

ACROSS THE BOARD

NOVEMBER 2017

A Word from the District Manager

HEAT SEASON

October 1, 2017 marked the first day of heat season in NYC. The Dept. of Housing, Preservation, and Development has strict minimum heat guidelines that all landlords must follow.

From now until May 31, 2018, between the hours of 6:00 AM and 10:00 PM, if the outside temperature falls below 55 degrees, the inside temperature is required to be at least 68 degrees Fahrenheit. Between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM, if the temperature outside falls below 40 degrees, the inside temperature is required to be at least 55 degrees Fahrenheit. Any landlord that fails to adhere to these guidelines should be reported to HPD via 311 immediately.

ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING PUBLIC HEARING

Community Board 8 will host an **informational public hearing on the possibility of reducing the number of ASP days on Monday, November 13, 2017** from 6 PM to 8 PM at Hope City Empowerment Center located at 650 Washington Avenue (between Dean and Bergen Streets), Brooklyn. The Dept. of Sanitation will be on hand to provide information on a potential reduction and answer residents' questions. Residents will have an opportunity to convey their opinion on the potential reduction.

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Questions and Comments will be limited to 90 seconds.

Please note that the scorecard rating for the month of October was **89.1% for streets and 89.3% for sidewalks**. We 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 18 inches into the gutter area. All sweepings must be bagged and disposed of properly. Thank you for your assistance in helping to keep our District clean.

RAT ACADEMY

Community Board 8, in conjunction with the NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene and Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo, are hosting a Rat Academy on **Thursday, November 16, 2017** from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue (between Park and Prospect Places), Brooklyn.

Free training on how to eliminate and dispel rodents will be provided to building supers, maintenance personnel, homeowners, tenants, managing companies, and businesses. Rodent-resistant garbage cans will be raffled to the first 15 homeowners that sign in and attend the full event. RSVP to ratportal@health.nyc.gov. Call CB 8 at 718-467-5574 if you need additional information.

NATIONAL DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month. Diabetes affects many members of our community. It is one of the leading causes of disability and death in the United States. It can cause blindness, nerve damage, kidney disease, and other health problems if not controlled.

Depending on your age, weight, and other factors, you may be at a higher risk of developing Type 2 diabetes. The good news is that making healthy changes can greatly lower your risk. To help prevent diabetes, watch your weight (or lose weight if you are obese), eat healthier options and less over-processed foods, and get more physical activity.



ARE YOU FINANCIALLY PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY OR NATURAL DISASTER?

Being financially prepared for an emergency or natural disaster is about more than just having savings set aside. Having access to critical personal and financial information will help you on the road to recovery. Follow these tips for getting organized and prepared for the unexpected:

- **Compile information:** FEMA's Emergency Financial First Aid Kit includes fillable checklists and is a handy and free way to compile important information such as driver's license numbers, birth certificates, social security numbers, bank accounts, etc.
- **Review your paperwork:** Review your insurance policies and financial paperwork to be sure that they are current.
- **Seek mortgage relief:** In the event of an emergency, having access to your mortgage information can be critical, as you may be eligible for mortgage relief.

- **Get secured:** Secure your property as best as possible, keeping it safe from damaging natural elements, and, if you are evacuating, potential vandalism while it is empty.
- **Get smart:** Unfortunately, crises tend to bring out scam artists. Be wary of post-disaster scams and anyone offering to provide you with immediate assistance for money. Government officials will never ask for money and will always show their ID badges.



ZONING RULES IN THE FLOODPLAIN

The Dept. of City Planning has created a short video to explain how zoning rules in the floodplain can help reduce flood risks and support the city's long-term vitality and resiliency. They are giving residents an opportunity to send feedback online or talk to them at their neighborhood events. They would like input on how they might be able to modify zoning rules to remove regulatory barriers to resiliency investments and make neighborhoods more resilient.

Please watch the video, share with your friends and neighbors, and learn about ways to get involved as DCP updates flood resiliency zoning. Visit

www.nyc.gov/resilientneighborhoods.



HISTORIC HOMEOWNER CREDITS

According to Mr. Daniel McEneny, Public Outreach, Division for Historic Preservation, Crown Heights North is the leader in the use of the historic homeowner credits in NYC and that is certainly because of the advocacy of the Crown Heights North Association.

The credits are only available to distressed census tracts and the Division for Historic

Preservation has been making strides with low income families, offering tax refunds as opposed to credits for households under \$60k. As they look to the next iteration of the program, there are proposals on the table to make the homeowner program even more user friendly to low income families by lowering the \$5k per project requirement and raising the credit for those households for certain sustainable upgrades. These are items that are being explored during the next budget discussions.

For more information on Historic Tax Credits, please visit CB8's website at <http://www.brooklyn8.org/resources/historic-districts-tax-credit-benefits/>.

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### ***DID YOU KNOW?***

Commercial vehicles are not allowed to park on residential streets for more than 3 hours or overnight. However, if the owner of the vehicle is actively working (i.e., a plumber can park their vehicle while making repairs at night on a residential street), they can do so. In addition, commercial vehicles are not allowed to park or be stored in driveways in residential zones. However, be mindful that if you live on a block with a commercial or manufacturing overlay, commercial trucks and vans **can** legally park in the overlay area.

Did you also know that street storage of personal vehicles is also prohibited? When parking is not otherwise restricted by posted signs, no person shall park any vehicle in any area, including a residential area, in excess of seven consecutive days without moving.

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FDNY FIRE SAFETY

The FDNY recently launched new site where you can find all varieties of information on fire

safety. At www.FDNYsmart.org, you can download fire safety coloring books for kids, sign up for "Smart Bark," where fire and life safety mascots bark about ways to stay safe on their blog. You can get tips delivered right to your inbox by signing up to stay connected with Hot Dog and Siren. You can also sign up local high schools for the free High School CPR Program.

There is also a CPR Program for adults. If you belong to a civic group or club with 15 or more members interested in CPR, you can sign up for a free CPR class. To sign up, visit www.fdnysmart.org/cpr.

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### ***NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS***

Citizens Committee for New York City is now accepting applications for their Neighborhood Grants program, which awards grants of up to \$3,000 to neighborhood groups, public school-based groups, and NYCHA tenants associations working to improve quality of life across the city. **The application deadline is January 22, 2018.**

These grants are an important resource for community groups, particularly in low-income areas. Groups supported carry out projects as varied as community gardening, theatre and fine arts programming, composting, tenant organizing, and much more.

For a grant application and for more information, contact Marina at 212-822-9579 or email [mgonzalez@citizensnyc.org](mailto:mgonzalez@citizensnyc.org).

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SECTION 8 WAITING LIST

As of October 20, 2017, managing agents for Section 8 buildings in Brooklyn and the Bronx, A.M.S. Realty Company, has reopened their waiting lists for their housing projects.

Interested parties can obtain an application by writing A.M.S Realty Company, 98 Cutter Mill Road, Suite 240-S, Great Neck, NY 11021. Please only mail one application per family. You can request additional applications by calling 516-466-6520, ext 24 between the hours of 10 AM and 3 PM.

All completed applications must be received by December 20, 2017.



YOGA THURSDAYS

Weeksville Gardens Community Center located at 1640 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, is pleased to announce “Yoga Thursdays,” a restorative yoga session hosted by Limore Kurtz Dooley. Restore, relax, and rejuvenate your mind and body.

All sessions are from 6 PM - 7 PM. Comfortable clothing is recommended. Yoga enthusiasts of all levels are welcome. For more information, contact Judy Brown-Fears at 718-395-9001.



GARDEN APPRENTICE PROGRAM

Brooklyn Botanic Garden is accepting applications for the 2018 Garden Apprentice Program. Apprentices learn about careers in public gardens, science, the environment, and education through hands-on work placements in the Garden. Apprentices are eligible for community service credit and earn a monetary award upon successful completion of the program.

The Garden Apprentice Program application can be downloaded online at www.bbg.org/gap. Printable applications are available upon request. **The application deadline is Wednesday, November 29, 2017.**

For more information or to request a printable application, please contact BBG at 718-623-7275 or email gap@bbg.org.



VOLUNTEER HOMEWORK HELPER

Help students in grades 1-8 with their homework assignments by becoming a Volunteer Homework Helper at Brooklyn Public Library!

Do you have a strong commitment to working with children? A minimum of two hours per week during after-school hours (3-6 PM) on weekdays? An ability to make a minimum required commitment of six months? If so, apply now! Complete an application at any neighborhood library or online at www.bklynlibrary.org.



YOUTH COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR

NYS Senator Jesse Hamilton, in partnership with Central Brooklyn Development Corporation, is recruiting middle and high school students to join the after-school club. Community Ambassadors will be appointed to work with local government and community-based organizations to act as liaisons to address neighborhood concerns and build inter-generational relationships.

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



MEET ME MONDAYS

Assemblywoman Diana Richardson is pleased to announce that Meet Me Mondays is back! Individual meetings with the Assemblywoman are now available. Meetings are available in 30 minute blocks between Noon and 3 PM. An

appointment must be made in advance and information needed includes your name, contact information, and a brief description of your problem.

Open dates are November 13th and 20th, and December 4th, 11th, and 18th. Call the Assemblywoman's office at 718-771-3105 to schedule your appointment.

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### ***PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING***

What would you spend \$1 million on in your neighborhood? Residents of Prospect Heights and Crown Heights have the opportunity to weigh in on how taxpayer money should be spent in the area. Councilman Robert Cornegy and Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo are once again bringing participatory budgeting to the district. Residents can submit proposals to either councilmember's office from now through February 2018. Projects include capital budget requests to renovate schools, parks and playgrounds, and other capital needs of the community.

Councilwoman Cumbo's office can be reached at 718-260-9191, and Councilman Cornegy's office can be reached at 718-919-0740.

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BROOKLYN WORKFORCE INNOVATIONS

Brooklyn Workforce Innovations is a trusted non-profit connecting jobless New Yorkers to careers in growing job sectors.

Red Hook on the Road

Trains unemployed individuals for careers as CDL-licensed commercial bus and truck drivers. Call 718-237-4846 for more information.

Brooklyn Networks

Connects people to in-demand careers as low voltage cable installers for data, voice, security,

and broadcast cable systems. Call 718-237-2017, ext 149 for more information.

Brooklyn Woods

Trains low-income New Yorkers for careers in manufacturing as woodworkers and fabricators. Call 718-389-3636 for more information.

Made in NY Production Assistant Training Program

Connects underrepresented New Yorkers to careers in TV and film as production assistants. Call 718-237-2017, ext 145 for more information.

NYCHA Resident Training Academy

Prepares qualified public housing residents for careers as NYCHA caretakers. Call 718-237-2017, ext 155 for more information.

For a more detailed explanation of BWI's programs, please visit their website at www.bwiny.org.

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### ***EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES***

#### **Radio Dispatch Jobs**

NYS is looking for Radio Dispatchers to work for the Thruway Authority. **The application deadline is November 21, 2017** and the fee is \$25. Minimum starting salary is \$36,212. As a Radio Dispatcher, you would monitor and control two-way-radio traffic connecting the various communications systems used in the Thruway's Statewide Operations Center.

For more information or to apply, go to [www.goog.gl/kLd9zX](http://www.goog.gl/kLd9zX).

#### **City Exams**

Correction Officer (#8309)  
Special Officer (8314/8315)

**Application period for these exams closes November 30<sup>th</sup>.**



Environmental Police Officer (8310)  
Police Communications Technician (8311)  
School Safety Agent (8312)  
Sewage Treatment Worker (8313)  
Traffic Enforcement Agent (8316)

Application period for these exams closes  
December 30<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on any of these positions,  
qualifications, or to apply, visit  
[www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs).

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We wish the happiest of birthdays to Ms. Glinda
Andrews, Ms. LeeAnn Banks, Ms. Julia Boyd,
Ms. Gail Branch-Muhammad, Mr. Adem
Bunkeddeko, Ms. Andrea Ferris, Ms. Julia
Neale, Ms. Audrey Taitt-Hall, Mr. Mart Thurton,
and Mr. Gregory Todd, who will all celebrate
birthdays in the month of November.

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The next 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council  
meeting will be held on **Monday, November  
13, 2017** at 7:30 PM at a location to be  
determined. Please call Community Affairs at  
718-735-0634 to confirm the location.

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The next 78th Precinct Community Council
meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November**

28, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the 78th Precinct located
at 65 6th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY.

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The next Community Board 8 general meeting  
will be held on **Thursday, December 14, 2017**  
at 7 PM at Concern for Independent Living  
located at 151 Rochester Avenue (between St.  
Marks Avenue and Prospect Place), Brooklyn.

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