

# ACROSS THE BOARD

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## *District Manager's Report*

### *Great News!*

After decades of lobbying by CB 8, a left turn signal will be installed on Eastern Parkway for traffic turning northbound onto New York Avenue. The turn signal will be installed in 2020.

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### ***BUS MOUNTED CAMERAS***

MTA New York City Transit recently announced that the fines associated with bus lane violations captured using a new automated bus-mounted camera system will be subject to a new graduated fee structure starting at \$50 and going up to \$250 for repeat bus blockers. That Automated Bus Lane Enforcement (ABLE) system on buses that travel on Select Bus Service (SBS) routes using a dedicated bus lane is currently on the B44 bus route in District 8. Note that camera systems can capture evidence such as license plate information, photos and videos, as well as location and timestamp information of vehicles obstructing bus lanes to document clear cases of bus lane violation. The system collects multiple pieces of evidence to ensure that vehicles making permitted turns from bus lanes are not ticketed.

As the goal of the program is designed to keep buses moving quicker as part of a revamped transit system, we urge drivers to use bus lanes as directed, which is only for turns. Let's help the MTA keep buses moving.

## ***CENTERS HEALTH CARE***

Centers Health Care Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center located at 170 Buffalo Avenue, will have their grand opening and ribbon cutting on December 5, 2019 from 5-9 PM. Attendees will get an exclusive first look at the future of post-acute healthcare in New York City.

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### ***UTICA AVENUE PARKING RESTRICTIONS***

Due to infrastructure upgrades along Utica Avenue, parking will be restricted until the end of December 2019 from 7 AM to 6 PM on weekends on Utica Avenue between Eastern Parkway and Union Street. This includes no parking, sidewalk/curbside/and driveway access restrictions during construction hours. It may also be necessary to temporarily relocate the B17 and B46 bus stops on Utica Avenue and Eastern Parkway while the final touches are made during the installation of the new bus pad.

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### ***HEAT SEASON***

Please be advised that Heat Season began on October 1, 2019 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, 2020, 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.



**FREE SERVICES OFFERED BY  
ELECTED OFFICIALS**

**Assemblywoman Diana Richardson** in collaboration with Neighborhood Housing Services of Brooklyn (NHS) is offering Tenant Support on **Wednesdays 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 to the public.

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 can be scheduled. Appointments are necessary.

CAMBA Homebase Outreach is available on **November 20<sup>th</sup>, and December 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 4 PM**. Available resources include anti-eviction legal assistance, housing related assistance, landlord and tenant resources, and assistance with voucher applications.

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

Also, please consider attending Assemblywoman Richardson's **Civic Minded meetings** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month from 2-4 PM at 400 Empire Blvd. Important community issues are discussed each month.



**Councilwoman Alicka Ampry-Samuel** is pleased to offer a host of free services for constituents in her office located at 400 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn.

**Free Immigration Services** are offered by appointment only and are free and confidential.

**The Healthy Families Initiative** in conjunction with the Campaign Against Hunger is assisting families in the 41<sup>st</sup> Council District SNAP re-certification, health insurance enrollment, rental assistance, employment assistance, and educational/vocational assistance. Services are offered every Tuesday from 10 AM to 2 PM. An appointment must be scheduled.

**Affordable Housing** services are available every Wednesday from Noon to 5 PM. Learn how to apply, receive step by step assistance preparing your application, and learn more about your rights as a tenant. Receive referrals to other resources such as immigration, public health, legal assistance, and wellness services via the Churches United For Fair Housing (CUFFH) Network. For more information, contact Anita Dos Santos at 347-574-1922.

For more information on any of the services or to schedule an appointment, call 718-953-3097.



**U.S. SERVICE ACADEMY DAY**

Congressman Hakeem Jefferies and Congressman Gregory Meeks are inviting all to attend the US Service Academy Day. Meet representatives from the prestigious US Service Academies on **Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 1 PM** at PS 232, the Lindenwood School Auditorium located at 153-23 83<sup>rd</sup> Street, Howard Beach, NY.

Middle and high school students, parents, guidance counselors, and school officials interested in learning about the application process, requirements, and Congressional Nominations, are encouraged to attend this information session.

For more information, contact Congressman Jeffries office at 718-373-0033 or RSVP at [Jeffries.house.gov](http://Jeffries.house.gov).



**CENSUS 2020 JOB FAIR**

Senator Kevin Parker of the 21<sup>st</sup> Senatorial District, in partnership with the US Census Bureau, is hosting a Census 2020 Job Fair. The Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people across the country to assist with the Census 2020 Count. The job fair will be held on **Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 PM** at the Brooklyn Central Library in the Lab located at 10 Grand Army Plaza.

Census jobs feature pay starting at \$25/hour with flexible hours, paid training, and temporary positions. For additional information, contact Senator Parker’s office at 718-629-6401.



**THANKSGIVING DINNER**

Calvary Community Church located at 1575 St. John’s Place, Brooklyn, cordially invites you to its Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner celebration on **Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 AM**. Come with your family and enjoy

dinner with the parishioners of Calvary. Coats and kids clothing will also be distributed.



**Municipal Services Update**

The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of **10/28/19 through 11/03/19**.

|                | Year-to-Date |      |       |
|----------------|--------------|------|-------|
|                | 2019         | 2018 | %Chg  |
| Murder         | 13           | 2    | 550   |
| Rape           | 18           | 29   | -37.9 |
| Robbery        | 158          | 142  | 11.3  |
| Felony Assault | 212          | 256  | -17.2 |
| Burglary       | 108          | 142  | -23.9 |
| Grand Larceny  | 301          | 332  | -9.3  |
| GL Auto        | 62           | 60   | 3.3   |

The overall change year-to-date is **-11.02%**.



The Department of Sanitation cleanliness rating of our streets, better known as the “scorecard” rating, was 92.1% for clean streets and 94.8% for sidewalks for the month of October.

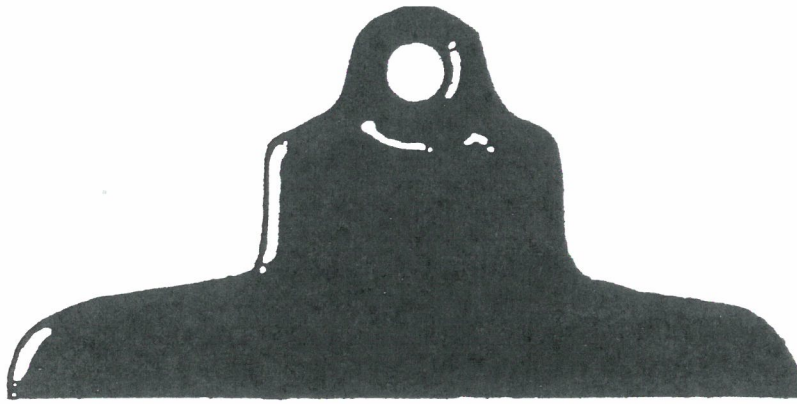
We continue to urge everyone to adhere to the Dept. of Sanitation’s residential enforcement routing times of 8 AM to 9 AM and 6 PM to 7 PM daily. Please clean in front of your properties and 18 inches into the gutter area of the street. All sweepings must be bagged and disposed of properly. Thank you for your assistance in helping to keep the District clean.



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Brooklyn Community Board 8**

Community Board is hiring a part-time Community Service Aide. The position is up to 30 hours per week at greater than minimum wage. Email resume and cover letter to



[brooklyncb8@gmail.com](mailto:brooklyncb8@gmail.com) and put in the subject line, "Job at CB 8". No telephone calls, please.

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### **Brooklyn Navy Yard**

The Albert C. Wiltshire Employment Center recruits qualified candidates for positions with the Brooklyn Navy Yard, a 3000-acre industrial park. Applicants are encouraged to send an email indicating their interests with their resume if applicable to [recruit@bnydc.org](mailto:recruit@bnydc.org) with the position of interest in the subject line. Current opportunities include CNC Operator (drilling, grinding, milling), Fabricator, Estimator (costs), Plumber, Project Manager, Development and Communications Coordinator, IT Dispatcher and Operations Coordinator, Driver, Carpenter, and Jewelry Maintenance/Repairs/and Operations.

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The next **78<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 3, 2019** at 7:30 PM at the 78<sup>th</sup> Precinct located at 65 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Note the date change.

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The next **77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Monday, December 9, 2019, 2019 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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We wish the happiest of birthdays to **Ms. Glinda Andrews, Ms. Julia Boyd, Ms. Gail Branch-Muhammad, Ms. Andrea Ferris, Ms. Julia Neale, Ms. Audrey Taitt-Hall, Mr. Mark Thurton, Mr. Gregory Todd, and Ms. Hanjy Charles**, who will all celebrate birthdays in the month of November.

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The next **Community Board 8 general meeting** will be held on **Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 7 PM** at Union United Methodist Church located at 121 New York Avenue (between Dean and Bergen Streets), Brooklyn.

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