

ACROSS THE BOARD

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A Note from CB8 Chairperson:

Happy New Year CB8!

Thank you to our CB8 staff, board members, community and our partners for your continued commitment, hard work and heart of service to this district.

May this year be one of renewal and movement, as we still have plenty to do. We were made for movement, so let's continue to strive to achieve great things for our community.

Peace and Blessings and May the Best Be Yours!

Warmly,
Irsa Weatherspoon

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***District Manager's Report***

***Municipal Services Update***

The Department of Sanitation cleanliness rating of our streets, known as the "scorecard" rating, was **84.79 for clean streets and 92.43 for sidewalks** for the month of December.

We urge everyone to adhere to the Department of Sanitation's residential enforcement routing times of 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. 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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The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 01/02/2023 through 01/08/2023.

	Year-to-Date		
	2023	2022	%Chg
Murder	0	0	***
Rape	1	1	0
Robbery	5	2	150
Felony Assault	10	7	42.9
Burglary	3	3	0
Grand Larceny	11	6	83.3
GL Auto	8	6	33.3

The overall change year-to-date is **52.0**.

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***JOIN COMMUNITY BOARD 8!***

Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso has begun accepting community board membership applications. The application period will run through February 14, 2023, and prospective members are encouraged to apply early and attend meetings to familiarize yourself with community boards. Current members up for renewal are encouraged to submit their reappointment application early

as well. To apply, go to <https://www.brooklyn-usa.org/departments/community-boards/>.

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CROWN HEIGHTS SURVEY

Join your neighbors as Crown Heights residents are making themselves heard! Be a part of history and complete a survey to have your voice count with the 143,000 others that make District 8 special. Right now, residents are sharing their needs for Crown Heights to the NYC Department of Small Business Services, as part of a larger Commercial District Needs Assessment that will shape the future of your surroundings.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to complete the survey via this link: <http://tiny.cc/crownheights>.

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### ***HELP IDENTIFY SMOKE SHOPS***

To date, there have not been any cannabis 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 the unlicensed smoke shops in District 8. If there is a smoke shop near you, please email us the name and address of the shop by January 17, 2023.

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ATLANTIC AVENUE MIXED USE PLAN

The Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use Plan (AAMUP) is in the planning process for an inclusive, mixed-use stretch of Atlantic Avenue and neighboring blocks in Prospect Heights, Crown

Heights and Bedford-Stuyvesant. The plan would support new housing with affordable housing, new space for jobs and services, safer, more pedestrian-friendly streets and investments in neighborhood improvements.

The first public workshop for the Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use Plan (AAMUP) will take place on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 from 6PM to 8PM. This plan is intended to incorporate the M-CROWN rezoning. The meeting will take place via Zoom, and community members may register at <https://bit.ly/AAMUP-jan-kickoff>.

More information is available at <https://www.nyc.gov/AtlanticAvenue>.

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### ***UNDERHILL PLAZA GRAND OPENING***

The community is cordially invited to join officials from the NYC Department of Transportation and members of the Prospect Heights Neighborhood Development Council to celebrate the completion of the Underhill Plaza, located on Underhill Avenue between Atlantic Avenue and Pacific Street. The event will take place on **Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 12:00PM** on the plaza. In addition to news about Open Streets in Prospect Heights, attendees will also be treated to some great music by the Stoop Kidz Brass Band, and delicious refreshments from local businesses Little Miss Muffin and Nurish.

The Underhill Plaza is the first permanent street change resulting from Prospect Heights’ Open Streets program. It connects neighborhood needs of safer streets and more public space with planning vision from the City and community advocacy by PHNDC. It is expected to be the beginning of a transformation of our streets, and there is much to look forward to regarding future opportunities to work with DOT and local elected officials to improve traffic safety,

increase public space, and promote a more sustainable neighborhood.

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CB8 LOADING ZONE EXPANSION

Local Law 2021 was passed in response to the dramatic changes that e-commerce and the Covid-19 pandemic have brought to the way New York City streets are used, how people get around, and how deliveries are made. Businesses and residents alike rely on deliveries to get the goods and services they need every day. NYC Dept. of Transportation (DOT) is committed to expanding loading zones and introducing new curbside management strategies to accommodate the changing demands for a finite amount of curb space across the city. The agency is proactively working to mitigate double parking and other unwanted parking behaviors from impacting our bike and bus lanes by ensuring that vehicles have a safe place to pick-up and drop-off passengers as well as load and unload goods. By encouraging more efficient and sustainable movement of goods, the aim is to decrease the negative effects of truck traffic.

This process factors population and land use density, street geometry, and operational characteristics such as crash data and double-parking violations. DOT has determined there are areas in our Community Board that would benefit from additional loading zones. These locations will serve to provide dedicated curb space for short-term loading activities such as package deliveries by commercial vehicles, active loading and unloading of personal vehicles, and taxi and car service pick-up and drop-off.

Three additional locations are proposed for District 8. They are as follows:

- 1201 Bergen Street between New York and Brooklyn Avenues
- 80 New York Avenue between Pacific and Dean Streets
- 267 Park Place at the corner of Vanderbilt Avenue

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### ***NEWS FROM BOROUGH PRESIDENT ANTONIO REYNOSO***

The Office of the Brooklyn Borough President is undertaking a comprehensive planning effort for the borough focused on improving public health outcomes for Brooklynites.

Planning issues do not occur in isolation, and entrenched problems cannot be solved on a site-by-site basis. Issues like rising housing costs, basement flooding in homes, and overcrowded schools are cyclical, deeply intertwined, and do not recognize political boundaries. Comprehensive planning allows officials to take a sober look at local challenges, understand the scope of their impact, and develop holistic, responsive approaches to meet those challenges. It also helps to address three big challenges within planning:

- Identifying, forecasting, and preparing for the greatest challenges each community faces and is expected to encounter;
- Being proactive as opposed to reactive to them; and
- Allowing communities to advocate for one another as opposed to competing for limited resources.

Download and review the existing conditions report and find more information about the comprehensive planning process. You may register and access the file by visiting [www.brooklyn-usa.org/comprehensive-planning-bk/](http://www.brooklyn-usa.org/comprehensive-planning-bk/).

## **NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS**

CitizensNYC 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 of up to \$3,000, and our Neighborhood Business Grants support local businesses with grants of up to \$10,000. Each grantee partner awarded has access to resources and our 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 change 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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URBAN COMPOST HAULING

BK Rot is a 501c3 non-profit launched in 2013 as a form of environmental justice. First operating out of Bushwick Brooklyn and now serving the neighborhoods of Bushwick, Ridgewood, Bed Stuy, and Crown Heights, BK Rot is NYC's first bike-powered food waste hauling & composting service. The organization is staffed by young people ages 16-25 and operates out of public space to conserve money and cut back on costs.

BK Rot serves Brooklyn's only three community boards (3, 4, and 8) that do not have curbside organics collection. Bike haulers will come to your home or business to collect your organic food scraps including fruits, vegetables, eggshells, spent coffee grounds, tea, nut husks, dried flowers and houseplants, bread, grains, and pasta. Meat is not accepted by haulers. Finished compost is offered for donation to community members of CBs 3, 4, and 8, and also sold in some retail stores. The program helps to replenish and revitalize Brooklyn's topsoil, contribute to organic gardening, and healthy eating, and also provides valuable skills to youth.

For more information or to sign your home or business up for the program to receive curbside food scrap hauling, visit <https://www.bkrot.org/>.

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***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 that become available.

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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SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABILITY RENT INCREASE EXEMPTION

Did you know that seniors 62 years and older, and also individuals with a qualifying disability could be eligible to have their rent frozen? NYC’s SCRIE (senior citizen rent increase exemption) and DRIE (disabled rent increase exemption) make this happen for thousands of eligible New York City residents yearly.

If you are either 62+ or any age with a qualifying disability (meaning you receive SSI or SSDI or had received it in the past but maintain Medicaid-related health insurance), and have a combined household income of less than \$50,000 annually, you may be eligible.

If you are interested in learning more, there is a free information/signup session scheduled for **Tuesday, January 17, 2023** from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM at Stuyvesant Heights NSC located at 574 Madison Street, Brooklyn.

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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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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.

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**BROOKLYN BUS NETWORK REDESIGN  
DRAFT PLAN**

Major changes are coming to all bus lines that service the borough of Brooklyn! MTA/New York City Transit has published its Public Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign Draft Plan, and need your input and comments on the proposed changes. Everyone is encouraged to review the draft plan and participate in the engagement process so that the MTA can fulfill its goal of a better bus network for Brooklyn. You can access the draft plan by visiting <https://new.mta.info/project/brooklyn-bus-network-redesign>.

MTA/New York City Transit is planning a public workshop for District 8 on **Thursday, February 2, 2023** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. You must register via the aforementioned link for the workshop. If you cannot attend on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, you are encouraged to attend for another date, but please note that the focus of bus lines will be altered to reflect the primary bus lines for that community.

Each workshop will be conducted in English. Additional language interpreters as well as ASL and CART can be made available upon advance request via the registration form. Requests must be received no fewer than five business days before the workshop you want to attend.

The Zoom link for all workshop dates is the same:

<https://mta.zoom.us/j/87221443989?pwd=L014cXlGQittY2pML3pSNlk1UTVjdz09>.

Meeting ID: 872 2144 3989

Join by phone by calling either 1-929-436-2866 or 1-646-518-9805 and entering the meeting ID followed by the # sign.

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HOPE AND SHADOW COUNT 2023

Every year NYC’s DHS conducts the HOPE (Homelessness Outreach Population Estimate) Count to determine the total people experiencing homelessness who are unsheltered. This year the count will take place on January 24th - 25th, 2023 (overnight).

On that same night Hunter’s Silberman School of Social Work conducts the Shadow Count. They send paid "decoys" to be planted in pairs in designated locations throughout the city. Information on the number of decoys that are counted by DHS volunteers will be used to assess the accuracy of the official DHS HOPE Count 2023.

This process helps officials scientifically verify that the HOPE Count is accurately assessing the state of unsheltered people in NYC. However, neither the Hope nor the Shadow count can accomplish their goals unless volunteers that care about making sure every single person is counted contribute!

If you are interested in being a Shadow Count decoy to assure the HOPE count is accurate, please register at <http://bit.ly/ShadowCount2023>. If you are interested in volunteering for the HOPE 2023, register at <https://portal.311.nyc.gov/article/?kanumber=KA-03273>.

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## ***NYC YOUTH COUNT 2023***

The NYC Youth Count is an annual survey that is part of the citywide effort to determine New Yorkers' point-in-time housing situation on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. The Youth Count asks young people in the days following January 24, about their housing situation that night, as well as other important questions – and can be completed in less than 5 minutes.

Youth Count partners will ask young people between the ages of 14 through 24 to participate in a short anonymous survey, that can be completed by the surveyor through a paper survey or a link on a phone or tablet. There will also be opportunities to participate in virtual tabling sessions via zoom.

Every surveyor should register on Eventbrite for a Youth Count training on Zoom on January 18, 2023 from 3 to 4:30pm. To help DYCD support your NYC Youth Count efforts by signing up! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for the Youth Count, contact Albert Betancourt via email at [ABetancourt@dycd.nyc.gov](mailto:ABetancourt@dycd.nyc.gov), or via phone at 646-343-6733.

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OPEN CALL TO ARTISTS!

The Fulton Art Fair, a long heralded Brooklyn arts organization, is calling for submissions for art on the theme of “Black Resistance.” They are planning to use selected submitted artwork in their Black History Month show in February at the Skyblue Design Gallery at 1766 Bergen St., between Ralph and Buffalo Avenues. Work can be about contemporary Black resistance or historical references.

All media will be considered, and artists are asked to inquire about submissions via email to admin@fultonartfair.net by January 18, 2023.

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”. A few facts regarding this grant opportunity:

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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### **MLK CELEBRATION**

The New York Chapter of NOBLE, The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement, is pleased to present its Ecumenical Service in honor of Martin Luther King Day. The service will be held on **Monday, January 16, 2023 at 3 PM** at St. Joseph College, T.H. Auditorium located at 245 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn. The

Keynote Speaker is NYPD Commissioner, Keechant L. Sewell.

For more information, contact Rev. Dr. David K. Allen at [contactus@epicvillage.org](mailto:contactus@epicvillage.org) or via phone at 646-573-6211.

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OPEN STREETS APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED

The 2023 Open Streets application is now live! Apply today! With a streamlined process for returning partners and resources available for those looking to manage Open Streets, the NYC Dept. of Transportation (DOT) is excited to create new partnerships and work with communities across NYC to grow the program next year.

NYC DOT works with community-based organizations, educational institutions, and groups of businesses to execute Open Streets citywide. In coordination with community partners, NYC DOT can also help to develop operational plans to manage the street for multiple uses, including outdoor dining, programming, and outdoor learning/recreation for schools. NYC DOT works with partners and local stakeholders to ensure loading, deliveries, and emergency access is coordinated as part of the Open Streets' operations.

Visit www.nyc.gov/openstreets#apply to access an application and to learn more about the program.

If your Open Street will launch on or before June 30, 2023, you must apply by January 31, 2023.

If your Open Street will launch on or after July 1, 2023, you must apply by April 14, 2023. This

deadline is also for any school applying for the 2023-2024 academic year.



TAX SEASON CONFUSION?

Veterans Action Group Buffalo Soldiers of America, in collaboration with Congressional House Speaker Hakeem Jeffries is pleased to present a free townhall with local IRS representatives to provide the community with information and resources needed to navigate tax season and beyond.

The townhall will be held on Monday, January 23, 2023 from 6-8 PM at Boys and Girls High School located at 1700 Fulton Street. For more information or to register, 1-888-983-8228.



WHAT IS VIRAL HEPATITIS?

Weill Cornell cordially invites you to their monthly health talk and presentation on **Friday, January 20th at 11:00 am via Zoom.** This month's presentation will be proctored by Dr. Kristen Marks, and the topic is "What is Viral Hepatitis?" Dr. Marks will dive deep into what it is, how it spreads and answer any questions about hepatitis that you may have.

Details for the meeting are as follows:

Meeting link: <https://weillcornell.zoom.us/j/97533700428>.
Dial by your location: +1 646 876 9923 US
Meeting ID: 975 3370 0428

If you are unable to attend but would still like the information, you can view the recorded presentation on the Weill Cornell YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/WeillCornellCTSC>.

HYGIENE DRIVE

Community Board 8 continues to accept donations for a Hygiene Drive for the residents Concern for Independent Living located at 151 Rochester Avenue. Items needed include bar soap, toothpaste/mouthwash/toothbrushes, shaving cream, women's hygiene products, socks, and the like. Donations will be accepted through the end of the month at the District office.



STAYING HEALTHY

Covid, Flu, and RSV cases are on the rise again in the city and will continue elevating through the holiday season. Getting your Covid booster and getting the flu shot are more important now than ever in order to protect yourself and your community. Call 877-VAX-4NYC (877-829-4692) or go to www.vaccinefinder.nyc.gov to find your local Covid and flu vaccine site. Many local pharmacies offer both for ease and convenience.

While there is no vaccine for RSV, you can still take measures to stop the spread. If you have any symptoms—runny nose, cough, scratchy throat, fever—it is recommended you stay home until symptoms have subsided. The CDC also urges people to mask indoors in public settings to help stop the spread.

In an effort to stop the Covid-19 spread, Senator Zellnor Myrie is giving away free home covid testing kits every Monday through Thursday from 10 AM to 6 PM (while supplies last) from his office located at 1077 Nostrand Avenue (between Lincoln Road and Lefferts Avenue). Call his office at 718-284-4700 to determine availability. Bulk kits are also available for pickup by community organizations for distribution. If you represent a community organization and would like a

bulk order, please email pedwards.nysenate@gmail.com to arrange pickup.

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### ***BECOME A NYC LIFEGUARD***

NYC Parks Department is starting their lifeguard recruiting early to avoid shortages during pool and beach season in 2023! If you are interested in becoming a lifeguard, visit [www.nyc.gov/parks/lifeguards](http://www.nyc.gov/parks/lifeguards). If you have any questions, contact [lifeguard@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:lifeguard@parks.nyc.gov).

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COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPLORATION SERIES

First Baptist Church of Crown Heights Hospitality Committee/Scholarship Fund is continuing their multi-session College and Career Exploration Series featuring workshops offering step by step guidance for those entering either college or the workforce. Remaining workshops include determining the best school for you and knowing what to wear and say; paying for college; and readiness determination. All sessions are free and will be held from 1PM to 3 PM on Saturdays.

For a list of dates and for more information, contact Sister Kay Gibbs at kaybiggs1012@gmail.com, Sister Jane Callender at jayec2000@gmail.com, or Deacon Michele Goudy-Manzo at fbc scholarship@optonline.net.

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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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UNION PLUS SCHOLARSHIPS

Since 1991, the Union Plus Scholarship Program has awarded more than \$5.2 million to students of working families who want to begin or continue their post-secondary education. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$5,000, and applicants can apply every year they choose.

The Union Plus Scholarship Program is offered through the Union Plus Education Foundation, supported in part by contributions from the provider of the Union Plus Credit Card. You do not need to be a Union Plus Credit Card holder to apply for this scholarship.

Eligible candidates are current and retired members of participating unions, their spouses and their dependent children (as defined by IRS regulations). At least one year of continuous union membership by the applicant, applicant's spouse or parent if applicant is a dependent. The one-year membership minimum must be satisfied by May 31 of the scholarship year.

The deadline to apply is January 31, 2023. For more information, other requirements, or to apply, visit <https://www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/union-plus-scholarships>.

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### **BECOME AN SYEP EMPLOYMENT LOCATION**

The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is seeking prospective worksites for the participants of New York City's SYEP Program. SYEP is a 6-week summer program that endeavors to provide New York City youth ages 16-24 with meaningful job opportunities and educational experiences that will impact and enrich their lives. Your organization or business will not have to pay any salaries for youth employees as the program is funded by the NYC Dept. of Youth and Community Development. The program runs from July 5, 2023 through August 13, 2023.

If you are a business or organization that has availability for one or several young employees, please consider becoming a partner work site. If you have any questions with regards to the SYEP program or becoming a worksite or the Worksite Application, please feel free to contact Gavin Francis by telephone at 929-202-2115 or by email at [gfrancis@ccmny.org](mailto:gfrancis@ccmny.org).

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CCRB'S YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL APPLICATION

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a council of young New Yorkers who are committed to criminal justice issues and improving police-community relations. The YAC counsels the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) and finds innovative ways to bring young New

Yorkers into the narrative about civilian oversight of the NYPD.

Applications are open to New Yorkers ages 10-18 years old. Video and audio statements can be submitted via link in the application's "Please describe why you would be an ideal member of the CCRB Youth Advisory Council" section. The deadline is **Tuesday, January 31, 2023**.

For more information or to apply, visit https://bit.ly/YAC_2023.

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### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Community Board 8** is seeking to hire a College Aide! If you know of a college student looking for part time employment, please have them contact Michelle George, District Manager for more information and instructions.

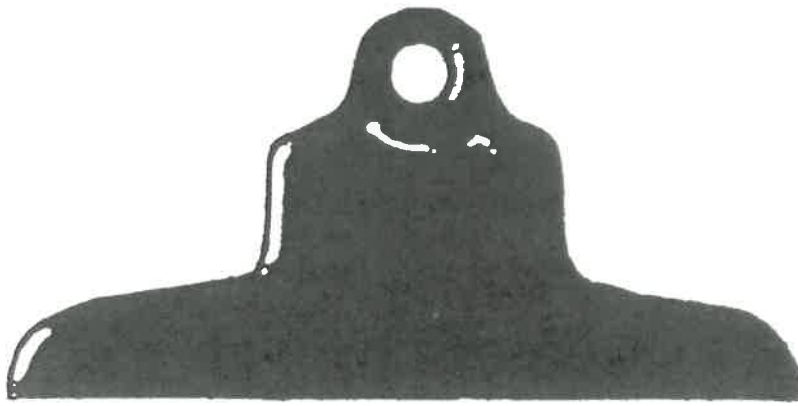
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Shirley Chisholm Daycare Center is hiring Early Childhood Group Teachers/Assistant Teachers for two locations. A Bachelor's degree is required for consideration as is First Aid and CPR Certification. Please send your resume to scd2023@aol.com for either the 2023 Pacific Street location or the 33 Somers Street location. Both are in Brooklyn.

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Join the team keeping NYC homes safe! NYC Dept. of Housing, Preservation, and Development, or HPD, is having a hiring fair on January 28, 2023 from 9 AM to 4 PM at its main office located at 100 Gold Street, Manhattan.

Qualified candidates have the ability to be hired on the spot! Bring your resume and government issued photo ID. You must have



education and/or experience in building trades, construction, and all related fields. International and military experience is accepted. Salary is competitive and starts at \$61,598 with standard city employee benefits.

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The next 78th Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 7:30 PM 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 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2023 at a location to be determined. Call Community Affairs at 718-735-0630 for more information.

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The next **Community Board 8 general meeting** will be held on **Thursday, February 9, 2023** at 6:15 PM at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral located at 856 Pacific Street, Brooklyn.

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We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. Meredith Staton, our longest tenured Board member. Mr. Staton was recently released from the hospital.

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We wish the happiest of birthdays to CB8 members Ms. Igenie Harris-Blenman and Ms. Zahra Thani, who will celebrate birthdays in the month of January.




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