



NEWS FROM COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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Message from the District Manager, Michelle George

Community Board 8 continues to be at your service to ensure that you receive all necessary city services. Staff continues to work diligently to ensure that information is distributed timely, services are rendered, and meetings run smoothly. All CB8 meeting recordings are available on the Board's YouTube page, Brooklyn Community Board 8. We are currently in the process of creating sub pages to make it easier for you to navigate the many meetings that are uploaded. Many meetings are also live streamed concurrently to reach a wider audience. Please don't forget to follow us on Twitter @BrooklynCb8.

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***DISPOSE OF MICROWAVE SAFELY***

Fact: Microwaves are considered appliances, not electronic waste. As such, you do not have to take your microwaves to a SAFE Disposal event or hide it in your trash. Instead, you can put your microwaves out with your recycling, and Sanitation will pick it up for you!

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WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANTS

The New York City Department of Sanitation and Department of Small Business Services recently launched grant applications for business and community groups seeking to pioneer innovative waste management initiatives in the five boroughs. At least five grants of up to \$20,000 will be made available to Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and community-based development organizations (CBDOs) for projects that help improve waste management operations and street cleanliness in business districts. Additional grant funding in a second phase may be made available to grantees if they wish to expand or alter their original project.

The grant program is designed for projects which would reduce the volume of consolidated materials set out for collection on sidewalks and improve waste management operations and general street cleanliness in business districts. Sample projects could include new litter baskets, compactors, enclosures, containers, compost collection, and other waste management equipment and infrastructure. We hope this grant opportunity will spur new Clean Curbs pilot projects and also inform our future planning. There is no one-size-fits-all solution in the city.

The application deadline is April 22, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. For complete application details, visit <https://dsny.cityofnewyork.us/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/DSNY-SBS-2022-Neighborhood-Challenge-Grant.pdf>. Please feel free to reach out to publicspace@dsny.nyc.gov with any inquiries.

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### ***REPAIR GRANT FOR DISABLED BROOKLYN VETERANS***

The Home Help for Heroes Program is a grant designed to help veterans with disabilities living in Brooklyn, NY, to make modifications to their home that would allow them to continue living independently. Modifications include but are not limited to a wheelchair ramp, roll-in shower, door widening, and other alternations.

All disabled veterans are encouraged to apply even if their disability did not come via combat. For instance, veterans with disabilities brought on by advanced age are eligible. Additionally, the veteran does not have to own the home or apartment they are seeking the grant for, but may rent or live there with family. (They would just have to get permission from the owner and meet other eligibility criteria.)

The income of the household of the veteran may not exceed 120% of Area Median Income. (See chart here: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/area-median-income.page>) Interested veterans should email Angella Cummings, Director of Operations at NHS Brooklyn, at [acummings@nhsbrooklyn.org](mailto:acummings@nhsbrooklyn.org) or call at 718-469-4679 for more information and an application.

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MTA FARE CHANGES

To encourage New Yorkers to get back on subways, buses, and trains, and to reduce the cost and worry surrounding everyday travel, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) is engaging in a pilot fare program that is more affordable, more flexible and more fair. The temporary promotional changes to fare structures began in late February 2022 and will run for at least the next three months.

The creative pilot program tests fare capping to save many riders money and give them more flexibility. Customers no longer have to choose between buying a weekly unlimited pass or paying per ride, as OMNY pay allows them to always get the best deal automatically. The best weekly fare will be available to all riders who tap with OMNY, without the burden of pre-paying for the week, or having to track their progress. OMNY's technology provides enhanced flexibility to subway, local bus, and Staten Island Railway customers, so they can start accumulating the benefits weekly without having to sign up. **Anyone with a device or contactless card can start tapping their way to free rides as long as they use the same device or card each time.**

Customers who tap and go with OMNY will be charged the standard \$2.75 pay-per-ride fare for their first 12 trips starting every Monday. Any trips after that through the following Sunday would be free. As a result, no OMNY customer would pay more than \$33.00 per week, which is the

current price of a seven-day unlimited-ride MetroCard. This way customers receive the benefits of a seven-day unlimited-ride card without having to decide to pay upfront.

Free transfers between subways and buses will continue to be offered to all customers under this pilot. Two-part trips that are linked by a free transfer between subway and bus are considered one trip toward the 12 needed to reach the free-fare threshold each week.

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### ***ACCESSIBLE DISPATCH PROGRAM***

The Accessible Dispatch Program connects the community to wheelchair accessible taxis in all five of the boroughs in New York City. The Accessible Dispatch Program has an app that allows people to book a trip anytime they want as long as they are in the one of the five boroughs. Additional key facts of the Accessible Dispatch Program include:

- You do not have to enroll into the program. Everyone is eligible. You can start using the service right way.
- You can request service via a customer service phone line, an app or through the Accessible Dispatch website
- All drivers are trained in wheelchair securement
- Service is available 24 hours a day
- These taxis are larger than a standard size taxi and is large enough to secure one wheelchair passenger and an accompanying passenger.
- Although these taxis are larger, passengers pay the same fair as they would on a standard size cab.
- Like other rideshare services, passengers can request trips on demand or book future reservations.

To learn more or to download the app, please visit: <https://accessibledispatch.com/>.

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FOOD CART PERMITS

The NYC Health Department is releasing permits for mobile food vendors to operate Green Carts and Seasonal food carts and trucks.

Green Cart (Fresh Fruits and Vegetables) Permits: Allow vending of fresh fruits and vegetables, including prepackaged sliced and cut fruits and vegetables, bottled drinking water, and plain nuts in designated areas. For more information on Green Cart permits, visit www.nyc.gov/greencarts.

Seasonal (Temporary) Permits: Allow mobile food vending throughout New York City in designated areas allowed by existing regulations from April 1 to October 31.

To apply for a Green Cart or Seasonal permit, you need to apply to get on a waiting list first. This waiting list application period will be open through April 30, 2022. The “Green Cart or Seasonal

Permit Waiting List Application Form,” the instructions for the form and their translations are available online at www.nyc.gov/health/mobilefood or call 311 and ask to have the form mailed to you.

Waiting list applications must be submitted by email or postmarked by mail by **April 30, 2022.**

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### ***WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS***

Wellness Wednesdays will continue in the 36<sup>th</sup> Council District with Councilman Chi Ossé. Fresh food and PPE will be distributed every Wednesday at Restoration Plaza located at 1360 Fulton Street from 11 AM to 1 PM or until supplies run out. Please email [district36@council.nyc.gov](mailto:district36@council.nyc.gov) with any questions or concerns.

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FOOD PANTRY AND PPE WEDNESDAYS

Councilwoman Darlene Mealy hosts a food pantry and PPE giveaway every Wednesday from 11 am to 2pm at her office located at 400 Rockaway Avenue (near Pitkin Avenue). Fresh and non-perishable foods, as well as face coverings and other PPE will be available for distribution.

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### ***MASTER COMPOSTER CERTIFICATE COURSE***

The NYC Compost Project Master Composter Certificate Course is back! If you are passionate about waste diversion, mitigating climate change, and have an interest in joining a growing roster of certified NYC Master Composters, this is for you! This advanced compost education and outreach program is offered year-round throughout the 5 boroughs, and is designed to build a citywide network of educators, advocates and community composters to support NYC Department of Sanitation composting initiatives.

Those enrolled in the program will gain an understanding of the various organic waste diversion programs in NYC, as well as learn basic compost science, urban compost system design, and outreach techniques through classroom instruction, field trips, and hands-on activities. Participants will receive ongoing support to complete the coursework and required volunteer hours according to their interests and community needs.

To be certified as a NYC Master Composter, registrants need to complete the following within one (1) year from their start date:

- Seven (7) course workshops
- Two (2) field trips
- Thirty (30) hours of approved, compost-related volunteering

This course is open to NYC residents who are at least 18 years of age. You may find course information and sign up online by visiting [www.nyc.gov/mastercomposter](http://www.nyc.gov/mastercomposter).

## ***CANCER SERVICE PROGRAM***

The Cancer Service Program in Brooklyn is a free grant funded program partnered with multiple sites that offer free breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screening for uninsured and underinsured patients regardless of immigration status.

Detecting cancer early through screening is a key factor in its treatment. Call 718-250-8708 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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REGISTRATION FOR MAKE MUSIC NEW YORK 2022 IS OPEN!

New York City's musical festival for the people and by the people returns on Tuesday, June 21st and registrations for the annual celebration are now open.

Whether you are a musician or venue, make the 16th annual edition of the festival the biggest ever! Register for Make Music NY 2022 here: <https://makemusicny.org/register>.

If you are a musician or vocalist, register as a "Performer." Create your unique profile, including music samples and social media tags, to make it easy for interested host Venues to learn all about you and your music. Then begin your search to connect with hundreds of participating Venues, including plazas, parks, community gardens, libraries, shopfronts and other unique outdoor spots.

If you are interested in hosting a local NYC musician, just sign up as a "Venue". Create your profile to make it easy for interested Performers to learn about your venue and the type of music you are looking to host. Then begin your search to connect with thousands of musicians representing every conceivable genre and style of music.

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## ***STORY TIME IN NATURE***

Story Time in Nature is Back! In conjunction with the Brower Park Library, Friends of Brower Park will get your little ones moving with Story play, music, and dance. Your little ones will also have opportunities to get down in dirty in the butterfly garden.

Story Time in Nature takes place every Wednesday in April at 10:30 AM in Brower Park near the sprinklers. Remember to bring your own lawn chair or blanket. Social distancing will be encouraged. Masks are not required, but encouraged for any close contact activities. Please stay home if you are not feeling well.

For more information on the program or to check on the possibility of cancellation due to weather, please call 917-903-7883.

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BROWER PARK EVENTS

It's My Park Day in Brower Park will be held on Saturday April 16, 2022 from 11 AM-1 PM. This event will focus on cleaning up the leaf mold compost bin that has been littered and dumped on in the last few months. Help Friends of Brower Park get ready for planting by cleaning out the bad matter and tending to the good!

Earth Day Fun Day and the It's Not Easy Being Green Eco-Fair will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2022 from 12 PM -4 PM. Come learn about how you can do your part to be friendly to Mother Nature, join the Brower plant and seed swap, do arts and crafts, participate in story play, and volunteer in our garden and compost bin. Additionally, the Brooklyn Public Library's Book Mobile will be present to loan books.

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## ***EARTH DAY ON NORTH FLATBUSH AVENUE***

Join the North Flatbush Avenue BID for their Annual Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 22, 2022 from 4-8 PM at the 6th Avenue Triangle located at the intersection of Flatbush and St. Marks Avenues. Entertainment will be provided by Cuarteto Guataca and Batala NYC.

This year's event will feature E-Waste Recycling for SAFE Disposal, bicycle registrations with the NYPD, and DSNY/FDNY-agency community info. For more information, follow the BID on Instagram and Facebook @Northflatbushbk, and Twitter @nfbid.

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PROSPECT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY!

Team up to clean Prospect Heights' sidewalks and streets! On Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 9 AM to 12 PM (Rain date: May 1st), clean in front of your own building or help clean another area. The more neighbors pitch in, the better. Or, you can meet at 9 AM at one of the locations below to target a clean up of a specific area:

- 535 Dean Street (Bergen, Dean and Pacific Streets near the 78th Precinct)
- Carlton Avenue/Park Place intersection (Q and B subway entrances and Carlton Avenue/Park Place intersection)
- 550 Vanderbilt (Vanderbilt Avenue from Atlantic Avenue to Eastern Parkway)
- Underhill Avenue/Lincoln Place (Underhill Avenue and environs north of Eastern Parkway)

Bring tools and gloves if you can. Social distancing and masks required. Sign up by emailing cleanprospectheights@gmail.com.

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## ***SHRED FEST***

The Crown Heights North Association is pleased to announce the return of Shred Fest, a free shredding event, on Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 9 AM to Noon. Take time to shred your important documents and identifying information to prevent identity theft, as well as old books and magazines. This event is paper only.

The shred event will be held at St. Gregory's RC Church located at 991 St. John's Place at the corner of Brooklyn Avenue. For more information, call 646-580-8229 or visit the Crown Heights North's Facebook Page. Musical stylings will be provided by Patsy Grant with Kime Clarke on bass, Dina Vero on piano, and Lucianna Padmore on drums.

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STEM SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Full STEAM ahead this summer! Students entering kindergarten through grade 12 in September 2022 can apply now to attend FREE enrichment programs with STEM Matters NYC and get their hands dirty in the garden, encounter amazing animals, or design an art or engineering project. Students entering kindergarten through grade 9 in September 2022 can apply for camps. Students entering grades 10-12 in September 2022 can apply for STEM courses and internships. Choose from a wide range of programs offered at sites throughout the city. The full program list and application can be found at <https://spep.libguides.com/STEMprograms>.

Programs are offered at the NYC Department of Education's Genovesi Environmental Study Center and NYC Center for Aerospace and Applied Mathematics; Bronx Zoo; Central Park Zoo; Intrepid, Sea, Air & Space Museum; Makerspace NYC; New York Aquarium; Pellettieri Stone Carvers' Academy; Prospect Park Zoo; Queens Zoo; Rocking the Boat; Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden; Staten Island Museum; Staten Island Zoo; The Battery Conservancy; UrbanGlass and Wave Hill.

Students will meet and work with field experts in programs that feature real-world learning experiences.

Don't miss out! Spots are limited. **The application deadline is Tuesday, April 19, 2022.** Preference is given to students who attend Title I schools (high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income households). Download the flyer, learn more, and apply now. For questions, contact STEMMattersNYC@schools.nyc.gov.

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## ***CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION***

Each spring, a nation-wide high school arts competition is sponsored by Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in order to recognize, encourage and celebrate artistic talent across the nation. Congressman Hakeem Jeffries is proud to invite all students living in New York's 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District to participate in the 8th annual Congressional Art Competition and looks forward to seeing all the talented submissions from students in Brooklyn.

The Congressional Art Competition is open to all high school students. Exceptions may be made for schools that have 7th through 12th grades on one campus. All participants must reside within New York's Eighth Congressional District.

Artwork must be two-dimensional. Each piece must be no larger than 28" x 28" x 4" (28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep), including the frame. If your artwork is selected as the winning piece, it will be required to be framed and must still adhere to the size guidelines. Artwork must not exceed more than 15 pounds.

Accepted mediums are Paintings (oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc); Drawings (colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)); Collage (must be two dimensional); Prints (lithographs, silkscreen, block prints); Mixed Media (use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.); Computer-generated art; and Photography.

Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and must not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry copied from an existing photo (not the student's own), painting, graphic, advertisement, or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and will not be accepted. Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).

Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the entire year of the exhibition and cannot be returned to the students earlier. Students should submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.

All artwork entries must be submitted along with a completed Student Information and Release Form and an image of the artwork to [CongressmanJeffries08@gmail.com](mailto:CongressmanJeffries08@gmail.com) by Thursday, May 5, 2022. For more information, please call (718) 237-2211.

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BROOKLYN BUSINESS CENTER'S ACCOUNTING PROGRAM

Are you a small business owner who was not able to get PPP, EIDL, or ERC funds during the pandemic? Is your business struggling to access financing because you don't have good financial records? Apply to the Brooklyn Business Center's Accounting Program today.

The accounting program equips business owners with the tools, education, and professional connections they need to establish or maintain their businesses' financial records and tax filings, unlocking opportunities for financing, business growth, and more.

- Biweekly group educational sessions
- Regular one-on-one consulting with Brooklyn Business Center staff
- Quickbooks Online subscription (4-months free)
- A bookkeeper/accountant who will help setup or update your businesses' books in Quickbooks Online throughout the program

The program will run from May - September 2022, and all sessions will be held over Zoom, with an optional in-person component. Small business owners located in Central Brooklyn are strongly

encouraged to apply, and priority will be given to women, minority, veteran, and disabled persons-owned businesses

The program is completely FREE! Applications are being accepted through April 15, 2022. Complete your application online at <https://airtable.com/shrOkE7MN4yepQd0G>.

Email Laura Klein at LKlein@restorationplaza.org or call (718) 636-6964 with any questions.

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### ***BROOKLYN ALCOHOLISM AND ADDICTIVE SERVICES COUNCIL***

The Brooklyn Alcoholism and Addictive Services Council (AASC) meetings are a forum where service consumers, providers, local and state government representatives and other interested community members come together to discuss the service needs and concerns of the borough and neighboring communities. Through the collaboration with the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) and the Office of Addiction and Support Services (OASAS), their goal is to promote awareness, unity, and social change within Kings County.

Their next meeting will be held on Monday April 25, 2022 at 03:00 PM via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83336177209?pwd=a1IzajZlUjNjSkx6NlNHTzNVMDJOZz09>

Meeting ID: 833 3617 7209

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MANHATTAN COMPREHENSIVE NIGHT AND DAY HIGH SCHOOL

Does this sound like you or someone you know?

- Not a morning person
- Is new to the country and needs ENL classes
- Needs to work to help their household
- Needs a fresh start in a new school environment
- Is a high school senior who is not graduating with their cohort
- Needs ICT or SETSS services
- Recently moved and needs a school closer to home
- Is interested in a paid internship
- Is over age and under-credited
- Is looking to earn college credits while in high school
- Needs a night program due to childcare issues

If yes, then Manhattan Comprehensive Night & Day High School may be the ideal transfer high school for you or them. It is NYC's largest public transfer school that has been serving students

around the clock for the past 33 years. They are also the only transfer school with both day and night sessions. Their day session, which starts at 8:00 am and ends at 2:20 pm, is for ENL students. Their night session, which starts at 3:11 pm and ends at 9:31 pm, is for ENL, mainstream students, and students with disabilities.

They offer English as a New Language classes for beginners to advanced students, College Now and AP classes, paid internships, SETSS and ICT classes for students with disabilities, and summer school classes.

The school is centrally located near the Union Square subway station and can be easily accessed by the L, N, R, Q, W, 4, 5, and 6 trains. Interested applicants should apply online at www.mcndhs.com and they will be sent an invitation to the next Open House event.

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### ***IFTAR CELEBRATION***

Assemblymember Brian Cunningham wishes you Ramadan Kareem! Please join the Assemblymember as the Ramadan fast is broken with Iftar at sunset on Wednesday April 27, 2022 at the Kawthar Mosque, located at 695 Nostrand Avenue at the corner of Park Place. Please arrive to the mosque at 7:15 pm. Kosher & Halal food will be served promptly at 7:49 pm.

Iftar is a time of sharing and unity. This event offers all of us a chance to celebrate it with one another. No outside food or drinks, please. RSVP by calling 718-771-3105 or contact Assemblymember Brian Cunningham District office at [abcd43ny@gmail.com](mailto:abcd43ny@gmail.com).

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AABE SCHOLARSHIPS

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 (underrepresented minorities) in energy related fields. By doing so, they help the nation address a critical need and a challenge to future economic vitality in the world market. 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 visiting the scholarship page on AABE National’s Website, www.scholarship.AABE.org.

Additionally, the Summer Energy Academy was created to assist in meeting the global energy challenge. In order to prevent the impending energy crisis, it is imperative that students are exposed to the concepts of energy and STEM disciplines at an early age, therefore laying the foundation for future scientists and engineers to develop the needed technology to reduce and change how

energy is consumed. To learn more about the SEA Program, visit their website at <https://seaprogram.org/>.

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***CHNA 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY TOWN HALL MEETING***

Join the Crown Heights North Association for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Town Hall on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 7 PM at the Brooklyn Children’s Museum located at 145 Brooklyn Avenue at the corner of St. Marks Avenue. Invited speakers include Assemblymembers Stefani Zinerman and Brian Cunningham; 56<sup>th</sup> AD District Leaders Henry Butler and Kenesha Trayham-Cooper; and 43<sup>rd</sup> AD District Leaders Edu Hermelyn and Sarana Purcell.

For more information, visit [www.crownheightsnorth.org](http://www.crownheightsnorth.org).

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PRUNERS AND CLIMBER POSITIONS WITH DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The NYC Dept. of Transportation is hiring pruners and climbers to work out of the Kew Loop Yard in Flushing, Queens. The pay range for the position is \$55,806 to \$69,093.

Applicants must have at least six months of satisfactory, full-time experience as a climber and pruner or arborist performing all types of tree work. Eligible candidates must also have a valid driver’s license and a valid Class B commercial driver’s license within one year of appointment. Preference will be given to those candidates who currently possess a Class A commercial driver’s license in the State of the New York. All hires must be vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus unless they have been granted a reasonable accommodation for religion or disability.

For more information or to apply, visit <https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/about/employ.shtml>.

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We wish the happiest of birthdays to Ms. Princess Benn-James, Ms. Marva Henry, and Ms. Kimberly Watson, all of whom will celebrate birthdays in the month of April.

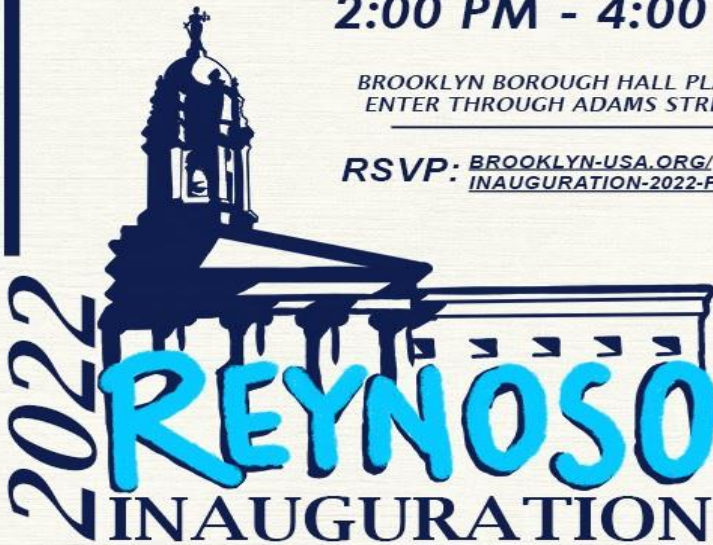
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**SUNDAY,
APRIL 24TH**

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL PLAZA
ENTER THROUGH ADAMS STREET**

**RSVP: [BROOKLYN-USA.ORG/
INAUGURATION-2022-PLAZA](https://www.brooklyn-usa.org/inauguration-2022-plaza)**



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To RSVP, please use this link:
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