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District Manager's Report

DID YOU KNOW THAT DISPOSABLE WIPES ARE NOT FLUSHABLE?



Disposable personal hygiene wipes and baby wipes may be disposable, but they are not exactly flushable. Next time you go to toss that wipe in the toilet, you might want to consider a request from the Dept. of Environmental Protection asking you to refrain from doing so.

Rapidly growing use of pre-moistened personal wipes, which are used most often by potty-training toddlers and people seeing what is advertised as a more thorough cleaning than toilet paper—are clogging pipes and jamming our sewer system.

In addition to wipes, pop-off scrubbers on toilet cleaning wands as well as other disposable items are increasingly being erroneously marketed as flushable. Even ever-

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thickening toilet paper is worrisome because it takes longer to disintegrate.

These items contribute to blockages that cause sewage to overflow into streams and rivers and back up into basements in the city. The wipes are disposable but not flushable. These items are costing taxpayers an additional \$3 million a year to clean out our sewer system. So keep in mind: just because a box of wipes is labelled "flushable" does not mean it breaks down in the pipes like toilet paper. Think before you flush.

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM EXTENDED

Governor Cuomo announced that those in danger of running out of heating fuel or having their utility service shut off can now apply for a second emergency benefit through the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). The additional assistance is being made available in light of the prolonged cold weather and additional federal funding awarded to the state.

For more information about HEAP, please call the hotline at 1-800-342-3009 or visit http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/. New Yorkers can find contact information for their county department of social services at http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/HEAP-contacts.pdf.

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## ARE YOU PAYING TOO MUCH FOR RENT?

Landlords have been scamming tenants across the city, charging market rate for rent stabilized units. But there is help! A new website is helping New Yorkers find out if they are being scammed.

www.amirentstabilized.com is a site that allows users to search for their buildings in a database and find out if there is a change their unit should be protected under the city's rent-stabilization rules. The website will tell you if your building is on the city's list of addresses with units still on the rent stabilization rolls. While it cannot tell you if your specific unit is one of them, it will help you navigate through the process of tracking that information down. The site contact links to different state agencies to help you get confirmation of your unit's status as well as forms to fill out a complaint if you are being over-charged.

#### **PlaNYC**

Equity is being made the lynchpin of PlaNYC, and they have made the process of participating more inclusive than ever before. Every New Yorker has a voice in the plan and can participate in building our city's future.

Your idea could be about anything: from the environment to jobs to education to affordable housing and transportation. You have the power to shape the future of the city if you speak up, not only for yourself but for future generations of New Yorkers.

Leave your mark on the future of New York City. Take the survey now by visiting www.on.nyc.gov/survey.

# THE CENTRAL BROOKLYN JAZZ FESTIVAL

The Central Brooklyn Jazz Festival is coming to a venue near you! Visit <a href="http://www.centralbrooklynjazzconsortium.org/newContent/CBJC%20Festival%202015%20Schedule.pdf">http://www.centralbrooklynjazzconsortium.org/newContent/CBJC%20Festival%202015%20Schedule.pdf</a> for the complete calendar.

## FREE PORTRAITS FOR CROWN HEIGHTS RESIDENTS

Rusty Zimmerman, Portrait Artist to Governor Andrew Cuomo, will give FREE portraits to residents of Crown Heights, Brooklyn for one year to create a portrait of the place through its people. Zimmerman will paint 175 residents of Crown Heights from June 2015 through May 2016, and will work with local galleries to display the work as it emerges, show the entire collection in 2016, and give the paintings to their subjects for FREE. As a community Arts initiative, the project will be crowd-funded with a Kickstarter campaign launching on April 15th, with a goal of \$48,000 to fund the work for an entire year. To participate and for more information, visit www.rustyzimmerman.com.

# WANT TO KNOW ABOUT CONSTRUCTION IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

The Department of Buildings' web page can tell you precisely what construction is approved for your block.

To find out information on buildings permits and construction projects, visit <a href="https://www.nyc.gov/buildings">www.nyc.gov/buildings</a>, click on "Homeowners and Tenants" on the left hand side of the page, and in the options that come up in the drop down box, select "Construction in Your Community." Next,

click on "Building on My Block" on the new page that opens. Architects and Engineers are submit required to simple, 3-D representations of new buildings and enlargements. These diagrams are available through Building on My Block and allow you depictions to view visual of major construction projects in your neighborhood.

#### DIABETES RISK TEST

American Diabetes Association Alert Day is a one-day "wake-up call" asking the public to take the Diabetes Risk Test to find out if they are at risk for developing Type 2 diabetes. Type 2 diabetes is a condition characterized by high blood glucose levels caused by either a lack of insulin or the body's inability to use insulin efficiently.

Join Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Brooklyn Alumnae Chapter for Brooklyn Community Diabetes Alert Day on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 9 AM to 4 PM at Bedford Stuyvesant Family Health Center located at 1456 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY.

Stop diabetes; know your level and lower your risk. Learn healthy eating tips, enjoy free giveaways, and special guests with music, raffles, and healthy snacks.

For more information, contact DST/BAC at project13@brooklynalumnatedst.org.

#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY BREAKFAST

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams and Al O'Hagan "Home of the Irish" invite you to their annual Brooklyn St. Patrick's Day Breakfast on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 8 AM. The breakfast will be held at Brooklyn Borough Hall located at 209 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn.

For more information or to RSVP, call 718-802-3717.

#### THE BEAT

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Boys Town New York cordially invites you to "The Beat," a tour of boys programs and meet and greet on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 starting at 535 Bergen Street (between Carlton and 6th Avenues), Brooklyn. The end point will be 289 6th Avenue (between 1st and 2nd Streets), Brooklyn. The tour will begin at 6 PM and end at 7:30 PM.

RSVP by calling 212-725-4260 or emailing Diana.richardson@boystown.org.

COLLEGE FAIR

Join Brooklyn Educational Opportunity Center for a College Fair on Monday, March 23, 2015 from 3-6 PM at 111 Livingston Street, Rooms 202/203 (entrance on Boerum Place), Downtown Brooklyn. Find the college that is the right fit for you!

For more information, call 718-802-3338 or 718-802-3386.

PROJECT C.A.R.E.

The Brooklyn Children's Museum in collaboration with the Crown Heights Community Mediation Center, Councilmembers Darlene Mealy, Robert Cornegy, and Laurie Cumbo, along with Senator Jesse Hamilton, cordially invites you to Celebrate Women & Diversity.

The event will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the

Brooklyn Children's Museum located at 145 Brooklyn Avenue (corner of St. Marks Avenue), Brooklyn. For more information or to RSVP, call 718-953-3097. Refreshments will be served.

HOUSING AND MORTGAGE CLINIC SERIES

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Community Board 8, in partnership with Brooklyn Housing & Family Services, is pleased to present One-on-One Housing and Mortgage Clinic Series. The first clinic series will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2015 from 3 to 7 PM at the Community Board 8 District office located at 1291 St. Marks Avenue (between Rochester and Buffalo Avenues), Brooklyn.

Brooklyn Housing & Family Services will provide you with an opportunity to meet with an experienced counselor to discuss tenant housing rights, Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE), and homeownership, amongst other things. No RSVP is necessary. For more information, call Community Board 8 at 718-467-5574.

#### CARE CLINIC

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Early Detection of Breast Cancer saves lives! The Mobile Care Clinic will be coming to Community Board 8 on Thursday, March 26, 2015 from 9 AM to 4:30 PM in front of the Crown Heights Mediation Center located at 256 Kingston Avenue.

The Mobile Care Clinic will provide no cost digital mammograms and clinical breast exams. Women 40 years and older that are current New York City residents that have not had a mammogram in the past 12 months are eligible for exams. No co-pays are required and deductibles are waived.

To schedule an appointment, call 718-773-6886.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

On Monday, March 30, 2015 starting at 5 PM, join Borough President Eric Adams and Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo for an exciting Women's History Month Celebration and Expo of Women-owned Businesses. The Guest Speaker will be Rikki Klieman, Attorney, Legal Analyst, and Best-selling Author.

The event will be held at Brooklyn Borough Hall located at 209 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn. For more information or to RSVP, call 718-802-4042. If you are interested in marketing your business at this event, contact Michelle Crutchfield at 718-802-3973.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP

Neighbor Works America is providing Neighborhood Housing Services of East Flatbush with another opportunity to coordinate a Disaster Preparedness Training entitled "Organizing Neighborhoods for Emergency Response" on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 from 9:00 to 4:00pm at the Kings Plaza Mall Community Center, Brooklyn.

It's been over two years since Super Storm Sandy and most community and resident leaders have taken and/or participated in various resiliency trainings. However, here is another opportunity to have a chance to participate in such an essential training if you have not done so already. This Neighbor Works America Certification course will help

you be prepared and help others during a disaster.

If you have questions, please call (718) 469-4679. **Space is limited,** so please register via www.organizingneighborhoodsmarch31.event brite.com.

PROSPECT HEIGHTS CRAFT FAIR

Vendors and artists are wanted for the Prospect Heights Craft Fair! With spring around the corner, the Prospect Heights Craft Fair, entering its 7th year, is looking for participants.

On Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 11 AM to 6 PM at PS 9 located at 80 Underhill Avenue (between St. Marks Avenue and Bergen Street), join the PS 9 Parent Teachers Organization for a showcase of independent artists and designers from Brooklyn and beyond. Vendors and artists are encouraged to apply online now by visiting http://prospectheightscraftfair.com/apply.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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The Community Connections Fellowship Grant Making Committee is accepting applications for their 2015 grants. This year's \$1,000 grant will be awarded to programs working to bring together culturally diverse communities in New York.

The deadline for applications is April 15, 2015. For the request for proposal (RFP), application, or more information, please contact Esther Tsvaygenbaum at <a href="mailto:tsvayge@jcrcny.org">tsvayge@jcrcny.org</a>, or call 212-983-4800 ext. 133.

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NYC LADDERS FOR LEADERS

The NYC Ladders for Leaders Program, a component Summer of the Youth Employment Program (SYEP), provides professional internships to NYC Youth between the ages of 16 to 21. Applications are evaluated based on academic performance, response to an essay questions, and resume. Once participants have been selected, they are engages in 30-hours of pre-employment training, designed to teach essential workplace readiness skills and business etiquette. The program also offers career guidance and leadership development workshops.

Anyone with prior work experience, whether paid or volunteer, between the ages of 16 and 21 can apply. However, you must be a permanent resident of one of the five boroughs of New York City and legally allowed to work in New York.

The deadline to apply is April 3, 2015. To apply, visit www.nyc.gov/dycd. For more information, call 1-800-246-4646 or email NYCLaddersForLeaders@dycd.nyc.gov.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

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SYEP provides New York City youth with paid summer employment for up to six weeks in July and August. Participants work in a variety of entry-level jobs including parks, summer camps, hospitals, community organizations, small businesses, museums and retail organizations. In addition to work experience, SYEP also provides workshops on job readiness, career exploration, financial literacy and opportunities to continue education and social growth.

SYEP is now accepting applications for 2015. The application deadline is **Friday, April 10,** 

**2015.** All youth aged 14 through 24 who permanently reside within the five boroughs of New York City are eligible and encouraged to apply.

To apply for SYEP, you can complete the application online at <a href="www.nyc.gov/dycd">www.nyc.gov/dycd</a>. For more information, call 1-800-246-4646 or email <a href="youthconnect@dycd.nyc.gov">youthconnect@dycd.nyc.gov</a>.

# YOUTH CONNECTIONS FREE SUMMER WORKSHOP

Be part of Youth Connection's 36th annual intensive summer writing workshop. You will get one-on-one mentoring from a professional editor, write and revise personal stories about your life, go on field trips, and make friends with other writers. You will also participate in writing lessons and group activities exploring what it means to be a modern young man or young woman, as well as other topics. No prior experience is required, but you must be able to attend every day. Thousands of people will read your stories in our magazines and on our websites. Workshop alumni have gone on to attend colleges from Hunter to Harvard.

This is a competitive program—there will be a maximum of 15 students—so start working on your application essays now! If you're 15 - 20 years old and you like the idea of writing stories that will help your peers, YCteen may be the place for you! The workshop runs Monday through Thursday from July 6 to August 13. The hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. You must be able to attend every day. The workshop is free. Applications must be received by May 22, 2015.

For more information or to apply, visit <a href="http://www.ycteenmag.org/write/ycteen.htm">http://www.ycteenmag.org/write/ycteen.htm</a> l.

#### URBAN JOURNALISM WORKSHOP

The Urban Journalism Workshop at New York University is designed to develop the next generation of great journalists. A diverse group of twenty high school juniors and seniors from the New York City metropolitan area (including New Jersey, Connecticut and Westchester) will come together to spend 10 days attending an intensive and rewarding journalism "boot-camp" held at the Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute at New York University.

Students must be at least 16 years of age and live in the New York City metropolitan area to be eligible. Applications for 2015 are being accepted. To apply online, visit <a href="http://applications.nyujournalism.org/urban-journalism-workshop-2015/">http://applications.nyujournalism.org/urban-journalism-workshop-2015/</a>.

The workshop provides:

- Experience life away from home, living in the East Village in one of the NYU dorms.
- Produce stories to be published in the program's website, The Spectrum at http://www.nyuspectrum.com/
- Visit some of New York most prestigious newsrooms, and meet with top journalists.
- Gain valuable insight into the college admissions process from NYU admission counselors.
- Course is July 13 July 22, 2015

The application deadline is May 1, 2015. For more information, visit <a href="http://urbanjournalismworkshop.org">http://urbanjournalismworkshop.org</a>.

# UNITED MILITARY VETERANS OF KINGS COUNTY

Brooklyn Veterans need your help!
Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> marks the 148<sup>th</sup>

Parade has been held in Kings County. United Military Veterans of Kings County is calling all Brooklyn veterans, especially the most recent veterans of wars in Afghanistan and Iraq to march. They are also seeking supporters of our veterans to march with them under their organization's banner. To march as either a veteran or an organization, call Mr. Raymond Aalbue at 347-907-9547 or email raalbue@nyc.rr.com.

#### PLANNING AND PAYING FOR LONG-TERM CARE

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Join CenterLight Healthcare to learn about planning and paying for long-term care, an Interfaith Leadership Breakfast on Friday, March 27, 2015 from 9 to 11 AM at 130 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn.

This event is free and open to the public. Space is limited. For additional information and to RSVP, call Jackie Kennedy-Saddler at 718-636-1000 x437 or Ada Rodriguez at 347-640-6217. Refreshments will be served

LIVING HEALTHY LIVES: TAKING CHARGE FOR YOU AND YOUR GRANDCHILDREN

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The Brooklyn Grandparent's Coalition and the Department of Social Work at LIU Brooklyn are pleased to co-sponsor a free forum for New York City Relative Caregivers.

Living Healthy Lives: Taking Charge For You and Your Grandchildren, is a workshop and resource fair that will be held on Friday, April 24, 2015 from 9:30 AM to 2 PM at LIU Brooklyn located at 1 University Plaza, Arnold and Marie Schwartz Gymnasium, Downtown Brooklyn.

Registration is required by April 17, 2015. To register, call 718-676-4251 or email <a href="mailto:jwatkins@jbfcs.org">jwatkins@jbfcs.org</a>. For more information, email <a href="mailto:community@brooklyn.liu.edu">community@brooklyn.liu.edu</a> or call 718-246-6443. Lunch and metrocards will be provided.

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.

The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 02/23/15 through 03/01/15.

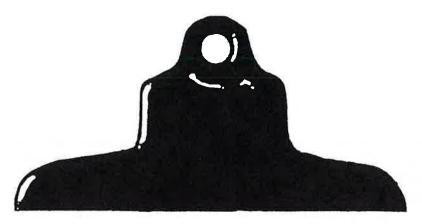
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	Year-to-Date		
	2015	2014	%Chg
Murder	1	1	0
Rape	3	3	0
Robbery	40	71	-43.7
Felony Assault	56	57	-1.8
Burglary	63	30	110
Grand Larceny	67	59	13.6
Gr. Larceny Auto	24	13	84.6

The following is a summary of the year-todate F.D.N.Y Emergency Statistics through February 2015.

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|-------------------------|-----|------|
| Structural Fires        | 32  | 46   |
| Non-Structural          | 61  | 84   |
| <b>Total Fires</b>      | 93  | 130  |
| Suspicious Fires        | 1   | 2    |
| Non-Medical Emergencies | 298 | 611  |
| Medical Emergencies     | 218 | 509  |
| <b>Total Incidents</b>  | 622 | 1283 |



We would like to wish the happiest of birthdays to Ms. Xeerxeema Jordan, Ms. Patricia Scantlebury, Mr. Meredith Staton, and Ms. Sharon Wedderburn.

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We would like to congratulate **Police Officer Tania Salters** of the 77th Precinct Community Affairs Unit, who was recently received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from Congresswoman Yvette Clarke.

We would like to congratulate Ms. Priscilla Maddox, former Chairperson Community Board No. 8 Economic Development Committee, who was honored with the Volunteer Achievement Award by United Hospital Foundation and Renaissance Healthcare Network and Diagnostic Treatment Care.

For the first time in its 75-year history, the Vulcan Society of black firefighters has elected a female president, Ms. Regina Wilson.

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Ms. Wilson's new role is the latest achievement for the pioneering firefighter from Brooklyn who joined the FDNY in 1999. We would like to congratulate Ms. Wilson on her new post and wish her further success within the FDNY.

The next 78<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 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, April 13, 2015 at 7:30 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, April 9, 2015** at 7 PM at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, located at 856 Pacific Street (between Vanderbilt and Underhill Avenues), Brooklyn.

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