

District Manager's Report

October – 2026

FY28 Budget Update: The Charter of the City of NY requires all 59 Community Boards to submit recommendations for NYC's capital and expense budgets for the upcoming fiscal year.

Each year, the Community Board completes a Community District Needs Statement which identifies the funding priorities of the District. This includes a list of Capital and Expense priorities for the Community District.

A capital project generally has a value of \$35,000 and a “useful life” of at least five years. An example of a capital project is a new or refurbishment of a park or playground. An expense budget priority item funds/supports ongoing programming or personnel funds for service delivery. Examples of an expense request include additional funds for staffing for service delivery including school crossing guards, Department of Building inspectors or Parks personnel for tree pruning or park maintenance or rodent abatement, to name a few.

MCB9 wants to hear from you. If you have an item, you would like to submit for consideration, to be added to Community Board's capital or expense budget priority list, please email infor@cb9m.org no later than close of business on **Tuesday, October 20th**.

You are also welcome to attend and present a budget priority to Community Board 9 Members at its public hearing that will be held in October (date tbd).

NYC Independent Budget Office (IBO) Reported: IBO's school budget workshops are designed to help families, guardians, and community members better understand how NYC public schools are funded. Participants will learn how to read a school's “Budget at a Glance,” what a School Allocation Memorandum (SAM) is, where school funding comes from, and how funds can be used at the school level.

Sessions will be held on Zoom on:

- October 7th at 6:00 - 7:15 PM;
- October 8th at 12:00 - 1:15 PM;

All are welcome to attend, and no prior budget knowledge is needed to participate. Registration is Open now for one or more session for any access needs accommodations and questions, please contact info@ibo.nyc.gov.

FDNY Reported: On **Saturday October 17th or Sunday October 18th** more than 200 Firehouses and EMS locations will open their doors to the public from 11:00am to 1:00pm or from 1:00pm to 3:00pm for the **2026 FDNY Open House**.

Come meet the dedicated FDNY firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics who serve our communities every day. Visitors will have an opportunity to:

- Learn Important Fire and Life Safety Tips
- See exciting Demonstrations
- Learn about careers with the FDNY
- Tour firehouse, engines, ladder trucks and EMS Stations

See attached flyer and scan the QR code and find the open house location near you.)

DOB Reported: On or before **January 1, 2027** New York City requires certain residential buildings to install natural gas alarms or gas detection systems under **Local Law 157 of 2016** and applicable NYC Department of Buildings requirements.

Who may be affected?

- Apartment and multifamily buildings
- Hotels and other transient lodging facilities
- One- and two-family homes
- Certain small care facilities

Where are alarms generally required?

A natural gas alarm is generally required in a dwelling unit that contains a gas-fired appliance. It should be installed in the same room as the appliance, 3 to 10 feet horizontally from it.

Important: Requirements vary by building. Units without gas appliances generally do not require alarms, with certain exceptions. Common areas with gas equipment may also have requirements.

What property owners should do:

Review your building's occupancy, gas appliances, and configuration to determine what requirements apply. Required alarms must meet applicable NYC requirements and **UL 1484** standards.

Who is responsible?

Property owners are responsible for installing and replacing required devices. Occupants are generally responsible for maintaining battery-powered alarms in their units.

Act before the deadline:

All required natural gas alarms and detection systems must be installed by **January 1, 2027**. For assistance, please send inquiries to LL102of2025@buildings.nyc.gov.

DSNY Reported:

The NYC Department of Sanitation's (DSNY) Commercial Waste Zone program (CWZ) is transforming NYC's commercial waste sector in accordance with Local Law 199 of 2019. Phase

6 of the CWZ program is expanding to **Upper Manhattan** and **Brooklyn North**. Starting October 1st, DSNY is beginning their outreach efforts directly to businesses through mailers, calls, and in-person canvassing.

Under the Commercial Waste Zones system, anyone who currently has their waste collected by a private carter must enter a new written service agreement, or contract, with one of the carters authorized to collect from their zone. Unauthorized carters cannot operate in the zone and will face significant violations if they attempt to. The new contract must have a start date that is on or before your zone's implementation start date, which for the Upper Manhattan and Brooklyn North is December 1, 2026.

The sign-up period begins for Upper Manhattan and Brooklyn North begins October 1, 2026 and runs through November 30, 2026.

- **Upper Manhattan:** Inwood, Fort George, Hudson Heights, Sugar Hill, Hamilton Heights, Central Harlem, Manhattanville, and Morningside Heights
- **Brooklyn North:** Bedford Stuyvesant, Bushwick, Williamsburg, and Greenpoint

Businesses can visit nyc.gov/cwz to confirm their zone by address and compare maximum carter rates. Businesses are encouraged to negotiate rates directly with the carters available in their zone. If a business does not sign a CWZ contract effective December 1, 2026, they will automatically be assigned a carter by DSNY at the maximum rate allowable for the minimum number of collection pickups.

DSNY is hosting a series of free info sessions about Commercial Waste Zones and Local Law 199 of 2019. These sessions will cover key program details, including taking advantage of available recycling and organics collection discounts. Register for a session at nyc.gov/cwz. DSNY will also send materials to all businesses. Translated versions of the [program flyer](#) are also available.

DSNY is proposing amendments to its rules regarding the violation amount for failure to maintain vacant lots. A public hearing on the proposed rule will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on **October 30, 2026, at 10:00 AM.**

Meeting Details:

- Meeting ID: 261 046 828 947 686
- Passcode: 9FM984MD

Anyone who wants to comment on the proposed rule at the public hearing must sign up to speak. You can sign up before the hearing by emailing mliguori@dsny.nyc.gov by October 29, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.

While you will be given the opportunity during the hearing to indicate that you would like to provide comments, DSNY prefers that you sign up in advance. You can speak for up to three minutes. Please note that the hearing is for accepting oral testimony only and is not held in a "Question and Answer" format.

The deadline for submitting written comments is October 30, 2026. Please see the attached Flyer if any additional info. is needed.

Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Reported: MTA recently announced upcoming state of good repair work at 125 St Station on the 1 line in Upper Manhattan starting Monday, Oct. 26. The work will feature rehabilitation of platform and structural steel components on both the southbound and northbound platforms at the station to support safe and reliable service.

The repairs are part of ongoing work to bring the station into a state of good repair, focusing on sections of the platform that are outside of the canopy structure and most exposed to the elements. Design is also underway to bring full accessibility to the 125 St 1 Station, after the MTA announced a partnership with Columbia University in May to fund \$33 million in ADA upgrades. The timeline for the planned accessibility improvements will not be affected by the platform rehabilitation project, with construction expected to begin following the anticipated contract award in 2028.

The work on the southbound platform will start in late October 2026 and will be completed in the first quarter of 2027. After completion of that work, rehabilitation of the northbound platform will begin. To enable this work, southbound 1 trains will bypass 125 St at all times while the work is underway. On weekends, southbound 1 trains will operate express between 137 St and 96 St.

Customers traveling downtown who need to reach 125 St should remain on a downtown 1 train and transfer to an uptown 1 train at 116 St-Columbia University on weekdays or 96 St on weekends. Customers can also use the nearby A, C, B and subway service or local buses, including the M4, M104 and M125.

George Bruce Library Highlights and Updates

The George Bruce Library continues to offer a wide range of free programs, resources, and services for the community through The New York Public Library (NYPL).

- [**Banned Books Week at The New York Public Library:**](#) October 4–10, 2026, NYPL joins libraries nationwide in promoting the freedom to read and access information.
- [**Voting in NYC: What You Need to Know | The New York Public Library:**](#) Residents can find information on voter registration, polling locations, candidates, and election issues.
- [**250 Years of the United States at The New York Public Library:**](#) NYPL is commemorating 250 years of the United States with exhibitions, programs, educational activities, and special collections.
- [**Multilingual Resources at The New York Public Library:**](#) Free resources and services are available for immigrant, bilingual, and multilingual communities.

- [**Shelf Help: NYPL's Personalized Book Selection Service | The New York Public Library**](#): NYPL's personalized book recommendation service selects five books based on individual reading interests.
- [**NYPL Announcement: No More Late Fines, Ever | The New York Public Library**](#): NYPL has eliminated library fines to promote greater access to library services.
- [**Shelf Help: NYPL's Personalized Book Selection Service | The New York Public Library**](#): Library cardholders can access free passes to museums and cultural attractions throughout New York City.
- [**NYPL Announcement: No More Late Fines, Ever | The New York Public Library**](#): NYPL offers ESOL classes, technology assistance, job and small-business resources, and educational programs.
- [**Events | The New York Public Library**](#): Residents can explore free classes, programs, book clubs, and activities for all ages, both online and at library locations.

Special Events/Announcements:

- **Columbia University provides a shuttle bus service free of charge** to members of the local community who are disabled or who are senior citizens (including their attendants) via the ADA-accessible Intercampus Shuttle.

See Columbia Transportation's website for the up-to-date Intercampus Shuttle schedule and route map at [Columbia Shuttles | Columbia Transportation](#)

Eligibility: The shuttle bus is free to the elderly and disabled in the local community (as well as their attendants).

- **Common Justice is offering the Communities for Safety Collective, a six-month leadership cohort for survivors**, directly impacted people, and community members interested in shaping the future of public safety in New York.

From January through June 2027, participants will learn how local government and community boards influence public safety decisions, build leadership skills, and develop community-led approaches to safety focused on healing, accountability, and prevention.

Participants who complete the program will receive a **\$500 stipend**. Applicants must be **17 or older**. The application deadline is **Friday, November 13, 2026, at 11:59 PM EST**.

For more information please see the attached Flyer and to apply, visit [**commonjustice.org/civicengagement/communities-for-safety-collective**](https://commonjustice.org/civicengagement/communities-for-safety-collective).

- **Riverside Park Conservancy & Generous Sponsors are presenting:**

Charlotte Mayerson's "Overlook Concerts – Fall 2026 on Sundays at 2PM at the 116th Street Overlook

Oct. 4th – Brownstone Brass Quintet – Classic brass quintet repertoire, original arrangements and compositions, new music and more;

Oct. 11th – A Jazz Ensemble from Manhattan School of Music – A glorious sound floats over the park as these student musicians play traditional and contemporary music;

Oct. 18th – French Cookin’ Blues – This Blues Hall of Fame band plays authentic Blues from around the country for a special New York sound.

- **Ghostbusters in Concert on Saturday, October 17th** at the United Palace, come out and enjoy the 1984 classic film like never before, with the music performed on stage by an orchestra. Audience members will enjoy the ultimate movie concert experience as Ghostbusters is presented on a large HD cinema screen, fully synced to a live performance of Academy Award-winning composer Elmer Bernstein’s spine-tingling score.

Doors Open at 6:30pm, Show 8:00pm United Palace, 4140 Broadway & W175th Street
For tickets & more information <https://unitedpalace.boletosexpress.com/ghostbusters-in-concert/86903/>;

- **Con Edison Work Notice:** Electric Upgrade work will be performed October 1st thru December 7th at 454 W. 110th Street; work will include limited Street Parking; Temporary Sidewalk Closure; and noise
- **Alternate Side Parking (ASP):** Alternate Side of the Street parking will be suspended on Mon. October 12th, Columbus Day.

Employment Opportunities:

DSNY Emergency Snow Shovelers Needed — \$30–\$45/hr.

- Temporary, per diem work after heavy snowfalls;
- Clear snow/ice from public areas: bus stops, crosswalks, fire hydrants, and step streets;
- Pay starts at \$30/hr.; increases to \$45/hr after 40 hours/week;
- Sign up for an upcoming registration event to become an official Emergency Snow Shoveler—registration guarantees an appointment at:
<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/careers/civilians/emergency-snow-shovelers.page>

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