

ACROSS THE BOARD

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District Manager's Report

February is American Heart Month - Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States. Every year, 1 in 4 deaths are caused by heart disease.

Good news! Heart disease can often be prevented when people make healthy choices and manage their health conditions. Small changes can make a big difference. Here are just a few ideas:

- **Schedule a visit with your doctor to talk about heart health.** It's important to schedule regular check-ups even if you think you are not sick.
- **Add exercise to your daily routine.** Start off the month by walking 15 minutes, 3 times each week. By mid-month, increase your time to 30 minutes, 3 times each week.
- **Increase healthy eating.** Cook heart-healthy meals at home at least 3 times each week and make your favorite recipe lower sodium. For example, swap out salt for fresh or dried herbs and spices.
- **Take steps to quit smoking.** If you currently smoke, quitting can cut your risk for heart disease and stroke.
- **Take medication as prescribed.** Talk with your doctor about the importance of high blood pressure and cholesterol medications.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

In March 2016, applications will be available for affordable rental apartments for Pacific Park Brooklyn (formerly the Atlantic Yards Project), for the building located at 461 Dean Street, Brooklyn.

Go to www.nyc.com/housingconnect to create an account. When applications become available, you can apply online or receive instructions on how to request a paper application.

Contact MHANY Management for more information at 718-246-8080, ext. 224 or 239 or via email at pacificpark@mutualhousingny.org.

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## ***E-CYCLE***

Electronics are the largest and fastest growing component of hazardous waste sent to landfills. You can be fined \$100 for placing electronics, such as computers and TVs, at the curb for disposal under the New York State Disposal Ban. The following items are banned from disposal in New York State and manufacturers are required to provide free take-back programs:

- Televisions (including cathode ray tubes)
- Computer peripherals, including any permanently attached cable or wiring
- Monitors, laptops
- Electronic keyboards
- Electronic 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.
- TV peripherals, including any permanently attached cable or wiring
- VCRs, DVD players, Digital converter boxes
- Digital video recorders
- Cable or satellite receivers
- Electronic or video game consoles
- Small scale servers
- Portable devices, including any permanently attached cable or wiring
- Portable digital music players

**Recycling options include the followings:**

**Drop-Off.** The Salvation Army and the Lower East Side Ecology Center accept electronics. Best Buy accepts electronics, including tube TVs under 32” and flat-panel TVs under 50”. Goodwill accepts electronics other than large, old televisions. Staples accepts electronics other than TVs.

**Retailers.** Most retailers will take your old TV or computer when they deliver a new one.

**E-cycleNYC.** NYC apartment buildings with 10 or more units can sign up with e-cycleNYC (<http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/zerowaste/residents/e-cyclenyc.shtml>) for free and convenient recycling collection service.

**Special Waste Sites.** Bring electronics to designated Special Waste Drop-Off Sites in each borough.

**Recycling Events.** Bring electronics to an upcoming SAFE Disposal event or to a

Lower East Side Ecology Center e-waste event.

**Donate or Sell.** To find a place to donate or sell working electronics, visit NYC Stuff Exchange ([www.nyc.gov/stuffexchange](http://www.nyc.gov/stuffexchange)).

**E-cycleNYC** is a free and convenient electronic waste recycling service provided by the NYC Department of Sanitation and Electronic Recyclers International (ERI). With e-cycleNYC, electronics are recycled domestically using the strictest industry and environmental standards available. Data on electronics will be fully erased by e-cycleNYC as part of the recycling process. All of the previously listed items can be e-cycled as part of the program.

DSNY will visit your building to discuss how e-cycleNYC will work best in your building. Depending on the size and type of building, there are three service options:

**Room clean-outs for buildings with 10 or more units.** Buildings store electronics in a secure, enclosed area before they are picked up.

**Storage bins for buildings with 100 or more units.** Buildings store electronics in a locked bin provided by e-cycleNYC.

**Outdoor electronics recycling events for buildings with 250 or more units.**

When ready for service, simply call 212-437-4647 or email [e-cycleNYC@dsny.nyc.gov](mailto:e-cycleNYC@dsny.nyc.gov). Pickup is guaranteed within five business days for room clean outs, and three business days for bin removal.

To sign up for e-cycleNYC or get more info about the program, visit <http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/contact/programs/apartment-programs-inquiry.shtml>.

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PARKS WITHOUT BORDERS

Parks Without Borders is a new design approach focused on creating more open, welcoming and beautiful public spaces where parks and neighborhoods meet. The goal is to make parks more accessible and welcoming to everyone; improve neighborhoods by extending the beauty of parks out into communities; and create vibrant community spaces by transforming underused areas.

Public spaces bind us together as New Yorkers because we all walk the same streets and use the same parks. When they are well designed, they are accessible to everyone and can help make neighborhoods more pleasant and park areas safer.

The Parks Department wants to hear from you! To nominate a park for a new Parks Without Borders project, visit www.nyc.gov/parks/PWB before February 28, 2016.



SHARE YOUR OPINIONS ABOUT DEVELOPMENT IN PROSPECT HEIGHTS WITH AN ONLINE SURVEY

Intersection Prospect Heights is exploring the effect of rapid change in the neighborhood we call home. They are also looking forward to see where the neighborhood is headed in years ahead. And that road begins with you—your view of Prospect Heights’ strengths and challenges, your hopes and concerns for the future. Take a few minutes to add your perspective about living and doing business in Prospect Heights through the neighborhood survey. Your responses are confidential, and you don’t even have to provide your name.

To take the survey, visit this website. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2MBRNJS>. For additional information, visit Intersection Prospect Heights at <http://intersection.org> or the Prospect Heights

Neighborhood Development Council at www.phndc.org.



BROOKLYN CROCHETS FOR A CAUSE!

Brooklynites are always ready to rally around a cause when there is an issue requiring their attention. This year, the **Borough President’s office is sponsoring, “Crochet for Organ Donation Awareness.”** Program participants are creating blankets and scarves, which will be presented to families whose loved ones donated organs and those awaiting organ transplants.

More than 10,000 New Yorkers are currently waiting for organ transplants and only 24 percent of New Yorkers are registered as organ donors. Help raise awareness for the urgency of getting more organ donors. Whether you know how to crochet or you want to learn, we will all come together an One Brooklyn in support of this worthy cause.

For classes to learn how to crochet, visit Borough Hall located at 209 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn on Wednesdays from 10 AM to 12 PM from now through March 30, 2016. For more information, email programs@brooklynbp.nyc.gov or call 718-802-3777. If you know to crochet and cannot come to the class, you can still contribute by dropping off your completed blankets and scarves to Borough Hall.



CAPITAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Borough President Eric L. Adams is accepting Fiscal Year 2017 capital funding applications. As a key component of the Borough President’s Charter-mandated duties, the allocation of discretionary funding is an obligation they take seriously. These funds

enhance the work of Brooklyn's organizations by providing essential resources for schools, non-profits and city agencies to benefit Brooklyn – preparing it for the future and enriching our shared spaces.

For further information, please contact the Capital Budget Director Bennett Baruch at 718-802-3890 or email bbaruch@brooklynbp.nyc.gov.

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**NYC COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017**

Is your organization in need of funding? If so, **apply for discretionary funds from your local Council member**. Each year the New York City Council has discretionary funds to allocate to organizations.

**Applications must be submitted from by February 22, 2016**. Please be advised that no late applications will be accepted.

This application must be completed by an officer or employee of the organization that is applying for discretionary funding. All requests for funding must be legible, well organized, complete and accurate. Keep a copy of the completed application for your records before it is submitted.

For an application visit: <http://council.nyc.gov/html/budget/application.shtml>.

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A NIGHT OF ARTS AND CULTURE

Please join NYC Health & Hospitals Corp. and Kings County in collaboration with Councilman Mathieu Eugene and Councilman Robert E. Cornegy, Jr. as they **celebrate Black History Month** on **Wednesday, February 17, 2016 from 5-7 PM**. The event will celebrate Black History Month through the lens of African-American

Arts and Culture. It will be an uplifting evening, highlighting the central role that art, music and dance have played in Brooklyn and beyond.

The celebration will take place at Kings County Hospital in the D Building/Main Entrance, 471 Clarkson Avenue (corner of East 37th Street), Brooklyn.

For more information, contact Ms. Xiomara Wallace at [718-245-3228](tel:718-245-3228).

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**CHINESE LANTERN FESTIVAL**

**Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams** in conjunction with **Sino American New York Brooklyn Archway Association** invites you to participate in the **Chinese Lantern Festival** at **Brooklyn Bridge Park, Pier 1 (Furman Street and Old Fulton Street)**, from **Sunday, February 21, 2016 through Sunday, February 28, 2016 from 2 to 6:30 PM** each day (weather permitting).

For further information, contact 718-802-3700.

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ASSEMBLYMAN WALTER MOSLEY STATE OF THE DISTRICT ADDRESS

Assemblyman Walter Mosley of the 57th Assembly District invites you to his **State of the District Address** on **Monday, February 22, 2016 from 6 to 8 PM** at St. Joseph's College located at 245 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn (between Willoughby and DeKalb Avenues).

RSVP to 718-569-0100 or via email at mosley@assembly.state.ny.us.

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION**

**Kings County District Attorney Kenneth Thompson** cordially invites you to attend a

**Black History Month Celebration** on **Tuesday, February 23, 2016 from 6 to 8 PM** at Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, located at 45 Monroe Place, Downtown Brooklyn.

For more information, contact 718-250-2000.

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***NYC SENIORS AND THE RISING
FOOD INSECURITY CRISIS***

Please join the **Aging in New York Fund and Bed-Stuy Restoration** for a discussion about New York City Seniors and the rising food insecurity crisis on **Tuesday, February 23, 2016 from 3 to 4:30 PM** at Bed-Stuy Restoration Plaza located at 1368 Fulton Street, Brooklyn.

Speakers include Lisa Boyd, Terry Kaelber, Caryn Resnick, Jennifer Goodstein, Maggie Meehan, and Jose Luis Sanchez. There will be a SNAP pre-screening conducted on site for seniors. Accurate monthly income information is needed for the screening.

For more information, please call 212-602-4460. RSVP through EventBrite by February 20th at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/new-york-city-seniors-the-rising-food-insecurity-crisis-tickets-21312831252>.

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***HONORING OUR LOCAL HEROES  
AND SHE-ROES***

Join **Councilwoman Darlene Mealy** as she **celebrates Black History Month**, honoring local heroes and she-roes. The celebration will be held on **Wednesday, February 24, 2016 from 6 to 8 PM** at PS 40 (George W. Carver Elementary School), 265 Ralph Avenue (between Sumpter and Marion), Brooklyn. Performances will be made by PS 40 SASF Circuit Productions, Inc.

For more information, call Councilwoman Mealy's office at 718-953-3097.

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***TRAILBLAZERS PROGRAM AND
AWARD CEREMONY***

NYC Comptroller **Scott Stringer** cordially invites you to **"Trailblazers: Program and Award Ceremony in Honor of Black History Month."** The event will take place on **Thursday, February 25, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM** at Medgar Evers College, AB1 Dining Hall, 2nd Floor, 1638 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn (corner of Crown Street).

To RSVP, please email RSVP@comptroller.nyc.gov or call 212-669-4466/TTY 212-669-3450. If you need language translation services or special accommodations, please call 212-669-4315.

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***A WALK IN HISTORY CLERGY TOUR  
& BREAKFAST***

Brooklyn Borough President **Eric L. Adams** and the **Weeksville Heritage Center** are pleased to present **"A Walk In History Clergy Tour & Breakfast."**

The event will be held on **Thursday, February 25, 2015** with the program starting at 10 AM and the tour starting at 11:45 AM. All events will be held at Weeksville Heritage Center located at 158 Buffalo Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. For more information, visit [www.weeksvillesociety.org](http://www.weeksvillesociety.org). RSVP by calling 718-802-4488 or emailing [fmonrose@brooklynbp.nyc.gov](mailto:fmonrose@brooklynbp.nyc.gov).

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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 **March 4, 2016** to aabenycscholarshipapp@gmail.com.

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

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### ***HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES FAIR***

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. in conjunction with **Boys and Girls High**

**School and Medgar Evers College Preparatory School** is pleased to present the **Historically Black Colleges and Universities Fair** on **Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 11 AM to 3 PM** at Boys and Girls High School located at 1700 Fulton Street, Brooklyn.

Families, students, youth groups, mentors/mentees are all welcomed to attend the event and meet with alumni and representatives from over 50 Historically Black Colleges and Universities at the free event. Door prizes will be available so arrive early. There will be college prep and financial aid workshops, opportunities to network with HBCU admissions representatives, step/stroll exhibitions and much more.

For more information, email [collegefair@brooklynalumnaedst.org](mailto:collegefair@brooklynalumnaedst.org).

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NEIGHBORHOOD 360 FELLOWS

The **Neighborhood 360 Fellows Program** pairs community organizers and planners with New York City community-based development organizations (CBDOs) to facilitate increased collaboration between local stakeholders around impactful economic development initiatives. Fellows will serve as on the ground resources connecting local businesses, jobseekers, and CBDOs to NYC Dept. of Small Business Services’ programs. Additionally, fellows will participate in a series of supplemental seminars and excursions focused on professional development and commercial revitalization.

It is a 10-month full-time fellowship from June 2016 through April 2017. There is a \$33,000 stipend along with health benefits.

Qualification requirements include New York City residency within 90 days of the start date; 1 or more years of community outreach, organizing, and/or planning experience; and familiarity with designated New York City neighborhoods.

To join the mailing list and apply, visit [http://www.nyc.gov/html/sbs/html/neighborhood development/neighborhood 360 interest app.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/sbs/html/neighborhood%20development/neighborhood%20360%20interest%20app.shtml). Applications are due February 29, 2016 at 11:59 PM.

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***EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES***

MTA Metro-North Railroad - Manager Crew Planning

Application deadline February 19, 2016, Reference Number 85011

For more information and list of qualifications for the position, please visit <http://web.mta.info/mta/employment/>.

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Traffic Enforcement Agent

The city is offering exams through February 29, 2016 for the post of Traffic Enforcement Agent. 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. The exam number is 6319.

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Commissary Openings for Store Worker and Sales Store Checker

The U.S. Defense Commissary Agency is looking for part-time Store Workers and Sales Store Checkers to work in locations as West Point, Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn, and Mitchel Air Force Base on Long Island. There is no application fee.

Part-time jobs pay \$12-22 hourly Application deadline is March 31, 2016

For the official announcement for Store Worker, visit <https://goo.gl/NUU5Ic> and for Sales Store Checker, visit <https://goo.gl/YOmQ21>.

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Appellate Court Clerk

Under supervision of higher level court clerical personnel, Appellate Court Clerks perform court clerical tasks related to court proceedings in the Appellate Divisions or the Appellate Terms of the Supreme Court. For more information on the position and instructions on how to apply, visit www.nycourts.gov/careers/UCS5.pdf.

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Court Aide

Court Aides are responsible for transporting furniture, equipment, and other bulk objects between offices, courtrooms, judges' chambers, and other courthouse locations. Court Aides also perform messenger duties and a variety of routine clerical and other related tasks. For more information on the position and instructions on how to apply, visit [www.nycourts.gov/careers/UCS5.pdf](http://www.nycourts.gov/careers/UCS5.pdf).

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The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 02/01/16 through 02/07/16.

	Year-to-Date		
	2016	2015	%Chg
Murder	1	1	0
Rape	2	5	-60
Robbery	22	39	-43.6
Felony Assault	50	31	61.3
Burglary	17	21	-19.0
Grand Larceny	45	41	9.8
Gr. Larceny Auto	14	10	40.0

The overall change year-to-date is 2.0%.

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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 January was **93.4 for streets and 89.4 for sidewalks.**

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

	Month	YTD
Structural Fires	39	39
Non-Structural	33	33
Total Fires	72	72
Suspicious Fires	3	3
Non-Medical Emergencies	260	260
Medical Emergencies	285	285
Total Incidents	633	633

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The next 78<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 23, 2016** at 7:30 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, March 14, 2016** at 7:30 PM at New Life Tabernacle Church located at 1476 Bedford Avenue (corner of Sterling Place), Brooklyn.

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The next **Crown Heights North Association** meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 17, 2016** at 6:45 PM at St. Gregory's Roman Catholic Church located at 991 St. John's Place (corner of Brooklyn Avenue), Brooklyn, NY. Discussion

will be centered on the National Register for Crown Heights North III.

Mr. Dan McEneny from the New York State Historic Preservation Society will speak on the benefits of listing on the Register, the tax credits available, and provide application forms for the tax credit.

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The next meeting of **Community Board No. 8** will be held on **Thursday, March 11, 2016** at 7 PM at Calvary Community Church located at 1575 St. John's Place (corner of Buffalo Avenue), Brooklyn.

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We would like to **wish the happiest of birthdays** to Fred Frazier, Melanie Grant, Atim Oton, Robert Puca, and Yves Vilus.

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