

ACROSS THE BOARD

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DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

We would like to welcome **Ms. Tia Powell Harris**, who is the new **Director of the Weeksville Heritage Center**, which is located at 1698 Bergen Street. To arrange a tour, call 718-756-5250.

The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 03/31/14 through 04/06/14.

	Year-to-Date		
	2014	2013	%Chg
Murder	1	2	-50
Rape	7	5	40
Robbery	67	105	-36.2
Felony Assault	93	86	8.1
Burglary	83	47	76.6
Grand Larceny	102	89	14.6
Gr. Larceny Auto	31	23	38.4

The overall change year to date is 7.6%.

The **scorecard rating** for the month of March in District 8 was **89.3 for clean streets and 82.1 for clean sidewalks**.

We urge everyone to adhere to the **Dept. of Sanitation's routing times of 8 AM to 9 AM and Noon to 1 PM daily**. The front

of your property should be swept and free of debris 18 inches into the street. All sweepings must be bagged and disposed of properly. Remember to sweep!

Also, please obey all Alternate Side Parking regulations on your street so that the sanitation broom can sweep and help keep the District cleaner.

The following is a summary of the year-to-date **F.D.N.Y Emergency Statistics** through **March 2014**.

	Month	YTD
Structural Fires	22	94
Non-Structural	16	107
Total Fires	38	201
Suspicious Fires	4	10
Non-Medical Emergencies	291	816
Medical Emergencies	248	699
Total Incidents	539	1515

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT (SYEP)

SYEP is now accepting applications for **Summer 2014**. Individuals between the ages of 14 and 24 that permanently reside within the 5 boroughs are eligible and encouraged to apply online at www.nyc.gov/dycd. The

application deadline is **Friday, April 25, 2014.**

In addition, the application to be an SYEP Worksite is available. The deadline to apply to be a worksite is May 16, 2014. All worksites should provide productive and meaningful work assignments; provide training and supervision; communicate regularly with the community-based organization that placed participants to ensure that accurate compensation is provided for hours worked; and evaluate participants and provide adequate feedback and training.

For questions or to apply, call 800-246-4646.

NEWS ABOUT THE SENIOR CITIZEN RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION (SCRIE)

The recently passed New York State budget includes a provision that will increase the SCRIE eligibility income limit from \$29K to \$50K, a much needed increase that will help hundreds of thousands of seniors city-wide. If the groundbreaking increase is approved by the City Council, the change will go into effect as of July 1, 2014.

For information on SCRIE or to get an application, call 311, visit the SCRIE walk in center located at 66 John Street, 3rd Floor, Manhattan, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday thru Friday, or visit www.nyc.gov/scrie.

COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Crown Heights Youth Initiative is looking for volunteer grandparents, parents, foster

parents, and adult guardians to supervise children at a private community playground located on the premises of Calvary Community Church, which is located at 1575 St. John's Place (corner of Buffalo Avenue).

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rev. Cecil Henry of Calvary at 718-467-4108.

BECOME A 9/11 MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER

Volunteers for the National September 11 Memorial & Museum play a critical role in providing meaningful experience for millions of visitors from around the world. In anticipation of the opening of the 9/11 Memorial Museum, volunteers with compassion, integrity, reliability, and excellent communication skills are needed for visitor services and museum docents.

Visitor Services Volunteers are an integral part of the operations at the Memorial and Museum. Visitor services volunteers engage and interact with guests, support public programming, and provide information about 9/11 victims. Volunteers also support special ceremonies and commemorative events.

Docent volunteers support the Museum's education mission. They provide interpretive services to visitors through thematic talks that include detailed information about artifacts, the World Trade Center site, and the history of 9/11.

Thorough training for either volunteer position will be provided. Volunteers are asked to pledge at least 4 hours each week for one year. Participation in the program

will be regularly recognized and acknowledged.

If you are interested in being a volunteer for the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, please visit www.911memorial.org/volunteer.

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### ***20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GREENEST BLOCK IN BROOKLYN CONTEST***

**Brooklyn Botanic Garden** is once again hosting the ***Greenest Block in Brooklyn contest***, a free contest open to all residential and business blocks in Brooklyn. Entrants must be a block association, merchant association, business improvement district, or civic or neighborhood organization. The top winners, who will be announced in August, receive prizes for their blocks.

The Greenest Block in Brooklyn contest is a great way to get neighbors involved in beautifying their blocks and enhancing the beauty of our great borough. Buy great plants to assist your quest (or just to beautify your home or yard) at **BBG's annual Plant Sale on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 8 PM and May 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 AM to Noon**. Of course, you can always visit the BBG plant store during regular operating hours.

For assistance in entering your block, please call 718-623-7250 or email [greenbridge@bbg.org](mailto:greenbridge@bbg.org).

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM

Join the Economic Development Committee of Brooklyn Community Board 8 as they host their first Economic Development forum on **Thursday, April 24, 2014** from Noon to 6 PM at 1000 Dean Street.

Workshops include "Real Estate: Opportunities and Investment"; "Expanding Our Cultural Assets in Crown Heights"; "Local Business Owners Speak: Challenges, Rewards, Advice"; and a "Financial Literacy Workshop".

For more information, call the District office at 718-467-5574 or email brooklyncb8@gmail.com.

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### ***FREE HEAD AND NECK CANCER SCREENING***

**Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center** is offering free head and neck cancer screenings on **Friday, April 25, 2014 from 10 AM to 1 PM** at Brooklyn Infusion Center located at 557-1 Atlantic Avenue.

Head and neck cancer can occur in the nasal passages, mouth, throat, voice box, or skin. Warning signs can be frequent nose bleeds, ongoing nasal congestion, persistent sore or growth in mouth or throat, constant ear aches, lasting change in voice, bloody phlegm lasting several days, lump in neck lasting more than two weeks, changes in skin or mole, or problems swallowing.

The screening involves a 10-minute exam by doctors, counseling on quitting smoking if applicable, and nutritional advice on cancer-preventive diets.

Any adult that smokes, drinks, or spends a lot of time in the sun; and adults who notice any of the warning sign of head and neck cancer.

No appointment is necessary. For more information, call 646-497-9161.

## ***VISION ZERO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WORKSHOP***

Public Advocate Letitia James and StreetsPAC along with various City Councilmembers, are sponsoring two Vision Zero Safety Workshops to inform the public about the initiative. At the workshops, the public will gain information on the Mayor's plan, prioritize street projects, and discuss streets where you live, work, and travel.

The first workshop will be offered on **Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 PM** at Plymouth Church (Hillis Hall) located at 75 Hicks Street, and the second will be offered on **Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> also from 6:30 to 8:30** at Brooklyn College (Student Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) located at the corner of Campus Road and E. 27<sup>th</sup> Street.

## ***STREET GAMES***

The NYC Parks Department is working with Disney to present, "**Street Games: Bringing Classic Back**" on **Saturday, April 26, 2014** from 11 AM to 3 PM at Thomas Jefferson Park, 114<sup>th</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Manhattan. Activities include stickball, pogo sticks, double dutch, street hockey and soccer clinics, soap box derby, etc.

For more information, call 311 or visit [www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks).

## ***LONG-TERM CARE WORKSHOP***

CNR-Center Light Health System and Bed Stuy Task Force cordially invites you to attend an educational forum on "Planning and Paying for Long-Term Care" on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 from 3-5 PM at CNR-Center Light Health Care Center

located at 727 Classon Avenue (between Park and Prospect Places).

The forum is free and open to the community. Refreshments will be served. For more information or to RSVP, email Ms. Jackie Kennedy-Saddler [jkennedy-saddler@centerlight.org](mailto:jkennedy-saddler@centerlight.org) or call her at 718-636-1000, ext 347.

## ***SUMMER ENERGY ACADEMY***

The **American Association of Blacks in Energy (AABE)** is once again offering the **Summer Energy Academy**. The purpose of the academy is to assist in meeting the global energy challenge by exposing students from grades 6 thru 9 to the concepts of energy and STEM disciplines at an early age.

This year's energy academy will be held on **weekdays from July 7, 2014 to August 15, 2014 from 8:30 AM to 3 PM** at Bedford Academy located a 1119 Bedford Avenue.

All applications must include the following or they will not be evaluated:

- Completed application form
- 2013 Math Citywide/State Exam Scores
- 2013 ELA Citywide/State Exam Scores
- 2013 NYS science performance Exam Scores (5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Graders only)
- Copy of most recent report card
- 1 essay of 400 words or less outline student's interest in math, science, engineering, or technology and future career goals

Applications can be obtained from the Community Board office by calling 718-467-5574. The application will be scanned and emailed to you in PDF format so that you can print it out and complete it. Completed applications are due by May 19, 2014 and must be emailed to the SEA Application Review Board at [summerenergyacademy@gmail.com](mailto:summerenergyacademy@gmail.com).

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES

Scholarships are available to African-American males that are graduating from high school and live in the tri-state area. The Dr. Calvin Martin Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund Inc., a non-profit charitable organization, is designed to educate black male students through a scholar and mentorship program to achieve higher academic excellence. Each year, \$100,000 is divided between recipients with a maximum allowance of \$10,000 available to full time students attending a senior college or graduate school.

Applicants must choose a major in education, business, law, medicine, architecture, engineering, or creative arts to be eligible. **The deadline for application submissions is May 30, 2014.**

For an application or for more information, please email Linda Mann at ljmann@reachforcollege.org with your name, email address, SAT score (no ACT), and GPA.

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### **TRAINING PROGRAMS**

**Brooklyn Workforce Innovations (BWI)** is pleased to announce Brooklyn Networks,

a **6 week cable training program** that provides cable certification, an OSHA 10 safety certification, and job placement assistance—for **free!** Graduates work installing telephone and computer lines, broadcast cable systems, home theaters, and security systems.

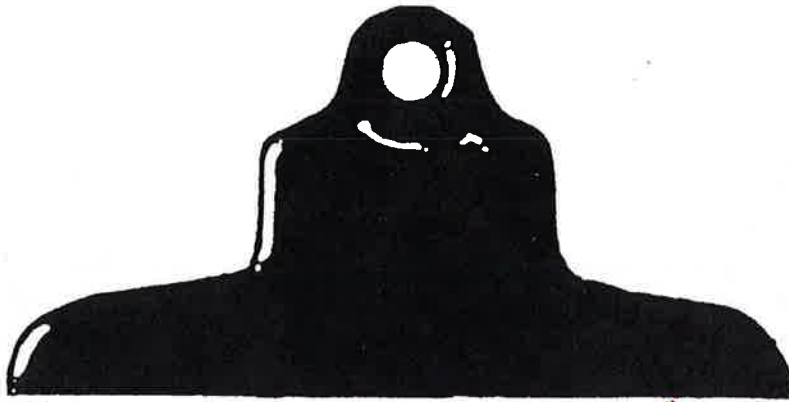
Minimum requirements to participate in the training program are NYC resident; 21 or older; eligible to work in the United States; qualify as low-income, receive public assistance or are currently unemployed, and must be able to pass a drug test.

Upcoming information sessions will be held on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM at 621 Degraw Street (between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues). There is no RSVP required. If you have any questions, call 718-237-2017 or email [kjohn@bwiny.org](mailto:kjohn@bwiny.org).

BWI also offers the following programs:

***Red Hook on the Road (RHOR): 4 weeks of full-time training for a Commercial Driver's License (CDL).*** RHOR prepares trainees for jobs as drivers of "Class B/BPS" commercial vehicles such as school buses, coach buses, trucks, and Access-A-Ride vehicles. Trainees must be able to attend the program from 8 AM-4:30 PM for 4 weeks. You must also be 21 or older with a clean license. Orientations are held Wednesdays at 12:15 PM at 151 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue (between St. John's Place and Lincoln Place). For more information, call 718-237-4846.

***Brooklyn Woods: A 7 week full time course in woodworking*** to prepare for entry-level jobs in custom woodworking, cabinetmaking, and fabrication. Minimum requirements are able to pass a 6<sup>th</sup> grade math/8<sup>th</sup> grade reading test; physically fit and able to lift 70 pounds; background or strong interest working with tools.



Orientations are held every Wednesday at 10 AM at 125 8<sup>th</sup> Street (between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues). For more information, call 718-389-3636.

"Made in NY" Production Careers Training Program: **A 5 week full-time training program for individuals who want to start a career in TV and film production.** The program culminates in certification by the NYC Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment and 2 years of job placement assistance. To be eligible, you must have a driver's license and be available full-time. Orientations are held Mondays at 621 Degraw Street (between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues). Call 718-237-2017, ext 145 and listen to the pre-recorded message fully to verify orientation dates before arrival.

We wish the happiest of birthdays to Ms. Princess Benn-James, Dr. Fred Monderson, and Mr. Alton Pierce, who will all celebrate birthdays in the month of April.

We wish a speedy recovery to Ms. Priscilla Maddox and Ms. Deborah Young.

We send our heartfelt condolences to Ms. Patricia Scantlebury, who recently lost her mother. Condolences can be sent to 751 St. Marks Avenue, Apt E8, Brooklyn, NY 11216. Ms. Stacey Sheffey, who recently lost her aunt.

The next **78<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 7:30 PM** at the **78<sup>th</sup> Precinct** located at 65 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue (corner of Bergen Street).

The next **77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting** will be held on **Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7 PM**. Call Community Affairs at 718-735-0634 for the location.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 7 PM** at Calvary Community Church located at 1575 St. John's Place (corner of Buffalo Avenue).

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