

ACROSS THE BOARD

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District Manager's Report

Municipal Services Update

The following is a summary of the year-to-date CompStat Crime report covering the week of 10/03/2022 through 10/09/2022.

	Year-to-Date		
	2022	2021	%Chg
Murder	9	11	-18.2
Rape	20	20	0
Robbery	164	109	50.5
Felony Assault	280	254	10.2
Burglary	142	106	34
Grand Larceny	328	214	53.3
GL Auto	110	75	46.7

The overall change year-to-date is **33.46**.

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The Department of Sanitation cleanliness rating of our streets, known as the "scorecard" rating, was 80.98% for clean streets and 97.06% for sidewalks for the month of September.

We urge everyone to adhere to the Department of Sanitation's residential enforcement routing times of 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Please clean in front of your properties and 18 inches into the gutter area of the street. All sweepings must be bagged and disposed of properly. Thank you for your assistance in helping to keep the District clean.

## **HELP KEEP YOUR STREETS CLEAN BY NOT MISUSING LITTER BASKETS**

Sanitation litter baskets are for pedestrian garbage only, not your household garbage or any other rubbish that requires special removal. Every time a litter basket is used for an alternative purpose, it eliminates a receptacle for people walking to discard their trash. Guess where this trash goes? Yes, on the street, in front of your home (which can lead to you getting ticketed), in the storm drain, and ultimately to our local beach waters.

Each of us has a part to do to keep our city and our beaches clean. One is to properly dispose of your garbage. Another is to report improper disposal of commercial trash to the authorities. If you know of a business that prefers to dump their waste in a corner litter basket rather than pay for a private carting company as it is supposed to, report it to 311 and your local community board. Teach your children the importance of not littering. Lead by example.

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The Department of Sanitation also wants to remind you that Batteries cause fires in recycling facilities.

Do not place any batteries or items that contain batteries in the trash or recycling – it is illegal! Batteries must be removed and disposed of properly. To find a drop off location visit call2recycle.org or bring to a SAFE Disposal Event visit nyc.gov/DOS for more information.

HEAT SEASON

October 1, 2022 marked the first day of heat season in New York City. The Department of Housing, Preservation, and Development has strict minimum heat guidelines that all landlords must follow.

From now until May 31, 2023, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., if the outside temperature falls below 55 degrees, the inside

temperature is required to be at least 68 degrees Fahrenheit. Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. if the temperature outside falls below 40 degrees, the inside temperature is required to be at least 55 degrees Fahrenheit. Any landlord that fails to adhere to these guidelines should be reported to HPD via 311 immediately.

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## ***UPDATE FOR PROPERTY OWNERS WITH CITY TREE DAMAGE***

The City will no longer issue a sidewalk violation for one, two and three family properties that have sidewalk damage caused solely by City trees.

The NYC Department of Transportation has completed the review of all outstanding Notices of Sidewalk Violation for one, two and three family properties and determined which were caused solely by City street trees and will cancel the lien for any that meet the criteria.

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AFFORDABLE SENIOR APARTMENTS

Herkimer Gardens LLC is pleased to announce applications are now being accepted for 60 affordable senior housing 55 years of age or older at 491 Herkimer Street in the Bedford-Stuyvesant

Section of Brooklyn. This building is being constructed with financing provided through the New York State Homes and Community Renewal affordable housing program. Studio and 1-bedroom units are available for 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, and 80% of the AMI, meaning that rents will range between \$560 and \$1494 each month for a studio and \$600 and \$1602 each month for a one bedroom depending upon your income bracket.

Qualified applicants will be required to meet the income guidelines and additional selection

criteria. To request and application by mail, send a self-addressed envelope to Herkimer Gardens LLC c/o Wavecrest Consulting LLC, 87-14 116th Street, Richmond Hill, NY 11418. You can also apply online by visiting <https://www.herkimergardensapts.com/>. Do not apply both online and via paper application as this will result in your application being voided.

The **application deadline** for immediate consideration is **Friday, October 14th**. Any application received after this date will be set aside for future consideration.

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## ***HELPING OTHERS IN NEED***

Please help families in need by donating clean new or gently used winter gear that can last them through the winter. Coats, boots, gloves, hats, scarves, socks, blankets, and all other cold weather necessities are needed.

Donations will be accepted at St. Matthews Roman Catholic Church located at 1123 Eastern Parkway near Utica Ave through October 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information, please call the 77<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Affairs office at (718)735-0634. They will also distribute clothes and food on October 23, 2022 at 11 a.m.

Additionally, Councilmember Crystal Hudson is sponsoring a supply drive for families seeking asylum that are currently housed in Brooklyn. Supplies needed include diapers, clothes (especially winter clothes), baby formula, strollers, deodorant, under garments, toys, over-the-counter medicines (e.g. Tylenol/children's Tylenol, ibuprofen, vitamins), menstrual products, baby wipes, etc).

Donations can be delivered to the Councilmember's office located at 55 Hanson Place, Suite 778 Monday thru Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 6p.m.; Councilmember Chi Osse's office

located at 1360 Fulton Street, Suite 500 Monday thru Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Brooklyn Central Library at Grand Army Plaza during all operational hours; and the Brooklyn Academy of Music located at 30 Lafayette Avenue daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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CARSHARE IS COMING TO CB8

NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) launched the Carshare Parking Pilot Program in June 2018 with Zipcar and Enterprise Carshare, comprising 230 on-street spaces and 55 municipal parking facilities spaces. Carshare provides on-demand, short-term access to a shared fleet of vehicles, typically through a membership and hourly or annual fee. The 2-year pilot averaged 24 trips per space per month with an average of 17 households per available vehicle per month. Furthermore, the pilot saw greenhouse gas emissions and vehicles mile traveled decline 7% and 6%, respectively.

NYC DOT views the pilot as a success and has created a permanent program providing carshare parking spaces. As such, 11 preliminary approved sites are within Community Board 8, with each

site consisting of 2 parking spaces. The **closest addresses to the proposed locations** are as follows:

- 434 Park Place between Underhill and Washington Avenues - South Side
- 90 St. Marks Avenue between Flatbush and Carlton Avenues- South Side
- 844 St. John's Place between Nostrand and New York Avenues – South Side
- 1312 Bergen Street between Albany and Kingston Avenues – South Side
- Pacific Street Near (591 Franklin Avenue) between Bedford and Franklin Avenues – South Side
- 502 Prospect Place between Grand and Classon Avenues- East Side
- 416 Prospect Place between Grand and Classon Avenues – West Side
- 612 Nostrand Avenue between Pacific and Dean Streets – North Side
- 1371 Eastern Parkway between Buffalo and Ralph Avenues – East Side
- 221 Rochester Avenue between Sterling and St. John's Places – North Side
- 618 Grand Avenue between St. Marks Avenue and Prospect Place – North Side

For more information, contact either Stevie Feig, Project Manager or Justin Romeo, Director of Special Projects via email at carshareNYC@nyc.dot.gov.

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### ***988: THE NEW SUICIDE CRISIS LIFELINE***

**988** is the new three-digit dialing code connecting people to the existing **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline** (now the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline) where compassionate, accessible care and support is available for anyone experiencing mental health-related distress — whether that is thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crisis, or any other kind of

emotional distress. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.



### ***IDCC CONNECT***

Self-care is a crucial part of managing one's mental health, so all are encouraged to find the time to take a moment for mindfulness, rest, and relaxation. IDCC-Crown Heights is an info-driven organization that is here to assist and connect you to mental health services, physical health services, benefits, basic needs and support services, vocational assistance, and substance abuse treatment and support. They will help you find doctors and specialists in your area of need,

accompany you to appointments, assist with medication management, and help you apply for any benefits.

Mental health treatment is offered in their offices via individual and group therapy and psychiatric evaluation. If you are a NYC resident with a diagnosis or are experiencing emotional health concerns and are over the age of 18, IDCC-Crown Heights can assist you free of charge.

Their office is located at 921 East New York Avenue, Brooklyn, and you can reach them 718-778-0485.



### ***BREAST CANCER AWARENESS***

Breast cancer does not only affect women; it affects men as well. **Breast cancer is an uncontrolled growth of breast cells.**

Cancer occurs as a result of mutations, or abnormal changes, in the genes responsible for regulating the growth of cells and keeping them healthy. Over time, mutations can "turn on" certain genes and "turn off" others in a cell. That

changed cell gains the ability to keep dividing without control or order, producing more cells just like it and forming a tumor.

A tumor can be benign (not dangerous to health) or malignant (has the potential to be dangerous). Benign tumors are not considered cancerous: their cells are close to normal in appearance, they grow slowly, and they do not invade nearby tissues or spread to other parts of the body. Malignant tumors are cancerous. Left unchecked, malignant cells eventually can spread beyond the original tumor to other parts of the body.

Early breast cancer usually does not cause symptoms. This is why regular breast exams are important. As the cancer grows, symptoms may include:

- Breast lump or lump in the armpit that is hard, has uneven edges, and usually does not hurt
- Change in the size, shape, or feel of the breast or nipple -- for example, you may have redness, dimpling, or puckering that looks like the skin of an orange
- Fluid coming from the nipple -- may be bloody, clear to yellow, green, and look like pus

Symptoms of advanced breast cancer may include bone pain; breast pain or discomfort; skin ulcers; swelling of one arm (next to breast with cancer); and/or weight loss.

Early detection is your best remedy as there is no cure. Women are advised to perform monthly self-breast examinations and women over the age of 40 are urged to get their yearly mammograms.



## ***FIRE SAFETY PREVENTION MONTH***

October is Fire Safety Prevention Month. Every family needs a plan on how to survive a house fire. Fires are scary for adults, so imagine how a child feels. You can help alleviate your child's or your children's fear by being prepared. A great way to teach your kids about fire safety is to allow them to draw your escape plans. This will turn into a discussion on fire safety and fire prevention.

Every fire escape plan should show two exits from every room; include a family meeting place; and practiced several times a year.

Plan ahead. Teach the basics of fire safety such as the need for working smoke alarms and testing them monthly; teaching kids never to open a warm or hot door. Try another escape route instead. Mark locations of fire extinguishers in the home. Remember, it only takes 3 minutes for fire to destroy a room. Be prepared. Keep your family safe.

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NEIGHBORHOOD FIREHOUSE OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND

On **Saturday, October 15, and Sunday, October 16, 2022**, the FDNY will host its annual citywide Open House program. More than 200 Firehouses will open their doors to the public from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm or 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Open House locations are listed on FDNY's interactive map. The FDNY will be educating the public about fire and life safety, conducting demonstrations, discussing careers within the Department, and offering tours of FDNY Engines, Ladder Trucks, and Ambulances.

Find your nearest firehouse on an interactive map: <https://www.fdnysmart.org/openhouse/>.

FIRE CADET ACADEMY APPLICATION IS NOW AVAILABLE

The Fire Cadet Academy is designed to ensure that Fire Cadets become familiar with the operations of the NYC Fire Department and to provide leadership training. Cadets will receive significant classroom, field, and fitness training over the course of the two-year program. Cadets will be required to attend the Fire Academy two Saturdays per month to participate in classroom training, field training, and fitness conditioning.

Cadets will be assigned to work in FDNY bureaus. There they will receive hands-on training and learn how the bureaus relate to one another in order to provide optimal response to emergencies as well as to enhance their ability to provide service in a number of capacities throughout the Department. Cadets must be willing to commit to a minimum of 20 hours per week and can work up to 34 hours per week. Benefits of becoming a Fire Cadet include:

- Earning \$15.67 per hour and qualifying for New City Health Benefits
- The opportunity to take the Promotion to Firefighter exam
- Exploring Firefighter career paths including Fire Investigations, Advanced Technical Rescue Operations and Marine Environment Operations
- Serving the community and experiencing the benefits of a career in public service
- Receiving 35 college credits upon successful completion of the Fire Cadet Academy and graduation from the FDNY Fire Academy
- Opportunity to Become a Firefighter

Cadets who successfully complete the Fire Cadet Academy will be eligible to take the Promotion to Firefighter civil service exam. Those who pass the Firefighter Promotional Exam, successfully

complete the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT), and meet all other eligibility requirements will qualify for appointment to Firefighter. All those appointed as Probationary Firefighters must successfully complete the Fire Academy.

Candidates applying to the Fire Cadet Academy must meet all of the following requirements:

- Education: Candidates must have graduated from a New York City public high school, or a private high school in New York City approved by the New York State Education Department or a recognized accrediting organization and received a four-year high school diploma; or attended and did not graduate from a New York City public high school, or a private high school in New York City approved by the New York State Education Department or a recognized accrediting organization, but obtained a High School Equivalency Diploma (HSE) or its educational equivalent approved by New York State's Department of Education.
- Citizenship: Only United States citizens are eligible to become Fire Cadets.
- Residency: Candidates who are accepted into the Fire Cadet Academy must maintain New York City residency throughout the duration of the program and will be required to establish New York City residency within 90 days of appointment.
- Age: Candidates must be at least 18 years of age and not above 26 years of age on the date their application is submitted.
- Language: Candidates must be able to understand and be understood in English.
- Physical and other requirements: Candidates must be physically fit and able to meet the medical, psychological, and character requirements of the position of Firefighter.

For more information, email FDNY.FireCadet@fdny.nyc.gov or visit <https://www.joinfdny.com/careers/cadet/>.

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### ***PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IS BACK!***

Participatory Budgeting is back for the 35<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> Council Districts. Councilmembers Hudson and Osse will each set aside \$1 million in capital funding for community-selected projects on city property like schools, parks, and more. The time is now to start thinking about how you would spend \$1 million dollars in the community.

Councilmember Crystal Hudson's office can be reached at 718-260-9191, and Councilmember's Chi Osse's office can be reached at 718-919-0740.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Domestic Violence is not as simple as many think. While the most prominent form of violence displayed in the media is partner violence with a male physically violent toward a female, domestic violence actually extends to many more aspects of daily life.

Violence does not always have to be physical. Verbal torment in the form of someone berating you to make you feel bad, criticizing your appearance, calling you stupid or an idiot is violence as well. Emotional torment in the form of people denying you access to friends and family, thus controlling you, is violence as well. Sexual violence, or being coerced and forced into engaging in sexual acts you are not comfortable with, is prevalent in domestic violence cases as well. And of course, there is physical abuse. Verbal, emotional, sexual, and physical abuse that happens in the home—whether between siblings,

partners/lovers, or adults toward the elderly—is all considered domestic violence.

Domestic violence does not only affect women or heterosexuals; there is no minimum age limit before abuse can happen, and anyone can be a victim. Probably most surprising is the fact that men and gender non-conforming/non-binary individuals are just as likely as women to experience some form of violence at the hands of their partners as females are. Just as many women make excuses for their partner’s violence, so do men; but one key difference is that men face additional social stigmas when they speak up about the abuse they suffer.

Violence of any type is **NOT** OK and should not be tolerated. Empower yourself by noting the signs and doing something about the problem. If you or your friends experience any of the following, seek help immediately.

- Threats to coerce you into doing something you do not want to. Threats can be violent or manipulative. For instance, “if you really love me, you’ll do this...”
- Telling you that you shouldn’t speak to a particular person because “I just don’t feel comfortable with him/her/them around. I don’t like them.” Recognize that this is a form of control designed to keep you isolated.
- If you feel belittled, isolated, scared, small, beaten, or “broken,” chances are, you are being verbally and emotionally tormented.
- If not doing something that your partner says leaves you feeling scared of potential consequences
- If you are ever hit, grabbed, choked, etc. without your explicit consent, that is abuse, and shouldn’t be tolerated

If you experience any of these, or know of anyone experiencing any of this, seek help immediately. Call 311 to find out what services are available, or speak to a domestic violence advocate at your local police precinct. Your immigrant status,

sexuality, gender identity or expression, **nor** age will not deter you from being able to obtain services. Domestic Violence is a serious issue and should be treated as such.

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### ***FREE FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS***

IDCC-Crown Heights is offering free financial literacy drop in workshops on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, **October 26, 2022**. Sessions include the following topics: Support programs; Budgeting on a Shoestring; Banking; Understanding Credit; Savings and Future Financial Security; and Entrepreneurship.

Classes will be in-person and via Zoom. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/3SRn6Yz> or email Arna Lipkind at [alipkind@interborough.org](mailto:alipkind@interborough.org).

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INSTITUTE FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The Institute for Career Development (ICD) is a leading nonprofit organization that offers no-cost career assessments, licensed training programs, and job placement services in New York City. They are currently offering two FREE eight-week job training and placement programs in Facilities Management for young adults ages 18-24 in eligible zip codes in New York City.

ICD’s Building Repair Technician and Custodial Services training programs help young adults earn the industry-recognized skills and certifications needed to pursue a career in this rapidly growing field.

In the training, students receive hands-on classroom instruction, one-on-one counseling,

and work readiness training from ICD's team. Upon completion of the training program, graduates will be placed into jobs such as Building Maintenance Worker, Handyperson, Super, Porter, Custodian, and more.

For more information or to apply, visit <https://www.icdnyc.org/free-facilities-management-training-for-young-adults>.



CONVERSATIONS WITH EDUCATIONAL LEADERS

The Adelaide L. Sanford Institution Speaker Series presents a fireside chat with David Banks, Chancellor of the NYC Department of Education. Chancellor Banks will lead the discussion on "Improving Student Outcomes in Central Brooklyn" in the first of a series of conversations with our educational leaders.

The chat series will be held on **Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** at Boys and Girls High School Auditorium, 1700 Fulton Street, Brooklyn.



VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLL WORKER SIGN UP TOUR

The 56th Assembly District Leaders Kenesha Traynham-Cooper and Henry Butler are doing a Voter Registration and Poll Worker Sign Up tour. They will be in Crown Heights on **October 18, 2022** at Kingsboro Houses.

Please remember to register to vote, the **deadline to register is Friday, October 14, 2022** if you want to vote in this year's general election on November 8th. If you miss the deadline, you will still be able to register for next year. Also, if you have moved, remember to update your voter

record and check your voter status. You can request an absentee ballot by October 24, 2022.

Early voting begins October 29th-November 6th. Remember that Election Day is November 8th

For more information, call 929-304-5000.



FLIP YOUR BALLOT!

The New York City Racial Justice Commission (RJC) formed in 2021 as a charter revision commission tasked with examining structural racism within NYC. They put together a report and conscripted three specific ballot initiatives that will appear on the ballot this November 8th that, if adopted, would make structural changes to our local government with the purpose of laying a foundation for achieving racial equity. All three initiatives can be found here: <https://racialjustice.cityofnewyork.us/ballot/>.

Public engagement on the three initiatives is ongoing. You are invited to attend a virtual public hearing on proposed changes on the methodology for Poll Site Language Assistance Program on **Thursday, October 20, 2022** from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. To RSVP for the hearing, visit: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/civicengagement/meetings/public-hearing-2022-10-20.page>.

Anyone can provide comments by either speaking at the hearing; via email; or by mail. To speak at the public hearing, you must email info@civicengagement.nyc.gov or call 646-769-6020 to sign up. If you wish to submit testimony in writing, you can email info@civicengagement.nyc.gov or mail your testimony to NYC Civic Engagement Commission, 253 Broadway, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10007.

Comments may be provided in languages other than English. **The deadline to submit written comments is Wednesday October 19, 2022.** Reasonable accommodation of a disability, sign language or language interpretation will be provided if requested by Tuesday, October 18, 2022, by email or phone.

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### ***CHNA TOWN HALL***

The Crown Heights North Association (CHNA) will hold their general membership meeting on **Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 6:45 PM** at St Gregory's Church located at 999 St Johns Place and Brooklyn Avenue. Invited speakers are Stephanie Wilchfort, President & CEO Brooklyn Children's Museum, Bridge Street Development Corporation Oma Holloway, CEO, Conor Hassett, Commercial Revitalization Program Manager. For more information contact CHNA at 646-580-8229 or email [info@crowheightsnorth.org](mailto:info@crowheightsnorth.org).

CHNA will also be sponsoring a FREE Shredding Event on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 9am-12pm also at St. Gregory's. The event will only shred paper, No metal.

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NEWS FROM SENATOR ZELNOR MYRIE'S OFFICE

On **October 18, 2022** Senator Zellnor Myrie, along with a compendium of community Stakeholders will host their Predatory Marketing and Prevention Act (PMPA) Roundtable discussion on the impact of junk food and predatory food marketing in the community. PMPA seeks to continue to spread awareness around food related disparities in the community. All are invited to attend the discussion which will be held from 6-8 p.m. at SUNY Downstate Auditorium located at 450 Clarkson Avenue,

Brooklyn. For more information, contact the Senator's office at 718-284-4700.

Additionally, on **October 27, 2022**, the New York State Senate Standing Committee on Housing, Construction, and Community Development will hold a public hearing to receive public testimony on the issue of deed theft in New York State.

Deed theft, also known as title fraud, is a predatory practice targeting rapidly gentrifying communities, especially Black and Brown homeowners in Brooklyn. The hearing will be at 10:00 a.m. at 250 Broadway in Lower Manhattan. If you or someone you know has been a victim of deed theft, you are encouraged to share written or in-person testimony. Written testimony can be submitted via email to myrie@nysenate.gov with "Deed Theft Public Hearing" in the subject line so that it can be filtered.

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### ***VANDERBILT AVENUE MOBILE BLOOD DRIVE***

The New York Blood Center is coming to Vanderbilt Avenue for a mobile blood drive on **October 22, 2022 from 12p.m. to 6p.m.** Your donation can help save the lives of other New Yorkers like you! Advance registration is required, so please visit [https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/308021](https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/308021) soon!

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TUNES AT THE TRIANGLE

The North Flatbush Avenue Business Improvement District (NFBID) is pleased to announce the return of Wednesday evening concerts at the Triangle located at the intersection of Flatbush, St. Marks, and 6th Avenues.

The remaining lineup is as follows:

October 19th, 4-6pm: Wayne Tucker and Friends
October 26th, 4-6pm: Brooklyn Contra, with Matthew Christian (Fiddle, Bag Pipes), Alice Breda Ryan (Songs and Sean nos dance), Kieran McCarthy Fell (Irish Flute), Colin Forhan (Guitar and Banjo), and Alexandra-Deis Lauby (Dance Caller and Waltz teacher. Come join in a dance!

Note: be sure to follow NFBID on Instagram at @northflatbushbk for weather related updates on this concert series!

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### ***FOR THE LOVE OF BROOKLYN***

Join Repair the World on **Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 p.m.** at their annual kickoff event and volunteer fair: For the Love of Brooklyn! The theme for this year's event is Science Fiction, and the goal is to meet local partners and find new ways to get involved in the community. Nosh at their spacey Crown Heights Workshop located at 808 Nostrand Avenue, learn how to get engaged in social justice, and meet new people just outside your orbit.

Repair will provide food, music, and additional programming in line with the theme. Show up in costume in your extraterrestrial best! Masks are required when not eating or drinking.

For more information and to RSVP, visit <https://wererepair.org/get-involved/volunteer/flob-live-long-and-repair-the-world/>.

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DOGGONE HALLOWEEN PARADE

The 1200 Dean Street Block Association in conjunction with the Crown Heights North Association, Friends of Brower Park and the

Local Development Corporation of Crown Heights will sponsor a Doggie Halloween Parade on **Saturday, October 29, 2022** from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Brower Park. Please assemble at the Brooklyn Avenue and Prospect Place entrance. Puppy treats will be given to all participants!

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### ***NIGHT OF ART***

Celebrate local artists and their creative vision for an exhibit of artwork on the theme of Strengthening Each Other on **Thursday, November 3, 2022 from 6 to 8 p.m.** at Repair the World's Brooklyn Workshop located at 808 Nostrand Avenue. The theme is derived from the concept that "Iron sharpens Iron, and one person sharpens the wit of their neighbor." Repair the World believes that when we lift up, celebrate, and appreciate others, we ultimately work towards a stronger outcome. Come explore visions for a more just world through art and community. Refreshments will be available.

If you are interested in submitting art for the event, please email [sarah.gladstone@wererepair.org](mailto:sarah.gladstone@wererepair.org). To RSVP for the event, visit <https://wererepair.org/get-involved/volunteer/strengthening-each-other-art-exhibit-night/>.

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VETERANS APPRECIATION PARADE

Join Brooklyn Community Boards 3, 8, and 16 to celebrate our heroes in Brooklyn, honoring all who served and are currently serving, in a Veterans Appreciation Parade on **Saturday, November 5, 2022 at Noon**. The parade will start at Robert Fulton Park, which is located at Fulton Street and Schenectady Avenue. A resource fair at Boy and Girls High School will occur following the parade's conclusion around 1p.m. For more

information, call Community Board 16 at 718-385-0323.

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### ***EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES***

#### **NYC Workforce1 Career Centers**

Looking for a job in the residential care industry? The East New York Work Force 1 Career Center is hosting a recruitment event for The Center for Family Support, Inc. on Friday, October 14th, 2022, 10 a.m. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/3SZOxPO>.

#### **Fifth Avenue Committee**

Join their team as a Data and Evaluation Manager and help us spearhead our expansion of Salesforce! Email your cover letter with resume and salary requirements with “Data & Evaluation Manager” in the subject line to [jobs@fifthave.org](mailto:jobs@fifthave.org).

#### **NYPD RECRUIT**

The NYPD is hiring Traffic Enforcement Agents. Register now through October 25th for the Traffic Enforcement Agent Exam!! Visit [www.NYPDRECRUIT.com](http://www.NYPDRECRUIT.com) or call 212-RECRUIT (212-732-7848).

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NEED ASSISTANCE!

Please reach out to the following resources:

Food Help: Find locations that offer Free Food (Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens) visit: FoodHelp.nyc.gov.

NYC Well: Free, confidential mental health support in more than 200 languages, 24/7/365. Call 888-NYC-WELL or text “WELL” to 65173.

Mental Health For All: A comprehensive hub with helplines and services that offer a range of free, direct support to meet the needs of all New Yorkers.

Buildings After Hours: Free in-person information session with DOB staff every Tuesday from 4 PM to 7 PM at your local borough office.

Notify NYC: Enroll for free in New York City’s dedicated emergency public communications program.

311: Non-emergency municipal services available online, by texting 311-692, or by calling 3-1-1 from within the City or 212-NEW-YORK outside the five boroughs. TTY service is also available by dialing 212-504-4115.

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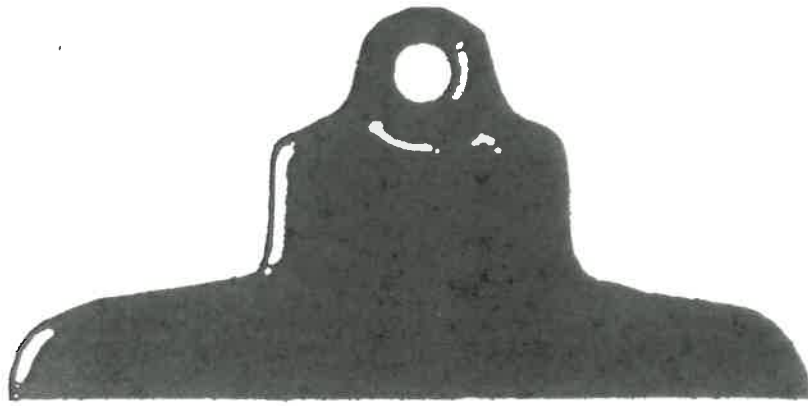
### ***PAY IT OFF!***

From October 17th to 31st, non-custodial parents can pay off their NYC DSS child support arrears twice as fast! OCSS will double the debt reduction when a payment of at least \$500 is made toward their DSS arrears during October (up to the amount they owe). For those with a current support order, the court ordered child support amount must be paid first. Then the Pay It Off payment can reduce the debt by double. In addition, parents may be eligible for additional reductions up to \$15,000 over three years. Pay off your principle in full and all of the interest you owe to the DSS will also be eliminated.

The Pay It Off program has been used by over 3,000 non-custodial parents to reduce \$16 million of debt owed to the NYC Department of Social Services (DSS). The average debt reduction per case is \$5,558. Don’t miss this opportunity to lower or eliminate your DSS child support debt!

Learn more at <http://nyc.gov/payitoff>.

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CONGRATULATIONS GREENEST BLOCKS!

Each year the Brooklyn Botanic Garden hosts the Greenest Block in Brooklyn contest. This year several of Community Board 8 residents and businesses won top prizes.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Greenest Block in Brooklyn contest winners are as follows:

- The Lincoln Civic Block Association (New York & Nostrand Aves) Top Winner of the Greenest Block in Brooklyn
- North Flatbush Business Improvement District Winner in the Commercial category
- Preserving Lincoln's Abundant Natural Treasures (P.L.A.N.T.) winner in the Residential category
- 32 Hampton Place, 3rd place winner in the Best Window Box category
- Residential Honorable mention, Hampton, Sterling, Virginia Place and Kingston Avenue Block Association

Congratulations to Everyone!!!!

STATUE OF LIBERTY CROWN REOPENS

The Statue of Liberty Crown is now open to the public after being closed due to the pandemic. For more information about tickets visit [Statue City Cruises](#) or by calling 1 877 LADYTIX (1.877.523.9849).

We wish the happiest of birthdays to Community Board 8 member Mr. Yahya Raji, who will celebrate a birthday in the month of October.

The next **Community Board 8 general meeting** will be held on **Thursday, November 10, 2022.**

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