

# ACROSS THE BOARD

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### *District Manager's Report*

The following is a summary of the year-to-date F.D.N.Y Emergency Statistics through January 2020.

### *Municipal Services Update*

The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 01/27/2020 through 02/02/2020.

	Year-to-Date		
	2020	2019	%Chg
Murder	0	2	-100
Rape	3	1	200
Robbery	15	15	0
Felony Assault	32	19	68.4
Burglary	11	12	-8.3
Grand Larceny	31	32	-3.1
GL Auto	7	5	40

The overall change year-to-date is **15.12%**.

The Department of Sanitation cleanliness rating of our streets, better known as the "scorecard" rating, was **95.2 for clean streets and 95.2% for sidewalks** for the month of January.

We continue to urge everyone to adhere to the Dept. of Sanitation's residential enforcement routing times of 8 AM to 9 AM and 6 PM to 7 PM daily. Please clean in front of your properties and 18 inches into the gutter area of the street. All sweepings must be bagged and disposed of properly. Thank you for your assistance in helping to keep the District clean.

	Month	YTD
Structural Fires	30	30
Non-Structural	17	17
Total Fires	47	47
Suspicious Fires	3	3
Non-Medical Emergencies	205	205
Medical Emergencies	332	332
Total Incidents	600	600

### **IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION**

#### *Party Affiliation Change*

The Presidential Primary Election will be held on **Tuesday, April 28, 2020**.

The last day to change your voter party affiliation for voting is **February 14, 2020** if you want to participate in the 2020 primary. You can register to vote online, in-person, or by mail. To vote in any party's 2020 primary, you must be registered in that party by February 14<sup>th</sup> (as in, your application must be *received* by the 14<sup>th</sup>, not postmarked). Check your registration status at the Board of Election's website and that you're registered in a party you want to vote for during the primary. Visit <https://vote.nyc> for more voter

information, upcoming elections, special elections, and yes, even to register to vote.



***CHANGES ARE COMING TO  
NEW YORK CITY***

Starting March 1, 2020, single use plastic bags will be banned in New York State with few exceptions. Paper bags can be purchased for 5 cents in New York City, or 10 cents to 25 cents in the rest of the state.

New Yorkers can receive a free reusable bag by taking the Zero Waste Pledge or attending a reusable bag giveaway event. Upcoming events are listed below, and more are listed on Sanitation's events listing at [www.nyc.gov/bags](http://www.nyc.gov/bags). Bringing your own reusable bag(s) will not only save money, but the planet in the long run. Please attend an event to obtain a bag, contact the CB 8 office, or contact your local house of worship or CBO for a bag.



***CENSUS 2020: GET BROOKLYN COUNTED!***

Census 2020 is just around the corner. It is important to remember that census data directly **affects how the federal government allocates more than \$675 billion every year to communities for programs and services.** Your response matters to help get the necessary services needed in Brooklyn, in New York City, in New York State. Health clinics. Fire departments. Schools. Roads and highways. Education. The census shapes many different aspects of our community. Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year. The results also determine how many seats in Congress each state gets.

Afraid that your response might put you in legal trouble? Your privacy matters. Every census employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life. When you respond to the

census, your answers are kept anonymous. They are used only to produce statistics. The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. The law ensures that your private information is never published and that your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

Still not convinced? Your help matters. Getting a complete and accurate count in 2020 requires everyone's help. There are many ways for individuals, businesses, community organizations, and others to play a part. Think about this statistic: Census data controls funding for Title 1, special education, school lunches, after school programs, Head Start, and more. A kindergartener not counted in the 2020 Census this spring will be in high school when the next census begins in 2030. Some children were missed in the 2010 Census. Uncounted children can result in missed resources for ten years. School lunch programs are based on the perceived number of students in need. Those children that were not counted still require resources, and it is our responsibility to ensure that as many resources are received as possible.

Census 2020 is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census. Earn extra income while helping your community. For more information and to apply, visit <https://2020census.gov>.



***ID NYC MOBILE COMMAND***

ID NYC will have a mobile command center at Bergen House located at 1173 Bergen Street on **Wednesday, February 19, 2020** from 10 AM to 4:30 PM to enroll residents of the shelter as well as community residents into IDNYC program, which issues identification cards to NYC residents regardless of citizenship status. You can obtain a new card if you do not have one currently or renew your expiring/ expired card.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Betsy Munoz at (929) 221-7608 or (917) 618-2539.

## ***WOMEN'S HEART HEALTH***

Do you know what causes cardiovascular disease in women? What about the survival rate? Or whether women of all ethnicities share the same risk? The unfortunate fact is that **cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer of women**, causing 1 in 3 deaths each year. Unfortunately, most women do not realize just how common heart disease is for them, and neither does the health industry, which still touts heart disease as a predominately male illness.

Heart disease does not affect all women alike, and the warning signs for women aren't the same in men. There are several misconceptions about heart disease in women, and they could be putting you at risk. The American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement advocates for more research and swifter action for women's heart health for this very reason. Fortunately, by learning their unique heart disease symptoms, women can begin to reduce their risks.

### **Heart attack symptoms for women**

The most common heart attack symptom in women is the same as in men – some type of chest pain, pressure or discomfort that lasts more than a few minutes or comes and goes. But chest pain is not always severe or even the most noticeable symptom, particularly in women. **Women often describe it as pressure or tightness.** And, it's possible to have a heart attack without chest pain.

Women are more likely than men to have heart attack symptoms unrelated to chest pain, such as:

- Neck, jaw, shoulder, upper back or abdominal discomfort
- Shortness of breath
- Pain in one or both arms
- Nausea or vomiting
- Sweating
- Lightheadedness or dizziness
- Unusual fatigue
- Indigestion

These symptoms may be vague and not as noticeable as the crushing chest pain often associated with heart attacks as depicted as what many men experience. This might be because women tend to have blockages not only in their main arteries but also in the smaller ones that supply blood to the heart — a condition called small vessel heart disease or coronary microvascular disease.

Additionally, women tend to have symptoms more often when resting, or even when asleep, than they do in men. Emotional stress can play a role in triggering heart attack symptoms in women. Because women don't always recognize their symptoms as those of a heart attack, they tend to show up in emergency rooms after heart damage has occurred. Also, because their symptoms often differ from men's, women might be diagnosed less often with heart disease than men are.

If you have symptoms of a heart attack or think you're having one, call for emergency medical help immediately.

### **Heart disease risk factors for women**

Several traditional risk factors for coronary artery disease (such as high cholesterol, high blood pressure and obesity) affect both women and men. But other factors can play a bigger role in the development of heart disease in women. Some of these include:

- **Diabetes.** Women with diabetes are more likely to develop heart disease than are men with diabetes. Also, because diabetes can change the way you feel pain, you're at greater risk of having a silent heart attack — without symptoms.
- **Mental stress and depression.** Stress and depression affect women's hearts more than men's. Depression makes it difficult to maintain a healthy lifestyle and follow recommended treatment.
- **Smoking.** Smoking is a greater risk factor for heart disease in women than it is in men.

- Secondhand smoke exposure. Secondhand smoke causes the exact same issues as being the primary smoker.
- Inactivity. A lack of physical activity is a major risk factor for heart disease. Some research has found women to be less active than men.
- Menopause. Low levels of estrogen after menopause pose a significant risk of developing disease in smaller blood vessels.
- Pregnancy complications. High blood pressure or diabetes during pregnancy can increase the mother's long-term risk of high blood pressure and diabetes. The conditions also make women more likely to get heart disease.
- Family history of early heart disease. This appears to be a greater risk factor in women than in men.
- Inflammatory diseases. Rheumatoid arthritis, lupus and others can increase the risk of heart disease in both men and women.

More research is needed; more women need to come forward and take charge of their health care as well. To learn more, please do your research.

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***THE TRUTH ABOUT STRESS***

Believe it or not, sometimes stress can be good for you as it is a natural reaction. When you feel stressed, signals are firing to your hormones to help speed up your heart and breathing rate. Even before your mind kicks in, your body is preparing to handle the situation ahead. You may find that stress shows up when you need it most - while speaking in public or playing sports.

On the other hand, when stress lingers for too long, it can become unhealthy. A stressor that starts at work, if not managed in that environment, can sometimes follow one home. Over time, this unhealthy habit can have a more serious effect on our health. In some cases, sweaty palms and

butterflies can quickly escalate to insomnia, anxiety, or depression.

Being aware of individual stressors and developing coping techniques to manage them takes time and practice. Small changes in diet and exercise routines can make a big difference. Taking time for ourselves and for others can give each of us an important perspective on what really matters.

If you feel stressed, healthcare experts advise taking a moment to steady your breathing, giving yourself a treat you can immediately feel such as going for a walk to soothe yourself, learn pressure point relaxation, learn to perform Reiki on yourself, listen to an inspirational song—treats do not always have to cost money. The key to resolving stress is to figure out what helps *you* as we are all different. To learn more, visit <https://www.webmd.com/balance/stress-management/stress-management>.

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***ASSEMBLYMAN WALTER MOSLEY'S STATE OF THE DISTRICT 2020***

NYS Assemblyman Walter Mosley invites you to attend his State of the 57<sup>th</sup> Assembly District on **Thursday, February 20, 2020 from 6-8 PM** at St. Joseph's College located at 245 Clinton Avenue. Please RSVP to [daviselliotg@nyassembly.gov](mailto:daviselliotg@nyassembly.gov) or call 718-596-0100. The event is free and open to the public.

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***SENATOR ZELNOR MYRIE'S STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS***

**Senator Zellnor Myrie's first State of the District Address will be held on Sunday, February 23, 2020 from 2:00 - 5:00 PM** at the Brooklyn Library Central Branch! Hear about the progress Senator Myrie has made so far and his agenda for the work ahead. There will be food, performances, an opportunity to take a picture with Senator Myrie, and more!

Volunteers are needed to assist to help guide attendees, set up and break down the event. Senator Myrie is also looking for a photographer/videographer. To sign up to volunteer or to RSVP, call 718-284-4700.



**CONGRESSMAN HAKEEN JEFFRIES  
STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS**

US Congressman Hakeem Jeffries of the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District invites you to attend his State of the District Address on **Monday, February 24, 2020 at 6:30 PM** at Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus, Athletic Center Gymnasium, 161 Ashland Place, Downtown Brooklyn. Please RSVP at [Jeffries.house.gov](http://Jeffries.house.gov) or call 718-237-2211.



**INCREASE YOUR NET WORTH**

Recently, Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation in partnership with Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, kicked off #BrooklynSaves, a borough-wide, free initiative to help residents in the borough begin a savings plan and increase their net worth. The campaign is a savings-matching program for individuals and their families, part of Restoration’s commitment to closing the racial wealth gap in Central Brooklyn and beyond.

Early participants in the free program will have an opportunity to earn a savings incentive of up to \$60 through EARN’s SaverLife product, a financial inclusion tool which matches savings of \$20 with \$10 for up to six months. EARN is a national nonprofit that helps working families achieve prosperity through savings. They hope to enroll at least 1,000 people in Brooklyn alone.

The goal is to get every participant low- and middle income to accrue at least \$400 in savings or up to two months of living expenses in the bank. A financial counselor also will be assigned

to each participant in helping them consolidate their bills, reduce their debt, increase their FICO score and build emergency saving.

Brooklyn residents interested in building a savings habit and closing the racial wealth gap can enroll for one-on-one free financial coaching by visiting

<https://partner.saverlife.org/brooklyn saves>. In addition to the savings match, savers will also have access to peer learning opportunities, webinars/seminars on important financial health topics, and a dedicated financial coaching team.



**FREE TAX PREP!**

Senator Zellnor Myrie is hosting low-income tax prep sessions in his office through April! Grow Brooklyn's low-income tax prep assistance is available in his office every Monday and Thursday from 2:00 - 8:00 PM. Make an appointment by calling (347) 682-5606.

Additionally, the NYC Dept. of Consumer Affairs encourages New Yorkers who earned \$64,000 or less to file for free using NYC Free Tax Prep. The NYC Free Tax Prep program will have more than 150 NYC Free Tax Prep sites throughout the five boroughs, where IRS certified VITA/TCE volunteer preparers can prepare returns for filers or assist filers in preparing their own returns online. Details are at [www.nyc.gov/taxprep](http://www.nyc.gov/taxprep).



**BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS**

The Eddie Allen Aggregation 16-piece ensemble Jazz Vespers, will perform “Before, During, and Now: The African-American Journey in the United States” on Sunday, February 16, 2020 from 4-5:30 PM at Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church located at 85 South Oxford Street, Brooklyn. For more information call (718) 625-7515.



**Bethany Baptist Church** located at 460 Marcus Garvey Blvd, Brooklyn, is hosting their Black History Celebration, **“Honoring the Past; Inspiring the Future”** every Wednesday at 7 PM. Upcoming events include “Tress Talk with Gerde: The Intersectionality of Hair”; “Health and Faith: Rev. Gerde Rene Gordon;” and “The Beauty Boutique, Inc.” Additionally, Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> is Africa Day Sunday at 10:45 AM.

For more information, call 718-455-8400.

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On **Wednesday, February 26, 2020**, Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams will host his annual **Black History Month** event, "Black History's Next Chapter." The event, co-sponsored by MetroPlus, JPMorgan Chase, and NYC & Company Foundation, will feature a keynote speech from Asha Boston, founder and president of The Dinner Table, a non-profit that provides college and career readiness workshops and programming for middle school and high school aged women of color, as well as incoming college freshmen.

The program will be held from 6-9 PM at Brooklyn Borough Hall located at 209 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn. Call 718-802-3700 for more information.

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The **5<sup>th</sup> Annual EBC Honors** will be held on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM and will salute members of Emmanuel Baptist Church and communities in the categories of Advancement of Women, Impact, Trailblazers, and the Jocelyn Mann Youth Award. The Sacred Ministry presented event will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church located at 279 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn. For more information, call 718-622-1107.

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## ***HOUSING RESOURCE WORKSHOP***

The Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association will be hosting a free Housing Resource Workshop on **Saturday, February 22 from 9AM - 12PM** at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn. Learn about renting, buying, keeping, and maintaining your home! RSVP by calling Elizabeth or Bukky at 718-773-4116.

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## ***HELPFUL SERVICES FROM ASSEMBLYWOMAN DIANA RICHARDSON***

**Assemblywoman Diana Richardson** in collaboration with Neighborhood Housing Services of Brooklyn (NHS) is offering Tenant Support on **Wednesdays from 10:30 AM to 2 PM**. NHS offers the following resources: landlord and tenant resources; anti-eviction assistance; senior housing; rent arrears and rent subsidies referrals; affordable housing; housing lottery education; and much more.

NHS Brooklyn offers a comprehensive array of services for homeowners, homebuyers, and tenants, including first-time homebuyer education, financial coaching, home repair assistance, home insurance counseling, landlord training, foreclosure intervention, and tenant support services. Most of these services are free to the public.

Labor Services are also being offered at the Assemblywoman’s office on **Thursdays from 10 AM to 4 PM**. Unemployment concerns, training, job seekers, and compliance appointments can be scheduled. Appointments are necessary.

Assemblywoman Richardson is also pleased to offer a Health Insurance Navigator Program on Mondays from 11 AM to 5 PM. Navigator Programs help to simplify the complicated world of selecting the health insurance plan that is right for you and your family. Individuals can qualify for insurance during this special enrollment period due to loss of health insurance (for reasons other than non-payment of premium), divorce or legal separation, birth or adoption of a child or

placement of a child in foster care, and marriage or domestic partnership. Small businesses can apply at any time.

For more information on the Navigator Program or to schedule an appointment, call 718-875-9300. All services are held at Assemblywoman Richardson's office located at 330 Empire Blvd, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Brooklyn. Please call 718-771-3105 to schedule an appointment for free legal or tenant services, or to get additional information.

Also, please consider attending Assemblywoman Richardson's **Civic Minded meetings**. The next one will be held on **Saturday, February 22, 2020** from 2-4 PM at 400 Empire Blvd, Brooklyn.

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### ***IMPACCT BROOKLYN***

Do you or someone you know need help with a landlord issue? Stop by IMPACCT Brooklyn at 1124 Fulton Street and talk to their staff! **February 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 3 PM and February 24<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 5 PM.**

Need legal advice? Come to their **Legal Clinic on Thursday, February 20, 2020** from 6-8 PM. You must make an appointment and arrive on time. Services are offered at 1124 Fulton Street from 6 to 8 PM. No entry after 6:45 PM.

Bring any documents you have that would help them understand your situation. This can include letters, notices, rent invoices, a log of phone calls, photos, etc. Call 347-482-0565 or email [Gina.Aracena@impacctbk.org](mailto:Gina.Aracena@impacctbk.org) to schedule an appointment or if you have any questions. Other IMPACCT events:

**Rent Laws & Foreclosure Intervention Workshop**  
**Tuesday, February 18, 6:00 PM to 7:45 PM**  
**Crown Heights Library, 560 New York Avenue**  
Learn about new affordable, fair housing laws & tools to protect your rights! Come learn about all the new rights NYC tenants have now, as well as rent stabilization laws, vacancy decontrol, new

leasing and eviction procedures, caps on rent decreases, and information on security deposits. PLUS: Free foreclosure counseling, free mortgage analysis, and other foreclosure intervention services!

**Post-Purchase Workshop**  
**Wednesday, February 19, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**  
**1000 Dean Street, Suite 420**

Do you or your family own your house, co-op, or condo? Protect your biggest investment! Buying and owning your home is just the first step — maintaining it can be a whole new challenge. Learn everything you need to know about what it takes to best maintain your property and be a savvy homeowner at our Post Purchase workshop!

**Displacement In Your Community**  
**Wednesday, February 26, 6:00 to 7:45 PM**  
**The Bedford Library, 496 Franklin Avenue**  
Let's discuss displacement! Join IMPACCT Brooklyn to discuss displacement trends in our communities, as well as housing laws and tools that can help you keep your home!

**Financial Capabilities Workshop**  
**Saturday, March 14, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM**  
**1000 Dean Street, Suite 420**  
Poor credit or bad financial planning is a roadblock for many people. IMPACCT's experts can help you correct and maintain good credit so you can secure the housing or financial freedom you deserve. It is important to ensure that credit scores meet the standard qualifications for approval, and our workshop can be the first step in that direction.

For more information or to register for any of the events, contact IMPACCT Brooklyn at (718) 522-2613.

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### ***BOOK GIVEAWAY***

Uncommon Schools is pleased to present their "Knowledge is Power Book Giveaway" on **Wednesday, February 26, 2020 from 5-7 PM** at Weeksville Heritage Center located at 158

Buffalo Avenue. Free books, treats, music, and fun! For more information, visit [www.uncommonschools.org/enrollnyc](http://www.uncommonschools.org/enrollnyc) or call 718-363-5024.

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### ***PRE-K FOR ALL INFORMATION SESSION***

If you are the parent or guardian of a child born in 2016, Pre-K for all offers free, full day, high quality education to four-year old children in New York City. All NYC families with children born in 2016 can apply to Pre-K for All until March 16, 2020.

An information session will be held on **Saturday, March 15, 2020** from 10 AM to Noon at Macon Library located at 361 Lewis Avenue (at Macon Street), Brooklyn. The deadline to apply for Pre-K for all is **March 16, 2020**. For more information, contact Aimee Rosario at [ARosario@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ARosario@schools.nyc.gov) or by phone at 212-637-8018.

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### ***37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY FAIR***

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc, Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter, in partnership with the Family Dynamics Beacon Program, invites all high school juniors and seniors to the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Historically Black College and University Fair on **Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 11 AM to 4 PM** at MS 35, Stephen Decatur School, 272 MacDonough Street, Brooklyn.

Get Scholarships and Financial Aid Information, meet with HBCU representatives, listen to the panel about the HBCU experience, prepare for college, and step show! Visit [www.brooklynalumnaedst.org](http://www.brooklynalumnaedst.org) for more information.

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### ***CENSUS FAMILY DAY WITH MAJORITY LEADER LAURIE CUMBO***

NYC Council Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo is pleased to present, “Count me In Census Family Day” at the Brooklyn Children’s Museum on **Sunday, March 1, 2020 from 2-5 PM**. 10 questions in 10 minutes that will impact the next 10 years! For more information, contact the Majority Leader’s office at 718-260-9191.

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### ***IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS KNOW YOUR RIGHTS FORUM***

In conjunction with Legal Hand, the Mayor’s office of Immigrant Affairs presents a Know Your Rights Forum, where you can learn about immigrants’ rights, along with various services that are available to the community. The forum will be held on **Monday, March 2, 2020 from 6 to 7 PM** at Legal Hand Crown Heights, 250 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn. For more information, call Hannah Marolin at 718-619-4248.

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### ***SCHOLARSHIP AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES***

#### ***Albert Wiltshire Employment Center***

The **Albert C. Wiltshire Employment Center** recruits qualified candidates for positions with the Brooklyn Navy Yard, a 3000-acre industrial park. Applicants are encouraged to send an email indicating their interests with their resume if applicable to [recruit@bnydc.org](mailto:recruit@bnydc.org) with the position of interest in the subject line. Current opportunities include CNC Operator (drilling, grinding, milling), Fabricator, Estimator (costs), Plumber, Project Manager, Development and Communications Coordinator, IT Dispatcher and Operations Coordinator, Driver, Carpenter, and Jewelry Maintenance/Repairs/and Operations.

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## AABE

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 in energy related fields. Candidates for an AABE scholarship must have an overall “B” unweighted academic average (3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale); be a graduating high school senior who has applied to one or more accredited colleges/universities, and plan to major in business or one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering or mathematics fields in preparation for a career in the energy sector; and be a member of one of a class or group of individuals who has been historically underrepresented in those areas.

The scholarship application can be accessed by going to the AABE National Website, [www.AABE.org](http://www.AABE.org), select the tab for Scholarships, and follow the prompts to complete the scholarship applications. **The deadline for completing the application is March 15, 2020.**

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## OSHA Training

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams hosts **OSHA Training Workshops every Tuesday and Thursday from now through February 27, 2020** from 6-9 PM at Brooklyn Borough Hall located at 209 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn. RSVP to [www.Brooklyn-usa.org/getcertified](http://www.Brooklyn-usa.org/getcertified).

Get your Associate's Degree for free at the Library with Bard's new MicroCollege! Bard College and the Brooklyn Public Library are launching a college degree program that will bring high-quality liberal arts education to Brooklynites who have previously been excluded or deterred from higher education. There is no cost to students. For more info or to apply, visit <https://microcollege.bard.edu/>.

## HOPE Program

The HOPE Program empowers New Yorkers to build sustainable futures through comprehensive training, jobs, advancement and lifelong career support. They are currently accepting referrals and applications for our upcoming HOPEworks class that begins on February 18, 2020. HOPE is free for participants.

**Apply by February 14<sup>th</sup>** for the 5-week training for individuals interested in various career pathways, including maintenance, administrative, animal care, retail, food industry, and customer service Employment Placement for full-time and part-time positions. Students earn OSHA-10 certification. If interested in food industry, may be able to obtain Food Handlers Certificate.

Free breakfast, lunch, and Metrocard scholarships are available. Program Requirements for HOPEworks are that all applicants must be 18 years or older and legally eligible to work in the US, attend the full-time program, which is from Monday through Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. No diploma or HSE/GED required.

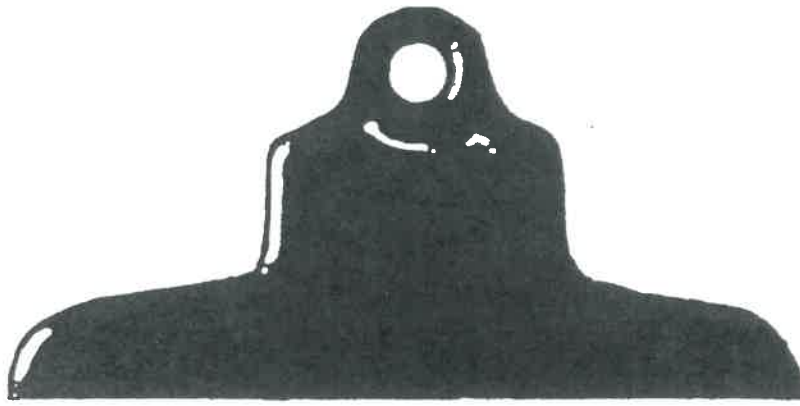
All interested candidates must attend an information session at 1 Smith Street, 4th Floor, Brooklyn NY 11201 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. Information Sessions begin at 8:50 AM sharp. Spots fill up quickly! You do not need to contact us prior to the information sessions. All candidates are welcome to walk in on the days indicated.

For more information, call 718-852-9307. If you need further assistance, please email [sdumanli@thehopeprogram.org](mailto:sdumanli@thehopeprogram.org)

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## Creative Writing

**Penguin Random House Creative Writing Awards** in partnership with **We Need Diverse Books** is looking for high school seniors to submit original poetry, memoir/personal essay, fiction/drama, and spoken-word compositions. Applications are due March 2, 2020 at 3PM CT or



when 900 applications have been received. More info

<https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/penguinrandomhouse/>.

### ***Ladders for Leaders***

The NYC DYCD Ladders for Leaders program is currently accepting applications for their 2020 summer internship program. NYC youth residents between 16-21 years of age who are enrolled in high school or college with at least a minimum GPA of 3.00 are encouraged to apply. Applicants must have prior work or volunteer experience and must be legally allowed to work in NYC. More info/application

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dycd/services/jobs-internships/about-nyc-ladders-for-leaders.page>.

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The next **78<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, February 25, 2020** at the 78<sup>th</sup> Precinct located at 65 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brooklyn at 7:30 PM.

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The next **77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Monday, March 9, 2020** at **7:30 PM** at a location to be determined. Please contact Community Affairs at 718-735-0634 to confirm the location.

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The next **Community Board 8 general meeting** will be held on **Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 7 PM** at St. Teresa of Avila RC Church located at 563 Sterling Place (between St. Marks Avenue and Bergen Street), Brooklyn.

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We wish the happiest of birthdays to Community Board members **Mr. Fred Frazier, Mr. Robert Puca, and Mr. Yves Vilus**, who will celebrate a birthday in the month of February.

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