



THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
**COMMUNITY BOARD 9**  
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Morningside Heights  
Manhattanville  
Hamilton Heights

## Manhattan Community Board 9 November 2025 Newsletter

📍 Serving Morningside Heights, Manhattanville, Hamilton Heights & Sugar Hill

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### Welcome to Our New CB9 Board Members!

🎉 We're thrilled to welcome our newest members to Manhattan Community Board 9.

Hon. Abraham Alexander (Ximenes)

Hon. Marquis Bell

Hon. Andrea Brecker

Hon. Gregory Brito

Hon. Dejon Delpino

Hon. Cameron Clarke

Hon. Theresa Cole-Ragin

Hon. Michael Gross

Hon. Milton Justice

Hon. Kristina Maria Lopez

Hon. Ria McDonald

Hon. Lenna Nepomnyaschy

Hon. Janaira Ramirez

Hon. David Ratner

Hon. Metin Sarci

Hon. Jordan Scherer

Hon. Shaunte Styles

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### THE CHAIR'S CORNER

Dear Neighbors,

It's my pleasure and honor to serve as the Chair of Manhattan Community Board #9. Our Board encompasses the neighborhoods of Morningside Heights, Manhattanville, Sugar Hill and Hamilton Heights.

The Community Board are the eyes, ears and voice of our community. The fifty Board Members are volunteers representing each of the unique neighborhoods in our District. Our members come from all walks of life including attorneys, schoolteachers, NYCHA residents, retirees, health career professionals as well as City/State workers.

Our committees & task forces focus on all aspects of life in the district:

- Arts & Culture
- Economic Development and West Harlem Piers Park
- Health and Environment
- Housing, Land Use and Zoning
- Landmarks, Preservation and Parks
- Uniform Services and Transportation
- Senior Action
- Youth Education and Libraries
- Cannabis
- SGL-LGBTQ
- Strategic Planning

First Vice Chair Monique Hardin-Cordero, Second Vice Chair John Martin-Green, and I are excited to welcome all our new members to the board! Your energy, ideas, and dedication are invaluable as we continue our work in the community.

We are also pleased to announce our newly appointed committee co-chairs:

- Hon. Marquis Bell – Co-Chair: Landmarks, Parks, and Preservation
- Hon. Dejon Delpino – Co-Chair: Strategic Planning
- Hon. Cameron Clarke – Co-Chair: Health and Environment
- Hon. David Ratner – Co-Chair: Housing, Land Use, and Zoning
- Hon. Metin Sarci – Co-Chair: Housing, Land Use, and Zoning
- Hon. Shaunte Styles – Co-Chair: Cannabis Task Force

Our meetings are open to the community either in person or online. We urge all our neighbors to join us and share community issues of concern. We look forward to hearing your input!

Please visit [CB9M.ORG](https://www.cb9m.org) to check meeting schedules and notes. The next **General Board Meeting** is Thursday, November 20, from 6:30-9:00pm In Person at [The Forum at Columbia University](#) or via [Zoom](#).

**Best Regards,**  
**Victor Edwards**  
Chairperson of Board  
*Manhattan Community Board #9*

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## **RECAP**

 **1727 Amsterdam Avenue – Project Update**

The 1727 Amsterdam project, known as Hill Top Apartments, proposes to dispose and demolish the existing four-story building and erect a nine-story mixed-use building with 200 units of senior, supportive, and low-income housing.

This project seeks to reduce community facility space for the Emma L. Bowen Community Service Center and remove the Harlem Heritage Health Center. CB9's Housing, Land Use, and Zoning Committee held a public Hearing on October 8th, 2025 with over 150 in person and online attendees.

The next steps for CB9 involve using comments, questions and statements from the public and composing the resolution that CB9 will pass on to the Borough President and the City Planning Commission.

– *Housing, Land Use and Zoning Committee*

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## 17 UPCOMING EVENTS


### ✨ *Harlem Holiday Lights Parade*



Harlem's beloved annual celebration returns!

Join us for the **ONLY lighted parade in New York City**, featuring local businesses, schools, and performers celebrating the rich heritage and vibrant spirit of Harlem.

 **Date:** Tuesday, November 18th, 2025

 **Location:** 125th Street, Harlem

 **Free & Family-Friendly!**

For more info and route: [Harlem Holiday Lights](#)



## IN MEMORIAM



### ***Remembering Carolyn***

I first got to know Carolyn shortly after she was first appointed to the Board. At the time I was Chair of the Transportation Committee [there was another committee which dealt with service delivery]. I remember how she felt that people should be able to drive to church on Sundays and park in restricted areas without having to worry about being ticketed.

When I was elected Chair, she was elected as Secretary. We developed a close working relationship, with her wisely advising me. She was not afraid to ruffle feathers, both mine and those of other Board members when she felt we were wrong.

Later she served as Second and then First Vice Chair. In those positions, she often chaired portions or the entirety of meetings. They were always short, sweet, and to the point.

During this period, she also served as Chair of the Transportation/Uniformed Services Committee. She took the job seriously, developing close relationships with the 26th and 30th Precincts. That she was a positive influence is demonstrated by the fact that the head of the 30, Captain Rose, spoke glowingly of her at her memorial service.

And she did all this while suffering the loss of her husband and son.

In passing, I shared her love of plants, and we often compared notes.

We need more Carolyns on the Board. I hope her record will inspire YOU!

– *Ted Kovaleff*