



Newsletter

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CHAIR'S MESSAGE, MR. PADMORE JOHN

CB9 serves as a vital component of local government encompassing several unique and historic neighborhoods, including Hamilton Heights, Manhattanville, Morningside Heights, and a portion of Central Harlem. The district runs from 110th Street to 155th Street from Morningside/Edgecombe/Broadway Avenues, west to the Hudson River. CB9 consist of 50 volunteer members, nominated by local Council Members, Mark Levine, Bill Perkins and appointed by the Borough President Gale A. Brewer. The Board is tasked with monitoring the delivery of City services such as sanitation and street maintenance; planning and reviewing land use applications including zoning changes; making recommendations for the yearly City Budget, and other concerns impacting the community. The following is a brief mention of the recent work CB9 has been engaged in, all meetings/events are open to the public, and deeply encourage all residents to be involved and informed about social and political events occurring in this beautiful, vibrant community. See you soon!

NYC DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) PROPOSED SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FOR AMSTERDAM AVENUE

Amsterdam Avenue is an active thoroughfare within the district. It is a designated commercial truck route, and is heavily used by buses, vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclist. The intersection at 125th Street is considerably dangerous due to the amount of pedestrian and vehicular accidents. There are several schools and three large residential developments nearby, and most crosswalks are long and wide. Due to alarming accidents and numerous complaints from the community regarding safety conditions along the Avenue, DOT proposed a safety improvement plan for the corridor from 110th to 162nd Streets. DOT presented this plan to the Uniformed Services and Transportation Committee on March 2nd, 2017. DOT will present again in May to the UST Committee and the full Board. The proposed safety improvements are as follows:

- Removal of one lane in each direction to discourage speeding
- Installation left turn bays to create safer left turns and improve the traffic flow
- Add bike lanes to address gaps in bike networks to make cyclist movements more predictable
- Build a pedestrian refuge island in order to create shorter crossings
- Add left turn treatments to slow left-turning vehicles
- Install painted-curb extensions to improve alignment and shortens crossings
- Add right turn lane at 145 and 155 Streets to increase capacity at high volume intersections.
- Create southern transition to maintain vehicle capacity
- Add loading zones to improve curb access and discourage double parking

According to DOT, the project is expected to start this Summer 2017. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the District Office at (212) 864-6200 or email to hzita@cb9m.org. To view the project, please visit <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/amsterdam-110-162-sts-mar2017.pdf>

*"When You Learn, Teach,
When You Get, Give." -
Maya Angelou*

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YOUTH, EDUCATION, AND LIBRARIES (YEL) COMMITTEE

YEL's mission and vision is to advocate for programs, policies and funding that support the youth, schools and libraries within Community Board 9. YEL works to align with community stakeholders throughout West Harlem who facilitate the development, provisioning and strengthening of educational and youth development services, programs and activities CB9. Stakeholders including local schools Community Education Council 5 and 6, libraries, elected officials, city agencies, community based organizations (CBO), and parents in order to improve educational opportunities for students in early childhood programs through high school students.

In recent months, YEL have been deeply involved in the efforts to find a long-term home for Teachers College Community School (TCCS). TCCS was established in 2011 through a partnership of Teachers College, Columbia University and the NYC Department of Education. It is non selective, choice public elementary located in West Harlem at 168 Morningside Avenue, that gives priority to families residing in Community District 5 and 6. The school's initial goal is to serve students from Pre-K through 8, but due to space limitations only serves pre-k through 5th grade.

Starting 2017-2018 TCCS will phase in their middle school and is in dire need of a new home to accommodate its full student and faculty body. NYC Department of Education proposed to re-site and co-locate TCCS with PS 36, a neighboring public elementary school located at 123 Morningside Drive. CEC5 alerted cb9 about DOE proposal to co-locate the lower grades of TCCS with PS 36, and identified numerous problems with the proposal. In addition to efforts made by our local officials, the YEL Committee and CB9 full board passed a resolution opposing DOE proposal co-locate of both schools. The Board was pleased that the Panel Education Policy (PEP), city agency responsible for school utilization and contracts, postponed the vote on the proposal to reconsider/redraft a final plan for TCCS for the 2017-2018 school year.

The YEL Committee continuously to build relationships with various educational non-for-profit serving the district in order to strengthen the network of available education services. The Committee has met with Total Equity Now (www.totalequity.org) a group that empowers "Harlemites" and other "Uptowners" to become active participants and decision-makers in advancing educational excellence and equity. HypoThekids is a program that provides underserved students with hands on scientific and engineering educational and mentorship experiences. This organization offers in-school, afterschool and summer programs for elementary students and biomedical engineering design program for High School students. To learn more about these and other great CBO's serving our district, subscribe to the YEL page on our website www.cb9m.org

NYC COMPTROLLER SCOTT STRINGER

The New York City Comptroller's responsibilities are to audit the performance and finances of the city agencies and make recommendations regarding proposed contracts, issue reports on the state of the city's economy, marketing and selling municipal bonds, and managing city debt. As the custodian of the City's Pension Fund, Comptroller Scott Stringer raised concerns about the Federal Preliminary Budget Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) at CB9's full board meeting. Stringer stated that if the Federal can cut funds on social services then the City will be adversely impacted and there will be an increase in homelessness and other social services programs will suffer as well.



Comptroller Scott Stringer

MAYOR'S PRELIMINARY BUDGET FY18

In January 2017 Mayor de Blasio released the City's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) totaling \$84.67 million. Resources were allocated to improve critical City services such as public safety, infrastructure, public schools, and increasing affordable housing stock. The Preliminary Budget also included funds to build Citywide Savings Program, and to increase the number of Youth Employment Summer Jobs and the number of Crossing Guards. On February 21st, 2017 Manhattan Community Board No. 9 (MCB9) held a Public Hearing to respond to the budget. The public hearing to gather community input on the preliminary budget and to draft an official response. The hearing was well attended. To keep abreast of the budget or learn more, please visit the City's website at <http://www.ibo.nyc.ny.us/IBORoadmap.pdf>

CB9 SCHOOLS AND TEACHING ARTIST EXPO

The Arts and Culture Committee is excited to host its second Annual Schools And Teaching Artists Expo in 2017.

The Expo will address:

- How to create a successful curriculum for Principals
- How to collaborate with Partners
- How to expand into after school programs
- And much more

For more details on the Expo, please contact CB9 district office at (212)864-6200 or email to nyc-cb9m@juno.com

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER SKFORCE

Recently, cb9 started a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Taskforce [LGBTQ] to address issues and concerns that impact this community. The taskforce meets every third Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 17th, 2017 at Broadway Housing Communities, 583 Riverside Drive, 6:30 p.m. For more information on the taskforce visit our website at www.cb9m.org or call the district office at (212) 864-6200. Our hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



MEMBER'S PROFILE, MS. APRIL TYLER

April Tyler is a member of Manhattan Community Board No. 9, and the current co-chair of the Housing, Land Use and Zoning Committee, and also serves on the Uniformed Services/Transportation Committee. She is serving her third term on the board. April began her professional career at the Urban Homesteading Assistance Board, and the City University of New York Graduate Center working as a Housing Specialist /Research Assistant interviewing Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFCs) leaders. In this capacity she conducted in-depth interviews with shareholders to gather information about their experiences in resurrecting their homes from landlord abandonment, and then turning them into cooperatives. Over the years, April worked with local community organizations and HDFCs in West Harlem and throughout the city.

April is also a member of the HCFC Coalition Steering Committee where she has helped to coordinate many meetings with individual buildings, elected officials, and the larger community bringing to light issues of importance to these coops. As co-chair of the Board's Housing, Land Use and Zoning Committee, April has led the members in working tirelessly to organize HDFC network in opposition to the recent NYC Department of Housing and Preservation proposal to eliminate the partial tax abatement and to change the regulations governing the coops. The H/LUZ Committee feel strongly that they must be proactive in countering inappropriate development on city-owned and private property. The Committee will focus on New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) developments in the coming months.

In additions to serving on the Board, April also serves as one of CB9's representatives on the West Harlem Development Corporation (WHDC) Affordable Housing Committee. April remains very involved and dedicated to improving the quality of life and affordable housing stock in CB9. In her own words, **"serving the community is quite a bit of work, but it is very fulfilling to be able to contribute to my community in small, but significant ways."**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- New York Public Library in partnership with Naleo Educational Fund will hold a “free” Citizenship Application Assistance on Friday, April 21, 2017 and Friday, June 16, 2017 at Hamilton Grange Library located at 503 West 145th Street [between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue] from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Dance For A Variable Population offers Celebrating Moving in Strong and Creative Ways “Movement Speaks” starting January 2017 through June 16, 2017 at George Bruce Public Library located at 518 West 125th Street [between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue] from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information call Rebecca at (347) 683-2691 or email Rebecca@dvpnyc.org
- West Harem Development Corporation in partnership with ReServe presents its 5th Annual Summer Senior Employment Opportunity Program. All interested are required to attend the Information Session and seating is limited. Please RSVP by calling 646-412-6501
- NYC Dept. of Transportation, 2nd Annual Car Free NYC: Earth Day 2017, Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. Programming locations are: Times Square Plazas, Garment District Plazas, Herald Square Plazas, 26th –27th Streets, Flatiron Plazas, and Union Square Plaza.
- The Manhattan Community Board No 9 Senior Issues Committee will hold an Affordable Senior Housing Forum, Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at Broadway Housing, 583 Riverside Drive, 7th Floor from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For more information contact the Cb9 district office at (212) 864-6200 or email to hzita@cb9m.org
- NYS Harlem Community Development Corporation presents its 2nd Annual Spring Career Fair, Thursday, May 18, 2017 at Riverbank State Park, 679 Riverside Drive in the Athletic Gymnasium from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To register or need more information, please call (212) 961-4100 or email to harlemcdc@esd.ny.gov
- The Manhattan Community Board No. 9 Arts and Culture Committee will hold their second Annual Schools And Teaching Artists Expo, Saturday, May 20, 2017 location TBD
- New York African Chorus, 8th Annual New York City Multicultural Festival in partnership with Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer, 30th Precinct and Manhattan Community Board No. 9, Saturday, May 20th, 2017 at St. Nicholas Avenue [between West 141st and West 145th Streets] from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information, please call (347) 938-9335 or visit www.multiculturfestival.nyc

DID YOU KNOW?

City Parking Rules: The City suspends alternate side parking regulations for both street cleaning purposes and traffic flow, on legal and/or religious holidays...

Passover (1st/2nd Days)April 11th -12th
 Holy ThursdayApril 13th
 Good FridayApril 14th
 Passover (7th/8th Days).....April 17th - 18th

Street Storage: When parking is not otherwise restricted, no person shall park any vehicle in any area, including a residential area, in excess of seven (7) consecutive days.

Call 811 before you dig: Ever wonder what the different color markings on the ground mean? Wonder no more and keep information below for easy reference

White - Proposed Excavation

Pink –Temporary Survey Markings

Red –Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit & Lighting Cables

Yellow –Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum & Gaseous Material

Orange –Communications, Alarm, Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit

Blue –Potable Water

Purple –Reclaimed Water, Mitigation & Slurry Lines, Radioactive Material

Green - Sewers & Drain Lines

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NOTE:

Our General Board meetings occur on the third Thursday of every month at Castle Gardens located at 625 West 140th Street (**unless otherwise noted**) [between Broadway and Riverside Drive] For the full monthly calendar of our scheduled meetings, please visit our website at: www.cb9m.org

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