



# Newsletter

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## CHAIR'S MESSAGE, MR. PADMORE JOHN

Manhattan Community Board No. 9 welcomed eight new board members appointed by the Borough President Gale Brewer, Council Members Mark Levine and Bill Perkins. The City's current Fiscal Year 2018 is ending on June 30, 2018 and the board was able to host several events such as the Community Envisioning Workshop (Shape of Hamilton Theater's Future), New York City Housing (NYCHA) Forums with the help of discretionary funds received from Council Members Mark Levine and Bill Perkins. The board continues to address pressing issues and work together with community residents to protect the district from unrealistic plans that impact the livelihood of the community. I urge all residents to be pro-active, involved and informed about political and social events occurring in this vibrant community. In July and August the board will be in recess for the summer and will resume its monthly regular meetings in September 2018. Please visit our website for our calendar of meetings and upcoming events at [www.cb9m.org](http://www.cb9m.org). Have a Splendid Summer!!!

*"Invest in the Human soul. Who knows, it might be a diamond in the rough." -*

*Mary McLeod Bethune*

## 730 SAINT NICHOLAS ARGUS NEW METHADONE CLINIC

The Argus Community Inc. was founded in 1968 in the South Bronx, its mission is to provide innovative programs that will help individuals to recover from substance abuse and build new lives based on work, hope and responsibilities. In 2017 Argus purchased the 730 Saint Nicholas property in Hamilton Heights prestigious landmarked neighborhood to start a new Methadone Clinic. This organization has several site programs within the same vicinity in Hamilton Heights on West 145<sup>th</sup> Street, Edgecombe and Amsterdam Avenues where similar programs are provided.

Argus is registered with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Use Prevention, Care and Treatment as an Opioid Overdose Prevention Site. It provides out-patient services such as individual, group and group and family counseling, relapse prevention, recovery groups, random toxicology, educational/vocational assessment and referral medication assisted treatment, physical and mental health assessment, care coordination and referral and other services. Argus will also provide training and Naloxone kits to individuals and organizations throughout the community.

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Argus' representatives attended the Manhattan Community Board No. 9's General meeting and presented their plans for the 730 St. Nicholas Avenue site in front of the CB9M board and the community in lieu of a Letter of Support to develop a methadone clinic. The community residents voiced their opposition to the plans due to lack of notification or consultation, and that the site is located in a predominantly residential tract of housing. The community is in support of the beneficial services of the clinic but noted that there are several underutilized commercial facilities in the area within a short distance away from the initial site. Cb9 board members disapproved a Letter of Support for the Argus Community Inc. for the development of a new methadone clinic at 730 St. Nicholas Avenue in a vote of 5 in favor; 22 opposed; and 3 abstentions. .

Assembly Member Al Taylor sent a letter to Manhattan Community Board No. 9 on behalf of the community residents to express his deep concerns and vehement opposition to Argus' plans to open a methadone clinic at this location. For more information For more information about the clinic contact Argus Community Inc. at (718) 401-5700 or email to: [info@arguscommunity.org](mailto:info@arguscommunity.org)

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## Columbia Wellness Center at the Jerome L. Greene Science Center in Manhattanville

The Columbia University Wellness Center was established October 2016 and was created specifically to address health issues that affect African-American and Latinos in the Harlem community. The Center's focus is to provide education and resources to empower residents into making healthy lifestyle living choices. Its goal is to assist the community in developing healthier relationship between mind and body by providing free health services such as blood pressure screening readings, cholesterol screening, mental health first aid training, fitness and nutrition, workshops, health referrals, and weight counseling.

The Mental Health First Aid Training Program is a public educational program that introduces participation to the warning signs of mental health problems. It aids in understanding the impact and debriefs the common treatments. This training is an 8-hour course that describes the risks factor of illnesses such as anxiety, depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, eating disorders and additions.

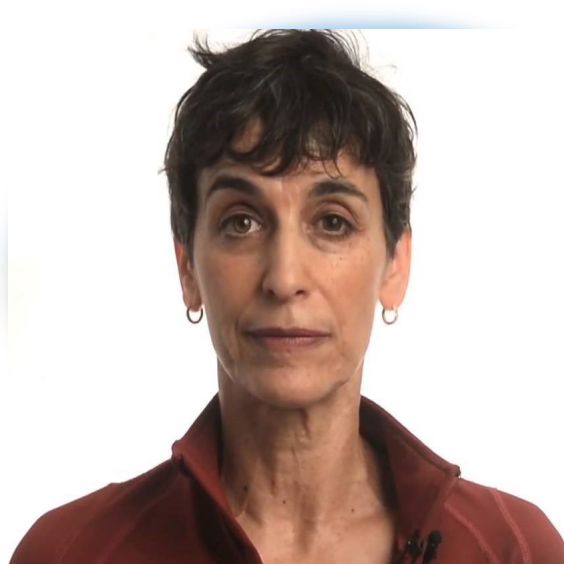
The Wellness Center also provides the Community Health Worker Stroke Prevention Program, designed to raise awareness about the stroke as one of the leading causes of death and disability in the United States. This is a six-week training course, and held throughout the year to give local residents the tools needed to become community health workers. The program is modeled on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's training curriculum for community health workers and it is led by Dr. Williams, Chief of Staff of Neurology and Associate Professor of Neurology at Columbia University Medical Center; Founder of Hip Hop Public Health, and Co-Director of the Center for Stroke Disparities Solutions in New York.

The Center is located at the Jerome L. Greene Science Center, 610 West 130<sup>th</sup> Street between Broadway and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and open to the public. The hours of operation are from Monday through Saturday. For the schedule of operation and information, please visit <https://zuckermaninstitute.columbia.edu/community-wellness-center> or call (212) 853-1146 or email to [wellnesscenter@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:wellnesscenter@cumc.columbia.edu)

## New York City Housing Authority Forums

The CB9 Housing/Land Use and Zoning Committee collaborated with the CB7 Housing Committee and NYCHA Task Force to host three NYCHA Forums. The forums were held in locations in both CB9 and CB7. The first focused on Maintenance and Repairs, the second of Safety and Security. These took place in April and May respectively. The upcoming forum will be held Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm. It will focus on NYCHA Budget and Financial Issues and will be held at the George Bruce Library, 518 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street [between Broadway and Amsterdam Ave.] REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

In September we will host a forum on Tenants' Succession Rights—tenants' rights/responsibilities when passing their lease to heirs. Each meeting had a panel discussion on the specific issue with NYCHA representatives and resident leaders. For more information call the CB9 District Office at 212 864-6200 or email—[mcb9housing@gmail.com](mailto:mcb9housing@gmail.com).



**NAOMI GOLBERG HAAS**

## ARISE! EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

Initiated in 2017, West Harlem Development Corporation's Arise! Summer Youth Employment Education Program (SYEEP) provides West Harlem high school students ages 14 to 18 with introduction to the world of work and opportunities for academic enrichment. The program will run for six weeks from **July 9 – August 17, 2018**.

The expected 150 participating youth will be paid \$13/hour for all activities engaged in during each 25-hour week. Participants work in community based organizations, judges' offices, and local institutions. The rising freshman and sophomores work 2 days a week, while the rising juniors and seniors work 3 days a week.

For the non-work days, the participants engage in academic enrichment classes in Mathematics, STEM, Literature; and electives in Visual Arts, Chorus, and Theater. In *Lunch & Learn* participants welcome accomplished individuals who look like them. They hear success stories in entertainment, law, technology, business, community development, etc. Weekly field trips and community service activities are additional features of Arise! SYEEP..

The home-base of the 2018 activities will be Corpus Christi Church at 529 West 121<sup>st</sup> Street. All participants and their parents/guardians are required to attend the general orientation on June 27th from 5:00 PM. To 7:00 P.M.

WHDC is looking for organizations to provide job sites for the Arise! SYEEP participants.

For more information, visit WHDC's website at [www.westharlemdc.org](http://www.westharlemdc.org) or contact Program Manager, Alicia Barksdale at [absyeep@westharlemdc.org](mailto:absyeep@westharlemdc.org).

Naomi Goldberg Haas is a native of West Harlem since 2009, a master teacher, choreographer, artistic director, and the founder of the Dances For a Variable Population, a multigenerational dance company, and educational organization. She holds a Master of Fine Arts from New York University's Tisch School of The Arts and began her career with Pacific Northwest Ballet. In 2005 she started the Dance For a Variable Population Organization, which promotes strong and creative movement among adults of all ages and abilities.

Her organization's programming includes: a multigenerational performance company that engages community members as participants and audiences; Movement Speaks® and Dances for Seniors, free community-based programs for culturally underserved older adults; performance and choreographic opportunities for older professional dance artists; and Variable Pop Dance and Fitness classes offered year-round to adults of all ages in the community.

Under her watch and dedication, DVP had presented in some of New York City's most iconic public spaces such as, the New York Botanical Garden, Times Square, Washington Square Park, and the High Line. Naomi Goldberg Haas' organization also performed at Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, and internationally in Poland and British Columbia, Canada. DVP is a member of the National Dance Education Organization and The International Dance Council in United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Naomi worked in concert dance, theatre, opera and film; collaborated with The Klezmatics, Composer Michael Nyman, Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Tony Kushner and Disney Animation.

With various funding from the West Harlem Development Corporation, the Manhattan Borough President's Office, Council Member Mark Levine's Office to name a few, Naomi managed to provide free Movements Speaks and Dance classes for Seniors at the New York Public Library, the George Bruce Branch, Senior Centers, the Harlem Piers Park and other various locations. Currently her organization, DVP runs five free of charge weekly Movement Speaks program for older adults in West and Central Harlem

Recently, Naomi Goldberg Haas was awarded LMCC's President's Award for the Performing Arts and serves on the Age Friendly Media, Arts and Culture Working Group as assigned by the NYC Mayor's Office. To learn more information about the Dance For A Variable Population, please visit [www.dvpnyc.org](http://www.dvpnyc.org) or call (347) 683-2691.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Manhattan Community Board No. 9 General Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 21st, 2018 at Columbia University, 207 Low Library - 535 West 116th Street, 6:30 p.m. For more information call the board office (212) 864-6200.
- The New York City Manhattan Community Board No. 7 and 9 will host a NYCHA Forum on Saturday, June 30th, 2018 at the George Bruce Library located at 518 West 125th Street, Community Room, Lower Level from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Summer on the Hudson: Shape Up NYC Zumba in West Harlem Piers, Saturdays, May—September at Harlem Piers @ West 125th Street, 11:00 a.m. For calendar view and other information, please visit [www.nyc.gov/parks/soh](http://www.nyc.gov/parks/soh)
- Harlem Mothers Stop Another Violent End in partnership with the NYPD 26th, 28th, and 32nd Precincts and Fedelis Care presents Together in Harlem on Saturday, June 23rd, 2018 at Morningside Avenue [between 125th & 126th Streets] from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- 26th Precinct Crime Prevention along with Manhattan Community Board No. 9 presents Back2School, Thursday, August 23rd, 2018 at Old Broadway [between West 125th & West 126th Streets] from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For any questions, please contact the Crime Prevention Officer Kathleen Clifford or Community Affairs Officer Johanna Urena at (212) 678-1301 or Manhattan Community Board No. 9 Office at (212) 864-6200.
- Job Opening for a Development Assistant at Broadway Housing Communities/Sugar Hill Children's Museum of Art & Storytelling. All interested persons should email a resume, cover letter and one professional writing sample, with salary requirements to [resumes@bhc.org](mailto:resumes@bhc.org). Please indicate your last name and Development Assistant in the subject line.
- Sign Up Early! Harlem School of the Arts "Artscape" Summer Camp for ages 4 to 12 years old from July 9th to August 17th, 2018. to sign up or for more information visit [www.hsanyc.org](http://www.hsanyc.org) or call (212) 926-4100
- Summer Youth Police Academy is a five days a week for six weeks program from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for individuals between the ages of 10 to 16 years old. This program is borough-wide, for more information call the Community Affairs Bureau's Youth Strategies Division at (718) 840-5534

## DID YOU KNOW?

**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](http://www.cb9m.org)

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