

ACROSS THE BOARD

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A Word from the District Manager

Congratulations to the following Community Board 8 members that achieved perfect attendance for calendar year 2018:

- **Ms. Princess Benn-James**
- **Ms. Xeerxeema Jordan**
- **Ms. Atim Oton**

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***COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER TERM LIMITS: WHAT THEY ACTUALLY MEAN***

More than 50 years after our addition to the Charter, community boards remain a vital way for New Yorkers to participate in the civic life of their neighborhoods. The City's 59 community boards discuss, vote, and advise on land use matters, liquor licenses, traffic safety, and other issues affecting the day-to-day lives of those who reside and work in their communities. We also contribute a uniquely local perspective to decision-making at the City level with respect to the budget, land use, and the delivery of services.

However, a ballot initiative in 2018 instituted term limits for appointed board members. This is what that means for members:

Members' appointment periods will be limited to four consecutive two-year terms. **A member will be able to serve for 8 consecutive years at one time, and must sit out at least two years (one term) before they can be appointed again.**

This term limit would be effective for appointments or reappointments on or after April 1, 2019, and terms served before this date would not count toward the limit.

All in all, members appointed or reappointed in 2019 would be maxed out by 2027. Members appointed or reappointed in 2020 would max out in 2028. After a two year wait, all members will be able to re-apply for membership.

The goal of this initiative is to ensure maximum community participation and a diverse range of voices on the Board. **What can you do to ensure that this is effective?** Attend meetings regularly to familiarize yourself with what the community board does and what it is responsible for, apply for membership, take your membership duties seriously, and want to make Community District 8 a better place.

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COMMITTEE UPDATES

Please be advised that the Land Use, Environment, Sanitation, and Transportation (EST), and the SLA and Sidewalk Café Review (SLAC) Committees will return to meeting at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in January on a month to month basis until CNR begins their construction. We ask that you confirm the location with the District office the week prior to any regularly scheduled meeting.

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***MUNICIPAL SERVICES UPDATE:***

The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 12/24/18 through 12/30/18.

|                | Year-to-Date |      |       |
|----------------|--------------|------|-------|
|                | 2018         | 2017 | %Chg  |
| Murder         | 2            | 6    | -66.7 |
| Rape           | 32           | 24   | 33.3  |
| Robbery        | 180          | 208  | -13.5 |
| Felony Assault | 297          | 297  | 0     |
| Burglary       | 157          | 181  | -13.3 |
| Grand Larceny  | 397          | 376  | 5.6   |
| GL Auto        | 72           | 63   | 14.3  |

The overall change year-to-date is -1.56%.

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The following is a summary of the year-to-date F.D.N.Y Emergency Statistics through December 2018.

	Month	YTD
Structural Fires	41	360
Non-Structural	8	160
Total Fires	49	520
Suspicious Fires	1	29
Non-Medical Emergencies	246	3111
Medical Emergencies	300	3822
Total Incidents	632	7733

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The Dept. of Sanitation cleanliness rating of our streets, better known as the “scorecard” rating, was **91.2% for clean streets and 97.0% for sidewalks** for the month of December.

We continue to urge everyone to adhere to the Dept. of Sanitation’s residential enforcement routing times of 8 AM to 9 AM and 6 PM to 7 PM daily. Please clean in front of your properties and 18 inches into the gutter area of the street. All sweepings must be bagged and disposed of

properly. Thank you for your assistance in helping to keep the District clean.

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NYC FOAM BAN

As of the start of the year, businesses, nonprofits and agencies can no longer sell or use any expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam items, such as single-service items like cups, bowls, plates, takeout containers, and trays or loose fill packaging, aka “packing peanuts.”

Also, certain expanded polystyrene (EPS) items will be banned from sale, distribution, or use in New York City. For more information, visit www.nyc.gov/foamban. Small businesses not part of a chain with less than \$500,000 in gross income for the most recent tax year and non-profit corporations may apply for hardship exemptions from the Department of Small Business Services. For more information, visit www.nyc.gov/foamwaiver.

Visit www.nyc.gov/dsnybusinessresources to access free educational materials, trainings, and site visits. Email questions to commercialprograms@dsny.nyc.gov.

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***REPLACEMENT OF MANHOLE HARDWARE***

The NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is currently replacing Manhole Hardware within Community Board 8 at various locations. Each location will take approximately two (2) hours to complete and the appropriate maintenance and protection of traffic (MPT) measures will be implemented and executed. The overall completion of the project is anticipated to be May 2019.

Pedestrian access to residences will be maintained at all times. Emergency vehicles will have access at all times, and the contractor is permitted to work from 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday thru Friday.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to learn more about the DDC Project, please contact Rafiqul Chowdhury, P.E Office at 646-543-5243 or email [hdwr17k@gmail.com](mailto:hdwr17k@gmail.com).

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***PROTECT YOUR WEALTH AND
PROPERTY INVESTMENTS
(A NOTE FROM LAND USE CHAIRPERSON,
ETHEL TYUS, ESQ.)***

Over the last few years, I have cautioned residents of District 8 against selling their properties. As the number of “For Sale” signs increase in the District 8 community, it is again time for me to urge you to protect your wealth and family’s investment.

Please do not sell your beautiful brownstone! Instead, use a “Ground Lease” to keep your deed while avoiding tedious maintenance chores. Does your parent or grandparent own the home and are you and your siblings/remaining relatives squabbling over dividends of the valuable property? Keep the property; keep the wealth; maintain the heritage. Using a Ground Lease allows you to retain and build/further generational family wealth as well as allows the ground tenant a less costly framework for the deal. It is a win/win approach for you, your family, the community, and investors. Additionally, I urge you to please put your property in a trust to avoid costly probate.

For a deeper understanding of this recommendation, please follow the links below for a recent digest on this time-tested technique, and a sample lease form and an informative commentary from City Bar:

<https://commercialobserver.com/2018/06/resurgence-of-the-ground-lease-qa-with-skyline-properties-ceo-robert-khodadadian/>.

<http://www2.nycbar.org/RealEstate/Forms/Ground%20Lease%20form%206-16-09.pdf>.

<http://www2.nycbar.org/RealEstate/Forms/Commentary%20re%20Ground%20Lease%20Form%206-16-09.pdf>.

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***TENANT SUPPORT AND LABOR  
SERVICES***

Assemblywoman Diana Richardson in collaboration with Neighborhood Housing Services of Brooklyn (NHS) is offering Tenant Support on **Wednesdays, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, February 13<sup>th</sup>, and February 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM to 2 PM.** NHS offers the following resources: landlord and tenant resources; anti-eviction assistance; senior housing; rent arrears and rent subsidies referrals; affordable housing; housing lottery education; and much more.

NHS Brooklyn offers a comprehensive array of services for homeowners, homebuyers, and tenants, including first-time homebuyer education, financial coaching, home repair assistance, home insurance counseling, landlord training, foreclosure intervention, and tenant support services. Most of these services are free, so please take advantage of them.

All services are held at Assemblywoman Richardson’s office located at 330 Empire Blvd, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Brooklyn. Please call 718-771-3105 to schedule an appointment or to get additional information.

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DISTRICT 17 SPELLING BEE

Join the students of School District 17 on **Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 5 PM** for their Spelling Bee. All families and community members are welcome. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded. The Spelling Bee will be held at

the District 17 office located at 1224 Park Place, Brooklyn in the auditorium.

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### ***JAVA WITH ASSEMBLYWOMAN JO ANNE SIMON***

Is there a community issue or current event you are passionate about? Come and talk about it! Join Assemblymember Jo Anne Simon for a cup of coffee through her "Java with Jo Anne" series. The next one will be held on **Thursday, January 17, 2019** at One Girl Cookies, 33 Main St., Brooklyn, 11201 from 8:30-10:30 am. For more information, contact the Assemblywoman's office at 718-246-4889.

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YOUTH JOB FAIR AND CAREER EXPO

Assemblyman Walter Mosley of the 57th Assembly District invites you to attend the **6th Annual Youth Job Fair and Career Expo** for youth ages 14 to 24. The event will be held on **Friday, January 25, 2019 from 10 AM to 4 PM** at the Shirley Chisholm State Office Building located at 55 Hanson Place, 9th Floor, Brooklyn. You must have a photo ID to enter the building; student IDs are accepted.

Youth will learn about employment opportunities, higher learning, internships, apprenticeships, and summer employment. For more information, contact the Assemblyman's office at 718-596-0100.

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### ***START LOSING STUDENT LOAN DEBT***

The NYC Dept. of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Office of Financial Empowerment is hosting a series of student loan debt clinics where you can get free confidential one-on-one financial counseling with a professional financial counselor and free consultation with a legal aid attorney.

You will leave the debt clinic with a better understanding of your student loans, what is

required of you, and your options for repayment and forgiveness. The goal is to make sure that if you need help understanding your student loans that you get the information and the assistance you need. Referrals for additional services and resources will also be available. Financial counseling sessions are 30 minutes.

The Brooklyn event will be held on **Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM** at the Crown Heights Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library located at 560 New York Avenue (at Maple Street). For more information, visit [www.nyc.gov/dca](http://www.nyc.gov/dca). To RSVP for the event, go to [jan-26clinic.eventbrite.com](http://jan-26clinic.eventbrite.com).

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FAMILY COURT 101

Legal Hand, in conjunction with LIFT, are presenting Family Court 101, a free family law workshop for everyone. Learn the top 10 things you should know about representing yourself in Family Court. One-on-one meetings with a family law attorney are available after the workshop, which will be held on **Monday, January 28, 2019 from 5:30-6:30 PM** at Legal Hand located at 250 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn. An appointment is required for a one-on-one session.

Refreshments will be provided. Call 212-343-1122 to make an appointment. For more information about the event in general, please call Legal Hand at 718-619-4248.

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### ***HOPE 2019***

**On Monday, January 28, 2019**, the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) will conduct its Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE), an annual point-in-time estimate of New Yorkers sleeping unsheltered on the streets that is required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The HOPE estimate helps the city provide resources to this vulnerable population.

DHS is calling on all New Yorkers to help them canvass parks, subways, and other public spaces to estimate the number of people who are living on the street on one of the coldest nights of the year. HOPE can only be a success with the assistance of the caring public.

**Volunteers are needed from approximately 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. on the night of the 28th.** Just one night of your time will help DHS collect critical information to help people move from the streets and into a safe, stable environment. During the past two years, through the HOME-STAT street outreach program, DHS has helped more than 2,000 people come off the streets and remain off the streets in transitional programs or permanent housing.

As work to address street homelessness across the city continues, this is a unique opportunity to participate in an extraordinary citywide effort. If you have volunteered before, we encourage you to sign up again. If you have yet to experience how truly rewarding a night of HOPE can be, we invite you to join the Hope Count for the first time.

Please visit [www.nyc.gov/hope](http://www.nyc.gov/hope) to learn more and to register. Your help is essential to help DHS address the problem of homelessness that has built up over many years, and continues to grow due to rising rents and stagnant wages.

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NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD INFORMATION SESSION

On Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 6:00 PM, Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams, in partnership with New York City Department for Youth and Community Development (DYCD), will host a Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB) Information Session. All concerned residents of the community are encouraged to attend this information session to learn how you can work with DYCD to make the neighborhood flourish.

The role of NABs is to provide residents of low-income communities with an opportunity to

advise DYCD on identifying federal Community Service Block Grants (CSBG) funding priorities. This means that the people who participate and join neighborhood advisory boards are ultimately making the quality of life decisions for everyone in the community.

Brooklyn receives six million dollars in CSBG funding which is distributed to 16 low-income neighborhoods designated Neighborhood Development District (NDA) to combat poverty and provide emergency services. Help decide where the district's funding goes.

For more information, call DYCD Youth Connect at 1-800-246-4646 or 1-646-343-6800. To RSVP for the information session, email programs@brooklynbp.nyc.gov or visit www.brooklyn-usa.org/NAB.

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### **TRAILBLAZERS**

Comptroller Scott Stringer cordially invites you to attend **Trailblazers: a Program and Award Ceremony in Honor of African American History Month** on **Wednesday, February 6, 2019 from 6-9 PM** at the Jamaica Performing Arts Center, located at 153-10 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica (Queens), NY 11432.

Honorees include "Uncle" Ralph McDaniels, Reverend Elaine M. Flake, Shaun D. Francois I, and Timyiaka R. Noel.

To RSVP or obtain more information, email [events@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:events@comptroller.nyc.gov) or call 212-669-4466. If you need language translation services or other special accommodations, please call 212-669-4315.

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CIVIC MINDED

Assemblywoman Diana Richardson invites you to get **Civic Minded!** Please join her every 4th Saturday of the month (next meeting: **January 26, 2019**) from **2 to 4 PM** to discuss issues in the community and create solutions to many of our

community's problems. All meetings are held at MS 61, 400 Empire Blvd, Brooklyn. For more information, contact the Assemblywoman's office at 718-771-3105.

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### ***YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM***

**Bedstuy Campaign Against Hunger** is a government funded organization that provides training services and paid internships for youth ages 16 to 24. Their Youth Empowerment Program targets youth that are currently not working, or not in school, and places them at a work site where they are paid \$13/hour for a ten hour workweek, during which time they will gain experience.

The program also includes a workshop component that helps the participants with resume writing, interview skills, teamwork skills, as well as communication skills. These types of skills will improve participants' desirability in the job market, making them more likely to gain employment.

Applications are currently being accepted for the next cohort, which begins March 5, 2019 and extends to June 7, 2019. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mr. Johnny Futch at 718-773-3551 x 116.

Bedstuy Campaign Against Hunger is located at 2010 Fulton St. Brooklyn NY, 11223.

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EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

NEW YORK STATE

New York State is accepting applications on a continuous basis for **Verbatim Reporter 1**, with openings in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, White Plains, Albany, Rochester, Syracuse, and other municipalities. The starting salary is \$51k annually.

Incumbents take verbatim records at hearings, formal meetings, and conferences, and transcribe proceedings and minutes of meetings involving testimony and/or discussions on various topics.

To apply, download the examination application NYS-APP-3 #20-978 by visiting <https://www.cs.ny.gov/announ/applications.cfm>. You can also email cs.sm.emainfo@cs.ny.gov to request the application form.

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### ***NEW YORK DRIVES***

Recruitment is now open for the February class of **New York Drives**. **The application deadline is January 17, 2019.** New York Drives is a free 5 week career training program that combines driving lessons with professional development workshops to help you qualify for Brooklyn Workforce Innovations' (BWI) Made in NY (TV/film production assistant training). Participants receive up to 15 hours of driving lessons, road test and professional development workshops. New York Drives serves a prerequisite for the Made in NY program, since they require a valid driver's license. Applicants cannot apply to only receive their driver's licenses but must be interested in the Made in NY training. The program includes job placement assistance.

If you know of any eligible qualified candidates please have them attend an information session. RSVP is not required. However, information sessions begin promptly at 1 PM (late comers will not be admitted). Information sessions are held every Monday at 1pm -5pm at Brooklyn Navy Yard Building 92 on the 3rd Floor.

Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Must be at least 18+ and a NYC resident, legally eligible to work in the US
- Low income, unemployed or underemployed
- Must be able to pass a drug test

- Must have full time availability Monday-Friday 9am -5pm
- Must NOT have had a Driver's License previously

Priority will be given to NYCHA residents that live in the Red Hook, Gowanus and Brownsville neighborhoods. If you would like to learn more please visit our website at <http://bwiny.org/new-york-drives/overview/>.

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BROOKLYN JOB CORPS

Brooklyn Job Corps is actively enrolling for all of their vocational trainings. Orientation is held every Wednesday at 8:30 am at 585 Dekalb Avenue, Brooklyn N.Y. 11205.

Brooklyn Job Corps is a free, self-paced HRA/NYCHA approved job training program designed to support young adults 17 ½-24 years old, in the process of preparing for and maintaining full-time and living wage employment. The program offers career readiness preparation, employment training and hands on experience in the fields of:

- SECURITY OFFICER (8 & 16)
- CULINARY ARTS
- A+ CERTIFICATION
- NETWORK PLUS
- CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANCE (CNA)
- CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT (CMA)

For more information, call 718-623-4032 or email sheard.whitney@jobcorps.org.

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***COMPTROLLER'S 2019 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM***

The Office of the New York City Comptroller seeks highly motivated interns with an interest in public service. Interns participate in hands-on departmental projects as well as an enrichment

program that includes networking opportunities, professional development programming, and community service activities.

Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited undergraduate or graduate degree program for the Fall 2019 semester. Successful candidates will have excellent communication and research skills and relevant education and experience.

Undergraduate interns will receive an hourly salary in the range of \$13-\$15.50 based on college year level. Graduate and law students will receive an hourly salary in the range of \$16- \$23, also based on year of study.

The program term is 9 weeks, from June 10<sup>th</sup> through August 8, 2019. Interns work 28 hours a week on a Monday-Thursday schedule. The application period is open through March 8, 2019. To apply, visit <https://comptroller.nyc.gov/jobs/summer-internship-program>.

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We wish the happiest of birthdays to our Board members: Ms. Adelaide Miller, and Mr. Phu Duong who will all celebrate birthdays in the month of January.

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The next 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on **Monday, January 14, 2019 at the 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct located at 127 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn at 7:30 PM.**

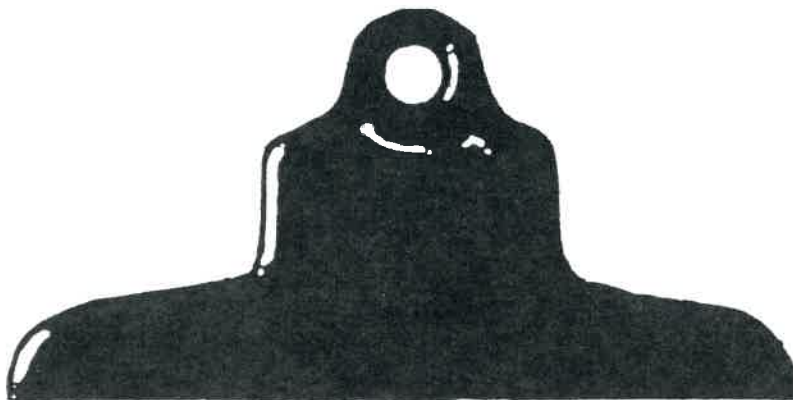
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The next 78th Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 7:30 PM at the 78th Precinct located at 65 6th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY.**

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The next Community Board 8 general meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 14, 2019 at Union United Methodist Church located at 121 New York Avenue, Brooklyn at 7 PM.**

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**ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING
CALENDAR**

New Years Day*	Jan 1, Tue
Three Kings' Day	Jan 6, Sun
MLK Birthday	Jan 21, Mon
Asian Lunar New Year's Eve	Feb 4, Mon
Asian Lunar New Year	Feb 5, Tues
Lincoln's Birthday	Feb 12, Tues
President's Day	Feb 18, Mon
Ash Wednesday	Mar 6, Wed
Purim	Mar 21, Thurs
Holy Thursday	Apr 18, Thurs
Good Friday	Apr 19, Fri
Passover (1st/2nd Days)	Apr 20-21, Sat-Sun
Holy Thursday (Orthodox)	Apr 25, Thurs
Good Friday (Orthodox)	Apr 26, Fri
Passover (7th/8th Days)	Apr 26-27, Fri-Sat
Memorial Day*	May 27, Mon
Solemnity of the Ascension	May 30, Thurs
Idul-Fitr (Eid Al-Fitr)	June 4-6, Tue-Thurs
Shavuot (2 Days)	June 9-10, Sun-Mon
Independence Day*	July 4, Thurs
Idul-Adha (Eid Al-Adha)	Aug 11-13, Sun-Tue
Feast of the Assumption	Aug 15, Thurs
Labor Day*	Sept 2, Mon
Rosh Hashanah	Sept 30-Oct 1, Mon-Tue
Yom Kippur	Oct 9, Wed
Columbus Day	Oct 14, Mon
Succoth (2 Days)	Oct 14-15, Mon-Tues
Shemini Atzereth	Oct 21, Mon
Simchas Torah	Oct 22, Tues
Diwali	Oct 27, Sun
All Saints Day	Nov 1, Fri
Election Day	Nov 5, Tues
Veterans Day	Nov 11, Mon
Thanksgiving Day*	Nov 28, Thurs
Immaculate Conception	Dec 8, Sun
Christmas Day*	Dec 25, Wed

*Denotes Major Legal Holiday: stopping, standing and parking are permitted except in areas where stopping, standing and parking rules are in effect seven days a week. Accordingly, parking meters will not be in effect on major legal holidays.

Do you know the difference in the meaning of these parking signs?

	No Stopping	No Standing	No Parking
<i>Can I stop to drop off or pick up passengers?</i>	NO	YES	YES
<i>Can I stop to load or unload a package, or merchandise at curbside?</i>	NO	NO	YES
<i>Is waiting allowed?</i>	NO	NO	NO
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