

# ACROSS THE BOARD

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## *District Manager's Report*

### *Municipal Services Update*

The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 04/03/2023 through 04/09/2023.

	Year-to-Date		
	2023	2022	%Chg
Murder	2	2	0
Rape	8	7	14.3
Robbery	43	61	-29.5
Felony Assault	99	80	23.8
Burglary	34	49	-30.6
Grand Larceny	112	114	-1.8
GL Auto	42	33	27.3

The overall change year-to-date is **-1.73**.

The Department of Sanitation cleanliness rating of our streets, known as the "scorecard" rating, was 90 for clean streets and 94.6 for sidewalks for the month of March. We urge everyone to adhere to the Department of Sanitation's residential enforcement routing times of 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. 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.

### ***WATER BILL AMNESTY***

The NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is offering a limited one-time amnesty with up to 100% interest forgiveness for all delinquent customers. Additionally, payment plans of up to 10 years are available to make it as easy as possible to pay off your water bill balance.

The program is designed to provide much needed relief to qualified customers struggling to pay their water and wastewater bills due to the pandemic. Amnesty runs through April 30, 2023 and allows you to have your accrued interest reduced or forgiven by paying your principal balance.

You will not be penalized if you are on a payment plan. However, if you do not take advantage of this Amnesty program, you run the risk of having a lien placed on your property, thus leading to the loss of your home. To learn more, visit <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dep/pay-my-bills/amnesty-program.page>.

**This is a one-time opportunity, please take advantage of it.**

## ***NEW WASTE SETOUT TIMES IN EFFECT***

**New rules for setting out trash, recycling, and curbside composting went into effect on April 1, 2023.** The following is a summary of those rules and how they will impact residences and businesses.

Residential buildings have three options:

- Place trash out after 6:00 p.m. in a container with a secure lid,
- Place trash out after 8:00 p.m. if putting bags directly on the curb,
- If a building has nine or more residential units, the property owner may opt into a 4:00–7:00 a.m. set-out window instead. For more information, visit [www.nyc.gov/multiunitsetout](http://www.nyc.gov/multiunitsetout).

Businesses that place the waste at the curb for collection have two options, unless waste is collected from a loading dock:

- If using a container with a secure lid, place the waste at the curb 1 hour before closing,
- If putting bags directly on the curb, place waste out after 8:00 p.m. Bundled cardboard may go next to the containers or bags

For both residential properties and businesses, setting out too early could result in fines of \$50 for a first offense, \$100 for a second offense, and \$200 for third and subsequent offenses within a 12-month period.

There is a one-month grace period where warnings will be issued in lieu of tickets. Starting May 1, 2023, tickets will be issued, and the first areas to be checked for enforcement will be those places where warnings were issued.

For a complete list and explanation of new rules, visit [www.nyc.gov/SetoutTimes](http://www.nyc.gov/SetoutTimes).

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## ***PUBLIC HEARING AND OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON RAT MITIGATION ZONES***

New York City has a robust approach to rat control using a variety of approaches depending on conditions. One approach recognized in Local Law 110 (2022) has been to designate areas with high levels of rat activity as “Rat Mitigation Zones,” and focus a data-driven, coordinated, multi-agency effort to address rats and the conditions that causes them. Local Law 110 requires the Department to promulgate a rule designating Rat Mitigation Zones using criteria set out in Local Law 110.

On May 4, 2023 at 10 a.m., there will be a public hearing on the proposal to add new Chapter 35 to Title 24 of the Rules of the City of New York governing the creation of Rat Mitigation Zones. The hearing will be conducted by video conference accessible via internet or telephone.

To participate in the public hearing, please register at this Webex URL:

<https://nycdohmh.webex.com/nycdohmh/j.php?MTID=m5213d4889bdab45fbf65df60f42f86e1>.

If prompted to provide an event number or password, please enter the following: Event number: 2334 725 9010; Password: Health (432584 from phones and video systems)

For phone access, dial: (646) 992-2010 or (408) 418-9388 then enter the following Access code: 233 472 59010; Password: Health (432584 from phones and video systems).

You can submit comments to the Department through the NYC Rules website at <http://rules.cityofnewyork.us>; you can email written comments to the Department: [ResolutionComments@health.nyc.gov](mailto:ResolutionComments@health.nyc.gov); you can mail written comments to New York City

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Gotham Center, 42-09 28th Street; 14th Floor, CN 30; Long Island City, NY 11101-4132. You can also fax written comments to 347-396-6087, or register to speak at the hearing by calling Svetlana Burdeynik at 347-396-6078 or 347-396-6116 or by emailing at [resolutioncomments@health.nyc.gov](mailto:resolutioncomments@health.nyc.gov).



### ***COMMUNITY RESOURCE INFORMATION SERIES***

On **Friday, April 21, 2023 from 10:30 a.m. to noon**, you are cordially invited to join the NYC Department for the Aging at the United Senior Center of Sunset Park, Inc. at 475 53rd Street Brooklyn, NY 11220 for the Constituent Services of the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President’s third installment of their Community Resource Information Series. Committed to helping the older adult population age in place in their homes and communities, NYC Aging will present an overview of its services available to New Yorkers and Brooklynites alike. Q&A will follow the presentation and additional resources for the aging community will be available. RSVP at [www.bit.ly/BK-BP-Aging-Resource-Session](http://www.bit.ly/BK-BP-Aging-Resource-Session) and stay tuned for upcoming events in the series.



### ***NYC SEXUAL HEALTH CLINICS***

Sexually transmitted diseases and infections (STDs/STIs) are on the rise in District 8 and New York City as a whole. Despite decades of safe sex campaigns, the current trend of increasing sexually transmitted diseases and even the rise in treatment resistant strains of certain viruses like gonorrhea has led to a greater need for community education.

NYC Sexual Health Clinics (SHC) provide low-cost and no-cost services for anyone age 12 and older, regardless of immigration or insurance

status. Parental consent is not needed to access these services, and most services are provided on a walk-in basis with a limited capacity each day.

Services include STI screening, testing, and treatment; HIV testing and treatment initiation for those newly diagnosed; HIV post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) and pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) initiation and counseling; emergency contraception; a range of birth control methods; medication abortion; Mpox testing, treatment, and vaccination; HPV, hep A, hep B, and meningitis vaccination.

For up-to-date information on clinic services and hours, call 311 or visit [www.nyc.gov/sexualhealthclinics](http://www.nyc.gov/sexualhealthclinics). For Express Clinic visits and rapid testing for STIs, you can make an appointment at [www.bit.ly/sti-scheduling](http://www.bit.ly/sti-scheduling).

There is a sexual health clinic in every borough. Brooklyn’s is located at 295 Flatbush Avenue Extension and is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 3:30 p.m.; and Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. for express testing only.

To speak to a health care provider for telemedicine services related to HIV and other STIs, contraception and medication abortion, call the NYC SHC hotline at 347-396-7959 Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you think you were exposed to HIV and cannot make it to a clinic, call the NYC PEP hotline at 844-3-PEP NYC (844-373-7692). This hotline is 24 hours.



### ***ADULT CONTINUING EDUCATION AND ESL CLASSES***

Adult Continuing Education is a branch of the NYC Dept. of Education that caters educational services to adults over the age of 21. Their classes are free and open to the community regardless of immigration status. English proficiency classes are offered as are GED classes.

**Registration is in-person only** and takes place weekly at the enrollment hub located at 271 Melrose street in Brooklyn, NY 11206 as well at MS61 located on 400 Empire Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11225 from 8:00am - 2:00pm M-F and 6:00pm - 9:00pm Tuesday and Wednesdays and Thursdays (ESL).

For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/SCHOOL7>.

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### ***FREE MAMMOGRAMS***

**On Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**, the 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council and 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Clergy Council will be hosting a mammogram bus providing no cost mammograms to the community. The mammogram bus will be located at Calvary Community Church located at 1575 St. John's Place (corner of Buffalo Avenue).

Mammograms are open to women ages 40 and older currently living in New York City that have not had a mammogram in the last 12 months. You do not have to have insurance or even be a citizen to take advantage. Schedule your no-cost mammogram today at 646-948-7219 or 877-628-9090.

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### ***FREE ASSOCIATES DEGRESS WITH BARD MICRO-COLLEGES***

Bard Micro-colleges are local, private, full-tuition-scholarship liberal arts degree programs for students of any age in New York City, and **admissions are now open for Fall 2023 enrollment in Brooklyn and Harlem!**

Bard Micro-colleges bring high-quality, full-scholarship, liberal arts education to communities often excluded from the university experience. Each micro-college is created in partnership with a community-based institution. Their strength is the result of alliances between organizations that

are conventionally separate from one another but have overlapping missions, common purpose, and shared core values.

Bard at Brooklyn Public Library is based at the Brooklyn Public Library at Grand Army Plaza. The Bard Micro-college for Just Community Leadership offers a special focus for system-impacted students and those interested in social justice, and is based at the Countee Cullen Library in Harlem.

Students can expect small, seminar-style classes; strong, supportive intellectual community; study with Bard professors, earn Bard credits, work towards Bard AA degrees; and best of all, **students pay nothing for tuition, books, or fees.**

Learn more, join the mailing list, or sign up to apply here: <https://microcollege.bard.edu/>.

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### ***UPCOMING EVENTS AT CB8'S NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS***

Friends of Brower Park cordially invite you to attend the following events at Brower Park:

#### **Earth Day Fun Day and It's Not Easy Being Green Eco-Fair**

Saturday, April 22, 12pm-4pm

Enjoy story-time and craft activities, Live Animal Encounters, Bicycle Safety Checks, opportunities to garden and compost, as well as learn opportunities regarding Food Sustainability, Fire Safety, and more!

#### **Juneteenth in Brower Park 2023**

Monday, June 19, 11am-3pm

"Juneteenth in Brower Park 2023: Celebrating the Black Women's Movement" is co-sponsored by the Friends of Brower Park, the Brooklyn Children's Museum, the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music, the Crown Heights North Association,

and other community partners! There will be music, dance, giveaways, and more!

The Lincoln Terrace Tennis Association cordially invites you to attend the following events at Lincoln Terrace Park:

**NYC Parks Department Outreach Cleanup Program**

April 15, 2023 at 10am

Location: Lincoln Terrace Park Tennis Courts

**Coaches Workshop**

April 22, 2023 @ 10am

Location Lincoln Terrace Park Tennis Courts

**First Day of Summer Program**

May 13, 2023 @ 10am

(Registration starts at 8am)

COST: Juniors \$50; Adults \$60

Location: Lincoln Terrace Tennis Courts

**USTA / LTTA Essential Worker's Event**

June 11, 2023 @ 10am

Location: Lincoln Terrace Tennis Courts

Cost: Free (Sponsored by NY Presbyterian Hospital)

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***IFTAR PARTY***

Assemblymembers Brian Cunningham and Charles Fall wish you Ramadan Kareem, and invite you to an Iftar Party. All are welcomed on **Tuesday, April 18, 2023** to break the fast with Masjid Kawthar located at 695 Nostrand Avenue (between Park and Prospect Places). The fast will break with a meal served directly after sunset.

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***BLACK HISTORY AND CULTURE TOUR OF FORT GREEN***

On the dates of April 15, May 20, and June 17, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., you are cordially invited to meet at Fort Green Park (entrance at the

corner of Washington Park and DeKalb Avenue ) for a tour of black history and culture in Fort Green.

Register for the free tour at [tinyurl.com/5N8ZJP3X](https://tinyurl.com/5N8ZJP3X). Contact Mia Rubin at [mia@fortgreenpark.org](mailto:mia@fortgreenpark.org) with any questions.

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***EARTH DAY EVENTS***

Earth Day is Saturday, April 22, 2023, and will be celebrated in many ways across the city! In and surrounding Community Board 8's neighborhoods are several wonderful events that you are invited to.

- **Block Party on Bergen! (Bergen Street between Flatbush and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues) from 1 to 5 p.m.** – bring your household electronics (phones, tablets, televisions, computers, etc.) for NYC SAFE disposal
- **Fort Green Park Conservancy from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
- **Garden Party at the Gates Avenue Plaza (Gates Avenue at Vanderbilt Avenue)** – Music, fun arts, and other activities. Kid friendly
- **Free Pop-Up Art Event and Mental Health Discussion from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Crown Heights Branch of Brooklyn Public Library located at 560 New York Avenue** – Help design a new mural dedicated to erasing the stigma of mental health in Brooklyn.

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***EARTH DAY SHREDDING EVENTS***

On Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 2023, various community organizations will host shredding events.

- **Crown Heights North Association:** 9 a.m. to Noon at St. Gregory’s RC Church, 991 St. John’s Place (corner of Brooklyn Avenue)
- **Emmanuel Baptist Church:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 36 St. James Place (between Lafayette and DeKalb Avenues)
- **Brown Community Development Corp. in partnership with Brown Memorial Baptist Church:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 52 Gates Avenue (between Washington and Waverly Avenues). This event will also feature clinical services, Covid-19 vaccines and boosters, flu vaccines, and HIV tests.

Do you have a shredder at home and are looking for an activity with the kids or just a new craft project for yourself? Use your shredded paper to make handcrafted recycled paper.



**SENIOR CINEMA AT BROOKLYN ACADEMY OF MUSIC**

Senior Cinema at the Brooklyn Academy of Music offers seniors 65 and older free admission to repertory classics with complimentary popcorn and soda on the third Friday of every month.

Upcoming shows are **Fining Fela! (2015)** on Friday May 19, 2023 at 10 a.m. and **The Young and the Damned (1950) (Original title: Los Olvidados)** on Friday, June 16, 2023 at 10 a.m. (in Spanish with English subtitles).

Brooklyn Academy of Music is located at 30 Lafayette Avenue (between St. Felix Street and Ashland Place).



**NEWS AND UPDATES FROM COUNCILMEMBER CRYSTAL HUDSON**

Councilmember Crystal Hudson of the 35<sup>th</sup> Council District, is pleased to share the following information with the community:

- Every Second Tuesday of the month, Constituent Services hours with Brooklyn Neighborhood Services are held at the Central Library located at 10 Grand Army Plaza from 4-8p.m.
- The Councilmember is working with Hester Street, who has issued a survey for community feedback on the current land use decision-making process in New York City, which many feel does not work for our communities. The process is deeply flawed, and too frequently you don’t play a meaningful role in shaping the outcomes of a new building or development project. A survey has been created to generate community feedback, and all are encouraged to complete it. The survey can be found at <https://bit.ly/d35survey>.
- The next Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use Plan (AAMUP) Community Planning Open House will be held Sunday, April 16th from 2p.m. until 5:30p.m. The Open House will start with an optional walking tour (non-walking accommodations will be available to those who need it) from 2p.m.-3p.m. followed by the Open House from 3pm-5:30p.m., where attendees can visit topic-based stations staffed by city agencies, review background information on the topic, ask questions, and provide ideas for draft solutions and recommendations. The event is meant as a space to share ideas and draft recommendations on the future of the Atlantic Avenue corridor.
- The second set of AAMUP working group meetings will start next Thursday, April

20th, with the Economic Development, Human Capital, and Services Working Group. Land Use, Density, and Housing will meet on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>; and Streets, Infrastructure, and Open Space, will meet on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. All meeting will be at PS 9, 80 Underhill Ave from 6:30pm-9pm.

- Know Your Rights Panel and Resource Fair on April 18<sup>th</sup> in partnership with Camba Homebase. The event will focus on Empowering Voucher Holders and will be held in-person at Medgar Evers College on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, from 6pm-8pm. Space is limited, RSVP today! You can also contact CAMBAHBO Outreach@gmail.com with any questions.
- Coffee with Crystal will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at Clementine Bakery in Clinton Hill from 9a.m.-11a.m.

For more information or to RSVP for any of the upcoming events, please call 718-260-9191.



***NEWS AND UPDATES FROM  
COUNCILMEMBER CHI OSSE***

Councilmember Chi Ossé of the 36<sup>th</sup> Council District, is pleased to share the following information with the community:

- Housing Info with CUFFH Affordable Housing Services is held every Tuesday from Noon to 6 p.m.
- Migrant Resource Day is held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Migrants can apply for various services including WIC, transportation, housing, health insurance, immigration attorneys, and can even apply for a free cell phone or tablet.

- Free Legal Immigration Advice will be offered on May 11<sup>th</sup>, and June 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments are encouraged but walk-ins will be accepted.
- Spring Tree Giveaway will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 2 to 4 p.m., where 200 trees will be distributed at Marcy Library located at 617 DeKalb Avenue. You must register for this event.
- Bike Day will be held on May 13, 2023 from 2 to 11 p.m. Join the Councilmember for a bike around the 36<sup>th</sup> Council District. Meet at 2 p.m. at Restoration Plaza (with a bike) for the ride, then enjoy music, food, karaoke, and a movie screening of Beat Street at sundown. All will be held at Restoration Plaza.

All services are provided at the Councilmember's office located at 1360 Fulton Street, Suite 500. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 718-919-0740.



***NEWS AND UPDATES FROM  
COUNCILWOMAN DARLENE MEALY***

Councilwoman Darlene Mealy of the 41<sup>st</sup> District is pleased to inform the community of the following services available at her office located at 400 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn:

- Every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., a housing specialist is in the office to assist with housing matters.
- **Every first and third Wednesday** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a food pantry is held at the office distributing food supplies such as fresh produce and canned goods. **Every second and fourth Wednesday** there is a hot food distribution during the same times.

- Every second Thursday of the month, an Immigration Specialist is in office by appointment only.

Call 718-953-3097 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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***NEWS AND UPDATES FROM  
ASSEMBLYWOMAN PHARA SOUFFRANT-  
FORREST***

Assemblywoman Phara Souffrant-Forrest cordially invites you to her **Weekend of outreach Canvass** on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 1 p.m., where volunteers will go door-to-door to talk to residents in the district about their experiences, how the Assemblywoman’s office can support them, and how they can organize for change.

For those unable to do the walking canvas, her office is sponsoring a **Phone Bank** on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 6 p.m., where volunteers will make calls to neighbors about their experiences, how the office can support them, and how they can organize for change.

To sign up for either event, go to [www.bit.ly/pharaoutreach](http://www.bit.ly/pharaoutreach).

The Assemblywoman is also hosting a monthly Housing Clinic every 3rd Wed of the month catering to those with eviction, succession, and arrears cases. To sign up to speak with a legal advisor, go to [www.bit.ly/housinglawadvice](http://www.bit.ly/housinglawadvice).

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***NEWS AND UPDATES FROM  
CONGRESSMAN DAN GOLDMAN***

Join the NY-10 Art Competition! April kicked off the start of the Congressional Art Competition! The winning piece from each district will hang in the Capital complex in Washington DC for a year. The winning students from each district are also

invited to Washington D.C. to meet each other and their representative as well as to view their art on display. The competition is for high school students who either live or attend school in New York’s 10th Congressional District. Students can submit their applications before May 1, 2023 at <https://goldman.house.gov/services/art-competition>. Winners will be announced shortly after.

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Responding to several reports of USPS Mail theft issues, Congressman Goldman recently sent a letter to United States Postal Service Postmaster General Louis DeJoy urging him to address the rise in mail theft from USPS mailboxes in New York City. The Congressman’s office received numerous complaints over the past weeks from concerned New Yorkers who have had their vital documents stolen from USPS mailboxes. Having checks, medical documentation, passports, or other identifying information stolen puts New Yorkers at serious risk. It is imperative that the United States Postal Service do everything in its power to ensure that mail, property, and information transported through the USPS is secure.

Residents experiencing mail theft should report the incidents by going to their local NYPD precinct or dialing 911. New Yorkers can also file a report with the Postal Inspection Service by calling the hotline at 1-877-876-2455 or by going to [uspis.gov/report](http://uspis.gov/report) so that federal crimes can be investigated and addressed.

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Please visit <https://goldman.house.gov> to sign up for the Congressman’s newsletter. Residents of NY-10 can also request help with a federal agency by going to our website or calling our Brooklyn office at 718-312-7575.

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## ***BOSSGIRLS FREE ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUMMER PROGRAM***

Bossgirls is a five-week summer entrepreneurship program from the Zahn Innovation Center at The City College of New York (CCNY) for high school (current 9-12th graders) girls and nonbinary students. The program is fully sponsored by Standard Chartered as part of its Futuremakers Initiative.

If you are or know of someone that meets the above criteria, and have ever thought about running your own business, inventing something new, or being part of a movement to create change in the world, Bossgirls is for you. You'll join a community of other bossgirls like yourself to discover entrepreneurship. You and a team of other bossgirls will focus on a problem, come up with an innovative solution for it, research the market, compare competitors, learn how to price your product and prototype it, and create a brand around your idea. At the end of the program, you'll pitch your idea to an audience--think Shark Tank without the sharks. All the while, you'll get to meet entrepreneurs and get advice from expert mentors from Standard Chartered, their program sponsor.

Zahn Innovation Centers goal is to introduce entrepreneurship as not only a possible career path, but a mindset that advances any course of learning. Their curriculum puts the customer first, introducing participants to a human-centered design approach to problem-solving. Participants will learn how to analyze a problem and find a business opportunity within it. Plus, having this on a resume or college application looks great!

Bossgirls 2023 is expected to be in-person at The City College of New York (160 Convent Avenue, New York, NY 10031) as long as public health measures continue to allow. Applications can be found at <https://www.ccnycuny.edu/zahn/bossgirls>, and the deadline to apply is April 23, 2023.

## ***CROWN HEIGHTS LEADERSHIP COHORT***

The Crown Heights Leadership Cohort, a 11-session series hosted by Repair the World, and generously funded by the UJA Federation of New York, is currently accepting applications. The cohort is a gathering of Crown Heights local leaders who are invested in the future of the neighborhood and standing in solidarity with the many communities of Crown Heights. Sessions will focus on overcoming hate and bias through readings, conversation, personal relationship building, cultural exchange and community service together.

For more information, or to sign up for the cohort, please contact Ms. Simcha Baez at Repair the World at 917-338-6928.

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## ***DEP INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES***

NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) offers paid and unpaid undergraduate and graduate internships year-round in a variety of fields during the fall, spring, and summer sessions.

Students that are interested in a position should apply as soon as possible, as applications are often reviewed on a rolling basis. If you are interested, please visit <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dep/about/internship-opportunities.page>.

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## ***CHNA ANNUAL TOWN HALL MEETING***

The Crown Heights North Association (CHNA) will be hosting its Annual Town Hall Meeting on **Wednesday, April 19, 2023** at 6:45p.m. at the Brooklyn Children's Museum located at 145 Brooklyn Avenue.

The theme is “Building the Future,” and the invited speakers are Bridge Street Development Corporation, Historic District Council, the United States Postal Service, and the 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct.

For more information, contact CHNA at 646-580-8229.

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### ***YOUTH EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOP***

Bethany United Methodist Church cordially invites you to their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Empowerment Workshop on Saturday, **April 22, 2023** from Noon to 4 p.m.. The focus of the workshop will be dealing with bullying, overcoming the allure of drugs and gangs, mental health awareness, dealing with issues stemming from social media and the virtual world and so much more.

The workshop will be held at Bethany United Methodist Church located at 1208 St. John’s Place. Call 718-774-5689 for more information.

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### ***NATURE WALKS FOR NEIGHBORS WITH DEMENTIA***

New York Memory Center is pleased to invite you to their first in a series of Nature Walks for Neighbors with Dementia on **Sunday, April 23, 2023** from 11 a.m. to 12:30p.m. at Green-Wood Cemetery located at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 25<sup>th</sup> Street in South Slope, Brooklyn.

The walk is a guided 90-minute nature walk for people living with dementia and their care partners. Green-Wood staff will lead the guided tour in the cemetery to allow visitors to enjoy the blooming flowers and wildlife like hawks and monk parrots. Nature Walks offers a special opportunity to engage with the seasonal change of plants and animal life in Brooklyn while enjoying

the outdoors in a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment.

The event is free, but space is limited. You must register in advance by visiting [www.bit.ly/3LQ8Cb8](http://www.bit.ly/3LQ8Cb8) or by calling the New York Memory Center at 718-499-7701.

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### ***BECOME AN SYEP EMPLOYMENT LOCATION***

The Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association (BNIA) and Community Counseling and Mediation (CCM) are organizations seeking prospective partnerships for participants of New York City’s SYEP Program. SYEP is a 6-week program that provides New York City youth ages 16-24 with mentorships, internships and job opportunities with meaningful experiences that will be influential to them now and in their future.

The SYEP program is funded by the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development, your business or organization will not be responsible for the payment of salaries for the youth employees. The program begins July 5, 2023 and ends August 19, 2023.

If your business or organization is available and is able to accept one or more youth employees, they would kindly accept your partnership as a worksite. If you have any questions or require further information concerning the SYEP program, in regards to becoming a worksite and the Worksite Application process, please contact Luana Denis by telephone at 718-773-4116 ext. 9376 or by email at [ljohn@thebnia.org](mailto:ljohn@thebnia.org) and/or Gavin Francis by telephone at 929-202-2115 or by email at [gfrancis@ccmnyc.org](mailto:gfrancis@ccmnyc.org).

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## ***EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES***

### **NYC Parks Department**

NYC Parks is hiring for the summer. Help keep New York City's green spaces beautiful and safe. A range of seasonal job opportunities are available, including in maintenance, security, and recreation. Visit [www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks) for information and to apply.

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### **Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso's office**

The BP's office is hiring a Community Affairs Organizer. Candidates' primary role will be to identify community needs and develop a strategy for outreach and engagement throughout the borough to advance the BP's goals and mission. To apply, submit a resume and cover letter to [BKBPHR@brooklynbp.nyc.gov](mailto:BKBPHR@brooklynbp.nyc.gov) with the subject line "Community Affairs Organizer."

The BP is also seeking an experienced Human Resources partner to serve as the agency's Director of Human Resources and Employee Engagement. The director will lead the human resources team and support agency leaders through all human resources lifecycle areas including talent acquisition and retention, and employee relations, learning and development, performance management, policy development and implementation, employment law compliance, and payroll functions and practices. For more information, please visit [www.Brooklyn-USA.org](http://www.Brooklyn-USA.org).

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### **NYC Dept. of Corrections Summer Interns**

The NYC Dept. of Corrections is hiring summer interns for various offices and locations including (but not limited to) the Engineering Audit Unit,

Central Office of Procurement, Strategic Initiatives, and General Counsel.

To learn more or to apply for any of the internships, visit [www.nyc.gov/jointheboldest](http://www.nyc.gov/jointheboldest).

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### ***CROWN HEIGHTS JOB FAIR***

The Economic Development Committee of Community Board 8, in partnership with the Creative Side and A Greater good NYC, are hosting a Crown Heights Job Fair on **Friday, May 19, 2023 from 1 to 6 p.m.** on Franklin Avenue between Park and Prospect Places.

Employers are needed to join and participate. Contact [the.creativeside@yahoo.com](mailto:the.creativeside@yahoo.com) or [brooklyncb8@gmail.com](mailto:brooklyncb8@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up as an employer.

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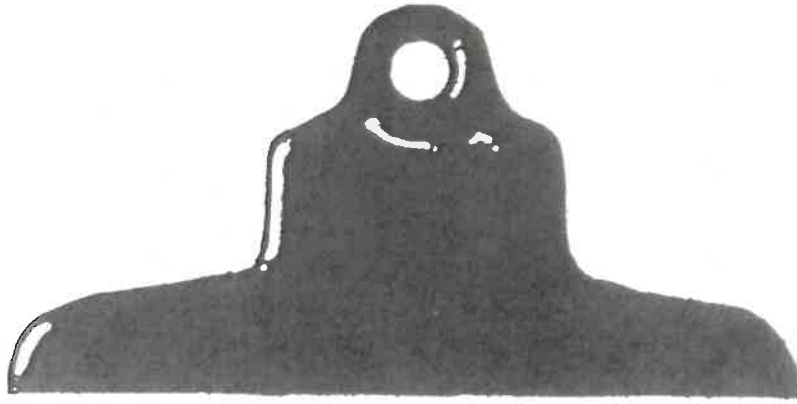
### ***OPEN STREETS IN DISTRICT 8***

Open Streets are back in District 8! The following locations have been approved by the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT):

**Now through November 19, 2023**, Vanderbilt Avenue from Atlantic Avenue to Park Place will be closed Fridays from 4p.m. to 11 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**Now through December 29, 2023**, Underhill Avenue from Pacific Street to St. John's Place will be closed every weekday. The street will specifically be closed Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Starting June 17, 2023 and through September 30, 2023**, Buffalo Avenue between Bergen Street and St. Marks Avenue will be closed every Saturday from Noon to 7 p.m.



If you have any questions or feedback, call DOT at (646)-892-1350.



We wish the happiest of birthdays to Community Board 8 members Ms. Princess Benn-James, Ms. Marva Brown-Henry, and Ms. Kimberly Watson, who will celebrate birthdays in the month of April.



The next 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 8, 2023 at location to be determined. Please call Community Affairs at 718-735-0634 to confirm the location.



The next 78<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. via zoom. Go to [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) and enter Meeting ID 160-722-7001, Password: 78\*CcMtg. You may also join by phone by dialing 646-828-7666 or 551-285-1373 and entering meeting ID: 161-557-9912.



The next **Community Board 8 general meeting** will be held on **Thursday, May 11, 2023** at 6:15 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph located at 856 Pacific Street, Brooklyn.




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