

ACROSS THE BOARD

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A Message from the District Manager

We would like to welcome the following new Community Board 8 members:

- **Ms. Deshauna Appleton**
- **Ms. Faith Corbett**
- **Ms. Tamika Gibbs**
- **Ms. Tarves Lord**
- **Mr. Brian Saunders**
- **Mr. Mark Thurton**
- **Mr. Pedro Zapata**

We hope you find your time on the Board to be fruitful and well spent.

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The following members have been elected to the **Executive Board of Community Board 8** for the term of September 2017 to June 2019:

**Ms. Nizjoni Granville**, Chairperson  
**Ms. Shalawn Langhorne**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
**Mr. Robert Witherwax**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
**Mr. James Ellis**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair  
**Ms. LeeAnn Banks**, Recording Secretary  
**Ms. Ethel Tyus**, Treasurer  
**Mr. Wayne Bailey**, Sergeant at Arms

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FREE COLLEGE TUITION FOR NEW YORK STATE RESIDENTS

As of June 7, 2017, New York college students may apply for free tuition under the Excelsior Scholarship program approved as part of the 2017-2018 NYS Budget. The first-in-the-nation plan will be phased in over three years, beginning for New Yorkers making up to \$100,000 annually in the fall of 2017, increasing to \$110,000 in 2018, and reaching \$125,000 in 2019.

For further information, please visit <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/nys-grants-scholarships-awards/the-excelsior-scholarship.html>.

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***A MESSAGE FROM THE NYPD***

The NYPD Crime Prevention Unit urges all residents to close and lock your doors and windows, even if you are leaving for just a few minutes. Perpetrators are gaining entry by forcing locked doors, usually due to inadequate locks. They also gain entry through front doors left ajar or unsecured. Fire escape windows are also an easy entry point, especially when left unlocked and positioned in the rear of the

building or a location not easily seen by passersby or neighbors.

Protect your belongings by joining Operation ID, the free property registration program offered by the NYPD. Call your local precinct's crime prevention unit to join or for more information.

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HOUSING LEGAL CLINIC

Senator Jesse Hamilton, in partnership with MFY Legal Services Inc., is pleased to offer a **Housing Legal Clinic every last Tuesday of the month from 2 PM to 5 PM** at 1669 Bedford Avenue, 2nd floor, Brooklyn.

During these Housing Legal Clinics, invaluable housing legal services will be provided. The aim is to bring constituents the best possible lawyers to ensure that they are represented fairly in housing court. **Please note that this service is by appointment only!** In order to schedule an appointment, please call the Senator's office at 718-284-4700.

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### **CENTRAL BROOKLYN ARTS & CULTURE WEEKEND**

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams in partnership with Senator Jesse Hamilton, Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo, and District Leaders Geoffrey Davis and Shirley Patterson, presents Central Brooklyn Arts and Culture Weekend. On **Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 6 PM** in the Brooklyn Museum of Art parking lot (Washington Avenue and Eastern Parkway), there will be a "Movie Under the Stars" featuring *Sing*.

On **Sunday, June 11, 2017 from 11 AM to 3 PM**, the event will be held at Ronald McNair Park on Eastern Parkway between Flatbush and Washington Avenues. There will be a children's village, live entertainment, and giveaways. Honoring Brooklyn's own "Fabolous" and Jean-Michel Basquiat.

Come out and stop by the Community Board 8 table on Sunday!

For more information, contact the Borough President's office at 718-802-3700.

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FREE STOP N' SWAP

On **Sunday, June 11, 2017 from 11 AM to 2 PM**, there will be a free stop and swap event at PS 9, located at 80 Underhill Avenue at St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn.

Bring clean, reusable, portable items such as clothing, housewares, electronics, books, and toys that you no longer need. Take something home that is new to you! You do not have to bring something in order to take something.

For more information, visit <https://www.grownyc.org/swap>.

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### **FREE S.T.E.A.M. CLASSES DURING SUMMER CAMP**

The Learnatory at the Bible Speaks Academy is offering free S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) classes in Game Design & Animation, Robotics, and Personal Spa Science during their summer day camp that runs from June 29, 2017 thru August 11, 2017. The Summer Camp will be held

at the Bible Speaks Academy located at 5205 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn. The program is open to students in grades K-8.

The Learnatory Summer Camp Open House will be held on **Wednesday, June 14, 2017 from 6-8 PM** at 5205 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn. RSVP is required. For more information or to register, visit [www.thelearnatory.org](http://www.thelearnatory.org) or call 347-787-0435.

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GREG "JOCKO" JACKSON FILM FESTIVAL

Councilwoman Darlene Mealy invites you to attend the Annual Greg "Jocko" Jackson Film Festival featuring some of the best student films from students in Brooklyn. The event will be held on **Thursday, June 15, 2017 from 11 AM to 7 PM** at I.S./P.S. 284, The Gregory "Jocko" Jackson School, located at 213 Osborn Street, Brooklyn.

For more information, contact the Councilwoman's office at 718-953-3097.

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### ***ADVENTURES NYC***

Adventures NYC celebrates the great outdoors and will feature a day packed with free outdoor activities for all ages. Featured activities include rock climbing, zip lining, obstacle races, yoga, virtual surfing, and mountain bike course.

The event is free and open to the public and will be held on **Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 11 AM to 4 PM** at the Central Park Bandshell.

For more information, visit [www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks).

### ***YOUTH EXPRESSIONS 2017***

The Central Brooklyn Leadership Council and the Men's Ministry of Historic First Church of God in Christ invites you to attend a community conversation with the next generations, "Youth Expressions 2017." The event will be held on **Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 1 to 4 PM** at Historic First Church of God in Christ located at 221 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn.

For more information, please call 718-774-0960.

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COMMUNITY CARNIVAL AND HEALTH FAIR

Senator Jesse Hamilton invites you to a Community Carnival and Health Fair on **Saturday, June 17, 2017 from Noon to 4 PM** at 905 Winthrop Street (at E. 52nd Street), Brooklyn. There will be lots of family fun and activities including a bouncy house, food and beverages, face painting, carnival games, rides, etc.

For more information, please call the Senator's office at 718-284-4700.

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### ***SOLARIZE CROWN HEIGHTS***

Did you know that Crown Heights was connected to the stressed Brownsville Power Grid? Did you know that millions of dollars are needed to either upgrade or build a new power grid to relieve the Brownsville Power Grid of some of the strain of electricity usage? What if you had a way to reduce your reliance on the grid, assist the grid, and help Con Ed keep its costs down while at the same time,

*assisting yourself and reducing your electricity bill and carbon footprint?*

Guess what? There is a way to do all of that! Meet Level Solar and learn how to go solar and save thousands of dollars on your yearly electricity bill! Save on electricity and taxes. Your savings could exceed \$10,000!

Here's how it works: Level Solar installs solar panels on your home at no cost. The solar panels generate 100% clean electricity. Level Solar provides that electricity to you for up to 25% less than your current utility.

Want to learn more? Attend the workshop on **Tuesday, June 20, 2017 from 7-9 PM** at 935 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn. To learn more, visit [www.levelsolar.com/crownheights](http://www.levelsolar.com/crownheights) or call [844-680-5657](tel:844-680-5657).

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SENIOR PICNIC IN THE PARK

Councilwoman Darlene Mealy invites all senior citizens to the 2nd Annual Seniors Picnic in the Park on **Wednesday, June 21, 2017** from 11 AM to 3 PM at Lincoln Terrace Park (Buffalo Avenue between Eastern Parkway and E. New York Avenue).

There will be a live DJ, live performances, food and refreshments. For more information, please contact the Councilwoman's office at 718-953-3097.

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### ***MEN AND MONEY***

The World Financial Group is pleased to present, "Men and Money," a workshop

designed to bring men together to network and meet like-minded individuals, to learn the unspoken secrets of keeping more of what you make, making your money work for you and formulating a simplified action plan that will easily go along with the hectic every day thing we call life!

The event will be held on **Thursday, July 6, 2017 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM** at Brooklyn Borough Hall located at 209 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn.

Attendance is by RSVP only. To RSVP or learn more, visit [www.menandmoneynyc.com](http://www.menandmoneynyc.com).

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THE NEW CROWN HEIGHTS? A NEIGHBORHOOD AND ITS FUTURE

What historical connections exist between the Crown Heights of today and of its past? What is the future of Crown Heights? This conversation, moderated by MSNBC host and author, Joy-Ann Reid, will feature people living and working in Crown Heights and their varied views on neighborhood change and transformation.

The event will be held on **Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at 6:30 PM** at the Brooklyn Historical Society, located at 128 Pierrepont Street, Downtown Brooklyn.

Presented as part of the Voices of Crown Heights project, a multi-year oral history project that explores the history and future of Crown Heights with partners Weeksville Heritage Center and Brooklyn Movement Center. If you have any questions, please email aokechukwu@brooklynhistory.org.

NYC FOOD WASTE FAIR

NYC businesses produce more than 650,000 tons of food scraps annually. But food scraps are not garbage. The NYC Food Waste Fair is bringing together sustainability experts and the food industry to learn how to reduce costs and get the most out of our food, while helping New York City's environment.

Pairing an expo-style event with workshops, digital content and live demonstrations, the NYC Food Waste Fair will provide critical resources, and catalyze a growing industry.

The event will be held on **Tuesday, July 25, 2017 from 9 AM to 6 PM** at the Brooklyn Expo Center located at 72 Noble Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222. To learn more or to order tickets visit www.foodwastefair.nyc.

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## ***BROOKLYN WORKFORCE ACADEMY***

Brooklyn Workforce Innovation is a trusted non-profit connecting jobless New Yorkers to careers in growing job sectors.

**Brooklyn Networks** connects people to in-demand careers as low voltage cable installers for data, voice, security, and broadcast cable systems. Call 718-237-2017 ext 149 for more information.

**Brooklyn Woods** trains low-income New Yorkers for careers in manufacturing as woodworkers and fabricators. Call 718-389-3636 for more information.

**Made in NY Production Assistant Training** program connects underrepresented New Yorkers to careers in TV and film as production

assistants. Call 718-237-2017 ext 145 for more information.

**NYCHA Resident Training Academy** prepares qualified public housing residents for careers as NYCHA caretakers. Call 718-237-2017 ext 155 for more information.

**Red Hook on the Road** trains unemployed men and women for careers as CDL-licensed commercial bus and truck drivers. Call 718-237-4846 for more information.

For more detailed explanation of any of these programs or for qualification requirements, visit [www.bwiny.org](http://www.bwiny.org).

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BROOKLYN JOB CORPS ACADEMY

Brooklyn Job Corps Academy is a non-residential training program operated by RedCare and funded by the Dept. of Labor. The Brooklyn Job Corps Academy offers career-readiness preparation, employment training, and hands on experience. Programs offered include security officer, culinary arts, A+ certification, network plus, certified nursing assistance, home health aide, certified medical assistant. All programs with the exception of culinary arts and security officer require a high school diploma or GED before entrance into the program. You must be able to attend classes from 8 AM to 4:40 PM Monday through Friday. To be eligible, you must have no felonies or criminal court cases.

You must be 18-24 years old to participate. No student loans are required. Free metro cards are offered daily, there is a biweekly cash allowance, \$1000 for completing training, job placement after training, small group

tutoring, free industry specific uniforms, free breakfast and lunch.

Enrollment will be held once a month at 8 AM. For details on the next enrollment, call 718-623-4005. Brooklyn Job Corps Academy is located at 585 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn. For information about any of the programs or to apply, call Ms. Shavon Munchez, Outreach Admissions Coordinator at [718-623-4059](tel:718-623-4059) or email munches.shavon@jobcorps.org.

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**GREAT NEWS!**

**Community Board 8/BK 8 Sanitation is #1 in Brooklyn North in cleanliness rating for the month of May with a scorecard rating that was 97.4 for streets and 98.5 for sidewalks.** We thank the individuals that are doing their part in keeping the District clean.

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.

Furthermore, we would like to thank Councilwoman Darlene Mealy of the 41<sup>st</sup> Council District for donating 10 high-end garbage baskets that have been placed along Rochester, Buffalo, and Ralph Avenues. These are the larger, green baskets that prevent the overflow of garbage and help prevent misuse by individuals that use city trash cans for household garbage.

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FREE LEGAL SERVICES FOR ALL

Borough President Eric Adams is pleased to present **Free Legal Services for All** at "The People's House, Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn.

Legal services are offered in a variety of fields including foreclosure intervention and prevention every second Wednesday of the month from 2-5 PM; veterans' issues every Tuesday from 9 AM to 5 PM; domestic violence every third Monday from 10 AM to 4 PM; family law every Wednesday from 4-7 PM; and housing matters, trusts and estates, elder law, and government benefits every second Thursday from 2-5 PM.

Please call 718-802-3777 to make an appointment for this free service as appointments are required.

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The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 05/29/17 through 06/04/17.

|                       | Year-to-Date |      |       |
|-----------------------|--------------|------|-------|
|                       | 2017         | 2016 | %Chg  |
| <b>Murder</b>         | 1            | 3    | -66.7 |
| <b>Rape</b>           | 8            | 10   | -20   |
| <b>Robbery</b>        | 99           | 95   | 4.2   |
| <b>Felony Assault</b> | 135          | 158  | -14.6 |
| <b>Burglary</b>       | 84           | 83   | 1.2   |
| <b>Grand Larceny</b>  | 145          | 188  | -22.9 |
| <b>GL Auto</b>        | 21           | 37   | -43.2 |

The overall change year-to-date is -14.1 %.

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The following is a summary of the year-to-date F.D.N.Y Emergency Statistics through May 2017.

	Month	YTD
Structural Fires	34	144
Non-Structural	14	79
Total Fires	48	223
Suspicious Fires	3	9
Non-Medical Emergencies	239	1198
Medical Emergencies	338	1480
Total Incidents	645	2971

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**CITI BIKE EXPANSION INTERNSHIP**

Citi Bike is looking for two interns to help with outreach for their 2017 expansion. This is a full time internship from June-November.

For information on application requirements, qualifications, and to apply, please visit <https://us851.dayforcehcm.com/CandidatePortal/en-US/motivate/Posting/View/737>.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)

The FBI is looking for Special Agents from various backgrounds. The agency is accepting applications thru January 29, 2018. There is no application fee.

The agency has separate job announcements for these specialties: law Enforcement or Military Veteran; Education Background; Accounting/Finance; Science/Technology/Engineering/Math

(STEM); Linguist/Foreign Language Specialist; and legal/Criminal Background.

You must have a Bachelor’s or advanced degree from a U.S. accredited college. You will need three years of full-time work experience, or two years work experience if you have a graduate degree. You will need to undergo a physical fitness test and, to apply, conduct a physical fitness self-evaluation.

For application information, go to www.fbijobs.gov, select “Working at the FBI,” and then select “How to Apply.” The agency warns that it may take a year between initial application and hiring.

For more information, go to www.usajobs.gov and search for “FBI” or visit www.goo.gl/IFBbBF and select “Special Agent.”

School Safety Agent

The City is now testing for School Safety Agent. Filing runs through June 30, 2017. Starting salary is \$31,482 and the exam fee is \$47. A high school diploma or GED is required and you must be at least 21, a US Citizen, and city resident. The exam number is 7314.

Correction Officer

The City is offering tests for position of Correction Officer through June. Starting salary is \$42,000 rising to \$80,000 and the application fee is \$61. There are strict requirements for this position, so please check if you qualify or will qualify for the position at the time of being called.

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The next **77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Monday, June 12, 2017** at 7:30 PM at Calvary Community Church, 1575 St. John's Place (at the corner of Buffalo Avenue), Brooklyn, NY.

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The next **78th Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 27, 2017** at 7:30 PM at the 78th Precinct located at 65 6th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY.

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The next meeting of the **Crown Heights North Association** will be held on **Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 6:45 PM** at St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church located at 991 St. John's Place (corner of Brooklyn Avenue), Brooklyn.

A representative from the Dept. of Buildings will be on hand to answer questions residents might have about development, building codes, violations, and what to do when you notice construction in a historic district without the necessary permits. For more information, visit [www.crownheightsnorth.org](http://www.crownheightsnorth.org).

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We wish the happiest of birthdays to Mr. James Ellis.

We wish a speedy recovery to Mr. Robert Matthews, Chairperson Emeritus of Community Board 8, who is still recovering at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center.

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We extend get well wishes to Ms. Shalawn Langhorne, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair and Chair of the Public Safety Committee.


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