

ACROSS THE BOARD

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CONGRATULATIONS PROSPECT HEIGHTS

Congratulations to Prospect Heights on the expansion of the historic district in the National Register. Please note that the local historic district is actually smaller than the National Register district. This is wonderful news as more homeowners will be available for tax cuts and breaks on renovation projects.

Listing in the Nation and State Registers affords properties a measure of protection from the effects of federal and/or state sponsored assisted projects, provides eligibility for certain federal and/or state tax credits, and renders properties owned by non-profits or municipalities eligible for state preservation grants. There are no restrictions placed upon private owners of registered properties.

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## ***A NOTE FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON, MS. NIZJONI GRANVILLE:***

I would like to take a moment to thank our members and residents of the community that diligently volunteer their time to make our district a better place by attending meetings and participating in local government. That being said, I am encouraging *all* residents to participate even more by coming out to support the Community Board at local

functions, meetings, and board sponsored events.

Furthermore, I encourage residents of CB 8 to participate in the CB 8 multi-committee sponsored **Health Fair on October 24, 2015 at St. John's Recreation Center from 10:30 AM to 4 PM.** There will be a multitude of information available that will be beneficial to all—from infants to seniors.

Also, please consider participating with us in the **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Sunday, October 18, 2015** by either walking with us as part of team “Brooklyn Community Board 8” or making a financial donation to the American Cancer Society under our banner.

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GET YOUR NYC ID CARD

IDNYC is the new free identification card for all New York City residents. It is your all access pass to benefits, discounts, and memberships throughout the city you love. Your immigration status does not matter when attempting to obtain the identification card.

Get an ID card at an enrollment site near you. Call 311 to schedule an appointment or visit www.nyc.gov/idnyc for a complete list of sites and to schedule an appointment online.

EMERGENCIES HAPPEN. GET PREPARED!

September, National Preparedness Month, is a nationwide effort co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the American Red Cross to encourage individuals to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools prior to a natural disaster.

In view of the 14th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks, New Yorkers must be more vigilant than ever about preparing for all types of emergencies. Being prepared for any emergency—whether a house fire, power outage, hurricane or terrorist attack—is as easy as planning ahead. Take the time to work out a disaster plan, gather supplies to keep in your home and put together a “Go Bag.” A few simple steps can go a long way when disaster strikes.

For more information about the Ready New York guide and National Preparedness Month in New York, call 311 or visit OEM’s website at <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/index.page>.

- September 16th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Friend of Crown Heights, 671 Prospect Place, Brooklyn
- September 21st from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Ingersoll Community Center, 177 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn

Neighborhood assemblies for Councilman Cornegy will be held on the following dates:

- September 19th from 10 AM to 1 PM at Restoration Plaza, 1368 Fulton Street (Community Room—Basement), Brooklyn
- September 27th from 1 PM to 4 PM at the Brooklyn Children’s Museum, 145 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn
- September 30th at 7 PM at Greater St. Stephen UCOG, 874 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn

Residents can share their ideas, which can include proposals for projects such as school repairs, libraries, street lighting upgrades, park renovations, and much more. For more information visit www.council.nyc.gov/pb.

WHAT WOULD YOU SPEND \$1 MILLION ON IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

What would you spend \$1 million on in your neighborhood? Residents of Prospect Heights and Crown Heights will soon get a chance to weigh in on how taxpayer money should be spent in the area. Councilman Robert Cornegy and Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo brings the participatory budgeting process to the district with a series of neighborhood assemblies beginning September 16th in the 35th District and September 19th in the 36th District.

Neighborhood assemblies for Councilwoman Cumbo will be held on the following dates:

SUBWAY SLEUTHS

Subway Sleuths is a 10-week program for kids along the autism spectrum who love trains, are able to talk to peers about this shared passion, and who can move around with a small group to explore the Transit Museum. Sleuths collaborate to solve train mysteries, play motivating cooperative games, and learn exciting train facts. The program uses their shared interests in trains to help members navigate social experiences with their peers. All sessions take place while the Museum is closed to the public, which means that Sleuths have the trains, the buses, and turnstiles all to themselves!

Sessions are facilitated by a special education teacher, a speech-language pathologist (both trained in ASD support), and a Transit Museum educator.

For more information, contact Meredith Martin at 718-694-1823 or email Meredith.martin@nyct.com with any questions.



BICYCLE REGISTRATION

The NYPD Crime Prevention Unit has a goal to enroll bicycles into the bicycle registration program in each neighborhood precinct. Your bicycle will be marked with an identification number using an engraver. A decal will be affixed to the bicycle, which is difficult to remove. In the event that the decal is removed, “void” appears on what remains of the decal. The purpose of this program is to protect you in the event your bike gets stolen. If it does get stolen and is recovered, it can be traced back to the owner through your personalized I.D. number.

Help the NYPD fight the theft of bicycles in the community and register your bike today. If your bicycle already has a manufacturer’s serial number, no engraving is necessary.

For more information, call the 77th Precinct’s Crime Prevention Unit at 718-735-0658.



ELECTRONIC DISPOSAL BAN

In January, the New York State Electronic Equipment Recycling and Reuse Act banned the disposal of the following items and requires that manufacturers provide free take-back programs:

- Computers, including items like tablets and e-readers
- Televisions (as well as cathode ray tubes) and TV peripherals, including any permanently attached cable or wiring
- Small scale servers
- Computer peripherals, including any permanently attached cable or wiring
- Monitors
- Electronic keyboards, mice, and other pointing devices
- Fax machines, document scanners, and printers that are meant for use with a computer and weigh less than 100 lbs.
- VCRs, digital video recorders, and digital converter boxes
- Cable or satellite receivers
- Electronic or video game consoles
- Portable devices, including any permanently attached cable or wiring
- Portable digital music players

Large chain electronic stores like best Buy will take any of these items and recycle them properly. For more information and a list of e-cycle locations, visit www.nyc.gov/ecyclenycwww.nyc.gov.



NATIONAL GRID ON TRACK PROGRAM

Are you struggling to make ends meet? Are you behind on your National Grid bill? Do you want to learn how to save energy and money?

National Grid’s On Track program may be able to help you. This 18-month program provides energy and financial information to customers in need of help. By joining the program and working together with National Grid’s staff, you may be eligible to earn up to \$400 off the arrears of your account.

To be eligible you must meet certain income requirements. You must also have a one- or two-family gas heating account in your name; be currently responsible for paying your gas bill; and not have been enrolled in the On Track Program in the previous 18 months.

If you have questions about the program, or if you wish to apply, simply call an On Track representative to complete an over-the-phone application. If you are eligible, you will be enrolled in the program immediately.

For more information, please call 718-403-2216 between the hours of 9 Am and 5 PM Monday through Friday or email ontrackny@nationalgrid.com.

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### ***GRANTS FOR CROWN HEIGHTS RESIDENTS, NONPROFITS, AND COMMUNITY GROUPS***

**Brooklyn Community Foundation** wants to support neighborhood programs in the areas of Housing Rights, Youth, Cross-cultural Relations, and Policing.

**Grants from \$5,000 to \$25,000** are available for advocacy and organizing projects in Crown Heights.

Learn more at [www.BCFNT.org/crownheights](http://www.BCFNT.org/crownheights) or call 718-480-7500.

Grants will be made in two categories: nonprofits and unincorporated groups can apply for grants between \$10,000 and \$25,000; and residents can apply for grants between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

**Proposals must be submitted by Wednesday, September 23, 2015** and will be vetted by the Council in partnership with

Foundation staff. Grants will be announced in November.

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BROOKLYN BOOK FESTIVAL 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The **Brooklyn Book Festival** is the largest free literary event in NYC. More than 300 national and international authors participate in the panel discussions and readings. Nearly 200 local and national presses, bookstores, and publishers sell books in the outdoor Literary Marketplace in Downtown Brooklyn.

The Brooklyn Book Festival will take place on September 20, 2015 from 10 AM to 6 PM.

Bookend Events will take place from **September 14th through September 21st**. Bookend your festival visit by attending some of the more than 50 unique literary events—literary parties, books-to-movies screenings, trivia, performances, and more—taking place in clubs, bookstores, parks, libraries, and other surprising venues throughout New York City.

Brooklyn Book Festival Children's Day will take place on **September 19, 2015**. Enjoy authors and illustrators in readings, performances, and workshops as they present new and beloved children's books. Have fun with costumed characters, join music performances, and browse a Children's Marketplace of booksellers in beautiful MetroTech Commons in Downtown Brooklyn.

All festivals are free. Visit www.brooklynbookfestival.org for more information.

BROOKLYN WORKFORCE INNOVATIONS

Brooklyn Workforce Innovations (BWI) is pleased to announce the last cycle of 2015 of one of their career training programs, ***New York Drives***. New York Drives is an innovative program that combines drivers' education with job readiness training in order to connect low-income New Yorkers to increased employment and educational opportunities. Upon completion of this FREE six-week course, participants are then eligible to continue on to one of the following sector-based job training programs: Brooklyn Woods, Brooklyn Networks, and the "Made in NY" Production Assistant Training Program.

The deadline to apply for the upcoming training is October 8, 2015 as classes will begin in early November. In order to enroll in the New York Drives program, interested parties must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 21 years old (18+ for Made in NY)
- A NYC resident, legally eligible to work in the US
- Currently unemployed or low-income
- Have full time availability (Monday-Friday 9 AM to 5 PM)
- Interest in and qualify for one of BWI's 3 sector based training programs
- Must NOT have had a driver's license previously

Information sessions are held every Thursday at 2 PM at BWI, located at 621 Degraw Street, Brooklyn. Latecomers will not be allowed in.

For more information, call 718-237-2017, ext 143 or email NYDinfo@bwiny.org. Visit their website at www.bwiny.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Prison Bureau Correctional Officers

The US Bureau of Prisons is seeking Correctional Officers for Federal facilities in New York State and around the country. **The application deadline is March 16, 2016.** There is no filing fee.

There is no qualifying test. Reviewers look for evidence that you are qualified in oral communication, inter-personal skills, writing, organizational awareness, managing human resources and tolerance of stress. Visit <https://goo.gl/l6nmmmy>.

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### ***Investigative Analyst with the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives***

The ATF is looking to hire Investigative Analysts to work in offices along the East Coast, including New York City, Long Island, Albany, Buffalo, Rochester, and Syracuse. **Applications are being accepted through July 2016.** There is no application fee.

There is no civil service test required. The agency will evaluate your resume, supporting documentation such as academic transcripts and your responses to an online assessment questionnaire. For more information, visit <https://goo.gl/Te6abW>. The job announcement is 15-DEU-359-EAST.

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The next meeting of the 77th Precinct Council will be held on **Monday, September 14, 2015** at a location to be determined. Please contact Community Affairs at 718-735-0634 for more information.

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The 78<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 7:30 PM** at the 78<sup>th</sup> Precinct's stationhouse located at **65 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue** (corner of Bergen Street).



The next meeting of **Community Board No. 8** will be **Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 7 PM** at the **Brooklyn Children's Museum** located at **145 Brooklyn Avenue** (corner of St. Marks Avenue).



We would like to wish the following members a happy birthday: Mr. Desmond Atkins, Ms. Helen Coley, Mr. Robert Matthews and Ms. Sheryl Vassell.



The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 08/31/15 through 09/06/15.

|                         | Year-to-Date |      |       |
|-------------------------|--------------|------|-------|
|                         | 2015         | 2014 | %Chg  |
| <b>Murder</b>           | 8            | 7    | 14.3  |
| <b>Rape</b>             | 14           | 15   | -6.7  |
| <b>Robbery</b>          | 184          | 199  | -7.5  |
| <b>Felony Assault</b>   | 250          | 285  | -12.3 |
| <b>Burglary</b>         | 169          | 196  | -13.8 |
| <b>Grand Larceny</b>    | 317          | 337  | -5.9  |
| <b>Gr. Larceny Auto</b> | 70           | 94   | -25.5 |

The overall change year to date is **-10.7%**.

The **Scorecard rating** for the month of August for **clean streets** in District 8 was **87.6** and for **clean sidewalks** **92.8**.

The **Department of Sanitation** is enforcing **daily routing times** between **8:00 AM to 9:00 AM** and **Noon to 1:00 PM**. Remember to Sweep!!

We continue to encourage you to **maintain the cleanliness of the sidewalk area adjoining your property** and sweep **18 inches from the curb into the street**. All sweepings must be bagged and disposed of properly.



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