

**Community Board Ten Board Meeting Attendance**  
**Norwegian Christian Home**  
**Monday, March 16, 2009 – 7:15 pm**

Board Members Present: 34

Greg Ahl  
Allen Bortnick  
Kevin Peter Carroll  
Michael Casale  
Robert Cassara  
Judith Collins  
Doris Cruz  
Ida D'Amelio  
Anna DeMetz  
Khader El-Yateem  
Michael Festa  
Judith Grimaldi  
Ron Gross  
Stephen Harrison  
Habib Joudeh  
Brian Kieran  
Dino Lamia  
Nick Leonardos  
Shiu Kam Leung  
Jeannie May  
Mary Nolan  
Jim O'Dea  
Eleanor Petty  
George Prezioso  
Susan Pulaski  
Mary Quinones  
Jean Ryan  
Dilia Schack  
Eleanor Schiano  
Joanne Seminara  
Helen Sokoloski  
Larry Stelter  
Fran Vella-Marrone  
Mary Ann Walsh

Board Members Excused: 13

Ruth Berg  
Robert Buonvino  
Thomas Colasuonno  
Timothy Cross  
Barbara Germack  
Scott Klein  
Stella Kokolis  
Rhea McCone  
Heather McCown  
Mary Nilsen  
Dean Rasinya  
Susan Romero  
Maureen Stramka

Board Members Absent: 3

George Fontas  
Salvatore Girgenti  
Husam Rimawi

Ex-Officio

Councilman Vincent Gentile

# COMMUNITY BOARD TEN GUESTS

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Joe Dava	718 236 17641			Assembly member ASSate
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Tobias Russo				
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**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN BOARD MEETING**  
**March 16, 2009, Norwegian Christian Home**  
**MINUTES**

Vice Chair Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:20 and introduced Mary Turner, President, Lutheran Medical Center Auxiliary, and the Entire Executive Board of Lutheran Medical Center Auxiliary to lead the Honor of the Pledge. Ms. Turner gave a brief history of the Auxiliary, which celebrated its 100 Year Anniversary in 2006. She described the community work and fundraising efforts of the Auxiliary. Ms. Turner encouraged all who may have some extra time to spare to become a member of the Auxiliary. Membership forms and commemorative book marks were left for anyone interested.

Vice Chair Walsh called for adoption of the Amended Agenda for the meeting. The Agenda has again been amended to reflect that the Environmental Committee will not render an Informational Report. Motion to adopt by BM Festa, second by BM Schiano. Agenda adopted as amended.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Jayne Capetanakis, Principal of PS 69, 6302 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, voiced the concerns of the school community regarding Crown KTV, which is opening across from PS 69's schoolyard on 64<sup>th</sup> Street. Crown KTV has applied for a wine and beer license for their restaurant. The hours of operation are planned to be 4 pm – 4 am. Principal Capetanakis noted that this sparks concern for the school community. There are 830 students at PS 69 which dismisses at 3 pm and 4:30 pm, and at 6 pm depending upon the afterschool schedule. The concern is for the safety of the students as they walk home across from an establishment where liquor is being served. She requested that the Board consider the safety of the students, as they vote on a recommendation for this application.

Matthew Gershon of 127 87<sup>th</sup> Street thanked the Board for its continued support during the illegal construction that has taken place on 87<sup>th</sup> Street between Ridge Blvd. and Colonial Road. Mr. Gershon stated that the next door neighbor at 123 87<sup>th</sup> Street has violated zoning laws and has attached his building illegally to Mr. Gershon's home. The case will go before the Board of Standards and Appeals on March 17, 2009, and Mr. Gershon requested a letter of support from CB 10 in his attempt to have the illegal structure removed at the expense of the owner of 123 87<sup>th</sup> Street to be submitted to BSA for the March 17<sup>th</sup> hearing.

Mr. Robert Newmark from Perry Terrace spoke in opposition to insurance companies calling this area a "flood zone" and canceling his homeowner's insurance policy because he lives within 3,000 feet of any body of water. He has owned his home for over 20 years and has never filed a claim, yet his insurance company, Allstate, canceled his policy. He is now

paying over 50% more for his homeowner's insurance policy and is requesting that our government officials look into this practice.

Howard Russo, Executive Director of the St. Nicholas Home, located at 425 Ovington Avenue, provided an overview of the services the Home offers. He left literature for anyone who may be interested, and offered a tour of the facility for anyone who would like to visit.

BM Kevin Peter Carroll thanked CB 10 for their opposition to the sale of wine in grocery stores after a discussion at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting. BM Carroll stated that at this point the proposal has been taken out of the budget. He urged everyone to continue to contact their elected officials and voice their opposition until the budget is passed without this provision included.

Mr. Romeo Petric spoke about TD Bank at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 99<sup>th</sup> Street (the former Tiffany Diner site). The bank opened in December and Mr. Petric's home abuts the parking area of the bank. He feels the construction is unfinished, since a privacy fence that was promised to be erected between the bank and his property has not yet been installed. There are damages to the brick walkway and sidewalk that are hazardous to pedestrians.

Carlton Gullab spoke in opposition of the Governor's proposed cuts to hospitals and health care and approximately \$1.4 billion cut in funding to schools. He requested that our local officials oppose the Governor's proposed cuts and requested that the Governor utilize the stimulus money marked for health care and education specifically for those purposes. He urged all to contact their elected officials to reiterate these requests.

Councilman Gentile stated that the proposed school site at 89<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be considered at a City Council Sub Committee hearing this Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. The next step will be a hearing before the full City Council.

The Councilman stated that the new Keyfood site at 69<sup>th</sup> Street is being delayed due to differences between the Department of Buildings and the owner which are being worked out. He is less hopeful that the store will be opened in April, as originally planned.

A bill introduced by Councilman Gentile last year on crosswalks, which many Board Members testified on before the Council, and which is pending in legislation, has become a Department of Transportation rule. DOT now has allowed parking at the T-intersections where there is no crosswalk or no traffic signal. This was essentially the Councilman's bill, and parking at such a T-intersection where there is no crosswalk and no traffic signal is no longer a summonsable offense. BM Cruz requested that the Councilman check with DOT to confirm that they have sent this new information to local precincts. BM Gross requested confirmation as to whether one may park only between the curb cuts at one of these T-intersections or whether one is permitted to block the curb cut at an unmarked crosswalk. Councilman Gentile explained that since the crosswalk is not marked, pedestrians are not

encouraged to cross there, therefore, the curb cut may be blocked. He clarified that if it is marked, or there is a stop sign or a traffic signal you are not permitted to park there.

Councilman Gentile spoke about Department of Building's rule to put plans and diagrams of new permits issued up on their website for 30 days, and allow anyone to challenge what is displayed. One of the problems has been that when you see an issued permit, you really do not know if that permit is valid or if it violates any zoning laws such as FAR, bulk or zoning. He questions the 30 day time period to challenge a permit and what happens after the 30 days. The Councilman was told that DOB is considering extending the 30 days to 45 days. He has been assured that if the local Community Board or an elected official were to complain about a permit after the 30 day time limit, DOB would still handle those complaints. He stated that DM Beckmann has asked for this in writing, and we are awaiting a response. DOB feels this is a way to get the complaints in before the actual construction begins. BM Bortnick suggested that DOB archive everything once the plans are removed from the BIS after the 30 days, so that it is always available if someone needs to look back. BM Harrison asked what the significance of this new rule would be for the 30 or 45 days if DOB will still take complaints after that time period. Councilman Gentile agreed and explained that DOB will not entertain something that was already dealt with in the first 30 or 45 days. His understanding is that if an issue such as a building exceeding the FAR was brought up and inspected during the first 30 or 45 days, DOB will not continue to send an inspector after that time period, as they do now by inspecting for every complaint. BM Harrison expressed concern that when something is discovered to be illegal, why it would matter if it is discovered in 30 days or 45 days or in 2 years. If it is illegal, it is still illegal. Councilman Gentile answered that the City Council is still going over some of the very same points. ZALUC Chair Seminara asked if there is currently an effective date. The Councilman answered that there is not. ZALUC Chair Seminara suggested that DOB allow the period of review before the issuance of permits, not after the ground is broken. Councilman Gentile will review this recommendation with DM Beckmann. Mr. Gershon asked that the self certification process be revisited. The Councilman explained that he has not been a fan of the self certification process; however, the City's position is that they do not have enough inspectors to cover all five boroughs, and they have to rely on self certification for projects to go forward. The City Council is working to come up with restrictions and sanctions for those architects or those who have the ability to self certify, that if they self certify in a less than good faith way, that they would suffer either loss of license or some other type of sanction.

Councilman Gentile announced that the Bay Ridge Branch of the Library will be closed for one month in order to have high tech self check kiosks installed so that personnel in the branch will be available to work with people rather than to check out books. He has requested bookmobile service at least 2 days per week over the next 4 weeks. BM Ryan asked if the bookmobiles will be accessible. Councilman Gentile stated that the new bookmobiles are accessible, although he has not seen them yet. BM Stelter asked what the timeframe is for the closure. Councilman Gentile answered April 18 – May 10.

Councilman Gentile also announced that he is sponsoring an essay contest in conjunction with National Library Week which is the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>. The title for the essay will be, "My Library Rocks Because..." There will be a ceremony at the McKinley Library Branch on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and there will be a big celebration at City Hall Park for National Library Week. This is a way to let the City know just how important libraries are to our community.

Before closing, Councilman Gentile thanked all for their good wishes for his Mom and reminded all to keep BM Bob Buonvino in their prayers. He wished all a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Happy St. Joseph's Day.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

In the matter of a petition to modify consent of an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats at Little Cupcake Corp., 9102 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue; DCA License #1220615, the Zoning and Land Use Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by ZALUC Chair Seminara. See Attached. The applicant was not present at the Board Meeting. The Motion and Recommendation of the Zoning and Land Use Committee is to approve the amendment of the sidewalk café for Little Cupcake, 9102 Third Avenue, DCA License #1220615. Motion seconded by BM Grimaldi.

**Motion: To approve the amendment of the sidewalk café for Little Cupcake, 9102 Third Avenue, DCA License # 1220615. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

## **PRESENTATION**

Mr. Josh Fox and Mr. Joseph Levine gave a DVD presentation on drilling in the Catskill Watershed area.

Josh Fox, the filmmaker, stated that the process of the natural gas drilling is extremely toxic and infuses into the ground millions of gallons of toxic chemicals. Nearby water wells explode, and there are a whole host of health effects. This has been happening out west for about four years and he urges the Community Board to sign on to a petition available at CM Gennaro's office, and at a number of places on-line such as [waterunderattack.com](http://waterunderattack.com) or [DamascusCitizens.org](http://DamascusCitizens.org). Mr. Fox stated that this is a concern to everyone and the energy companies have not been completely honest about the effects.

BM Cassara stated that he was at the meeting with BM Bortnick where he learned that these companies are going after our legislators and the drilling process will bring in billions of dollars into the state. He also learned what the effects will be in terms of our water supply. He stated that if this goes through, we will have to have filtration for our water. Even if it brings in \$10 billion into the state coffers, it will cost us \$30 – 40 billion to pay for filtration. If we think our water bill is high now, it's going to increase by 3 or 4 times to pay to filter our water. Mr. Fox stated that it costs \$30 billion to build a filtration plant. BM Stelter

mentioned the Clean Water Act and asked if that would have to be changed. Mr. Fox answered that there are a number of bills being considered by Congress currently that try to restore clean drinking water.

Mr. Joseph Levine said that there is no place in the country that was able to stop this thus far. There is a very dire threat to New York City that can turn the upstate New York agricultural zone into an industrial zone. This would also cause a great amount of air pollution. He added that the energy companies are exempt from zoning laws.

BM Bortnick stated that what we saw here is a distillation of the 2 hour presentation. If they start drilling they guesstimate that they will get about 56 days worth of gas for the entire state of New York – and that's it. The destruction is unbelievable. BM Bortnick continued and stated that once the toxins get into the land, you cannot remove most of them from the drinking water. Additionally, the purification plant will not be able to supply enough water for New York City's daily use. BM Bortnick stated that Mr. Fox and Mr. Levine have invested over \$10,000 of their own money and had to borrow a few hundred dollars to put this presentation together at his request. BM Bortnick stated that he is going to do something he has never done in his life. He does not raise funds for anyone or anything. He passed out containers for the audience to make a contribution to help cover part of the cost of what we saw this evening. He hoped to collect a few dollars here tonight to help defray the costs of the condensed presentation. He asked all to look at a bill pending in Albany, A13-22. Information and literature was left behind. Vice Chair Walsh suggested that BM Bortnick leave the containers on the table to the side, rather than passing them around.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – See Attached**

**TREASURER'S REPORT – See Attached**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT**

Police and Public Safety Chair Pulsaki rendered the Committee's Report and Recommendation. See Attached.

**In the matter of a SLA license renewal for Café Remy, 7110 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, the Motion and Recommendation of the Police and Public Safety Committee is to support the renewal of the SLA on-premise liquor license for Café Remy. All in favor; motion carried unanimously.**

Police and Public Safety Committee Chair Pulaski continued with the Committee Report and Recommendation. See Attached. Discussion began regarding Crown KTV, Ltd's., application for a restaurant – wine license to the State Liquor Authority. BM Joudeh

commented on Police and Public Safety Chair Pulsaki's remarks regarding the Committee's concerns about bringing your own liquor into the private rooms of Crown KTV. BM Joudeh remarked that this is not a family style restaurant, which is of concern to the neighbors. He personally inspected the building, and this is his observation.

Motion from the floor by BM Schack to recommend to the SLA that this application be denied. Second by BM Carroll.

Comment from BM Schack: We do not vote for this type of establishment in our area, especially near our schools. She is very concerned about what can happen behind closed doors in private rooms. We have enough bars in our area.

BM Vella-Marrone questioned the 500 foot rule, and if it would exempt the application from approval. The question was addressed by DM Beckmann, who stated that she was shocked to learn from the SLA that there is an exemption to the state liquor law that allows a wine and beer license to a premise that is within 500 feet of a school. She added that there are many exemptions to the law. She stated that upon touring Crown KTV with Vice Chair Walsh and BM Collins, they saw a center bar area that looks like it will be a full service bar. The owner, upon being questioned, stated that the area will be a juice bar. DM Beckmann noted that she had a conference call with the State Liquor Authority and determined that there are many discrepancies between what the owner stated at the Committee Meeting from what was stated on his SLA application. For example, he mentioned at the Committee Meeting that he would have security at the establishment, but his response to SLA was he would not have security. DM Beckmann also asked if as a restaurant he would limit his hours to close at midnight, and he said no. There was no plan for how he would serve alcohol inside the private rooms. In the certificate of occupancy, the premise is listed as a restaurant. It does not appear to be anything other than a club. He stated that he put a piece of tape over the portion of the sign that read "Music Club" because he didn't mean to put that sign up. Police and Public Safety Chair Pulaski stated that the owner indicated that this is a type of club that is in Manhattan, and that we do not understand because we are not accustomed to it.

**Motion: CB 10 to recommend to the SLA that this restaurant-wine application (Crown KTV, 848 64<sup>th</sup> Street) be denied. 33 in favor; 1 opposed – BM Gross. Motion carried.** BM Gross clarified his vote and remarked that he feels this may be a cultural issue that should be addressed, and he would have liked to have information from the Chinese Consulate regarding establishments of this type within the Chinese culture.

Jayne Capetanakis commented that karaoke is popular within the Asian community and clubs of this type are common, but all of them do not just serve juice. That's the part that really affects the school. Rumor within the community is that this will be a karaoke bar, and a bar should not be located within 500 feet of a school.

BM Leonardos commented that the Community Board, even those we are opposed, is only advisory in this capacity. DM Beckmann agreed with him.

A guest at the meeting stated that there are 9 places within 200 feet that serve liquor near 89<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the site of a new school being proposed by the School Construction Authority.

BM Casale stated that there is another Asian karaoke place on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the 40's. He will double check the location.

BM Festa commented that similar karaoke places are more common in Manhattan. They are usually set up the same way – with a circular bar in the main room, and there are about 12-13 little rooms where they go in and sing.

### **HOMELAND SECURITY SUB COMMITTEE**

Homeland Security Sub Committee Chair Collins rendered the Committee's Informational Report. See attached.

Vice Chair Walsh announced that Julia Glaubach from FDNY stopped into the Board Meeting and left smoke detector batteries. Smoke detectors should be checked and their batteries should be changed at least twice a year when moving our clocks back or ahead. Now is a good time to do so.

### **TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

The Traffic and Transportation Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by T&T Chair Kieran. See attached. Discussion about cars parked on the sidewalk began. BM Schiano stated that she was confronted by a car driving on the sidewalk on 92<sup>nd</sup> Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues. It is highly dangerous for cars to be on the sidewalk since this is a school block. BM Cruz pointed out that many of the cars parked on the sidewalk display FDNY plaques. BM Ryan commented about cars parked on the sidewalk at Panda Sport and at the brokerage company last Friday. T&T Chair Kieran stated that these issues will be looked at more closely at an upcoming T&T Meeting with a representative from Traffic Enforcement.

In reference to the opening of the new Century 21 parking lot, T&T Chair Kieran requested a motion from the floor to amend the Agenda to allow discussion of the use of the parking lot by valet parkers, per the agreement by Century 21 prior to construction. Motion from the floor from BM Cassara, second by BM Bortnick to amend the agenda.

Motion and Recommendation: Community Board 10 to send a letter to Century 21 management and the valet parking companies for this area to invite them to come to our May T&T Meeting to discuss community use of the new parking lot. Discussion followed and Vice Chair Walsh suggested that the Merchants Association should be invited as well.

**Motion from BM Harrison, second by BM Schack: Community Board 10 to send a letter to Century 21 management, the valet parking companies for this area and the Merchants Association to invite them to come to our May T&T Meeting to discuss community use of the new parking lot. All in favor; motion carried.**

T&T Chair Kieran continued with the T&T Committee Report regarding Automatic Pay Toilets.

Committee Motion and Recommendation: To recommend that NYC DOT place an Automatic Pay Toilet in the parkland near the eastside terminus of the pedestrian overpass of the Belt Parkway located between 80<sup>th</sup> and 81<sup>st</sup> Street and Shore Road. The APT should not be located on the sidewalk of Shore Road and there should be signage indicating the location on the street level as well as by the bike path.

**Motion: NYC DOT place an Automatic Pay Toilet in the parkland near the eastside terminus of the pedestrian overpass of the Belt Parkway located between 80<sup>th</sup> and 81<sup>st</sup> Street and Shore Road. The APT should not be located on the sidewalk of Shore Road and there should be signage indicating the location on the street level as well as by the bike path. All in favor; motion carried.**

## **ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE**

The Zoning and Land Use Committee Report and Recommendation was rendered by ZALUC Chair Seminara. See Attached.

Motion and Recommendation: To request that the BSA deny the appeal and support the Dept. of Building's position that Section 23-49 requires a side yard between the premises 123-87<sup>th</sup> Street and premises 127-87<sup>th</sup> Street and does not permit a lot line wall to be constructed adjacent to the 127-87<sup>th</sup> Street lot. Discussion followed. Motion from the floor by BM Schack, second by BM Cassara, to amend the motion to also request that DOB enforce the removal of any illegal structure.

**Motion: To request that the BSA deny the appeal and support the Dept. of Building's position that Section 23-49 requires a side yard between the premises 123-87<sup>th</sup> Street and premises 127-87<sup>th</sup> Street and does not permit a lot line wall to be constructed adjacent to the 127-87<sup>th</sup> Street lot and to request that DOB do whatever is within their power to see that the illegal structure is removed. 33 in favor; 1 recusal – BM Stelter. Motion Carried.**

BM Cruz pointed out that the BSA Hearing is scheduled for tomorrow, and that this letter needs to get out by fax or e-mail first thing in the morning. DM Beckmann stated that she will be in by 8:00 am and will write and fax the letter to BSA before 9:00 am.

ZALUC Chair Seminara continued to render the Zoning and Land Use Committee Report regarding the Department of Buildings Proposed Development Challenge Process. See Attached. Motion from the floor by BM Festa, second by BM Schiano that CB10 write a letter objecting to the DOB Proposed Development Challenge Process for the reasons indicated in the March 12, 2009 Zoning and Land Use Committee Report.

**Motion: CB10 write a letter objecting to the DOB Proposed Development Challenge Process for the reasons indicated in the March 12, 2009 Zoning and Land Use Committee Report. 33 in favor; 1 recusal – BM Stelter. Motion Carried.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

BM Cassara announced that New York Metropolitan Transportation Council, NYMTC, will hold a meeting this Thursday, March 19 at NYU Kimmel Center from 10 – 12 for anyone interested in attending.

Motion to adjourn at 9:35 pm.

## District Manager Report

March 16, 2009

The 86<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer Replacement project HWK 1166 has commenced once again. On Friday, March 13, 2009, I met with John Barbaro, Resident Engineer HAKS Engineering. He informed me the contractor, DiFazio, is currently working on the final street restoration at 86<sup>th</sup> Street between Third and Fourth Avenue. They expect that in a few short weeks work on the final restoration in the Business Improvement District will commence. This work includes digging up the street, pouring a concrete base and then asphaltting the area.

Mr. Barbaro notified the Community Board that the Department of Transportation has changed the specifications on lane closures in the Business Improvement District because of an engineering issue. The issue is maintaining the required lane widths in the mid-block due to the neck down area. Work will continue to take place in the evening; however they did make a request to double shift – the work --meaning--extend the work day so that workers can continue to work in the construction area during the day. The bottom line is that in a few short weeks, 86<sup>th</sup> Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be limited to one lane in each direction for several weeks and be difficult. The good news is that the Century 21 Parking Lot should be open for all local shoppers. I have sent a letter requesting that traffic agents be maintained in the area to keep traffic moving and also reached out to the MTA to make sure that notifications have been made. It will be a difficult few weeks.

The District Office received a letter from DOT Commissioner Joseph Palmieri in response to our request for a feasibility study for a traffic light at the intersection of 66<sup>th</sup> Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We had received numerous requests from family and residents of Norwegian Christian Home and parents in the area stating it was a difficult area to cross. The study found that a traffic light was warranted and will be installed by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

We also received notice that a car service is seeking to open at 7901 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue which is currently a vacant lot. You will recall this is the site of a former gasoline station that was torn down. It was scheduled to be constructed into Condominiums but the soil did not pass DEC regulations. The remaining open foundation was a problem for many, many months – with ponding water, illegal dumping and other sanitation related issues including vermin sightings. CM Gentile and State Senator's Golden office and CB10 all filed complaints with DOH and Department of Sanitation. The excavated hole was filled several weeks ago. I will keep you abreast of developments as they become available.

The odor problem at Fort Hamilton Parkway continues to exist. We have received calls from frustrated residents over the past few weeks. I have been working closely with Council Member Gentile's office and Greg Ahl, Chair of Environmental Committee. CM Gentile made calls to DEP officials last week. The problem was so bad this morning that the director from the Fort Hamilton Senior center called 911 – fearing it was gas. FDNY responded and the odor was the sewer.

Residents are beyond frustrated. The smell was so bad today, people said they were gagging!

I'm not sure why this has not been resolved – it's been more than two years since the completion of SE 774. In conferring with Dean and Greg – Community Board Ten has sent a letter to the Commissioners of DEP and DDC to demand that the source of this problem be found and steps to correct it once and for all be taken even if it means exploring the idea of excavating the site to determine the source! Going through another odorous summer is not an option.

I did speak to our representative at DEP. Effie Ardizzone informed me that liquid degreaser was poured into the sewers – Five manholes were inspected from 95<sup>th</sup> Street to 99<sup>th</sup> Streets. They did find a trace of sulfur coming from an area near the Fort Hamilton Army Base (who have also complained about odors). DEP is continuing to use deodorizing and carbon socks to ameliorate the odors.

Well, we are finally in the new office. Dorothy and I have been really working hard to get settled in. While we are tired, we are very happy in our new space. It is a clean professional office setting and we feel honored to do the Board's work each day! I want to recognize all the Board Members who came out to help us – especially Board Members Maryann Walsh, Eleanor Schiano, Barbara Germack, Kevin Peter Carroll, Larry Stelter, Jean Ryan, Robert Cassara, and Greg Ahl – who gave us his muscle power moving our computers and copy machine, helping us set up and dealing with the many technical problems we encountered. Dorothy's husband Anthony helped us build some of our new furniture – and helped with some heavy lifting. Carolyn and John DeLuca loaded their car and assisted in transporting.. We are very grateful.

Also a special thank you to all who sent plants – Board Member Habib Joudeh sent us a beautiful plant, so did neighbor June Johnson and the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue BID sent us a tree – former Chair Basil Capetanakis told us that it was a plant when we informed him that we were moving to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, but the plant grew into a beautiful tree!! BM Stella Kokolis baked us delicious treats! The Bay Ridge Historical Society also sent us a series of historical prints of Bay Ridge which I would like to frame and display on our beautiful new walls. Anyone who would like to share old photos please do – and I will display them.

Believe it or not – we still have more to move and have arranged a second move date of March 18, 2009 – and enlisted the support of many volunteers who will help us go through remaining items at old District Office. Please continue to be patient with us.

### Announcements

~~The Bay Ridge Library will be closed for minor renovations and self service enhancements from April 18, 2009 to Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>. Bookmobile service will be available on Thursdays, April 23, 30<sup>th</sup>, and May 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 4PM.~~

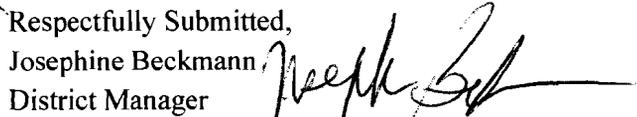
Brooklyn Saint Patrick's Parade will be held on **Sunday, March 22, 2008**. The Parade will form on Marine Avenue at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 12:00 noon. At 1:00 the Parade will kick-off and travel North on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Marine Avenue to 94<sup>th</sup> Street and right onto 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

**Saturday April 4, 2009** is the 68 Precinct Youth Council Opening Day Baseball Parade. The parade will kick-off at 10AM and originates at 71<sup>st</sup> Street and Shore Road, Brooklyn and proceeds along Shore Road to 83<sup>rd</sup> Street where it culminates at our Frank Schnurr Baseball Field.

The date of the American Cancer Relay for Life was changed to June 20<sup>th</sup>. Please make a note of that change. We are putting together or CB 10 Team for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Team

*NYC - Walk Athon*  
The next General Board Meeting will take place on **Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus 1305 86<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Josephine Beckmann  
District Manager



*recognize Maryann Walsh - extraordinary woman*

*Happ  
- St  
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Day*

**COMMUNITY BOARD TEN  
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

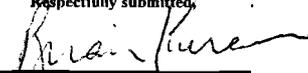
<b>Budget Appropriation for FY 09</b>	<b>\$180,404.00</b>
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	7/31/08	8/31/08	9/30/08	10/31/08	11/30/08	12/31/08	1/31/09	2/28/09	3/31/09	4/30/09	5/31/09	6/30/09	Y - T - D
<b>DISTRICT MANAGER</b>	\$10,887.39	\$6,269.46	\$6,269.46	\$6,269.46	\$9,404.19	\$6,269.46	\$6,269.46	\$6,269.46					
<b>COMMUNITY COORDINATOR</b>	\$8,475.40	\$4,888.86	\$4,888.86	\$4,888.86	\$7,333.29	\$4,888.86	\$4,888.86	\$7,421.59					
<b>COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE</b>	\$6,370.78	\$3,163.30	\$3,163.30	\$3,163.30	\$5,244.95	\$3,163.30	\$3,163.30	\$4,801.82					
<b>COMMUNITY ASSISTANT</b>													
<b>Total Personal Services</b>	<b>\$25,733.57</b>	<b>\$14,321.62</b>	<b>\$14,321.62</b>	<b>\$14,321.62</b>	<b>\$21,982.43</b>	<b>\$14,321.62</b>	<b>\$14,321.62</b>	<b>\$18,492.87</b>					<b>\$137,816.97</b>

<b>OTHER THAN PERSONAL SERVICES</b>														
ExpensesCode	Description	7/31/08	8/31/08	9/30/08	10/31/08	11/30/08	12/31/08	1/31/09	2/28/09	3/31/09	4/30/09	5/31/09	6/30/09	Y - T - D
10B	Telephone	196.82	194.83	186.40	195.58	189.43	185.95	180.52	187.11					
10X	Intra-City Supplies													
40B	Intra-City Telephone													
100	Supplies & Materials							85.00						
101	Printing Supplies													
117	Postage													
170	Cleaning Supplies													
199	Data Processing Supplies													
302	Telecomm. Equipment													
314	Office furniture								1,866.67					
315	Office Equipment													
319	Security Equipment	135.00		135.00			135.00							
332	Data Process Equipment													
337	Books													
402	Tel./Communications													
412	Rental/Misc./Equip	286.75	286.75	175.75	175.75	175.75	346.75		51.00					
417	Advertising													
431	Leasing Misc. Equip.													
451	Local travel expenditures						400.00							
602	Telecomm. Maintenance	21.70	21.70			21.70	21.70	21.70	21.70					
612	Office Equip. Maint.													
613	Data Process Equipment													
615	Printing Supplies													
622	Temporary Services-contractual							1,000.00						
624	Cleaning Services													
<b>Total Other than Personal Services</b>		<b>\$640.27</b>	<b>\$503.28</b>	<b>\$497.15</b>	<b>\$371.33</b>	<b>\$386.88</b>	<b>\$1,089.40</b>	<b>\$1,287.22</b>	<b>\$2,126.48</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$6,902.01</b>

<b>TOTAL PS AND OTPS EXPENSES</b>	<b>25,373.84</b>	<b>14,824.90</b>	<b>14,818.77</b>	<b>14,692.95</b>	<b>22,369.31</b>	<b>15,411.02</b>	<b>15,608.84</b>	<b>20,619.35</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>144,718.98</b>
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<b>AL UNCUMBERED BUDGET BALANCE</b>	<b>\$36,686.02</b>
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Respectfully submitted,  
  
 Brian Curran, Treasurer