

# September, 2017 District Manager's Report

## **FDNY Reported:**

During the summer, a fire occurred at 310 W 143 St., a 20-story occupied multiple dwelling building. There was a fire located on the 17<sup>th</sup> floor. Upon arrival units found a fire in apartment - 17B. Engine companies stretched and operated two hand lines. Ladder companies performed vent, entry, search and overhaul. Units were unable to determine the cause of the fire and requested the response of the fire marshal for investigation.

The FDNY responded with the following apparatus and equipment

1 Deputy Chief

1. 2 Battalion Chiefs
2. 4 Engine Companies
3. 3 Ladder Companies
4. 1 Rescue Company
5. 1 Squad Company
6. 1 Basic Life Support (BLS) Ambulance
7. 1 Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance (Paramedics)
8. 1 EMS Duty Officer

There were no injuries.

## **26<sup>th</sup> Pct. (See Stats) Reported:**

The Neighborhood Coordination Officer (NCO) program is an initiative created by the Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill to have officers engage community members in an effort to create a partnership whereby they can collectively address crime and quality-of-life issues affecting the community. In its vital importance, the 26<sup>th</sup> Pct. is hosting a "Roll Out Ceremony" on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at the Jerome Green Hall (Law School); 435 W. 116<sup>th</sup> Street (bet. Amsterdam Ave. & Morningside Drive), 7p.m. – 8p.m. Guest Speakers include: Police Commissioner James P. O'Neill; Chief of Patrol Monahan; the Manhattan North Borough Commander Assistant Chief O'Reilly; the Commanding Officer of the 26 Precinct Deputy Inspector Veras, and the 26<sup>th</sup> Pct. NCO's.

## **30<sup>th</sup> Pct. (See Stats) Reported:**

**The 30<sup>th</sup> Pct. Community Council Meeting** will take place on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m., at the 30<sup>th</sup> Pct. Station, 451 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street (bet. Amsterdam and Convent Aves.).

## **PSA-6 (See Stats)**

**Department of Parks & Recreation Reported:** The complete restoration of the waterfall in Morningside Park took place over the summer, Park's Staff installed a new pump and made other

significant repairs to the waterfall, which is now functioning again after two years. This work also complements the landscaping done in the surrounding area by the City Gardens Club.

**George Bruce Branch Reported:**

- **Letter Writing Campaign underway** requesting continued funding for Libraries throughout the city;

**Hamilton Grange Branch Reported:**

- Commended the 30<sup>th</sup> Pct. on their continued efforts in keeping the library safe especially with the influx of disturbances at library.

**Department of Sanitation Reported:**

**Enforcement of Business Recycling Rules Began August 1st Streamlined Rules Will Make Recycling Easier and Consistent Across all Business Types:**

Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia announced as of August 1, 2017, the New York City Department of Sanitation began enforcing business recycling rules that went into effect last year. The rules cover all commercial establishments, and others, that have their garbage and recycling collected by private carters. All businesses must recycle metal, glass, plastic, beverage cartons and paper. Some must also recycle textiles and organic material.

The rules were published in February 2016, became effective August 1, 2016. Whereby a one-year warning period was in effect until August 1, 2017.

Previously, businesses recycled different materials based on their business type. Eliminating the distinction between business types and applying the same rules for all will facilitate greater recycling participation and make recycling easier. In addition, the rules allow for co-collection of recyclables in a single recycling stream by authorized private carters, which will help make commercial recycling easier to manage and can significantly increase diversion of recyclables from landfills.

The Department will deploy enforcement officers and agents to conduct inspections of businesses to determine their compliance with the recycling rules. Rules include requiring proper recycling set up; education and notification of employees and customers what and how to recycle, and source-separation where waste is stored before collection, and at set out.

Over the past year and a half, the Department, along with other city agencies, worked directly with businesses to ensure they were properly notified of the rules. Department of Sanitation conducted more than 10,000 outreach site visits and held nearly 100 trainings.

Recycling fines per violation (within a 12-month period), first offense: \$100; second offense: \$200; third offense: \$400.

Businesses can sign up for training or download information at:

<http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/zerowaste/businesses/resources.shtml>.

### **DSNY LAUNCHES NEW APPOINTMENT SERVICE TO SCHEDULE LARGE BULK PICKUPS WILL ALLOW FOR MORE TIMELY COLLECTIONS:**

Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Garcia announced the official launch of a new and innovative appointment system designed to help DSNY more efficiently collect large non-recyclable bulky items such as sofas, mattresses, and large wooden furniture.

New Yorkers can now arrange for timely bulk pickup appointments online at [nyc.gov/bulk](http://nyc.gov/bulk) or by calling 311.

The new service is designed for items that are larger than four (4) feet by three (3) feet, such as sofas and bulky wooden furniture that can be lifted by two workers and be able to fit inside a Sanitation collection truck.

To find convenient donation centers and non-profit partners, visit [nyc.gov/donate](http://nyc.gov/donate).

This service **does not** apply to items that require special handling, such as air conditioners, refrigerators, TVs, computers, and other electronics. To learn how to properly recycle or dispose of those items, visit [nyc.gov/dsny](http://nyc.gov/dsny) or call 311.

Also, metal, glass and rigid plastic items, including bedframes, patio furniture, and filing cabinets, should still be placed out for recycling collection after 4 p.m. the night before your scheduled recycling day.

#### **Some helpful tips:**

- Do not block foot traffic or place items in the street or in front of another property.
- If you have more than six (6) large items for collection, schedule additional appointments.
- Place your large items curbside after 4 pm the night before your appointment.
- Mattresses/box springs should be placed in a plastic bag before setting out at curbside to prevent the spread of bed bugs and avoid a \$100 fine.

**DOT Reported:** On Continued discussions throughout the district to engage community input on the “Proposed Safety Improvements for Amsterdam Ave. To view the proposed Plans in its entirety please visit: “Amsterdam Avenue (110<sup>th</sup> St. to 162<sup>nd</sup> St.) Safety Improvements, on DOT’s website at [www.nyc.gov/dot](http://www.nyc.gov/dot).

**Bike Share Uptown:** Bike Share is coming uptown and is expected to extend through Community Board’s 9, 10, and 11; the exact locations are currently being determined.

**HRA Reported:** ACCESS HRA is now providing an App to access your benefits on the go, view Case details and EBT balances. The Cases section of the app lets you view the current status of your case, the EBT balances for each of your benefits, and any upcoming Recertification dates.

**View Appointments:** the Appointment section of the app lets you view appointments that are upcoming, missed, or completed. It also lets you add a reminder for your appointment to your phone or tablet;

**View Payments:** The Payments section of the app lets you view upcoming and past payments for your case, such as payments made to your landlord, utility company, or to your EBT card;

**Upload Documents:** The Upload section of the app lets you up load and submit documents needed for your case to the Agency. It also shows a list of documents that you've already uploaded.

### **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene reported:**

#### **Smoke-free Housing:**

Managers and residents of multifamily buildings across the country are discovering the benefits of smoke-free housing.

A 100% smoke-free building is one where smoking tobacco products are prohibited everywhere. That means no smoking in individual apartments or common indoor and outdoor areas. Some smoke-free buildings may allow smoking only in a limited outdoor area.

#### **Benefits:**

Everyone benefits from smoke-free housing:

- **For owners**, there is less property damage and fewer turnover costs. Also, the lower risk of a fire can lead to savings on insurance.
- **For residents**, the air is cleaner and healthier in their homes, as well as in common areas, such as hallways, lobbies and stairwells.

#### **Smoke-free Housing in NYC:**

The first residential buildings in New York to adopt 100% no-smoking rules have opened their doors. Many residences are now considering this policy. A 2014 poll of city voters found that nearly 70% want to live in smoke-free housing. You can find a list of smoke-free buildings in the city through [SmokeFreeHousingNY](http://SmokeFreeHousingNY.com).

#### **Smoke-free Housing in Other Cities:**

Smoke-free housing is popular in several major cities, including Los Angeles, Boston and Seattle, where tens of thousands of apartment units are now smoke-free.

**Steps for Building Owners to Make a Building Smoke-free:**

1. **Decide the policy.** Do you want the entire building and all common areas to be smoke-free, or just apartments and indoor areas? You can involve residents in the process, possibly through a survey;
2. **Educate residents.** Distribute a letter or notice to make sure everyone follows the new rules.

**This notice should include:**

- Policy details
  - Benefits of the rule
  - Effective date
  - Resources for quitting smoking;
3. **Add the rule to leases.** In addition to adding the rule to new leases, you can also amend current leases during renewal, or if a resident voluntarily agrees to a lease change.
  4. **Enforce the rule.** You should post signs, remove ashtrays and smoking litter, and start discussing the rule to prospective tenants.

Rent-regulated apartments may have special rules. You should talk to an attorney before making rule changes for those units.

For questions about smoke-free housing, contact [smokefree.housing@health.nyc.gov](mailto:smokefree.housing@health.nyc.gov).

**Zika Virus:** The new citywide campaign “*Practice Safe Sex*” urges New Yorkers to remain vigilant as the Zika virus continues to circulate in the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America and parts of Miami-Dade County (Florida). New Yorkers can protect themselves from mosquito bites by wearing protective clothing and using mosquito repellent. It is also helpful to remove standing water, the breeding site for mosquitoes, such as bird baths, cans, flower pots, or any place where water can gather and mosquitoes can lay eggs. Call 311 or [file a complaint online](#) to report any standing water that you cannot manage yourself.

**Manhattan District Attorney’s Office Reported:**

The Witness Aid Services Unit (WASU) provides a variety of court-related services, social services, and counseling services designed to meet the needs of crime victims, witnesses, and their families. The unit also provides information related to the prosecution of the case, assists victims in understanding the criminal justice system, and provides information regarding crime victims’ rights.

The unit assists victims in overcoming the emotional trauma resulting from victimization and provides advocacy and support throughout the criminal justice process. The unit also works collaboratively with assistant district attorneys to assist victims.

The unit has a staff of 31 and is comprised of four departments. Spanish speaking staff is available in each of the departments. Interpreters for other languages, including American Sign Language, are also available. All services offered by the unit are free of charge.

For the convenience of victims, the Witness Aid Services Unit provides services in the New York County District Attorney's downtown and Northern Manhattan offices (Counseling and Social Services Departments only). The Witness Aid Services Unit can be reached at 212-335-9040.

**The departments of the WASU are:**

- ✓ Victim Assistance Center
- ✓ Social Services Department
- ✓ Counseling Department
- ✓ Notification Department

**Mayor's Office Reported:**

**Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief**

In response to the on-going devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey, Mayor Bill de Blasio and Speaker Melissa Mark-Vivirito announced, employees of the City of New York will be able to directly donate a portion of their paychecks to hurricane relief efforts. The funds will be distributed to reputable relief organizations already working to support the 6.6 million people who have been impacted in Houston and the surrounding areas. One hundred percent of all donations will be dispersed to support relief efforts and organizations.

All NYC employees will receive an email informing them of the option to donate directly from their paychecks to Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. The funds will be directed via the Mayor's Fund to Advance NYC, and distributed to organizations working on the ground – such as National Volunteering Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD), American Red Cross, and The Salvation Army – to provide critical relief to individuals, families, and communities that have faced the brunt of this terrible storm. The Mayor's Fund is also accepting donations from all New Yorkers via its website. One hundred percent of proceeds raised will be directed to Harvey relief efforts.



### **Project Open House (POH):**

Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD), Project Open House removes architectural barriers in the homes of people with permanent disabilities. This program is designed to increase independence in the activities of daily living, thus helping people with disabilities remain a part of their communities. POH provides an opportunity for many individuals to modify their living environments.

**Examples of work covered under this program:** Widening doorways, conversion of steps into ramps, replacing existing plumbing fixtures with accessible fixtures, removal of sink base cabinets to provide an accessible work surface and/or sink, installation of accessible amenities such as grab bars, door openers, accessible door handles, accessible height shelving, installing accessible railings, installation/conversion of residential door bell and/or smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when an audible for visual system is needed or other barrier removals that may be required by individual with disabilities subject to review by MOPD.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Reside with the 5 boroughs
- Have a permanent disability
- Meet Section 8 income Guidelines
- Building owner must all MOPD to perform All work

For further information about Project Open House visit [nyc.gov/POH](http://nyc.gov/POH) or dial 311

### **News Updates and Events in and around the City:**

The Manhattan Family Justice Center, announced their next round of Core 1 trainings scheduled this October - 2017. The MFJC Core Training Program was created to provide trainings on the most relevant topics for service providers, community-based leaders and city agencies working with victims and survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV), sex trafficking and/or elder abuse. Please [Click here to register for individual trainings.](#)

### **MFJC Core Training Program – Fall 2017**

#### **Intimate Partner Violence Dialogue**

**Facilitated by: NYC Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence**  
**Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 01:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

This training explores the definition of intimate partner violence, discusses abusive tactics and their effects, overviews factors and barriers impacting survivors, includes domestic violence

statistics for the Bronx and New York City, and provides basic tips for working with people experiencing IPV.

### **Engaging Trauma Survivors**

**Facilitated by: NYC Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence**  
*Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm*

This training explores definitions of trauma, discusses signs and symptoms of trauma, reviews guidelines for effective interviewing with trauma survivors, and develops awareness around verbal and non-verbal cues and messages that impact trauma survivors, in and out of a service provider context

### **Risk Assessment and Safety Planning**

**Facilitated by: Safe Horizon**  
*Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*

This training addresses topics including developing rapport with clients, conducting risk assessments and developing safety plans, significant risk factors faced by survivors, and addressing clients' perceptions of risk.

This training explores definitions of trauma, discusses signs and symptoms of trauma, reviews guidelines for effective interviewing with trauma survivors, and develops awareness around verbal and non-verbal cues and messages that impact trauma survivors, in and out of a service provider context.

### **Cultural Conversations: Tools for Supportive Practice**

**Facilitated by: Arab American Family and The NYC Anti-Violence Project**  
*Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 12:am pm*

Space is limited. Please bring a photo I.D. and arrive 15-20 minutes early to avoid security delays. For any questions about the registration link or to add any colleagues to the MFJC trainings list, please email Indhira Castro at [IndhiraC@fjcnyc.org](mailto:IndhiraC@fjcnyc.org)

**Manhattan Legal Services Columbia University West Harlem Community Advocacy Partnership:** Free Housing – Related Legal Services for CB9M residents  
Every second and fourth Wednesday of every month  
Manhattan Community Board No. 9 District Office  
18 Old Broadway [between West 125th and West 126th Streets]  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
See attached flyer for more information



**William F. Ryan Community Health Network – Ryan Network**

Frederick Douglas Community Center - Is Now Open

Primary Health Care

2381 Frederick Douglass Blvd. @ 128<sup>th</sup> Street

Hours of operation

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday – 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For more information or need to make an appointment call (212)866-4400

**The 33rd Medieval Festival**

**Ft. Tryon Park on Sunday, October 1st from 11:30am-6:00pm.**

The festival brings to life the customs and spirit of the Middle Ages. Ft. Tryon Park is transformed into a medieval market and visitors are greeted with medieval music, dance, magic, jesters and a live chess game by performers in medieval costumes.

For further information contact: Martin Collins of the  
Washington Heights-Inwood Development Corporation (212) 795-1600

**Rain Date: Sunday, October 8th.**

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**State Liquor Authority:** In the past, liquor could only be sold on Sundays in New York State starting at Noon. New regulations have passed and liquor can now be sold on Sundays starting at 10a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Eutha Prince  
District Manager

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**MEET & GREET**

**THE 26TH PRECINCT**

**NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATION OFFICERS (NCOs)**

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017**

**WHERE: Jerome Green Hall (Law School)**  
**435 W. 116 Street (WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE)**  
(BETWEEN AMSTERDAM AVENUE & MORNINGSIDE DRIVE)

**TIME: 7:00 P.M. TILL 8:00 PM**



## **QUALITY-OF-LIFE CONCERNS?**

**TELL US ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES AND ALSO HELP  
DETERMINE WHERE AND HOW POLICE RESOURCES ARE DEPLOYED**

**You know our community best.**

**Let's make it better, together.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT OFFICER JOHANNA UREÑA AT  
[JOHANNA.URENA@NYPD.ORG](mailto:JOHANNA.URENA@NYPD.ORG) OR  
DETECTIVE JASON HARPER AT [JASON.HARPER@NYPD.ORG](mailto:JASON.HARPER@NYPD.ORG) OR BOTH  
VIA LANDLINE AT 212-678-1301**



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# Collection Request for Large Items



## Non-recyclable objects larger than 4 x 3 feet

Schedule an appointment at [nyc.gov/bulk](https://nyc.gov/bulk) for large non-recyclable items such as sofas and wooden furniture.

### **DONATE OR RECYCLE FIRST!**

Visit [nyc.gov/donate](https://nyc.gov/donate) for convenient locations.

Visit [nyc.gov/recycle](https://nyc.gov/recycle) for more information.

### **SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT**

Call **311** or visit [nyc.gov/bulk](https://nyc.gov/bulk) to schedule a collection.

### **SPECIAL HANDLING**

Call **311** or visit [nyc.gov/dsny](https://nyc.gov/dsny) to learn about items such as:

- air conditioners
- refrigerators/freezers
- dehumidifiers
- TVs and other large electronics
- construction material
- wood debris from trees and bushes in Brooklyn and Queens

### **MISSED PICKUP**

You can file missed collection complaints for any large items that have not been collected starting Sunday at 8 AM.

### **NOT TOO HEAVY!**

Make sure items can be lifted by two people and will fit in a garbage truck.

### **METAL, GLASS & PLASTIC**

Put metal and rigid plastic items out after 4pm the night before your recycling day, including:

- bed frames
- patio furniture
- buckets
- baskets
- metal file cabinets

### **PROPER SETOUT**

Do not block foot traffic or place items in the street or in front of another property.

- If you have more than 6 large items for collection, schedule additional appointments.
- Place your large items curbside after 4 pm the night before your appointment.
- Mattresses/box springs should be placed in a plastic bag before setting them curbside to prevent the spread of bed bugs and avoid \$100 fine.

[nyc.gov/dsny](https://nyc.gov/dsny) | call 311 |    NYCsanitation

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# SAVE THE DATE

## Community Board No.9

Housing Land Use & Zoning Committee

Presents

## NYCHA Forum



**DATE:** Saturday, October 14, 2017

**TIME:** 10am – 2pm

**Our Children's Foundation Inc.**

(527 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street - bet. Amsterdam & Broadway)