NEWS FROM COMMUNITY BOARD #8

ACROSS THE BOARD

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District Manager's Report

Happy Spring! As temperatures begin to rise, we would like to remind you of the Department of Sanitation's sidewalk and gutter cleaning regulations. Property owners must clean sidewalks (including areas like tree pits, grass strips, etc.) and gutter areas (18 inches from the curb into the street) along the building perimeter. If you fail to keep the sidewalks and gutters near your property clean and unobstructed, **you may be fined up to $100.**

Litter and sweepings must be picked up and placed in bins with secure lids for collection. Public DSNY litter baskets may not be used for this purpose. DSNY will inspect sidewalks during specific times of the day. Sidewalk cleaning enforcement times depend on the type of property.

Although enforcement agents will issue tickets for dirty sidewalks and gutters only during the specified time periods, they may issue tickets for all other violations at any time.

Residential Properties enforcement occurs during a 1-hour time period twice a day, 7 days a week.

- 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Commercial Properties enforcement times are limited to two 1-hour periods per day. The exact times depend on your address.

Although the commercial routing times vary by where the business is located, all commercial premises should be maintained (the sidewalk and the area 18 inches from the curb) at the beginning and end of the day. This makes good business sense and helps keep the community clean.

For more information about the specific commercial routing times for a particular location, call 311.

Notice of Demolition

The following full demolition of the building and removal of the foundation will take place at the locations: For any concerns or further details see below.

- 940 Atlantic Avenue (Owner 347-489-8085)
- 1201 St. Marks Avenue (Site Supervisor 718-902-3019)

Temporary Road Closure

Lincoln Place will be temporarily closed to traffic from Nostrand Avenue to Rogers Avenue from April 3rd through May 3rd (intermittently) from 9am to 4pm.

The road will be closed to enable a concrete pump and boom trucks to work on a new building.

For any concerns or further details, please contact 917.575.4509 or via email at joel@ymdconsulting.com

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SANITATION FOUNDATION SPRING CLEAN UPS

Step Up. Show Up. Clean Up! Host a cleanup in your neighborhood or find a cleanup near you.

The NYC Big Spring Clean mobilizes thousands of New Yorkers across all five boroughs in a united mission to clean up our streets, parks, and public spaces.

With hundreds of cleanup events taking place citywide, the Big Spring Clean turns civic pride into real, visible impact. From neighborhood blocks to waterfronts, New Yorkers roll up their sleeves to make their communities cleaner and brighter.

More than just a seasonal initiative, the Big Spring Clean sparks a growing movement—one that continues to inspire collective action and civic responsibility in neighborhoods across the city.

Visit the Sanitation Foundation's website at https://www.sanitationfoundation.org/nyc-big-spring-clean-toolkit.

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NYC TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Your voice matters! On April 25, 2026, join the Healing Center to take a stand against teen dating violence and sexual assault in New York City.

Your presence shows survivors that they are not alone, expands the movement to reach a wider number of supporters, activists, and community residents, and sends a powerful message to youth throughout our city. You play an important part in the work to end gender-based violence among youth and your participation on April 25th makes a world of difference. To join please register here.

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NYC GARBAGE BIN UPDATE

Buildings with 1 to 9 residential units will be required to use NYC Bins for their trash starting in June 2026, yet another step in the city's plan to remove the mountains of black bags from our sidewalks, reclaim public space and improve quality of life.

DSNY announced that all nine sizes and colors of official NYC Bins are now available at NYC Home Depot locations, for in-store pickup via homedepot.com/NYCBins, or for delivery via Instacart, DoorDash or Uber Eats.

The official bin is only required for trash, however, there are bins available for trash/paper, metal/glass/plastic, and for compost which are optional.

Some New Yorkers had previously ordered bins online but have not yet received delivery of their bins; all outstanding online delivery orders are ongoing and are targeted for completion by late March. Those customers will receive an email notification when the bins are scheduled for delivery.

Owners of one- and two-family homes who receive the STAR property tax benefit are eligible for an NYC Trash Bin reimbursement from the NYC Department of Finance.

If you purchase a bin from Home Depot or a delivery partner (DoorDash, Instacart, Uber Eats), you will need to apply for the reimbursement.

If you are eligible and have already purchased a bin online through the manufacturer (Otto), the NYC Department of Finance will automatically send you a check.

Learn more about the Trash Bin Reimbursement Program by visiting https://www.nyc.gov/site/finance/property/free-trash-bins.page.

Learn more about containerization at www.nyc.gov/usebins.

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DOT APPROVED OPEN STREETS

The NYC Dept. of Transportation has approved the following locations for an Open Streets in 2026:

- Vanderbilt Avenue from Atlantic Avenue to Park Place—every Saturday from May 2, 2026 through September 26, 2026. The street will be closed to vehicular traffic from 11AM to 11PM.

DOT agency partner: Prospect Heights Open Street

2. Franklin Avenue from Atlantic Avenue to Eastern Parkway. This OS will operate every OTHER Saturday from June 6, 2026 through October 24, 2026. The street will be closed to vehicular traffic from 11AM to 7PM.

DOT agency partner: Bridge Street Development Corp

3. Prospect Place from Classon Avenue to Grand Avenue. This OS will operate every Saturday from July 4, 2026 through August 1, 2026. The street will be closed to vehicular traffic from 8AM to 9PM.

DOT agency partner: Prospect Place Block Association 2.0

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APRIL IS ORAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

April is Oral Cancer Awareness Month, a time to highlight the importance of oral health—especially for older adults. Oral health is an important but often overlooked part of healthy aging.

Oral cancer mainly affects adults over 55. The risk is higher for people who smoke, drink alcohol frequently, have a family history of oral cancer, have excessive and unprotected sun exposure, have been infected with HPV, or do not visit a dentist regularly. The good news is that oral cancer is much more treatable when detected early.

Common warning signs include:

- A sore in the mouth that doesn't heal
- Persistent pain or numbness in the mouth or jaw
- Red or white patches on the gums, tonsils, or inner cheeks
- Difficulty chewing or swallowing lasting more than two weeks

Some of these signs may only be visible to a trained dental provider. Many people may not realize that dental professionals routinely screen for oral cancer during regular check-ups, making routine dental visits an easy and effective way to support early detection—even for individuals with few or no teeth.

Maintaining good oral health supports overall health and quality of life for older adults. Regular dental care, good oral hygiene, tobacco cessation, and awareness of symptoms all play an important role in staying healthy and thriving.

You are invited to learn more by attending a free webinar, Oral Health for Older Adults: Key Considerations and Care Strategies on Thursday, April 23, 2026 from 10-11AM via Zoom.

Join directly at https://bit.ly/4dEds9h, Meeting ID: 160 763 8776, Passcode: 083786.

There is no registration required. For more information, visit https://bit.ly/4capnux.

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JOB FAIR

Join multiple representatives for a Job Fair at Grand Army Plaza Library on Tuesday, May 5th from 10 AM to 2PM. Healthcare, public and civil service sectors, transportation and infrastructure are some of the featured industries. Join beforehand for trainings and workshops!

To register for the job fair, go to www.bit.ly/cbkjobfair26. For a list of trainings and

workshops and to register for them, go to https://bit.ly/4tEHFd7.

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CCRB PUBLIC MEETING

The CCRB will host their next public board meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. via Webex and in-person. This meeting will be live-streamed and posted to the CCRB's website, Vimeo, and other social media platforms.

The CCRB welcomes all New Yorkers to participate in this discussion about police-community relations, and to learn more about civilian oversight of the NYPD.

You can attend in-person at NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) Headquarters, 100 Church Street, 10th Floor, New York.

To stream the meeting via WebEx, be sure to register at https://bit.ly/4czmp2D.

If you have requests regarding accessibility or need language interpretation assistance, please email accessibility@ccrb.nyc.gov.

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BALLET PROGRAM

One Crown Heights in partnership with Fit $ Dance and Pennys Dance Studio have opened a registration portal for girls ages 9 to 13 for 10 classes and a recital. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from April 15th through June 24th, when the recital will be held.

A small registration fee of $30 is required per dancer or $50 per family. To register visit https://tinyurl.com/ochballet2026.

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2026 SCHOOL SURVEY

Make your voice heard! The 2026 NYC School Survey is designed to support dialogue among all members of the school community about how to make the school a better place to learn. Every year, the DOE asks families, teachers, and staff of grades 3-K through 12, and students in grades 6–12 to take the NYC School Survey. The survey gives school leaders a better understanding of what members of their school community think about their school. Fill out the survey at www.nycschoolsurvey.org by April 17, 2026.

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT TRAINING PROGRAM

NewComm is a network of live project teams where learning is put to work. Students in the free program don't study business; they run one. They don't read about leadership; they practice it every week, in real time, with real stakes.

NewComm's motto is build upon the premise that the students who change their communities aren't the ones who left — they're the ones who came back with resources, networks, and authority. Students in the program are in from day one, no application, no GPA cutoff. Over four years the role grows with you — from observer to recruited team member to paid project leader. Real clients. Real budgets. Real compensation. That's what economic power looks like when it's built from the inside.

New York City high school students interested in learning more about NewComm or applying should visit https://newcommproject.org/program. You do not have to be a Freshman in order to sign up; the program accepts high school students in all years.

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EARTH DAY 2026

Earth Day 2026 takes place on Wednesday, April 22, focusing on the theme "Our Power, Our Planet" to promote renewable energy and a sustainable, equitable future. Over 1 billion people worldwide are expected to participate in actions like cleanups, tree planting, and lobbying for climate policy.
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Earth Day events will be occurring worldwide, and below are some events in Brooklyn.

North Flatbush Avenue
6th Avenue Triangle (intersection of Flatbush Avenue, St. Marks Avenue, and 6th Avenue)
Wednesday, April 22, 2026 from 4-7PM

Recycle drop-off for textiles and e-waste with live music performances.

St. John's Park
Join IDCC, Assemblymemers Brian Cunningham, and Stefani Zinerman for Good Vibes Park Day!
Thursday, April 23, 2026 from 3-5:30PM

Skate raffles, helmets, and basketball raffles, lung health screening, Narcan training, HIV testing, and so much more!

Ft. Greene Park
Earth Day Festival, Saturday, April 18, 2026
11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. @ Monument Plaza

Celebrate Earth Day at Fort Greene Park for a fun, family-friendly day dedicated to celebrating and caring for the Earth. Enjoy workshops, crafts, and games put together by community organizations and neighbors that help you show your appreciation for the world that sustains us. For those who participate in 8 of the activity stations, there'll be a FREE prize.

Downtown Brooklyn
Car-Free Earth Day 2026, Saturday, April 18, 2026
Noon to 3PM

Join for Earth-friendly and car-free activities including music, fashion, bike lessons, and more. Albee Square West will be closed to traffic, so bring your bikes or roller skates, and enjoy activities and music at Albee Square. Learn to ride a bike, weave with repurposed materials, write poetry with professional poets, make paper from paper, and so much more!

Big Re-use spruces up Franklin Avenue
Saturday, April 25, 2026
2PM to 4PM

Join Big Re-use in front of 613 Franklin Avenue to give a lift to tree pits along Franklin Avenue. Clean, care for, and add mulch the street trees in District 35! All supplies will be provided. Please dress comfortably for the weather and type of work. Don't forget to bring a water bottle to stay hydrated. Register at https://bit.ly/4slWRe0.

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PROSPECT PARK EVENTS

Visit Prospect Park for a series of events and gatherings in the month of April. While there, enjoy the colors of Spring!

Healthy Kids Day
Saturday, April 18, 10 am–2 pm
Lena Horne Bandshell
RSVP: prospectpark.org/healthy-kids
The Prospect Park & Park Slope Armory YMCA and Prospect Park Alliance are partnering to bring you Healthy Kids Day for the first time in Prospect Park! Healthy Kids Day is the Y's national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids and families. Prospect Park Alliance is committed to advancing the health and wellness of our community in the park. Join us for family games, arts & crafts, activities, fitness, giveaways and much more.

The Y is seeking community organizations to table or offer an activity at the event, so please reach out if you are interested.

Earth Day in Prospect Park
Sunday, April 19, 10 am–1 pm
Boathouse, Prospect Park
Free, RSVP: prospectpark.org/earth-day
Celebrate Earth Day with Prospect Park Alliance! At 1:30 pm, join us for the opening of *The Journey*, a kinetic sculpture of soaring pink birds by artist Risha Gorig that explores the shared resilience of avian and human migration. An indoor documentary display will also be on view from 1 to 4 pm. At 2:30 pm, Something Positive presents *The Arrival*, a multimedia production blending Yoruba myth with science to tell the story
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of water. Experience this dramatic retelling through dance, live percussion, and light projections under the theme "Water is Life!"

"Help Shape the Dialogue" with Brooklyn Org's 2026 Listening Tour
Learn more and register at brooklyn.org/listening-tour

Brooklyn Org's annual Listening Tour returns this spring to ensure their grantmaking and community support are guided by authentic neighborhood voices. This year, the focus is on bringing new perspectives to the table, and BKO is looking for stakeholders, grassroots leaders, and organizations that have not participated in previous sessions. We invite you to join the conversation to share your insights, or help them shape this dialogue by sharing the registration link with the "hidden gems" and leaders in your own networks who should have a seat at the table.

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OLDER ADULTS HOME MODIFICATIONS PROGRAM

Are you or a loved one in need of home modifications? The NYC Dept. for the Aging (DFTA) may be able to help low-income older adults remain safe and independent in their homes and communities. Through a home safety assessment by a licensed Occupational Therapist and no-cost home modifications, you can make your home safer, more accessible, and better suited to support aging in place comfortably and independently.

DFTA is offering:

- Grab bars and handrails
- Raised toilet seats and shower chairs
- Lever-handled doorknobs and faucets
- Non-slip flooring
- Furniture risers
- Improved lighting
- Temporary ramps
- Other accessibility and fall prevention

To be eligible, you must be 62 years or older; own or rent in NYC, and have a household income less than or equal to $90k for an individual, or $103k for a married couple.

Call 212-602-4455 or email HomeMod@aging.nyc.gov for application or additional information on program or eligibility.

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NEW YORK PUBLIC RADIO

The New York Public Radio Community Advisory Board is recruiting through April 27, 2026! Help redefine public radio for a new era.

The New York Public Radio Community Advisory Board (CAB) is looking for listeners like you. In a time of historic change for public media, CAB members play a vital role as collaborative partners, community advocates, and stalwart defenders of NYPR. We show up, dig deep, and go long on behalf of both the station and its listeners: giving shape, impact, and purpose to the "The New York Conversation," and that conversation is growing every day, in every direction.

Apply today at https://bit.ly/4tzmV6p.

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FREE SPRING SHREDDING EVENT

Join the Crown Heights North Association, LDC Crown Heights, and Assemblyman Brian Cunningham for a free Spring Shredding event on
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Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 11AM to 2PM at Crown Heights Apartments (1055 St. John's Place parking lot on Sterling Place between Kingston and Brooklyn Avenues). Take advantage of this opportunity to shred and securely dispose of your personal financial/confidential documents.

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BYSTANDER INTERVENTION TRAINING

Join the NYC Commission on Human Rights and Brooklyn Public Libraries to learn how you can be a better member of your community by helping to create a safer NYC. The Bystander Intervention Training is built on the idea that we all play a role in creating safe public spaces for each other when we see our neighbors and community members facing bias, discrimination, or harassment.

On Thursday, April 23, 2026 from 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM at Central Library, Info Commons Training Lab, 10 Grand Army Plaza. For more information or to register, visit https://bit.ly/4c3sKTO or https://bit.ly/47NAK97.

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UPDATES FROM CITY HALL

Mayor Mamdani establishes the Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA+ Affairs: Earlier this month, the Mayor signed an executive order establishing the Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA+ Affairs and appointed Taylor Brown as the director. The office will oversee and coordinate implementation of initiatives across city agencies that serve LGBTQIA+ New Yorkers.

Additionally, earlier this month, the Mayor also announced the launch of a new child care center provider permitting portal, replacing a fragmented and outdated system with a streamlined, fully online process that makes it simpler and easier to open child care centers across New York City.

The new portal consolidates application requirements, simplifies communication with the Health Department and provides real-time updates on application status — removing barriers that have long made it difficult for providers to open their doors. Developed in close collaboration with child care providers, the system is a key step toward delivering universal child care for both families and the providers who serve them.

To learn more about becoming a provider: https://bit.ly/41ihlcL

Provider portal: https://bit.ly/4bXx8DT

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HELP TO MAKE YOUR SMALL BUSINESS GROW

The NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) is excited to host the NYC Small Business Month Expo again this year to serve the needs of small business owners across all stages, industries, and boroughs. The expo will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 60 Pine located at 60 Pine Street, New York, NY 10016.

SBS also helps entrepreneurs with many of their business needs. Below are some upcoming resource webinars.

Unlock Free Advertising Secrets: Boost Your Business Today

Learn more about LinkLocal, a program that provides free advertisements for small businesses, community groups, and local events. LinkLocal provides pre-designed advertising templates that can be featured on up to 8 selected LinkNYC kiosks. Sign up for an upcoming webinar at https://bit.ly/422nOZn.

Unlock the Power of AI for Your Business

April 15, 2026 at 2PM: Free session designed specifically for small business owners who are curious about AI but don't know where to start. Register at https://bit.ly/4ci8Ljc.

First Step to Starting a Small Business for Veterans
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April 17, 2026 at 11PM: Learn the core competencies of successful entrepreneurs, assess your readiness, and create an action plan to launch your veteran-owned business in New York City. Register at https://bit.ly/3PW5FKg.

Creating Content Your Customers Value

April 21, 2026 at 11AM: Learn to create engaging content for your website, email, and social media. Register at https://bit.ly/4t2vabe.

Low to No Interest Financing

April 22, 2026 at Noon: Join this online workshop for information on loans and capital options and get tips to help you apply for financing for your business. Register at https://bit.ly/4snku5Q.

Developing a Marketing Strategy

April 30, 2026 at 3PM—In person ONLY! Chase Bank, 1308 Fulton Street, Brooklyn.

Discover how to clarify your business purpose, understand your customer, and create a marketing strategy that guides every tactic you use.

FastTrac®

FastTrac® is a series of free multiple-session entrepreneurship bootcamps offered for aspiring and established entrepreneurs throughout New York City. Learn more at https://bit.ly/4sWI8Y9.

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COMMUNITY JOY FAMILY DAY AND FORUM

The Legal Aid Society and BRIC are celebrating the 150th Anniversary of The Legal Aid Society with a Community Joy Family Day and Forum on Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 11AM to 3PM. The event will be held at BRIC House, 647 Fulton Street, Brooklyn and will be an uplifting day celebrating community, joy, and connection, and envisioning the Brooklyn "we want to build together." The day will feature free food, prizes, and activities for children including book giveaways!

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STEPS & STORIES FREE WALKING CLUB

Steps & Stories is a walking club for adults 55+, created to help older adults stay active, social, and connected through guided walks in Prospect Park.

Beginning April 22, 2026, steppers will meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month through October at 9:45 AM, then take a ~45 min walk at a moderate pace around the park. The meeting location will be the main entrance at Brooklyn Central Library, 10 Grand Army Plaza.

To learn more, text or call 646-504-9499.

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NORTH FLATBUSH AVENUE BID

NFBID is doing a storefront window display campaign and want to invite local artists to participate! Your expression of interest due date is 4/15! Please sign up if interested at https://tally.so/r/ZjY5ZA\.

Seeking local talent to play Make Music New York on North Flatbush! NFBID is officially entering the three-month countdown to June 21st, when the city's streets will be turned into a 5-borough symphony of free, live music. Did You Hear? Matchmaking is Officially Open! To make this milestone year a success, we need you to help us fill the air with music. The online matchmaking portal is live, and it's time to find your perfect partner for the solstice: Performers: Create your Performer Profile to claim your spot on a public plaza, Open Street, or shopfront.

Venues: Create your Venue Profile to host a local artist and bring your space to life.

Feel free to refer any community (or your) questions to our email address: info@northflatbushbid.nyc.
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PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IN CD35

Participatory Budgeting Vote Week is almost here across the city. From Saturday, April 11 through Sunday, April 19, community members will decide how to invest $1 million across an array of projects in their neighborhood - from school and park upgrades to new tree guards and EMS vans.

Participatory Budgeting is a community-driven process: neighbors submit ideas, help shape the ballot, and vote on what gets funded. Anyone who lives, works, or attends school in District 35 can participate. You do not need to be a registered voter, and eligibility is not impacted by prior incarceration or immigration status. If you are 11 or older and part of the community, you can vote. Simple as that.

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a process through which local residents can decide how to allocate $1 million in city capital funding toward projects that improve their community. No one knows what our communities need best than the folks who live there. The entire PB process is transparent, equity-oriented, and community-driven, as community members propose ideas, decide what makes the ballot, and ultimately vote on which proposals to fund. Projects can include improvements to everything from schools to libraries to public housing to other public spaces. By participating, you determine the future of our community, our district, and our home. Projects in CB8 open for voting are:

Walter L. Shamel Community Garden Upgrades ($500,000)
District 35 Street Tree Guards ($200,000)
Van for EMS Division 3 ($80,000)
P.S. 705 Science Lab Development ($125,000)
New Bridges Elementary Cafeteria Upgrade ($200,000)
P.S. 316 Elijah G. Stroud Library Tech Upgrade ($100,000)
Crown Heights Roadway Repaving ($250,000)

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THE 77TH PRECINCT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

In response to an uptick in youth violence in 2025, the 77th Precinct Community Affairs, spearheaded by Detectives Wallen and Marte, are partnering with the community on several youth-centric events. But to be successful, they need your help! Vendors are welcome to table at either of the events on May 9th at Lincoln Terrace Park or June 4th at Stroud Playground, but all services and resources must be free. Preferred are resources geared towards helping youth and families to accomplish the following:

- Restore and build a strong state of health, mental and physical
- Cope with stress and anxiety
- Manage anger issues
- Mitigate peer pressure and bullying
- Foster effective communication skills
- Prioritize making good choices

Volunteers are also needed to spearhead group activities for both events. The following instructors (and suggestions for missing activities if you know of someone that can provide them) are:

- Yoga Instructor
- Health Fitness Instructor
- Basketball (refs, players & coaches)
- Soccer participants (players and coaches)
- Volleyball participants

To learn more, to volunteer, make suggestions, or otherwise help in planning or event organizing, contact either Detective Wallen at (917) 683-6757 or Detective Marte at (929) 291-8481.

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AVOIDING DEED THEFT

Learn about Avoiding Deed Theft by joining the NYC Housing Preservation and Development and Brooklyn Legal Services on Tuesday April 14th, 2026 between 6:00pm-8pm via zoom. This class is presented by Brooklyn Legal Services and is intended for homeowners and their families.

With housing prices still on the rise, scammers are looking for ways to get control of your home. Protect your home from deed theft and other scams, learn how to safeguard your home now and for future generations.

Register for the Zoom Meeting: https://bit.ly/4tuMi9n. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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WELLNESS AND ACTIVISM

The Center for Law and Social Justice at Medgar Evers College is hosting a free outdoor wellness and voter education Spring event on Saturday, April 18, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is at 1650 Bedford Ave.

Under the open sky, Sage NYC brings together movement, creativity, education, and joy in one intentional outdoor space. Take yoga and dance classes, join interactive art and wellness workshops, and test your civic knowledge with engaging trivia games. Browse curated wellness and civic vendors, offering products and resources to support your everyday well-being. Their resident DJ (@jahmedicine) will keep the energy high throughout the day, spinning a soundtrack to inspire you.

For more information on the event and to rsvp, visit https://bit.ly/4bZ1ZzR.

Vendors are welcome. To learn more or to apply, visit https://bit.ly/4cx6nGv.

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FIRST ANNUAL NYS CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT CONFERENCE

The New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB), in partnership with the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) and the New York State (NYS) Oversight Consortium, is proud to announce the first annual NYS Civilian Oversight Conference sponsored by Sivil. This event will be held on April 14th from 9am – 5pm at The Theater at City Tech, located at 285 Jay St, Brooklyn, New York 11201.

This conference brings together civilian oversight professionals, advocates, policymakers, and students to network and strengthen police accountability across New York State. The conference will include panelists with expertise in the State's unique challenges and opportunities and will facilitate dialogue and collaboration among New York State oversight agencies with the goal of developing effective strategies for holding law enforcement accountable, protecting civil rights, and building public trust in oversight systems.

This event is free of charge; however, registration is required. To register, visit https://forms.office.com/g/Mq0qQzdre8.

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NEWS AND UPDATES FROM YOUR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Borough President Antonio Reynoso

On Wednesday, April 16, 2026, Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso will give his 2026 State of the Borough Address. You must RSVP at https://bit.ly/4smEohi in advance for the event that will be held at the Brooklyn Museum located at 200 Eastern Parkway. Doors open at 6PM.

Councilmember Crystal Hudson

The District 35 Trash Patrol is gearing up for a district-wide clean-up on the morning of Saturday, April 25. Join your neighbors in keeping our blocks clean, safe, and cared for. To sign up, visit https://bit.ly/4t8jLXI.

Senior Series

April 17th @ 1:30 pm
Watercolor class at the botanic garden
990 Washington Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11238
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April 24th @ 10:30 Am
Aqua Aerobics AT CHELSEA PIERS
601 Dean Street, Brooklyn, NY 11238

May 1st @ 11:30 Am
Chair Yoga AT CHELSEA PIERS
601 Dean Street, Brooklyn, NY 11238

Call 718-260-9191 to RSVP for any of the senior series events.

Assemblyman Brian Cunningham

The member would like to share the following:

Tenant Thursdays in partnership with Churches United for Fair Housing: every Thursday from 10AM to 5PM (by appointment only), receive free housing assistance and referrals for immigration, finance, and legal services at the district office located at 249 Empire Blvd. Call 718-771-3105 to schedule an appointment.

The Mobile legal Help Center will be partnering with the Assemblyman to provide free civil legal services to New Yorkers in need via the NYLAG mobile van. Private meeting rooms and technology inside the vehicle enable it to function as a full-service office. The van will be located outside of Crown Heights Apartments located at 1055 St. John's Place from 10AM to 3 PM on Mondays, May 11th and June 8th.

Appointments are recommended to ensure service. To schedule and appointment, visit https://bit.ly/NYLAG26.

Finally, the 2026 Women of Distinction Awards will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026 from 6 to 8PM at Central Library, Dweck Cultural Center, 10 Grand Army Plaza.

Assemblywoman Stefani Zinerman

Assemblywoman Stefani Zinerman is pleased to announce the following:

Pathways to Paychecks: Union Careers and Apprenticeship Expo on Friday, April 24, 2026 from 11AM to 1PM. Woodhull Hospital, 760 Broadway. This event is for young adults, career changers, and returning citizen. Meet with union reps, explore career pathways, and get information on high-paying apprenticeship programs.

Preparing for Emergencies on Sunday, May 17th at 11AM at Restoration Plaza, 1368 Fulton Street: With severe weather events becoming more frequent and extreme, it is more important than ever to prepare in advance for disasters. The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program teaches residents to have the tools and recourse to prepare for any type of possible event—manmade or natural. Each attendee will receive a free preparedness kit. Registration is required. To register, go to www.prepare.ny.gov.

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POWER OF CAPITAL WORKSHOP

The CB8 Economic Development Committee is partnering with Chase Bank to bring a Power of Capital workshop at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 from 6-8PM at Brower Park Library155 Brooklyn Avenue (between Prospect Pl and St. Marks Ave).

Topics include:

- How to fuel the growth of your business
- Understand the different capital options for your business....and much more....

For more information, call CB8 at 718-467-5574, RSVP is not required.

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BROOKLYN NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Brooklyn Neighborhood Services offers affordable home ownership, development program, and home improvement projects courses in partnership with NYS Homes and Community Renewal.

Income eligible homeowners of one- or two-family homes can qualify for up to $50,000 each to make

the necessary repairs in their home to avoid hazardous living conditions. Eligible repairs include plumbing and sewer related repairs; water main; gas emergencies; water leaks; roofs and windows; boiler replacement/conversions; handicap accessible installations; and much more.

Brooklyn Neighborhood Services is located at 20 Bancroft Place. For more information, you may call their office at 718-919-2100.

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Municipal Services Update

The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 03/30/2026 through 04/05/2026.

	Year-to-Date		
	2026	2025	%Chg
Murder	0	1	-100
Rape	9	5	80
Robbery	33	34	-2.9
Felony Assault	89	104	-14.4
Burglary	32	35	-8.6
Grand Larceny	78	82	-4.9
GL Auto	31	20	55

The overall change year-to-date is ***-3.2.***

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The next **77th Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7PM at Concern Rochester located at 151 Rochester Avenue (corner of St. Marks Avenue).

The next **78th Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 7:30PM at the 78th Precinct located at 69 6th Avenue.

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We wish the happiest of birthdays to Ms. Princess Benn, Ms. Lisa Maldonado, and Ms. Kimberly Watson, who will celebrate all celebrate a birthday in the month of April.

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We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. Meredith Staton.

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The next meeting of Community Board 8 will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 6PM at the Nigerian-American Muslim Integrated Community Center located at 801 Dean Street, Brooklyn. All are invited to attend.

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