of your property. Do not cover crosswalks with snow. You should move the snow to your front yard, behind the stoop line, or to the grassy curb strip if one exists.

**Who clears fire hydrants and catch basins?** According to the NYC Administrative Code, the person having charge of the adjoining property is responsible for keeping the fire hydrant clear of snow and ice and any other debris or materials to ensure it is accessible during a fire emergency.

While there is not specific requirement to clear snow around catch basins, they provide drainage when snow and ice begin to melt. Clearing the catch basins, and placing a channel towards the catch basin, will help prevent flooding when snow and ice begin to melt.

**How can locations that do not clear their sidewalks be reported?** Residents can make a *Failure to Clean Ice/Snow from sidewalk* service request to the NYC 311 Customer Service Center by calling 311 or visiting [www.nyc.gov/311](http://www.nyc.gov/311).

**What happens if I don't clear my sidewalk?** Homeowners, property manager, businesses, or others, who do not comply, can face fines of:

- \$100            1<sup>st</sup> Offense
- \$150            2<sup>nd</sup> Offense
- \$250            3<sup>rd</sup> Offense and subsequent

**Nonmedical exemptions to school vaccination requirements have ended for children attending day care and pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in New York State.** This includes all public, private, and religious schools. Religious exemptions are no longer allowed.

**Children with nonmedical exemptions must now be vaccinated to attend or remain in school.**

Students who already have all required school vaccinations, and students with a valid medical exemption from a physician, are not affected by this change.

A medical exemption is allowed when a child has a medical condition that prevents them from receiving a vaccine.

**Special Restrictions on Parking:** Parking for certain purposes prohibited no person regularly engaged in the repair of vehicles shall park a vehicle upon any roadway or off-street parking facility for the principal purpose of washing, greasing, or repairing such vehicle, except repairs necessitated by an emergency. ***This Rule is Enforced by the NYPD***

**TENANTS RIGHTS:** It is illegal for building owners to force tenants to leave their apartments or surrender their rights. If you are a tenant in an apartment, in the City of New York, who is being harassed by your landlord, you can get information and help.

**Harassment of tenants by landlords or owners can include:**

- Not offering leases or lease renewals, or repeatedly trying to pay you to move out;
- Unjustified eviction notices or illegal lockouts;
- Threats and intimidation, such as late-night phone calls;
- Overcharging for a rent-regulated apartment;

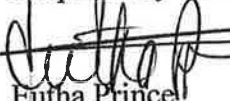
- Failure to provide necessary repairs or utilities;
- Deliberately causing construction-related problems for tenants, such as working after hours, blocking entrances, or failing to remove excessive dust or debris.

**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.

**Failure to Remove Canine Waste:** Each person who owns, or controls a dog must remove any feces left by that dog on any sidewalk, gutter, street, or other public area and dispose of it in a legal manner. The person may remove the feces and carry them away with him/her for disposal in a toilet or place them in a non-leaking container or bag and deposit them in a DSNY litter basket. The provisions of this law do not apply to a guide dog accompanying any blind person.  
**Fine: \$250**

**Littering/Sweeping-Out/Throwing Out:** Littering, sweeping, throwing, or casting any material such as ashes, garbage, paper, dust or other garbage or rubbish into or upon any street or public place, vacant lot, air shaft, areaway, backyard, court or alley is illegal. Throwing garbage out of windows (for example, from buildings or vehicles) is also a violation. In addition, no person may allow anyone under his/her control (agency or employee) to commit a littering, sweep-out, or throw-out violation. Merchants must put all sweepings into suitable garbage receptacles for pickup by a private carter. Residential units must put sweepings into suitable garbage receptacles for pickup by private carter. Residential units must put sweepings into suitable garbage receptacles for pick-up by DSNY. Sanitation litter basket may not be used for this purpose. **NOTE:** When using a "blower", grass, leaves, litter, etc., must be blown into a pile and properly disposed of with other sweepings.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Eutha Prince  
District Manager  
11/14/19

**Articulation**  
**Short Plays to Nourish the Mind & Soul**  
**Book Launch Celebration**

**George Bruce Library**  
**518 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**New York, New York 10027**

**Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 4 PM**

**Performances directed by Jeannine Foster McKelvia**

**A Girl & Her Bird and B...S**

**Featured Artists: Paul Bolger, Amanda Cannon, Michael Anthony Green**  
**Daralyn Jay and Lauren Schaffel**

**Music Accompaniment by Alex Blade Silver**

**Performances will be followed by post-show conversation, refreshments,**  
**book sale and book signing.**

**Celebrate stories born in Harlem in the Harlem community.**

**Free Admission**



# HISTORIC PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

**Tuesday, NOV 19th**

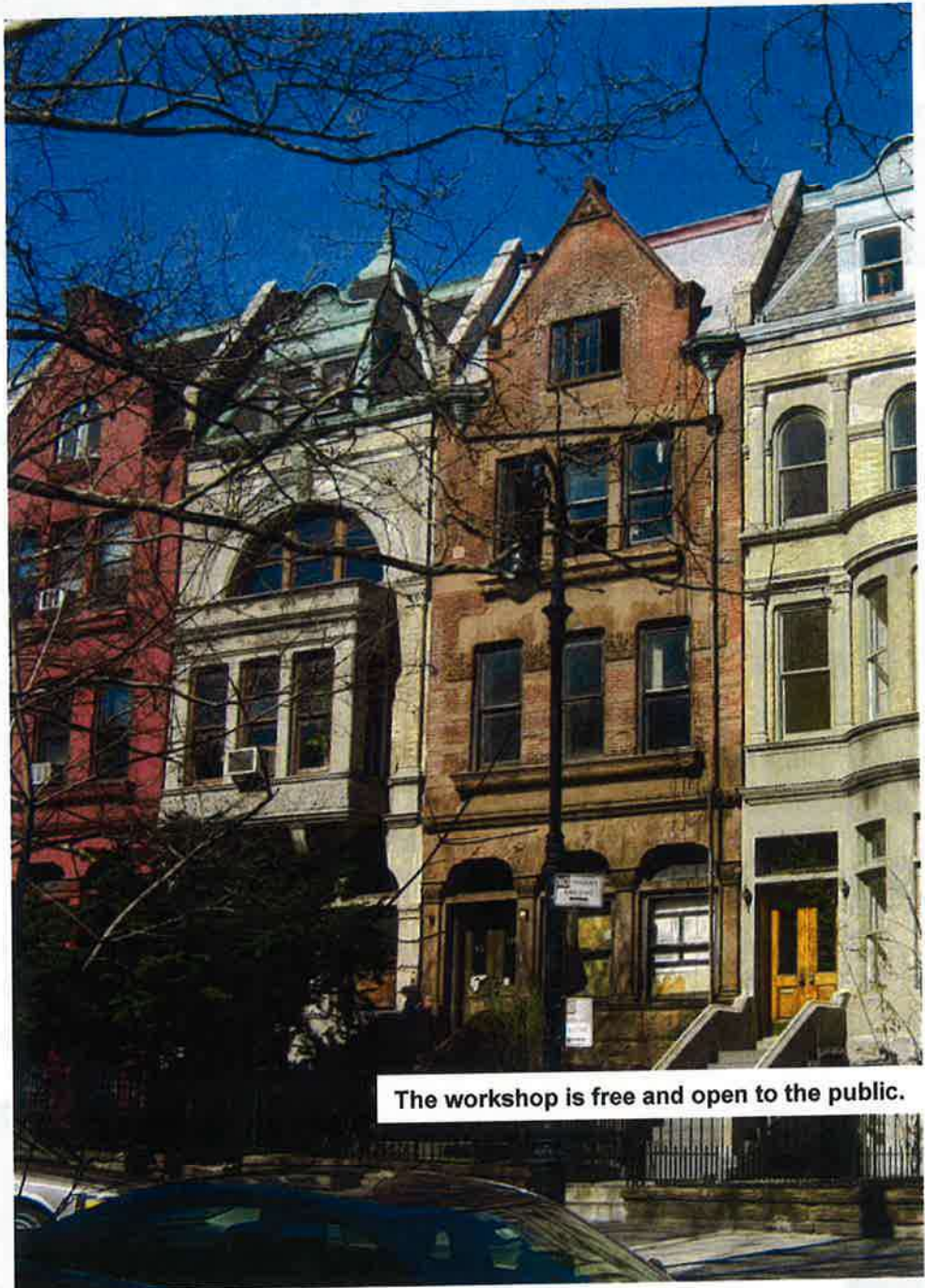
**6:30 PM-8:00 PM**

Lady of Lourdes School Gymnasium  
468 W 143rd St, New York, NY 10031

Join us for a workshop on the basics of historic preservation in NYC. Come learn about the New York State and local landmarking processes, protections, and benefits that help to protect history, celebrate culture, and shape future development. Hear from your neighbors about preservation efforts throughout Harlem.

## Featuring presentations from:

- **Anthony Carrion**, CB-9 Landmarks & Parks Committee Chair, on preservation projects in CB9;
- **Chris Cirillo**, on re-zoning and resulting preservation projects in East Harlem;
- **Dr. Keith Taylor**, President of the Dorrance Brooks Property Owners & Residents Association, on Dorrance Brooks Square Historic District efforts;
- **John Reddick**, West Harlem Community Preservation Organization, on West Harlem preservation efforts; and
- **Tara Kelly**, the Municipal Arts Society of New York, on Historic Preservation in New York City and New York State.



The workshop is free and open to the public.



This program is supported, in part, by public funds from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with the City Council.





Manhattan  
Community Board 9



The City College  
of New York



New York  
Public  
Library

## US Census 2020

# HARLEM RECRUITMENT DAY | NOV. 13TH

The US Census Bureau is hiring in Harlem! Come speak with Census recruitment staff and apply for a position. Starting pay rate is \$25 per hour\*!

### Boys & Girls Club of Harlem

521 West 145th Street; 10AM-2PM

### George Bruce Library

518 W 125th St; 2:30-6:30PM

### The City College of New York

#### North Academic Center

Room NA 1/211 (Ground Fl)

160 Convent Ave at 138th St; 2PM-6PM

### Columbia University Employment Information Center

3180 Broadway; 3PM-7PM

### Hamilton Grange Library

503 W 145th St; 2PM-6:30PM

### Community Board 9 Office

16 Old Broadway; 3PM-7PM

### Manhattan Borough President's Office

431 W 125th St; 3PM-7PM

**Walk-ins are welcome but pre-registration is encouraged!**  
To RSVP for a specific location, please visit  
**[Neighbors.Columbia.edu/harlemcensus](http://Neighbors.Columbia.edu/harlemcensus)**

*\*Please visit [www.2020census.gov/jobs](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs) for more hiring details.*



Harlem Holiday Lights presents

# The Children's Village



## FREE PUBLIC EVENT 2019



### Celebrating Harlem Renaissance 100! Wear your best 1920's costume!(optional)

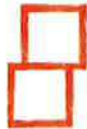
### Performances by our Community Partners



The Harlem Swing Dance Society

"Come Back to Where it All Began"

\*Swing Dance lesson



Sugar Hill Children's Museum of Art & Storytelling

BHC

\*Art Activities

Harlem Commonwealth Council  
Wednesday Nov. 20th  
4 - 8pm

Storytelling by author & playwright  
Calvin Alexander Ramsey



Video Presentation



dances for a variable population

560 Riverside Drive, 9K  
New York, NY 10027  
127 West 127th Street, Suite 220  
New York, NY 10027

\*Dance Presentation

*Every Voice Choirs*

\*Musical Performance

\*Steel Pan Drum Music

Starz in motion  
Manhattanville

THE CLASSICAL THEATRE OF HARLEM



\*Classical Musical Demonstration

*Can't Be Tamed*

*Grant*

\*Dance Performance

\*Dance Performance

361 West 125th St.  
New York, NY 10031  
between St. Nick and Morningside