

ACROSS THE BOARD

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District Manager's Report

A Heartfelt Thank You

On behalf of the members and staff of Community Board 8, I would like to issue a heartfelt "Thank You!" to Ms. Nizjoni Granville, who, after 10 years as Chairperson, has decided not to seek another term. During Ms. Granville's 10 years as Chair, Community Board 8 has undergone massive changes, and under her leadership, she has guided us through them with ease. Her calm demeanor and grace will always be remembered. Ms. Granville will remain an active member, and devote her time working on the issues affecting the residents of District 8.

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### *New Community Board 8 Officers*

We would like to introduce the newly elected officers of Community Board 8. Their two years term will run from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020:

Chairperson: Ms. Ethel Tyus  
First Vice-Chair: Ms. Gail Branch-Muhammad  
Second Vice-Chair: Mr. James Ellis  
Third Vice-Chair: Ms. Irsa Weatherspoon  
Secretary: Ms. Sheryl Vassell  
Sergeant at Arms: Mr. Wayne Bailey  
Treasurer: Mr. Yahya Raji

May you each have much success in your positions.

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Welcome New Community Board 8 Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to Community Board 8:

- Ms. Sarah Lazur
- Ms. Nora Daniel
- Ms. Hanjy Charles
- Ms. Regina Kinsey

May your membership be fruitful and rewarding.

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### *A Milestone Reached*

On behalf of the members of Community Board 8, the Executive Committee would like to congratulate Ms. Michelle George on 30 years of employment at Community Board 8. Ms. George started on June 12, 1989 as an Office Aide and worked her way through various titles and positions until becoming District Manager in 2009. Ms. George has effectively managed to build bridges in a rapidly evolving community and continues to ensure that the needs of all residents are met.

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A Much-Anticipated Opening

After 14 years of being moribund, the old St. Mary’s Hospital building has been completely renovated to become the new home of the Centers Health Care Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center. They currently operate a much smaller facility on Coney Island Avenue and will relocate to 170 Buffalo Avenue within the next few months. As this site is more than double the size of the current location, that means there will be many job opportunities available for the community.

Positions range from specialized: doctors, nurses, radiologists, etc., to standard support staff: clerical, administrative, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, etc. Please visit www.centershealthcare.com, and search for the Brooklyn Center. Email your resume to Elie Schiff at ESchiff@brooklynrehab.net and in your email, inform them that you are from the Community Board across the street from the new Brooklyn Center.

Municipal Services Update

The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 05/27/19 through 06/2/19.

	Year-to-Date		
	2019	2018	%Chg
Murder	6	1	500
Rape	7	12	-41.7
Robbery	72	62	16.1
Felony Assault	101	105	-3.8
Burglary	46	73	-37
Grand Larceny	138	165	-16.4
GL Auto	21	26	-19.5

The overall change year-to-date is **-11.94%**.

The Department of Sanitation cleanliness rating of our streets, better known as the “scorecard” rating, was **91.4 for clean streets and 96.4% for sidewalks** for the month of May.

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.

The following is a summary of the year-to-date F.D.N.Y Emergency Statistics through May 2019.

	Month	YTD
Structural Fires	28	135
Non-Structural	3	61
Total Fires	31	196
Suspicious Fires	2	6
Non-Medical Emergencies	219	1174
Medical Emergencies	350	1650
Total Incidents	620	3106

WORLD PRIDE IS COMING TO BROOKLYN

2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising that sparked “Pride.” This June, not only will New York City’s five boroughs each celebrate their own Pride festivals, but Brooklyn has been tasked with hosting “World Pride,” and many of the events featured will be at Barclay’s Arena. This is a wonderful opportunity for many of our merchants and small businesses to grow their business bases and showcase what makes District 8 distinct from other Districts.

NYC Pride is having the WorldPride Opening Ceremony at Barclays Center on June 26th. The

ceremony will be formatted as a benefit concert with proceeds from the ticket sales to support Ali Forney Center, Immigration Equality, and SAGE, which are three leading organizations in the LGBTQIA+ movement based in New York City.

Prolific entertainer and internationally-recognized humanitarian, Whoopi Goldberg, will host the ceremony. Cyndi Lauper, Chaka Khan, Ciara, Todrick Hall & DJ Lina will perform. Additional performances to be added. For more information, visit Barclay's Arena's website at <https://www.barclayscenter.com/events/detail/worldpride-opening-ceremony-2019>.

Additionally, the Brooklyn Museum is participating as well, with their exhibit, "Nobody Promised You Tomorrow: Art 50 Years After Stonewall," which will be on display until December 8, 2019.

Nobody Promised You Tomorrow: Art 50 Years After Stonewall commemorates the fiftieth anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising (a six-day clash between police and civilians ignited by a routine raid on the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York City) and explores its profound legacy within contemporary art and visual culture today. The exhibition draws its title from the rallying words of transgender artist and activist Marsha P. Johnson, underscoring both the precariousness and the vitality of LGBTQ+ communities.

The exhibition presents twenty-eight LGBTQ+ artists born after 1969 whose works grapple with the unique conditions of our political time, and question how moments become monuments. Through painting, sculpture, installation, performance, and video, these artists engage interconnected themes of revolt, commemoration, care, and desire. For more information, visit www.brooklynmuseum.org/exhibitions/stonewall.

UPDATE ON 2/3 ADA ACCESSIBILITY

NYC Transit/ MTA is currently performing work at the Eastern Parkway-Brooklyn Museum 2/3 station which will make the station ADA-accessible. The station is not scheduled to be closed during this project for any extended periods of time. However, there will be time periods where one side of the station must be closed in order to perform the construction activity in a safe and efficient manner.

To this end, please be aware that from June 21, 2019-July 22, 2019, northbound (Manhattan-bound) trains will not stop at the Eastern Parkway-Brooklyn Museum 2/3 station. Customers wishing to access northbound service from the station will need to take a southbound train to Franklin Avenue and then transfer for a northbound train. Customers wishing to get to the Eastern Parkway-Brooklyn Museum station from stations south of it will need to take a northbound train to Grand Army Plaza and then transfer for a southbound train to Eastern Parkway-Brooklyn Museum.

During this time period, normal southbound service will be provided to the Eastern Parkway-Brooklyn Museum 2 3 station. Information about this one-directional bypass will be available at www.mta.info and service notices will be posted in all stations along the line.

PS9 HAS A NEW NAME

On April 4, 2019, the NYC Dept. of Education approved a name change for PS9, also known as the Tuneis G. Bergen School. PS 9, located at 80 Underhill Avenue, will be rechristened as the "Sarah Smith Garnett School" in honor of the first black woman to serve as a public school principal in New York City. The name change will go into effect in the 2019-2020 school year.

HONORING MAJOR OWENS

On **Friday, June 28, 2019 at 10 AM**, the St. John's Post Office will officially be re-named "**Major Robert Owens Post Office**" in honor of the late former Congressman. The re-naming ceremony will be held at Beulah Church of the Nazarene located at 1250 St. John's Place, Brooklyn.

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### ***MEN'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR***

Borough President Eric Adams is pleased to present the **Fourth Annual Men's Health and Wellness Fair** on **Friday, June 14, 2019 from 10 AM to 3 PM** at Brooklyn Borough Hall located at 209 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn.

Free health screenings will be provided along with giveaways. Wellness workshops include yoga/meditation, healthy eating, a mental health symposium, podiatry, ophthalmology oncology, and many more.

For more information, call 718-802-3700.

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CITY FEST BASKETBALL OUTREACH

Calvary Community Church cordially invites you to attend their **City Fest Basketball Outreach** on **June 15, 2019 from 1-7 PM** at Calvary Community Church located at 1575 St. John's Place, corner of Buffalo Avenue. Enjoy Christian rappers, bands and choirs, clowns and face painting. For more information, call 718-467-4108.

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### ***FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION***

Berean Baptist Church cordially invites you to attend their 2019 **Father's Day Celebration** on **Saturday, June 15, 2019 from Noon to 3 PM**.

Enjoy food, games, and prizes. The event will be held at Berean, located at 1635 Bergen Street, Brooklyn. For more information, call 347-770-7063 or email [bbcbrotherskeeper@gmail.com](mailto:bbcbrotherskeeper@gmail.com).

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JUNETEENTH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Weeksville Heritage Center and NYC Commission on Human Rights are pleased to present "**Juneteenth Community Festival**" on **Tuesday, June 18th from 6 PM to 9 PM** at **Weeksville Heritage Center** located at **158 Buffalo Avenue, Brooklyn**.

The NYC Commission on Human Rights is dedicated to strengthening the relationship with New Yorkers across African American Communities. The Commission on Human Rights, Weeksville Heritage Center, and elected officials partnered to commemorate Juneteenth for the very first time. Although slavery had been abolished since January 1, 1863 the enslaved in Galveston, Texas only came to learn of their emancipation on June 19th 1865, known commonly today as "Juneteenth." The objective of this event is to celebrate, center, honor, and serve New York City's African-American communities while remembering liberation, abolition, reparation, restoration, and decolonization in its various forms.

To request an assistive listening device, interpretation, or another accommodation, please email Juan C. Figueroa at jcfigueroa@cchr.nyc.gov. RSVP at <http://bit.ly/JuneteenthFest19>.

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### ***JAZZ966***

The Fort Green Senior Center located at 966 Fulton Street is pleased to offer a **Jazz performance every Friday in June at 8 PM** (Doors open at 7 PM). On June 14<sup>th</sup>, enjoy the sounds of Lonnie Youngblood, featuring the

Prince of Harlem Vocals and Sax. On June 21<sup>st</sup>, enjoy Double A Blues Band. Closing the Jazz966 season on June 28<sup>th</sup> will be Jazz for Unity presented by Jazz966 and Central Brooklyn Jazz Consortium.

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ANTI-DISCRIMINATION TRAINING

Borough President Eric Adams, in conjunction with multiple Councilmembers and Project Reach invites you to attend one of two **Anti-Discrimination Trainings** on **Monday, June 17th** and **Tuesday, June 18th from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**. This 12-hour, city-wide Anti-Discrimination Training will bring together a diverse community of 30-40 educators, service providers, social workers, administrators, and parents/guardians from schools and community-based organizations throughout Brooklyn to unpack racism, sexism, islamophobia, and transphobia.

Training sessions will be held at Brooklyn Borough hall located at 209 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn. For more information, call 718-802-3700 or visit www.brooklyn-usa.org.

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### **HOUSING RESOURCE FAIR**

Councilwoman Alicka Ampry-Samuel, NYC Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development, Community Board 8's Housing (Advocacy) Committee, and Bridge Street Development Corp. are working together to put on a much needed Housing Resource Fair on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 6:30 PM to 8 PM at Concern Rochester located at 151 Rochester Avenue, Brooklyn.

The Resource Fair will address issues facing both property owners and tenants. Information for homeowners include:

- Home/residential building repair, improvement & energy efficiency loans
- Lead paint remediation grants
- Free foreclosure prevention services
- Mortgage counseling
- Deed scams
- Property tax abatements / exemptions
- Health and safety conditions required in rental units
- Free property management classes

Information for tenants include:

- Forming tenant associations
- Rent protection for low-income rent-regulated seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities.
- HPD's housing lotteries
- Tenant rights in rent-regulated apartments
- Housing discrimination protections, when to use Housing Court, eviction protections, and more.

For more information, please call either Community Board 8 at 718-467-5574 or Councilwoman Ampry-Samuel's office at 718-953-3097.

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SENIOR SAFETY WORKSHOP

The Local Development Corporation of Crown Heights, in collaboration with the NYPD are pleased to present a **Senior Safety Workshop** on **Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 6 PM**. The workshop will provide helpful safety tips and information, interactive group discussions, and refreshments.

The workshop will be held at Crown Heights Apartments (in the Community Room) located at 1055 St. John's Place (near Kingston Avenue), Brooklyn. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Ms. Yinery Martinez at 718-467-8800, ext 114.

SENIOR EXPO

Adults over the age of 65 comprise of the biggest, most expensive user group of healthcare. They are also more economically and racially diverse than ever. Today, older adults are more likely to be single, to be living alone without the assistance of their children, to be working later, and to be more tech savvy than older people of a few generations ago. Thus, the methods of tailoring healthcare and technology to serve their needs will have to reflect the shift towards value-based care system.

As such, Berean Community and Family Life Center in conjunction with Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo, will be hosting **“Healthy Savvy Senior Expo 2019: Living and Loving in a Digital World on Thursday, June 20, 2019 from 4-9 PM** at Berean Community and Family Life Center located at 118 Rochester Avenue. The focus will be on educating seniors in a digital age so that they can experience the efficiencies and conveniences technology offers with regards to communication in healthcare.

The Healthy Savvy Senior Expo will offer Brooklyn residents the following:

Social Security Workshop, 3-4pm

Participate in the Social Security Express Desktop Icon project. This project allows users to easily access specific portions of the Social Security Administration's website to conduct business and obtain forms.

Healthcare and Technology Talks (two workshops scheduled for 4:30-6pm and 6:30-8pm)

Health Tech for Seniors: The Latest in Healthcare Digital Solutions

Injection Free Insulin: Inhale vs. Inject!

A New Technique in Diabetes Monitoring: No More Finger Sticks!

New Advances in HIV Prevention & Treatment: Dating Safely in a Digital World!

Mobile and Home Exercises to Diminish Joint Pain and Improve Joint Health

Digital Fraud Targeted at Seniors: Red Flags all Seniors Should Know

Technology/Computer Lab Demonstrations By Older Adults Technology Services (OATS)

Participate in computer demonstration classes that will give you the confidence to technologically soar.

Health screenings are available at no cost. Blood pressure, body mass index (BMI), hearing tests, and HIV Counseling and testing will be available.

Limited tickets are available, and you must register to attend. You can register at Berean Community and Family Life Center by calling 718-778-2938 or emailing info@bereancommunity.org.

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## ***HOT SOUNDS OF SUMMER***

The North Flatbush Avenue BID cordially invites you to **“Hot Sounds of Summer,”** a music filled block party on **Friday, June 21, 2019 from 4-8 PM at the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Flatbush Avenue Triangle**. Enjoy live music and entertainment. For more information, email [info@northflatbushbid.nyc](mailto:info@northflatbushbid.nyc).

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CROWN HEIGHTS NORTH WALKING TOUR

The Crown Heights North Association (CHNA) invites you to participate in their **Annual Walking Tour: Exploring Crown Heights North**, a guided walking tour of the historic districts. Join Tour Leader and Architectural Historian Suzanne Spellen for a look at the eastern side of Crown Heights North, which includes the oldest standing home in the area, city planning strategies from the 1890s and 1960s, Doctor's Row, stunning houses of

worship and blocks of Brooklyn's finest residential architecture.

All proceeds from the tour will be donated to the Weeksville Heritage Center. The tour will be held on **Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 11 AM** and will begin at St. Gregory the Great RC Church located at the corner of St. John's Place and Brooklyn Avenue. Tickets can be purchased online at www.crownheightsnorth.org/join-us or contact info@crowheightsnorth.org.

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### ***RAIN BARREL GIVEAWAY***

Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo is having a **rain barrel giveaway on Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 10 AM to Noon** at PS 9 located at 80 Underhill Avenue, Brooklyn. The 60-gallon rain barrels install and connect directly to a property owner's downspout to capture and store the storm water that falls on the rooftop. Water collected in the rain barrel can be used to water lawns, gardens, or for other outdoor chores. For more information, please contact the Majority Leader's office at 718-260-9191.

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CIVIC MINDED CENSUS 2020 EDITION

Assemblywoman **Diana Richardson** and Senator **Zellnor Myrie** are pleased to present the **Census 2020 Civic Minded Meeting**. While Civic Minded takes place monthly, this month's meeting, which will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 2-4 PM, is especially important as it is dedicated to the upcoming 2020 Census. Habitually, central Brooklyn has been undercounted, costing the community hundreds of millions of dollars in funding. In the current political climate, it is estimated that a historically undercounted area could be even more undercounted than previous Census' because of fear. Please attend this meeting to get the tools and information necessary to help persuade your neighbors to complete their forms and dispel any negative

notions you might have about the Census as well.

The meeting will be held at 400 Empire Blvd., Brooklyn. Please contact Assemblywoman Richardson's office at 718-771-3105 for more information. Civic Minded meetings will take place during the summer as well, on July 27th and Family Day will be August 24th, at the same time and location.

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### ***BROOKLYN NORTH 5K***

Patrol Borough Brooklyn North invites you to "Be a Hero" and join them for their 5K Walk, Run, Wheel to benefit children with disabilities on **Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 10 AM**. The 5K will begin at Domino Park in Williamsburg, at the site of the old Domino Sugar Factory. Registration begins at 7 AM. For more information or to register, visit [www.brooklynorth.org](http://www.brooklynorth.org).

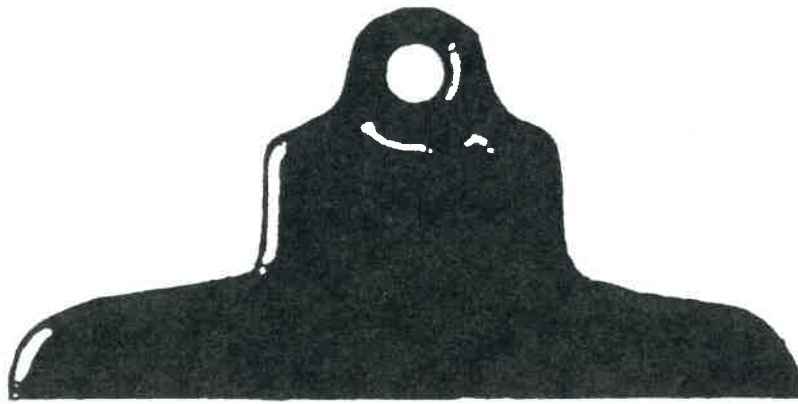
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SHARING ECONOMY WEEKEND

Councilman Robert Cornegy, Bridge Street Development Corp., and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce are pleased to be working with a host of other companies and small businesses for a celebration of a "**Sharing Economy Weekend**" from **Friday, June 28th to Sunday, June 30th**. Use #sharingeconomy and receive discounts from your favorite local Bed-Stuy businesses.

The Sharing Economy Weekend is designed to improve access to a customer base amongst local merchants, build a sustainable ecosystem in underserved communities, and foster community through trust and transparency while encouraging community residents to shop local.

To help engage the community in the program, there will be a Sharing Economy meet and greet on **Saturday, June 29, 2019 from 1—3 PM** at



Bed-Stuy Restoration Plaza, with live performances, and giveaways. For more information, contact Councilman Cornegy's office at 718-919-0742.

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### **HEALTH FAIR AND FIELD DAY**

Beat the Betes Inc. presents its **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Health Fair and Field Day** on **Saturday, July 13, 2019** from 1 to 6 PM at Lincoln Terrace Park, Central Pedestrian Walkway at Buffalo Avenue.

Come out and enjoy an afternoon devoted to your health! Gather information about diabetes and other health issues prevalent in the community, get free health screenings, and even participate in workout demonstrations. Food, dancing, face painting, and other fun activities will be provided. For more information, call Susan Cook at 917-474-8211 or visit [www.beatthebetes.com](http://www.beatthebetes.com).

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The next meeting of the **Crown Heights North Association (CHNA)** will be held on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at 6:45 PM at St. Gregory's RC Church located at 991 St. John's Place, corner of Brooklyn Avenue.

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We wish the happiest of birthdays to **Mr. James Ellis, and Dr. Katharine Perko**, who will celebrate birthdays in the month of June.

The happiest of birthdays to **Ms. Deshauna Appleton, Mr. Brian Saunders, Ms. Ethel Tyus, Mr. Robert Witherwax, and Ms. Michelle George**, who will celebrate birthdays in July.

And a happiest of birthdays to **Ms. Vilma Zuniga**, who will all celebrate a birthday in the month of August.

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The next **78th Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 25, 2019** at 7:30 PM at the 78th Precinct located at 65 6th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY.

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