

ACROSS THE BOARD

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District Manager's Report

Good News!

Curbside composting will soon be available year-round to all New Yorkers over the next 20 months. There is no sign-up required for this new program, which is scheduled to begin in Brooklyn starting October 2, 2023. Residents simply set out anything from their kitchen or their garden in a separate bin on their recycling day and let DSNY pick it up to turn into usable compost or clean, renewable energy.

While DSNY will make its own Brown Bins available, this program also includes the flexibility for New Yorkers to use ANY bin of 55 gallons or less with a secure lid.

Additionally, for District 8 residents that want to start composting immediately, 35 Smart Compost bins have been installed throughout the District at the following locations:

- Schenectady Ave @Dean St
- Schenectady Ave @ Prospect Pl
- Schenectady Ave @ Sterling Pl
- Schenectady Ave @ Lincoln Pl
- Ralph Ave @Bergen Street
- Rochester Ave @Bergen Street
- Rochester Ave @St. John's Place
- Rochester Ave @Park Place
- Kingston Ave @Eastern Parkway
- Kingston Ave @St. John's Place
- Kingston Ave @Park Place

- Kingston Ave @Dean Street
- Albany Ave @Bergen Street
- Albany Ave @St. John's Place
- New York Ave @Lincoln Place
- New York Ave @Prospect Place
- New York Ave @Dean Street
- Rogers Ave @Lincoln Place
- Rogers Ave @Sterling Place
- Rogers Ave @Prospect Place
- Rogers Ave @Dean Street
- Franklin Ave @Prospect Place
- Franklin Ave @Lincoln Place
- Classon Ave @Eastern Parkway
- Classon Ave @Park Place
- Classon Ave @Bergen Street
- Grand Ave @St. Marks Avenue
- Washington Ave @St. John's Place
- Underhill Ave @Bergen Street
- Underhill Ave @Park Place
- Underhill Ave @Eastern Parkway
- Vanderbilt Ave @Plaza Street East
- Vanderbilt Ave @Prospect Place
- Vanderbilt Ave @Dean Street
- Flatbush Ave @Prospect Place

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The NYC Department of Sanitation BK8 garage recently coordinated with the 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct on a "Tag and Tow Operation" that removed 33 derelict vehicles and issued 35 summonses. The main focus was clearing out Atlantic Avenue under the Long Island Railroad (LIRR), but the following locations were also part of the operation:

- Atlantic Avenue from Nostrand to Albany Avenues, under the LIRR
- Dean Street between Washington and Grand Avenues
- Grand Avenue between Dean and Bergen Streets
- Bergen Street between Classon and Grand Avenues
- Ralph Avenues between Prospect and Park Places
- Rochester Avenue between Pacific Street and Atlantic Avenue

The Department of Sanitation and the 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct will try to perform this kind of operation as often as possible to keep our streets clear of abandoned vehicles.

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Municipal Services Update

The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 01/30/2023 through 02/05/2023.

	Year-to-Date		
	2023	2022	%Chg
Murder	32	35	-8.57
Rape	6	2	200
Robbery	19	17	11.76
Felony Assault	32	30	6.67
Burglary	11	18	-38.89
Grand Larceny	43	39	10.26
GL Auto	16	16	0

The overall change year-to-date is **4.92**.

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***JOIN COMMUNITY BOARD 8!***

Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso has begun accepting community board membership applications. The application period has been extended to February 23, 2023. Prospective members are encouraged to apply and

attend meetings to familiarize yourself with community boards. Current members up for renewal are encouraged to submit their reappointment application. To apply, go to <https://www.brooklyn-usa.org/departments/community-boards/>.

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SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE

Sunset Ridge Senior Apartments located at 6309 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, is seeking applicants with eligible incomes up to \$60,050 for their units. Applications are being accepted through March 17, 2023. Applications can be completed online at <http://bit.ly/3Heg3F6>. You can also request an application by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Sunset Ridge Apartments; c/o Fifth Avenue Committee; 621 Degraw Street; Brooklyn, NY 11217.

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Herkimer Gardens LLC is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for 60 affordable senior apartment for people 55 years of age or older at 491 Herkimer Street in the Bedford-Stuyvesant Section of Brooklyn. Units are income restricted to between \$22,000 and \$96,000 annually as well as additional selection criteria.

To request an application by mail, send a self-addressed envelope to Herkimer Gardens LLC c/o Wavecrest Consulting LLC, 87-14 116th Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11418. You can also apply online by visiting <https://www.herkimergardensapts.com/>. Do not apply both online and via paper application as this will result in your application being voided.

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DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LIMITED 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.

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. To learn more, visit <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dep/pay-my-bills/amnesty-program.page>.



HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) can help eligible New Yorkers heat and cool their homes. If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year and could also be eligible for emergency HEAP benefits if you are in danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off. Call 1-800-342-3009 to see if you are eligible for heating assistance and apply.



HELP IDENTIFY ILLEGAL CANNABIS SHOPS

To date, there have not been any licenses issued in Brooklyn for retail sale of THC containing cannabis products. As such, if you see any shops or storefronts, mobile vans, and the like advertising THC containing cannabis or “weed,” they are operating illegally, and we need your help in identifying them. If there is an illegal smoke shop near you, please email us at brooklyncb8@gmail.com and give us the name, address and hours of operation as well as any other vital information.



ATLANTIC AVENUE MIXED USE PLAN

The first round of working groups for the Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use Plan (AAMUP) are

underway! These working groups are an opportunity to share your thoughts about each issue area and collaborate with local stakeholders and city agencies to shape the future of Atlantic Avenue. The sessions will be held on the following dates:

Land Use, Density, Housing: Monday, February 13th, 6-9pm: www.bit.ly/AAMUP-feb-WG-C

Economic Development, Human Capital, Services: Wednesday, February 15th, 6-9pm: www.bit.ly/AAMUP-feb-WG-B

Streets, Infrastructure, Open Space: Thursday, February 16th, 6-9pm: www.bit.ly/AAMUP-feb-WG-A

All attendees must register in advance using the links above. Please note that these meetings will be held in-person, and all locations are TBD. Individuals who register will receive the location once they are finalized. The locations will be near the project area.

If you have any questions, you may reach out to the AAMUP team at AtlanticPlan@planning.nyc.gov.



TAPPING THE POWER OF TREES: HOW THE URBAN FOREST WILL SAVE CITIES

Making Brooklyn Bloom 2023, Brooklyn Botanic Garden’s signature program, is pleased to present, “Tapping the Power of Trees: How the Urban Forest Will Save Cities” on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wilbur A. Levin is the invited keynote speaker to address “Deeply Rooted: Traditional Knowledge, Equity, and a New Era in Urban Forestry,” as well as a presentation by Vivek Shandas, Professor of Climate Adaptation, Portland State University. For more information, visit www.bbg.org/mbb.



TOBACCO RETAILER AND ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE RETAIL DEALER LICENSES

The Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (“DCWP” or “Department”) is amending its rules on the application process for tobacco retail dealer and electronic cigarette retail dealer licenses that periodically become available within community districts. The number of tobacco retail dealer and electronic cigarette dealer licenses is now capped.

New licenses become available to prospective licensees only when the number of licenses in use in a given community district falls below the license cap for such community district. Right now, the application process for available licenses is administered annually, beginning in May of each year. These amendments establish that the application process will be administered twice per year, beginning in May and November. This change allows eligible businesses to apply sooner for licenses.

Sections 1043, 2203(c), and 2203(f) of the New York City Charter and Sections 20-104(a) and 20-104(b) of the New York City Administrative Code authorize the Department to make these rules. These new rules will take effect on February 19th, 2023.

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## ***NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS***

Citizens NYC is making \$1 million in direct cash grants to New Yorkers to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

All in Neighborhood Grants support community-led projects with grants up to \$3,000, and our Neighborhood Business Grants support local businesses with grants up to \$10,000. Each grantee partner awarded has access to resources and a network of like-minded community leaders.

Neighborhood Business Grants award up to \$10,000 will fill gaps in funding by prioritizing

businesses owned by people of color, immigrants, and women. While small businesses have kept their doors open, there is a significant need for assistance to fund business continuity. This period of recovery is a pivotal point to keep going. Citizens NYC understands that businesses are essential in the fabric of communities. They look for businesses that give back to the community they serve. Proposals that focus on both physical and human infrastructure will be prioritized (technical system upgrades, location alterations, hiring support, marketing, training, PPE, etc.). They make grants to barber shops, restaurants, food carts, vegetable stands, eCommerce and other small businesses. Unlike many financial opportunities currently available to small businesses, this program will provide grants rather than loans.

All In Neighborhood Grants awards micro-grants up to \$3,000 to community building projects carried out by resident-led groups to address issues they identify as important to them. Today, their grantmaking focuses on supporting projects that bring residents together to improve neighborhood life, strengthen local leadership, and scale community partnerships. Grassroots leaders, especially in low-income communities, know and have what it takes to roll up their sleeves and make changes to boost civic engagement, neighborhood wealth, and community health.

For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.citizensnyc.org/grantmaking>.

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DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

One Brooklyn Health-People Community Preventive Health Institute presents Diabetes Self-Management Program. Learn ways to independently manage your diabetes via a 6-week program that includes a certificate of completion, round trip metro-card for each session attended, free healthy snacks, self-management tips for managing diabetes (reduce A1C and risk of

amputation), nutrition plans and exercise, and relaxation techniques.

Each session is two and a half hours. The next two upcoming sessions are February 14, 2023 and February 15, 2023. To sign up or to receive additional information, contact Glynis Urquhart at 718-604-5000, ext 3976.

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### ***LEMONTREE FOOD ASSISTANCE***

Lemontree works with thousands of resources designed to help neighbors like you. Their team will match you with the options that make sense for you, whether that's the closest food pantry, or a community kitchen open on Sundays. Their help is **100% free** and confidential, and once you tell them what you need, it only takes a few minutes to match you with the best resources. Lemontree has already helped more than 18,000 people link to food services in the community, and works by text message. A real human being will be in touch in just a bit to help you find free food near you.

For more information and to sign up, visit <https://www.foodhelpline.org/>. Want to get started right away to find a food pantry or delivery service near you? Text the word "FOOD" to 90847, where real people are standing by to assist you.

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GROW NYC FRESH FOOD BOX

Fresh Food Box is open every Wednesday from 12-3 PM, year-round. But what exactly is Fresh Food Box?

GrowNYC Fresh Food Box sites are part of a network of food access retail sites operated by GrowNYC, along with Greenmarkets and Farmstands. Through Fresh Food Box, customers pay one week in advance for a pre-assembled box of healthy, fresh fruits and vegetables grown primarily by regional farmers and sourced through GrowNYC Wholesale. The program allows

customers to take advantage of the cost benefit of buying in a group and enjoy the flexibility of a weekly commitment while supporting farmers.

How does Fresh Food Box work? First, visit a Fresh Food Box site near you. Pay in cash, credit/debit, EBT/SNAP, Healthfirst OTC cards (LIP and CC members only), Health Bucks, Greenmarket Bucks, or Fresh Connect Coupons for next week's share. Fresh Food Box uses an equitable pricing system to ensure access for all New Yorkers. Customers can choose one of three prices for the same share of food: \$14, \$17, or \$20. Learn more about our equitable pricing model by visiting

<https://www.grownyc.org/foodbox/equitable-pricing>.

Half-priced Fresh Food Boxes are now available for customers shopping with SNAP! Receive the same great bag of produce for just \$7 when you pay with your EBT card at every GrowNYC Fresh Food Box site.

Return the following week to pick up your share containing 6-9 items of fresh, high-quality produce.

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### ***IMPACCT BROOKLYN'S TENANT LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP***

IMPACCT Brooklyn will be hosting their annual Tenant Leadership Workshop Training Series every Tuesday from February 21, 2023 through March 14, 2023. The goal of the workshop will be to equip tenants with the tools they need to build power and protect their housing rights, as well as foster a space for people who are involved in their community to learn from and support one another.

All but the last workshop will be virtual with the final one on March 14<sup>th</sup> in person and including complimentary dinner. To sign up for the program, visit <https://bit.ly/ImpacctLeaders>.

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**COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS FIRST
STEP PROGRAM**

Starting on Monday, March 13, 2023, the Coalition for the Homeless' First Step Program will be offering a free, in-person job training class that focuses on helping women prepare for careers in non-profit/human services settings. The training will run every weekday from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for six weeks from March 13th - April 21st. Some of the topics covered in First Step are included below:

- Social Service Skills
- Computer Skills Building
- Career Development and Training

Eligibility requirements are female identifying, 18 and over, work authorization in the US, at least two doses of a Covid-19 vaccine, and a High School diploma or GED. Information sessions for the upcoming class are held every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. until March 9th. After attending an information session, those interested will have the opportunity to begin the enrollment process immediately for the program. If you have any questions or to sign up for an information session, please email csilvermanlloyd@cfthomeless.org. Space is limited, so please contact them as soon as possible if you are interested.

**CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY AT
BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL**

Celebrate Black History Month at Brooklyn Borough Hall on Thursday, February 23, 2023 from 6PM-9PM. Borough President Antonio Reynoso will join Brooklynites to celebrate its rich Black and African-American history, present, and future with performances, special guests, and authentic foods all from the borough.

The evening will also serve as opening night of the Brooklyn is Africa: Survival + Persistence = Resistance art exhibit, in partnership by the Cultural Museum of African Art. The exhibit will

be open to the public February 24 through March 3. More information on the exhibit will be featured on www.brooklyn-usa.org.

**FULTON ART FAIR: BLACK RESISTANCE
ART EXHIBIT**

In honor of Black History Month, Fulton Art Fair is pleased to present: *Black Resistance*, a celebration of black artwork. The exhibit will run through Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 2 to 5 p.m. and by appointment. The gallery space is utilizing Skyblue Gallery located at 1766 Bergen Street, Brooklyn.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 347-831-0305 or email info@fultonartfair.net.

**INNER CITY HANDBALL ASSOCIATION
OUTREACH TOURNAMENT**

Inner City Handball Association is a public 501c3 non-profit founded in 1991 with the goal to provide a centralized source of local handball information across New York City. They are hosting a community outreach tournament on March 18, 2023 in Lincoln Terrace Park. They are recruiting players for the 2023 Handball Tournament across the city. To register for the tournament, please visit www.icha.org, email handball@icha.org, or call 718-703-7699.

**JUNIOR AND ADULT SUMMER TENNIS
PROGRAMS**

Lincoln Terrace Tennis Association presents Junior and Adult Summer Tennis Programs at Lincoln Terrace Park. The summer session begins May 13, 2023 and runs through August 26, 2023 on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to Noon. The definition of Juniors is kids ages 5 to 18.

A youth/junior membership is \$50 and an adult membership is \$60. For more information, call Charles at 917-379-0094 or Joan at 347-825-7501. Applications are available at www.lincolnterracetennis.com/#!/Forms/C2510. For scheduling info, visit www.lincolnterracetennis.com.

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### ***MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS***

The Minority Business Development Agency will be hosting a series of webinars surrounding their new grant competition initiative called “Capital Readiness Program Grant Competition”.

MBDA is seeking proposals for its \$93.5 million Capital Readiness Program grant competition to help minority and other underserved entrepreneurs launch and scale their businesses.

They will provide funding to incubators, accelerators, and other eligible organizations across the country with the expertise to support underserved entrepreneurs by providing training and other critical resources, tools, and technical assistance to access capital.

The competition seeks proposals from applicants who will:

- serve minorities, women, and other underserved populations.
- help entrepreneurs build capacity.
- attract and provide access to capital opportunities.
- provide access to networks.

MBDA encourages organizations that have not traditionally focused their services to meet the needs of underserved communities to form strategic alliances with entities that serve those communities to apply for this funding opportunity.

MBDA plans to fund proposals for up to \$3 million over four years per grantee. The Capital Readiness Program is intended to serve entrepreneurs and businesses that are applying, have applied, or plan to apply to Treasury’s State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) or other government programs that support small businesses.

The following are categories of organizations eligible to apply for this funding opportunity:

- Non-profit organizations.
- Private sector entities (defined as entities that are not public sector entities). This includes, for example, for-profit entities of any type, including sole-proprietorships, partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations, but does not include public sector entities such as Federal, State, Local, or Tribal Governments, agencies, or any of their instrumentalities.
- Institutions of higher education.
- A consortium of two or more of any of the above-mentioned eligible applicants. In a consortium application, there must be a designated lead applicant; the lead applicant would enter into the award agreement with MBDA and assume primary operational and financial responsibility for completing the project should an award be made.

**The deadline to apply is February 28, 2023.** For more information or to apply, visit <https://www.mbda.gov/mbda-capital-readiness-program-grant-competition>.

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ESTATE PLANNING WEBINAR

Neighborhood Housing Services is pleased to present an Estate Planning Webinar on **Tuesday, February 21, 2023 from 6-7:30 p.m.** Learn about Wills, Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy, and Living Wills, and how these important documents protect you and your wishes. Plus, free legal

assistance to create or revise existing documents will be provided.

To register on Zoom or call in, visit www.bit.ly/estateplanning_02212023. For information or assistance attending, call 718-4679-4679.

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### ***CROWN HEIGHTS NORTH ASSOCIATION TOWN HALL MEETING***

The Crown Heights North Association (CHNA) will hold their general membership meeting on **Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:45 PM** at Crown Heights Apartments located at 1055 St. John's Place. The invited speaker will discuss Wills and Estate Planning. For more information contact CHNA at 646-580-8229 or email [info@crownheightsnorth.org](mailto:info@crownheightsnorth.org).

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SENATOR ZELNOR MYRIE'S STATE OF THE DISTRICT

Senator Zellnor Myrie invites all to attend his **State of the 20th Senatorial District address on Sunday, February 26, 2023 from 2 to 5 p.m.** The address will be held at Medgar Evers College located at 1650 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn. For more information or to RSVP, please call 718-284-4700.

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### ***NYC COUNCIL HEARING ON EXPANDING THE FILM INDUSTRY IN THE CITY***

The New York City Council Committees on Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International Intergroup Relations, Economic Development and Technology will hold an **oversight hearing on Tuesday, February 28, at 1:00 pm** in Council Chambers, City Hall, New York, NY, and via Zoom web-conference, on the following topic: Film Industry Expansion in New York City.

You are hereby invited to attend and testify, either live via video conferencing, or live in person at City Hall. If you are planning on testifying live in person or via video conferencing, please register in advance of the hearing at <https://council.nyc.gov/testify/>. Each person who intends to testify live via Zoom should register separately. If you plan to testify in person, it would be greatly appreciated if you could bring twenty (20) copies double-sided of your written testimony to the hearing.

Written testimony may be submitted without registration by emailing it to [testimony@council.nyc.gov](mailto:testimony@council.nyc.gov) or via the Council's website at <https://council.nyc.gov/testify/> up to 72 hours after the close of the hearing.

The entrance to the hearing and restrooms at City Hall are fully accessible. For questions about accessibility or to request additional accommodations, please contact Nicole Benjamin ([NBenjamin@council.nyc.gov](mailto:NBenjamin@council.nyc.gov) or 212-482-5176) at least 72 hours before the hearing. All other questions about the hearing can be directed to Brenda McKinney ([BMcKinney@council.nyc.gov](mailto:BMcKinney@council.nyc.gov)), Regina Paul ([RPaul@council.nyc.gov](mailto:RPaul@council.nyc.gov)), Alex Paulenoff ([APaulenoff@council.nyc.gov](mailto:APaulenoff@council.nyc.gov)) or William Hongach ([WHongach@council.nyc.gov](mailto:WHongach@council.nyc.gov)).

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NEWS AND UPDATES FROM COUNCILMEMBER CRYSTAL HUDSON

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

- The next Coffee with Crystal will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 9 a.m. at HeadHi Espresso Bar on 146 Flushing Avenue, Brooklyn. Ms. Lindsay Greene, President & CEO of the Brooklyn Navy Yard is the special guest.

- 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. At this month's event, OATH will be present to provide information on dealing with summonses, online defense/hearing processes, and rescheduling hearings.
- For Black History Month, the office is hosting an "Investing in Black Brooklyn" in-person Community Conversations Series on February 24 and 27, 2023. You must RSVP for this event.

Councilmember Hudson would also like to inform the community on the progress she is making in terms of reforms to improve the lives of older adults in the City. Older adults currently represent 20% of the City's overall population, and sadly, greater than 25% of older adults in the city live at or below the poverty line. To help combat this, and to make NYC a habitable place for our seniors to live with dignity, Councilmember Hudson introduced a series of 10 bills called "Age in Place NYC," four of which have passed in the council already. The four bills offer the following:

- Entitle any New Yorker age 60+ facing eviction or termination of tenancy in housing court to full legal representation at no cost, require the Department for the Aging (DFTA) to provide financial assistance to persons 60+ to pay for rental arrears if they are ineligible for other programs, and require DFTA to create a housing support program for older adults.
- Require DFTA to create a know your rights pamphlet for older adults.
- Expand programming in centers to include linguistic and cultural programs relevant to the communities they serve.
- Require the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) to develop a list of universal design features, and require these to be installed in all dwelling units in a new housing

development project when a developer receives government subsidies.

For more information on the Age In Place packet of bills or to RSVP for any of the upcoming events, please call 718-260-9191.

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### ***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:

- Wellness Wednesday is held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until supplies last at Restoration Plaza, 1360 Fulton Street. Food, toiletries, and other necessary supplies are distributed.
- Migrant Resource Day is held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Restoration Plaza located at 1360 Fulton Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor. 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.
- The next Family Law Clinic will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Councilmember's office located at 1360 Fulton Street on the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor. Individual and confidential legal consultation on many issues including child/spousal support, custody/visitation, domestic violence information and assistance, consumer debt and identity theft, and much more is available.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 718-919-0740.

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

Councilwoman Darlene Mealy 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 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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***WOMEN CREATING CHANGE
WORKSHOPS***

Women Creating Change offers free, virtual workshops for New York City women to learn civic skills and better equip them to engage in their communities. On February 15th at 6pm, they will be hosting an Intro to Civics Workshop, “Showing Up For Self & Community”, designed and facilitated by the Workshop Design Team. This workshop is great for beginners and women who are curious about all the different ways to get involved in their communities and make a difference (big or small!) Workshops are designed for participants 18+ who identify as women who are relatively new to civic engagement. They especially welcome primary caregivers, wage workers, and gender-expansive, Black

Indigenous, Asian, Hispanic, Latinx, low-income, and LGBTQ+ persons.

Register directly by visiting <https://secure.wccny.org/np/clients/wccny/event/Registration.jsp?event=1560&>.

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***\$5,000 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH  
SCHOOL SENIORS***

High school seniors are invited to apply for an Albert Shanker Scholarship. The process is easier than ever with a new online portal.

Candidates must be financially eligible and be accepted in a full-time, matriculated, degree-granting program at an accredited college or university. Education is believed to be the gateway to a productive life, and this opportunity will instill a greater sense of belonging and motivation for your child to make it through their higher education. **The new deadline to apply for a \$5,000 scholarship is Tuesday, February 28, 2023.**

For more details on the scholarship, visit <https://www.uft.org/news/around-uft/awards-honors/albert-shanker-college-scholarship-awards>. Encourage your graduating students to apply!

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***PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR
YOUTH TODAY! 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 and/or Gavin Francis by telephone at 929-202-2115 or by email at gfrancis@ccmny.org.

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### ***EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES***

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is seeking interns and recent graduates to enjoy incredible employment opportunities, exciting challenges, and work with real impact. Candidates will be responsible for helping to fund the nation’s future. To learn more about careers with the IRS and all current vacancies at the agency, visit either [www.irs.usajobs.gov](http://www.irs.usajobs.gov) or [www.usajobs.gov/StudensAndGrads](http://www.usajobs.gov/StudensAndGrads).

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High School Internship Program

The Kings County District Attorney’s office is offering two paid (\$175) one-week internships to high school students during mid-winter break and spring break. Selected students will have the opportunity to participate in either the Mid-Winter Break (February 21-24) internship or the Sprint Break (April 10-14) internship and must meet the following requirements:

- Submit a resume

- 250 word personal essay explaining your motivation for applying for an internship with the DA’s office and how does securing an internship with the office impact your future endeavors.
- Recent transcripts

Applications are online at <http://www.brooklynnda.org/internships/>.

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### **NYC Government Job Fair**

Are you looking for a career opportunity? Learn about jobs at over 20 City of New York government agencies, including on the spot interviewing for select positions. Register to attend at [www.bit.ly/CareerFairNYC](http://www.bit.ly/CareerFairNYC).

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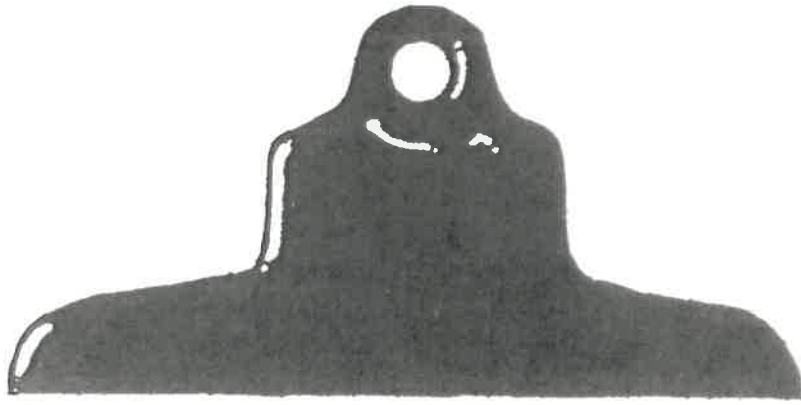
Become a Snow Laborer

Even though this winter has been quite balmy and not a lot of snow has fallen, the Dept. of Sanitation is hiring emergency snow laborers to help DSNY after major storms. Snow laborers are per diem workers who shovel snow and clear ice from bus stops, crosswalks, fire hydrants, step streets and other areas in the City after heavy snowfalls. Earn \$17 per hour and \$25.50 per hour after 40 hours are worked in a week. You must be 18 or older, eligible to work in the US, and capable of performing continuous heavy physical labor to apply.

To apply, make a registration appointment online at www.nyc.gov/snow.

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**The next 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7 p.m. at New Life Tabernacle located at 1476 Bedford Avenue. The guest speaker will be



Dr. Raymond Codrington, Executive Director of Weeksville Heritage Center.

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The next 78th Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. via zoom. Go to 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.

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The next Community Board 8 general meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 9, 2023** at 6:15 p.m. at the Brooklyn Children's Museum located at 145 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn.

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We wish the happiest of birthdays to Community Board 8 members Mr. Fred Frazier and Mr. Yves Vilus, who will celebrate birthdays in the month of February.

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We extend our heartfelt condolences to board member Ms. Andrea Ferris, who recently lost both her mother-in-law and niece.

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We extend continued get well wishes to board member Ms. Vilma Zuniga.

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