



# COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 9

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## **DISTRICT NEEDS STATEMENT FY/2012** **COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 9**

Community Board No. 9 consists of four communities, Kew Gardens, Richmond Hill, Woodhaven and Ozone Park. Each has distinct characteristics.

**KEW GARDENS** is an enclave of tree-lined streets and large homes. The colonial and Tudor style homes are pre-World War II with plots generally 50' by 100' or larger. Mingling with the approximate 1000 private homes are Tudor style apartment buildings of the same vintage, with massive facades, enormous lobbies and inner court yards. There are six story apartment buildings built later. The community is a stable one but needs major street improvements as many streets are still privately owned. The community is scheduled for the installation of water mains starting September 2010 with a completion date of 2012.

**RICHMOND HILL** is a community with many multi-generational families. Grandparents, parents and children reside under one roof or within proximity to one another. This is a working class community with strong family and community ties. In the early 1900's, the area was mostly German, Italian and Irish. They are joined by new neighbors from Latin America, Asia and India. The area is rich in tradition and history.

Jahn's Ice Cream Parlor and many historic Victorian type homes give one the sensation of slipping back into time. The Richmond Hill community east of Lefferts Boulevard is in transition. A large Asian population, including Guyanese, Hindu and Indian groups have settled in Richmond Hill East. This area is in need of particular attention and assistance to aid in their assimilation into our culture.

The **WOODHAVEN** community can attribute its growth to Jamaica Avenue that in the early 1800's was a toll road. Many wealthy individuals had summer estates in Woodhaven. It was home to the Union Course Raceway. The area contains a well - maintained housing stock of one and two-family homes. Today, the Jamaica Avenue shopping strip is well known throughout Queens.

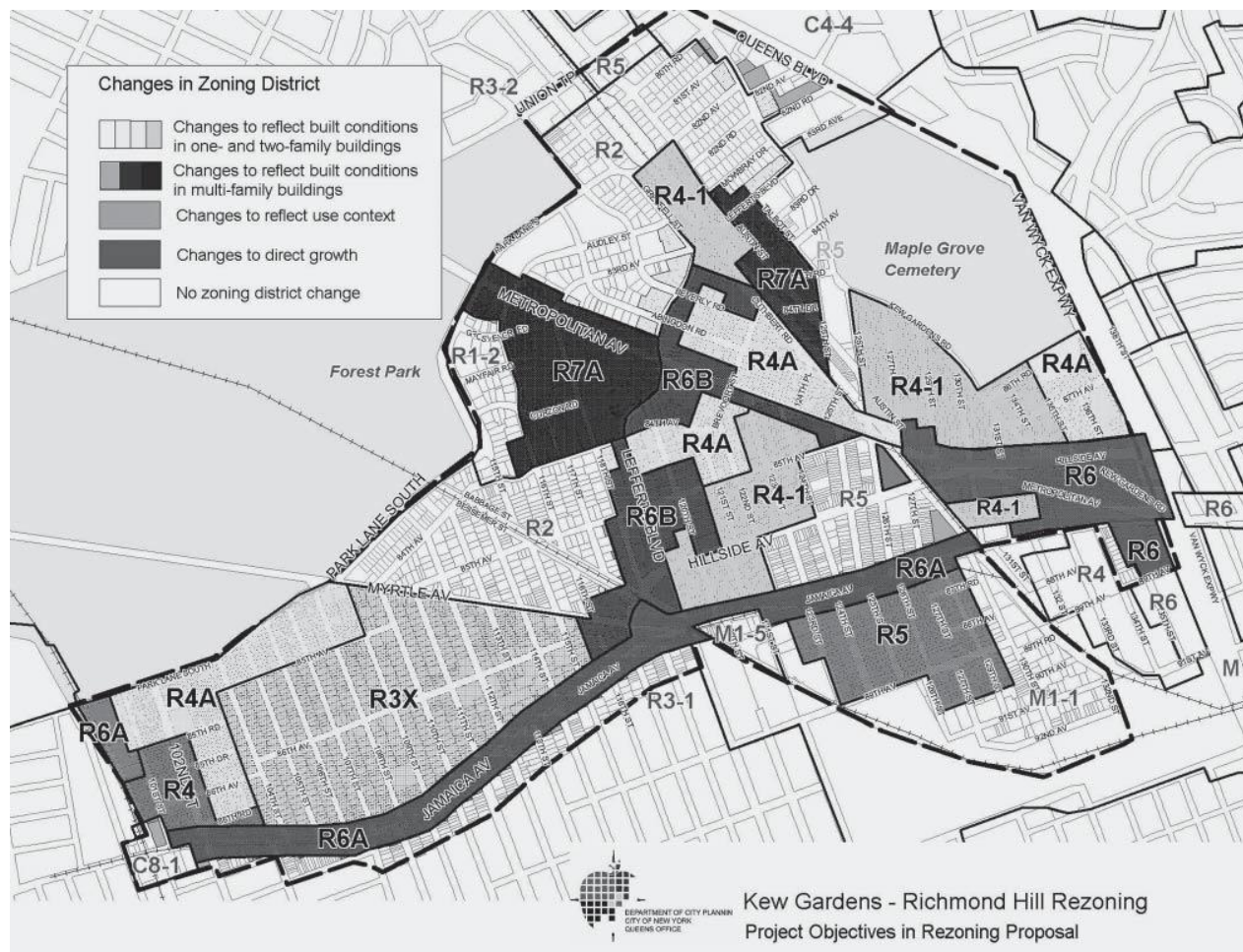
**THE OZONE PARK** community is one of private homes that experienced major growth decades ago and settled into a longstanding period of stability. Those who settled were of Irish, Polish and Italian extraction. The 101st Avenue commercial strip has the several remaining Italian - American specialty shops, and the area surrounding St. Stanislaus Church still has many residents of Polish extraction.

The Ozone Park commercial strip is in need of assistance. The Woodhaven community has the Greater Woodhaven Development Corporation and a Business Improvement District that are

invaluable in upgrading and stabilizing the commercial strip. Both communities have experienced an influx of traffic and competition due to the Pathmark Mall. The former Service Merchandise Mall located on Atlantic between 102nd and 104th is struggling. The owner has been put in touch with the Borough President's Economic Development Office to seek assistance. It is therefore imperative that additional assistance be forthcoming.

## LAND USE

The Kew Gardens and Richmond Hill Community prepared and published a history, with landmark designation for both areas as their goal. We met with the Department of City Planning to facilitate the landmark request and a portion of the Richmond Hill Community was in whatever way possible. The Department of City Planning has combined these proposals. In Richmond Hill particularly, many of their Queen Anne homes are in danger as developers buy and demolish them to create attached row housing. In an effort to facilitate this process the Board in conjunction with the Richmond Hill Historical Society proposed a portion of Richmond Hill for a down-zoning. The Department of City Planning incorporated the Kew Gardens and Richmond Hill requests and the rezoning was approved in March 2005. (see map below)



The Woodhaven/Ozone Park community's agreed to work with City Planning to accomplish a rezoning of both areas. They have solicited volunteers to perform several surveys.

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

**Forest Park** The rehabilitation of Forest Park continues to be a priority of Community Board No 9. It is time for proposals put forth for Forest Park to come to fruition, e.g., se-

curity for Oak Ridge, correcting erosion along the Bridle Path. All can be completed with an insignificant outlay of funding. Consideration must be given to concessioning the Bridle Paths. Private for-profit riding stables use Park trails and complain that the trails are not maintained. Without the park to profit from, these stables would not exist. I am again recommending that the trails be operated through a concession agreement.

Continuation of the Forest Park renaissance is a priority. We cannot slide back to the devastation that occurred after the 1975 fiscal crisis. The renovation of Victory Field Track is completed with council funding.

Oakridge, the former Golf House in Forest Park, built in 1905 and reconstructed at a cost of 2.5 million in 1993, is the headquarters of the Forest Park Administrator's Office and the Queens Council on the Arts. The Forest Park Trust is currently waiting for Mayor Bloomberg to approve the Trust becoming the Permittee of Oakridge. We urge Mayor Bloomberg to approve this as soon as possible. The area is in need of landscaping, painting of the building, stabilization of the erosion on the slope. This must be addressed prior to the building sliding down the embankment. These funds were secured by Councilman Joseph Addabbo and Dennis Gallagher. This is a four month project. The remaining seven are in deplorable condition.

The Forest Park Band Shell's 3.4 million dollar reconstruction is complete. We have a new state-of-the-art facility with capricious storage, bath and dressing room. The Band Shell is used throughout the summer for concerts and special events and the benches were recently replaced with funding from local Council Members.

Programs at the Bandshell include the Seuffert Concerts and programs sponsored by The Forest Park Trust, Inc. The appeal to all of these programs, introduces many newcomers to the amenities offered at Forest Park. Drastic cuts in programs for the Arts make it difficult to recruit entertainment. We urge increased funding to Cultural and Art programs particularly to those whose cuts exceed fifty percent. A community without art and culture is a dead community.

During the past year the once vibrant, lively Tennis Court area has seen a drastic decline in use. This is due to the deterioration of all the facilities. The Tennis Courts need resurfacing, new netting and plantings. We are witnessing a decline in our parks facilities that we have not seen since the early 1980's. These issues must be addressed immediately if we are to recover at all. Seven courts are under construction and seven need still to be restored.

One of our Parks priorities is Funding to restore the one hundred-year old greenhouse for use as a science curriculum education center. The Forest Park Greenhouse is a unique facility within the 543-acre park. The nursery propagates 450,000 plants annually for use throughout the city. Built in the early 1900's, the antiquated houses need to be refurbished. A modernized facility would allow us to offer school and senior groups "hands-on" educational programs. The Greenhouse provides a safe environment for learning to take place. The Program includes growing and planting in Forest Park. Last year 1.1 million dollars was allocated through Borough President Marshall and Councilmen Joseph Addabbo and John Liu. Rebuilding of the existing facility insures a secure and structurally safe learning environment and restores the historic value of the greenhouse.

Forest Park needs a sustainable landscape management program to rehabilitate park entrances, maintain landscaped areas, restore woodlands, and nature trails and supervise a volunteer program. Funds are sporadically available for this program. To secure this invest-



ment and continue to restore Forest Park's 543 acres, the Administrator's office recommends continued support for the Landscape Management Program. The program will address the major natural resource problems, maintain and create formal landscaped areas. It will consist of a crew chief, foreperson, and candidates from the Parks Job Training Program. The Forest Park Trust is committed to this project and will continue to raise private monies to help support it. WE REQUEST FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT.

The Sobelson Playground, Jackson Pond Basketball courts and Playground, and Buddy Monument rehabilitations are all complete. The Rehabilitation of Jackson Pond/Buddy Monument, the path and stairs around Sgt. Schaffer Memorial all completed.

Rehabilitation of The Marco Giovanelli Playground located on Park Lane South and 102nd Street is an absolute necessity. The park has only received routine maintenance and requires a full rehabilitation all play equipment is in dilapidated, dangerous condition. Both Mary Whalan and Marco Giovanelli playgrounds are listed in the top ten priorities of our Capital and Expense Budget for five years. The importance of playgrounds to a community cannot be overestimated. A deteriorated playground suggests and contributes to the deterioration of the surrounding neighborhoods. Conversely, a new, clean, modern playground that provides activities for children and adults, or simply an esthetic place to sit and rest, enhances the entire community. These two playgrounds reflect horribly on our community. They are safety and health hazards safety because they are in need of paving to correct trip hazards; health, because they both lack basic toilet facilities. Children are forced to relieve themselves by using the park area. Both parks have not been updated in fifteen years and no comfort station which is an outrage. Monies must be made available at once to correct this disgusting situation. Consideration should be given to the use of the Street Furniture Franchise that includes 20 Automatic Public Toilets. The APT's could be utilized in Mary Whalan and Marco Giovanelli Playgrounds and would be more feasible financially.

Hopefully we can expect completely rebuilt playgrounds and a lovely new Forest Park. The question then arises how will we maintain them. Maintenance and recreation personnel are minimal. Unless new personnel are hired soon, all the rebuilding will have been for nothing. We no longer have RD's and Parks M&O personnel are in short supply. Additional personnel must be hired.

Debbie Kuha, The Forest park Administrator informed me that they are in negotiations with a concessionaire for the Daniel C. Muller Carousel. When an agreement is reached she will contact me.

Forest Park sponsors a Free Sports Clinic twice a week. It also provides instruction in, Karate, Basketball, Skating and a recently added, New Bike-Driver Education Program. To participate kindly bring your skateboard, and Helmet. For further information on dates and times call 718-235-4100.

Policing of parks to preserve and protect citizens and equipment requires the hiring of Park Enforcement Officers. When they are on the job our parks are safe and secure. The absence of PEP Officers and Officers from the 102 Pct. Is apparent on concert nights when we draw 1300 hundred residents. Vandalism, graffiti and illegal dumping occur regularly. We need 2 PEP Officers year round to prevent these problems currently we have none. We must have at least two additional officers to work along with the 102 Pct. in patrolling the park.

This Board boasts some of the oldest and largest trees in New York City. Tree lined streets are an

attractive amenity to any community but not properly cared for and maintained they become deteriorating relics. Funds must be allocated for tree pruning and removal of dead trees.

Forestry Division cannot perform the monumental task of tending to our district's trees without the manpower and equipment needed. The reduction of the climbers and pruners is devastating. We urge funding, equipment and manpower to enable them to tackle the growing backlog.

A recent priority is a request for the restoration and preservation of "Civic Virtue" a monument next to Queens Borough Hall by Frederick MacMonnies. This monument is now in an advanced state of decay and has been for years. The Community Board voted to include the project in its top 10 Capital and Expense priorities at its meeting of June 13, 2006. The Fine Arts Federations sent a letter of strong endorsement for this action on April 7, 2007. It continues to be a top priority of this Board in 2009/10. To date it stands deteriorating at the corner of Queens Boulevard and Union Turnpike a Public testament to the lack of interest on the part of the legislators who pass it every day. -

**BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT** -The computerization of the Department of Buildings has eliminated an enormous amount of paperwork. The Community Boards' access to information is as close as the BIS system. The policy established to inspect sites with a District Manager or staff member, once a month is working. Hot spots for each Community Board are personally addressed by an individual who is aware of the circumstance. The program needs expansion. The follow-up on The Department of Building Safety violations is non-existent. We need a system of follow-up that does not only issue fines and violations, but one that corrects and cures them.

Illegal conversions severely and adversely impact all city services. Single family homes on a residential block of fifty homes converted illegally to three family houses result in three times the amount of garbage, a serious lack of on street parking facilities, and overcrowded schools that cannot provide the proper services to their students. Public transportation problems escalate and most importantly, close living conditions create animosity, adversity and additional problems for the police. This all occurs without the city's knowledge.

In 2007 the Queens Department of Buildings issued 4,860 permits for new two family Privately owned residential buildings, and 3,424 permits for three and four family buildings. This information was not available for the more recent years at this time. Our Borough continues to grow at an alarming rate. These numbers are for legal construction. The Board continues to seek out and report illegal construction. Stop work orders on illegal construction must be diligently enforced and acted upon. A new program B-Scan began in 2007. It will reduce paperwork by scanning over 300,000 pages onto disc.

### **COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION**

In 1990 this Board tried desperately to fight the renewal of the twenty-year lease for the Boundary Fence Company. They lease 50,000 square feet of prime space on Jamaica Avenue between 131st and 132nd Street in Richmond Hill.

In February of 2009 the New York City Economic Development Corporation proposed the Land sale to Boundary fence & Railing Systems of the property they have leased for over twenty-five years. The Community Board after much discussion approved the sale with the following conditions:

**Fence: Boundary Fence & Railing Systems Inc. commits to installing fencing and greenery as specified below:**

**Location:**

The proposed 10 foot high ornamental aluminum fence will be erected on both the length of our property on Jamaica Avenue (267 feet) and 132nd Street (97 feet) as per the attached plan. The fence will be manufactured by our company.

**Style:**

The fence will be the Earl style & follow the specifications below: © Picket Size: 1" x 1" Square 16 gauge © Rail Size: 1 5/8" x 1 5/8" color: Black ® Posts: 4" x 4" .187 wall thickness © Section: 10' Height x 6' Wide

**Trellis:**

The fence will be backed by a special green trellis system manufactured by Green Screen, a company based in California. Green Screen is a three dimensional, welded wire trellising system. The distinctive modular trellis panel is the building block of the green screen system. Rigid and lightweight standard 3" or 2" thick panels are 4' wide x 6', 8', 10', 12' or 14' tall.

All panels are comprised of a rigid, three dimensional welded wire grid consisting of 14 gauge galvanized steel wire welded at each intersection to form a 2"x 2" grid on the front and back face of the panel, separated by bent wire trusses. All bent wire trusses are placed at 2" centers running the length of the panel and are welded to the top and bottom face grids at each truss apex. The trellis panel will be 3" thick mounted on the back of 4"x 4" posts. There is a 9" space in between the panels allowing Ivy to grow & fill the space. Panels are attached to the post with 14 gauge galvanized steel clips. All bending, forming and drilling will be done prior to powder coating. Stainless steel screws will be used to join the panels to the clips.

Manufactured from recycled steel, this three dimensional welded wire system creates a captive growing space three inches deep to allow plant materials to intertwine and grow within the panel. With the easily adaptable system of attachment clips, the panel can attach to a building façade, and can span openings between floors or horizontally between posts.

**Plantings for the Trellis:**

Greenscreen suggests that a horticulturist, landscape architect or garden designer be consulted for specific applications "i.e., what kind of plants will work in the zone and location to be planted. Boundary fence will consult with a New York based qualified horticulturist, landscape architect or garden designer. Moreover, Landscape professionals will do all plantings.

**Street Trees:**

We commit to planting 9 street trees on Jamaica Avenue & 3 trees on 132nd Street each tree no less than 4" in caliper. The trees are to be spaced every 25' with a 10' x 4' @ planting pit. Regarding the type of tree, we will consult with parks Dept and the Queens Community Board 9. (Parks is now only planting trees that are resistant to the Asian Long-horned Beetle, as part of the effort to eradicate this invasive species. Examples of acceptable species are Dawn redwood, Turkish Filbert, honey Locust,

Oaks, and Lindens.) Professional tree planters will do the planting.

**Signage:**

The Fence on Jamaica Avenue will bear a sign as shown on the attached draft. This will be a non illuminated sign.

**Lighting:**

Street Lighting will be provided by existing city street lamps.

**Maintenance:**

Boundary Fence will maintain the trees, fence, trellis and greenery for so long as it holds/ and or occupies the property.

**Time Table:**

Boundary Fence will begin the fence and trellis construction within 6 weeks after closing with the EDC. Boundary will complete the project within six months. All planting will be completed as soon as possible, i.e. by the first planting season after the closing.

We are awaiting the start of this project and the elimination of a blight on the Richmond Hill east Community for over thirty years. The Board will work with the developer to see that all our requests are implemented.

We foresee a major improvement to this community when the project is complete and an increase in business on the strip.

The renovation of the defunct bowling alley, on Jamaica Avenue at the intersection of Metropolitan Avenue, into a Planet Fitness and the opening of a Wal-greens, with parking will breath new life into the area.

The District Manager has been working with The Greater Jamaica Development Corporation for over ten years in an attempt to expand the Empire Zone into Community Board 9. The expansion was completed and the Businesses/Manufacturers are now eligible for reduced taxes, breaks on NY State Corporate Tax and Sales Tax as well as low cost financing.

The 2000 Census revealed a startling population growth of 50,000 in this area of Richmond Hill East. Much of that population is from India and Guyana with large families with extensive educational needs. We must address these needs.

**HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION –**

Since welfare reform initiatives began, the City has had great success in moving people from welfare to work. As more people find jobs, those remaining on public assistance have more barriers to employment. The percent of public assistance cases that are partially or fully unable to work rose from 54.7 percent in June 2002 to 56.4 percent in 2003. These hard core welfare recipients must be re-evaluated, re-categorized and placed in a work environment to become productive workers.

**DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING**

Community Boards Nos. 9 & 10 have a large senior population and four Senior Centers lo-



cated in Woodhaven, Richmond Hill, South Ozone Park and Ozone Park serving 500 meals daily.

Our homebound elderly population relies heavily on the “Meals on Wheels” Nutrition Program. This program delivers well-balanced meals to the frail elderly who are unable to prepare nutritional meals for themselves. The program must be increased to meet the demand of our ever growing senior population. We are in desperate need of additional vans and drivers to deliver these meals. There is a need to support the many churches, synagogues and private organizations that fund senior programs. The programs also provide recreation, social and educational programs to the senior population. Without these groups many seniors will spend lonely days shut-in at home with nothing to do. Funding must be made available for our seniors.

### **CHILD CARE**

For years we searched in an effort to bring affordable Day Care to Board 9. We are still searching. There are several small programs and some Home Day Care slots but they are insufficient and cannot fill the need. At a time when two parents must work to care for the family, affordable day care is a necessity.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Queens continues to be short changed on several Fire Department programs, i.e. a dedicated Juvenile Fire setter Program and an Arson Task Force for Auto Crimes. Last year we noted that the Borough lagged far behind Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx in the installation of Emergency Reporting System Boxes.

Many of our 221 firehouses are turn of the century buildings that need upgrades such as new roofs; apparatus floor replacements, waterproofing, pointing, etc. We request specific consideration be given to these requests.

The lack of enforcement in Quality of Life issues could lead to serious problems. We need additional Multi-Agency Task Force attention to these ongoing and endless problems.

Funding is requested to purchase smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors for distribution to the public throughout the year. Also, the Fire Department has developed a CPR Training course for the public. This is a life-saving program offered free of charge. We support the FDNY requests for funding to purchase 10,000 “CPR Kits” to be given to each individual taking the course. Use of the kits will enable the Fire Department to “train the trainer” as the kits can be used by the public to teach CPR as well.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Board seeks a change in the allocation formula for the assignment of Police Officers. The current allocation is based upon an analysis of statistics that excludes many Quality of Life complaints.

Pocket problem areas in the 102 Pct. require special attention. Jamaica Avenue, 85th Street to the City Line 101 Avenue, 75th Street to City line all are areas that have drug activity and Quality of Life issues.

The 2002 Annual Report on Social Indicators, in 2011 we are still awaiting an update, showed the 102nd Pct. Ranking 11 out of 76 Precincts, Citywide in crimes against properties and persons. We have a total of 1161 major crime index for the year ending 2009. We finished the year with a 5.6% reduction in crime vs. 8% in 2008. We require the assignment of a sufficient number of officers to the 102 Precinct Detective squad to investigate Robberies. Despite the



decrease in crime, the 102 Pct. recorded 185 Robberies just eight months into 2010. Due to this large case load additional Detectives are required to investigate and further reduce crime. This Social Indicator report served as a useful tool in assessing our needs. It must be updated and reprinted. Allocation of radio cars for supervisors and police officers is a necessity.

The five youth officers and the 3 Domestic Violence Officers, and one Domestic violence Sgt. share one vehicle. We need one additional vehicle to better serve the community.

The Precinct is responsible for patrolling 543 acres of Forest Park. Three wheel-scooters are required for this patrol. Scooters are effective during the school year at Franklin K Lane High School and JHS 210. These vehicles add to the effectiveness of crime prevention on our commercial strips; Jamaica Avenue, 101st Avenue, Queens Boulevard and Lefferts Boulevard. We request A minimum of nine scooters. Three for summonses, three for traffic and three for Forest Park.

Bicycle patrols of Forest Park help the Police fight crime in areas inaccessible to scooters, horses and cars. The Bike Patrol increased to everyday from 8 am to 4 pm and 4 pm to 12am. We must have the Narcotics initiative now.

#### **Quality of Life Enforcement**

The number of Quality-of-life enforcement complaints increased over the years. Complaints given to the local Police Precinct are assigned a “Low Priority” and the complaint is not responded to. The result is that many illegal actions remain uncorrected and unchallenged which encourages the proliferation of these violations. To resolve the problem, I recommend expanded traffic control and enforcement.

On the following page you will find the latest Comstat Report.

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

C.B.#9 students deserve the same amenities and services extended to other students in the City of New York. They deserve education in a building that is at least up to minimum standards. We continue to advocate for monies to be allocated for construction & maintenance of Schools. Over crowded conditions have forced families to have one child in a neighborhood school and another to be traveling long distances( not to mention that the children could be as young as 5 years old). The Youth & Education Committee is concerned with the impact continued budget cuts have on the districts ability to provide basic services to our students.

We continue to advocate for affordable Day Care ( which is non- existent in CB#9) and Pre-K programs in our public schools. We protest the existence of opening fees for the use of Public School buildings. Funded programs spend a substantial percentage of their budgets on opening fees which decreases the amount available for direct service. We request that the Department of Education provide enough money to open all schools in School District Nos. 27 and 28, that are located in CB#9 (after school and evening)as well as citywide. These schools are P.S. 56, 60, 63, 64, 66, 90, 97 and JHS 210, all in District #27, Region 5, P.S. 54, 99 and 90 in District #28, Region 3. In addition, Richmond Hill High School and Franklin K. Lane High School should be available for community use on a full time basis. I

#### **THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ YOUTH SERVICES**

The Out of School Time Initiative convened government officials, providers, and funders of



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## CompStat

102nd Precinct

Report Covering the Week 8/2/2010 Through 8/8/2010

### Crime Complaints

	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date*			2 Year	9Year	17Year
	2010	2009	% Chg	2010	2009	% Chg	2010	2009	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg (2001)	% Chg (1993)
Murder	0	0	***.*	1	0	***.*	3	4	-25.0	-25.0	50.0	-25.0
Rape	0	0	***.*	1	1	0.0	8	13	-38.5	-55.6	-27.3	-57.9
Robbery	7	7	0.0	21	18	16.7	163	147	10.9	-21.3	-34.5	-75.7
Fel. Assault	3	14	-78.6	22	34	-35.3	136	141	-3.5	3.8	-27.3	-35.5
Burglary	2	5	-60.0	22	22	0.0	177	179	-1.1	-13.2	-54.1	-78.9
Gr. Larceny	8	4	100.0	19	32	-40.6	194	263	-26.2	-34.2	-12.2	-41.0
G.L.A.	6	7	-14.3	32	19	68.4	159	137	16.1	-13.6	-65.0	-92.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>-29.73</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>-6.35</b>	<b>840</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>-4.98</b>	<b>-19.46</b>	<b>-44.37</b>	<b>-79.77</b>

### Historical Perspective

(Historical perspective is a complete calendar year of data.)

	1990	1995	1998	2001	2009	%Chg '09 vs '01	%Chg '09 vs '98	%Chg '09 vs '95	%Chg '09 vs '90	
Murder	6	11	3	2	4	100.0	33.3	-63.6	-33.3	Murder
Rape	29	35	23	21	23	9.5	0.0	-34.3	-20.7	Rape
Robbery	1,067	908	672	459	286	-37.7	-57.4	-68.5	-73.2	Robbery
Fel. Assault	345	401	440	309	241	-22.0	-45.2	-39.9	-30.1	Fel. Assault
Burglary	1,847	1,485	965	622	366	-41.2	-62.1	-75.4	-80.2	Burglary
Gr. Larceny	721	523	538	378	409	8.2	-24.0	-21.8	-43.3	Gr. Larceny
G.L.A.	4,145	2,150	1,303	803	282	-64.9	-78.4	-86.9	-93.2	G.L.A.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,160</b>	<b>5,513</b>	<b>3,944</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>1,611</b>	<b>-37.90</b>	<b>-59.15</b>	<b>-70.78</b>	<b>-80.26</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

The above CompStat figures are posted on Monday, one week after the closing date.

CompStat figures are preliminary and subject to further analysis and revision. Crime statistics reflect New York State Penal Law definitions and differ from the crime categories to the F.B.I. Uniform Crime Reporting System. All degrees of rape are included in the rape category.

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youth services, in order to design a more coordinated and cost effective system of after school service delivery. Funding and allocations continue to be a major concern to Community Board #9. DYCD claims its OST system will focus more attention on full service programming with accountability and quality, in lieu of spreading resources thinly to serve large numbers of children in one shot programs. The notion that resources are spread to thin is a farce.

Community Board 9 and communities throughout the City have been locked out of opportunities for funding because they are not a targeted community. Programs that have been funded in the past have been deemed ineligible for funding because they are not in communities of need or TARGETED COMMUNITIES. How absurd!!!

We are concerned that the Community Board has been cut out of the Planning process. Community Boards have been involved in comprehensive planning for youth services in their districts for over 20 years, and have worked closely with Community Based Organizations and DYCD.

One thing we must not lose sight of is that no matter what zip code or targeted area young people live in youth funding was set up for all youth in NYS/NYC no matter what their income level may be, and is based on Community Based programming to meet the ever changing needs of that community, and to provide positive places for recreation, tutoring, cultural education, delinquency prevention, special needs populations, i.e. Immigrant youth, disabled youth, etc.

It is imperative that Community Boards and The Community Citywide retain a voice and role in this process. Community Boards know the needs of their communities and have a charter mandate to plan for youth services. Community Board's possess unique knowledge of its neighborhoods and have connections to community groups, civic organizations, schools, local government, hospitals, libraries, community based organizations, etc. There must be a place for the Community Boards and the Community in the planning of youth services that will after all, be serving the youth of our neighborhoods.

It is the Charter Mandate of the Community Board to assess the impact of local services in their districts, and it is The Department of Youth and Community Developments Charter Mandate (Section 733c- Powers and Duties) to plan and coordinate neighborhood services in conjunction with Community Boards and Youth Services Planning Committees. HAVING QUARTERLY JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS VIA CONFERENCE CALLS IS NOT SUFFICIENT!! The Education & Youth Services Committee is encouraged by Commissioner Jeanne B. Mulgrav's reference to working to improve its partnership with the City's Community Boards and mention of Comprehensive planning efforts. We urge the department to reinstate the Summer Bus program.

The Community Board and the Education & Youth Services Committee believe in the concept of Comprehensive Planning for Youth Services at the local level as mandated by the City Charter. We support the Comprehensive Planning Initiative, the Letter of Agreement and the prerogative to hire a Youth Coordinator specific to each individual Community Board. This independence is necessary to preserve and ensure that each Community Board has the capability to plan for and coordinate youth services across agency lines. In turn it enables the youth and families in each community board to access their fair share of available services.

C.B.#9 requests an increase in both City and State funds to address the presence of drugs and violence among our youth. We need school programs to deliver preventive and educational services to address alcohol and substance abuse and violence prevention to our residents.

In July 1995, the Youth Coordinator line was cut from the city budget. We are a community with an ever growing and diverse population. This has impacted on the services in our communities. Our needs changed with our population. Although we were able to re-hire our Youth Coordinator she has additional responsibilities and we maintain that the Youth Coordinator position is a full time unique position.

#### DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS

The Needs Assessment conducted by the Youth Coordinator among existing Youth Programs and services for youth in this district found that C.B.#9 receives no cultural workshops, exhibits or performances throughout the schools. Although there is an abundance of agencies throughout the City which perform at various schools, C.B.#9 is excluded year after year. The limited amount of Community Share allocation through the NYC Department of Youth Services does not allow the Community Board to fund all needed programs. We request the Department of Cultural Affairs arrange for C.B.#9 to be served within its City contracts with cultural service providers.

The Kew Gardens community is the only community in Board 9 that does not have a library. We request an inspection of the community with a view toward site selection.

#### DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION

For several years we requested The Home Base Communication System for Sanitation District 9 which was not forthcoming. District 9 Sanitation Garage did receive a new copy and fax machine. We request restoration of manpower and the basket truck to seven days a week. The reduction to 5 times a week is negatively affecting the commercial strips. Many commercial strips are open Saturday and Sunday. With the basket collection our scorecard rating remains about 93%.

The Department has a need for a mechanical broom three times a week, in addition to the one we have, to maintain the industrial areas. Department of Sanitation Enforcement is important to any community. The Department of Sanitation Police are effective in ensuring the cleanliness of the area. An increase in their numbers is requested.

This Board has malls that require year-round cleaning. Atlantic Avenue from the Brooklyn Queens Border to Van Wyck and Woodhaven Boulevard are cleaned an average of once a year. Mall Cleaners must be provided to QW9 on a regular basis for safety as well as beautification. During the spring and summer we need regular spraying of the Weeds that still spring up on the center mall on Atlantic Avenue, particularly between Lefferts Blvd. and the Van Wyck Expressway.

District 9's Garage is home to all their personnel and equipment. The current garage, is in a state of disrepair and does not meet their needs. It is antiquated, falling apart, the garage door jams and the building is an eyesore to the surrounding community. After a five year search we located a suitable location for our garage. It is a large unutilized parcel of property on 121 Street between 89 Avenue and Atlantic Avenue, (entrance next to the Fire Department at 91-45 121 Street). We requested an immediate survey of the site with a view towards purchase.

C.B.#9 looks forward to today's needs becoming tomorrow's reality.

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