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CHAIR'S REPORT October 2026

Friends of Morningside Park Common Ground Event

The Friends of Morningside Park held the Common Ground event in Morningside Park on September 19, featuring music, lawn games, pony rides, and other activities. This annual festival brings together two neighborhoods separated by the park and shows how much more we are alike than different. One of our Board members, Marquis Bell, is a member of Friends and did a great job organizing the event. I look forward to attending again next year.

Repair of the 125th Subway Station

In late September, we met with MTA representatives to discuss the much-needed repairs to the 125th St (#1) station platform. This platform, exposed to weather, has large planks of wood covering broken concrete and has become a serious tripping hazard. As the construction proceeds, the station platforms will periodically shut down to allow for construction. A schedule of the platform closures will be provided to the community.

Darializa Avila Chevalier Community Meeting

Congresswoman-elect, Darializa Avila Chevalier, held a community meeting which several current and former CB9 members attended. Prior to the event, I had the opportunity to meet one-on-one with Ms. Chevalier, where I expressed concerns and needs affecting the CB9 community. During the event, several CB9 current and former members also addressed our community's current needs.

125th Street Business Improvement District (BID) Annual Meeting

On October 5, I attended the Annual Board meeting for the 125th B.I.D., held at the Studio Museum in Harlem. The guest speaker was MTA Chairman Janno Lieber, whom spoke extensively about the 2nd Ave. subway extension and the impact it would specifically have on East Harlem, and informed the audience that the subway would only be extending as far as Lexington Ave., but MTA hopes to extend it to 12th Ave. in the future.

Victor Edwards

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