

## December, 2015 District Manager's Report

### Agency Reports and Updates:

**Manhattan Borough President's Office:** Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer announced her office is setting aside \$48,000 in funding for a new Manhattan Police-Community Relations Improvement Initiative, to support long-term, sustainable projects aimed at restoring trust between police officers and the communities they serve.

The new program's creation was inspired by Brewer's series of community dialogue events on police-community relations, which were hosted in partnership with civil rights attorney Norman Siegel. The event series culminated in the publication of "Improving Police-Community Relations," a report with recommendations co-authored by Siegel, Brewer, and Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams.

The Borough President's office will issue four awards of \$12,000 each. Awardees will undertake innovative programs centered on youth-generated ideas, and could focus on one or more of the following areas:

- Engagement between youth and police officers
- Educational trainings to assist police officers with youth and community engagement
- Trust-building activities, exposing youth to the work of police officers
- Data collection and analysis projects relevant to police-community relations
- Legal services, advice, and education on policing and interactions with police
- Leadership skills and mentoring programs

The award is open to community-based 501(c) nonprofit organizations registered with the New York State Charities Bureau. Award funding will offset operating expenses and non-capital purchases made by qualifying programs.

The Borough President's office will accept applications through January 8, 2016. Award recipients will be selected through a competitive review process.

<http://manhattanbp.nyc.gov/html/budget/police-community-initiative.shtml> for more information on the Police-Community Relations Improvement Initiative.

### Board Membership Applications:

Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer's office is accepting applications for Community Board membership. All eligible New Yorkers living, working, or studying in the borough of Manhattan are encouraged to consider applying.

Manhattan's 12 community boards are local organizations each composed of 50 volunteer members serving staggered two-year terms. Community boards are tasked with being the independent and representative voices of their communities—the most grass-roots form of local government. The boards are pivotal in shaping their communities and work to enhance and

preserve the character of the city's many unique neighborhoods. Membership applications are available at the following link: <http://manhattanbp.nyc.gov/html/community-boards/cbapplication.shtml> and the deadline for application submission is 5p.m. Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Dept. of Homeless Services:** There have been numerous homelessness-related concerns as of late. Agency has assigned peace officers to Fort Washington shelter; the facility now has six officers for each shift. Agency has also deployed 11 peace officers to Bellevue men's shelter. Private security guards are now on duty at the East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street shelter. Community pushback is still extant for the Main Chance drop-in center; agency is still working on establishing trust and assisting clients to move into shelter or permanent housing. Facility is open to everyone, and a community advisory board has been constituted, with CB 5 and local precincts represented. There have been calls to close this facility, but the agency believes that its location near Grand Central Terminal warrants keeping the facility in place.

**Manhattan Legal Services (Columbia University)** is offering FREE Housing-related Legal Services the Second and Fourth Wednesday of every Month; 1p.m. – 5p.m. (no appointment necessary) at the Community Board No. 9 Office, 18 Old Broadway (bet. 125<sup>th</sup> & 126<sup>th</sup>) [see Flyer attached] *{Revised Flyer Attached to accommodate upcoming holidays}*.

**New York Public Library Budget** was recently approved for \$43M, this increase which will allow for additional hours for All NYPL; 93 Librarians added throughout the city; and various capital improvements. For further information please visit their website at [www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org)

**Con Edison Reported: Work is continuing on Broadway (bet. 140<sup>th</sup> – 145<sup>th</sup>) St.**

**Department of Transportation (DOT) Reported:**

**Josh Orzeck Community Coordinator** retired after over 20+years of service a replacement to be announced at later date.

**DOT announced** Mayor DeBlasio is committed to expanding bike share program as far north as 130th Street by the end of 2017. In light of this Plan DOT has scheduled a community planning workshop for the CB9 area to discuss where stations should be located. This will be a public meeting open to all. It is a chance for residents and other stakeholders to weigh in on good station locations. Community Planning Workshop is scheduled for Monday, December 14, 2015 at 6p.m. at the Interchurch Center, 61 Claremont Ave. (Ground Floor)

**Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Reported:**

- ✓ Announced the Request for Proposals (RFP# X001244) for license to operate a Food, Beverage and Catering Concession for patrons (see attached Bidders Notice).
- ✓ Renovation of the W 145<sup>th</sup> Street entrance to the park will commence shortly and take place in stages over the coming months. The project is scheduled to be completed by the Spring-2016, during the renovation the pedestrian walkway leading into and out of the park from Riverside Drive and 145<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed to ALL foot traffic on ALL weekdays between the dates of Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> due to

construction. ALL pedestrians who usually enter or exit through this area will be directed to the 138<sup>th</sup> Street pedestrian gate. The 145<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Walkway WILL BE open on the weekend of November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. The vehicular roadway will remain open to all vehicular traffic during this time period. It is expected the pedestrian walkway at 145<sup>th</sup> Street will reopen to the public on a daily basis on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Citizens Committee for New York City:**

Neighborhood Grants are being offered from gardening and community organizing to oral history projects and healthy cooking workshops, Citizens Committee awards grants of up to \$3,000.00 to grassroots groups working on community-building projects across NYC. The 2016 Neighborhood Grants application is now available online at <http://www.citizensnyc.org>.

Neighborhood Leadership Institute – Fall 2015 is offering a series of free participatory workshops to build community organizing skills. All Workshop Participants (including Basics of Community Organizing) will receive a Neighborhood Leadership Certificate, for further info. contact Imani Brown at [lbrown@citizensnyc.org](mailto:lbrown@citizensnyc.org) or (212) 822-9567.

Compost Bin Build Workshop: Learn how to turn "waste" from your community garden and kitchen into black gold. This Green Thumb workshop will teach you step-by-step how to build a 3 bin compost system so you can blend greens (rich in nitrogen) and browns (rich in carbon) into compost and improve your soil's fertility.

### **Social Security Administration (SSA):**

The Social Security Office at 55 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street will be moving to its new location on Monday, December 21, 2015 at 302 West 126<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> fl. The New office is in a state of the art location, three blocks from the current location, with improved services to the public and is easily accessible by subway or bus.

### **Upcoming Announcement(s)/Event(s):**

- **26<sup>th</sup> Pct. Community Council Children's Christmas Party** for children ages 4-12 will be held on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 6p.m. – 8p.m., at Children's Foundation, 527 W. 125<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, N.Y. 10027. Please RSVP with P.O. Urena or P.O. Harper of the 26<sup>th</sup> Pct. (212) 678-1301.
- **Youth Empowered to Succeed (YES) Y.E.S. OSY is an Out-of-School Youth Program** for young adults who are low-income between the ages of 16 and 24 and are not working and not in school. Students gain skills to secure entry-level employment in: Carpentry; Plumbing; Facilities Maintenance; Electrical; Painting; and Weatherization. Space is LIMITED CALL NOW at (212) 453-5399, 5378, or 5381, program starts January-2016.
- **Institute for Children, Poverty & Homelessness (ICPH)**  
Beyond Housing "a National Conversation on Child Homelessness and Poverty 2016"  
SAVE THE DATE: January 13 - January 15, 2016  
NYC Crowne Plaza Times Square Hotel  
For further information log on to [www.ICPHusa.org](http://www.ICPHusa.org)

➤ **New York City Emergency Management Academy**

Training on Emergency Management Concepts

Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup>; March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

New York City Emergency Management, 165 Cadman Plaza East

9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration is required via email at [intergov@oem.gov](mailto:intergov@oem.gov)

NYCEM provides reasonable accommodations, please send your request to

[nycemacademy@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:nycemacademy@oem.nyc.gov)

**H**appy  
**H**olidays

On behalf of the Community Board No. 9 Staff and myself, I would like to take this moment to wish everyone a Joyous and Healthy Holiday Season, and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Respectfully Submitted,



Eutha Prince  
District Manger

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**FIDELIS CARE®**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO  
THE 26<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT'S COMMUNITY CHILDREN'S  
CHRISTMAS PARTY

DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015

TIME: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

PLACE: OUR CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION  
527 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street, N.Y., N.Y. 10027

Your child has been selected to attend the 26<sup>th</sup> Precinct's annual community children's Christmas party and toy give-away. This party is being held for children ages 4 -12. There will be food, music, entertainment, gifts and a special visit from Santa Claus. To confirm your child's attendance you will need to provide your child's first and last name along with their age and gender. Please note that your child must be present in order to receive their gift. **Because donations are limited, gifts will only be provided to children who have been invited.**

Please RSVP with P.O. Ureña or P.O Harper of the 26 Precinct.

Special thanks to Fidelis Care for their Generous Donation.

Manhattan  
Legal  
Services



**MANHATTAN LEGAL SERVICES  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
WEST HARLEM COMMUNITY  
ADVOCACY PARTNERSHIP  
ANNOUNCES**



**FREE HOUSING-RELATED LEGAL SERVICES  
FOR RESIDENTS OF COMMUNITY BOARD 9**

**WHEN:** Second and Fourth Wednesday of every Month  
1:00 P.M. To 5:00 P.M.  
NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY.

**WHERE:** Community Board 9 Office  
18 Old Broadway (between 125 & 126th Sts.)

**BRING:** Proof of income (DSS budget letter, SSI award letter, Medicaid card, etc.) and all papers related to your housing problem (court papers, leases, rent receipts, letters from landlords, etc.)

We offer housing legal advice and/or representation including in the following areas:

- Eviction proceedings for nonpayment of rent or other reasons
- Administrative hearings (with NYCHA, Section 8, DHCR, etc.)
- Court cases or advocacy involving the preservation of affordable housing; and
- Repair problems.

To be eligible, you must meet income eligibility requirements and live in Community District 9 (see map above).

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**Notice to Bidders**  
**Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation**

The NYS Office of Parks Recreation & Historic Preservation requests proposals for the concession opportunity described below.

<b>RFP:</b>	X001244
<b>Type:</b>	Food, Beverage and Catering Concession
<b>Park:</b>	The Dinsmore State Golf Course Clubhouse, Mills Norrie State Park
<b>County:</b>	Dutchess
<b>Services:</b>	Seasonal operation of a Food, Beverage and Catering Concession
<b>Term:</b>	Three (3) years, 2016 – 2018, with possible extensions up to two (2) additional years.
<b>License Fee:</b>	<b>Minimum bid:</b> 3% of Gross receipts
<b>R&amp;R Fee:</b>	1.5% of Gross Receipts
<b>Capital Investment</b>	N/A
<b>Utilities</b>	<p><b><u>Refuse:</u></b> 100% of refuse removal (including used cooking oil) costs.</p> <p><b><u>Propane:</u></b> 100% responsible for costs used for cooking. Beginning Year 3 (January 1, 2018): 61% of heating costs while operating.</p> <p><b><u>Electric:</u></b> Beginning Year 3 (January 1, 2018): 100% of the cost of electricity supplied to the Clubhouse</p>
<b>Historic Annual Attendance:</b>	±195,900 annual average
<b>Historic Reported Revenues:</b>	±\$127,600 annual average
<b>Proposals Due:</b>	2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 13, 2016
<b>Submission Location:</b>	NYS OPRHP Taconic State Park Regional Headquarters PO Box 308 9 Old Post Road Staatsburg, NY 12580

The Request For Proposal and bidding documents may be obtained free of charge by calling Regional Headquarters at 845.889.3872. All inquiries regarding interpretation of the RFP or requests for additional information must be addressed in writing and submitted to the Director of Concessions Management Bureau, New York State Parks, Albany, New York 12238, e-mail [Concessions@parks.ny.gov](mailto:Concessions@parks.ny.gov). Written responses, as appropriate, in the form of RFP Addenda, will be issued to all prospective bidders as a means of response.