NOVEMBER 2015

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Great news! The MTA is increasing subway service starting Spring 2016 on the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, A, C, E, J, M, N, and 42nd Street S subway lines. The proposed schedule changes represent service adjustment during rush-hour and off-peak periods on weekdays and Sundays to closely align the train lines with customer demands and established guidelines for subway operation. For more information, visit www.mta.info.

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EXTENDED POST OFFICE HOURS

To help with the hustle of the holidays, United States Post Offices will be open on Sundays! Starting November 22, 2015, Sunday hours will be from 10 AM to 2 PM throughout the holiday season.

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The scorecard rating for the month of October in District 8 was 89.5 for streets and 92.9 for sidewalks.

Remember to sweep in front of your property and also 18 inches into the street. All sweepings must be bagged and disposed of properly.

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The following is a summary of the year-to-date F.D.N.Y Emergency Statistics through October 2015.

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The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 10/26/15 through 11/01/15.

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The overall change year to date is -9.5%.
**SENIOR BENEFIT ASSISTANCE**

Great News! Every last Wednesday of the month from 10 AM to 4 PM the **Crown Heights Jewish Community Council (CHJCC)** will be in our office assisting seniors with completing the following applications: Food Stamps, Medicaid, Medicare Savings Program, Reduced Fare applications, Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE), Disabled Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE), and Senior Real Estate Tax Exemption.

Services will be available at the **Community Board 8 district office located at 1291 St. Marks Avenue (between Rochester and Buffalo Avenues), Brooklyn, NY.** You **MUST** call to schedule an appointment as walk-ins are not allowed.

This program is only available to seniors living in Crown Heights. To schedule an appointment, call Community Board 8 at 718-467-5574.

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**TEEN DIGITAL PLAYGROUND**

This fall, all New Yorkers from ages 14-24 are encouraged to create, collaborate, and innovate with the latest digital tools at TheHub! Whether it’s mastering audio production skills, taking a class on Microsoft Office, or learning the basics of photography, TheHub is the perfect space for teens to learn useful skills and express their creativity in the digital age.

For more information about TheHub, please visit [www.nyc.gov/parks/crc](http://www.nyc.gov/parks/crc) or email the.hub@parks.nyc.gov.

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**WEEKEND WALKS 2016**

Each year, the **NYC Dept. of Transportation (DOT)** partners with community groups to present Weekend Walks—multi-block neighborhood events on commercial streets temporarily closed to vehicles and opened to walking and other activities. These events take place year round in all five boroughs.

Business improvement districts (BIDs), cultural organizations, local merchants’ associations, and community groups host Weekend Walks as a fun way to highlight local businesses and neighborhood resources. They create wonderful opportunities for New Yorkers to gather, see their neighborhoods in a new way, and rediscover their community.

To learn more about Weekend Walks visit [www.nyc.gov/weekendendwalks](http://www.nyc.gov/weekendendwalks).

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**THE DOOR SERVICEWORKS**

Powered by AmeriCorps, the Citi Foundation, and Points of Light, ServiceWorks is an opportunity for youth to create service projects to change the community; learn key skills needed for academic and career success; develop a professional network; build a professional resume for college and employment; and receive mentoring and career guidance from professionals.

Enroll now! For additional information, contact Jessica George at 212-941-9090, ext. 3268 or [jgeorge@door.org](mailto:jgeorge@door.org).

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**NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS**

The Citizens Committee for New York City is offering grants of up to $3,000 to neighborhood groups, public school-based groups, and NYCHA tenants associations working to improve the quality of life across the city, including in your community. Neighborhood grants are an important resource for community groups, particularly in low-income areas. Groups supported carry out projects as varied as community gardening, visual and performing arts programming, composting, tenant organizing, and much more.

The application deadline is January 26, 2015. For a grant application and for more information, contact Tehmina at 212-822-9563 or email tbrohi@citizensnyc.org.

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**HOME REPAIR GRANTS FOR BROOKLYN RESIDENTS**

Do you live in a home, condo, or co-op? If so, you may be eligible for up to $20,000 in repair grants that are income restricted.

For an application and more information, visit www.nhsofeastflatbush.org or contact NHS of East Flatbush, 2806 Church Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226 or call 718-469-4679. Applications will be selected via lottery.

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**INCLUDE NYC**

People with disabilities need the same things as everyone else: education, health care, housing, work, family, friends, and opportunity. But help is often needed to meet these ordinary needs. INCLUDEnyc expresses the mission to help all young people be welcomed, empowered, and included, and to get the support they need to have a meaningful life.

INCLUDEnyc partners with local organizations and schools to provide information, workshops, resources, and one-to-one help for parents of children and young people with any disability, through age 26. For more information on INCLUDEnyc, visit www.INCLUDEnyc.org or call 212-677-4660 or text 646-693-3175 Monday thru Thursday from 9 AM to 3 PM.

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**8TH ANNUAL BREAKING THE BONDS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK**

You are invited to join Councilwoman Darlene Mealy in participating in the Jericho Road Inc. Domestic Violence Walk on Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 10 AM to 3 PM at Prospect Park, Park Circle Lawn (Prospect Park Southwest & Parkside Avenue). Registration begins at 8:30 AM or you can register at Eventbrite:-DomesticViolenceWalk.EventBrite.com.

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**LEAF CRUNCH AT BROWER PARK**

Love your neighborhood park? Support it by raking leaves this fall! Leaves collected will be composted locally and donated to local greening projects. Bring your friends and family!
Join Friends of Brower Park on Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 10 AM to 1 PM to help remove the leaves and perform a great community service! For more information, visit www.nyc.gov/parks.

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FREE DAFFODIL BULBS

Get free daffodil bulbs from the Prospect Heights Street Tree Task Force (courtesy of the NYC Parks Department). Bulbs will be handed out on a first come, first served basis on Saturday, November 14, 2015 (rain date November 15, 2015) from 10-11 AM or as long as bulbs are available outside of 286 St. John’s Place (between Plaza Street East and Underhill Avenue). Please bring your own bag. There’s only one condition: bulbs must be planted in public areas only, such as in street tree beds, or the planting beds in front of your building.

For additional information, email phstreettrees@gmail.com.

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BROOKLYN MUSEUM OF ART CHILDREN’S BOOK FAIR

On Saturday, November 14, 2015 from Noon to 4 PM at the Rubin Pavilion, meet your favorite Brooklyn authors and illustrators! On display will be storybooks, picture books, original art-coloring activity, and author readings.

The Brooklyn Museum of Art is located at 200 Eastern Parkway. For more information, call 718-638-5000 or visit www.brooklynmuseum.org.

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DISCOVER YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD: CROWN HEIGHTS NORTH WALKING TOUR

Join the Crown Heights North Association and the Historic Districts Council for a walking tour of the beautiful and historic neighborhood in the heart of Brooklyn—North Crown Heights. The tour will be led by architectural historian, CHNA Board member and Brownstoner blogger (pseudonym “Montrose Morris”), Suzanne Spellen.

The walking tour will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 11 AM to 1 PM. The tour will meet at Dean Street and Bedford Avenue in front of the Fort Green Grant Square Senior Center. The fee to join the tour is $10. For more information, visit www.crownheightsnorth.org.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FORUM

Councilwoman Darlene Mealy invites you to participate in a Domestic Violence Forum on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 from 5-6:30 PM. Sponsored by Brooklyn Defender Services, the event will be located at Christ Fellowship Baptist Church, 11 Sumpter Street, Brooklyn, NY (between Rochester and Patchen Avenues). The forum will discuss custody/visitation issues, supervised visitation, criminal court issues, orders of protection, victim advocacy, community services, and much more.

For more information, contact Councilwoman Mealy’s office at 718-953-3097.

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LINCOLN TERRACE PARK SCOPE MEETING

Lincoln Terrace Park is getting a new playground! Councilwoman Darlene Mealy recently allocated $3.1 million to Lincoln Terrace Park for a complete reconstruction of the playground. Come out and share your ideas with the Parks Department at a scope meeting on Monday, November 23, 2015 at 6 PM at PS 770, 60 E. 94th Street (between East New York Avenue and Rutland Road), Brooklyn, NY.

The scope meeting is the first step in the capital process after a project has been funded, providing the community with the opportunity for input in the design. At scope meetings, Parks staff, the designer, elected officials, residents, and community board representatives come together to share ideas about the project. The designer gathers ideas from everyone present and considers them when preparing the park’s design.

Please RSVP to Emily.sherrod@parks.nyc.gov or 718-965-6991. Track the progress of this project at http://www.nycgovparks.org/planning-and-building/capital-project-tracker.

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WORLD AIDS DAY 2015


The event will be held on Friday, December 4, 2015 at 5:30 PM at SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Health Science Education Building, 395 Lenox Road (between E. 34th Street and New York Avenue), Brooklyn, NY. There will also be a spoken word session.

For more information, contact Mr. Davin or Mr. DuBois at 718-270-3898.

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7TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND TREE LIGHTING

Councilwoman Darlene Mealy invites you to her 7th Annual Christmas Concert and Tree Lighting on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 from 6-8 PM at St. Matthews Church located at 1123 Eastern Parkway (between Utica and Schenectady Avenues).

To volunteer, please call 718-953-3097 or email alipkind@council.nyc.gov.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

City Exams

Traffic Enforcement Agent, Exam No. 6307, file through November 30th

Computer Associate (Software), Exam No. 6019, file through November 24th

Fire Protection Inspector, Exam No. 6021, file through November 24th

Correction Officer, Exam No. 6308, file through November 30th
**Environmental Police Officer.** Exam NO. 6300, fill through November 30th

**Police Communications Technician.** Exam No. 6310, file through November 30th

For further information on any of the exams or to file, visit [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs) and search for the specific exam number. Some exams have daily walk-in testing available.

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We wish the happiest of birthdays to Ms. Glinda Andrews, Ms. LeeAnn Banks, Ms. Julia Boyd, Ms. Gail Branch-Muhammad, Mr. Adem Bunkeddeko, Ms. Julia Neale, Ms. Audrey Taitt-Hall, and Mr. Gregory Todd.

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The next meeting of **Community Board No. 8** will be held on **Thursday, December 10, 2015** at 7 PM at Concern for Independent Living located at 151 Rochester Avenue (corner of St. Marks Avenue), Brooklyn, NY.

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