

ACROSS THE BOARD

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DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

I would like to wish everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

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Beware of the **Green Dot MoneyPak Card Scam**. If you are asked to make a payment of any kind using a Green Dot Pre-paid Money Card:

Disconnect from the person calling, texting or emailing you.

Green Dot MoneyPak Cards are being used by criminals to steal your money.

Green Dot MoneyPak cards were designed to help customers reload pre-paid debit cards with cash, to add cash to PayPal accounts and to make payments. They are available everywhere, and you can use them to pay your phone, cable, utility or credit card bills.

Scammers have used the cards to steal money from unsuspecting victims. The bad guys manipulate and trick people into handing over card numbers and PINs, which is all the crooks need to pull cash from Green Dot MoneyPak cards.

Scammers like them because they're more convenient than a money wire, but just as untraceable. So please be Careful and AWARE!

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THE NYPD URGES YOU TO PROTECT YOUR ELECTRONICS

Have you registered all of your new gadgets yet? During this holiday season, many of us received new electronic devices as gifts such as cell phones, laptops, tablets and gaming systems, etc. These are popular targets for burglars and robbers.

Help the NYPD get your valuables back to you if they are lost or stolen. Register your electronic devices with the NYPD Operation ID program.

Please call the 77th Precinct Crime Prevention Officer at 718-735-0658 or the 78th Precinct Crime Prevention Officer at 718-636-6433.

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## ***STOP JUNK MAIL***

New Yorkers receive more than 2 billion pieces of unwanted mail annually. By signing up to opt out of unwanted mail, you will eliminate mailbox clutter and reduce paper waste.

Reducing the amount of paper we use is a great way to protect the environment. It conserves precious resources like water, wood and fuel.

Sign up for FREE to opt out of receiving unwanted mail such as catalogs, credit card offers, phone books and more!

By opting out, you can eliminate mailbox clutter while helping make New York City greener and greater.

Visit the following link for more information:  
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/greenyc/html/campaign/campaign.shtml>

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TEMPORARY ROADWAY CHANGES

As part of construction related to the Pacific Park Brooklyn (formerly Atlantic Yards) project, the following temporary changes will be made to the roadway:

1. One block of Sixth Avenue between Atlantic Avenue and Pacific Street has been converted from two-way traffic to one-way northbound only and will remain for approximately six months. Sixth Avenue will remain two-way south of Pacific Street.
2. The southwest corner of Atlantic and Sixth Avenues will be closed to pedestrians.
3. The southeast corner of Atlantic and Sixth Avenues will be reopened to pedestrians.
4. At the intersection of Atlantic and Sixth Avenues both the west crosswalk (which crosses Atlantic Avenue) and the south crosswalk (which crosses Sixth Avenue) will be closed. Those

crossing Atlantic Avenue must use the east crosswalk which will be reopened. Those crossing Sixth Avenue must either use the crosswalk at Pacific Street or use the crosswalk at South Portland Avenue.

The north sidewalk on Pacific Street near Sixth Avenue will remain closed to pedestrian traffic for another six months. No further changes to bus stop locations or parking regulations are being made at this time. Adjustments of work zones and roadway striping on Atlantic and Sixth Avenues will occur both overnight and during daytime hours and are expected to take two days/nights to complete.

This work zone roadway configuration is expected to be in place for approximately four months.

Work will occur during daytime hours, however, occasional night work may be required.

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## ***29th ANNUAL BROOKLYN TRIBUTE TO DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.***

Join Brooklyn Academy of Music, Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams, and Medgar Evers College of The City University of New York for New York City's largest public celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on **January 19, 2015 at 10:30 am.**

This year's tribute features a host of events celebrating Dr. King's vision:

Dr. Cornel West will be the Keynote Speaker, Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams will be Master of Ceremonies and Musical Performances by Sandra St. Victor & Oya's Daughter / New York Fellowship Mass Choir.

There will also be a book signing, a free community film screening, and a free art exhibition.

Tickets will be distributed on a first come, first seated basis starting at 8am. This is a FREE event. For more information call, 718-636-4100.

***HOPE for the HOMELESS***

On **January 26, 2015**, starting at 10:30 p.m. the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) will conduct the Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE). DHS needs thousands of volunteers to canvass parks, subways, and other public spaces to count the number of people living unsheltered in the city. Just one night of your time will assist with the collection of vital information that is used by outreach teams to help homeless people leave the streets for a better life.

The information gathered by volunteers during HOPE 2015 is critical to the City’s ongoing efforts, but they need our help to make it possible. DHS needs more than 3,000 volunteers, who are 18 years-old or older, to give just one night of their time to help count the number of New Yorkers living on city streets. They will provide you with all the training you will need to conduct the survey on the night of HOPE plus a quick, convenient online orientation when you register to give you the basics.

Hope 2015 will take place from 10:30 pm – 4:00 am the following day. This is a late night event. If you register for the MTA training site, you will need to arrive at the training site by 9pm. Sign up to volunteer for HOPE 2015 today!

For more information or to register to volunteer go to <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dhs/> or call 311



***STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS***

US Congressman Hakeem Jeffries invites you to his State of the District address to be held on **Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.** at Long Island University (Paramount Theater) in Brooklyn.

During the speech, he will discuss the progress he has made in the community over the last year and outline issues related to jobs, the police-community relationship and affordable housing.

The event will also feature musical and artistic performances from local residents. A reception will be held upon conclusion of the speech.

For more information, contact the district office at 718-237-2211.



***EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT  
AWARENESS DAY!***

On **Saturday, January 31, 2015** the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs will be hosting the first ever Phone-A-Thon to let our friends and neighbors know about refundable tax credits.

Hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers are missing out on anywhere from \$2,000 to \$10,000 in tax credits, like the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Care Tax Credit. About 25% of eligible working families fail to claim their money – money families need to help pay for daily necessities – because many people don’t know about these programs.

Our fellow New Yorkers need information on how to get these credits and how to get *free* tax preparation and financial counseling to make the most of their refund – and YOU can help make it happen.

The Brooklyn location is at NYC FDNY, 9 Metrotech Center, Auditorium. Your TWO (2) hours will help a family make ends meet.

Time Slots Available:

- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information visit:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dca/html/contact/TaxCreditCampaignVolunteerRegistration.shtml>



***AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOTTERY  
SEMINAR***

MHANY Management, Inc., will be hosting a seminar to educate residents of Brooklyn about the City's affordable housing lottery process. This seminar will help maximize constituents' opportunity to be selected for City-sponsored affordable housing lotteries by offering essential knowledge and valuable tips.

The seminar will be held on **Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 6:30 pm** at Bethany United Methodist Church, 1208 St. Johns Place, Brooklyn, NY 11213 between Albany & Troy Avenues.

For additional information at 718-246-8080 ext. 219 and 203.



***NYC COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY  
FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR FY 2016***

Is your organization in need of funding? If so, apply for discretionary funds from your local Council member. Each year the New York City Council has discretionary funds to allocate to organizations.

**Applications must be submitted from January 5, 2015 through February 20, 2015.** Please be advised that no late applications will be accepted.

This application must be completed by an officer or employee of the organization that is applying for discretionary funding. All requests for funding must be legible, well organized, complete and accurate. Keep a copy of the completed application for your records before it is submitted.

For an application visit:  
<http://council.nyc.gov/html/budget/application.shtml>



***EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES***

Exam Monitors Needed!

New York City's Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS), Bureau of Exams is currently seeking residents of New York City who are interested in serving as Exam monitors during the administration of large Civil Service Exams on the weekends in NY City high schools and at DCAS test sites.

The pay rates are currently up to \$9.75 per hour, and the administration of tests may be from 6 to 18 hrs per day.

As these are room proctoring positions, the primary duties include:

- Distributing and collecting test materials, test supplies and test booklets
- Sequencing and organizing test materials
- Fingerprinting test candidates
- Maintaining vigilance over test candidates
- Following/reading test related instructions

Apply excellent customer service communications skills in a reserved test environment.

Age: 17 and up. Registration periods are at 1 & 2:30PM Tuesdays at 1 Centre Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 1448, New York City, NY please bring your original Social Security Card, valid photo ID and a pen.

### Outreach Worker Supervisor

**Save Our Streets** is seeking an *Outreach Worker Supervisor* to oversee the Crown Heights street outreach team. The street team has first-hand knowledge of street life and gang life and live in or near the program target area. Members of the program's outreach team use their credibility, influence and street relationships to detect brewing conflicts and de-escalate and mediate them before they erupt in violence. The Outreach Worker Supervisor will coordinate a team of 7 full-time and part-time staff. Check out the job description and instructions on how to apply here:

<http://www.courtinnovation.org/employment/outreach-worker-supervisor>

### District Manager

Community Board 15 is seeking a District Manager. CB 15 represents the areas of Sheepshead Bay, Kings Highway, Gravesend, Gerritsen Beach and Manhattan Beach. Send resumes to Community Board 15, Kingsboro Community College, 2001 Oriental Blvd, Room C124, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11235, by fax 718-648-7232 or email: [bk15@verizon.net](mailto:bk15@verizon.net). No phone calls please. Visit our website for the full job description: [www.brooklyncb8.org](http://www.brooklyncb8.org). The **deadline** to apply is **February 8, 2015**.

### Parks Supervisors I and II and Regional Maintenance Supervisors

The State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation is seeking to hire Parks Supervisors I and II and Regional Maintenance Supervisors. The application fee is \$25 for Park Supervisor I and \$35 for the other two posts. To apply, go to the State Department of Civil Service website at <http://goo.gl/MJJ7dp> and select the job in which you are interested. The **deadline** to apply is **January 14, 2015**.

### **GRANTS and INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE**

**Crayola**, in collaboration with the National Association of Elementary School Principals, is accepting applications for the 2015 Creative Leadership Grant program.

The program will award up to twenty grants of \$2,500 each for creative leadership team-building programs within elementary schools. In addition, each program will receive an in-kind grant of Crayola products valued at \$1,000.

Applications will only be accepted from principals who are members of NAESP. Principals whose schools received a Creative Leadership grant in 2014 are not eligible to apply for a 2015-16 grant.

For complete program guidelines and application instructions, see the Crayola website at <http://www.crayola.com/for-educators/ccac-landing/grant-program.aspx>.

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The **American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE)** is offering paid internships.

State and Local Policy Internship - The intern will support ACEEE's utilities, State and Local Policy Program providing assistance for energy efficiency policy research.

Federal Policy Program - This part-time paid spring and summer intern will perform research and program tasks supporting ACEEE's work on federal energy efficiency policy.

For more information, please visit www.aceee.org.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR
Ms. NIZJONI GRANVILLE

I urge you to get involved in the community by participating on a committee or by applying to become an active Community Board member. Active Community Board members make important decisions concerning City budget priorities, land use and delivery of city services, all of which ensures that the neighborhood receives the economic, social, and safety necessities to thrive. Applications for membership on the Board are currently being accepted with a deadline for submission of **Friday, February 6, 2015**. To apply, please visit Borough President's Adams' website at www.brooklyn-usa.org or by calling your local City Council representative.

I encourage you to join one of Community Board 8's 12 committees. A list of our committees can be obtained on our website, www.brooklyncb8.org.

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The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 12/29/14 through 1/04/15.

|                  | Year-to-Date |      |
|------------------|--------------|------|
|                  | 2015         | 2014 |
| Murder           | 0            | 0    |
| Rape             | 1            | 1    |
| Robbery          | 6            | 1    |
| Felony Assault   | 2            | 3    |
| Burglary         | 3            | 1    |
| Grand Larceny    | 5            | 2    |
| Gr. Larceny Auto | 1            | 3    |

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The following is a summary of the year-to-date F.D.N.Y Emergency Statistics through December 2014.

	Month	YTD
Structural Fires	31	393
Non-Structural	5	208
Total Fires	36	601
Suspicious Fires	2	28

Non-Medical Emergencies	212	2905
Medical Emergencies	256	3085
Total Incidents	516	6786

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We urge everyone to adhere to the **Dept. of Sanitation's routing times of 8 AM to 9 AM and Noon to 1 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. This will help increase our scorecard rating, which for the month of December was **91.9 for streets and 81.4 for sidewalks**.

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The next **77th Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Monday, January 12, 2015** at 7:30 PM at the 77th Precinct located at 127 Utica Avenue.

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The next **78<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 27, 2015** at 7:30 PM at the 78<sup>th</sup> Precinct located at 65 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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The next meeting of **Community Board No. 8** will be held on **Thursday, February 12, 2015** at 7 PM at Weeksville Heritage Center located at 158 Buffalo Avenue (corner of St. Marks Avenue), Brooklyn.

We would like to **wish the happiest of birthdays** to Adelaide Miller and Greg Yerman.

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