

ACROSS THE BOARD

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DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

CLOTHING DONATION BINS

Clothing bins on public and private property are popping up all over our District and New York City neighborhoods. Many of these bins have no contact information and are often poorly maintained and untidy.

Fortunately, the NYC Dept. of Sanitation has an online collection bin request form that any resident can complete to have the bin removed ***if it is on public property only***. To complete an application for removal, go to http://www.nyc.gov/html/dsny/html/contact/request_collectionbinremoval.shtmlBins.

Unfortunately, bins that are within the property line of a building, parking lot, or some other form of private property, are not eligible for removal by the Dept. of Sanitation.

PLEASE DON'T MISUSE LITTER BASKETS

Sanitation litter baskets are for **pedestrian litter only**. Placing garbage from your home or business into a Sanitation litter basket is illegal and carries a fine of \$100. It causes litter baskets to overflow and corners to become dirty, creating an eyesore in the community.

Respect your neighborhood. Please use litter baskets properly. For more information, visit www.nyc.gov/sanitation.

The **scorecard rating** for the month of May in District 8 was **89.5 for clean streets and 93.9 for clean sidewalks**.

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. Remember to sweep!

The following is a summary of the year-to-date **F.D.N.Y Emergency Statistics through May 2014**.

	Month	YTD
Structural Fires	38	163
Non-Structural	13	129
Total Fires	51	292
Suspicious Fires	4	16
Non-Medical Emergencies	246	1291
Medical Emergencies	257	1232
Total Incidents	503	2523

The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 06/02/14 through 06/08/14.

	Year-to-Date		
	2014	2013	%Chg
Murder	2	3	-33.3
Rape	7	10	-30
Robbery	135	168	-19.6
Felony Assault	165	146	13
Burglary	128	103	24.3
Grand Larceny	202	184	9.8
Gr. Larceny Auto	56	44	27.3

The overall change year to date is 5.6%.

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**FRESH AIR FUND SUMMER  
SLEEPAWAY CAMP**

The Crown Heights Community Mediation Center (CHCMC) is registering children for FREE Fresh Air Fund Summer Sleepaway Camp.

The Fresh Air Fund is an independent not-for-profit agency that provides New York City children with free camps and summer vacations. Registration is based on rolling admissions and will remain open until all available slots are filled.

To register or learn more, contact the CHCMC at 718-773-6886 or visit their office located at 256 Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn.

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**THE VIPAJI PROJECT TEEN
PROGRAM**

The VIPAJI project Teen program specializes in dance, poetry, drama, art, and culinary arts. Mondays through Fridays from 4 PM to 7 PM, the program will be available at the St. John's Recreation Center located at 1251

Prospect Place (between Troy and Schenectady Avenues).

For more information on the VIPAJI project, contact Hakim Bradford or Donna Algood-Walls at 718-771-2787 or email either of them at thevipajiproject@gmail.com.

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**JOIN A NYC PARKS RECREATION  
CENTER**

Join a NYC Parks Recreation Center near you to access the most affordable network of up to 35 exercise facilities across the five boroughs.

Youth 17 and under receive free membership; young adults 18 to 24 and seniors 62 and older pay \$25 for an annual membership; adults 25 to 61 pay \$100-\$150 annually. Membership includes access to all 35 recreation centers and all 12 indoor pools. For adults, this package costs \$150; for \$100, adults receive access to 23 centers without indoor pools.

For a complete list of facilities, more information, or to sign up, visit <http://www.nycgovparks.org/facilities/recreationcenters>. The recreation center located within District 8 is the St. John's Recreation Center located at 1251 Prospect Place (between Troy and Schenectady Avenues).

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**FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES EXPLORING PROGRAM**

Exploring is a division of the Learning for Life organization under the leadership of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women ages 14 through 20. Its purpose is the bring character building, citizenship training, and fitness programs to youth.

The Exploring Program seeks to help young people gain insight into FDNY careers and help develop a road map for their future; develop the tools necessary for a successful school-to-career and school-to-higher-education transition; develop potential contacts that may broaden students' employment options at FDNY.

To achieve the goals and objectives of the FDNY Fire and Emergency Medical Services Exploring program, several approaches are employed including: holding weekly meetings where Explorers receive training in various areas of firefighting and emergency medical services; engaging in competitions, venturing days, and other social events that are organized on a city-wide, state-wide, and national basis; participating in a variety of community service projects to learn the value of serving others.

All participants must show proof of enrollment in high school, college, or GED program and maintain a GPA of at least 70% in every class, and able to attend four meetings per month. For more information on the Exploring Program, contact 718-999-3369.

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### ***SUMMER FIRE SAFETY***

The FDNY's Fire Safety Education Division would like you to know the following ways to stay safe this summer while still beating the heat and enjoying the warm weather.

First, please remember that fireworks are illegal in New York City. Every year, hundreds of children and adults alike get injured from improperly handling and using fireworks. Amateurs can suffer devastating burns, other injuries, inadvertently cause fires to erupt in vulnerable structures. If you see someone illegally using or selling fireworks, call 311 to report it and eliminate unnecessary potential dangers.

Secondly, an open hydrant can waste as much as 1000 gallons of water per minute—drastically reducing water pressure for all fire hydrants connected to the line. 1000 gallons is also as much as an entire family of four will use in a year! Beat the heat by calling your local fire house and asking a fireman to install a sprinkler cap. Hydrants in use with a sprinkler cap use much less water and have a negligible effect on water pressure in case of emergencies. In addition, not having a full blast stream of water hitting the skin makes it easier and safer for kids to enjoy the sprinkle effect and keep cool.

Thirdly, everyone knows that the summer time is the best time to grill and sit outside enjoying warm summer nights. No one wants to use the oven inside the hot house. Use your grills carefully. Follow these guidelines to protect yourself, your home, and other properties while you enjoy grilled food:

#### *Propane BBQ Grills*

- Check the tubes that lead into the burner for any blockage from insects or food grease. Use a pipe cleaner to clear any blockage and push it thru the main part of the burner.
- Visually inspect propane hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. A soap and water solution may be used to test for leaks. Never use a flame to check for gas leaks!
- Move propane hoses as far as possible from hot surfaces and dripping grease.
- Make sure your propane tank is free of dents, gouges, bulges, corrosion, leakage, or excessive rust. If any of these defects are evident, return the tank to your distributor.
- Do not attempt to repair the propane tank valve or the appliance yourself. Have a licensed, qualified person make any needed repairs.

- Do not use in enclosed spaces as carbon monoxide may accumulate.
- Position the grill in an open area at least 10 feet away from buildings, deck railings, out from under eaves and overhanging branches, and away from any other type of combustible material.
- Use utensils with long handles to avoid burns and splatters; wear short sleeves or tight cuffed sleeves while wearing flame retardant mitts to avoid burns.
- Have a charged garden hose or bucket of sand nearby to extinguish any small flare-ups. Never leave your grill unattended.

However, please keep in mind that it is **strictly prohibited** in New York City to use portable patio fireplaces, patio hearths, fire pits, and chimneys in the yard. And definitely be careful with charcoal grills and your use of lighter fluid!



### ***ROADS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOLS***

ROADS is not your typical charter school. It is a network of free, public, community schools committed to **servicing students who are over-age and under-credited** to ensure that all students graduate high school thoroughly prepared for success academically, professionally, and personally.

ROADS does not accept students that are on track for timely graduation or passing; only failing students and those falling behind are eligible for the program. Specifically, ROADS prioritizes admission for students who face a range of barriers to academic success such as those involved in the juvenile or criminal justice system, students who are homeless or in transitional housing, or involved in foster care or Child Protective Services.

To be eligible for the program, students must meet the following criteria:

- Have been born in 1998 or 1999
- Have already completed the 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- Be one or more grades behind
- Have 11 or fewer high school credits

Eligible students can apply online at [www.roadsschools.org/enroll](http://www.roadsschools.org/enroll). Admission is based on a rolling admissions pattern from students on the current waiting list. The earlier you apply, the better your chances of being accepted for the Fall 2014 semester. If you have any questions or would like additional information, contact the ROADS admissions office at 718-280-9189 or via email to [enroll@roadsschools.org](mailto:enroll@roadsschools.org).



### ***FREE FINANCIAL COUNSELING***

Lack of financial planning can lead to many problems. You can be denied housing or employment, have high rates of over-due bills, and worst of all, no emergency savings cushion. Learning the right financial planning tools can help.

Financial Empowerment Services are being offered at Granville T. Woods Community Learning School (PS 335) located at 130 Rochester Avenue. Participants are instructed in understanding how credit works, money management and budgeting, banking, and college savings and student loans. Understanding credit is crucial to avoid financial crises.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Charlene Corbett, Resource Coordinator, at 646-460-3289.



***PUBLIC SAFETY TOWN HALL  
SUMMIT***

Kings County DA Kenneth Thompson cordially invites you to a **Town Hall Summit** to ask him your questions concerning Public Safety. The summit will be held on **Wednesday, June 18, 2014 from 7-9 PM** at PS/IS 323 located at 210 Chester Street in Brownsville, Brooklyn.

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***CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
BOROUGH OUTREACH EVENT***

In partnership with Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams, the New York City Office of Child Support Enforcement would like to invite representatives of community and faith based organizations to attend a special event on **Thursday, June 19, 2014 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM** at Brooklyn Borough Hall located at 209 Joralemon Street.

Discover the benefits of child support for children and their parents. Connect your community members to free child support workshops and programs to help them find jobs, reduce their child support debt, and lower their child support orders. Additionally, network with other family-focused organizations in your area.

RSVP by email to hra.sm.OCSE.5.Borough.outreach@otda.ny.gov.

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***PUBLIC FORUMS ON THE MERGER  
OF TIME WARNER CABLE WITH  
COMCAST***

The NYS Public Service Commission is sponsoring a series of **informational forums and public hearings** regarding the **proposed merger request recently filed by Comcast Corporation and Time Warner Cable, Inc.**

The companies are requesting approval for Time Warner to transfer all of its subsidiaries and assets in New York to Comcast.

The New York City hearing will be held on **Thursday, June 19, 2014** at NYS DPS Office located at 90 Church Street, Manhattan. The Informational forum will begin promptly at 6 PM. The Public Statement Hearing will begin afterwards, starting at 7:30 PM.

If you would like more information about the proceeding, please visit [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov) and click on the "Time Warner Cable and Comcast Proposal" link located on the homepage.

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***MAMMOGRAM AND MOBILE CARE
CLINIC***

Early detection of breast cancer saves lives! **The American Italian Cancer Foundation** is sponsoring a **Mobile Care Clinic** that will provide no cost digital mammograms and clinical breast exams to women aged 40 and older with health insurance that are current NYC residents who have not had a mammogram in the past 12 months. The Mobile Care Clinic will be held on **Friday, June 20, 2014 from 9 AM to 4:30 PM** at 1669 Bedford Avenue. To schedule an appointment, call 877-628-9090.

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***CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE  
MONTH CELEBRATION***

Borough President Eric L. Adams is pleased to announce a series of events in honor of **Caribbean-American heritage month**. All events will be held at Borough Hall or at Borough Hall Plaza located at 209 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn.

- *Symposium* Friday, June 20, 2014, 5:30 PM. (Courtroom and Rotunda)

- *“Mobilizing Youth to Realize a Fair Justice System” with keynote speaker NYS Attorney General Eric Schneiderman*
- *Market Place* Thursday, June 26, 2014, 11:30 AM to 3 PM (Plaza)
  - *Stunning array of artifacts, crafts, and Caribbean culture*
- *Concert* Thursday, June 26, 2014, 5:30 PM

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 718-802-3531.

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FRUIT FOR LIFE WALK TO LIVE MARATHON

IMANI House, a non-profit dedicated to providing needed services to low-income youth and families in Brooklyn, is pleased to host its **2nd Annual Walk to Live Walkathon** in Prospect Park on **Sunday, June 22, 2014**. Themed “Fruit for Life,” this year’s event will join local families, elected officials, and other IMANI house supporter to bring awareness to the challenges of childhood obesity among Brooklyn communities.

Walk to Live includes a 3.5 mile walk around the park along with prizes, games, and activities for children as well as health and fitness information tables for adults. Proceeds will be used to enhance IMANI House’s after-school nutrition and physical education projects, to create family walking clubs, to provide public education materials about the benefits of walking, to the host subsequent Walk to Live events.

All are welcomed to participate in the Walkathon, which will run from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Grecian Shelter on Parkside Avenue in Prospect Park. To learn more about Walk to Live, become a sponsor, or to register, call 718-638-2059 or visit www.ihiwalktolive.com.

GATEWAY CENTER PHASE II JOB FAIR

On **Monday, June 23, 2014 from 10 AM to 2 PM** at new Hope Family Worship Center located at 817 Livonia avenue (between Barbey Street and Schenck Avenue), a **job fair** will be held to help fill developing positions at 22 new stores coming to Gateway Mall in East New York.

Positions include sales, managerial, cashier, stock, deli staff, bake and cook staff, maintenance, shift managers, and many more. Bring multiple copies of your resume and dress in interview/professional attire.

For more information, contact Melinda Perkins at 718-676-5920; Minaryn Johnson at 718-498-2320; or Zethea Bushelle at 718-342-1305.

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### ***THE JUST CITY DIALOGUES***

**Pratt Institute’s Programs for Sustainable Planning and Development and the City Club of New York** present at part of the “The Just City Dialogues,” *Acting Local: New Initiatives for Effective Community-Based Planning*. The workshop is in response to the City Club’s proposals for “Planning One Great City For All.”

The event will take place on **Monday, June 23, 2014 from 9 to 11 AM** at Pratt Manhattan Center located at 144 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, off of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Seating is limited. RSVP by visiting <http://is.gd/zVKzs0>.

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THE BEST HEALTH SCHOOL

Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center hosts **The Best Health School**, which provides a year-long curriculum for **free** health and wellness education for the community. The program

provides certificates of completion along with CPR and Stroke Awareness Education for those taking 4 classes or more. Participants can also take classes without a certificate of completion whenever they would like. Additional classes include obesity, Nutrition, Breast Health, Domestic Violence, and Stress Management for Women.

The next session will be held on **Friday, June 27, 2014** on *Medication Interaction: Is Your Medication Mix Safe for You?*

A list of classes and schedules is available online at www.kingsbrook.org under Community Events. For more information on the program, call 718-604-5062.

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***CROWN HEIGHTS THEATER  
WORKSHOP***

The **Crown Heights Theater Workshop** is now in its second year! Your help is needed to spread the word to increase student participation in the wonderful (and free) opportunity.

The Workshop is for middle school students in Crown Heights and surrounding communities. It runs **June 30th- July 25th**, with both morning and afternoon sessions available in the former MS 390 Maggie L. Walker building located at 1224 Park Place (near Albany Avenue). The final performance—open to friends, family and community—will take place the evening of July 25th.

For more information on the workshop including student applications, visit [www.crownheightstheaterworkshop.com](http://www.crownheightstheaterworkshop.com).

***2014 SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH &  
DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS***

East New York Restoration LDC in collaboration with the Small Business Administration and America's SBDC is pleased to present the 2014 Small Business Growth and Development Workshop series.

Program Workshops include "Access to Capital" on **July 16<sup>th</sup>**, "The Process of Procurement" on **August 13<sup>th</sup>**, and "Intro to 8A-Federal Government" on **September 17<sup>th</sup>**. All workshops are held from 6-8 PM at the New Lots Library Branch on New Lots Avenue between Schenck Avenue and Hendrix Street in East New York.

Seating is limited and registration is required. To register, call Joshua Barker at 718-676-5920 or email [jbarker@enyrestoration.org](mailto:jbarker@enyrestoration.org).

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***STATE PRE-COLLEGE
ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (S-PREP)***

High school students from the New York City area are currently being recruited for the 2014- 2015 academic year session of the **State Pre-College Enrichment Program (S-PREP)** at the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs at Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons.

S-PREP is a rigorous academic year program designed for students who are seriously interested in pursuing a career in medicine or related health professions. Students must be a New York residents who are minority (e.g., Black, Hispanic, Native American, or Alaskan Native) or economically disadvantaged enrolled in high school grades 9 – 12. The long range objective of the program is to increase the number of minority physicians and health care professionals. The program offers a schedule of basic and medical science courses. The courses may include, but are not



limited to the following: Anatomy, biochemistry, embryology, calculus, chemistry, genetics, neuroscience, organic chemistry, physics, physiology, and pre-calculus. In addition, the program offers a SAT preparation course provided by Kaplan.

Classes start in **October** of the academic year and are held on Saturdays, in morning and afternoon sessions. Medical, dental, and graduate students serve as course preceptors. In addition to the rigorous academic schedule, the program offers mandatory college preparation and career development workshops, college counseling services, field trips and college tours.

The **application deadline** is **Tuesday, July 22, 2014**. Applications received after this date will only be considered after those submitted on time. Students who are seriously interested in S-PREP are encouraged to submit all application materials by the indicated deadline. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. To complete and application, go to <http://ps.columbia.edu/education/node/1992>.

If you have any questions, please e-mail sprep-ps@columbia.edu.

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We wish the happiest of birthdays to Mr. James Ellis, Ms. Diana Foster, Ms. Ede Fox, and Ms. Priscilla Maddox, who will all celebrate birthdays in the month of June.

We wish the happiest of birthdays to Ms. Akosua Albritton, Ms. Kim Albert, Ms. Michelle George, Ms. Ethel Tyus, and Mr. Robert Witherwax, who will all celebrate birthdays in the month of July.

We wish the happiest of birthdays to Ms. Shalawn Langhorne and Ms. Vilma Zuniga, who will celebrate birthdays in the month of August.

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The next **78th Precinct Community Council meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 7:30 PM** at the **78th Precinct** located at 65 6th Avenue (corner of Bergen Street).

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