

# LENOXFIVE 127 BLOCK ASSOCIATION

September 13, 2016

## General Meeting Minutes

1. Announcements
  - a. Wednesday 9/14 - 6:30PM - 28th Precinct Community Council Meeting
  - b. Thursday 9/15 – 7 PM 32<sup>nd</sup> Precinct community council meeting
  - c. Wednesday 10/5 - 6PM - CB 10 Meeting
  - d. Tuesday, 10/11 - Next LenoxFive 127 BA meeting - change of venue - will be a social event - Oktoberfest - held at Bier International on 113th & FDB from 7-8:30PM. Free for all - beer and appetizers.
  - e. Michael spoke about the Farmer's market every Saturday in Mount Morris Park and how there is an effort to extend it through the winter so it does not end in October. More to come.
  - f. The Mount Zion Baptist Church is sponsoring a fish and chicken fry in front of the Church on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to attend.
  - g. Voter Information:
    - Election Day – 11/8/16
    - Place – The Dempsey Center – 127 W. 127<sup>th</sup> Street
    - Time – 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
    - Voter Registration Forms - The last day to postmark registrations is **Friday, 10/14/16**
    - Absentee Ballot application - Applications must be postmarked by **Monday, 11/1/16**
    - Look for an email with the subject Voter Information for LenoxFive
  - h. There were two new neighbors that announced themselves - [Jessica Taige #1 and Q Anakwa #79]
2. Michael provided the Treasurer's report - current balance in the account is \$2,566 up from \$2,345 on June 31st. Michael reminded everyone to pay their dues if they have not done so yet.
3. There was no Sanitation/Beautification update however Michael did bring up an issue related to people from other buildings dumping their garbage in the trash cans of #65. This is not legal (or neighborly) and if anyone sees it they should call 311 and report it.
4. Michael provided an update on the Farm. The Dept of Buildings approval for the greenhouse assembly is still in progress. The DOB requires a land survey and a plan review before the approval can happen. Some plant beds have to be disassembled and rearranged for the final layout. Michael also reminded everyone that they can contribute to Harlem Grown and any donations up to \$200 will be matched. He also reminded everyone that the Harlem Grown Gala will be on Tuesday, November 29th at the Gate House at Harlem Stage - SAVE THE DATE!
5. Marilyn provided the Membership Committee Report
  - a. Harlem Born
    - Liam McGinnis – 3/2016 to John and Carol McGinnis
    - Quentin Duran – 5/23 to George and Ilana Duran

- Revel Blaz – 5/27 to Erin and Andy Blaz
  - Cleo Fardel – 6/28 to Liza Steele and Romain Fardel
  - Nora Marie Chretien – 8/11 to Amber and Jon Chretien
- b. August End of Summer Potluck
- 33 adults (8 were new)
  - 4 children
  - 5 dogs
  - Photos of the event are on the LenoxFive 127<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association FaceBook page
- c. Please go to “Lenox Five 127<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association” and like us on Facebook
- d. She reiterated the request for people to pay dues. Annual dues are \$25 and resulted in multiple improvements on the block:
- Harlem Grown
    - ✓ BA volunteered countless hours of legal advice
    - ✓ clearing the property for Spring planting
  - Unification/Beautification Committee
    - ✓ Won the Love Your Block Grant
    - ✓ Purchase of metal tree guard in front of the Church
    - ✓ Planting flowers in the tree pits
    - ✓ 2 Clean up Events
  - Social
    - ✓ Coordinating with U/B committee @ cleanup events
    - ✓ Sponsoring 4 events this year
      - ❖ Ms. Ruth’s B’day Party
      - ❖ Potluck
      - ❖ OctoberFest
      - ❖ Toy Drive and Holiday Party
- e. Thank you to all who signed Mrs. Rutledge’s get well card. She sent the BA a lovely thank you note.
- f. Building Captains who post flyers - We have established building captains for 7 of the 9 condo and rental buildings with more than 10 units. We still don’t have captains for #56 and #81.
- g. Sponsorship of Theme Nights:
- Tonight we are launching the first of a series of "Theme Night" programs. Tonight’s theme is “meet the entrepreneurs”, and we plan to host more theme nights for:
    - ✓ Educators
    - ✓ Veterans
    - ✓ Performers
    - ✓ Artists
  - Our hope is that these theme nights will
    - ✓ Add something fun to the meeting
    - ✓ Be a draw for people who have never attended meetings or who don't often attend
    - ✓ Be another way for neighbors to get to know each other

- Please see the following page for the details of who presented and their contact info. A lot of great information was shared with the block association by the entrepreneurs and awareness was raised as to the talent and resources available locally.

6. The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.

## *Meet the Entrepreneurs*

### **Jessie's Nutty Cups** – Jessica Taige

Are you looking for something a little sweet to satisfy your love of chocolate and peanut butter? Are you searching for that perfect thank you gift, hostess gift or birthday gift for the hard to please? Then you may want to place your order right now for Jessica Taige's handcrafted artisanal goodies ... **Jessie's Nutty Cups**. Check out her website and join us to learn more!

<http://www.jessienuttycups.com/>  
[info@jessienuttycups.com](mailto:info@jessienuttycups.com)

### **Fallon Carter Weddings** – Fallon Carter

SCREAM! You're getting married! PANIC! You have a wedding to plan! Calm down! Help lives on the block! **Fallon Carter Weddings** will guide you through planning your perfect day, and take care of all the details so you can star in your own show. Fallon may live on the block but her magical weddings have spanned the globe from Manhattan Island to the Isle of Capri and from Paris to a paradise in Hawaii. Tour her website and dream big

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 347.260.5654

### **Lady Altovise Walking Tour of Harlem** – Altovise Cook

If you are new to the neighborhood, need an activity for your visiting relatives or just want to know more about Harlem, then you need to know about "The Lady". Altovise Cook aka Lady Altovise aka The Lady will join us to answer all your questions regarding her fun, informative and thoroughly entertaining **Lady Altovise Walking Tour of Harlem**. Here is a sneak peak of what you will experience when you join Lady Altovise's enthusiastic exploration of our historic and fascinating neighborhood.

Harlem History of Gospel Tour - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9C62K\\_tpyo&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9C62K_tpyo&feature=youtu.be)  
 Harlem Gospel Tour & Soul Food Experience  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n96h9zXbmSM&feature=youtu.be>  
 Lady Altovise Walking Tour of Harlem -  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8QeO2T46Yc&feature=youtu.be>  
 212-464-7792

### **Pie Country** – Alicia Scotti\*

This may be the Village of Harlem, but it's also **Pie Country**, baby and Alicia Scotti's pies are not to be believed. If you have attended any of our LenoxFive events, you've sampled her wizardry. She has baked cookies and muffins for our clean up events and LenoxFive socials. And the two pies she provided

for our End of Summer Potluck were devoured in record time! Alicia will be joining us to answer your questions, but in the meantime, read the lavish pie praise for **Pie Country** from the New York Times.

<http://www.piecountry.com/pie-press.html>

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917-232-2568

#### **A Fresh Nest – Lisa Kyle\***

Does your space need a makeover? Are your closets overflowing? Is your kitchen working at maximum efficiency? Do you need to redecorate or rearrange your things? How about staging a space for sale or rent? Why not call Lisa Kyle to discuss how she can help you refresh your nest with **A Fresh Nest**. From simple “do it yourself” advice to help with redesigning or organizing, Lisa can guide you through how to reimagine your space as organized, beautiful and functional. Get started by exploring her website.

<http://www.afreshnest.com/>

Lisa is also an award winning photographer who’s photos have been seen in many publications including The New York Times, LA Times and Rolling Stone. She’s available for all your photo needs.

**\* Alicia and Lisa aren’t available to present tonight, but that shouldn’t stop you from knowing about their businesses and keeping them in mind for pies and projects!**