

ACROSS THE BOARD

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A Message from the District Manager

**HEALTH FAIR
"THE POWER IS IN YOUR HANDS"**

Brooklyn Community Board 8's Health and Parks Committees are pleased to announce their second Annual Health Fair, "The Power is in Your Hands." The health fair will be held on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 11 AM to 4 PM at Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn.

The NY Memory Center will be present and there will be discussions on a myriad of topics including breast and ovarian cancer awareness, mental health awareness, home health care, and wills and trusts. Acupuncture and massage therapy demonstrations will be available and much, much more!

Send all email inquiries to BCB8healthfair@gmail.com or call Community Board 8 at 718-467-5574.

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**CENTRAL BROOKLYN ARTS & CULTURE  
WEEKEND**

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams in partnership with Senator Jesse

Hamilton, Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo, and District Leaders Geoffrey Davis and Shirley Patterson, presents Central Brooklyn Arts and Culture Weekend on Sunday, **June 11, 2017 from 11 AM to 3 PM**. The event will be held on Eastern Parkway between Flatbush and Washington Avenues. There will be a children's village, live entertainment, and giveaways. Honoring Brooklyn's own "Fabolous" and Jean-Michel Basquiat.

Come out and stop by the Community Board 8 table!

For more information, contact the Borough President's office at 718-802-3700.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE NYPD

The NYPD Crime Prevention Unit urges all residents to close and lock your doors and windows, even if you are leaving for just a few minutes. Perpetrators are gaining entry by forcing locked doors, usually due to inadequate locks. They also gain entry through front doors left ajar or unsecured. Fire escape windows are also an easy entry point, especially when left unlocked and positioned in the rear of the building or a location not easily seen by passersby or neighbors.

Protect your belongings by joining Operation ID, the free property registration program offered by the NYPD. Call your local precinct's crime prevention unit to join or for more information.

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### ***CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!***

Ever wonder what the different colored markings on the ground mean? The Uniform Color Code is used to indicate where utility lines are located before excavation. If markings are present, learn the colors to know what they mean. If you need to do excavation work, call New York's 811 hotline at least a few days before you start any digging project. Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling 811 before each job.

Uniform color codes:

**White:** Proposed excavation

**Pink:** Temporary Survey Markings

**Red:** Electric power lines, cables, conduits, and lighting cables

**Yellow:** Gas, oil, steam, petroleum, and gaseous material

**Orange:** Communications, alarm, signal lines, cables or conduit

**Blue:** Potable water

**Purple:** Reclaimed water, irrigation and slurry lines, radioactive material

**Green:** Sewers and drain lines

Think before you dig! Find out what is under your ground. Make sure to call 811; it may save you thousands in repair costs.

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DONATE LIFE

Give the gift of life! Become an organ, eye, and tissue donor upon your death by enrolling in the New York State Donate Life Registry. Sign the box on the back of your license or state issued identification card or mark the box on your renewal form to have it imprinted on the new card. Or, enroll now online at www.nyhealth.gov.

With your gracious gift, long suffering people will have hope and be given the opportunity to live a longer, fuller life. Please consider it. For more information, call 1-866-NYDONOR (1-866-693-6667).

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### ***BROKEN WINDOWS ROUNDTABLE AND DISCUSSION***

Senator Jesse Hamilton presents Broken Windows Roundtable and Discussion to end broken windows policing on **Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 12 PM** at 250 Broadway, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor (between Murray Street and Park Place); Manhattan.

For more information, call Senator Hamilton's office at 718-284-4700.

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KINGSTON AVENUE FESTIVAL

The Crown Heights Community Mediation Center is delighted to bring to you the 7th Annual Kingston Avenue festival on **Saturday, May 20, 2017** from 1-5 PM. In partnership with the NYC Dept. of Transportation, the festival will feature a full day of activities including performances, music, arts, crafts, games,

and food along Kingston Avenue from Dean Street to St. Marks Avenue.

There are many ways to participate. You can provide an activity booth with arts and crafts or community resources, or just attend and gather information and have fun! The festival's themes are arts and strengthening the community. To apply for a table, email kupetza@crowheights.org.

For more information, call 718-773-6886 or email info@crowheights.org.

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### **TOWN HALL MEETING**

57<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Leader Olanike Alabi invites you to attend a Town Hall Meeting on **Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 6 PM** at the Teen Challenge Center located at 444 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn.

There will be presentations by Public Advocate Letitia James, the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH), Acting Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, the Dept. of Transportation, and Specialized High School Outreach.

For more information, email District Leader Alabi at [olanike.alabi@gmail.com](mailto:olanike.alabi@gmail.com).

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FREE WORKSHOPS ON HISTORIC REHABILITATION TAX CREDITS

The Municipal Art Society is pleased to offer two free workshops on historic rehabilitation tax credits. With their partners at the Historic Districts Council, The New York Landmarks Conservancy, New York State Department of Parks,

Recreation, and Historic Preservation, and the Preservation League of New York State, MAS is proud to present two free workshops on tax credits for owners of historic properties on **Tuesday, May 23, 2017**, at 488 Madison Avenue, Suite 1900, Manhattan. RSVP is required.

The Federal and NYS Commercial Tax Credit programs can be combined to cover 40% of the qualified rehabilitation expenditures for your project. Since 2013, more than \$3 billion worth of investment have been made in New York using this program. The NYS Historic Homeowner Properties Tax Credit Program will cover 20% of qualified rehabilitation costs of owner-occupied historic houses or co-ops, up to a credit value of \$50,000.

Both programs require that the building be individually listed in the State or National Register of Historic Places, or in a State or National Register listed historic district. Additional NYC designated historic districts qualify. The building must also be located in a qualifying census tract.

Who should attend? Realtors, contractors, business and homeowners, community leaders and anyone who wants to learn about new opportunities for community reinvestment.

The first workshop is NYS and Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit for Income-Producing Properties from 3:00-5:00 PM. Presenters include:

Julian Adams, Director of the Community Services Bureau, *New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation*

Ward Dennis, Partner, *Higgins, Quasebarth & Partners, LLC*

Erin Tobin, Director of Preservation,
Preservation League of New York State

The second workshop is NYS Historic Homeowner Tax Credit from 6:00-8:00 PM. Presenters include:

Olivia Brazee, Historic Sites Restoration Coordinator, *New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation*

Callie Janoff & Randall Stoltzfus, Homeowners

Erin Tobin, Director of Preservation, *Preservation League of New York State*

Blaire Walsh, New York City Historic Properties Fund Coordinator, *New York Landmarks Conservancy*

Email events@mas.org with any questions. RSVP to <https://secure.mas.org/np/clients/masnyc/event.jsp?event=3025&>.

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### ***CIVIL RIGHTS TASKFORCE***

Senator Jesse Hamilton's Civil Rights Taskforce Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 6:30 PM** at St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf located at 260 Eastern Parkway (corner of Classon Avenue), Brooklyn.

The Civil Rights Taskforce Advisory Committee utilizes the unique experiences and knowledge of culturally and ethnically diverse communities in support of civil and human rights protection policies state wide. The committee works on identifying community needs, gaps in services, and advises Senator Hamilton on related matters.

This meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Senator's office at 718-284-4700.

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2ND ANNUAL REFLECTION OF HOPE AWARDS

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams in conjunction with Senator Jesse Hamilton, Queens Borough President Gale Brewer, NYS Assemblyman Marcos Crespo, and Urban Justice Center invite you to the 2nd Annual Reflection of Hope Awards. The event will be held on **Thursday, May 25, 2017 from Noon to 3 PM** at Metropolitan College of New York, 60 West Street (between Carlisle and Rector Streets), Manhattan.

In recognition of Mental Health Month 2017, this event highlights the contributions of individuals, advocacy champions, and organization that have committed their work to enrich the well-being of New Yorkers.

For more information, call Senator Hamilton's office at 718-284-4700.

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### ***FREE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN YOU SERVE***

First Book, the United Federation of Teachers, and the American Federation of Teachers are pleased to offer a free book giveaway for teachers and parents. Teachers will be able to take up to 50 books for their classrooms and parents will be able to take up to 15 books for their home. Books are available from ages birth to 18 years old and are offered on a first come, first served basis. You must be registered with First Book to receive books. Limited on-site registration will be

available. You can pre-register by visiting <https://www.firstbook.org/receive-books>.

The book giveaway will be held on **Saturday, June 3, 2017** from 8 AM to 1 PM at K323/K671, 210 Chester Street, Brooklyn.

Volunteers for the event are also needed. Setup is Friday, June 2, 2017 from 3 PM to 9 PM. Please email [vwilson@uft.org](mailto:vwilson@uft.org) for more information on volunteer opportunities or to sign up to volunteer. Include in your email the following information: Name, School and District (if applicable), Non-DOE email address and preferred time slot to volunteer. Time slots are June 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-6 Pm or 6-9 PM and June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7-11 AM or 10 AM to 2 PM.

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SOLARIZE CROWN HEIGHTS

Did you know that Crown Heights was connected to the stressed Brownsville Power Grid? Did you know that millions of dollars are needed to either upgrade or build a new power grid to relieve the Brownsville Power Grid of some of the strain of electricity usage? What if you had a way to reduce your reliance on the grid, assist the grid, and help Con Ed keep its costs down while at the same time, *assisting yourself and reducing your electricity bill and carbon footprint?*

Guess what? There is a way to do all of that! Meet Level Solar and learn how to go solar and save thousands of dollars on your yearly electricity bill! Save on electricity and taxes. Your savings could exceed \$10,000!

Here's how it works: Level Solar installs solar panels on your home at no cost. The

solar panels generate 100% clean electricity. Level Solar provides that electricity to you for up to 25% less than your current utility.

Want to learn more? Attend the workshop on **Tuesday, June 20, 2017 from 7-9 PM** at 935 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn. To learn more, visit www.levelsolar.com/crownheights or call [844-680-5657](tel:844-680-5657).

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### ***BROOKLYN WORKFORCE ACADEMY***

Brooklyn Workforce Innovation is a trusted non-profit connecting jobless New Yorkers to careers in growing job sectors.

**Brooklyn Networks** connects people to in-demand careers as low voltage cable installers for data, voice, security, and broadcast cable systems. Call 718-237-2017 ext 149 for more information.

**Brooklyn Woods** trains low-income New Yorkers for careers in manufacturing as woodworkers and fabricators. Call 718-389-3636 for more information.

**Made in NY Production Assistant Training** program connects underrepresented New Yorkers to careers in TV and film as production assistants. Call 718-237-2017 ext 145 for more information.

**NYCHA Resident Training Academy** prepares qualified public housing residents fore careers as NYCHA caretakers. Call 718-237-2017 ext 155 for more information.

**Red Hook on the Road** trains unemployed men and women for careers as CDL-licensed commercial bus and

truck drivers. Call 718-237-4846 for more information.

For more detailed explanation of any of these programs or for qualification requirements, visit [www.bwiny.org](http://www.bwiny.org).

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BROOKLYN JOB CORPS ACADEMY

Brooklyn Job Corps Academy is a non-residential training program operated by RedCare and funded by the Dept. of Labor. The Brooklyn Job Corps Academy offers career-readiness preparation, employment training, and hands on experience. Programs offered include security officer, culinary arts, A+ certification, network plus, certified nursing assistance, home health aide, certified medical assistant. All programs with the exception of culinary arts and security officer require a high school diploma or GED before entrance into the program. You must be able to attend classes from 8 AM to 4:40 PM Monday through Friday. To be eligible, you must have no felonies or criminal court cases.

You must be 18-24 years old to participate. No student loans are required. Free metro cards are offered daily, there is a biweekly cash allowance, \$1000 for completing training, job placement after training, small group tutoring, free industry specific uniforms, free breakfast and lunch.

Enrollment will be held once a month at 8 AM. For details on the next enrollment, call 718-623-4005. Brooklyn Job Corps Academy is located at 585 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn. For information about any of the programs or to apply, call Ms. Shavon Munchez, Outreach Admissions Coordinator at [718-623-4059](tel:718-623-4059) or email munches.shavon@jobcorps.org.

GUNS DOWN, LIFE UP

Kings County Hospital invites you to their **Annual Guns Down, Life Up Violence Prevention Program and Resource Fair** on **Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 10 AM to 1 PM**. Come and bring a friend or family member to hear experts, become educated and involved in: community resources, college preparedness, developmental activities, healthy body and healthy mind discussions, health screenings, sports, scholarship opportunities, and violence prevention.

The event will be held at Kings County Hospital, T Building Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 689 New York Avenue (enter on Clarkson Avenue), Brooklyn.

For more information, call 718-245-3228 or 718-245-7279. You can also email wallacex@nychhc.org.

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### ***FREE LEGAL SERVICES FOR ALL***

**Borough President Eric Adams** is pleased to present **Free Legal Services for All** at "The People's House, Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn.

Legal services are offered in a variety of fields including foreclosure intervention and prevention every second Wednesday of the month from 2-5 PM; veterans' issues every Tuesday from 9 AM to 5 PM; domestic violence every third Monday from 10 AM to 4 PM; family law every Wednesday from 4-7 PM; and housing matters, trusts and estates, elder law, and government benefits every second Thursday from 2-5 PM.

Please call 718-802-3777 to make an appointment for this free service as appointments are required.

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The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 05/01/17 through 05/07/17.

	Year-to-Date		
	2017	2016	%Chg
Murder	1	2	-50
Rape	8	10	-20
Robbery	76	77	-1.3
Felony Assault	98	127	-22.8
Burglary	76	66	15.2
Grand Larceny	121	153	-20.9
GL Auto	19	29	-35.5

The overall change year-to-date is -14 %.

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The following is a summary of the year-to-date F.D.N.Y Emergency Statistics through April 2017.

|                                | Month | YTD  |
|--------------------------------|-------|------|
| <b>Structural Fires</b>        | 23    | 110  |
| <b>Non-Structural</b>          | 12    | 65   |
| <b>Total Fires</b>             | 35    | 175  |
| <b>Suspicious Fires</b>        | 1     | 6    |
| <b>Non-Medical Emergencies</b> | 227   | 959  |
| <b>Medical Emergencies</b>     | 286   | 1142 |
| <b>Total Incidents</b>         | 561   | 2326 |

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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 March was 96.3 for streets and 98.6 for sidewalks.**

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.

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### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **School Safety Agent**

The City is now testing for School Safety Agent. Filing runs through June 30, 2017. Starting salary is \$31,482 and the exam fee is \$47. A high school diploma or GED is required and you must be at least 21, a US Citizen, and city resident. The exam number is 7314.

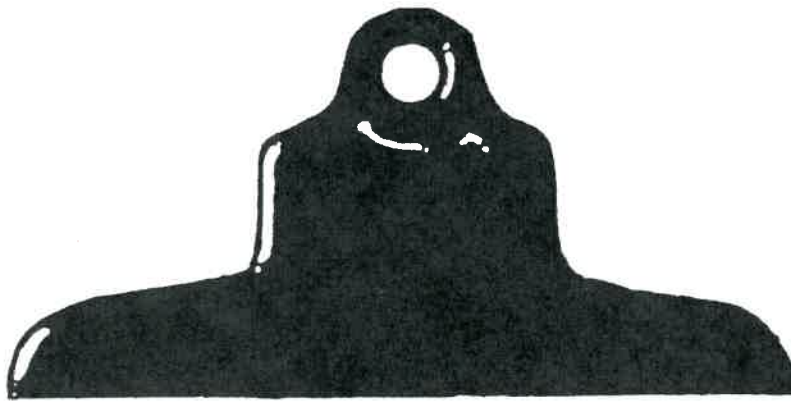
#### **Correction Officer**

The City is offering tests for position of Correction Officer through June. Starting salary is \$42,000 rising to \$80,000 and the application fee is \$61. There are strict requirements for this position, so please check if you qualify or will qualify for the position at the time of being called.

#### **Community Associate**

The Dept. of Social Services/Human Resources Administration is seeking an experienced individual to serve as Community Associate in a non-managerial position. Compensation is \$19.53-\$32.50 per hour. This position will be based at Brooklyn Borough Hall.

The position is to conduct outreach and build partnerships with key stakeholders



in Brooklyn in support of clients residing at NYC Dept. of Homeless Services in Brooklyn. The posting is open until May 24, 2017. Title Code Number 56057.

For more information on either of the two exams or to apply for a test date, visit [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs) and follow the filing instructions for a specific exam.

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The next **78th Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 30, 2017** at 7:30 PM at the 78th Precinct located at 65 6th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY.

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The next **77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Monday, June 12, 2017** at 7:30 PM at Calvary Community Church, 1575 St. John's Place (at the corner of Buffalo Avenue), Brooklyn, NY.

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The next meeting of **Community Board No. 8** will be held on **Thursday, June 8, 2017** at 7 PM at Weeksville Heritage Center, 158 Buffalo Avenue (between St. Marks Avenue and Bergen Street), Brooklyn.

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We wish the happiest of birthdays to Ms. Dian Duke, Mr. Curtis Harris, Mr. Kwasi Mensah, and Ms. Deborah Young.

We send our heartfelt condolences to Ms. Glinda Andrews, Parks Committee Chairperson, on the loss of her brother, Rondal.

We also send our heartfelt condolences to former CB 8 member, Lillian Forte, on the loss of her son, Leonard.

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We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. Robert Matthews, Chairperson Emeritus of Community Board 8.

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