

# ACROSS THE BOARD

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## *A Message from the District Manager*

### **CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

The **Health and Human Services Committee** of Community Board 8 needs your HELP!

They are sponsoring a Canned Food Drive to help feed families this Thanksgiving and Christmas. Items can be dropped off at the next Community Board meeting on November 10, 2016 at PS 9, 80 Underhill Avenue between 6-9 p.m. or at the Community Board office located at 1291 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. between 10-4p.m.

All non-perishable items are accepted. For more information, please call Community Board 8 at 718-467-5620.

### **FRIENDS OF THE BERMS NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP**

Tired of the litter in the grass, the plastic bags in the bushes around Grand Army Plaza? Join Friends of the Berms for their monthly green-up day on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at

Plaza Street and Vanderbilt Avenue at 10 AM.

Adults and supervised children are welcome. Gloves and tools will be provided. For more information, call (718) 623-6768 or email [wr.nyc@hotmail.com](mailto:wr.nyc@hotmail.com).

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### **AFFORDABLE APARTMENTS FOR RENT**

BAM South Apartments located at 20 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, has 76 newly constructed units in the Fort Greene section of Brooklyn Available for rent.

23 studio apartments are available at \$889; 35 one-bedroom apartments are available at \$949; and 18 two-bedroom apartments are available at \$1,087. Cooking gas is included in the rent and eligibility is based on strict income and household size guidelines.

Applications must be requested by postcard only from: BAM South Apts., 245 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Box 427, New York, NY 10016 or downloaded from [www.phippsny.org/housing-](http://www.phippsny.org/housing-)

[application/](#). Completed applications must be returned by regular mail only and postmarked by December 12, 2016.



**RECYCLE YOUR FALL LEAVES**

NYC Department of Sanitation Announces Autumn Leaf Collection.

Please set leaves out for collection at the curb after 4pm the night before your collection dates.

**Bk Set-out Dates      Bk Collection Dates**

|                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Saturday, Nov. 12 | Sunday, Nov. 13 |
| Saturday, Nov. 26 | Sunday, Nov. 27 |

DOS is offering FREE Leaf Bags at the following locations:

**November 10<sup>TH</sup> - 8am-2pm**  
Brooklyn Borough Hall  
Greenmarket  
Court St & Montague St, 11201

**November 12<sup>TH</sup> - 8am-2pm**  
Brooklyn Borough Hall  
Greenmarket  
Court St & Montague St, 11201

**November 12<sup>th</sup> - 8am-3pm**  
Fort Greene Greenmarket  
Washington Park at DeKalb Ave,  
11201

**November 12<sup>th</sup> - 8am-1pm**  
Sunset Park Greenmarket  
4th Ave at 59 St, 11220

**November 13<sup>th</sup> - 8am-1pm**  
Cortelyou Greenmarket  
Cortelyou Rd at Rugby Rd, 11226

**November 17<sup>th</sup> - 8am-1pm**  
Boro Park Greenmarket  
14 Ave btwn 49th & 50th Sts, 11219

**November 17<sup>th</sup> - 8am-2pm**  
Brooklyn Borough Hall  
Greenmarket  
Court St & Montague St, 11201

**November 19<sup>th</sup> - 10am-1pm**  
Leaf Crunch 2016  
Brower Park, Park Place at Kingston  
Avenue, 11213

**November 19<sup>th</sup> - 8am-2pm**  
Brooklyn Borough Hall  
Greenmarket  
Court St & Montague St, 11201

**November 19<sup>th</sup> - 8am-3pm**  
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For more information, please visit [www.nyc.gov/yardwaste](http://www.nyc.gov/yardwaste).



**KNOW YOUR STATUS**

FREE HIV and HEP C testing day on **Saturday, November 12, 2016** from 11-2 p.m. at Friendship Baptist

Church, 92 Herkimer Street between Bedford and Nostrand Avenues.

This event is sponsored by National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. and Councilmember Robert Cornegy. For more information, please call Councilman Cornegy's office at 718-919-0740.

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***NEW YORK STATE CITIZEN  
PREPAREDNESS***

After Super Storm Sandy, Governor Andrew Cuomo's Citizen Preparedness Corps was created to give residents the knowledge and tools to prepare for emergencies and disasters, respond accordingly, and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions.

New York National Guard troops, working with experts from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) and local emergency management personnel, are holding classes across the state.

The program was designed by DHSES and covers a broad range of emergency preparedness topics, like developing a family emergency plan, stocking up on emergency supplies, and registering for NY-Alert, the free statewide emergency alert system. Participants will receive a training certificate and a wallet-sized "Z-Card" with emergency preparedness information.

In order to schedule an event for your organization, please contact, Luz Garcia Second Lieutenant, New York Division of Military and Naval Affairs J3-Domestic Operations Citizen Preparedness Corps Instructor - (518) 281-1008.

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***FORGIVING FINES: THE NEW YORK  
CITY AMNESTY PROGRAM***

New York City is **reducing penalties and interest** for many violations issued by the Dept. of Sanitation, Dept. of Building, and other City agencies from now through December 12, 2016. To take advantage of this opportunity to reduce the amount you owe the city, visit [www.nyc.gov/forgivingfines](http://www.nyc.gov/forgivingfines).

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***BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN  
APPRENTICE PROGRAM***

Learn about a teen internship at Brooklyn Botanic Garden called the Garden Apprentice Program (GAP). Apprentices learn about careers in public gardens, science, the environment, and education through hands-on work placements in the Garden. Apprentices are eligible for community service credit and earn a monetary award upon successful completion of the program.

Garden apprentices work with children, behind-the-scenes with staff, or with Garden visitors; learn about

botany and environmentalism; grow, harvest, and cook their own fruits and vegetables; explore Brooklyn Botanic Garden's amazing plant collections and greenhouses; and develop job skills, including teamwork, communication, and responsibility.

The GAP 2017 application can be found at [www.bbg.org/gap](http://www.bbg.org/gap) and are due on Wednesday, November 30, 2016. For more information or to request a printable application, please contact BBG at 718-623-7252 or email [gap@bbg.org](mailto:gap@bbg.org).

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**NYC AGENCY FORUM FOR HOUSES OF WORSHIP**

**"Navigating Your Local Governmental Agencies"** is a forum that will help faith institutions navigate City agencies and assist clergy with gaining insight and knowledge on how the different City agencies work.

Topics to be covered include: Building Codes and Violations; Certificate of Occupancy; Clergy Parking Permits; and Environmental Land Clean Up Process. Agencies represented will be the Dept. of Buildings, Dept. of Environmental Protection, Dept. of Finance, Dept. of Transportation, Environmental Control Board, and the FDNY.

The forum will be held on **Thursday, November 17, 2016** from 6-8 PM at Brooklyn Borough Hall, Community

Room, 209 Joralemon Street, Downtown Brooklyn. RSVP by calling 718-802-4875 or emailing [gmonrose@brooklynbp.nyc.gov](mailto:gmonrose@brooklynbp.nyc.gov).

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**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING OUTREACH**

**Calvary Community Church** is pleased to present their Annual Community Thanksgiving Outreach on **Saturday, November 19, 2016 from Noon to 3 PM**. Come out for old fashioned turkey dinners with all the trimmings! The community outreach dinner will be held at Calvary Church located at 1575 St. John's Place (corner of Buffalo Avenue).

Groups of 4 or more, please RSVP to 718-467-4108 or fax your response to 718-221-4405.

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**CITY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (WITH EXAM NUMBERS)**

- Administrative Community Relations Specialist, Exam #7011
- Administrative Engineer, #7012
- Elevator Mechanic, Exam #7013
- Elevator Inspector, Exam #7015

**For the above jobs, the filing period is through November 22, 2016, except for Administrative Engineer, which is thru November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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

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**OPENINGS AVAILABLE STATEWIDE  
FOR TAX TECHNICIAN TRAINEES**

The State of New York has scheduled an exam for Tax Technician Trainee 1, a two-year training program leading to the position of Tax Technician 1. The application deadline is November 23, 2016 and the application fee is \$25. A background check is required. For more information or to apply, go to [www.goo.gl/WyFdyp](http://www.goo.gl/WyFdyp) and click on "Apply Now." A guide to the test is available at [www.goo.gl/ZzWSD](http://www.goo.gl/ZzWSD).

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

|                         | Month | YTD  |
|-------------------------|-------|------|
| Structural Fires        | 29    | 315  |
| Non-Structural          | 14    | 193  |
| Total Fires             | 43    | 508  |
| Suspicious Fires        | 2     | 24   |
| Non-Medical Emergencies | 315   | 2635 |
| Medical Emergencies     | 301   | 2917 |
| Total Incidents         | 673   | 6242 |

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We thank the individuals that are doing their part in keeping the District clean. Because of your efforts, the scorecard rating for the month of October was **91.1 for streets** and

**93.6 for sidewalks.** Your efforts are making the community cleaner and a better place to live.

As such, 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.

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The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 10/31/16 through 11/06/16.

|                | Year-to-Date |      |       |
|----------------|--------------|------|-------|
|                | 2016         | 2015 | %Chg  |
| Murder         | 9            | 11   | -18.2 |
| Rape           | 19           | 18   | 5.6   |
| Robbery        | 219          | 240  | -8.8  |
| Felony Assault | 328          | 312  | 5.1   |
| Burglary       | 161          | 225  | -28.4 |
| Grand Larceny  | 396          | 408  | -2.9  |
| GL Auto        | 72           | 86   | -16.3 |

The overall change year-to-date is - 7.4%.

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



**Monday, November 14, 2016** at 7 PM  
at Greater Mount Pleasant Baptist  
Church located at 887 St. Marks  
Avenue, Brooklyn.

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The next **78<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community  
Council** meeting will be held on  
**Tuesday, November 29, 2016** at 7  
PM at the 78<sup>th</sup> Precinct located at 65  
6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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The next meeting of **Community  
Board No. 8** will be held on  
**Thursday, December 8, 2016** at 7  
PM at Weeksville Heritage Center, 158  
Buffalo Avenue (between St. Marks  
Avenue and Bergen Street).

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

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We send our heartfelt condolences to  
Ms. Glinda Andrews, Chair of the CB 8  
Parks Committee, who recently lost  
her father, Mr. Henry Clay Haynes.

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