



CHAIRS REPORT MAY 2026

LEGIONNAIRES DISEASE UPDATES

This summer, the NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene will begin stricter testing regulations for buildings with cool towers. As of May 8, 2026 building owners are now mandated to test for Legionella bacteria every 31 days. The new laws also increase fines for property owners who fail to comply with the testing schedule.

We are still monitoring 3333 Broadway as management completes its remediation process for the Legionnaires' disease outbreak in that complex late last year.

ELEVATORS FOR TWO SUBWAY STATIONS IN CB9

After months of construction, the first of two elevators has opened at the 137th station on Broadway (northbound side). We look forward to the completion of the elevator installation at the downtown 137th St station in the coming months.

On May 8, with a host of Elected Officials and the Chair of the MTA, it was announced that elevators would be installed at the 125th Street #1 train station. This massive improvement was brought about by a \$33 million infusion of money from Columbia University. This agreement is a result of the West Harlem Community Benefits Agreement, resulting from Columbia's campus expansion into West Harlem.

CB9 - SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR 2026

On May 8, Manhattan Community Board 9 hosted its annual Senior Resource Fair at the Columbia University Forum. This event was held to provide our community with a range of resources and information. Senior Action Committee Chair Walter Alexander, along with the committee members, enlisted several organizations to provide health screenings, senior housing information, and other benefits available for the CB9 community. This year's event was attended by Assemblyman Al Taylor and MTA Chairman Janno Lieber, who were attending the 125 St. Elevator press conference directly outside the event, and graciously joined us.

FRIENDS OF MORNINGSIDE PARK

Earlier this month, a meeting was held with the Friends of Morningside Park to discuss drug use and homeless encampments in the park. Along with members of the Friends of Morningside Park, representatives from NYC Parks, NYC Parks Enforcement Division, and NYPD 26th precinct were present. Several ideas were discussed to address this situation, including outreach to Mount Sinai regarding referrals for patients being discharged who may be unhoused, as well as increased NYPD patrols in the park. It was also suggested that the group, along with local Elected Officials, meet to conduct a walk-through of the park (date to be determined).

Respectfully Submitted,

Victor Edwards, Chair