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District Manager's Report

REGISTER TO VOTE

New Yorkers...in order to cast ballots in the upcoming Presidential primaries on April 19th, you must register to vote by March 25, 2016. You can register online at <http://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>.

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The NYC Dept. of Transportation plans to install new muni-meters in the following locations starting in June 2016:

**West Side**

- One meter on Utica Avenue from Bergen Street to St. Marks Avenue
- One meter on Utica Avenue from St. Marks Avenue to Prospect Place
- One meter on Utica Avenue from Prospect Place to Park Place
- One meter on Utica Avenue from Park Place to Sterling Place
- One meter on Utica Avenue from Sterling Place to St. Johns Place
- One meter on Utica Avenue from St. Johns Place to Lincoln Place

**East Side**

- Two meters on Washington Avenue from St. Johns Place to Sterling Place

- One meter on Utica Avenue from Lincoln Place to St. Johns Place
- One meter on Utica Avenue from Park Place to Prospect Place
- One meter on Utica Avenue from Sterling Place to Park Place
- One meter on Utica Avenue from St. Johns Place to Sterling Place
- One meter on Utica Avenue from Lincoln Place to St. Johns Place

**North Side**

- Three meters on St. Johns Place from Rochester Avenue to Utica Avenue
- One meter on St. Johns Place from Utica Avenue to Schenectady Avenue

**South Side**

- Three meters on St. Johns Place from Utica Avenue to Rochester Avenue
- Three meters on St. Johns Place from Schenectady Avenue to Utica Avenue

Muni-meters help create vibrant retail corridors by encouraging vehicular turnover, in addition to offering several customer-friendly features, including a convenient pay and display system. DOT is confident that these installations will benefit the local community.

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GREAT NEWS!

An extended portion of Prospect Heights was added to the National Register of Historic Places. This is the area not included in the original historic district boundaries but lies outside of it.

The National Register is the nation's official list of properties worthy of preservation. Listing on the National Register recognizes the importance of these properties to the history of our country and provides them with a measure of protection. In addition, owners of income producing properties may qualify for federal and/or state income tax benefits. Homeowners in qualifying census tracts may qualify for state income tax benefits for approved work.

Congratulations to Prospect Heights for the boundary extension! If you would like more information about any of the aforementioned programs, please contact Ms. Jennifer Betsworth at 518-268-2189.

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## ***NEW YORK CITY HISTORIC PROPERTIES FUND***

The New York City Historic Properties Fund offers low-interest loans and project management assistance to owners of historic residential, non-profit, religious, and commercial properties throughout the City. Since 1982, the Historic Properties Fund has assisted over 240 buildings. It is one of the largest, private revolving loan funds in the country used exclusively for historic preservation. Loans generally apply to exterior work or structural repairs and range from \$50,000 to \$300,000. The New York Landmarks Conservancy's professional staff and consulting architects work with every loan recipient to manage the complex process of restoring older buildings.

For more information, visit [www.nylandmarks.org](http://www.nylandmarks.org).

## ***TAX LIEN***

Don't let tax, water, or repair charges come between you and your property. If you owe property tax, water, sewer, emergency repair, or other property-related charges, the City of New York may sell a lien on your property.

Senior, disabled, and veteran homeowners may qualify for exemptions, but you must apply!

Look for your property on the lien sale list at [www.nyc.gov/liensale](http://www.nyc.gov/liensale). You can also contact 311 to apply for an exemption or to see if your property is on the list.

Do not delay. Respond today!

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Applications are now available for affordable rental apartments for Pacific Park Brooklyn (formerly the Atlantic Yards Project), for the building located at 461 Dean Street, Brooklyn.

Go to www.nyc.gov/housingconnect to create an account. When applications become available, you can apply online or receive instructions on how to request a paper application.

Contact MHANY Management for more information at 718-246-8080, ext. 224 or 239 or via email at pacificpark@mutualhousingny.org.

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## ***DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM***

A new diabetes prevention program for men called Power Up for Health, is now available at the St. John's Recreation Center located at 1251 Prospect Place, Brooklyn. This free program is an adaptation of the National Diabetes Prevention Program, tailored to engage men with prediabetes and to reduce

their risk of diabetes through healthy eating, beating stress, and exercising. For more information on the program, please visit [www.powerup4health.com](http://www.powerup4health.com).

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FILE YOUR TAXES FOR FREE

The Department of Consumer Affairs announced that New Yorkers who earned \$62,000 or less in 2015 may qualify for free tax prep services, including online filing and in-person filing with a certified preparer.

For more information and eligibility requirements for the over 200 different organizations and preparers, visit <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/dca/consumers/file-your-taxes.page>.

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### ***WARNING!!! DON'T FALL FOR SCAM CALLERS!***

Con Edison is warning customers not to fall for scams in which a caller threatens a service turnoff unless the customer purchases a pre-paid card or arranges for a transfer via MoneyGram to pay a bill. **These callers are not from Con Edison and Con Edison does not accept payments for electric or gas bills by pre-paid debit cards, or by MoneyGram, Green Dot, or similar transfers.**

The company has recently seen a spike in reports from customers who were contacted by the scammers. Con Edison believes the scammers are calling customers randomly, not targeting just those who owe back payments. The company has received complaints from residential and business customers.

The scammers sometimes even tell the customer about a store near the customer's home that sells pre-paid cards. The scammer instructs the customer to pay cash to put money on the card and to then provide the

number on the card to the person who called. Once the customer provides the scammer with the card number, the scammer steals the money on the card.

There have even been reports of these scammers making a Con Edison phone number show up on the customer's caller ID.

Scammers may ask a customer to provide money from a bank account, credit card or debit card by going online or to a specified location. The money goes into someone else's bank account or is available for the receiver to pick up in cash.

Be alert if anyone asks you by telephone to arrange for pre-paid debit cards like Green Dot or a MoneyGram transfer as payment for your bill, or to send money to an out-of-state address. Never arrange payment or divulge debit or credit card information, over the telephone, unless you are certain you are speaking to a Con Edison representative.

Anyone who feels they may have been a target of an imposter or a payment scam should call their local police department. They may also call Con Edison at 1-800-75CONED. Con Edison's website offers a variety of approved and convenient options for bill payment. For more information, visit <http://www.coned.com/customercentral/managemybill.asp>.

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TIP OF THE DAY: CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Each year in March, the American Red Cross celebrates Red Cross Month. For more than 70 years, all U.S. presidents, including President Barack Obama, have designated March as Red Cross Month to recognize how the American Red Cross helps people across the country and around the world. The Red Cross urges everyone to be prepared for

emergencies and to be aware of harmful household hazards.

Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. Each year, carbon monoxide poisoning claims approximately 480 lives and sends another 15,200 people to hospital. Click on the link to view tips on how to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning: <http://rdcrss.org/1hzSvre>.

Emergency Preparedness On-Line Training: To help you become better prepared, take the quick on-line Citizen Preparedness Corps training offered by the Red Cross in partnership with New York State. To register for the training and qualify to win a FREE Red Cross go-bag, visit: <http://www.redcross.org/local/ny/new-york/prepare/citizen-preparedness-training>.

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### ***REFUSE TO BE A VICTIM***

Think Safety First: Refuse to be a Victim is an event sponsored by District Leader Olanike Alabi, the Brooklyn Anti-Violence Coalition, Patrol Borough Brooklyn North, and the United Federation of Teachers. The public safety and crime prevention briefings will be held on **Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at New Life Tabernacle Church, 1476 Bedford Avenue at 7:30 PM.** For further information, contact the 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Affairs Division at 718-735-0634.

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POWER UP WITH BROOKLYN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Brooklyn Public Library is pleased to present its Power Up series, where you can attend classes, meet with a business counselor, and learn how to write a business plan. To apply for the program, you must attend an

orientation. Orientations are held at the following locations on the following dates:

Central Library Dweck Center, 10 Grand Army Plaza: **Tuesday, April 5th** from 6:30 PM to 8 PM

Business & Career Library, 280 Cadman Plaza West: **Saturday, April 9th** from 2 PM to 3:30 PM

To participate, you must register for an orientation by calling 718-623-7000 (option4) or via the internet at www.bklynlibrary.org/locations/business/events.

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### ***2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SHIRLEY CHISOLM WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS***

Senator Jesse Hamilton, Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, and Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo will continue the legacy of Brooklynite Shirley Chisolm, a true catalyst of change, by recognizing the achievement of iconic Brooklyn women. The celebration will be held on **Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** at Brooklyn Borough Hall located at 209 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn.

Seating is limited. Please call 718-284-4700 to RSVP or email [Hamilton@nysenate.gov](mailto:Hamilton@nysenate.gov).

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9TH ANNUAL SISTA-2-SISTA YOUTH SUMMIT

The Gye Nyame Empowerment Project Presents the 9th Annual Sista-2-Sista Youth Summit. In an age of followers, status updates and likes, this two-day summit connects high school girls of Pan-African descent to their power, passions and purpose.

The youth summit will be held from **March 18th through March 19th** at St. Francis

College, 180 Remsen Street, Downtown Brooklyn.

Email Hannah, Outreach and Participation Chair at s2youthsummit@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

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### ***A CALL TO VOLUNTEERS***

Want to become an agent of change for your community? As a Legal Hand volunteer, you can help community members with the laws, rules, and forms that affect daily life. Learn how to help your neighbors and gain experience navigating legal issues!

**An information session will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 from 6 to 7 PM** at the Legal Hand office located at 250 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn. **There will be a free two day training on March 21<sup>st</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:30 PM** at Central Library, Trustees Room, 10 Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn.

For more information, contact Marlies Talay at 718-619-4248 or via email at [talaym@legalhand.org](mailto:talaym@legalhand.org).

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MEDICATION MANAGEMENT EDUCATION

Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center: The best Health School, cordially invites you to “Medication Management Education,” a workshop designed to help you find out how best to manage multiple medications for your chronic disease conditions and how to prevent and recognize adverse side effects.

The Medication Management Education workshop will be held on **Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 11 AM to 1 PM** at Kingsbrook’s Lillian Minkin Ballroom, 585 Schenectady Avenue (between Winthrop Street & Rutland Road).

For more information, please call 718-604-5062.

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### ***CAMBA HOMEBASE VAN***

Senator Jesse Hamilton invites you to come visit the CAMBA Homebase You Can Van! Join the Senator at his office located at 1669 Bedford Avenue (between Crown and Montgomery Streets) on **Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** from 10 AM to 2 PM. The mobile van will offer information on a variety of housing related issues including housing problems, help in paying back rent, catching up on utility bills, and assisting with Housing Court cases.

For more information, contact Senator Hamilton’s office at 718-284-4700.

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STATE OF THE 36TH COUNCIL DISTRICT

Councilman Robert Cornegy cordially invites you to attend his State of the District Address on **Saturday, March 26th at 10 AM** at Uncommon Charter High School located at 1485 Pacific Street, Brooklyn. For more information or to RSVP, call 718-919-0740.

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### ***CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP***

Senator Jesse Hamilton in partnership with Assemblywoman Latrice Walker invite you to attend a **Career Development Workshop** on **Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at First Baptist Church of Brownsville, located at 357 Chester Street (between Livonia and Dumont Avenues), Brooklyn.

Topics include career development plans, resume critiques, presentation skills, social media job hunting, interviewing techniques, and job leads. For more information, please

contact Richard Nelson at 718-284-4700 or email [rnelson@nysenate.gov](mailto:rnelson@nysenate.gov).

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MOBILE CARE CLINIC

Early detection of breast cancer saves lives! The American Italian Cancer Foundation is hosting a Mobile Care Clinic to provide free digital mammograms and clinical breast exams. To be eligible for the mobile care clinic, you must be a woman 40 or older; current New York City resident; and not have had a mammogram in the past 12 months.

Services are provided at no cost to patients. No co-pays are required and deductibles are waived. Uninsured patients are welcomed. The medical provider is Multi-Diagnostic Services, Inc.

This free service is hosted by Legal Hand. The mobile care clinic will be in front of 250 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn, on **Thursday, March 31, 2016 from 9 AM to 4:30 PM**. For an appointment, call 718-619-4248.

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### **FREE SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS**

Join **Councilwoman Darlene Mealy on Sunday, April 3, 2016 from 10 AM to 12 PM** at her District Office located at 1757 Union Street for her monthly Advisory Board Meeting. There will be a representative from the FDNY #GETALARMEDNYC available to discuss fire education safety and distribute smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. For more information, call 718-953-3097.

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PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a grassroots process through which community residents vote to directly allocate at least \$1 million in capital funding per district toward proposals developed by the community to

meet local needs. Through a series of public meetings, residents work with elected officials throughout the year to identify neighborhood concerns and craft proposals to address them. Residents then decide which proposals to fund through a public vote. **PB NYC Vote Week is March 29th to April 3rd**! Community residents have developed proposals and ballots are almost ready to go in 28 council districts in NYC!

To find out how you can help and to participate, contact Ms. Sasha Sealey, Participatory Budgeting Coordinator, Office of NYC Council Member Laurie A. Cumbo at 718-260-9191 or via email at ssealey@council.nyc.gov.

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### **THE MYSELF THIRD SCHOLARSHIP**

The **Myself Third** Scholarship promotes the ideals of character, leadership and service, and honors college-bound students who engage in ongoing social action and volunteerism. Scholarship winners are selected based on their grades, extracurricular activities, letter(s) of recommendation and volunteer service that demonstrates a strong commitment to helping their school, community, or fellow citizens.

The program awards **multiple, one-time grants of \$4,000 each**, to be used toward tuition costs at any of CUNY's 17 undergraduate colleges. Scholarships are not limited to a specific field of study, but require full-time enrollment in either an associates or baccalaureate degree program. Winners must provide **proof of fall enrollment** at CUNY and commit to participating in at least one community service project during their freshman year.

To apply, you must have completed **at least 50 hours** of service in their community and/or school in the past twelve months.

The application must include the following:

- A teacher or counselor recommendation (supplemental letter from a volunteer supervisor is not required, but strongly encouraged),
- A high school transcript
- A description of work, volunteer and extra-curricular activities highlighting past or current leadership roles
- An essay (minimum 500 words) discussing own understanding of civic service and personal experience that illustrates a commitment to serve others

If you would like more information on how to apply please visit <http://collegenow.cuny.edu/myself-third>.

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SUMMER INTERNSHIP AT BROOKLYN NAVY YARD

The Summer Internship Program will give local college students an opportunity to get real work experience, exposure to the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corp. (BNYDC), become familiar with the industrial sector, and have an opportunity to earn a salary during the summer that may supplement their college costs.

BNYDC will interview and hire qualified college students for opportunities with businesses on the Yard that agree to host a summer intern. Students must be able to present documentation that indicates their current enrollment in a college program or admission to a college. You must complete an application and a resume to be considered. There are limited internship opportunities so applications should be sent in as early as possible. **The application deadline is April 29, 2016.**

The internship period will be divided into two eight-week sessions. The first session will begin on Monday, June 6th and will end on Friday, July 29th. The second session will begin on June 27th and end on August 19th.

Each student is required to choose only one (1) session in which he/she will participate in.

This is a wonderful opportunity for college students and businesses on the Yard, and BNYDC is looking forward to hearing from you! Applications are available by visiting <http://brooklynnavyyard.org/navy-yard-news/summer-internship/>. Completed applications and resumes should be mailed to BNYDC using the address provided below or submitted via email to summerinternship@brooklynnavyyard.com.

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### ***EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES***

#### Federal Correctional Officer

Application deadline March 16, 2016  
Job Announcement No. BOP-N-0007-2015

For more information and list of qualifications for the position, please visit <https://goo.gl/sdwSvZ>.

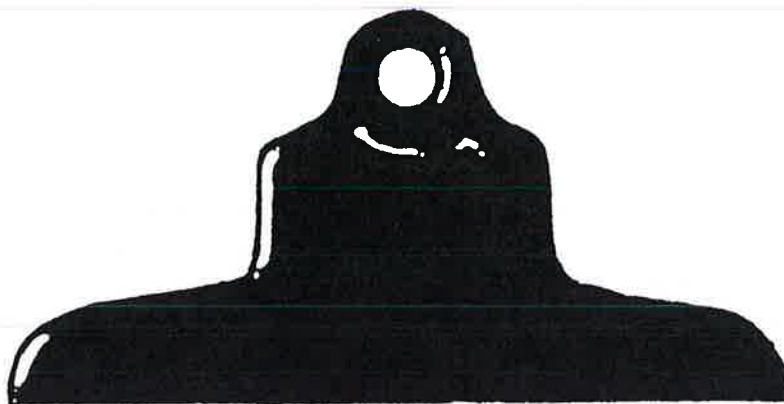
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Environmental Police Officer

The city is offering exams through June 30, 2016 for the post of Environmental Police Officer. The application fee is \$40. A high school diploma and Driver's License are required for the position. To apply and schedule yourself for an exam, go to www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs. The exam number is 6316.

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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. This will help increase our scorecard rating, which for the month of February was **84.6 for streets and 92.2 for sidewalks**.



The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 02/29/16 through 03/06/16.

|                  | Year-to-Date |      |       |
|------------------|--------------|------|-------|
|                  | 2016         | 2015 | %Chg  |
| Murder           | 1            | 1    | 0     |
| Rape             | 3            | 5    | -40   |
| Robbery          | 38           | 50   | -24   |
| Felony Assault   | 78           | 62   | 25.8  |
| Burglary         | 36           | 40   | -10.0 |
| Grand Larceny    | 74           | 74   | 0     |
| Gr. Larceny Auto | 20           | 16   | 25.0  |

The overall change year-to-date is 0.8%.

The following is a summary of the year-to-date F.D.N.Y Emergency Statistics through February 2016.

|                         | Month | YTD  |
|-------------------------|-------|------|
| Structural Fires        | 30    | 69   |
| Non-Structural          | 33    | 66   |
| Total Fires             | 63    | 135  |
| Suspicious Fires        | 3     | 6    |
| Non-Medical Emergencies | 306   | 566  |
| Medical Emergencies     | 246   | 531  |
| Total Incidents         | 633   | 1266 |

The next 78<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 22, 2016** at 7:30 PM at the 78<sup>th</sup> Precinct located at 65 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The next 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on **Monday, April 11, 2016** at a location to be determined. Call Community Affairs at 718-735-0634 to verify the location.

The next meeting of **Community Board No. 8** will be held on **Thursday, April 14, 2016** at 7 PM at 1000 Dean Street (between Franklin and Classon Avenues), Brooklyn.

We would like to wish the **happiest of birthdays** to Ms. Xeerxeema Jordan, Ms. Patricia Scantlebury, Mr. Meredith Staton, and Ms. Sharon Wedderburn.

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