

ACROSS THE BOARD

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COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!



Ms. Nizjoni Granville

is our second-longest tenured community board member appointed in 1996. We salute Ms. Granville for her tireless efforts to serve her community for 27 years.

Ms. Granville states, "I first learned of the Board in the early 1990s when my family and I were experiencing a housing issue. The Board assisted myself and my neighbors in rectifying the issue, and because of the value I received, I thought it would be in the best interest of myself and my neighbors to continue participating in such a vital and important community staple."

During Ms. Granville's membership, she has served as Chair of the then Housing/ULURP Committee, as Vice Chair of the Board prior to holding the chairperson position from 2009 to 2019, and presently serves as Third Vice Chair of the Board. Ms. Granville also is the Chair of the Housing Advocacy Committee and is Vice Chair of the Veterans Committee. Her mantra is long been, "if you are not a part of the solution, you are a part of the problem. Ms. Granville would like her legacy with the Board to be remembered for the improvement(s) she has brought to the lives of others.

District Manager's Report

GREAT NEWS!

The Lincoln Terrace Park Comfort Station (Tennis Court location) construction is underway! This project will demolish the existing field house and construct a new public restroom building in Lincoln Terrace Park. This project should be completed by 2025.

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**REPLACEMENT OF DISTRIBUTION WATER MAIN IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

Water distribution mains will be replaced in the following locations as part of Project ID RED395AC:

- Sterling Place between Bedford and Nostrand Avenues
- St. John's Place between Bedford and Nostrand Avenues
- Rogers Avenue between Park and St. John's Places

Construction completion is anticipated in Summer 2024.

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FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS

Every US household can again place an order to receive four free Covid-19 tests. Before you throw out "expired" tests, check the FDA's website to see if your tests' expiration dates

have been extended. To order your free tests, visit <https://www.covid.gov/tests>.

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**HEAT SEASON**

Heat season is in effect from now until May 31, 2024. The Department of Housing, Preservation, and Development has strict minimum heat guidelines that all landlords must follow. Between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., 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 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. if the temperature outside falls below 40 degrees, the inside temperature is required to be at least 55 degrees Fahrenheit. Residents are encouraged to report the lack of heat and hot water to HPD via 311 immediately.

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Municipal Services Update

The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 10/02/2023 through 10/08/2023.

	Year-to-Date		
	2023	2022	%Chg
Murder	6	9	-33.3
Rape	14	19	-26.3
Robbery	160	163	-1.8
Felony Assault	327	286	14.3
Burglary	138	145	-4.8
Grand Larceny	312	331	-5.7
GL Auto	134	107	25.2

The overall change year-to-date is **2.92**. The Department of Sanitation cleanliness rating of our streets, better known as the “scorecard” rating, was **98.1% for clean streets and 97.3% for sidewalks** for the month of September.

We continue to urge everyone to adhere to the Dept. of Sanitation’s residential enforcement routing times of 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. 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.

Snow Season is here! BK8 garage is gearing up for snow and have identified Section 82 as the night section with Section 81 as the backup. This means that the area of Flatbush Avenue to Bedford Avenue, or Section 81, will have their garbage collected between 8 PM and midnight. The area between Bedford Avenue and Troy Avenue, or Section 82, have the potential to have their trash collected between midnight and 8 AM. Please keep in mind, however, that due to equipment constraints, there are more opportunities for the full District to have their trash collected on night route.

As a reminder, recycling collection is mostly completed on nights in all three sections. All residents are encouraged to set their refuse/recycling out before midnight to ensure that it is collected.

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**CURBSIDE COMPOSTING**

Curbside composting, or organics collection, went into effect on October 2, 2023. What does this mean for you? Firstly, it means that Leaf and yard waste separation from trash is now mandatory with a warning period for 3 months from the start of service. Leaf and yard waste must be either neatly corded and bundled, or set out on recycling day in clear plastic or paper leaf bags only. Any other color bag can result in a summons. Leaf Bags are available at the CB8 office.

Secondly, it means that food scraps and food-soiled paper separation is in place, but as of

right now, this separation is voluntary. It will become mandatory once curbside composting expands to all five boroughs. Compost, or organics, must be set out only in covered bins. It cannot be placed in bags or unlidded containers. If you have a brown bin, great! If you want to use your own bin, you may do so as long as it is 55 gallons or less and has a hinge lid. You can mix your leaf and yard waste in your organics bin with your food scraps, but food scraps cannot go into a clear plastic bag with your leaf and yard waste.

Do you need a DSNY brown bin? You can order one for FREE until October 13, 2023.

For more information or to find a brown bin distribution session, visit <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/services/food-scraps-and-yard-waste-page/brooklyn-composting>.

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NEW PARKING METER RATES

All vehicle owners should be aware that the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) will be **increasing parking meter rates citywide** for both passenger and commercial spaces starting **October 16, 2023**. Date of implementation of rate increases will vary by borough, with Manhattan receiving the first increase and the last increase going into effect on Staten Island at the end of November.

More information on the parking meter rate increases can be found at <https://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/parking-rates.shtml>.

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### ***NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE NYC PARKS DEPARTMENT***

Benefit the city's local ecosystems and wildlife through the Native Plant Initiative. NYC Parks is working with the Greenbelt Native Plant Center to offer free mixed seed packets of twelve native plants. Packets include common golden Alexander, foxglove beardtongue, common milkweed, black-eyed susan, gray goldenrod, and others. Community groups dedicated to local green spaces can request a packet of native seeds in the It's My Park Project Leader Application by visiting [https://cityparksfoundation.org/its-my-park-project-leader-application/?mc\\_cid=5ef8860339&mc\\_eid=ab62dc8b1c](https://cityparksfoundation.org/its-my-park-project-leader-application/?mc_cid=5ef8860339&mc_eid=ab62dc8b1c).

Seed packets are limited to one packet per group and will be distributed while supplies last. Projects must take place between mid-November and mid-December.

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New Yorkers are invited to participate in the second annual City of Forest Day! This citywide celebration is an annual day of activities across the city to raise awareness of the importance of the New York City urban forest, and the essential role New Yorkers play every day in caring for the "lungs" of our city, presented by Forest for All NYC, the NYC Coalition of Parks and Open Space Partners, and NYC Parks.

City of Forest Day will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at parks throughout the city. For more info, visit <https://forestforall.nyc/city-of-forest-day/>.

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Join NYC Parks for an interactive fitness event! Learn important information and skills to improve quality of health, physical fitness, and the benefits of daily movements. Activities will include a workout class, a kettlebell

demonstration, parallel bar workouts, yoga poses, and much more! Come meet the calisthenic competitors and watch the calisthenic finals!

The Fitness Challenge and International Calisthenics Final will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 9:00am–5:00pm at St. John’s Recreation Center located at 1251 Prospect Place. For more info, call (718) 771-2787. Contact [accessibility@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:accessibility@parks.nyc.gov) or (212) 360-1430 for more information regarding accessibility.

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It’s Open House New York Weekend! Discover the history of Prison Ship Martyrs’ Monument, a Brooklyn landmark that pays tribute to the 11,000 men, women, and children who died on British Prison Ships during the Revolutionary War.

Open House New York: Prison Ship Martyrs’ Monument will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023, 11 AM - 2 PM at Fort Greene Park Visitor Center in Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn. For more information, visit <https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2023/10/21/open-house-new-york-prison-ship-martyrs-monument>.

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Fire is a useful resource when needed, but there are also safety precautions that we must take when building one. Join the Urban Park Rangers as they practice the art of fire building on Sunday, October 29, 2023, 11 AM - 12 PM, at Fort Greene Park Visitor Center in Fort Greene Park, Brooklyn. For more info, visit <https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/2023/10/29/outdoor-skills-fire-building>.

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Recreation Center Memberships are available! NYC Parks recreation centers are more than just indoor gyms! Join a recreation center and

become part of a community of New Yorkers who support each other. With a membership, you can get fit, learn new skills, develop your hobbies, and make friends. Membership includes access to hundreds of different programs, facilities, and activities, including adaptive programs, arts & tech courses, exercise equipment, fitness and dance classes, game rooms, gyms, indoor tracks, indoor pools, sports programs and more! Recreation memberships are FREE for any New Yorker under age 24. To find a recreation center in your area, visit our recreation center locations page.

For more information, visit <https://www.nycgovparks.org/programs/recreation-centers/membership>.

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ATLANTIC AVENUE MIXED-USE PLAN (AAMUP) SCOPING MEETING

On October 17, 2023 at 2pm, residents are encouraged to join the Department of City Planning at a remote public meeting to give input on the AAMUP environmental review scope and process. Scoping meetings give the public a voice in a proposal’s environmental impact statement, a document disclosing environmental impacts and mitigation.

You can find out more, or RSVP here: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/nycengage/events/city-planning-scoping-meeting-for-atlantic-avenue-mixed-use-plan-aamup/461757/1>.

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### **HELP LAUNCH OR GROW YOUR BUSINESS**

NYC Business Solutions Centers is a division of the Dept of Small Business Services. They are pleased to present the following workshops to

help small business owners start or grow their business.

**Applying for Loans and Grants:** Join this webinar to learn about tips to consider before taking on debt, an overview of documents required to apply for a loan, and a summary of other loans and grants that are currently available for NYC businesses. It will be held on October 17, 2023 @10 AM

**Creating a Business Idea That Works:** The goal of this course is to help you understand what starting an NYC business requires, and to define your own expectations for life as a business owner. It will be held on October 18, 2023 @ 5 PM

**Copyrights 101:** This webinar will go over four main types of intellectual property rights, including patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets. It will be held on October 18, 2023 @ 6 PM

**Grant Information Session:** This webinar will provide information to small businesses on how to qualify and apply for a competitive grant opportunity. It will be held on October 19, 2023 @ 12 PM

**First Steps to Starting a Business:** The goal of this course is to learn about core competencies as a successful entrepreneur and creating an action plan to define and validate your business expectations. It will be held on October 20, 2023 @ 12 PM

**Search Engine Optimization (SEO):** This course will teach you the latest tools and practices in search engine optimization (SEO). You will be able to define the top 9 factors that

search engines use to rank websites, evaluate your website's strengths and weaknesses, and raise your website's ranking. It will be held on October 24, 2023 @ 11 AM

To register for any of the webinars and see what else SBS has to offer, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/nyc-business-solutions-bronx-center-2500909>.

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AFTER SCHOOL CODING PROGRAMS

After school Coding Programs are available for girls and boys! On Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5 PM, students in grades K-5 can learn to create games, apps, and more. On Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5 PM, middle and high school students can learn the same and more.

Classes are offered at Digital Girl Inc. Technology Center located at 1561 Bedford Avenue, Suite 304, Brooklyn, N.Y.

To register, visit www.digitalgirlinc.org/programs or call 347-857-8647.

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### **FREE CITIZENSHIP APPLICATION ASSISTANCE EVENT**

On Saturday, October 21, 2023, CUNY Citizenship Now is hosting their next Free Citizenship Application Assistance Event Sponsored by NYC Council Members Erik Bottcher, Christopher Marte, and Carlina Rivera. Their experienced lawyers and immigration professionals will determine participants' eligibility for naturalization and help them with their applications. The event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 75 Morton Street, New York, NY 10014. To register, call 646-664-9400, or ext. 929-334-3784.

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FATHERHOOD ACADEMY

The Kingsborough Community College CUNY Fatherhood Academy (CFA) is a FREE program that prepares young fathers (ages 18 to 30) for college or enter the workforce, while working on their personal development skills that include parenting classes and men's groups. They are recruiting for both the high school equivalency (HSE) and College and Career Prep (CCP, a program for fathers who have their degree but are unsure of their next steps, we offer classes and workshops and two credits upon completion) Winter and Spring cohort. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/CFAKBCC>.

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**NEWS AND UPDATES FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHI OSSE**

Councilmember Chi Osse would like all constituents to know that if you need Hydra Barriers to protect your property from flooding, please visit their office located at 1360 Fulton Street, Suite 500 during operating hours to pick one up. Hydra Barriers can be beneficial during heavy rain events like the most recent storms that caused flash flooding and significant damage a few weeks ago. For more information, call 718-919-0740.

Additional services provided in the office include:

- Wellness Wednesday Food distribution continues from 11 AM to 1 PM at Restoration Plaza.
- Housing Info with CUFFH Affordable Housing Services is held every Tuesday from Noon to 6 p.m.

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NEWS AND UPDATES FROM SENATOR ZELNOR MYRIE

Senator Zellnor Myrie’s office is pleased to announce that they are hosting their first ever district-wide book club meeting on **Tuesday, October 17 at 5:30pm, featuring *Don’t Cry For Me Now*** by Daniel Black. The discussion will take place on Instagram Live and will be moderated by Senator Myrie.

Constituent services are offered by phone, email, or appointment in the office. Additionally, affordable housing services sponsored by Churches United For Fair Housing are offered in the office every Wednesday. You can call the office at 718-284-4700 or email the office at myrie@nysenate.gov to request assistance or schedule a housing assistance appointment.

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**NEWS AND UPDATES FROM ASSEMBLYMAN ROBERT CARROLL**

Assemblyman Robert Carroll is pleased to announce the following events:

- Town Hall and Government Agency Answer Fair on **Wednesday, October 18, 2023** from 6 PM to 8 PM at the Central Library by Grand Army Plaza. No RSVP required, there will be time to speak to AM Carroll and representatives from a variety of Government Agencies
- Constituent Service Hours at the Central Library on the second Tuesday of each month from 3-6PM

For more information, contact his office at 718-788-7221.

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CROWN HEIGHTS NORTH ASSOCIATION

The next Crown Heights North Association (CHNA) general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 6:45 PM at Crown Heights Apartments located at 1055 St. John's Place. Come out and meet your current elected judges from Civil, Criminal, Housing, Family, and Supreme Court.

Additionally, CHNA will be hosting a free shredding event on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 9 AM to 2 PM at St. Gregory's Roman Catholic Church located at 999 St. John's Place at the corner of Brooklyn Avenue. Bring your important paper and other papers with identifying information.

Finally, the Doggone Great Halloween Parade will be held Brower Park on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 11 AM to 2 PM. Pre-registration is required; you may do so at www.bit.ly/doggonehalloweenparade.

Assemble at the Brooklyn Avenue at Prospect Place entrance.

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## ***CONGRESSIONAL CAREER FAIR***

Congressional members Yvette D. Clarke, House Majority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, Nydia Velazquez, and Dan Goldman are pleased to present the 2023 Congressional Career Fair to be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM at City Tech located at 300 Jay Street, Downtown Brooklyn.

Bring your resume and connect with employers from Federal, New York State, and New York City Agencies. Also, there will be opportunities from NYC non-profits and NYC corporate sectors.

RSVP and select your arrival time slot at <https://tinyurl.com/2023CongressionalCareerFair>. For special accommodation, please email [CongressCFNY@gmail.com](mailto:CongressCFNY@gmail.com).

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ADOPT A SHELTER DOG MONTH

It's Adopt a Shelter Dog Month Animal Care Centers is here for you, including with expanded adoption hours! For the month of October, all adoption fees for dogs have been waived. For more information, to find a location, or to adopt a pet, please visit <https://www.nycacc.org/about/locations>.

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## ***SEASONAL ILLNESS VACCINES***

Seasonal Flu, Pneumonia, RSV, and Covid vaccines keep you and your loved ones safe. Everyone 6 months and older should get a seasonal flu (influenza) vaccination each year. Seasonal flu vaccines are safe and the most effective way to protect yourself against getting sick. Older adults and all others at risk of pneumonia or that have respiratory deficiencies, should also consider getting a pneumonia vaccine. Covid-19 continues to be a valid threat and illness, so everyone should also consider getting a covid booster.

Flu and covid vaccines are widely available at doctor's offices, pharmacies, community health clinics and through employer-sponsored programs. Most health insurance plans cover flu vaccination without a co-pay. There are also many ways for New Yorkers without health insurance to get without a co-pay. There are also many ways for New Yorkers without health insurance to get low-cost vaccines, including at NYC H+H sites. To find a site or schedule an appointment, visit <https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov/>.

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COAT DRIVE

Join your fellow neighbors in helping to collect 1400 new or very gently used coats for all ages for families in need now through November 10, 2023! There are a lot of families in need,

including new asylum seekers living in shelters in the neighborhood experiencing their first winter. Please help collect these items for all ages:

- Coats
- Mittens and Gloves
- Hats and Scarves

All items will be donated to the Rosa Parks and Shirley Chisholm Family Shelters.

There are several locations you can leave your donations.

- Compass, 375 Schmerhorn St & 514 2nd St - Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm
- 6pm
- O Live Brooklyn, 140 5th Ave - Everyday 10am - 6pm
- Old Stone House, between 3rd and 4th Sts on 5th Ave - Friday to Sunday 12-4pm
- Trinity Grace Church at MS51, between 4th and 5th Sts on 5th Ave - Sundays 10am to 1pm
- Camp Friendship, 339 8th St - Saturdays 9am to 12pm
- Park Slope Academy of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, 518 5th Ave - Monday to Friday 4:30pm to 7pm
- South Slope Pediatrics, 501 5th Ave - Monday to Friday 10m to 6pm, Wednesday 12- 6pm
- Paddy's of Park Slope, 273 13th St - Everyday from 12pm
- Hope Community, 120 16th St - Sundays 3-6:30pm & Wednesdays 5-8pm
- Roots Cafe, 639 5th Ave - Everyday 8am-4pm

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT WEEKSVILLE HERITAGE CENTER**

Rest and Restore yoga series led by Six of Sensate Wellness continues this **Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 2pm at Weeksville Heritage Center**. You are invited to join in this free movement practice and take a moment for you! No RSVP is required, simply join at the Weeksville campus located at 158 Buffalo Avenue (between Bergen Street and St. Marks Avenue). Mats are limited but you can bring your own. Can't make this Saturday? Don't worry! The series will continue this fall on the 21<sup>st</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup> of October and December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **C.R.E.A.M. Career Fair**

On October 13, and 14, 2023, join the Weeksville Heritage Center in collaboration with artist Ayana Evans for the second annual Cash Rules Everything Around Me (C.R.E.A.M.) Career Fair For More Than Survival offers a glimpse into her world in a refreshingly fun, non-traditional two-day career fair at Brooklyn's own Weeksville Heritage Center. The weekend event will be held from 10 AM to 5:30 PM at 158 Buffalo Avenue.

This collaboration brings together job seekers, panelists and employers in NYC's art and music sectors who support a commitment to non-discriminatory hiring. In a deliberate effort to confront escalating disparities in employment opportunities and wages, C.R.E.A.M. centers those marginalized by their race, class, sex, gender, sexuality, or the intersections of these identities. While this innovative and completely free career fair is open to all, Weeksville is striving to create an environment where QTBIPOC (Queer & Trans, Black & Indigenous, People of Color), particularly those who have experienced prior incarceration and/or other systemic challenges, feel especially welcome.



Enjoy free soul food, a live DJ and free t-shirts, featuring Evans' trademark catsuit print, will be given away to help foster an egalitarian environment. The C.R.E.A.M. Career Fair will feature panel discussions with NYC professionals on how to break into arts and music careers, tips for building a better resume from the Brooklyn Library, and workshops on community care and stress management. Organizations working within abolitionist frameworks and those focused on supporting court-involved, as well as presently and formerly incarcerated folks, will be present. Information on jobs, grants and internships from the Center for Performance Research, Studio Museum in Harlem, and MoCADA Museum will be distributed. Participants should bring their resumes, as some employers will be accepting applicants on-site. Information on applying to CUNY schools and HBCUs will be present as well.

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PROSPECT HEIGHTS BLOOD DRIVE

Save a life by donating blood! The Prospect Heights Blood Drive will happen during Vanderbilt Avenue Open Streets on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 12:00 pm - 06:00 pm at the busmobile in front of 595 Vanderbilt Ave Brooklyn. New York is currently experiencing a blood emergency, with dangerously low levels of O+, O-, B-, and platelets.

To schedule your donation time, visit <https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/309159>. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. Make sure to eat well and drink plenty of fluids before donating. Also, please remember to bring your donor card or ID.

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### ***FREE MAMMOGRAMS***

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month! To help combat breast cancer, there will be several free mammogram buses throughout the city this month and next. For District 8, the nearest free mammogram bus will be on Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 9 AM to 4 PM at the Lovely Hill Baptist Church located at 375 Throop Avenue, Brooklyn.

There is no cost for the mammograms. Pre-Registration for mammograms is encouraged by calling 646-212-1477 or 1-877-628-9090. There is no out of pocket cost for this service. Eligible women should be those over the age of 40 and that have not had a mammogram in the last 12 months.

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THE POWER OF TWO

Do you have an infant between the ages of 6 to 48 months? If so, The Power of Two is here to help! They provide a free in-home parenting support program to help strengthen your relationship with your baby, boost your baby's brain development, and support you in accessing additional supports. (Virtual and in-person sessions are provided.)

During the program they provide:

- Coaching just for you and your little one (Siblings, Granny, Auntie can join too!)
- Baby Essentials and other items
- Tailored family support
- Fun activities and toys to boost your child's development and socio-emotional skills
- Access to community resources
- And so much more!

For more information, email The Power of Two at referrals@powerof2.nyc or call/text the Brooklyn Team at 516-636-3204.

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**FREE HOME ENERGY REPAIR UPGRADES**

EnergyFit is a nonprofit initiative of the Pratt Center for Community Development, IMPACCT Brooklyn, and Cypress Hills Local Development Corp. The organizations are committed to helping Brooklynites keep their homes affordable and make their communities more sustainable. They are offering free energy upgrades to eligible two- and three- family homes in Brooklyn valued between \$20,000 and \$25,000. These upgrades include:

- Mold or asbestos remediation
- New high-efficiency electric stoves and hot water heaters
- Electrical system updates
- Building wide air sealing and insulation

To learn more, visit [www.EnergyFitNYC.com](http://www.EnergyFitNYC.com) or call Pratt Center at 718-636-3496.

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COLLEGE/CAREER EXPLORTION SERIES

First Baptist Church of Crown Heights Hospitality Committee/Scholarship Fund is pleased to host a 5-session College and Career Exploration Series featuring workshops offering step by step guidance for those entering either college or the workforce. Workshops include writing an influential essay; determining the best school for you; what to wear and say; paying for college; and readiness. All sessions are free and will be held from 1PM to 3 PM on Saturdays at 450 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn.

For a list of dates and for more information, contact Sister Kay Gibbs at kaygibbs1012@gmail.com, Sister Jane Callender at jayec2000@aol.com, Sister Jennifer Almonor at jalmonor@gmail.com, or Deacon Michele Goudy-Manzo at fbscholarship@optonline.net.

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**DEPT. FOR THE AGING ANNUAL PLAN SUMMARY HEARINGS**

The New York City Department for the Aging (NYC Aging) Annual Plan Summary Hearings are scheduled for October 2023 in every borough. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit input from the public on the Annual Plan which outlines the agency’s strategic goals, objectives, and program planning. This is an opportunity for NYC Aging clients, community partners, advocates, elected officials, and other interested parties to publicly comment on the plan or give testimony on other issues that impact older adults.

Brooklyn’s hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2023, from 10 am-12 pm at Park Slope Center for Successful Aging located at 463A 7th Street. The Annual Plan can be reviewed online at <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dfta/downloads/pdf/news-reports/2023-Annual-Plan-Summar-9-20-2023v2.pdf>.

You can register for the hearing or submit testimony via email at [testimony@aging.nyc.gov](mailto:testimony@aging.nyc.gov). Written testimony can be submitted to Ms. Charise K. Lawrence at 2 Lafayette Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10007.

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LOCAL LAW 97: DECARBONIZATION

Last month the NYC’s Department of Buildings (DOB) released the much awaited second set of rules to help building owners comply with Local Law 97 of 2019, New York City’s landmark climate legislation to decarbonize NYC’s building sector — the largest source of citywide emissions. The Climate Works for All coalition released an initial statement on these proposed rules expressing concerns over DOB’s leniency and possible loopholes and continues to work on detailed comments.

The full text of the DOB's rules changes and amendments can be found at <https://rules.cityofnewyork.us/rule/annual-greenhouse-gas-ghg-emissions-limits-for-buildings/>. Public comment can be submitted through October 24, 2023 and DOB will hold a virtual public hearing on the 24th at 11am, information for which can also be found at the link above.

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### **SMART SCHOLARSHIP**

The Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship-for-Service Program is accepting applications until December 1, 2023.

SMART is a combined educational and workforce development opportunity for STEM students. SMART scholars receive full tuition, annual stipends, internships, and guaranteed civilian employment with the U.S. Department of Defense after graduation. SMART offers students the chance to pursue their passion in STEM while supporting the mission of the Department of Defense.

In 2023, SMART expanded program eligibility by introducing the Ronald V. Dellums Memorial SMART Scholarship. To learn more about the SMART Scholarship or to apply, visit <https://www.smartscholarship.org/smart>.

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TUNES AT THE TRIANGLE

Tunes @ The Triangle will occur every Wednesday at 4 PM on the 6th Ave Triangle. The remaining schedule is as follows:

- 10/18 - Trio Guataca w/ a Salsa Dance Lesson from Marlon @cuartetoguataca
- 10/25 - Brooklyn Contra (includes an interactive, social dance, no partner required)

Tunes @ The Triangle is sponsored by the North Flatbush Avenue Business Improvement District.

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### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**MTA NYC Transit** is hiring ambitious, team-oriented candidates to join the Evasion and Graffiti Lawlessness Eradication (EAGLE) Team to fulfill its core function of moving passengers by protecting the assets of the agency and providing a secure environment for all who work in, visit, or use the NYC Transit System. This role requires a four-year high school diploma or its educational equivalent and two (2) years of full-time experience as an investigator, of which one year must have been

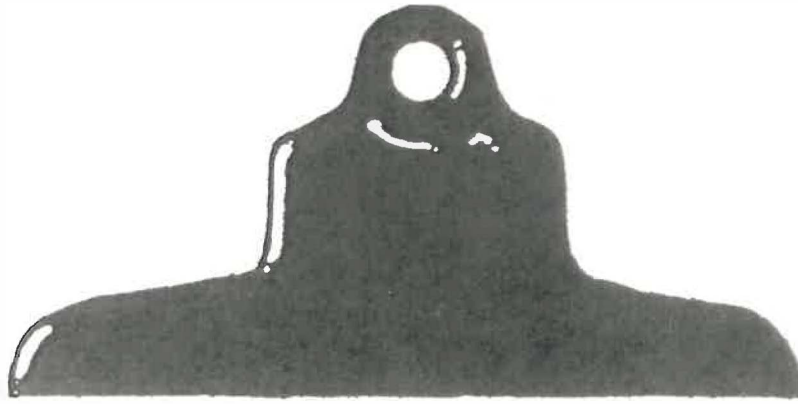
as an investigator in the field. Military experience is preferred for this role. This position offers an annual salary of \$55,898, a pension plan, a robust benefits package that includes (dental, medical, vision and prescription coverage), flexible spending accounts, paid vacation, holidays and leave programs, and more!

For more information or to apply, visit [www.careers.mta.org](http://www.careers.mta.org).

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Brooklyn Community Board 17 is hiring an Assistant District Manager with a salary range of \$40,439 to \$65,674 depending on city service history and experience. The ADM will work closely with the District Manager to support the Board's planning, administrative, and operational outreach activities, and serves as a constituent consultant, mediator, and advocate on behalf of the Board.

To apply, send resume and cover letter to bk17@cb.nyc.gov with "Assistant District Manager" in the subject line.



We wish the happiest of birthdays to CB8 members, Ms. Akua Aidoo and Ms. Bria Thomas, 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 9, 2023** at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph located at 856 Pacific Street (between Vanderbilt and Underhill Avenues) at 6:30 PM.

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The next **78th Precinct Community Council meeting** will be held on Monday, October 31, 2023 at 7:30 pm. For more information on the location, please reach out to community affairs at 718-636-6410.

The next **77th Precinct Community Council meeting** will be held on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:00p.m. For more information on the location, please reach out to the community affairs office at 718-735-0634.

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