

# ACROSS THE BOARD

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*A Message from the District Manager*

*Municipal Services Update:*

The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 09/24/18 through 09/30/18.

	Year-to-Date		
	2018	2017	%Chg
Murder	1	4	-66.7
Rape	32	18	77.8
Robbery	123	160	-23.1
Felony Assault	224	231	-3
Burglary	128	135	-5.2
Grand Larceny	289	288	0.3
GL Auto	52	46	13

The overall change year-to-date is -3.7%.

Please be advised that the 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct is currently operating with at least 20 fewer officers than this time last year. Luckily, we remain down in crime by 4% on the year, and are on pace to have a solid finish to the year according to Deputy Inspector John Buttacavoli, the Commanding Officer.

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The Dept. of Sanitation cleanliness rating of our streets, better known as the "scorecard" rating, was **93.2% for clean streets and 96.6% for sidewalks** for the month of September.

The District office of CB 8 has been receiving numerous complaints of overflowing corner baskets. As a result, we encourage members of the community (both residents and merchants) to adopt a corner basket. As a basket sponsor, you will be given garbage bags and all you need to do is remove the full bag, tie it, place it curbside, and replace the can liner. There are a number of people in our District that have adopted baskets, but we need many more.

Also, please note that due to an equipment shortage at the BK8 garage, night collection is in effect for Section 83, the area bounded by Albany to Ralph Avenues from Atlantic Avenue to Eastern Parkway. Due to a shortage in garbage collection trucks, certain pockets of this section will likely have their garbage picked up later in the day on the 4PM to midnight shift. Do not fret, however. **All refuse will be collected.**

Snow season is now in effect. Yearly, during snow season, one section is scheduled for afternoon pickup. This year, Section 81, the area bounded by Flatbush to Bedford Avenues from Atlantic Avenue to Eastern Parkway, is on night pickup. Again, all garbage will be removed; please do not bring your garbage or recycling back inside thinking that Sanitation failed to remove your rubbish. It will be removed, just on a later shift.

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.

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**ILLEGAL DUMPING AWARD PROGRAM**

It is illegal to dispose of any material or debris by driving it and dumping it on any street, lot, park, public space, or any publicly or privately owned area (and also biking it or using a shopping cart to dispose of it). To help keep communities clean, the Dept. of Sanitation runs the Neighborhood Vacant Lot Cleanup Program to reduce blight and keep areas clean and safe. They remove garbage and debris from vacant lots and areas around abandoned buildings.

There are two programs that provide awards to people who witness and report illegal dumping:

**Illegal Dumping Award Program:** Complete an affidavit after witnessing illegal dumping. When the lawbreaker is fined, the witness is eligible for 50% of the fine that the City collects. If the lawbreaker challenges the ticket at the Environmental Control Board hearing, the witness must attend.

**Illegal Dumping Tip Program:** Anyone who tips off the City so that an illegal dumper can be caught in the act, is eligible for a reward of up to 50% of the fine collected. The tipster's identity remains confidential so they will not have to appear at an Environmental Control Board hearing.

For more information, visit [www.nyc.gov/sanitaiton](http://www.nyc.gov/sanitaiton).

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**The following is a summary of the year-to-date F.D.N.Y Emergency Statistics through September 2018.**

|                                | Month | YTD  |
|--------------------------------|-------|------|
| <b>Structural Fires</b>        | 31    | 267  |
| <b>Non-Structural</b>          | 5     | 138  |
| <b>Total Fires</b>             | 36    | 405  |
| <b>Suspicious Fires</b>        | 1     | 21   |
| <b>Non-Medical Emergencies</b> | 272   | 2314 |
| <b>Medical Emergencies</b>     | 318   | 2831 |
| <b>Total Incidents</b>         | 659   | 5757 |

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**FIRE SAFETY PREVENTION MONTH**

We are lucky to have seen a reduction in the overall number of fires in the city over the last few years. Unfortunately, this has led to a general complacency and a lack of action around home fire preparedness and planning. The goal of Fire Prevention Month is to make sure people recognize that fire remains a very real risk and that everyone needs to take action to protect themselves and their families.

As part of Fire Safety Prevention Month, the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) seeks to bring attention to a growing trend in modern architecture that could cause any fire to become deadly quite quickly. The NFPA claims that someone who has a reported home fire today is more likely to die than they would have been in past decades because of several factors, including the way homes are built and the contents inside them. They explain that open floor plans and a prevalence of modern synthetic furnishings make homes burn faster, and the fires produce deadly smoke and gases within moments that can debilitate those inside very quickly. A resident can have as little as two to three minutes to escape a home fire today as

compared to having eight to ten minutes years ago.

The question is: **How do we save lives in case of a fire with these new developments?** According to the FDNY, the answer is three-fold:

- Look for places fire can start.
- Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm.
- Learn two ways out of each room.

Looking for potential fire hazards in the home, making sure your smoke alarms are working properly, and having a home escape plan that everyone has practiced can heighten your chances of survival in a fire. Make sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in every sleeping quarter or near enough to be heard. If a fire breaks out and doors are available, close all doors to block and slow down the fire. Keep fire extinguishers in the home and in easy to reach places. Do not burn candles or incense near combustible materials such as curtains, rugs, and comforters, and definitely do not leave them unattended. Also, if electric heaters are being used, make sure to buy fire safe heaters or keep heaters away from combustible materials. These little things could save your life or the lives of your loved ones.

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### **HEAT SEASON**

October 1, 2018 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, 2019, 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.

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### **LOW INCOME AFFORDABLE HOUSING APARTMENTS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

240 newly constructed units of affordable housing are available at 453 Hinsdale Street and 487 & 500 Livonia Avenue in the East New York section of Brooklyn. Amenities include an on-site super, card-operated laundry room, fitness room, bicycle storage, and outdoor terrace. There is no broker fee, and the building is smoke-free.

As an extremely low and low income affordability (ELLA) development project, there are very strict income guidelines. Studios, one-bedrooms, two-bedrooms, and three-bedroom units are available for those individuals and families earning between \$15,429 and \$60,500 (extremely low income) and \$21,155 and \$72,600 (low income). Please note: the highest income allowed are only for families of 6 or more people seeking a three-bedroom unit.

For extremely low-income applicants, rental prices range from \$395 or \$729/month for a studio; \$426 or \$784/month for a one-bedroom; \$521 or \$951/month for a two-bedroom; and \$594 or \$1,091 /month for a three-bedroom. For low-income applicants, rental prices range from \$562 or \$896/month for a studio; \$605 or 963/month for a one-bedroom; \$736 or \$1,166/month for a two-bedroom; and \$843 or \$1,339 for a three-bedroom. Obviously, the higher rent prices are for the higher income brackets.

Please apply online through NYC Housing Connect at [www.nyc.gov/housingconnect](http://www.nyc.gov/housingconnect). You can also request an application by mail and send a self-addressed stamped envelope to BRP Livonia Apartments, c/o Wavecrest Consulting LLC, 87-14 116<sup>th</sup> Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11418. Please use only one method of applying as you will be disqualified from the lottery otherwise. **The application deadline is November 21, 2018.**

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### ***DEED REGISTER: KNOW WHEN CHANGES ARE MADE TO YOUR PROPERTY FILE***

No one is perfect, not even an entity designed to keep property records. Mistakes can be made in filing new deeds against properties that the NYC Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) or Dept. of Finance (DOF) have deemed foreclosed. Take necessary steps to protect yourself. ACRIS, the system that the DOF uses to maintain property records, has begun a new program to assist with just this purpose.

The ACRIS Notice of Recorded Document System is a registration program that is intended to provide notice to property owners when deeds, mortgages and deed or mortgage related documents affecting an ownership interest in real property, have been recorded against a single property in the five boroughs of New York City. In addition to property owners and their agents (including child, spouse or domestic partner of owner if they are a designee), the managing agent, the property owner's attorney, the lienor, or executors/administrators of the estate of the owner or lienor of the property may register under this program. Owners of cooperative apartments and timeshare units may NOT want to register for notification as these properties do not have unique borough, block and lot identifiers and the registrant would

receive notifications affecting the entire building rather than for the particular unit of interest.

The Department of Finance assumes no liability for failure to provide the requested notice of recorded documents with respect to property for which you are registering to receive notification. The City of New York, including the Department of Finance and the Richmond County Clerk, assumes no liability for fulfilling their legal duty to record documents, even if those documents are in some instances later determined to be erroneous, fraudulent or invalid.

In light of the above, it is necessary for property owners to remain vigilant and carefully watch your property. For more information, visit [www.nyc.gov/acris](http://www.nyc.gov/acris).

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### ***DOES YOUR APARTMENT NEED REPAIRS?***

IMPACCT Brooklyn focuses on the issues that matter most to communities, including affordable housing, tenant rights, small business, and homeownership, providing assistance in all these areas and more. One of the organization's goals is to assist tenants in getting necessary repairs completed in their apartments. If you are waiting for repairs to be made in your apartment, IMPACCT Brooklyn and JustFix.nyc and can help you in 3 steps.

1. Create a free account at [www.JustFix.nyc](http://www.JustFix.nyc) and use the Advocate Code: **IMPACCT**.
2. Gather your evidence. Use your phone to take photos of your apartment and directly upload them to your JustFix.nyc account.
3. Keep up to date. IMPACCT Brooklyn will help you track your evidence so you can use it for legal cases, lease negotiations, and more.



For more information, contact IMPACCT Brooklyn at 347-482-0565 or email [info@impacctbk.org](mailto:info@impacctbk.org).

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***PUBLIC BENEFIT COUNSELORS NEEDED***

The ACES Project of the Community Service Society is recruiting retired individuals age 55 and older to serve as volunteer public benefit counselors. ACES Volunteers assist clients with completing public benefit applications such as SNAP, SCRIE, DRIE, reduced fare metrocards, and resolving benefit related problems. For more information on the project, please visit [www.cssny.org/programs/entry/the-aces-project](http://www.cssny.org/programs/entry/the-aces-project) or call Rebecca Haase at 212-614-5482 or email her at [rhaase@cssny.org](mailto:rhaase@cssny.org).

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***YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL CLINIC***

The NYC Parks Department in conjunction with the NY Jets Flag Football League, is offering a free flag football program for youth ages 8 to 17. Throw, catch, run, and play in a fun, inclusive environment. The program is adaptable to meet a variety of needs, giving youth with disabilities the opportunity to partake in an organized and developmental sport. The goal is to appropriately challenge participants, providing opportunities where they can feel successful.

For more information, please call 718-965-8939 or visit [www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks).

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***LOVE YOUR BLOCK GRANTS AVAILABLE***

The Citizens Committee for New York City and NYC Service are awarding grants of \$1,000 for block clean-up and improvement projects. Grantees also receive city services

from the Dept. of Environmental Protection, Parks Department, Sanitation, and Dept. of Transportation.

***Applications are due November 7, 2018.***

Visit [www.citizensnyc.org/grants/love-your-block](http://www.citizensnyc.org/grants/love-your-block) or contact Shawn at [swhitehorn@citizensnyc.org](mailto:swhitehorn@citizensnyc.org) or call 212-822-9563.

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***HEALTH INSURANCE NAVIGATOR***

Assemblywoman Diana Richardson of the 43<sup>rd</sup> 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., 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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***REPAIR LOANS FOR OWNER-OCCUPIED SMALL BUILDINGS***

The NYC Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) offers low-interest repair loans for owner-occupied small buildings from 1-4 families. Money from the loans can be used for emergency repairs; upgrades to insulation; electrical and plumbing; heating upgrades; lead paint

hazard reduction; roof replacements, and more.

Find out how low-interest loans and grants can help you protect your greatest asset. For more information, visit <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/owners/homeowner-repair-loans.page>.

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### ***ELDER LAW BASICS***

There will be a free informational lecture on Elder Law Basics: Planning for the Future: An overview of financial and health care directives, financing long term care, benefits, trusts, and asset protection on **Monday October 15, 2018 from 6-8 PM** at the Brooklyn Bar Association located at 123 Remsen Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Auditorium, Brooklyn. Reservations are recommended.

To reserve a seat or for more information, contact Jen Bryan, Member Services Director at 718-624-0675, ext. 209 or email her at [jbryan@brooklynbar.org](mailto:jbryan@brooklynbar.org).

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### ***FREE FLU SHOTS***

Assemblywoman Jo Anne Simon is pleased to offer free flu vaccines at her district office located at 341 Smith Street (at Carroll Street), Brooklyn, on **Tuesday, October 16, 2018 from 10 AM to 2 PM**. To register for an appointment, or for information on any other state or local issue, please call 718-246-4889.

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### ***FREE FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER SEMINAR***

Neighborhood Housing Services of Brooklyn will host a First Time Homebuyer Seminar on **Tuesday, October 16, 2018 from 6:30-8:30 PM** at the Flatbush YMCA located at 1401

Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn. Learn about grant opportunities and closing cost assistance; affordable mortgages; home inspections; renting vs. owning; becoming a landlord; building your homebuying team; benefits of homebuyer education; and real estate as an investment.

Pre-register for the event by visiting <https://bit.ly/2Aad3Kt>, call 718-469-4679, or email [info@nhsbrooklyn.org](mailto:info@nhsbrooklyn.org).

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### ***TENANT SUPPORT AND LABOR SERVICES***

Assemblywoman Diana Richardson in collaboration with Neighborhood Housing Services of Brooklyn (NHS) is offering Tenant Support on **Wednesdays, October 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> from 10 AM to 4 PM**.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Brooklyn. Please call 718-771-3105 to schedule an appointment or to get additional information.

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### ***COMMUNITY JOB FAIR***

Assemblywoman Latrice Walker of the 55<sup>th</sup> Assembly District is hosting a Community Job Fair on **Wednesday, October 17, 2018 from 11 AM to 3 PM** at Brownsville Multi-Service Center located at 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street, Brooklyn. All attendees are encouraged to bring multiple copies of their resumes.

NYPD, NYC Dept. of Citywide Administrative Services, UPS, and the NYS Dept. of Labor, and recruiters specializing in hospitality/food service, retail, and healthcare will all be on hand. Be prepared for impromptu interviews, so please dress professionally. For more information, call 718-342-1256.

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### **DEPT. FOR THE AGING PUBLIC HEARING**

Dept. for the Aging's (DFTA) Brooklyn Public Hearing is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 17, 2018 from 10 a.m. until noon** at Albany Senior Center, located at 196 Albany Avenue, Brooklyn. Please visit [www.nyc.gov/aging](http://www.nyc.gov/aging), where you will find the Annual Plan Summary (APS), and other hearing-related information.

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### **COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION SEMINAR**

SUNY Downstate Hospital is presenting a free community health promotion seminar on Breast Cancer: Prevention, Early Detection, and Updated Treatments on **Wednesday, October 17, 2018 from 6-7:30 PM** at SUNY Downstate Medical Center, Health Science Education Building, 395 Lenox Road, Lecture Hall 1B, Brooklyn.

Invited speaker is Evelyn Taiwo, MD, Assistant Professor, Hematology Oncology Fellowship Site Director at Kings County Hospital Center. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 718-270-3739.

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### **CROWN HEIGHT NORTH ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The Crown Heights North Association (CHNA) is having a general membership meeting on **Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 6:45 PM** at St. Gregory the Great RC Church located on the corner of Brooklyn Avenue and St. John's Place, Brooklyn. Topics include ensuring the safety of your property by checking your property records, deed theft, and information about the Third Party Transfer Program.

For more information, contact CHNA at [info@crowheightsnorth.org](mailto:info@crowheightsnorth.org) or call at 718-774-3834.

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### **YOUTH FAIR**

The Youth and Education Committee of Community Board 8 is pleased to present its first **Youth Fair: the Me in We**, on **Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 10 AM to 2 PM** at Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association (BNIA) located at 465 Sterling Place, Brooklyn.

Discussion topics include: 10 Things EVERY Youth Should Know; Financial Literacy; Avoiding Credit Card Abuse; Job/Career Readiness; Civic Education (Voter Registration); Culinary Arts; Adult Education; How to AVOID the Criminal Justice System; Dressing for Success; and Know Your Educational Rights (Adelaide Sanford Institute).

For more information, please email Mr. Kwasi Mensah at [bcb8healthfair@gmail.com](mailto:bcb8healthfair@gmail.com).

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### ***FREE MAMMOGRAM SCREENINGS***

Senator Roxanne Persaud, in collaboration with Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center are offering **free mammogram screenings** on **Thursday, October 18, 2018 and Saturday, October 20, 2018** starting at 9 AM at One Brookdale Plaza, Brooklyn. All insurance plans are accepted and women over the age of 40 can receive a free mammogram if they are uninsured.

An appointment is necessary. Please call Michelle Petal at 718-240-5276 to schedule an appointment. For more information, contact Senator Persaud's office at 718-649-7653.

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### ***FALL FEST***

NYC Weekend Walks and the North Flatbush Avenue Business Improvement District (NFBID) invite you to attend **Fall Fest** on **Saturdays, October 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018** from Noon to 4 PM. Fall Fest will take place at the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue triangle, which is located at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, St. Marks Avenue, and Flatbush Avenue.

During the two day event, there will be pumpkin painting, live music, and a food showcase tent on both days, Fall Fest Field Games on the 20<sup>th</sup>, and square dancing and a fashion show on the 27<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact the NFBID at (718) 783-1685.

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### ***REEL SISTERS OF THE DIASPORA***

African Voices presents "**Reel Sisters of the Diaspora Film Festival and Lecture Series 2018.**" On **October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>**, at Alamo Draffhouse Cinema located at 445 Albee

Square West, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Downtown Brooklyn, visitors will be able to view over 35 short films by women of color from across the globe.

For a full list of screenings or for more information on the film and lecture series, visit

<http://reelsisters.com/festival/schedule/>.

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### ***HOUSING CRISIS TOWN HALL***

Congressman Hakeem Jeffries in collaboration with Councilman Robert Cornegy, Senator Velmanette Montgomery, and Assemblywoman Tremaine Wright invites you to attend a **Town Hall on the Brooklyn Housing Crisis**. Representatives from the NYC Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development, NYS Attorney General's office, NHS Brooklyn, and Brooklyn Legal Services will be in attendance.

The Town Hall will be held on **Monday, October 22, 2018 from 6-8 PM** at the Billie Holiday Theater located at 1368 Fulton Street, Brooklyn. To RSVP, call 718-237-2211.

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### ***COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS***

**Majority Leader Laurie A. Cumbo** will be hosting Community Conversations, where the community can speak with senior leaders and commissioners from Brooklyn and citywide agencies and organizations about issues impacting residents and business owners.

The event will take place on **Thursday, October 23, 2018 from 6-8 PM**, at St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn Campus, Student Lounge, Tuohy Hall, 245 Clinton Avenue,



Brooklyn. For more information, call the Majority Leader's office at 718-260-9191.

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### **TENANT ADVOCACY WORKSHOP**

The Housing Committee of Community Board 8 is hosting a **Tenant Advocacy Workshop on Saturday, October 27, 2018** at Albany Houses Community Center located at 164 Troy Avenue between Prospect Place and St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn. This workshop is meant to include a panel discussion with representatives and scholars from several community organizations, city agencies, and academic institutions. Panelists invited include representatives from Legal Hand, Brooklyn Neighborhood Improvement Association, IMPACC, Crown Heights Tenant Association, NYC Housing Preservation and Development, NYS Homes and Community Renewal, and CUNY.

For more information, contact Community Board 8 at 718-467-5574 or email [brooklyncb8@gmail.com](mailto:brooklyncb8@gmail.com).

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### **FREE FITNESS CLASSES**

Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in partnership with ShapeUp NYC is offering free fitness classes every Thursday at 6 PM starting November 1<sup>st</sup>. To register for classes, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-fitness-class-thursdays-tickets-50709504493>.

Additionally, Shiloh's SDA Church, located at 449 Eastern Parkway (corner of Rogers Avenue), Brooklyn, offers free fitness classes every Sunday from Noon to 1 PM in Pioneer Hall. A certified fitness instructor will lead all classes, with workouts consisting of aerobics, core and body, and stretching activities.

For more information on Shiloh's SDA's fitness classes, call 718-771-4103.

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### **NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY BOARD**

The Neighborhood Advisory Board (NAB) for Community Board 8 is seeking new members. To help increase participation, there will be a "Meet and Greet" on **Thursday, November 15, 2018** from 6:30 to 8PM at PS 138 located at 760 Prospect Place, Brooklyn.

NAB's are made up of residents appointed by DYCD and elected officials. NAB members are responsible for helping identify the service needs of their communities, a process which guides the City in its allocation of federal anti-poverty Community Services Block Grant funding to support community-based human service programs. For more information, contact the NAB Liaison Unit at 646-343-4699 or email [nab@dycd.nyc.gov](mailto:nab@dycd.nyc.gov).

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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 and the summit is free of charge. However,

registration is required. For more information or to register, please visit [www.uft.org/brooklynparents](http://www.uft.org/brooklynparents).

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### **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER**

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 be also be distributed.

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### **YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Youth Leadership Council for the Family Court Division**

Youth ages 14 to 21 are encouraged to apply to become part of the Family Court Division Youth Leadership Council (FCD YLC) of the New York City Law Department. Selected youth will be the youth voices needed to improve policies within the Family Court Division and the City of New York.

A Youth Leadership Council is a group of trained young people who work in partnership with adult leaders on a defined area of policy, practice, and/or service toward a shared goal of improving the effectiveness of the policies and practices that impact the lives and communities of all New Yorkers, but particularly those that pertain to young people. The Youth Leadership Council for the Family Court Division will be responsible for observation and feedback from the perspective of all the stakeholders on a variety of issues including

court efficiency, technology, case filings, dispositions, and victim impact.

**The application submission deadline is Friday, October 19, 2018.** To obtain an application or for additional information, contact Celina Fletcher at (718) 724-5336 or via email at [Cefletch@law.nyc.gov](mailto:Cefletch@law.nyc.gov).

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#### **YouthAction Community Leadership Course**

The YouthAction Community Leadership Course (YCLC) is offered to all high school students interested in effecting positive change in their communities. Each term, 25 public and private school students are immersed in the study of a particular topic where they collaboratively examine social issues impacting children and youth in NYC.

Students who participate in the YCLC will:

- Gain the skills to advocate on behalf of themselves, their schools, and their communities.
- Learn how to conduct hands-on research, such as public polling and site visits.
- Meet with government officials to discuss their ideas for improving New York City.
- Become better leaders through problem solving and critical thinking.
- Strengthen their communication and public speaking skills.

YCLC begins on **Monday, October 15, 2018** and concludes on **Monday, December 17, 2018**. Meetings are held on 10 consecutive Mondays from 4pm to 7pm. Participants will meet at the office of the Citizen's Committee for Children, located at 14 Wall Street, Manhattan.

Contact Laura Jankstrom via email at [ljankstrom@cccnewyork.org](mailto:ljankstrom@cccnewyork.org) for more information.

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### **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **EMS/Paramedic**

The FDNY's EMS and Paramedic units responded to 1.7 million emergencies in 2016, with EMT's and Paramedics playing an important role in caring for the community. The FDNY is currently seeking candidates for its EMS Trainee Program. There is no age limit, but all applicants must be at least 18 years old.

The EMS Trainee Program is a 16 week paid training program. All books, uniforms, and equipment is included at no cost to participants, who will each get opportunities for FDNY ambulance rotations. Starting pay for trainees is \$32,520.

To participate, call 718-999-3369 (FDNY) or visit [www.joinfdny.com](http://www.joinfdny.com).

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#### **Brooklyn Navy Yard**

Are you interested in opportunities within the Brooklyn Navy Yard? The Albert C. Wiltshire Employment Center connects local residents to jobs and careers available in the Brooklyn Navy yard. Their team works with 400+ companies on the Yard to understand their staffing needs and connect them with talent. More than 2500 individuals have found jobs with the Employment Center to date, and you can join that growing that number.

They recruit for the following positions: construction; industrial and manufacturing; warehouse; administration; operations;

marketing and sales; engineering; and much more!

To learn more, attend an orientation session and gather information about jobs within the Brooklyn Navy Yard and speak with staff about your interests and skill set. **Orientations are held every Tuesday at 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM at Building 92, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 63 Flushing Avenue (at Carlton Avenue), Brooklyn.** For more information, visit [www.bldg92.org](http://www.bldg92.org), call 718-907-5996, or email [recruit@bnydc.org](mailto:recruit@bnydc.org).

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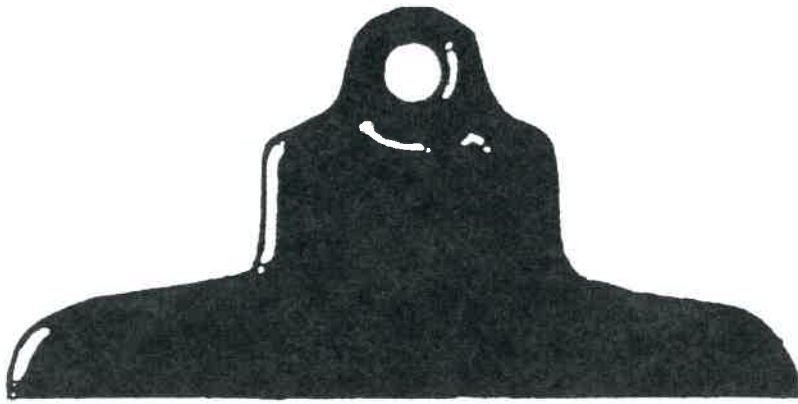
#### **Brooklyn Workforce Innovations (BWI)**

BWI's next round of classes begins in January 2019. Their 6-week intensive training program prepares candidates for entry level work in telecommunications cabling. Graduates with no prior experience before the training earn starting wages between \$15 and \$18 per hour. Interested candidates must first attend an information session before applying. Starting on September 18, 2018, information sessions will be held every Tuesday at 10 AM at BWI, 621 DeGraw Street, Brooklyn.

Basic requirements for the program include: minimum age of 18, NYC resident for the last 6 months, physical ability to do the work as a cable installer, possess at least a valid Learner's permit, ability to commit to 6 weeks of full time training, be ready, willing, and able to work upon graduation.

For more information, contact Monique Booker, Program Coordinator, at 718-237-2017, ext. 149 or email [mbooker@bwiny.org](mailto:mbooker@bwiny.org).

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### **Erasmus Neighborhood Federation**

The Erasmus Neighborhood Federation is seeking a part-time Community Organizer. Responsibilities involve the following: assist the housing director in counseling tenants and senior residents on their rights and issues regarding safe, affordable housing both at ENF and off-site. Interface with landlords and attorneys on tenants' behalf, advise on solutions to problems, act as guide and to tenants in housing court, assist in the administering workshops and outreach program and maintain office records and reports.

Interested candidates with knowledge of the housing situation in Brooklyn with good conversation skills and a personable attitude are encouraged to email their resumes and cover letters to [uyes.vilus@erasmusfederation.org](mailto:uyes.vilus@erasmusfederation.org).

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The next **78<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 30, 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 **77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Monday, November 12, 2018** at a location to be determined. Please call Community Affairs at 718-735-0634 to confirm.

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We wish the happiest of birthdays to **Ms. Sasha Ahuja and Mr. Yahya Raji**, who will both celebrate birthdays in the month of October.

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The next **Community Board 8** general meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7 PM** at Calvary Community Church, 1575 St. John's Place (corner of Buffalo Avenue), Brooklyn.

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