

2018 Harlem Holiday Lights Kickoff – November 15th

On October 30 the 125th St. BID hosted a press conference and mixer at Savanna Raes Restaurant, 2070 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd., for supporters, sponsors and participants in the anticipated event Barbara Askins announced at the press event that the kick off to the holiday season in Harlem officially begins on Thursday, November 15 with the 25th annual Harlem Holiday Lights Illumination of 125th Street from Fifth Avenue to Twelfth Avenue with beautifully special designed skylines for 125th Street and the 6th Annual Parade of Lights. The event is produced by 125th Street Business Improvement District with it partners Community Boards 9 and 10. Harlem's own Dapper Dan will be the Grand Marshal.

The theme this year is "A Healthy Harlem Holiday". The major focus is encouraging a healthy community through locations along 125th Street providing free health screenings and health care information from providers. The Parade of Lights features decorated lighted floats and other

lighted vehicles that follows contractor turning on the lights and stopping along the route to interact with parade watchers and 3 villages for health, 1 children village, 5 music villages, and community activity and business promotions that are set up through the historic Harlem's Business District. Community Board #10 and City Council member will activate the area in front of 215 West 125th Street with music provided by a local DJ, refreshments and community informational booth. Some of the parade participants include 125th Street BID, Dapper Dan, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, Manhattan Community Board #9, Harlem Community Development Corporation, Harlem Commonwealth Council, Polaris Slingshots, Illuminations, HealthFirst, Street Corner Resources, and other lighted vehicles.

Off Morningside Avenue and 125th St. Community Board 9's Arts and Culture committee will be hosting the Children's Village where families can meet Santa and enjoy face painting, live singing, music and dance as well as meet the famous youth en-

trepreneur Celebrity Chef Cory Nieves of Mr. Cory's Cookies. The TD Bank Community Stage Community Stage created by Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and then Councilwoman Inez Dickens returns to Morningside Avenue with Jazz Song Stylist Cynthia Holiday as MC and special performances from Harlem School of the Arts, NYCHA Performing Artists, King Solomon Hicks brought by Jazzmobile, Gospel Recording Artist Michele Sweeting and guest appearance from Broadway Performer Rema Webb and other local community groups. HealthFirst Karaoke will once again give those who "think they want to be a star" a chance to sing on the 125th Street next to the Apollo's Marquee and do not be surprised if you bump into Marvel Comic Characters Spiderman and Captain America..

At this year's parade car collectors Joseph Morales and Eddie Diaz will be riding their Polaris Slingshot and motorcycles ablazed with colorful lights down 125th Street. Stop by businesses all along the parade route and



2017 Reception MBP Gale Brewer Office

engage in their activities. Whole Foods presents Nuyorican Latin Music from ABRAZOS Army that will play an assortment of Jazz, Latin, Blues, R&B Soul/Funk, Hip Hop, Afrobeat, Reggae and more accompanied with holiday treats including hot chocolate and cookies!" Blink Fitness is partnering up with Belleza Natural Hair Salon to host a "Boost Camp" from 8-9pm where locals can work out and win prizes such as free Blink membership or dis-

counted services at Belleza Natural. And there will be an ugly sweater contest at the corner of 125th Street and Lenox Avenue.

On Nov 15th 11:30am-4:00pm Family Storytime is being held at George Bruce Library, located at 518 W 125th Street. The event will feature books related to Harlem Lights. This program includes interactive stories and activities that will help foster a love of learning through reading, singing, talking, and play-

ing! Children of all ages are welcome, but note that the storytime will focus on Pre-K readiness. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Also check out their Baby Storytime on Mondays at 11:30am for ages 0-18 months and Toddler Storytime Tuesdays at 11:30 am for Toddlers 18 months-3 years. At 4:00p Teens/Young Adults (13-18 years) are invited to Lego Lounge for Unstructured and open-ended free play time with Lego Bricks! Use your imagination to build whatever you wish!

Off of Adam Clayton Powell Blvd. The Harlem community is also in for a special treat with Vy Higginsen's Sing Harlem Choir performing Holiday Gospel in front of the Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Building, 163 W 125th St. For more information on activities visit <http://harlem-lightitup.com>.



2017 Holiday Lights Street Lights



2018 Press Event (l-r) Vy Higginsen, Barbara Askins, Dapper Dan



2018 (l-r) Athena Moore, Dapper Dan, Barbara Askins, MBP Gale Brewer)



2017 Childrens Village



2017 Float



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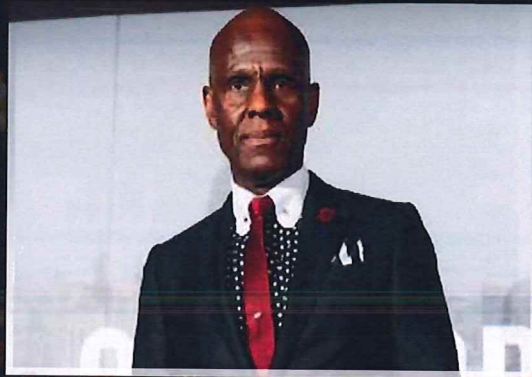


Welcome to 125th Street
HARLEM LIGHTS 2018

Thursday, November 15, 2018
125th Street Between 5th & Twelfth Avenue
FREE EVENT

Dapper Dan

Joins the 25th
Annual Harlem
Holiday Lighting
as the Grand
Marshall!



- Parade of Lights
- TD Bank Community stage with live performances
- Children's and Health Villages
- Healthfirst Karaoke
- In - store activities and promotions
- Marvel Characters
- Whole Foods ABRAZOS Army Band, Mama Foundation and much more...



For more information, please contact 212 - 662 - 8999
or email specialevents.125thstreetbid@gmail.com
or visit www.harlemlightitup.com

Download Harlem Happenings
App for Holiday Lights Activities



Healthfirst and Community Board 9

presents

The Healthy Village at the 2018 125th Street BID Holiday Lights

Over the years, Healthfirst has partnered with the 125th Street BID on their Annual Holiday Lighting ceremony. Join us once again this year as we celebrate the 25th Annual Holiday Lighting on November 15th, 2018. Download the Harlem Happenings App for updates on health village activities, deals from participating 125th Street businesses and more. #125thstreetbid #125thstreet #holidaylighting2018 #harlemlightup

Visit one or all of our Health Villages



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Health Village #1
Location: In front of Grant Houses
NYCHA Chorus- Grant Houses
 Activity: Singers
RYAN HEALTH – (Health Village #1) – Mobile
 Activity: Face Painter 4:30pm-7:30pm
Nurse Family Partnership (Health Village #1) Activity:
 Nurse HRA
(Human Resource Administration) Health Village #1
 Activity: FDNY Office of Recruitment and Retention
(Health Village #1)
 Activity: Pending
NYC Office of the Mayor (Health Village #1)
 Activity: Liason for Mayors
 Office initiatives

Healthy Village #2
Location: House of Hoops
 (Southside of 125th)
Mobile Mammography Program Mount Sinai
 (Health Village #2)
 Activity: Harlem Hospital (Village #2) –
Mobile unit is 50ft long
 Activity: Information you are requesting for
 Harlem Lights, NYC Health + Hospitals Harlem
 will be providing HIV/Hep C testing,
 educational information and PrEP /
 PEP information
Healthy Harlem (Healthy Village #2)
 Activity: Healthy food
 demonstration

Health Village #3
Location: Carver Bank
 (Northside of 125th)
NYHRE (Health Village #3)
 Activity: New York Harm Reduction Educators will be
 providing harm reduction education, services and supplies
 to attendees. Free services will include HIV and HCV testing
 and linkage to care, referrals to PEP/PrEP, opioid overdose
 intervention training, and harm reduction counseling. Free
 supplies will include naloxone kits, fentanyl test kits,
 condoms, FC2s, and lubricant.
New York College of Podiatric Medicine
 Activity: Will be providing foot screenings and dispensing
 medical information on diabetes and proper foot care.
EYEPIC Harlem Eye Care (Health Village #3)
 Activity: free giveaways backpacks and school supplies
Healthfirst (Village #3)- Mobile Unit is
 Activity: Healthfirst representative providing
 Health insurance programs. Giveaways.
 Face painting 4:30PM – 7:00PM

125th Street BID Holiday Lighting Presents
Community Board 9 and Culture Committee's
Children's Village 2018

Being held at Harlem Commonwealth Council
361 West 125th Street
November 15, 2018 4:00pm - 8:00pm



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Activities and Performances:

- Meet Santa
- Meet the Snow Queen
- Meet Celebrity Chef Mr. Cory
- Face Painting
- Every Voice Choir
- The Harlem Chamber Players
- Dances for a Variable Population
- Harlem Swing Dance Society