

# ACROSS THE BOARD

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## ***DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT***

The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 03/03/14 through 03/09/14.

	Year-to-Date		
	2014	2013	%Chg
<b>Murder</b>	1	1	0
<b>Rape</b>	5	3	66.7
<b>Robbery</b>	45	75	-40
<b>Felony Assault</b>	62	59	5.9
<b>Burglary</b>	67	32	109.4
<b>Grand Larceny</b>	68	63	7.9
<b>Gr. Larceny Auto</b>	26	15	73.3

The overall change year to date is **10.5%**.

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

	Month	YTD
<b>Structural Fires</b>	31	72
<b>Non-Structural</b>	70	91
<b>Total Fires</b>	101	163
<b>Suspicious Fires</b>	2	6
<b>Non-Medical Emergencies</b>	205	525
<b>Medical Emergencies</b>	210	451
<b>Total Incidents</b>	528	1169

The **scorecard rating** for the month of February in District 8 was **84.9 for clean streets and 92.2 for clean sidewalks**.

We urge everyone to adhere to the **Dept. of Sanitation's routing times of 8 AM to 9 AM and Noon to 1 PM daily**. The front of your property should be swept and free of debris 18 inches into the street. All sweepings must be bagged and disposed of properly. Remember to sweep!

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

## ***BUS TIME***

As of March 9<sup>th</sup>, **MTA Bus Time is available in Brooklyn and Queens**. This means **that bus riders can get real-time information on every bus and every route on their phone or computer**.

MTA Bus Time uses Global Positioning System (GPS) hardware and wireless communications technology to track the real-time location of buses. You can use a desktop, smartphone, or cellphone to enter the bus route, intersection, or bus stop code. MTA Bus Time finds the location of the next several buses that will

arrive at your stop, and shows you how many stops away the next bus is. You can also text a bus stop code or intersection to 51123 and receive a text back on your phone stating how many stops away your bus is.

Bus stop codes can be found online at [www.mta.info/bustime](http://www.mta.info/bustime) or at bus stops on the posted Guide-A-Ride schedules. Please note that the installation of MTA Bus Time Guide-A-Ride canisters is currently in progress and will continue until May.

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### **SUMMER PLAY STREETS**

**The Summer 2014 Play Street Application** deadline is fast approaching on April 1, 2014. An approved application would allow you to close your street off every day during the week from 9 AM to 5 PM during the months of July and August. There is a lengthy application process and many small details that must be adhered to before your application can be approved. As such, the earlier you submit an application, the earlier you may receive a response and be able to avoid and resolve any potential problems.

Please note that both the Community Board and the local precinct must approve and sign off on your application, just as with a street activity permit. Petitions from block residents are also mandatory.

Complete your summer playstreet application online by visiting <http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/downloads/pdf/cdp/play-streets-app.pdf>.

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### **SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT (SYEP)**

**SYEP is now accepting applications for Summer 2014.** Individuals between the ages of 14 and 24 that permanently reside within the 5 boroughs are eligible and encouraged to apply online at [www.nyc.gov/dycd](http://www.nyc.gov/dycd). The application deadline is **Friday, April 25, 2014**.

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

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

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### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS**

Domestic Violence is not as simple as many think. While the most prominent form of violence displayed in the media is partner violence with a male physically violent toward a female, domestic violence actually extends to many more aspects of daily life.

Violence does not always have to be physical. Verbal torment in the form of someone berating you to make you feel bad, criticizing your appearance, calling you stupid or an idiot is violence as well. Emotional torment in the form of people

denying you access to friends and family, thus controlling you, is violence as well. And of course, there is physical abuse. Verbal, emotional, and physical abuse that happens in the home—whether between siblings, partners/lovers, or adults toward the elderly—is all considered domestic violence.

Domestic violence does not only affect women or straight people; there is no minimum age limit before abuse can happen. Anyone can be a victim. Probably most surprising is the fact that men are just as likely as women to experience some form of violence at the hands of their partners as females are. Just as many women make excuses for their partner's violence, so do men; but the difference is that men face additional social stigmas when they speak up about the abuse they suffer.

Violence of any type is **NOT** OK, and should not be tolerated. The Safe Homes project is designed to help individuals in abusive situations and relationships escape their situations. The Safe Homes Project provides extensive support and services to survivors of domestic violence and their children. Their experienced advocates assist individuals in making safety plans, obtaining orders of protection and legal representation for physically abusive partners, re-locating or entering a shelter, as well as providing referrals for needed benefits and other services.

If you would like more information or have any questions, contact the Safe Homes Project at 718-499-2151. All services are voluntary and confidential.

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### **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION**

Join **Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams** for his **Women's History "She-roles" Celebration** on **Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 6 PM** at Brooklyn Borough Hall located at 209 Joralemon Street in the Courtroom and Rotunda. For more information, visit [www.brooklyn-usa.org](http://www.brooklyn-usa.org).

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### **ELLINGTON'S SACRED MUSIC**

Carnegie Hall, Weill Music Institute is pleased to present "Ellington's Sacred Music" on **Sunday, March 23, 2014 at 3 PM** at Stern Auditorium/Perelman Stage. Shining the spotlight on Duke Ellington's sacred works, some of the most ambitious and heartfelt music of his legendary career, this program features hundreds of student singers and instrumentalists from NYC, including the Jazz at Lincoln Center Youth Orchestra, as well as some of today's brightest jazz soloists.

For more information, visit [caregiehall.org](http://caregiehall.org) or call 212-247-7800.

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### **FITNESS AND WELLNESS DAY**

On **Sunday, March 23, 2014 from Noon to 4 PM**, join LIU Sports Science, Brooklyn Hospital, Barclays Center, the Brooklyn Cyclones, MCU, the Transport Workers Union, and New York Mets for a free event in the **LIU Brooklyn Paramount Gym** (located at the corner of DeKalb and Flatbush Avenues) **focusing on fitness, health, and nutrition.**

Fitness demonstrations for children and adults include aerobics, athletic development, plus basketball, soccer, and tennis clinics.

Brooklyn Medical Plaza will provide free HIV testing, Peak flow asthma screenings, and glucose testing. Brooklyn Hospital will provide blood pressure and body mass index (BMI) screenings, and the American Heart Association will present healthy heart choices.

Since March is also Nutrition Awareness Month, healthy food samples will be provided and local organizations will present local food choices.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Michael Randazzo at [Michael.randazzo@LIU.edu](mailto:Michael.randazzo@LIU.edu).

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### ***BROOKLYN COMMUNITY FORUM***

NYS Attorney General Eric Schneiderman invites you to attend a Community Forum on **Monday, March 24, 2014 at 6 PM** at Brooklyn Central Library located at 10 Grand Army Plaza. Hear from the Attorney General and his senior staff about important issues facing your community including: labor rights, environmental protection, civil rights, health care, and consumer frauds and protection.

For more information or to RSVP, email [intergovernmental.affairs@ag.ny.gov](mailto:intergovernmental.affairs@ag.ny.gov) or call 212-416-6044.

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### ***SHIRLEY CHISOLM FOREVER STAMP CELEBRATION***

You are cordially invited to attend the United States Postal Service Triboro District "**Shirley Chisolm Forever Stamp Celebration**" on **Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 10 AM** in Restoration Plaza located at 1368 Fulton Street in the Lobby.

Commemorative stamps will be on sale during the event. There is no RSVP or additional information for this event.

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### ***WOMEN'S HISTORY POETRY NIGHT***

In honor of **Women's History Month**, **Green Earth Poets Café** invites you to a fun, all woman performance of spoken word, open mic, poetry, LOL comedy, soul stirring singers, and exotic belly dancing with Pure Onxy Movement (POM). The "**Her-Story, Not History—An All Woman Spoken Word Open Mic Poetry Night**" will be held on **Saturday, March 29, 2014 from 7-11 PM** at Anthony's Corner Café located at 1421 St. John's Place (corner of Utica Avenue).

For more information, email [greenearthpoetscafe@gmail.com](mailto:greenearthpoetscafe@gmail.com).

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### ***CONFERENCE FOR FAMILIES OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES***

Join the NYC Dept. of Education on **Saturday, April 5, 2014 from 8 AM to 2 PM** at the High School of Art and Design located at 245 E. 56<sup>th</sup> Street (between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues) in Manhattan for an **informative conference designed to**



***assist parents of students with disabilities.***

The conference will center on assisting parents in learning about special education classes, sharing their experiences with other parents, and connecting with families and experts on how to better assist their children.

For more information and to register, call 212-374-6085 or visit [schools.nyc.gov](http://schools.nyc.gov) and click on the Family Conference link.

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***2014 YOUTH SUMMITS***

The NYPD Community Affairs Bureau's **Juvenile Justice Division** is pleased to present its **2014 Youth Summits**. Youth Summits are held in communities throughout New York City to inform the public about potential dangers and consequences of social media like Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Also addressed are topics on Youth Crews and trends in their respective neighborhoods.

Teenagers, community leaders, representatives of community based youth organizations, teachers, administrators, clergy, and concerned citizens are invited and encouraged to attend the forum that is open and free to the public.

The conference for North Brooklyn will be held on **Monday April 7, 2014** from **6 to 8 PM** at Boys and Girls High School located at 1700 Fulton Street.

For more information, contact the Juvenile Justice Division at 212-343-3707.

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***NEW YORK METHODIST HOSPITAL  
DAY OF DANCE 2014***

Be a part of the **biggest dance party for better health** in the United States. Bring your family and friends to dance, listen to music, participate in health screenings, and learn about simple and fun ways to stay healthy.

Join Methodist Hospital on Saturday, **April 12, 2014** from **10 AM to 2 PM** at 506 Sixth Street. To register, call 855-696-9355 or visit [www.nym.or/dance](http://www.nym.or/dance).

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

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

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

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

## ***BRING YOUR BUSINESS TO THE PARK***

The **Prospect Park Alliance** has a wonderful opportunity for local businesses to reach Brooklyn's biggest audience by **bringing your business to Prospect Park**.

Last year, over 2,500 park visitors and regular users attended the inaugural Prospect Park Fair where they purchased goods and services from local Brooklyn-based business members, and enjoyed live music and good food.

Join the Prospect Park Alliance Business Membership Program at any level, and your business can be part of their second annual fair on **Saturday, April 26, 2013**. The fair is a great way to advertise your business and sell your wares.

A full list of membership benefits and information on how to join can be obtained by visiting [www.prospectpark.org/business](http://www.prospectpark.org/business). If you have any questions, please contact Raine Martin at 718-965-8945 or via email at [rmartin@prospectpark.org](mailto:rmartin@prospectpark.org).

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## ***SUMMER ENERGY ACADEMY***

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

This year's energy academy will be held on **weekdays from July 7, 2014 to**

**August 15, 2014 from 8:30 AM to 3 PM** at Bedford Academy located at 1119 Bedford Avenue.

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

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

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

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## ***SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN MALES***

Scholarships are available to African-American males that are graduating from high school and live in the tri-state area. The Dr. Calvin Martin Memorial Scholarship Trust Fund Inc., a non-profit charitable organization, is designed to educate black male students through a scholar and mentorship program to achieve higher academic excellence. Each

year, \$100,000 is divided between recipients with a maximum allowance of \$10,000 available to full time students attending a senior college or graduate school.

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

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

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### ***OPPORTUNITIES FOR A BETTER TOMORROW***

Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow is offering **free skills building classes in resume writing and job search and Microsoft Office** (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint). Free training is available in the **11 week seminar from April 7<sup>th</sup> thru June 19<sup>th</sup>** on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9 AM to 1 PM at 20 New York Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor.

Space is limited for the program. For more information or to register, email [swilliams@obtjobs.org](mailto:swilliams@obtjobs.org) or call 718-399-9700.

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### ***JOB OPPORTUNITIES***

#### ***NYC Correction Officer***

The city is offering walk-in exams for the position of Correction Officer. The exam

fee is \$54 for the position with a salary of \$40-76G per year with benefits. Exams are offered at 2 Lafayette Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Manhattan and 210 Joralemon Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Downtown Brooklyn.

#### ***School Crossing Guard***

The New York City Police Department has numerous vacancies to fill for the position of School Crossing Guard. There are no formal requirements of education or experience, but all applicants must be proficient in English. The work week consists of 5 hours per day on school days at the starting rate of \$9.88/hour. Applications can be downloaded at <http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1110109102853-283/SCGapplication.pdf> and brought to any police precinct.

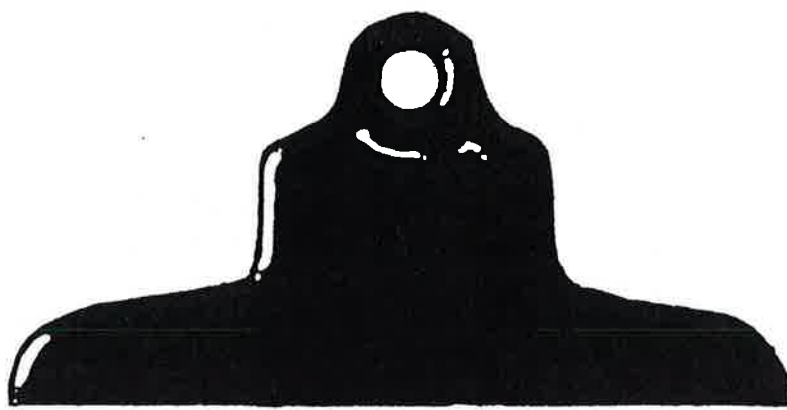
#### ***Library Clerk posts (SUNY and State Agencies)***

The State University System and a handful of agencies have openings for Library Clerk. **The application deadline is March 19, 2014** and the filing fee is \$25.

Library Clerks perform and supervise specialized clerical activities in support of a library program. For more information on responsibilities and necessary qualifications, or to apply, go to <http://goo.gl/mMfufK>.

#### ***Traffic Enforcement Agent***

The City of New York is giving walk-in exams several times a week for the position of Traffic Enforcement Agent. No pre-registration is necessary and the application fee is \$40. The current minimum salary is \$29,217/year with benefits.



To qualify, you must have a high school diploma or GED by June 30<sup>th</sup>. When appointed, you must also have a valid NYS driver's license and pay \$75 for fingerprinting. To take the test, simply go to either 2 Lafayette Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor in Manhattan or 210 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn at one of the exam times. For a list of exam times in March and April, go to [www.nyc.gov/dcas](http://www.nyc.gov/dcas) and click on the link "work for the city" and find the listing of exam dates and times.

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We wish the happiest of birthdays to Ms. Xeerxeema Jordan, Ms. Patricia Scantlebury, Mr. Meredith Staton, and Ms. Sharon Wedderburn, who will all celebrate birthdays in the month of March.

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We wish a speedy recovery to Ms. Adelaide Miller, Ms. Xeerxeema Jordan, Ms. Priscilla Maddox, and Ms. Patricia Scantlebury.

We send our heartfelt condolences to Dr. Flize Bryan, who recently lost her brother.

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The next **78<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting** will be held on

**Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 7:30 PM** at the **78<sup>th</sup> Precinct** located at 65 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue (corner of Bergen Street).

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The next **77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7 PM**. Call Community Affairs at 718-735-0634 for the location.

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The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 7 PM** at CNR-Center Light Health Care Center located at 727 Classon Avenue (between Park and Prospect Places).

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