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DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

NEW SPEED LIMIT

Please note that as of November 7th, **the new speed limit for city streets is 25 mph** unless otherwise posted. The reduction of speed from 30 mph to 25 is part of Mayor deBlasio's "Vision Zero" Safety Plan to make city streets safer for pedestrians and bikers.



SELECT BUS SERVICE UTICA AVENUE?

Join the NYC Dept. of Transportation and NYC Transit for an **interactive workshop** to discuss ways to **improve bus service on the B46 bus route** that runs along Utica Avenue and to make the corridor safer for all. A community workshop will be held on **Tuesday, November 18, 2014 from 7 to 8:30 PM** at the Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation located at 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn (in the cafeteria).

For more information, contact Krystin hence at brt@dot.nyc.gov or 212-839-6684.



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 October was **91.2 for streets and 89.5 for sidewalks**.



The following is a summary of the year-to-date **CompStat Crime report** covering the week of **10/27/14 through 11/02/14**.

	Year-to-Date		
	2014	2013	%Chg
Murder	6	12	-50
Rape	17	21	-19
Robbery	245	339	-27.7
Felony Assault	324	328	-1.2
Burglary	249	251	-0.8
Grand Larceny	416	463	-10.2
Gr. Larceny Auto	115	93	23.7

The overall change year to date is **-8.96%**.



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

	Month	YTD
Structural Fires	37	325
Non-Structural	12	192
Total Fires	49	517
Suspicious Fires	2	25
Non-Medical Emergencies	244	2447
Medical Emergencies	258	2542
Total Incidents	571	5677



NY STATE OF HEALTH

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is serving as a Navigator for NY State of Health. The Navigator program is an organized marketplace with one-stop shopping for subsidized and unsubsidized medical coverage under the Affordable Care Act. Individual open enrollment reopens from November 15th thru February 15th.

The Brooklyn Chamber Navigator Hotline can be accessed via email at nystateofhealth@brooklynchamber.com or by calling 718-875-9300.



***NYS ATTORNEY GENERAL
EXEMPTION FOR PARTIAL
BUILDING SALES IN RESIDENTIAL
BUILDINGS***

Under Department of Law (DOL) regulations, a property owner does not generally have the option to offer for sale only market-rate rental units in an occupied building while continuing to own and operate the affordable units as income-restricted rentals (a “partial sales program”). This forecloses a potential means of preserving affording housing, and potentially expanding its quantity.

The new exemption would give property owners the right to sell some units while keeping an affordable stock in place rather than losing an entire building to sales. Exemptions will be granted to allow a partial sales program if and only if the applicant has obtained support for the exemption from the relevant housing finance agency (such as HPD, HDC, or HFA) because the conversion will preserve existing affordable housing following the expiration of existing requirements for these agencies.

Additional information can be obtained via the official memorandum via the following link:

[http://www.ag.ny.gov/sites/default/files/pdfs/bureaus/real estate finance/Effective-memos/10.10.2014%20Exemption%20for%20Partial%20Building%20Sales%20Memo%20Final.pdf](http://www.ag.ny.gov/sites/default/files/pdfs/bureaus/real%20estate%20finance/Effective-memos/10.10.2014%20Exemption%20for%20Partial%20Building%20Sales%20Memo%20Final.pdf)



***FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S
RECREATION CENTER***

On Sunday, October 3, 2014, in co-operation with partnerships for Parks and Partnerships Academy, The Friends of St. John’s Recreation Center (FSJRC) painted the bleachers in the indoor pool area as an “It’s My Park Day” project. FSJRC has more plans to advocate for the center in the spring and is seeking more volunteers to join the committee. All age groups in the community can join and contribute to the maintenance and beautification of the facility.

The Friends of St. John’s Recreation Center meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 PM at the St. John’s Recreation Center located at 1251 Prospect Place (between Troy and Schenectady Avenues), Brooklyn. Interested persons are invited to attend. Email thefriendsofstjohns@gmail.com for more information.



***AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS NEED
YOUR HELP!***

According to a new household survey commissioned by the Afterschool Alliance, New York has not kept pace with national progress on important measures of afterschool participation. Demand for afterschool programs still far exceeds supply, and the number of children in New York, especially New York City, who would participate if an afterschool program were available, surpasses the number of children who are actually currently enrolled in a program.

We need your help! Let your local elected officials know that you want to see an increase in afterschool programs in your community. Too many children have no supervision and educational reinforcements due to the lack of adequate afterschool program slots. Please let them know that an increase in funding to fund afterschool programming is needed.

For a list of your local elected officials, please call Community Board No. 8 at 718-467-5574 or visit our website at www.brooklyn8.org.

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### ***SENIOR HOMEOWNERS FORUM***

Assemblywoman **Annette Robinson** cordially invites all senior homeowners to a forum on **Tuesday, November 18, 2014 from 1 to 3 PM** at Bridge Street AWME Church located at 277 Stuyvesant Avenue, Brooklyn. The forum is designed to educate seniors on how to avoid foreclosure and protecting their assets.

For more information or to RSVP, call 718-399-7630.

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REDUCED-FARE METROCARD SERVICES

On **Wednesday, November 19, 2014 from Noon to 3 PM**, **Reduced-Fare Metrocard services will be available** at Boro Hall located at 209 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn. An MTA NYC Transit representative will be present to assist with the following services:

- Initiate the application process for the Reduced-Fare Metrocard
- Seniors 65+ and people with qualifying disabilities can receive a temporary reduced-fare card the same day

Seniors must bring proof of age. People with qualifying disabilities that receive Medicare must bring a copy of Medicare Card and a Government-issued photo ID. Those with qualifying disabilities that are not Medicare recipients must obtain a Reduced-Fare Disability application to be completed by a certified physician and bring a Government-issued photo ID. SSI recipients, due to serious mental illness must provide their social security number for verification and bring a Government-issued photo ID.

To RSVP, call 718-802-3777. Walk-ins are on a "first come, first served" basis.

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### ***GETTING AHEAD PROGRAM***

Take control of your money, credit, bills, and debts! Take back your financial life! **Join Neighborhood Housing Services' 5-week program** running every Tuesday from November 18<sup>th</sup> to December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM. The five sessions are setting financial goals; developing a budget; reducing your debt; getting your credit report; and saving for your future. All classes will be held at 2806 Church Avenue (between Nostrand and Rogers Avenues), Brooklyn.

For more information and to register, email [infoef\\_01@nhsnyc.org](mailto:infoef_01@nhsnyc.org) or call 718-469-4679. Space is limited.

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FREE CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES

Free Civil Legal Services are coming to your neighborhood! The Mobile Legal Help Center is a partnership between Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo, the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) and the New York State Courts' Access to Justice Program that provides free civil legal services to New Yorkers in need. Private meeting

rooms and technology inside the vehicle enable it to function as a full-service office.

The vehicle will be stationed in Crown Heights on Friday, November 21, 2014 from 10 AM to 3 PM at 1700 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn. Help topics include housing issues for tenants, public benefits, disability benefits, healthcare benefits, identity theft, debt management, immigration, domestic violence, divorce, custody battles, employment, and others. **Everyone is eligible to receive free legal services, regardless of immigration status.**

To make an appointment, please visit <http://nylag.org/MLHCappointments>. For more information on the legal mobile unit, please contact Councilwoman Laurie Cumbo's office at 718-260-9191, ext. 2.

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### ***LET'S TALK EAST BROOKLYN***

On **Friday, November 21, 2014 from 6 to 9 PM**, Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams will host **"Let's Talk East Brooklyn" Conference and Resource Fair** at Brooklyn Borough Hall located at 209 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn.

The conference will focus on upcoming initiatives heading to East Brooklyn Communities; housing corridors, economic development, career and technical education, bike lanes, recreational parks, and much more, and the ways in which community residents can successfully participate in the process.

The event is designed to inform East Brooklyn communities about changes that are coming; connect community residents with organizations that can enhance their quality of life; assist community based organizations to strengthen their outreach and productivity; and create a network as "One Brooklyn." For more information or to RSVP, call 718-802-4488.

### ***COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING OUTREACH***

Calvary Community Church is pleased to present its annual **Community Thanksgiving Outreach on Saturday, November 22, 2014 from Noon to 3 PM**. The event, featuring "old fashioned turkey dinners with all the trimmings," will be held at Calvary located at 1575 St. John's Place (corner of Buffalo Avenue), Brooklyn.

Groups of 4 or more must RSVP to 718-467-4108 or via fax at 718-221-4405.

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PRE-THANKSGIVING DINNER AND CELEBRATION

The **Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation (CNR), Bed Stuy Senior Task Force, and CenterLight Healthcare** cordially invite you to attend a **Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner and Celebration on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 from 2 to 4 PM** at CNR located at 727 Classon Avenue. Among those to be honored is District Manager, Ms. Michelle George; Ms. Sheila Davis, President of Church Women United in Brooklyn; Ms. Joyce Bolden, Senior President of the St. John's Recreation Center; and Ms. Linda Ferro, Member of Bed-Stuy Senior Task Force.

Admission is free but space is limited. Orange and gold attire is requested. Dinner will be served and there will be dancing, giveaways, and much more. To RSVP, please call Jackie Kennedy-Saddler at 718-636-1000, ext 437.

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### ***COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER***

The **Brooklyn Anti-Violence Coalition** is pleased to announce its **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner**. Enjoy food, folks, and fun at the free dinner

celebration to be held on **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27, 2014 from Noon to 4 PM** at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church located at 1227 Pacific Street, Brooklyn.

For more information, call 718-467-8750 or email [bavcinc@aol.com](mailto:bavcinc@aol.com).

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YELLOW TAXI DRIVER JOB FAIR

Get on the road to a new career by becoming a yellow taxi driver in New York City! Meet with fleet owners, agents, industry groups, and financing organizations. Apply for your TLC license (fee of \$185) at the fair to get started.

The Fair will be held on **Thursday, December 4, 2014 from 10 AM to 4 PM** (last entry at 3 PM) at Brooklyn Bridge Marriott located at 333 Adams Street, Downtown Brooklyn. To sign up and attend, visit <http://tlcdriverfair.eventbrite.com>.

Please bring your driver's license and social security card or working papers. Must be at least 19 years old (24 preferred) to participate and cannot have a recent criminal history. You must also be able to pass a drug test. For frequently asked questions, please visit www.nyc.gov/tlc.

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### ***PEARL HARBOR DAY MEMORIAL***

**Councilwoman Darlene Mealy** cordially invites you to attend the **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pearl Harbor Day Memorial**. The tribute to honor all Veterans, "From Pearl Harbor to 911 & Beyond: Saluting our American Military," will be held on **Tuesday, December 9, 2014 from 1 to 3 PM** at Christopher Blenman Neighborhood Center located at 720 East New York Avenue, Brooklyn.

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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

NYPD 911 Operators

Police Communications Technicians (911 Operators/Radio Dispatchers) are assigned to the Department's Communications Section as 911 emergency call takers.

As an NYPD 911 Operator, you will serve as a radio dispatcher of police resources and perform all other clerical and administrative duties related to the provision of emergency service. Police Communications Technicians are required to work shifts, including evenings or night tours and/or Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. There is per-shift pay as well as night shift pay differential.

To be considered you **MUST** have the following qualifications:

1. Four year high school diploma or its educational equivalent. One year full time paid experience performing clerical duties; or public contact work requiring obtaining information; or 30 college credits or two years active military duty with honorable discharge.
2. New York City residency (5 boroughs) within 90 days of appointment.

This position is subject to the following investigations before appointment:

Medical & Psychological: You will be examined to determine whether you can perform the position's essential functions.

Drug Screening: You must pass a drug screening in order to be appointed.

Language Requirement: You must be able to understand and be understood in English.



At the time of investigation, you will be required to pay a \$75.00 fee for fingerprint screening.

Starting Salary: \$34,678 and can increase to \$46,953

The **Civil Service Exam** for this position is **being held through December 31, 2014**. For locations, days, and times of the exam (#5330), please visit www.nypd911operator.com or <http://www.indeed.com/m/viewjob?jk=7a7b4ec07276a8e9>.

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We would like to wish the happiest of birthdays to Ms. Glinda Andrews, Ms. Julia Boyd, Ms. Gail Branch-Muhammad, Mr. Adem Bunkeddeko, Ms. Julia Neale, Ms. Audrey Taitt-Hall, and Mr. Gregory Todd.

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We send our heartfelt condolences to the family of Gus Vlahavas, the longtime owner of the neighborhood icon, Tom's Restaurant, on Washington Avenue, who recently passed away. Remembrances of Gus can be posted to Facebook by going to facebook.com/GusVlahavasRemembered.

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The next **77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Monday, December**

**8, 2014** at 7 PM at a location to be determined at a later date. Call community Affairs at 718-735-0634 to confirm the location.

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The next **78th Precinct Community Council** meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 25** at 7 PM at the 78th Precinct located at 65 6th Avenue.

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The next meeting of **Community Board No. 8** will be held on **Thursday, December 11, 2014** at 7 PM at Concern for Independent Living located at 151 Rochester Avenue (corner of St. Marks Avenue), Brooklyn.

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