

Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2009
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center
195 Linden Street (Corner of Wilson Avenue)
Brooklyn, New York 11221
6:00PM

-Public Hearing Items-

Dr. Aletha Maybank-MD, MPH, NYC-Department of Health and Mental Hygiene presented:

1) What is influenza? It affects our nose, can cause fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, chills and stuffy nose. H1N1 flu spreads when a sick person coughs or sneezes. You can also get infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching your own mouth or nose. It usually comes in the fall/winter time with the peak times occurring from December to April, however it changes every year.

There are usually 2-3 different strains of influenza viruses every year.

Those strains are determined by the World Health Organization (WHO) around February.

This year there was a new strain called H1N1. There are billions of viruses in a sneeze. This is a pandemic flu that also occurred in 1819 and over 15 million people were killed by this virus. In the spring, between April and May people in the ages of 5-17 had more severe cases than any one else.

In NYC 750,000 to 1 million people became sick with H1N1 last year. Usually once you first get H1N1 you are protected from receiving it again. Most people recover within 4 -5 days. It does spread rapidly that is why at least 1 million people were affected and it mostly affects the very young, the elderly and people with chronic underlying health conditions such as asthma, diabetes or a weakened immune system.

There is a very low rate in the elderly and that is because they believe that in the 60's and 70's there was another type of swine flu and anyone that was exposed to it at that time has immunity to it at this time. If you are a person over 50 there is a good chance that you were exposed to it, and if they were they will more than likely not get this virus.

There were about 930 hospitalizations last year with 54 deaths. Influenza sometimes leads to more serious illness, such as pneumonia. Influenza-related illness, including pneumonia, causes approximately 36,000 deaths in the United States each year. Here in New York City, seasonal influenza caused an estimated 1,100 deaths. And respiratory infections cause more than 2,000 deaths.

What should you do if you get flu-like symptoms?

Most people recover from flu on their own, without medical treatment. They do not need to go to the hospital, but they do need to take steps to avoid spreading the infection. If you have a fever (100 degrees or higher), plus a cough or sore throat please be sure to take these steps:

- Stay home from work or school. Don't return until you have been free of fever for a least 24 hours.
- Avoid close contact with other people. Stay away from crowded public places and avoid close face to face contact with household members.
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze
- Wash your hands often.

When should you call a doctor?

Some people are more likely than others to get very sick with the flu. People with flu-like symptoms should call a health care provider if they belong to any of these higher risk groups:

- Pregnant women
- People younger than 2 or older than 64

- People with severe medical conditions

Who should get vaccinated against H1N1 influenza?

- Pregnant women
- All health care and emergency medical services workers
- Anyone 6 months through 24 years of age
- Anyone 25 through 64 years of age who has a long-term health conditions that makes them more likely to get very sick with the flu.
- Adults 50 and older
- Anyone who lives with or cares for children less than 6 months old

It is impossible to get the flu by taking a flu shot because you are not given a shot with a live virus so you cannot get it.

For more information please go to www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/cd/cd-h1n1flu.shtml or call 311.

2) Prioritizing Fiscal Year 2011 Expense and Capital Budget Priorities—
Community Board #4 may submit up to 40 Capital and 25 Expense Priorities for Fiscal Year 2011.

**Fiscal Year 2010 Adopted Budget Register
Community District 04, Brooklyn
Capital Budget Priorities and
Requests**

Priority	Project Information	Adopted Budget Response	FY 2011
01	Construct additional units of rental apartments for residents who are not interested or eligible for newly constructed two/third family homes. (For Low-Income Families).	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources. OMB supports the agency's position	1
02	Develop day care Centers within CB#4. Capital funds are needed for the renovation and/or new construction of facilities to respond to expansion of the district	More information is needed from the board before making a funding decision. The agency will contact the board.	2
03	Develop Senior Citizen Center in the Eastern portion of the District (East of Gates Avenue)	Use the agency's application/RPF procedure. Contact the agency	5

04	Develop a "Safe Home" within the Bushwick community for Domestic Violence Victims	OMB supports the agency's position as follows: HRA requested and was allocated funding for the development of additional domestic violence programs. We continue to welcome proposals for domestic violence facilities as they are developed by service providers.	3
05	Provide funds to assure the entire repair of the following roadbeds on the HWK 878 project: Halsey, Weirfield, Hancock, Jefferson Ave., Cornelia St. (All between Wyckoff and Irving Avenues)	This project is included in the Ten-Year Plan	4
06	Renovate the Dekalb Ave. station on the Carnarsie L line	Although the City contributes to the Transit Authority's capital an expense budget. We do not control the project Selection process. Contact the TA.	7
07	Allocate funds for the Heckscher Playground Basketball Courts repair and or renovation. Install new gates where locking can be accomplished. Include enhanced lighting	OMB supports the agency's position as follows: DPR funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials.	6
08	Reconstruct Myrtle Avenue from Broadway to Wyckoff Ave.	OMB supports the agency's position as follows: Capital funding constraints, project capacity and City – wide priorities preclude this project at this time.	10
09	Reconstruct Wyckoff Avenue	This project is included in the Ten Year Plan	8
10	Install tamper proof street lighting in the following areas: Starr St. to Melrose St. from Wyckoff to Irving Avenues. Schaeffer St. from Central to Wilson Avenue and Broadway from Pilling St. to Eastern Parkway	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request.	9
11	Construct Additional new housing units in the district to include co-operatives and condominiums.	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.	11

12	Repair the Central Avenue station of the M line to include handicap accessibility, lighting, new public address system and stairway repairs painting.	Although the City contributes to the Transit Authority's capital and expense budget. We do not control the project Selection process. Contact the TA.	12
13	Repair the Wilson Avenue station on the Carnarsie L line.	This project was not recommended by the agency	13
14	Upgrade the Carnarise L line at the Jefferson St. Station	This request is not recommended for funding	16
15	Expand contracts for tree pruning	OMB supports the agency's position as follows: DPR funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials	14
16	Provide High density lighting throughout the district and also along Broadway	Please contact the Borough Commissioner's office to discuss this request	15
17	Allocate funding to renovate the comfort station at Rudd Park	OMB supports the agency's position as follows: DPR funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be brought to the attention of your elected officials	17

**FISCAL YEAR 2010 ADOPTED BUDGET REGISTER
COMMUNITY DISTRICT 04 BROOKLYN
EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES**

PRIORITY	PROJECT INFORMATION	ADOPTED BUDGET RESPONSE	
01	Increase Manpower : 83 rd Pct., Housing Authority & Transit Authority	OMB supports the agency's position as follows: NYPD total uniformed staffing levels depend on decisions made in the preliminary and Executive budget process. Allocation of personnel is scheduled by the agency only after graduation of Police classes from the Academy.	1
02	Develop After School Centers within community District #4	The agency has not submitted a proposal to increase funding for this project. Therefore OMB does not take any position.	3

03	Provide additional resources for Day Care Services	The agency has not submitted a proposal to increase funding for this project. Therefore OMB does not take any position.	9
04	Provide much for much needed School Repairs	The agency has not submitted a proposal to increase funding for this project. Therefore OMB does not take any position.	4
05	Purchase much needed equipment for Fire Department Personnel	OMB supports the agency's position as follows: This request includes more than one proposal. Funding for part is recommended. Contact the agency for specifics.	2
06	Study needed to repair the following locations with deplorable roadbeds due to flooding: Grove St. btw: Wyckoff –Wilson Aves. Gates Ave. btw: Wilson –Wyckoff Ave. Pilling St. btw: Bushwick – Evergreen Chauncey St. btw: Bushwick – Evergreen Aves. George St. btw: Central – Wilson Ave. Melrose St. btw: Central-Wilson Aves. Willoughby St. btw: Wyckoff- St. Nicholas Hart St. btw: Knickerbocker –Irving Aves. Himrod St. btw: Irving – Wyckoff Aves. Harman St. btw: Irving – Central Aves. Bleecker St. btw: Wyckoff – St. Nicholas Aves. Menahan St. btw: Wyckoff – St. Nicholas Evergreen Ave. btw: Gates Ave. – Palmetto St. Jefferson Ave. btw: Irving – Wyckoff Aves. Covert St. btw: Irving – Knickerbocker Aves. Putnam Ave. btw: Bushwick – Evergreen Aves. Jefferson St. btw: Broadway – Central Aves. Bleecker St. btw: Evergreen – Knickerbocker Aves.	Further study is needed before making a funding decision	7
07	Increase manpower in the Bureau of Traffic for the replacement of street signs and for the replacement of “No Commercial Traffic” signs along Bushwick Avenue.	OMB supports the agency's position as follows: funding constraints preclude the hiring of additional personnel at this time	8
08	Continue to Fund Effective Local Development Corporations within the Bushwick Community District	Sponsor groups should apply to the agency through its funding process. Call DSBS for details	24
09	Re-instate five (5) day per week sanitation	This project was not	10

	collection for Community Institutions.	recommended by the agency at the time of the Departmental Estimates.	
10	Hire additional personnel for the repair & maintenance of catch basins	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources	13
11	Develop community center to serve as an intergenerational service generator for youth and seniors	DYCD neither receives nor distributes capital funds	16
12	Funds additional services for seniors in the entire District	Further study by the agency of this new request is needed.	17
13	Increase contracts for street light repairs	Please contact the Borough Commission's office to discuss this request	6
14	Hire additional Code Enforcement Inspectors	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources. OMB supports the agency's position	14
15	Improve method of demolition to include sidewall repair program	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources	18
16	Increase vacant lot cleaning to include fencing	The agency will try to accommodate this request within existing resources.	19
17	Increase lighting on the Canarsie L line – Halsey Street Station	Although the City contributes to the TA's Capital and Expense budget, we do not control projects selection process. Contact the TA	12
18	Funds additional staff to respond to request for inspections.	Further study by the agency of this new request is needed.	20
19	Re – Instate Civilian workers	OMB supports the agency's position as follows: The NYPD has sustained cutbacks in the civilian headcount. Therefore, availability of civilian personnel is severely limited.	21
20	Replace Sanitation Self help Worker	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.	22
21	Hire additional Park Enforcement Patrol	OMB supports the agency's position as follows: DPR funds are insufficient for this project. We recommend this project be to the attention of your elected officials.	11
22	Expand Personnel and equipment for night operations	OMB supports the agency's position a follows: Funding constraints preclude the hiring of additional personnel at this time	5

		Re: pot holes	
23	Provide funds for hiring additional Code Enforcement Personnel	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.	15
24	Continue providing funds for various low interest loan programs	The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources.	23

Julie Dent Chairperson called the Board meeting to order at 6:53PM. She asked the, District Manager, Nadine Whitted to call the 1st roll call:

Roll Call: 36 members are present constituting a quorum.

The Chairperson asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. The agenda was accepted by Mary Littlejohn and second by Martha Brown. All members present were in favor.

The Chairperson asked for the acceptance of the previous meeting's minutes with the necessary corrections. The previous meeting's minutes was accepted by Saundria Simmons and second by Cyril Joseph. All members present were in favor.

Chairperson's Report:

Ms. Dent noted that the Fire Department gave the Board Member batteries for the carbon monoxide detectors and Woodhull Hospital of the North Brooklyn Health Network gave the Board members orange bags with gifts of hand sanitizers inside to help keep them healthy for this winter season.

The Chairperson then asked that the Elected Officials and/or their representatives stand to introduce themselves and give out their respective telephone numbers.

- 1) Francisco Mercado - Councilmember Diana Reyna, 444 South 5th St., 718-963-3141
- 2) Roy Sawyer – Assemblyman Darryl Towns – 840 Jamaica Avenue, 718-235-5627
- 3) Judith Rodriquez – NYC Comptroller William C. Thompson, Jr., 212-669-8720
- 4) Yanuski Rodriquez – District Attorney Charles Hynes - 350 Jay Street, 718-250-2565
- 5) Johnny Joyner – Senator Martin Dilan, 786 Knickerbocker Ave., 718-573-1726
- 6) Nancy Ramos – Congressman Ed Towns, 186 Joralemon Street, 718-855-8018

District Manager's Report

Nadine Whitted District Manager welcomed the representatives from the Municipal Art Society, Steven Sanchez and his coach Jessica Rivera, they are present to assure that any items in need of mapping are shown; and they have the ability to provide power point presentations for the board as they did at tonight at Dr. Maybank's presentation on H1N1. Their purpose is to bring the state of the art to the Community Board's meetings. They will be attending the board's meetings until June 2010.

The District Manager was asked to join the Brooklyn AIDS Task Force as a board member. It is her desire to be a part of this organization so as to make sure that the Borough of Brooklyn and specifically the Bushwick community gets its fair share of services, and furthermore to make sure that the Community Board is informed of what is available for prevention and education for the community in the realm of HIV and AIDS services

The District Manager relates a disturbing story:

A community resident named Mario Vera was assaulted while returning home to Lafayette Street between Broadway and Bushwick Avenue. Mr. Vera did not report the assault immediately, instead while completing the process for "citizenship" at the Institute for the Hispanic Elderly he shared the assault story with a case worker as he experienced a persistent headache. He also told the caseworker that the assaulters keep repeating the word "MOJADO" in Spanish. A physician, hearing the complaint, instructed Mr. Vera that he may need medical assistance and told him to go to Beth Israel Hospital where the physician practiced. Today Mr. Vera is still hospitalized with injuries to his head; his memory has been compromised severely. A vigil was being held tonight at the hospital supposedly to raise money for the victim that was assaulted allegedly by three African Americans.

The District Manager stated that she wanted everyone to understand that though our community has many issues of which we need to remedy however, she said she can unequivocally state that "we have no race relation (intolerance) issues among Latinos and African Americans in Bushwick. My fear is that the media will paint the picture of our community as one where there is a racial divide among the two groups. We as a community do not accept any sort of injustice regardless of race, creed or persuasion. I feel that the media and any other group should let the NYPD do their job to solve this immortal crime."

The Citizens Committee for NYC is sponsoring Grants for block beautification. These grants are intended to support 50 resident-led block beautification projects and include a \$500 cash award and expedited support from city agencies. Community groups can request a wide range of services from the Department of Sanitation, Parks and Transportation that will be completed over the course of the grant cycle. A flyer and application was attached to her report. Applications can be downloaded at www.citizensnyc.org. Please contact Scott Codey at 212-822-9563 / scodey@citizensnyc.org or Alicia Rouault at 212-822-9558 / arouault@citizensnyc.org if you have any questions.

Committee Reports:

Civic and Religious Committee - Elvena Davis Committee Chairperson, highlighted information from the October 8th CRC meeting:

1) Request to co-name Bleecker Street / Knickerbocker Avenue in honor of the late Ms. A. Chineda Carter (Former Chairperson, Community Board #4) Ms Carter chaired CB#4 during a critical time in the 1970's, she chose the site that the 83rd Precinct is situated on, she was one of the author's of the "Bushwick Action Plan", she maintained relationships with the Mayor, Elected Officials, Commissioners, clergy leaders and commercial corridors leaders (BIDs, Merchant Associations and Business owners and the like)

The committee will continue to contact pertinent community elected officials and others in support of this request. Thus far the list includes: 83rd Precinct Community Council, Former Mayor Edward I. Koch, Assemblyman Vito Lopez, Marty Gottlieb (former reporter from the Daily News), Congressman Ed Towns, Ret. Community Affairs Officers, Harry Schroeder and Ed Kearney, Angela Battaglia and Ralph Goffner.

2) The Fifth Annual Bushwick Parade- This year's event will be dedicated to students who have excelled and graduating this upcoming year. The committee will be in contact with Principals of local schools to help select the most outstanding students from each school to honor and March in the parade.

3) Under Old Business – The request for the co-naming of Suydam Street between Knickerbocker and Irving Avenues in honor of Dr. Edward V. Salerno. Petitions have been received by the office. The committee will bring this issue before the full board in November 2009.

4) The 83rd Precinct honored Ms. Nadine Whitted and Ms. Barbara Smith at their 1st Annual Clergy Council Police Breakfast in honor of their hard work. Ms. Dent acknowledged and complimented both the District Manager and Ms. Barbara Smith for their hard work and dedication to the Bushwick community.

Housing and Land Use Committee, Ms. Martha Brown Committee Chairperson: Request that her report be moved to next month's (November) meeting.

Health, Hospital & Human Services Committee- Ms. Deborah Brown Chairperson, highlighted information from the October 19th Health Hospitals and Human Services Committee meeting.

1) The members discussed the reasons why they were on the committee and what issues they wanted to pursue during the coming year.

The chairperson hopes to acquaint the community on the health services that are available. Such questions were entertained by the committee: What are the hospitals in the community and what services do they provide. What kind of insurance can they inform the community about? How can the board organize this information for the community?

2) Two representatives from Woodhull Hospitals, Ms. Cheryl Jones and Sherry Davis spoke at length regarding the hospital's several initiatives. H1N1 fliers were given out that highlighted the importance of washings hands and using hand sanitizers. (Each CB #4 board members present at tonight's board meeting was given a gift bag compliments of Woodhull Hospital)

Some of the other initiatives include: the expanded Breast Health Clinic, A grant authorizing suicide prevention for young Latino women which was written and given based on statistics.

Woodhull North Brooklyn Health Network will sponsor, "Fall into Health 2009 Senior Wellness Expo" on Thursday, November 5, 2009 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at 760 Broadway, 10th Fl. Solarium, Brooklyn, NY 11206.

Highlights: "Balancing Act: -Your Fall Prevention Plan"

Health Screenings: Blood Pressure, Glucose levels, Cholesterol Screenings

For more information call 718-963-8640 for appointments call 718-988-5889

Art Access is a program similar to a barter service that is made available for artist who would perform in exchange for health care visits. Amy Duckett is the manager of the Art Access Program.

Ms. Dent expressed the importance of letting the general community know that services rendered by the hospital is available to all not just one specific background.

3) NY Blood Center – Ms. Holland presented information on the Precise Match Program aimed at getting more Latinos and African Americans to donate blood. Ms. Holland would like CB#4 to host a Blood Drive.

4) Flu Awareness week: The Department of Health Building located at 335 Central Avenue is administering the flu shots Monday thru Friday 1-8pm and Saturdays 11am to 3pm.

Public Safety Committee, Ms. Barbara Smith Committee Chairperson – Meeting held Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Items discussed: Request for SLA (NYS liquor Authority) Licenses

The community Board has established that any new/renewal requests for SLA licenses must be reviewed by the Public Safety Committee in conjunction with the 83rd Precinct. Applicants were sent letters informing them of the location, time and date of the next meeting along with forms developed by Community Board #4 that are to be completed and returned when they attend. Each application is sent to the 83rd Pct. for review of any circumstances, report or incidents.

The report listed 3 establishments that the CB is not supporting for renewal and 1 establishment that is being supported by the CB.

There were 7 establishments that did not show up at the meeting they will be offered one (1) more additional opportunity to appear before the Public Safety Committee at the next meeting which is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2009 at 6:00pm.

The Chair, Ms. Julie Dent took this opportunity to thank NYPD-83rd Precinct Community Affairs Officers Franco and Swanson their constant support and for attending tonight's meeting.

Senior Citizens Committee, Mrs. Victoria Fernandez Committee Chairperson held the meeting on Tuesday, October 06, 2009: The agenda included presentations by:

Ms. Luz Santiago- Project Manager, Positive Health Management of Wyckoff Heights Medical Center. Ms. Santiago stated that the Hospital recently received a new grant. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) wants Wyckoff Height Medical Center to perform AIDS testing during Emergency Room visits. According to the CDC by 2015 people older than fifty (50) will be the majority afflicted by HIV and AIDS.

Mrs. Fernandez would like for the committee to visit the senior citizen's centers in order to inform them on topics that concern them.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2009.

New Business

The District Manager asked for the recommendation to support the FY 2011 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities.

Motion to accept Expense Budget Priorities was accepted by Ms. Barbara Smith and second by Ms. Martha Brown. All members were in favor.

Motion to accept Capital Budget Priorities was accepted by Mr. Cyril Joseph and second by Ms. Elvena Davis. All members were in favor.

Both motions were passed.

The District Manager asked for the recommendation not to support the liquor licenses for the 3 locations at the addresses given:

- 1) Mango Tropical - 15 Jefferson Street , Brooklyn, New York
- 2) La Kalle – 214A Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, New York
- 3) Babylon – 1518 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, New York

Motion to accept the PSC report was accepted by Rev. Matthew Rae and second by Mr. Raul Rubio. All members were in favor.

Mr. Corwin Carroll: Heard rumor that the Post Office on Gates Avenue and Broadway has lost their lease and will be moving.

Mr. Carroll also said that he has heard that the City is giving homeowners the permission to remove the slate from in front of their homes and have a contractor do their sidewalk for free.

The District Manager thanked Mr. Carroll for the information and said that she will follow up on both of these most vital issues as this is not known to her.

If homeowner has a slate in front of their property it is considered to be a landmark and should not be removed. She asked that if anyone has any information regarding this to please bring it to her attention and she will follow up on it. The District Manager also stated that the City will do your sidewalk; however they will bill you for their services.

John Garcia, Bushwick Today: Mr. Joseph Angel started local community newspaper in September and the second issue is out. Thus far, 10,000 copies were distributed and Mr. Garcia asked that people contact him with information to put in the paper.

Mr. Garcia presented two checks to the 83rd Precinct Council representatives for their Thanksgiving food drive and for the Christmas activities. The checks were accepted by Ms. Barbara Smith.

- \$100.00 towards buying turkeys
- \$200.00 towards the Bushwick children.

Since the check was for the 83rd Precinct Council a picture was taken with the checks being presented to Barbara Smith along with P.O. Damarys Franco and P.O. John Swanson.

Rachel Devlin: "Safe Water Movement" – Protest in Upstate NY that will have an impact on our community here in Bushwick. It involves the potential national gas drilling in and around the upstate NY water shed that has the potential to impact our clean water. NY City prides itself in having clean drinkable tap water and this drilling will jeopardize it. A presentation will be presented by the Safe Water Movement at the next EPT scheduled for Thursday, November 5th at the Community Board's Office at 6:00pm; everyone in the community is welcomed to attend.

Several Community Boards in and around NY have already drafted resolutions. We have until November 30th to make our concerns known.

Environmental Surveys was handed out to the Board members and was asked to fill it out. The survey was done by the Bushwick Starr Theater who would like to know what the board thinks about environmental issues in Bushwick. Their goal is to better understand community perspectives about neighborhood health and quality of life.

The theater will partner with a local school in Bushwick (currently with PS 145) and will work with their 5th grade students to create short, original play based on relevant/community-based environmental topics.

Announcements:

Laura Braslow, Arts in Bushwick: Will have an art festival on November 8th from 11am to 7pm. They will feature approximately 25 art shows on the north side of Bushwick.

Barbara Smith: 83rd Precinct is collecting money and turkeys for families that are in need in Bushwick. Ms. Smith asks that if anyone knows of a family that could really use a Thanksgiving Basket to let her know before November 15th. Please supply the name, phone number, address and number of people in the family to her. Baskets will be delivered to their homes on November 23rd.

Fundraiser will be held on December 4th. One of the 83rd Precinct Council honorees will be Linda McKinley (Board Member) and PO John Swanson of the 83rd Precinct. Donations will be accepted. The money collected is to purchase toys which are distributed at the Christmas Party sponsored by the 83rd Precinct Community Council. A family or two will be chosen randomly to receive a Christmas gift which includes outerwear.

Jason Andrew: On August 30, 2009 back to school event was held at Maria Hernandez Park. His organization along with Diana Reyna's office and others hosted the event. A mural was done at the event and was displayed for board members and attendees to see.

Bushwick Art Spaces will be hosting an art event on October 24th, 2009 at 6-10pm.

PO Damaris Franco: 83rd Precinct sponsors a Blood Drive every 3 months the next one will be on November 10, 2009 from 1-6pm please donate.

The incident regarding Mr. Mario Vera can not be pinpointed exactly where the incident occurred. The 83rd Precinct is treated it as if it took place in the district since Mr. Vera does live in the community. The police department is asking for anyone with information to please come forward by contacting the 83rd Precinct or by calling 1-800-577-TIPS.

PO Franco urged anyone who is hosting an event to give her office a call at 718-574-1697. The Police Department will like to know ahead of time of the event so that the police department can have the right amount of security so that the event can be a success.

Mary McClellan, Community Representative of Broadway Bushwick Community Coalition: Sponsoring a meet and greet Diana Reyna forum at 871 Bushwick Avenue (corner of Himrod Street) on Monday October 26, 2009 at 6:00pm.

Yanuski Rodriquez – Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes office: This month is Domestic Violence month. If anyone has a domestic problem or knows of anyone please contact her office at 350 Jay Street, Monday –Friday, 9-5pm. They have a lot of programs available such as domestic violence support and services, child abuse, elder abuse, disabled victims and legal services.

Francisco Mercado - Councilmember Diana Reyna: “Protecting Our Community and Youth from Gangs” on October 28th, at the Dekalb Public Library, 790 Bushwick Avenue (between Dekalb Ave. and Stockholm St.) Time: 6:30 to 8:00pm Guest speakers are: Deputy Inspector Stephen Capasso and Chief Gerald Nelson

Sunday October 18th a school fest was held which is an annual event, this is the first year it will offered to Bushwick Schools, 300 parents attended. This event was to help offer the kids in Bushwick information and an opportunity to go to a great college.

Do not forget to vote on November 3rd. Mr. Mercado informed the CB that the 34th district had the highest turnout than any other district in NYC on primary day.

Roy Sawyer, Assemblyman Darryl Towns- Montel Williams is the national PPA spokesman for Muscular Dystrophy. The program can help to pay for medicine. If you do not have prescription coverage and can't afford your medicine the assemblyman has made it possible for the bus to be in our area. The bus will be here on Wednesday, October 28 at Quincy Street and Broadway from 10am to 1pm. Bring your prescriptions to get it free or at a lower cost.

Francisco Mercado – Rumor that there will be a Gang initiation on Halloween Day, the Council woman asked that everyone keep a watch on their children and be careful on that day.

Raul Rubio, Family Service Network: Conducted a workshop around the end of September, 2009. The workshop was productive and they were able to have a community vision however, they would have like for more youths to attend. They will have mini workshops that will mirror that one. Any groups that work with the youths Mr. Rubio asked them to contact him at 917-250-9126

Nancy Ramos, Congressman Ed Towns –Introduced herself as the new manager at the Flatlands office. 718-272-1175

Mr. Odolph Wright: Flu shots will be given out at NYC public schools. Each parent will need to make sure that they sign the notices that are being mailed out by the schools in order for their child to receive the flu shot.

2nd Roll Call: Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm