

October, 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 (See Stats)

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

30th Pct. Community Affairs (See Stats)

Patrol Borough Manhattan North (See Stats)

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:

DEP recently conducted a 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 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;

Libraries:

NYPL Reported on:

Specialized High Schools Admissions Information Sessions –

- ❖ **Parents and students (4th to 8th grade) learn more about Specialized High Schools;**
- ❖ **A representative from the NYC Department of Education will be available to answer any questions;**
- ❖ **Information Session is Free**

❖ **Space is limited and available first-come, first-served**

Contact your local Library for dates and time of Sessions (*See Flyer*)

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.

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

DHMH Reported:

October 5, 2018 – The Health Department investigated a second community cluster of Legionnaires’ disease in Lower Washington Heights. Eight people have been diagnosed with Legionnaires’ disease within five days. All eight have been hospitalized and one has been

discharged. Ages of the individuals range from under 40 to over 80, with the majority of cases over 50 years of age. There has been one death (not officially confirmed) associated with this cluster. The Health Department is actively investigating these cases and is sampling and testing water from all active cooling tower systems in the area of the cluster. The Health Department held a community meeting on Monday, October 8th at The Jackie Robinson Recreation Center at 85 Bradhurst Avenue at 6pm.; the Board is holding discussions Health Department as well.

Legionnaires' disease is a type of pneumonia that is caused by the bacteria *Legionella*, which grows in warm water. Symptoms resemble other types of pneumonia and can include fever, chills, muscle aches, and cough. Most cases of Legionnaires' disease can be traced to plumbing systems where conditions are favorable for *Legionella* growth, such as cooling towers, whirlpool spas, hot tubs, humidifiers, hot water tanks, and evaporative condensers of large air-conditioning systems.

Individuals may be infected by breathing in water vapor containing *Legionella*, and the disease is not transmitted from person to person. Individuals at higher risk include those ages 50 and above, cigarette smokers, and people with chronic lung disease or compromised immune systems. People living or working in the area who are experiencing these symptoms should seek medical attention with a primary care provider or seek urgent care.

If residents have concerns they can 311 or email the Health Department's Office of Community Affairs, communityaffairs@health.nyc.gov.

HRA Reported:

PAY OFF NYC CHILD SUPPORT DEBT TWICE AS FAST:

A limited-time program called Pay It Off is being offered to help lower the amount owed in child support.

Offered only from October 1-31, 2018, Pay It Off doubles the value of payments over \$500 that are made on child support debt that is permanently owed to the New York City Department of Social Services (NYC DSS).

Last year, more than 500 parents eliminated over \$2.3 million in debt with Pay It Off.

How Pay It Off Works

1. Between October 1 and October 31, 2018, **lump sum payments of \$500 or more** toward child support debt permanently owed to NYC DSS. To see if you are eligible, first call 929-252-5200;
2. **Payment in person can be made** at the Customer Service Walk-In Center. No appointment is needed. Or **payment can be made by mail**. To participate by mail, you must first call 929-252-5200 to see whether you are eligible;

3. **Get your lump sum payments matched dollar for dollar;** up to the amount you permanently owe NYC DSS;
4. Find out if you qualify for **additional reductions to your NYC DSS child support debt.** Parents who have paid consistently for the last six months may qualify for another 100% match of their payment. Parents who sign up for our Arrears Credit Program and participate successfully for a year may get up to \$5,000 reduced.

For further info. Call 929-252-5200, from 8 am–7 pm, Monday–Friday, or 9 am–5 pm, Saturday (October 20 and October 27 only).

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.

City Council Member Mark Levine’s Office Reported:

City Council Member Levine hosted a “Transportation Town Hall on 10/15/18 with NYC Transportation Commissioner Trottenberg” discussions were held on transportation in Upper Manhattan, including:

- ✓ The City’s failing subways and bus system;
- ✓ What car sharing and other new technologies meant for our changing streets;
- ✓ How we can make Amsterdam Avenue safer than ever, and more.

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 of sexual violence that had previously been silenced, this is 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 Well counselors 24/7/365. Call 888-NYC-WELL (888-692-9355), text WELL to 65173 or visit www.nyc.gov/nycwell

DID YOU KNOW?

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

Mayor de Blasio 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.

All Hearings will begin at 6:30p.m. The date and location for this Fall's Hearing in Manhattan is:

Date: Tuesday, October 23, 2018

Location: Borough of Manhattan Community College; Tribeca Performing Arts Center
199 Chambers Street
New York, New York 10007

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. The application period is open for a limited time and will run from April 16, 2018 thru October 22, 2018.

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;

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!!!

Sidewalk Obstruction:

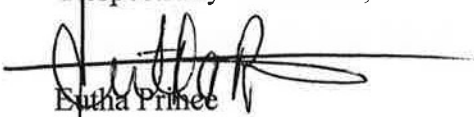
Sidewalk areas must be kept free from any obstruction that could impede pedestrian traffic. Obstructions may include, but are not limited to, refuse, refuse containers, merchandise, bins, racks, coin-operated rides, sandwich or A-frame signs, over-extended sidewalk displays/stands, ATMs, ice machines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

- **Public Hearing on District Needs Statement (DNS), and Prioritization of Capital and Expense budget requests for FY20 will be held on:**
Date: Monday, October 22, 2018
Time: 6:30p.m.
Location: Broadway Housing Communities (BHC)
583 Riverside Drive @135th Street (Lower Level Brick Room);
- **Community March Against Domestic Violence:**
Date: Tuesday, October 23, 2018
Time: 5:30p.m. – 7p.m.
Location: United Palace
175th Street @Broadway
- **Tween Tuesdays at the George Bruce Library: 1st Tuesday: Karaoke;**
2nd Tuesday: Mensa Kids Book Club; 3rd Tuesday: Young Engineers Club
4th Tuesday: Coding Club
Date: Tuesdays
Time 4p.m.
Location: George Bruce Library, 518 W. 125th Street
NYC 10027

Respectfully Submitted,


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District Manager
10/18/18



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PUBLIC HEARING
On
Fiscal Year 2020
Statement of Community District Needs and
The Prioritization of
Capital & Expense Budget Request(s)
For
Manhattan Community Board No. 9

Date: Monday, October 22rd, 2018
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Place: Broadway Housing Communities (BHC)
583 Riverside Drive @135th Street – Lower Level (Brick Room)
New York, N.Y. 10031

**** All are Urged and Encouraged to attend ****

**For further information and to RSVP please contact the Board Office at
(212) 864-6200**

If you are unable to attend this Public Hearing, comments can also be emailed to the District Manager at eprince@cb9m.org



CompStat

Report covering the period 10/1/2018 through 10/7/2018

Crime Complaints

	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date		2 Year	5 Year	25 Year	
Murder	0	1	-100.0%	1	6	-83.3%	18	20	-10.0%	-14.3%	-5.3%	-93.1%
Rape	6	1	500.0%	23	9	155.6%	164	105	56.2%	33.3%	13.1%	-58.5%
Robbery	50	27	85.2%	174	133	30.8%	1,253	1,249	0.3%	-4.7%	-23.0%	-83.1%
Fel. Assault	57	28	103.6%	197	170	15.9%	1,823	1,717	6.5%	-0.8%	11.3%	-60.0%
Burglary	19	26	-26.9%	94	106	-11.3%	923	938	-1.6%	3.1%	-11.7%	-89.4%
Gr. Larceny	110	120	-8.3%	460	449	2.4%	4,493	4,396	2.2%	5.1%	4.2%	-47.1%
G.L.A.	13	5	160.0%	41	28	46.4%	378	256	47.7%	11.5%	10.5%	-94.8%
Total	255	208	22.6%	990	901	9.9%	9,057	8,681	4.3%	2.8%	-0.8%	-75.6%
PSB	229	184	24.5%	897	814	10.2%	8,151	7,740	5.3%	4.4%	0.6%	-78.0%
Transit	8	6	33.3%	26	20	30.0%	224	195	14.9%	-3.4%	-12.5%	*** *
Housing	18	18	0.0%	67	67	0.0%	682	746	-8.6%	-11.4%	-11.9%	*** *
Sht. Vic.	2	2	0.0%	5	8	-37.5%	70	78	-10.3%	-38.6%	-18.6%	-88.7%
Sht. Inc.	2	2	0.0%	5	8	-37.5%	61	65	-6.2%	-35.8%	-18.7%	-89.2%
Rape 1	6	1	500.0%	22	6	266.7%	137	82	67.1%	42.7%	15.1%	-51.6%
Petit Larceny	235	207	13.5%	942	949	-0.7%	8,867	8,599	3.1%	15.5%	15.1%	*** *
Misd. Assault	113	79	43.0%	377	345	9.3%	3,646	3,516	3.7%	1.8%	-3.6%	*** *
Misd. Sex Crimes	12	12	0.0%	52	37	40.5%	387	413	-6.3%	8.1%	80.0%	*** *

Arrests*

All Arrests	516	702	-26.5%	2,045	2,677	-23.6%	23,359	28,675	-18.5%	-29.7%	-46.4%	-32.1%
Murder	0	0	*** *	2	1	100.0%	14	25	-44.0%	-33.3%	-41.7%	-90.4%
Rape	1	2	-50.0%	2	9	-77.8%	65	42	54.8%	-14.5%	-15.6%	-57.0%
Robbery	23	12	91.7%	74	81	-8.6%	765	718	6.5%	-5.1%	-3.4%	-70.3%
Fel. Assault	34	34	0.0%	129	121	6.6%	1,365	1,329	2.7%	-0.8%	12.3%	-41.7%
Burglary	7	10	-30.0%	41	59	-30.5%	449	350	28.3%	17.2%	46.7%	-53.8%
Gr. Larceny	13	13	0.0%	91	79	15.2%	1,031	848	21.6%	4.1%	33.5%	65.2%
G.L.A.	0	0	*** *	3	8	-62.5%	96	90	6.7%	15.7%	113.3%	-84.5%
Total	78	71	9.9%	342	358	-4.5%	3,785	3,402	11.3%	1.3%	17.1%	-49.1%
Gun Arrests	4	1	300.0%	10	13	-23.1%	150	229	-34.5%	-33.3%	-19.4%	-86.2%
Gun-Charged	5	3	66.7%	19	32	-40.6%	240	342	-29.8%	-25.9%	-30.2%	*** *
Narcotics	77	83	-7.2%	271	269	0.7%	2,637	3,541	-25.5%	-41.7%	-59.3%	-75.5%
DWI	22	18	22.2%	62	73	-15.1%	738	816	-9.6%	-9.3%	-28.0%	*** *
VTL 511	72	59	22.0%	251	263	-4.6%	3,142	3,113	0.9%	-1.9%	-16.1%	*** *
PSB	332	335	-0.9%	1,295	1,450	-10.7%	13,843	14,897	-7.1%	-18.1%	-40.8%	-23.9%
DB-OC	5	31	-83.9%	44	93	-52.7%	948	2,072	-54.2%	-74.5%	-83.3%	-77.0%
DB-Narc	1	30	-96.7%	29	85	-65.9%	762	1,840	-58.6%	-77.4%	-84.8%	*** *
DB-Gang	4	1	300.0%	11	5	120.0%	105	189	-44.4%	-59.9%	-81.4%	*** *
Det. Bureau	82	103	-20.4%	368	366	0.5%	3,930	3,645	7.8%	4.8%	15.0%	164.6%
Transit	24	84	-71.4%	117	272	-57.0%	1,371	3,110	-55.9%	-67.9%	-79.1%	-74.0%
Housing	25	111	-77.5%	89	381	-76.6%	1,859	3,489	-46.7%	-48.7%	-52.3%	-51.3%

Summons Activity / Reports

Parking	791	1,739	-54.5%	3,526	7,612	-53.7%	44,537	86,562	-48.5%	-59.4%	-65.7%	*** *
Moving	2,141	2,151	-0.5%	8,357	8,913	-6.2%	84,934	89,759	-5.4%	2.9%	8.4%	*** *
Criminal	86	145	-40.7%	433	565	-23.4%	5,819	16,764	-65.3%	-77.6%	-89.8%	*** *
Oath	152	292	-47.9%	701	1,416	-50.5%	8,746	4,385	99.5%	*** *	*** *	*** *

October 17, 2018 | 6:30 – 9:00pm

HOPE AND HELP: CONFRONTING THE OPIOID CRISIS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Offering information and resources for individuals with substance use disorders and those seeking to help them.

National Black Theatre | 2031 Fifth Ave, New York, NY 10035

Featuring a discussion led by Manhattan DA Cy Vance with NYC health experts, individuals with lived experience with a substance use disorder, and community members.

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Free naloxone kits and training will be available on-site.



Pay off NYC child support debt. Twice as fast.

Pay It Off

October 1–31, 2018

Now you can participate by mail!

Make a payment of **\$500 or more** toward child support debt permanently owed to NYC and we will **match that payment**.

Pay your child support consistently?
You may qualify for additional reductions.
Call 929-252-5200 for details!

- You have to pay at least \$500 to participate, but you can pay more. Many people do
- We can only reduce the amount you owe to \$0
- The debt must be permanently owed to the New York City Department of Social Services



Photo for illustration purposes only. The people shown are models.

Participating in Person

Come to our Customer Service Walk-In Center
151 West Broadway, 4th floor, New York, NY 10013
(between Worth St. and Thomas St. in Manhattan)

Hours

Monday–Friday (closed Mon., Oct. 8) 8 am–7 pm
Saturday, Oct. 20 and Oct. 27 only 9 am–5 pm

Pay By

- credit card
- debit card (must be Visa or MasterCard)
- certified check or personal check
- money order

Make checks or money orders payable to “NYS Child Support Processing Center.” Write your Case ID and “Pay It Off” in the section of the check or money order marked “Memo.”

To participate by mail, first call 929-252-5200

Nearby Subways

Chambers St. stations for the 1, 2, 3, A, C, J, or Z
Brooklyn Bridge/City Hall station for the 4, 5, or 6



NYC Department of Social Services
Human Resources Administration
Department of Homeless Services

Office of Child Support Services



New York City Advisory Commission on Property Tax Reform Public Hearing in Manhattan

Mayor Bill de Blasio 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 no **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. All hearings will begin at 6:30p.m. The date and location for this fall's hearing in Manhattan is:

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

**Borough of Manhattan Community College, Tribeca Performing Arts Center, Theatre Two
199 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007**

To ensure the commission hears from all those interested, speakers should plan to speak for no more than three minutes. Commission members may use additional time to ask the speaker questions. Elected officials will be given the opportunity to speak first; all other participants will be heard in the order in which they sign up when they arrive at the hearing. Speakers may (but need not) submit their presentations ahead of time by emailing them to PropTaxInfo@propertytaxcommission.nyc.gov or uploading them at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/propertytaxreform/index.page> through our online portal.

The Commission especially would appreciate comments on topics such as:

Fairness in the treatment of different kinds of properties:

- Are there properties, or taxpayers, who are treated unfairly? How could the system be made more fair?
- Should all residential properties be taxed at the same rate? What about non-residential properties?
- Should non-residential properties be taxed at a higher rate than residential properties?
- Who pays the property taxes on residential or commercial rental units – the owner or the tenants? How, if at all, should the property tax system address changes in how property taxes affect rents?

Improvements in the administration of the system:

- How accurate are market value estimates? How could the accuracy of appraisals be improved?
- How could the notices that explain how property taxes are computed be made simpler and easier to understand?
- Is the process for appealing one's property taxes working efficiently and fairly? How could it be improved?
- What are the most critical reforms necessary to make the tax system simpler and clearer?

Avoiding significant property tax increases through transitional or income-based mechanisms:

- Should the system provide relief to taxpayers who face significant tax increases because of changes in their properties' values? What are the pros and cons of providing relief to taxpayers who see their property values (and therefore their taxes) rising faster than their incomes?
- Are there preferred methods of relief for property owners who cannot afford their property tax bills?
- Should any such relief be limited to low-income taxpayers?

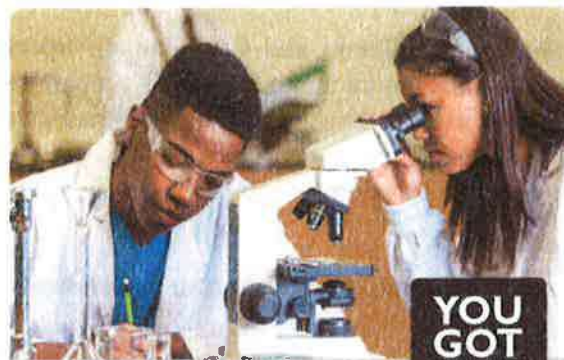
The Commission looks forward to hearing from all those who are interested in improving the property tax system.

The Tribeca Performing Arts Center is accessible. To request additional accommodations, or translation services, please email PropTaxInfo@propertytaxcommission.nyc.gov or call 212-748-0281 by 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 18th.

Specialized High Schools

Admissions Information Sessions

- Parents and students (4th to 8th grade) learn more about Specialized High Schools.
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- This information session is **free**.
- Space is limited and available first-come, first-served.



- Bronx High School of Science
- The Brooklyn Latin School
- Brooklyn Technical High School
- High School for Mathematics, Science and Engineering at the City College of New York
- High School of American Studies at Lehman College
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