DECEMBER 2016

A Message from the District Manager

HATE CRIME CALL TO ACTION

Threats and intimidation are cruel, illegal, and unworthy of any member of our society. When directed at people due to their race, religion, sexual orientation, or background, such threats and intimidation strike at the bonds that hold us together. We must join in solidarity against the uptick in these corrosive hate crimes. The recent spike in these crimes deserves the full attention of law enforcement. What’s more, our neighbors who have been targeted by these attacks against their peace of mind deserve our support and our action.

Governor Andrew Cuomo has established a hotline to report these incidents and make referrals to local law enforcement for further investigation when appropriate. The number is 1-888-392-3644.

Senator Jesse Hamilton’s Civil Rights Task Force is hosting a Hate Crime Call to Action meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf located at 260 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn at 6:30 PM. To RSVP, visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZkqAPsR8IQZVksR4Y6DFDkw0eRRB64GEzMaeKsxkpnwA/viewform.

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CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The Health and Human Services Committee of Community Board 8 needs your HELP!

They are sponsoring a Canned Food Drive to help feed families this holiday season. Items can be dropped off at the Community Board office located at 1291 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. between 10-4 PM thru December 21st.

All non-perishable items are accepted. For more information, please call Community Board 8 at 718-467-5620.

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THRIVE NYC

With the holidays around the corner, we want everyone to know there is no reason to struggle alone. There are resources available for those that are having a hard time coping.

The First Lady of New York, Ms. Chirlane McCray, will be kicking off a ThriveNYC Week of Action from December 12th through December 18th, to spread the word on NYCWell, a mental health resource call center for people struggling with stress, anxiety, depression, or addiction who don’t have a place to turn.
On Wednesday December 14th, hundreds of volunteers from all over the city will distribute pamphlets in communities which need these services the most. Now that NYCWell is available, we must make sure people know it's here to help.

To help distribute NYCWell pamphlets at subway stops around the city on Wednesday, December 14th, please complete the form at http://our.cityofnewyork.us/page/s/thrive-nych-week-of-action. Volunteers can choose a subway stop near them, and a flyer shift from 7-10am or from 5-8pm.

If you are unable to commit to a time but would still like to participate, please email Gagan Kaur at kaurgehra.nyc.gov to find out about other ways you can participate in the ThriveNYC Week of Action.

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HEAT SEASON

October 1, 2016 marked the first day of heat season in NYC. The Dept. of Housing, Preservation, and Development has strict minimum heat guidelines that all landlords must follow.

From now until May 31, 2017, between the hours of 6:00 AM and 10:00 PM, if the outside temperature falls below 55 degrees, the inside temperature is required to be at least 68 degrees Fahrenheit. Between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM, if the temperature outside falls below 40 degrees, the inside temperature is required to be at least 55 degrees Fahrenheit. Any landlord that fails to adhere to these guidelines should be reported to HPD via 311 immediately.

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SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Did you know? Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, or other person having charge of any lot or building must clean snow and/or ice from the sidewalk within 4 hours after the snow has stopped falling, or by 11 AM if the snow has stopped falling after 9 PM the previous evening.

Snow may not be thrown into the street. If the snow or ice becomes frozen so hard that it cannot be removed, the sidewalk may be strewn with ashes, sand, sawdust, or similar suitable material within the same time limits. The sidewalk must be thoroughly cleaned as soon as the weather permits.

Fine for the first offense are $100-$150. Second offense is $150-$350. Third and subsequent offenses are $250-$350.

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FORGIVING FINES: THE NEW YORK CITY AMNESTY PROGRAM

New York City is reducing penalties and interest for many violations issued by the Dept. of Sanitation, Dept. of Building, and other City agencies through December 12, 2016. To take advantage of this opportunity to reduce the amount you owe the city, visit www.nyc.gov/forgivingfinances.

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A NOTE FROM CON EDISON

Con Edison wants to help you conserve energy and stay safe, comfortable, and healthy this winter. They have spent the last three years fortifying their system against storms to reduce the potential for
major power outages. But, with winter weather, outages are always a possibility and therefore, it is important to be prepared. Customers are reminded to report power problems by visiting www.coned.com or calling 1-800-752-6633 (1-800-75-CONE). Customers can also register to receive outage information via text message by texting the word REG to 688243. For more information visit www.coned.com/mobileapp.

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ATLANTIC YARDS/PACIFIC PARK QUALITY OF LIFE COMMUNITY MEETING

The next Atlantic Yards aka Pacific Park Brooklyn Quality of Life Community Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Shirley Chisholm State Office Building located at 55 Hanson Place, 1st Floor Conference Room, Brooklyn.

For more information, contact Nicole Jordan at AtlanticYards@esd.ny.gov or 212-803-3736.

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DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON PROPOSED RULES

What is DOT proposing? The proposed rule updates provisions of the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) Traffic Rules to conform with the requirements of the recently enacted Local Law 115 of 2016 relating to pedestrian control signals. The proposed rule supports the goals of the Vision Zero initiative.

When and where is the hearing? DOT will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule. The public hearing will take place at 10:00am on Thursday, December 29, 2016. The hearing will be in the Bid Room at 55 Water Street, Concourse Level, New York, NY 10041. This location is wheelchair accessible.

How to comment on the proposed rules?

• Website. You can submit comments to DOT through the NYC rules Web site at http://rules.cityofnewyork.us.

• Email. You can email written comments to rules@dot.nyc.gov.

• Mail. You can mail written comments to:

James Celentano, P.E.
Project Manager
New York City Department of Transportation
34-02 Queens Boulevard, 2nd Floor
Long Island City, NY 11101

• Fax. You can fax written comments to James Celentano, P.E. at 718-784-7358.

• By speaking at the hearing. Anyone who wants to comment on the proposed rule at the public hearing must sign up to speak. You can sign up before the hearing by calling (212) 839-6500. You can also sign up in the hearing room before the hearing beginning on Thursday, December 29, 2016. You can speak for up to three minutes.

The deadline to submit written comments is Thursday, December 29, 2016.

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PARTNERSHIP FOR PARKS

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams, Partnerships for Parks, and NYC Parks cordially invite Brooklyn park stewards and advocates to participate in a parks capital discussion on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 6:30 PM at Borough Hall located at 209 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn.

To RSVP and for accessibility information, please contact Josh Levin at 718-802-3853 or email him at joshualevin@brooklynbp.nyc.gov.

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FINANCES 50+

AARP Foundation in collaboration with Charles Schwab Foundation is pleased to present Finances 50+, a financial capability program designed to motivate and empower participants to take charge of their financial future. Workshops consist of budgeting and goal setting, taking charge of credit and debit, and protecting your assets.

The workshop will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2016 from 10 AM to 5 PM at BMCC located at 25 Broadway, 8th Floor, Room 8149, Manhattan. You must call Wanda Ortega at 212-346-8444 to reserve seating.

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2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY SORIEE AND TOY DRIVE

Join NYS Senator Jesse Hamilton for his 2nd Annual Holiday Soiree and Toy Drive on Saturday, December 17, 2016 from 6-9 PM at St. Francis deSales School for the Deaf located at 260 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn.

Bring an unwrapped toy for those in need, enjoy great refreshments and entertainment as the Senator’s office shows their appreciation for you, the community, constituents, and families.

To RSVP, please call the Senator’s office at 718-284-4700 and leave your name, address, and telephone number.

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THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD: AMERICA'S AWARD FOR YOUTH

The Congressional Award is about challenge. It is a fun and interesting way to get more involved in something you already enjoy or something you would like to try for the first time. You can register for the award once you turn 13.5 years old and only need to register once. To earn the award, you set goals in the following four areas: Voluntary Public Service; Personal Development; Physical Fitness; and Expedition/Exploration. You select an adult advisor other than your parent, relative, or peer, who will help you set challenging but achievable goals and plan activities to reach your goals.

For more information or to register online, please visit www.congressionalaward.org.

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FLATBUSH MAKE MUSIC WINTER EVENT 2016

It is time for the Make Music Winter event—Flatfoot Flatbush! This event has grown to great levels over the last couple of years and the North Flatbush BID is
excited to work with Porch Stomp and City Stompers. There will be a dance workshop, street parade with roving musicians, and the event will end with the North Flatbush Holiday Party.

The event will be held **Wednesday, December 21, 2016** starting at 4 PM at M&T Bank located at 254 Flatbush Avenue and end at Rose’s at 295 Flatbush Avenue at 6:30 PM. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information visit [http://makemusicny.org/winter-2016/flat-foot-flatbush/](http://makemusicny.org/winter-2016/flat-foot-flatbush/).

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**4TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER**

The Brooklyn Anti-Violence Coalition, 77th Precinct Community Council, IM Foundation Inc., James E. Davis Stop the Violence Foundation, NYS Committeewoman Ola Alabi, and Church Women United invite you to their **4th Annual Community Christmas Dinner**. The dinner will be held on **Friday, December 23, 2016** from 4-8 PM at St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church located at 1227 Pacific Street (between Nostrand and Bedford Avenues).

Come enjoy food, folks, and fun! For more information, contact St. Bartholomew’s at 718-467-8750 or email biancarobinson28@gmail.com or BAVCinc@aol.com.

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**TUITION FREE JOB TRAINING**

Grace Institute helps women transition back into the workforce. They teach the technical and professional skills that are in demand.

Classes begin in March 2017. They offer the following:

- Five months of tuition-free computer and professional training
- One year of job-placement services in administrative and customer support positions
- Workshops with corporation and executives
- Participant Assistance Department
- A community of collaboration and confidence

Eligibility requirements are English proficiency, U.S. work eligibility, HS diploma or GED/TASC, ages 18-64, available 9 AM-4 PM Monday thru Friday.

Attend an open house and learn more! Tour classrooms, meet the staff, and learn more about the application process. Please visit [www.graceinstitute.org](http://www.graceinstitute.org) to register for an open house. To apply, email admissions@graceinstitute.org.

Grace Institute is located at 40 Rector Street, 14th Floor, Manhattan. Their telephone number is 212-832-7605.

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**PAID FEDERAL INTERNSHIPS**

The Federal Diversity Internship Initiative spring deadline is fast approaching! This program gives students the chance to intern with select federal agencies, while also receiving a stipend, free housing, and professional development programming.

By applying, you will be considered for internships available with the:
* Federal Aviation Administration
* Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
* Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
* U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
* U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
* U.S. Department of Treasury
* U.S. Census Bureau
* National Archives and Records Administration

Application Requirements:
* U.S. Citizenship (no exceptions)
* 3.0 GPA
* Be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program
* Strong interest in federal employment
* Available to intern full-time for 10 summer weeks

The application deadline for the summer term is January 18, 2017. To learn more and start an application, please visit www.twc.edu/hbcu.

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AABE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The American Association of Blacks in Energy is a professional organization of African Americans in the energy industry. Through its Scholarship Program, AABE seeks to help increase the number of African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans (under-represented minorities) in energy related fields. By doing so, they help the nation address a critical need and a challenge to our future economic vitality in the world market.

Candidates for an AABE scholarship must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Have an overall “B” un-weighted academic average (3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale) or higher.
- Be a graduating high school senior who has applied to one or more accredited colleges/universities.
- Plan to major in business, one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering, or mathematic fields in preparation for a career in the energy sector.
- Be a member of one of a class or group of individuals who has been historically under-represented in the sciences, technology, engineering and math related disciplines.

Consideration will be given only to candidates submitting complete application packages which include: (1) a completed AABE application form (copies are acceptable); (2) an official high school transcript; (3) official proof of ACT or SAT scores; (4) two letters of reference; and (5) a completed checklist. Please remove Social Security Numbers from any documents.

Completed application packages should be scanned and emailed by February 3, 2017 to aabenycscholarshipapp@gmail.com.

NOTE: Files larger than 2.5 MB may need to be zipped or reduced to ensure delivery.

Applications can be obtained by calling Community Board No. 8 at 718-467-5574.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

METRO-NORTH RAILROAD

Senior Associate Counsel—General & Commercial Law: Reference# 88180
Senior Associate counsel—Labor & Employment: Reference# 88183

Close date December 19, 2016.

Required Education/Experience: Licensed to practice law in New York State; admission to the New York bar and “good-standing” status; Juris Doctorate from an accredited law school; minimum 6 years relevant legal experience.

For more information on either position, visit www.mta.info

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

There will be two workshops centered around “How to successfully Apply for Employment with the United States Postal Service.” The first will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 11 AM at Brownsville Jobs Plus, 330 Powell Street, Brooklyn and the second on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 10 AM at the Economic Solutions Center at Restoration Plaza, 1368 Fulton Street, Brooklyn.

For more information on the Brownsville workshop, call Mr. Blackman at 947-599-9650. For more information on the Restoration workshop, call William Sanchez at 718-630-6994.

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CORRECTION OFFICER

NYS has scheduled exams for Correction Officer Trainee and Trainee (Spanish Language). The application deadline is December 20, 2016 and the fee to apply is $35. There are location pay differentials. A guide to the exam is available on the State Civil Service Department website at www.goo.gl/ROqhT0.

There are several screenings and a background check. To apply, visit www.goo.gl/PgHIsHV and select the job in which you are interested, then click on “Apply Now.” The exam numbers are 26-213 and 26-214 (for Trainee Spanish Language).

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The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 11/28/16 through 12/04/16.

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The overall change year-to-date is -7.7%.

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We thank the individuals that are doing their part in keeping the District clean. Because of your efforts, the scorecard
rating for the month of November was 93.8 for streets and 95.3 for sidewalks. Your efforts are making the community cleaner and a better place to live. Our average for the last 5 months is 94.1 cleanliness rate.

We urge everyone to adhere to the Dept. of Sanitation’s residential enforcement routing times of 8 AM to 9 AM and 5 PM to 6 PM daily. The front of your property should be swept and free of debris 18 inches into the street. All sweepings must be bagged and disposed of properly. Thank you for your assistance in helping to keep our District clean.

The next 77th Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7 PM at St. Gregory’s Roman Catholic Church located at 991 St. John’s Place, Brooklyn.

The next 78th Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at 7 PM at the 78th Precinct located at 65 6th Avenue.

The next meeting of the Crown Heights North Association will be held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 6:45 PM at St. Gregory’s Roman Catholic Church located at 991 St. John’s Place. A presentation will be made on the history of Crown Heights as CHNA pushes for Phase IV of the historic district.

The next meeting of Community Board No. 8 will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7 PM at Union United Methodist Church located at 121 New York Avenue (corner of Bergen Street).

We wish the happiest of birthdays to Ms. Nizjoni Granville, Ms. Stacey Sheffey, and Ms. Irsa Weatherspoon.

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