

ACROSS THE BOARD

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A Message from the District Manager

We would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous 2017!

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## **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MS. PRISCILLA MADDOX**

A Memorial Service celebrating the life of Ms. Priscilla Maddox, former CB 8 member and Chair of the Economic Development Committee, will be held on **Sunday, January 15, 2017** at Sealy Cuyler Funeral Home located at 1084 Pacific Street (between Franklin and Classon Avenue). There will be a meet and greet with the family from 2 PM to 3 PM with the service following at 3 PM. A repast will be held at Bar Sepia located at 234 Underhill Avenue (between Lincoln Place and Eastern Parkway) directly following the celebration.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR RENT

Twenty-four (24) newly constructed units are available at 1040 Dean Street, Brooklyn. One studio unit is available for \$845; twenty 1-bedroom units are available for \$856; and three 2-bedroom units are available for \$1,022. Strict income limits apply.

You can apply online or through mail. To apply [online](http://www.nyc.gov/housingconnect), go to www.nyc.gov/housingconnect. To request an

application by mail, send a self-addressed envelope to 260 Power Street, c/o 1040 Dean Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Only send one application per development. Do not apply both online and through mail. Applicants who submit more than one application will be disqualified.

Applications must be postmarked or submitted online no later than March 13, 2017. 50% of the units have been set aside for residents of Community Board 8.

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## **SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL**

*Did you know?* Every owner, lessee, tenant, occupant, or other person having charge of any lot or building **must clean snow and/or ice from the sidewalk within 4 hours after the snow has stopped falling**, or by 11 AM if the snow has stopped falling after 9 PM the previous evening.

**Snow may not be thrown into the street.** If the snow or ice becomes frozen so hard that it cannot be removed, the sidewalk may be strewn with ashes, sand, sawdust, or similar suitable material within the same time limits. The sidewalk must be thoroughly cleaned as soon as the weather permits.

Fines for the first offense are \$100-\$150. Second offense is \$150-\$350. Third and subsequent offenses are \$250-\$350.

Additionally, Mayor de Blasio has signed into law a bill that **requires property owners to remove snow and ice and any other obstructing material within two feet of fire hydrants** on their property (sidewalks in front of their homes). Failure to do so can result in the fines mentioned above.

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REPORT STREET DEFECTS

Now that winter is in full swing, our roads may need repair—especially after snow storms. There are differences in the type of street defects that are reported. There are potholes, cave-ins, hummocks, failed utility cuts, missing street hardware, defective hardware, and ponding. Each is treated differently, so you must know the differences between them. Whichever defect you notice, please report it to 311 and call CB 8 with the 311 complaint number so we can follow up with the repair and ensure that it is resolved in a timely fashion. Below are pictures of the various street defects.

Cave in



Pothole



Hummock



Defective hardware



Failed utility cut



Ponding



Missing Street hardware



Remember, when you report the proper street defect, keep a record of your 311 complaint number and call your local Community Board for effective handling of your complaint!

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**ATLANTIC YARDS/PACIFIC PARK  
QUALITY OF LIFE COMMUNITY  
MEETING**

The next **Atlantic Yards aka Pacific Park Brooklyn Quality of Life Community Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at 6:00 PM** at the Shirley Chisholm State Office Building located at 55 Hanson Place, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Brooklyn.

For more information, contact Nicole Jordan at [AtlanticYards@esd.ny.gov](mailto:AtlanticYards@esd.ny.gov) or 212-803-3736.

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**A NOTE FROM OUR SANITATION
GARGAGE**

Brooklyn North 8 Superintendent John Imbriale is seeking business owners interested in making a significant impact on street cleanliness to adopt a basket. The Adopt a Basket Program allows business owners to “take care of” and oversee corner baskets. Business owners will be responsible for placing trash bags inside of the basket and removing the bag when full, placing the full bag curbside next to the basket. This helps prevent overflowing baskets and litter strewn streets. It goes a long way in keeping our District cleaner and healthier.

If you are interested in adopting a basket, please contact BK 8 at 718-756-7027.

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**HOMEOWNER PROTECTION  
PROGRAM (HOPP)**

Did you know that since 2010, almost 3,000 New Yorkers have been victims of foreclosure rescue scams? Legitimate help with your mortgage is just a phone call away.

Free, professional advice is available through the NYS Attorney General’s Homeowner

Protection Program (HOPP). Call 1-855-466-9456 (1-855-HOME-456) today to connect with a qualified legal services or housing counseling professional. Or visit [www.AGScamHelp.com](http://www.AGScamHelp.com).

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HELP FOR OLDER HOMEOWNERS

The Center for NYC Neighborhoods is offering assistance to older homeowners. Learn about **free** financial and legal assistance for senior homeowners in New York City. Get help! Before making any financial decisions about your home, make sure you know the facts!

Call 311 and ask for the Center for NYC neighborhoods or reach them directly at 646-786-0888. Their network of professional nonprofit service providers can assist you with the following services at no cost to you:

- Estate Planning and Financial Counseling
- Home Repair and Retrofitting
- Mortgage Loan Modifications
- Tax Liens
- Legal Help

Free help is just a phone call away.

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***GRANT OPPORTUNITIES***

The Citizens Committee for New York City awards micro-grants of up to \$3,000 to resident-led groups to work on community and school projects throughout the city through their Neighborhood Grants program. They prioritize groups based in low income neighborhoods and Title I public schools.

Neighborhood Grants fund everything from arts programs to tenant organizing to community gardens. **Applications are due**

**January 23, 2017.** Learn more about the grant and fill out an application online at <http://www.citizensnyc.org/grants/neighborhood-grants>.

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SCRIE AND DRIE APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and Disabled Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) forms are now available for the 2017 year. These applications assist seniors and the disabled with obtaining rent freezes. The applications can be downloaded and completed online or obtained from the CB 8 office. Applications can be obtained at <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/rentfreeze/tools/scrie-applications.page>.

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***APPLICATIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDING FROM BOROUGH PRESIDENT ERIC L. ADAMS***

The office of Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams is accepting applications for discretionary capital funding for Fiscal Year 2018.

All requests for capital funding from the Borough president must be submitted via the Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams' Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) Online Capital Budget Application by Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 11:59 PM. The application can be downloaded by visiting <http://www.brooklyn-usa.org/capital-budget/>.

If you are applying for capital funding for a non-City project, you must also complete the requisite Office of Management and Budget (OMB) or Dept. of Cultural Affairs (DCLA) capital application by February 14, 2017 at 5 PM. Generally, your project is considered a

non-City project if you are a not-for-profit organization. To access OMB's application, visit

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/capgrants/capgrants.html>. To access DCLA's application, visit <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcla/html/funding/capital.shtml>.

If you have any questions, please email [bbaruch@brooklynbp.nyc.gov](mailto:bbaruch@brooklynbp.nyc.gov) or call 718-802-3890.

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MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

A state minimum wage hike is among a host of state laws that took effect on January 1, 2017. New York City businesses with at least 11 employees will begin paying employees at least \$11/hour, up from the current \$9/hour statewide minimum. City businesses with 10 or fewer employees will have to pay \$10.50/hour.

Also as of January 1st:

- People will no longer need prior approval from their insurance companies when accessing inpatient drug treatment services or receiving an emergency five-day supply of medication to treat a substance abuse disorder. Insurance companies will also be required to cover Naloxone, which helps treat drug overdoses.
- A tax credit designed to encourage businesses to hire veterans returning from military service will be extended two years through January 1, 2019.
- New York City public employees will be allowed to take up to four hours of paid leave per year for breast cancer screening.
- There will be a new requirement that window tints be part of annual vehicle inspections. Vehicles with windows where the tints go beyond 30% of light transmittance will fail inspection.

HOPE COUNT 2017

Please join the Department of Homeless Services on Tuesday, January 17th, for #nycHOPEday 2017, a social media event where they are encouraging New Yorkers to join them in sharing expressions of compassion for those experiencing street homelessness via their social media as well as encouraging their social media community to help these individuals in need by volunteering for the City's 2017 Homeless Outreach Population Estimate Count, or HOPE Count. For more information about the HOPE Count, please go to www.nyc.gov/hope.

To participate, take the "HOPE Count 2017 selfie" document and input a note of compassion for why you feel H.O.P.E. Counts. Afterwards, have someone take a picture of you holding the sign. Lastly, email your picture to DHS and/or post the picture yourself on your social media channels on Tuesday, January 17th, using the hashtag #nycHOPEday and tagging DHS on Twitter and Instagram @nycdhs and/or on Facebook @dhsfnyc.

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### **BUILDING FINANCIAL SECURITY: CREDIT, DEBT, AND MONEY MANAGEMENT**

NYLAG and Legal Hand are pleased to present a free workshop and dinner, Building Financial Security: Credit, Debt, and Money Management on **Wednesday, January 18, 2017** at 5:30 PM. The workshop and dinner will be held at 250 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn. Please RSVP at 718-619-4248.

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FREE UNCONTESTED DIVORCE CLINIC

NYLAG and Legal Hand are pleased to provide free legal assistance with creating the

court papers required to obtain an uncontested divorce on **Wednesday, February 22, 2017 from 4 to 6 PM.** The clinic will be held at 250 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn.

You may be eligible for this clinic if both you and your spouse are over 18; you have no children under age 21 or have a final order of custody and child support; all marital property and debt has been settled; your marriage has been over for at least 6 months.

To be screened for an appointment, please call 718-619-4248.

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***INTERFAITH MEDICAL CENTER  
TOWN HALL MEETING***

Interfaith Medical Center would like to report to the community. Hear the proposed plan for their hospital networks from the State of New York the Northwell Study IMC's CEO and President. The town hall meeting will be held January 25, 2017 at 5:30 PM in the main Conference room and Cafeteria, 1545 Atlantic Avenue (between Troy and Albany Avenues), Brooklyn. You will have an opportunity to voice your concerns.

RSVP to [sperry@interfaithmedical.org](mailto:sperry@interfaithmedical.org). For more information, call 718-637-7812.

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***YOUTH JOB FAIR AND CAREER
EXPO***

Join Assemblyman Walter Mosley for his **4th Annual Youth Job Fair and Career Expo on Friday, January 27, 2017** from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Shirley Chisolm State Office Building, 55 Hanson Place, 8th Floor, Brooklyn. You must have a valid state or city issued identification to enter the building.

For youth ages 15-24, there will be resume writing workshops, interviewing skills seminars, financial literacy training, and opportunities to find internships and apprenticeships.

For more information regarding this event or any other community issue, please contact Assemblyman Mosley's office at 718-596-0100.

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***YWCA BROOKLYN UNIVERSITY***

The YWCA Brooklyn is excited about the launch of YWCA Brooklyn University, a component of the YWCA Brooklyn's YW LEAD Brooklyn College Access Program. YWCA Brooklyn University is an all-day program offering college bound high school senior young women "the real" on all aspects of college life and will be held at 30 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11217 on **March 25, 2017.**

This workshop is designed to provide information that young women may otherwise not get from campus tours or college websites. Topics for discussion include: diversity on campus; resident life; time and money management; social groups; campus safety; and more. **Applications for students are due by January 31, 2017.**

Admitted students will have the opportunity to socialize with and gain valuable information from young alumni from diverse institutions while forming meaningful relationships with other college bound peers. All participants will have applied to a four year institution and may or may not have already decided where they will enroll. Due to limited availability the application is competitive and students should be encouraged to submit a well-prepared application.

For more information or to obtain an application, visit [www.ywcabklyn.org](http://www.ywcabklyn.org).

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THE CONGRESSIONAL AWARD: AMERICA'S AWARD FOR YOUTH

The Congressional Award is about challenge. It is a fun and interesting way to get more involved in something you already enjoy or something you would like to try for the first time. You can register for the award once you turn 13 ½ years old and only need to register once. To earn the award, you set goals in the following four areas: Voluntary Public Service; Personal Development; Physical Fitness; and Expedition/Exploration. You select an adult advisor other than your parent, relative, or peer, who will help you set challenging but achievable goals and plan activities to reach your goals.

For more information or to register online, please visit www.congressionalaward.org.

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### ***TUITION FREE JOB TRAINING***

Grace Institute helps women transition back into the workforce. They teach the technical and professional skills that are in demand.

Classes begin in March 2017. They offer the following:

- Five months of tuition-free computer and professional training
- One year of job-placement services in administrative and customer support positions
- Workshops with corporation and executives
- Participant Assistance Department
- A community of collaboration and confidence

Eligibility requirements are English proficiency, U.S. work eligibility, HS diploma

or GED/TASC, ages 18-64, available 9 AM-4 PM Monday thru Friday.

Attend an open house and learn more! Tour classrooms, meet the staff, and learn more about the application process. Please visit [www.graceinstitute.org](http://www.graceinstitute.org) to register for an open house. To apply, email [admissions@graceinstitute.org](mailto:admissions@graceinstitute.org).

Grace Institute is located at 40 Rector Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Manhattan. Their telephone number is 212-832-7605.

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PAID FEDERAL INTERNSHIPS

The Federal Diversity Internship Initiative spring deadline is fast approaching! This program gives students the chance to intern with select federal agencies, while also receiving a stipend, free housing, and professional development programming.

By applying, you will be considered for internships available with the:

- * Federal Aviation Administration
- * Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- * Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- * U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- * U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- * U.S. Department of Treasury
- * U.S. Census Bureau
- * National Archives and Records Administration

Application Requirements:

- * U.S. Citizenship (no exceptions)
- * 3.0 GPA
- * Be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program
- * Strong interest in federal employment
- * Available to intern full-time for 10 summer weeks

The application deadline for the summer

term is **January 18, 2017**. To learn more and start an application, please visit www.twc.edu/hbcu.

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**AABE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The American Association of Blacks in Energy is a professional organization of African Americans in the energy industry. *Through its Scholarship Program, AABE seeks to help increase the number of African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans (under-represented minorities) in energy related fields.* By doing so, they help the nation address a critical need and a challenge to our future economic vitality in the world market.

Candidates for an AABE scholarship must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Have an overall “B” un-weighted academic average (3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale) or higher.
- Be a graduating high school senior who has applied to one or more accredited colleges/universities.
- Plan to major in business, one of the physical sciences, technology, engineering, or mathematic fields in preparation for a career in the energy sector.
- Be a member of one of a class or group of individuals who has been historically under-represented in the sciences, technology, engineering and math related disciplines.

Consideration will be given only to candidates submitting complete application packages which include: (1) a completed AABE application form (copies are acceptable); (2) an official high school transcript; (3) official proof of ACT or SAT scores; (4) two letters of reference; and (5) a completed checklist. Please remove Social Security Numbers from any documents.

Completed application packages should be scanned and emailed by **February 3, 2017** to [aabenycscholarshipapp@gmail.com](mailto:aabenycscholarshipapp@gmail.com).

**PLEASE NOTE: Files larger than 2.5 MB may need to be zipped or reduced to ensure delivery.**

Applications can be obtained by calling Community Board No. 8 at 718-467-5574.

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The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 01/02/17 through 01/08/17.

| | Year-to-Date | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|------|-------|
| | 2017 | 2016 | %Chg |
| Murder | 0 | 1 | -100 |
| Rape | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Robbery | 1 | 0 | -80 |
| Felony Assault | 5 | 14 | -64.3 |
| Burglary | 4 | 8 | -50 |
| Grand Larceny | 6 | 16 | -62.5 |
| GL Auto | 3 | 2 | 50 |

The overall change year-to-date is -58.7%.

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We thank the individuals that are doing their part in keeping the District clean. Because of your efforts, the **scorecard rating for the month of December** was **89.9 for streets** and **95.5 for sidewalks**.

We urge everyone to adhere to **the Dept. of Sanitation’s residential enforcement routing times of 8 AM to 9 AM and 5 PM to 6 PM daily**. The front of your property should be swept and free of debris 18 inches into the street. All sweepings must be bagged and disposed of properly. Thank you for your assistance in helping to keep our District clean.

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NYPD JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The NYPD has launched a wide-ranging recruitment campaign to reach the most qualified, best-suited candidates to join “New York’s Finest” in protecting and serving our wonderfully diverse city. Registration is ongoing through January 31st. Candidates are required to pre-register at www.nyc.gov/dcas. The exam will be administered at DCAS testing centers in Manhattan at 2 Lafayette Street, and in Brooklyn at 210 Joralemon Street.

Candidates must be at least 17.5 years of age but no more than 35 years old by the exam filing date, and must possess a valid photo identification card. The filing fee is \$40. Fee waivers are available if candidates are receiving certain forms of public assistance.

Exam preparation instructions are available via the NYPD’s website at www.nyc.gov/nypd or through an NYPD fraternal group. Please feel free to contact Capt. Rosalind Knox-Ritter at 718-312-50358 or email at Rosalind.knoxritter@nypd.org if you require assistance.

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The next **78<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 31, 2017** at 7 PM at the 78<sup>th</sup> Precinct located at 65 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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The next **77th Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Monday, February 13, 2017** at 7 PM at a location to be

determined. Please call Community Affairs at 718-735-0634 to confirm the location.

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The next meeting of **Community Board No. 8** will be held on **Thursday, February 9, 2017** at 7 PM at Concern for Independent Living located at 151 Rochester Avenue (between St. Marks Avenue and Prospect Place), Brooklyn.

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We wish the happiest of birthdays to Ms. Adelaide Miller, who celebrated her 93rd birthday on January 1st. May she celebrate many more!

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