

**Community Board Ten  
Environmental Committee**

**April 21, 2008**

**1. Department of Sanitation Outreach Program**

In June of 2007, due to complaints of poor sanitation issues, the Environmental Committee of Community Board 10 did a walk through of 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 68<sup>th</sup> Street and 69<sup>th</sup> Street. Members of Community Board 10, the Fifth Avenue Bid, Gateways to Bay Ridge, and Sanitation officials noted numerous violations of sanitation rules.

At the next Environmental Committee meeting, it was suggested, by Iggy Taranova of Community Affairs for the Department of Sanitation, that we do a community outreach program that would inform business and building owners of their responsibility concerning sanitation issues.

At Iggy's request, we waited until the end of the snow removal season, March 31, 2008.

During the last three weeks, all the businesses and buildings along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from 65<sup>th</sup> Street to 85<sup>th</sup> Street, and Bay Ridge Parkway were visited. Violations were pointed out and sanitation rulebooks were provided to everyone they spoke to. Almost all the people they spoke to were very happy that they were not giving out summons, but rather, they were educating them on what is expected. A few people got nasty and uncooperative, but, overall, the response was positive. Sanitation will give a few more weeks for the business and building owners to comply before any summons are issued.

When Iggy gets back from his vacation, we will plan out the streets for the next round of outreach.

**2. Private Street Forum**

Several months ago, homeowners on a small private street in Bay Ridge lost their water supply due to a damaged water main. New York City does not repair these water mains, sewers, nor do they sweep or repair black-top on these blocks because they are privately owned. They do not provide streetlights or plow snow, and sanitation pick-up is not provided on these streets. Their property lines do not end at the curb, but mostly end in the middle of the street.

This puts an enormous financial burden on homeowners on these blocks, since they have to hire a private contractor to do these repairs. Not all of the homeowners are aware of the added responsibility they have in owning property on these blocks.

Community Board 10 will be holding a public meeting to discuss the concerns of these homeowners.

Representatives from the City will be at this meeting to help educate us on what they are responsible for. The following letter will be delivered to all the effected homeowners.

If you live near one of these blocks and would like to help out, please let the board office know, and we will supply you with these notices. We would like to do this as soon as possible.

**3. Clean Up Your Community Day, April 12, 2008**

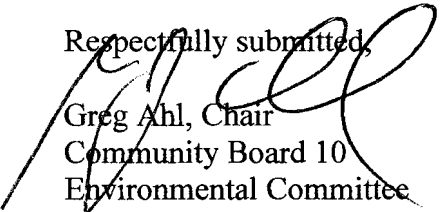
I was not available to partake in the project, and as far as I know, Community Board 10 was not involved.

If there is anyone here who was involved, maybe you can tell us how this event went.

**4. Cell Phone Towers**

At the next Environmental Committee meeting, we will be composing a letter to be sent out to all the Community Boards in Brooklyn, asking them to join us in requesting that the City re-institute the Special Permit process. The City exempted the cell phone towers from the Special Permit process, which effectively, took away our Board's ability to regulate the locations of the antennas.

Respectfully submitted,



Greg Ahl, Chair  
Community Board 10  
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