

# ACROSS THE BOARD

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## *District Manager's Report*

Community Board 8 has joined NextDoor, a private social network for you, your neighbors, and your community. It's the easiest way for you and your neighbors to talk online and make all of your lives better in the real world. And it's free.

Thousands of neighborhoods are already using Nextdoor to build happier, safer places to call home.

People are using Nextdoor to:

- Quickly get the word out about community news and events
- Organize a Neighborhood Watch Group
- Track down a trustworthy babysitter
- Find out who does the best paint job in the neighborhood
- Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog
- Find a new home for an outgrown bike
- Finally call that nice man down the street by his first name

Nextdoor's mission is to use the power of technology to build stronger and safer neighborhoods. To learn more or to sign up for NextDoor and receive instant notifications of community news and events, visit [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com).

## *NOTIFY NEW YORK*

New York City has created a dedicated emergency notification office operating out of the Office of Emergency Management ([OEM](#)). Notify NYC staff work in OEM [Watch Command](#), where they constantly monitor emergency activity in New York City and the metropolitan area.

The goal for Notify NYC is to provide the information you want to receive, the way you want to receive it. Registration offers nine notification types:

- **Emergency Alerts** – messages about life-threatening events that may require immediate action. All registrants are automatically added to this list.
- **Significant Event Notifications** – important information about emergency events, utility outages and other types of high-impact events in your area code.
- **Public Health Notifications** – information about important public health issues in your community.
- **Public School Closing/Delay Advisories** – updates about unscheduled public school closings, delays, and early dismissals.
- **Unscheduled Parking Rules Suspensions** – updates about unscheduled suspensions of citywide parking rules.

- **Major Mass Transit Disruptions** – messages about large or widespread mass transportation disruptions.
- **Major Traffic Disruptions** – messages about significant roadway closures, disruptions, or detours.
- **Waterbody Advisories** – messages about combined sewer overflow (CSO) activity in New York City's waterbodies.
- **Beach Notifications** - information from the NYC Department of Health and NYC Department of Parks and Recreation regarding the status of NYC beaches.

For more information or to sign up for alerts, visit [www.nyc.gov/notifynyc](http://www.nyc.gov/notifynyc).

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### ***NYC PARKS' STREET TREES***

NYC Parks' Street Tree Planting Program is part of a citywide initiative to green the streets of New York City. Trees on our streets have the unique ability to beautify blocks, increase property values, cool and clean the air, reduce storm water runoff, and lower building energy costs. By shading hot surfaces, trees improve public health by reducing the formation of ozone, which can trigger respiratory problems in children and the elderly. Tree planting is a key element to make the city more sustainable as our population grows.

New street trees are planted by service requests from any New Yorker seeking a tree for their home, block or neighborhood. Additionally, NYC Parks is continuing to plant trees in areas with low tree canopy and high population density to ensure all communities enjoy the environmental, economic and social benefits of our urban forest.

For more information or a list of Spring tree planting locations, visit

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/trees/street-tree-planting/locations>.

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### ***WHAT ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT?***

Borough President Eric Adams is seeking your help in determining what Brooklyn is concerned about. 10,000 Brooklynites are concerned about Education, Youth, Affordable Housing, Economic Development, Seniors, Public Health, Public Safety, and Domestic Violence. What are you concerned about?

Sign up to join BP Adams and 9,999 other concerned Brooklynites at [www.brooklyn-usa.org/10000-concerned-brooklynites](http://www.brooklyn-usa.org/10000-concerned-brooklynites).

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### ***“VISION FOR THE 35<sup>TH</sup>”***

Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo cordially invites you to attend the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual State of the 35<sup>th</sup> Council District Address, “Vision for the 35<sup>th</sup>.”** It will be held on **Monday, April 25, 2016 from 6 PM to 8 PM** at the BRIC Arts Media house, which is located at 647 Fulton Street, Brooklyn.

If you have any questions, please call Dominique Bryant at 718-260-9191, ext. 1 or email [dbryant@council.nyc.gov](mailto:dbryant@council.nyc.gov).

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### ***UPCOMING BROOKLYN EVENTS***

Borough President Eric Adams invites you to the following events:

An **Open House** will be held on **Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 6 to 9 PM** at Borough Hall located at 209 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn. Come out and meet the staff and take a tour of this historic building.

**On Friday, April 22, 2016 from 10 AM to 1 PM**, there will be a **“Stop ‘N’ Swap”** at Borough Hall.

**On Thursday, April 28, 2016 from 10 AM to 4 PM**, there will be **free dental screenings and oral health education workshops and resources** offered to adults and children 2 years of age or older.

**On Monday, May 2, 2016 from 6 PM to 8 PM**, there will be a **Financial Education Empowerment Workshop: Raise Your Credit Score to 700 Seminar** at Borough Hall.

**On Friday, May 6, 2016 from 6 PM to 8 PM**, the Borough President will be hosting a **Brooklyn Mitchell-Lama Task Force Housing Forum** at Borough Hall.

For more information, call 718-802-3900.

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### ***BROOKLYN TOURISM CENTER***

The Brooklyn Tourism Center at Borough Hall has been re-vamped, upgraded, and is now open! To create an exciting destination for visitors near and far, Borough President Adams formed a partnership with the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and One Brooklyn Fund Inc., the official non-profit organization affiliated with the Office of the Brooklyn Borough President.

The Brooklyn Tourism Visitors Center and Gift Shop inside of Borough Hall offers visitors an opportunity to explore the diverse culture and unique history of the borough. An estimated 15 million people visited the borough in 2014 alone. BP Adams believes the new Brooklyn Tourism Center and Gift Shop will raise the profile of neighborhoods throughout Brooklyn.

For more information or for hours of operation, call 718-802-3900.

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### ***MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA***

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Brooklyn Bridge March With Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense In America will be held on **Saturday, May 7, 2016**. Start time is 1 PM at Cadman Plaza Park, Brooklyn. Participants will march over the Brooklyn Bridge to the event at City Hall in Manhattan. To get to the start point, take the A or C train to High Street station or the 2/3 to Clark Street station.

To sign up, text BRIDGE to 644-33. Email [newyork@momschapterleaders.org](mailto:newyork@momschapterleaders.org) or visit [www.momsdemandaction.org](http://www.momsdemandaction.org) for more information.

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### ***CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS CORPS TRAINING PROGRAM***

Governor Andrew Cuomo, Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, Senator Velmanette Montgomery, Assemblyman Walter Mosley and Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo invite you to participate in the New York State Citizen Preparedness Training Program. The training program will be held on **Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 4 PM** at the Child Development Support Corp located at 352 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn.

All participants must register at [www.prepare.ny.gov](http://www.prepare.ny.gov).

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### ***BROOKLYN CINDARELLA PROJECT***

On **April 16, 2016, from Noon to 5:00 PM**, The Brooklyn Cinderella Project will host an event at the Brooklyn Masonic Temple, 317

Clermont Avenue, Brooklyn. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cinderella Event, which offers New York City students between the ages of 13-21 an opportunity to choose a new or gently worn dress, shoes and accessories free of charge for their prom.

If you would like to donate a gently used prom dress, please email Gwendolyn Robinson at [gwr9003@gmail.com](mailto:gwr9003@gmail.com).

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### **OPERATION PROM BROOKLYN**

Operation Prom Brooklyn is engaging in a Prom dress giveaway on **Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 11 AM to 4 PM** at Urban Institute of Math and Science for Young Women located at 283 Adams Street, Downtown Brooklyn. **The prom dress giveaway is available for Brooklyn residents or students that attend high school in Brooklyn.**

Operation Prom is a not-for-profit organization that relies solely on donations to provide free prom attire to high school graduating seniors in financial need. Register for the giveaway in advance at [www.helprom.org](http://www.helprom.org). Visit the same website for information on how to donate or for more information.

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### **HANDBAGS FOR HOPE**

Handbags for Hope is a purse drive for women needing a fresh start. As you start spring cleaning, we hope you can consider supporting Handbags for Hope-purse/bag drive for the "New Directions Women Recovering Center" and Mothers in our neighborhood churches in Brooklyn. Donations of new or gently used purses or hand bags, toiletries, gift cards, and any small female gift items would be greatly appreciated.

Items can be dropped off either to **Martine's Dream, 681 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, Wednesday through Sunday from Noon to 8 PM** or the **Community Board 8 District office, 1291 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 4 PM through April 24, 2016**. Items can also be brought to the **Community Board April general meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 1000 Dean Street** (between Franklin and Classon Avenues) at 7 PM.

Pickup is available for large donations. For more information, call 646-856-9622.

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### **NORTH FLATBUSH AVENUE BID PLANT AND PAINT CELEBRATION**

The North Flatbush Business Improvement District will be hosting an event to kick off the BID's 30th Anniversary since being formalized in 1986! They need volunteers and invite you to join them.

The NFBID's "Plant and Paint" event will be held during **Earth Day Weekend**, on **Friday, April 22nd from 1 PM to 5 PM and Saturday, April 23rd from 9 AM to 2 PM**. Meet at Flatbush Avenue at Prospect Place near the BID office at 282 Flatbush Avenue.

They will be installing Department of Transportation approved large-scale planters and flowering plants and painting a festive "30" themed design on the temporary "bump-outs" of the intersection of Flatbush Avenue and Prospect Place in anticipation of the Triangle Park upgrades that are soon to come later this year.

For more information, contact James Ellis at 718-783-1685.

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### **STORK'S NEST KINGS COUNTY**

NYC Health & Hospitals/KingsCount Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. in collaboration



with **March of Dimes**, invites you to an Open House for the **Stork's Nest Kings County**. The Open House will take place on **Thursday, May 5, 2016 from 10 AM to Noon** at NYC Health and Hospitals/Kings Count D-Building Lobby/Main Entrance, 471 Clarkson Avenue, near E. 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn.

Come and learn how you can live a healthy pregnancy lifestyle; give your baby a healthy start in life; and earn free baby products.

RSVP by April 22, 2016 to [edith.mark@nychc.org](mailto:edith.mark@nychc.org) or via telephone at 718-245-4744.



***DIGITAL LITERACY, WORKFORCE, MULTIMEDIA AND ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT CLASSES***

NYC Parks Computer Resource Centers is pleased to announce the availability of digital literacy, workforce, multimedia, and academic enrichment classes for all ages and abilities. Computer Resource centers serve over 6,000 New Yorkers per week at 32 locations with over 500 open access hours per week and over 200 creative workshops, classes, and certification opportunities at 24 locations! Join a class by calling 212-255-3066 or emailing [crc@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:crc@parks.nyc.gov) for general information on senior, adult, and youth programming, and [recyouth@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:recyouth@parks.nyc.gov) for teen programming.

Located within NYC Recreation Centers throughout the city, CRC's provide free digital learning resources for center members of all ages and abilities. The goal is to improve low-income community opportunities by providing quality workshops, free broadband access, one-on-one technology education, job-training opportunities, and individualized approaches to member's recreations, academic, personal, and career pursuits.

Call 212-255-3066 or email [crc@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:crc@parks.nyc.gov) if you have any questions. Visit [www.nycgovparks.org/crc/locations](http://www.nycgovparks.org/crc/locations) to find a center near you.



***EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES***

School Safety Agent

The city is offering exams through June 30, 2016 for the post of School Safety Agent. The application fee is \$47. A high school diploma and Driver's License are required for the position. To apply and schedule yourself for an exam, go to [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs). The exam numbers are 6323 through April 30 and 6326 from April 28<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>.



Environmental Police Officer

The city is offering exams through June 30, 2016 for the post of Environmental Police Officer. The application fee is \$40. A high school diploma and Driver's License are required for the position. To apply and schedule yourself for an exam, go to [www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs](http://www.nyc.gov/examsforjobs). The exam number is 6316.



**The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 03/28/16 through 04/03/16.**

	Year-to-Date		
	2016	2015	%Chg
<b>Murder</b>	2	1	100
<b>Rape</b>	6	7	-14.3
<b>Robbery</b>	59	69	-14.5
<b>Felony Assault</b>	94	82	14.6
<b>Burglary</b>	47	63	-25.4
<b>Grand Larceny</b>	104	109	-4.6
<b>Gr. Larceny Auto</b>	23	23	0

The overall change year-to-date is -5.4%.



We urge everyone to adhere to the **Dept. of Sanitation's routing times of 8 AM to 9 AM and Noon to 1 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. This will help increase our scorecard rating, which for the month of March was **93.5 for streets and 94.5 for sidewalks**.



The following is a summary of the year-to-date **F.D.N.Y Emergency Statistics** through March 2016.

	Month	YTD
<b>Structural Fires</b>	34	103
<b>Non-Structural</b>	19	85
<b>Total Fires</b>	53	188
<b>Suspicious Fires</b>	3	9
<b>Non-Medical Emergencies</b>	210	776
<b>Medical Emergencies</b>	292	823
<b>Total Incidents</b>	569	1835



We would like to congratulate the 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct's Commanding Officer, Eddie Lott, on his recent promotion to Inspector.



The next **78<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 26, 2016** at 7:30 PM at the 78<sup>th</sup> Precinct located at 65 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.



The next **77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Monday, May 9, 2016** at a location to be determined. Call

Community Affairs at 718-735-0634 to verify the location.



The next meeting of **Community Board No. 8** will be held on **Thursday, May 12, 2016** at Union United Methodist Church located at 121 New York Avenue (corner of Berge Street).



The next **Crown Heights North Association** meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 6:45 PM** at the Brooklyn Children's Museum located at 145 Brooklyn Avenue (corner of St. Marks Avenue), Brooklyn. Discussion will focus on Crown Heights in 2016 and beyond.



We would like to **wish the happiest of birthdays** to Ms. Princess Benn-James and Dr. Fred Monderson.



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