



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WEST HARLEM

MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 9 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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*Community Board 9 welcomes Manhattan Borough President Brad Hoylman-Sigal*

## THE CHAIR'S CORNER

Written by Hon. Victor Edwards, Chairperson of the Board

### **Legionnaires Disease - 3333 Broadway**

On Tuesday, February 3, the New York City Department of Health held a follow-up meeting regarding the Legionnaires' outbreak at 3333 Broadway. The Department of Health and Hygiene informed the residents that testing of the water supply for Towers A and B returned a positive result for Legionnaires disease. The next step includes remediation by the engineering company hired by Management, which will take several weeks. Several residents and I requested that the remaining Towers also be tested, but building management refused to commit to do at this point. We will be communicating with local elected officials to pressure Management to complete testing of all buildings' water systems. In the interim, Management will continue to distribute and install hoses to connect for showering.

### **Fire Prevention**

The number of fires this winter in the city are alarming. It seems each day or every other day we are hearing of a fire and several have been deadly. Please take precautions to keep your home and family safe. Some fire prevention tips:

1. Make certain your smoke alarms are properly functioning.
2. Keep an eye on lit cigarettes and candles.
3. Give space heaters space and never leave them on while not at home.
4. Keep a watchful eye on items while cooking.
5. Matches and lighters are not toys, store them safely away from children.
6. Do not overload electrical outlets with too many appliances.
7. Be careful when using and charging lithium batteries.
8. Plan your route of escape in case of a fire and keep this path clear for exiting.

### **Community Board Member Applications**

Applications for the 12 Manhattan Community Board's are being expected now through February 27. To apply for this or other Community Board's go to [NYC.GOV](https://www.nyc.gov)



*Victor Edwards, Community Board 9 Chair, presents the Carolyn Thompson Leadership Award to our first recipient - Cary Rose, former Captain of the 30th Precinct in Community Board 9*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Black History Month: Historic Harlem Parks Super Hike**

**Saturday, February 21, 2026**

**12:00 pm–2:00 pm**

Celebrate Black History Month with NYC Parks! Join the Urban Park Rangers on a hike from Morningside Park through St. Nicholas Park and ending at the Northern tip of Jackie Robinson Park. Learn about the history, geology, and ecology of these beautiful parks.

### **Rhapsody in Black**

**Saturday, Feb. 21 at 5:00 PM & Sunday, Feb. 22 at 3:00 PM**

Morningside Theater Co. presents Rhapsody in Black, a riveting, moving, and often hilarious true story—written and performed by veteran actor Leland Gantt.

### **Home to Harlem: Bruce, Schomburg and the Roots of Black History**

**Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture - New York Public Library New York, NY**

**Monday, Feb 23 from 1pm-4pm**

Join us for a guided tour of the Schomburg Center's 100th anniversary exhibition and hands-on engagement with key documents from the papers of John E. Bruce and Arturo Schomburg.

## COMMUNITY RECAP

Through a partnership with Morningside Heights Community Coalition and CB9, Columbia has agreed to make several vacant apartments available to the community. We are looking forward to continued collaboration with Columbia to make apartments available to our community.

## GRANT INFO

Office of Cannabis Management: Hosting a Community Grant Program Webinar Wednesday, February 25 at 2:00 PM

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 299 810 173 389 18

Passcode: Dm655w9n

## HAPPY BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

Thank you for staying engaged with Manhattan Community Board 9!



*Community Board 9 Elected Officers & Members at the December 2025 General Board Meeting*

## YOUR COMMUNITY BOARD

Learn who is serving on Community Board 9

## WELCOME NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRS

### Landmarks Preservation & Parks Co-Chairs:

Hon. Alexander Abraham Ximenes  
 Hon. Kristina Maria Lopez

### Economic Development Committee Co-Chair:

Hon. Michael Gross

## STAY CONNECTED

Please visit [CB9M.ORG](http://CB9M.ORG) to check meeting schedules and notes. The next General Board Meeting is **Thursday, February 19, from 6:30-9:00pm**. Please note, the February meeting will be via [Zoom](https://zoom.us).

## COMMUNITY LEADER SPOTLIGHT



As we conclude Black History Month, we honor **Karen Taylor, Founder and Director of While We Are Still Here**, a Harlem nonprofit dedicated to preserving Harlem's rich African American cultural history. To accomplish the organization's goal, Karen is willing to do it one marker/sign at a time if necessary. The WWSH "Signs of the Times" project is an initiative dedicated to commemorating the significant people, places, and events of Harlem. This initiative is being implemented by installing 25 markers throughout Harlem. These markers include honoring Malcolm X, The Green Book, Audley Moore, as well as several other notable people and places that contributed to Harlem's rich history. In addition to memorializing the people and places that have contributed to Harlem's rich culture, WWSH encourages empowerment of Harlem's residents.