

ACROSS THE BOARD

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A Word from the District Manager

We would like to welcome Dr. Katharine Perko, the latest member appointed to Community Board No. 8. We wish Dr. Perko the best of luck in her service on the Board.

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*Municipal Services Update:*

The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 10/22/18 through 10/28/18.

|                | Year-to-Date |      |       |
|----------------|--------------|------|-------|
|                | 2018         | 2017 | %Chg  |
| Murder         | 1            | 4    | -75   |
| Rape           | 32           | 19   | 68.4  |
| Robbery        | 137          | 171  | -19.9 |
| Felony Assault | 246          | 255  | -3.5  |
| Burglary       | 139          | 151  | -7.9  |
| Grand Larceny  | 321          | 312  | 2.9   |
| GL Auto        | 58           | 51   | 13.7  |

The overall change year-to-date is -3%.

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The Dept. of Sanitation cleanliness rating of our streets, better known as the “scorecard” rating, was **94.7% for clean streets and 96.9% for sidewalks** for the month of October.

Please note that the Dept. of Sanitation has announced that there will be no garbage, recycling, organics collection or street cleaning in observance of Veterans Day, Monday, November 12, 2018.

Residents who normally receive Monday garbage and organics collection should place their materials out at curbside Monday, November 12th after 4 p.m. for collection.

Residents normally receiving Monday recycling collection should place their material out at curbside after 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 18 for collection on Monday, November 19th.

In addition, all DSNY administrative offices will be closed on Monday, November 12th in observance of the holiday.

To help provide city residents with Sanitation-related service reminders, updates and special event schedules, the New York City Department of Sanitation has launched **DSNY Info**, its smart phone and tablet app. The app also includes tips to reduce, reuse and recycle, making it easier for New Yorkers send zero waste to landfills by 2030. The free app is currently available for iOS and will be available on Android operating systems shortly. You can find the app by searching DSNY Info in the Apple App store.

Finally, 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 October 2018.

| | Month | YTD |
|-------------------------|-------|------|
| Structural Fires | 21 | 288 |
| Non-Structural | 5 | 143 |
| Total Fires | 26 | 431 |
| Suspicious Fires | 3 | 24 |
| Non-Medical Emergencies | 278 | 2592 |
| Medical Emergencies | 367 | 3198 |
| Total Incidents | 687 | 6444 |



NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NYSERDA)

NYSERDA is launching a new program, Solar for All, to assist low income homeowners and renters (under 60% of State median income), that pay their own electric bills, to participate in local community solar projects. The Solar for All Program furthers the state’s goal of reducing fossil fuels, air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions through the generation of clean electricity by community solar projects. This clean energy is fed into the already existing local power grid.

NYSERDA will pay the subscription and all fees for the resident to join the solar project for 10 years. The subscription can be cancelled by the resident at any time. Residents will see electric savings of \$10 to \$15 dollars per month and there is no need for the resident to install solar equipment on their homes or make any changes with the utility. The electricity generated by the community solar project will be credited on their already existing utility bill.

Please note, Solar for All will expand to include residents served by ConEd (including NYC), Rochester Gas & Electric, and National Grid customers in Central NY. Until further notice, the program is not available in Long Island.

If you have questions, please contact the NYSERDA project manager, Liz Tremblay, at lisabeth.tremblay@nyserda.ny.gov for more information or to get program materials shipped to you. Visit www.nyserda.ny.gov/solarforall to sign up directly through the website. Email solarforall@nyserda.ny.gov or call 1-877-697-6278 to ask questions and/or request a paper application.



HEALTH INSURANCE NAVIGATOR

Assemblywoman Diana Richardson of the 43rd Assembly District is pleased to offer a Health Insurance Navigator Program on Mondays from 11 AM to 5 PM at her district office located at 330 Empire Blvd., 1st Floor, Brooklyn. Navigator Programs help to simplify the complicated world of selecting the health insurance plan that is right for you and your family. Individuals can qualify for insurance during this special enrollment period due to loss of health insurance (for reasons other than non-payment of premium), divorce or legal separation, birth or adoption of a child or placement of a child in foster care, and marriage or domestic partnership. Small businesses can apply at any time.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 718-875-9300.



TENANT SUPPORT AND LABOR SERVICES

Assemblywoman Diana Richardson in collaboration with Neighborhood Housing Services of Brooklyn (NHS) is offering Tenant

Support on **Wednesdays, November 14th and 28th, and December 12th from 10:30 AM to 2 PM.** NHS offers the following resources: landlord and tenant resources; anti-eviction assistance; senior housing; rent arrears and rent subsidies referrals; affordable housing; housing lottery education; and much more.

NHS Brooklyn offers a comprehensive array of services for homeowners, homebuyers, and tenants, including first-time homebuyer education, financial coaching, home repair assistance, home insurance counseling, landlord training, foreclosure intervention, and tenant support services. Most of these services are free. Please take advantage of these services.

Labor Services are also being offered at the Assemblywoman's office on **Thursdays from 10 AM to 4 PM.** Unemployment concerns, training, job seekers, and compliance appointments will all be accommodated. Appointments are necessary.

All services are held at Assemblywoman Richardson's office located at 330 Empire Blvd, 1st Floor, Brooklyn. Please call 718-771-3105 to schedule an appointment or to get additional information.

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### ***BOOK FESTIVAL HOLIDAY GIFT FAIR***

Pathways to Love and Healing Productions is hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual "I Love to Read" Multi-Cultural Book Fair on **Saturday, November 10, 2018** from Noon to 8 PM at Brown Memorial Church located at 484 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn. Authors and Vendors sponsorship opportunities are available. Those interested should call 917-586-2566.

The event is free to the public with books available for all age ranges. Special invited keynote author is Ms. Gwen Carr, the mother of Eric Garner, who will present her new book, *It Stops Today*.

### ***HOME CARE RECRUITMENT FAIR***

NYC Health and Hospitals is hosting a Home Care Recruitment Fair on **Wednesday, November 14, 2018** from Noon to 6 PM at Coney Island Hospital, Main Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Kane Auditorium, 2601 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn.

Recruitment is being done for the following:

- **Home Care Nurses (RN)**
  - NYS licensed RN with Home Care, Med-Surg, ER, NICU or CCU experience (minimum one year)
  - BSN highly preferred; Current BLS
  - Flexibility to work weekends and holidays
- **Physical/Occupational Therapists, and Speech Language Pathologists**
  - NYS Licensed and registered to practice as OT/PT/SLP
  - Minimum one year post-licensure experience
- **Social Workers**
  - NYS licensed (LMSW or LCSW)
  - Minimum one year post-licensure experience

Please bring copies of your updated resume. Walk-ins are welcome. Applicants with the above qualifications will be considered for an on-the-spot interview. All candidates must have the ability to travel between NYC boroughs, as needed.

To attend, RSVP at [www.tinyurl.com/hccareerfair](http://www.tinyurl.com/hccareerfair).

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NYC HEALTH AND HOSPITALS EVENTS

NYC Health and Hospitals is hosting a Physician and Nurse Practitioner Networking Mixer on **Thursday, November 15, 2018** from 4 to 7 PM at NYC Health and

Hospitals/Bellevue, in the Atrium, located at 462 1st Avenue, Manhattan. Send CV in advance to docs4nyc@nychc.org (Physicians) or nurses4nyc@nychhc.org (Nurse Practitioners).

Explore Physician and Nurse Practitioner opportunities; loan forgiveness programs through HRSA; benefits, including Union, Health, and others; medical simulations and professional development programs.

Also, Health and Hospitals is hosting a Registered Nurse and Social Worker Recruitment Event on **Friday, November 16, 2018** from 1 PM to 4 PM at NYC Health and Hospitals/Jacobi, 1400 Pelham Parkway South, Building 4, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Bronx.

Qualifications:

- Social Workers: NYS license (LMSW or LCSW); experience in healthcare setting
- Registered Nurse: NYS license as an RN; experience in acute care or similar setting
- The Emergency Department is welcoming new graduates for a special program of orientation.

Please bring copies of your updated resume and certification paperwork. RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/hhcareerfair.

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### ***MARCH FOR HOUSING JUSTICE***

On **Thursday, November 15, 2018, from 4:30 to 7:30 PM**, there will be a march against the corruption that is leading to the housing crisis in New York. The goal of the march will be to force politicians to illustrate whether they stand with tenants, or with real estate. The march meeting location will convene on the corner of Beaver St and Broadway, Manhattan.

The real estate industry is the most powerful industry in New York State. They spend more

money electing Albany politicians than any other industry. As a result of lobbying efforts, rents are increasing at an alarming rate and landlords are profiting at greater levels than ever before despite living conditions for many renters deteriorating. Due to many of these issues, the homeless population is increasing and more and more residents are facing homelessness.

For more information, contact Andrea Shapiro via email at [andrea@metcouncilonhousing.org](mailto:andrea@metcouncilonhousing.org) or call 212-979-6238.

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FREE DENTAL CARE FOR U.S. VETERANS

In honor of the nation's veterans, Brookdale Hospital Dental Clinic is offering free dental care for veterans on **Friday, November 16, 2018 from 9 AM to 5 PM** at 1 Brookdale Plaza, Brooklyn.

If you are a veteran and have not been to a dentist lately for lack dental insurance, Brooklyn Dental Clinic staff will provide free exams and cleanings, fillings, and routine extractions at no cost to you.

Please call 718-240-6281 to schedule for appointment. If you leave a message, please state in the message that you are calling for the Veterans event and your call will be returned.

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### ***TEEN SUMMIT***

The United Federation of Teachers (UFT) is hosting a Teen Summit open to youth ages 12 to 18 on **Saturday, November 17, 2018** from 8:30 AM to 3 PM at P140K @ K258 (David Ruggles Campus), located at 141 Macon Street, Brooklyn.

Youth will spend time with other youth discussing how to become an entrepreneur, from



starting a business to writing a book; discussing their futures; participating in a teen talk/open mic dedicated to self-esteem, self-care, and depression; and participate in a BRAVE student presentation, an interactive discussion to identify bullying behaviors and what can be done to stop bullying.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. The summit is free of charge, but registration is required. For more information or to register, please visit [www.uft.org/brooklynparents](http://www.uft.org/brooklynparents).



### **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNERS**

**Calvary Community Church** is hosting its Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on **Saturday, November 17, 2018** from Noon to 3 PM at Calvary Community Church located at 1575 St. John's Place (corner of Buffalo Avenue). Everyone is invited, but groups of 4 or more are encouraged to RSVP by November 9<sup>th</sup> by calling 718-467-4108.

Coats, children's clothing, and books will also be distributed.

Also, **Save Our Streets Crown Heights (S.O.S.)** is hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner celebration on **Tuesday, November 20, 2018** from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Beulah Church of the Nazarene located at 1250 St. John's Place. For more information, contact Karolin at [betancesk@neighborsinaction.org](mailto:betancesk@neighborsinaction.org) or call 718-773-6886.



### **COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION SEMINAR: DIABETES**

The SUNY Downstate Medical Center's Center for Community Health Promotion and Wellness Internal Medicine Associates presents a free

Community Health Promotion Seminar on Diabetes: Prevention, Management, and New Treatment Updates on **Wednesday, November 28, 2018** from 6 to 7:30 PM at SUNY Downstate Medical Center health Science Education Building, 395 Lenox Road, Lecture Hall 1B, Brooklyn.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 718-270-3739.



### **CPR TRAINING**

The Local Development Corporation of Crown Heights is working with the FDNY to offer free CPR Training, a 30-minute class on hands-only CPR (please note: this program does not offer CPR certification). The free classes are taught by certified FDNY EMS members. To date, the program has successfully trained thousands of New Yorkers in this lifesaving technique.

Program participants are provided with skill demonstrations and hands-on practice for performing hands-only CPR; basic instructions on how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED); and additional information for identifying a person in need of CPR and other resources.

The free CPR Training will be held on **Thursday, November 29, 2018** at 6 PM at Crown Heights Apartments located at 1055 St. John's Place in the Community Room, Brooklyn.

To register or for more information, please call 718-467-8800, ext. 114.



### **FDNY SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM**

The goal of the Fire Safety Education Program is to eliminate residential fire deaths in New



York City. Fire deaths have dropped steadily during the past few decades and studies have shown that there is a direct link to strong public education programs. The goal of FDNY instructors is to continually educate the public with critical life saving strategies that focus on fire prevention, with a special focus on the City's most vulnerable populations and at-risk communities.

The next Fire Safety Education Workshop will be held on **Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 6 PM** at Crown Heights Apartments located at 1055 St. John's Place in the Community Room, Brooklyn. To register, please call 718-467-8800, ext. 114.

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The next **77th Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Monday, November 12, 2018** at 7:30 PM at Hebron Seventh Day Adventist Church located at 1256 Dean Street, Brooklyn.

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The next **78<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 27, 2018** at 7:30 PM at the 78<sup>th</sup> Precinct located at 65 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brooklyn, NY.

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The next Community Board 8 general meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 13, 2018**

at 7 PM at 100 Dean Street (between Classon and Franklin Avenues), Brooklyn.

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We wish the happiest of birthdays to our Board members and staff: Ms. Glinda Andrews, Ms. Julia Boyd, Ms. Gail Branch-Muhammad, Ms. Andrea Ferris, Ms. Julia Neale, Ms. Audrey Taitt-Hall, Mr. Mark Thurton, and Mr. Gregory Todd, who will all celebrate birthdays in the month of November.

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