

ACROSS THE BOARD

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A Message from the District Manager

Great news!

The scorecard rating measuring street and sidewalk cleanliness for **Fiscal Year 2016** was **90.3, 7 total points higher than in Fiscal Year 2015!** We went from the 3rd dirtiest district citywide to the 26th cleanest district in the city. Additionally, our July rating was the highest it has been since 2003 and the **August rating, which was 95.5 for sidewalks and 98.3 for streets**, was the highest it has been since 2012. One more year of these numbers and we will be eligible for a reduction in alternate side parking!

That being said, we urge everyone to adhere to **the Dept. of Sanitation's enforcement routing times of 8 AM to 9 AM and 6 PM to 7 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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### ***CB8 M-CROWN INITIATIVE UPDATE***

**M-CROWN** is an initiative of Community Board 8 to stimulate economic development and create affordable housing in a six-block area of western Crown Heights bordered by Grand Avenue, Atlantic Avenue, Franklin Avenue and Bergen Street that is marked by large vacant lots and many empty buildings.

The area's current zoning inhibits development by allowing no more than a floor/area ratio (FAR) of 1.0, meaning that new construction on an empty lot cannot exceed the floor area of a one-story building. CB8 has proposed a new type of zoning for the area that would allow additional floor area for commercial and manufacturing uses, with an additional bonus for residential use after 1.5 FAR of manufacturing use has been provided. 20% of such residential FAR must be set aside for affordable housing targeted for tenants earning the median income for Brooklyn Community District 8 or less.

During the course of last year, CB8 completed an inventory of existing manufacturing businesses in the M-CROWN zone to better understand the potential impacts of rezoning. This study led to the adoption by the Board in May 2016 of several enhancements to the M-CROWN proposal intended to incentivize the retention of current manufacturing uses, and to attract new light manufacturing uses to the rezoned area.

In June of 2016, the New York City Department of City Planning began a formal review of CB8's proposed mixed-use zoning tool. Its recommendations are expected in spring 2017.

**The next meeting of CB's M-CROWN Subcommittee** will take place on **Monday, September 26 at 6:30PM**, and will be held at CNR-Center Light Health Care Center, 727 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. All community stakeholders are encouraged to attend.

### ***GOOD NEWS!***

HUD announced last week **that private owners of multifamily properties with Section 8 contracts are now allowed to offer the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program** to households living in their properties. FSS incentives were previously restricted to Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher participants. The program is designed to help participating households increase their earned income while reducing their dependence on public assistance programs.



### ***GOOD NEWS ABOUT LINK!***

The Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications (DoITT) awarded the public communications structure (PCS) franchise to CityBridge, which has begun installing the structures called Links throughout the City. The Link structures will provide unprecedented services to New Yorkers, including free high speed Wi-Fi and free domestic phone calls. These structures will replace the public pay telephones (PPTs) that have occupied the City's sidewalks.

LINK locations in District 8 are as follows:

- 636 Carlton Avenue
- 347 Flatbush Avenue
- 369 Flatbush Avenue
- 437 Park Place
- 795 Washington Avenue
- 840 Washington Avenue



### ***WHAT MAKES BROOKLYN WORTH VISITING?***

NYC & Company is asking New Yorkers what makes their neighborhood or borough

worth exploring, and we'd love your help in letting Brooklyn know.

The latest iteration of the "See Your City" campaign features the best of locals' Instagram pics on [www.NYCgo.com](http://www.NYCgo.com), the official visitor guide of NYC visited by millions of people every year.

How to participate:

1. Take a picture of what makes your neighborhood or borough special.
2. Post your picture on Instagram. **Make sure to use the tag #seeyourcity**
3. Include any other info you'd like viewers to see (neighborhood, borough, street, etc.)

The best photos will be featured on NYCgo.com, along with a map that shows visitors how to see it for themselves.



### ***FREE CLASSES FOR ADULTS***

It's never too late to go back to school! The NYC Dept. of Education Office of Adult Continuing Education offers classes in Adult Basic Education, High School Equivalency Preparation, and English for Speakers of Other Languages. Any New York City resident 21 years and older without a US High School Equivalency or diploma may register for classes.

Day and night classes are available at various locations throughout the boro of Brooklyn for classes that begin September 13, 2016. Enrollment is ongoing.

Classes offered in Crown Heights take place at MS 61 located at 400 Empire Blvd, Brooklyn and at PS 167 located at 1025

Eastern Pkwy, Brooklyn. For more information, call 718-221-6703.

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AARP FINANCES 50+

AARP Finances 50+ is a financial capability program designed to motivate and empower participants to take charge of their financial future. The workshop consists of budgeting and goal setting; taking charge of credit and debt; and protecting your assets.

The workshop will be held on **Friday, September 19, 2016 and Friday, September 23, 2016 from 10 AM to 5 PM.** You must call Wanda Ortega at 212-346-8444 to reserve seating. All workshops will be located at BMCC, 25 Broadway, 8th Floor, Rom 8149, Manhattan. You must bring identification to show at the front security desk.

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### ***HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH***

NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer cordially invites you to celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month on Tuesday, September 20, 2016** from 6-8 PM at Surrogate's Courthouse located at 31 Chambers Street, Manhattan.

To RSVP, please email [eventsRSVP@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:eventsRSVP@comptroller.nyc.gov) or call 212-669-4466. If you need language translation services or other special accommodations, please call 212-669-4315.

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PORTRAIT PARADE AND EXHIBITION

As many of you know, artist Rusty Zimmerman embarked on a year-long portrait program, painting portraits of Crown Heights residents. His completed portraits will be on display during a parade and exhibition, The

Free Portrait Project: Crown Heights. The parade and exhibition will take place **Sunday, September 25, 2016** at the Brooklyn Children's Museum located at 145 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn from 5-7 PM.

Join Crown Heights and all those who were painted in a parade with marching bands down Eastern Parkway to the grand exhibition at the Children's Museum to see all 200 portraits of Crown Heights with their stories attached.

The opening exhibition is free to attend and open to the public. For more information, visit www.wearecrownheights.org.

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### ***STRONG FAMILIES STUDIO PRESENTS A NEW SERIES OF FREE WORKSHOPS***

The Human Resources Administration's Office of Child Support Enforcement's Strong Families Studio presents A New Series of Free Workshops. Information from experts on topics that matter to you and your community will be dispensed. All workshops are free and open to the public and take place from 5:30 PM to 7 PM every first Tuesday of the month at the Office of Child Support Enforcement Customer Service Walk-In Center located at 151 West Broadway, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor (between Thomas and Worth Streets), Manhattan.

The Fall 2016 Schedule is as follows:

**October 4:** Child Support: What to Expect in Court

**November 1:** Child Support Basics for Moms and Dads

**December 6:** Child Support Debt: How to Get Rid of It and Avoid It in the First Place

Light refreshments will be served. RSVPs appreciated but not required. Email questions or RSVPs to [ocsevents@dfa.state.ny.us](mailto:ocsevents@dfa.state.ny.us).

## ***COMMUNITY SERVICE SOCIETY***

The Advocacy Counseling and Entitlement Services (ACES) Project of the Community Service Society is recruiting retired individuals, age 55 or older, to serve as volunteer public benefit counselors. ACES Volunteers assist clients with completing public benefit applications and resolving benefit related problems.

Do you know any retired professionals who would be interested in volunteering? The program needs volunteers who are dedicated to helping financially disadvantaged people. **Training begins on October 4, 2016** at 633 Third Avenue, Manhattan. A personal interview, successful completion of the training, and a commitment of 6 hours per week for one year of volunteer service is required.

Please contact Rebecca Haase at 212-614-5482 or via email at [rhaase@cssny.org](mailto:rhaase@cssny.org) if you have any questions, require additional information, or if you would like to volunteer.

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KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS

1 in 5 New Yorkers experience a mental health condition in a given year. Two-thirds of people with a diagnosable mental illness never seek professional help. Many do not know where to go, don't realize their condition is treatable or fear discrimination. WorkWell NYC wants to make sure you know the facts, and provide resources to those living with and supporting individuals with mental illness.

Here is what you can do to end the stigma and advocate for those living with mental illness:

SEEK HELP IF YOU NEED IT. If you are seeking help for yourself, a child, or a

close friend, there are several resources available.

EDUCATE YOURSELF. It's important to know the common warning signs of mental health concerns. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is offering free Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training that teaches the skills needed to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges or crises. Visit <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/mental-health-first-aid.page> to learn more or sign up for a training.

GET INVOLVED. Together, we can take a stand and end the stigma around mental illness. Be a part of the movement to create a city where those with mental health concerns can ask for help and receive the services they need to live healthy, active lives.

Help and information is available. **The Employee Assistance Program** is available to employees and their family members seeking support for stress, anxiety, depression, alcohol and drug abuse, family difficulties, and mental health conditions at no cost. The services are free and confidential.

1-800 LifeNet is a free confidential hotline available to all New Yorkers seeking support for depression, anxiety, drug or alcohol use.

Starting July 1st, all employees with city health insurance will be able to receive depression and alcohol misuse screenings with no co-pay when seeing in-network providers. More information is available here: <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/olr/health/active/health-active-responsibilities.page>.

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## ***HAVE A COMPLAINT ABOUT YOUR LOCAL POST OFFICE?***

Community Board 8 is partnering with the Postmaster General to bring issues with local



post offices to light. **If you have a complaint about your local post office**—untimely mail delivery, lost or undelivered packages, long lines, discourteous staff, etc.—please complete the complaint form found on the CB 8 website, [www.brooklyn8.org](http://www.brooklyn8.org), under the Downloads tab and in General Documents. Please mail, fax, or email all forms to us so that they may be submitted to the proper authority.

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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 2017 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are now available for the Defense Intelligence Agency's 2017 Summer Internship Program. This program provides current college students and recent graduates the opportunity to gain practical work experience through research, report writing, briefing development and delivery, policy writing, and intelligence analysis. Interns will gain valuable on-the-job experience while providing support to DIA's mission. Interns are also exposed to the broader Intelligence Community through field trips, information sessions, and panel discussions. Interns will be appointed for a 10-12 week period from June through August 2017.

DIA provides military intelligence to warfighters, defense policymakers and force planners in the Department of Defense and the Intelligence Community in support of U.S. military planning, operations and acquisition. We plan, manage, and execute intelligence operations during peacetime, crisis, and war.

The Summer Internship Program is open to incoming college seniors who will graduate no later than December 2017, law school students who will have completed two semesters of coursework, post graduate students who are enrolled in the last year of

their degree program, and recent graduates who have completed a qualifying Bachelors or Master's degree from an accredited U.S. institution within the last two years. Applicants must possess a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale at the time of application and at the time of employment. All applicants must be a U.S. citizen at the time of application and are subject to a thorough background inquiry. All interns must be granted a security clearance and successfully pass a drug screening test prior to being made a final offer.

To apply for the program, see the vacancy announcements at <https://www.diajobs.dia.mil>, or go the DIA webpage (www.dia.mil) and select "Search Vacancies" under the DIA Careers.

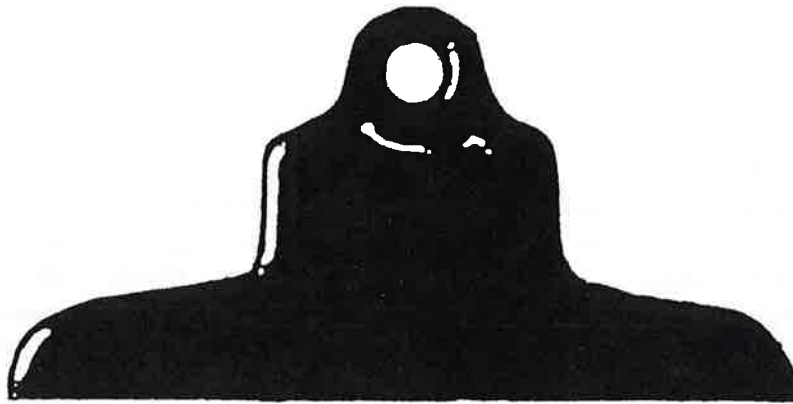
The majority of summer intern positions will be in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area, though limited opportunities are available at other locations. Due to the large number of applications received in response to internship opportunities, **this vacancy announcement will be closed** when a limited (depending on career field) number of applications are received, but **no later than September 23, 2016**. Complete applications must include an unofficial transcript and veterans are required to attach their DD 214.

For more information or if you have questions, please email NEDIAC_TAPStudents_Interns@dodis.mil.

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### **City Employment Opportunities (with Exam Numbers)**

- Child Protective Specialist, Exam #7300
- Traffic Enforcement Agent, Exam #7305
- School Safety Agent, Exam #7304
- Special Officer, Exam #7316



- Environmental Police Officer, Exam #7301

**For the above jobs, the testing period is through 9/30/16.**

- Software Computer Associate, Exam #7002
- Technical Support Computer Associate, Exam #7003
- Computer Program Analyst, Exam #7004
- Software Computer Specialist, Exam #7005
- Deputy City Sheriff, Exam #7006
- Emergency Medical Specialists—EMT (Fire), Exam #7031

**For the above jobs, the application period runs through 9/27/16.**



The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 08/29/16 through 09/04/16.

|                  | Year-to-Date |      |       |
|------------------|--------------|------|-------|
|                  | 2016         | 2015 | %Chg  |
| Murder           | 8            | 7    | 14.3  |
| Rape             | 17           | 15   | 13.3  |
| Robbery          | 168          | 183  | -8.2  |
| Felony Assault   | 275          | 248  | 10.9  |
| Burglary         | 130          | 170  | -23.5 |
| Grand Larceny    | 313          | 316  | -0.9  |
| Gr. Larceny Auto | 58           | 68   | -14.7 |

The overall change year-to-date is -3.5%.

We wish the happiest of birthdays to Ms. Mary Aikens-Reed, Mr. Desmond Atkins, Ms. Helen Coley, Mr. Robert Matthews, and Ms. Sheryl Vassell.



The next 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on **Monday, September 12, 2016** at 7:30 PM at Union United Methodist Church located at 121 New York Avenue (corner of Bergen Street), Brooklyn.




The next 78<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 27, 2016** at 7:30 PM at the 78<sup>th</sup> Precinct located at 65 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brooklyn.



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