

Brooklyn Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, April 20, 2016  
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center  
195 Linden Street, Corner of Wilson Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11221  
6:00PM

Ms. Nadine Whitted the District Manager of Brooklyn Community Board's #4 opened the Public Agenda portion of the meeting at 6:35PM.

- Public Hearing Item -

- 1) Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) Cal. No. 249-15 BZ (BLOCK 3190 LOT 37) 321 Starr Street  
This application seeks a special permit from BSA pursuant to Zoning Resolution (ZR) Section 73-36 to allow the operation of a physical culture establishment (fitness center on the first floor of the existing building at the premises. Mr. Most of Sheldon Lobel-PC Presented.

321 Starr Street (Between St. Nicholas Avenue and Cypress Avenue) Zoning District: M1-1

Project: Rock Climbing Physical Culture Establishment (PCE or gym) special permit.

Special permit application to allow rock climbing gym (11,232 square feet) operated as MetroRock, in the existing building. The existing building will undergo an as-of-right enlargement.

Program/Operations:

- Classes – Rock climbing classes for children and adults (already operates 3 facilities in New England)
- Activities - Camps, competitive climbing teams and programs for at-risk children
- Staff - To be staffed by approximately 20 employees, hired primarily from the local community.
- Certification – Employees undergo MetroRock's internal certification process before instructing
- At the facility. All general staff do not need to be experienced climbers, but will undergo basic safety training before working at MetroRock.
- Access – Customers will be able to buy monthly membership or daily passes in order to climb.
- Ages – Climbers range from age 3 (with parental supervision) to 65 plus. Students and seniors over age 65 receive a discounted rate.
- Hours – The proposed hours of operation are from 7:00AM to 12:00AM.
- Subsidies – MetroRock partners with a non-profit, Urban Peaks, to make climbing accessible for all – including disadvantage and at-risk youths. Groups that have benefited from Urban Peaks climbing grants include the YMCA and the Boys and Girls Club.

Additional Comments:

- Highly Rated - MetroRock facilities are ranked as some of the best in the country, according to Climbing Magazine, a reputable industry publication.
- Close to Transit – MetroRock's proposed facility is located 1 ½ blocks from the Jefferson Street L Train Station and other public transit options.
- Safety – MetroRock has an excellent safety record. The most common injuries are minor scrapes and ankle injuries.

The Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting and opened up the general meeting.

**First Roll Call, 7:00PM:** 23 Members were present this constitute a quorum.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. Ms. Sharline Moore motioned to accept the agenda as written. It was second by Mr. Robert Camacho. Motioned Moved.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the previous month's minutes with any necessary corrections. Mr. Robert Camacho motioned to accept the previous month's minutes with any necessary corrections. The motioned was second by Ms. Elvena Davis. Motioned Moved.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: 7:03 PM**

The Chairperson Ms. Julie Dent welcomed all to Community Board#4's Wednesday, April 20, 2016 monthly public meeting. She wished all an early "Happy Earth Day " which will be celebrated on Friday, April 22, 2016. She stated that we all must become better stewards of the Earth by planting more trees, getting involved with composting and teaching our children the importance of recycling, and much more. For observers of Passover the first day will begin at sunset on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Ms. Julie Dent asked that the Elected Officials and / or their representatives introduce themselves and state their respective contact information with their address and telephone numbers.

- 1) Jacklyn Reyes Representing Assemblyman Eric Martin Dilan, 366 Cornelia Street, Brooklyn, NY 718-386-4576
- 2) Celeste Leon Representing Councilman Rafael Espinal, 786 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207, 718-642-8664
- 3) Yamilky Crisostomo, Representing the Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-802-3809
- 4) Shelton Jones Representing District Attorney Kenneth Thompson, 350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201-2908, 718-250-3146
- 5) Jennifer Gutierrez, Representing Councilman Antonio Reynoso, 244 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211, 718-963-3141
- 6) Miguel Suarez Representing Senator Martin Malave Dilan, 573 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211, 718-573-1726
- 7) Alexis Rodriguez, Representing Councilmember Antonio Reynoso, 244 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211, 718-963-3141
- 8) Evelyn Cruz, Representing Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez, 266 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11211, 718-599-4359
- 9) Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, 249 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221, 718-443-1205

The Chairperson welcomed Assemblywoman Maritza Davila the 53<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District to the meeting and invited her to address the board and all in attendance.

Assemblywoman Davila has been very busy in Albany. She and others just passed a budget of 196 billion dollars for New York State.

She attended the meeting to address the situation that the community board passed. The resolution to put bike lanes in certain additional areas in Bushwick.

To clarify how she feels about bike lanes Assemblywoman Davila stated, "I have a husband that carries a 50lb bag on his back and rides a bike every day of his life to bring home the" bacon". I am not one to discriminate, but I am one who stands up for what is right and what is wrong."

Assemblywoman Davila mentioned that she is sorry if she overlooked her emails regarding meetings that were held. She is very busy.

Transportation Alternative: She has sat with the Department of Transportation. DOT told her that they had done some outreach. She asked them where did they do outreach at? She was told by DOT that outreach was done on Myrtle and Wyckoff Avenues. She told them that that area is not in her district. Where else did you do outreach she asked them? On Jefferson Street and Wyckoff Avenue they told her.

Ok that is part of my community / district.

Where else she asked? They told her that they have had meetings here and there.

She asked them where they plan to put the bike lanes. They gave her a map. The assemblywoman was ok with it however she saw that the bike lanes were going to be on Knickerbocker Avenue. So she had to ask the representative of DOT did you speak to the merchants on Knickerbocker Avenue? DOT replied "No".

Assemblywoman stated that the merchants are part of our family and they are the one that service us.

The assemblywoman relates a story about a young child getting hit by a bike two weeks ago on Knickerbocker Avenue. A young child was hit by a bike, and when he pick himself up he ran into a market. The assemblywoman seen that the bicyclist who hit the child was getting ready to leave, she stopped him from leaving the scene. The right thing to do is to stop and see if the child was OK, not to leave.

On another occasion the Assemblywoman mentioned, her daughter was also hit by a bicyclist and had to receive 10 stiches.

The Assemblywoman concerns:

- Fear that more children will get hurt.
- There will be more victims
- Causing high hospital bills
- The bike lanes will cause problem when the merchants receive their goods. Trucks will have a problem unloading merchandise.

What matters to her is everyone's safety. When I see danger I have to step up and say something, said the Assemblywoman.

She sent a letter to the board because she wanted it on record stating that this is not the right thing to do.

The merchants are upset because they never received any information regarding the bike lanes.

Assemblywoman Davila stated that she knows every crack and crevice of this community and if she did not know she should not be your assemblywoman. She said that she will continue to do the right thing by her district but she needs our help.

She asked that in the future if she sends a letter to the board's office that they respect her wishes until research can be done. If there are any questions please feel free to let her know. Her office is open to answer any questions. We must stand by the merchants and the community.

The Chairperson Ms. Julie Dent thanked the Assemblywoman Davila.

City, State or Federal Agency Representatives were asked to introduce themselves and state their respective contact information.

- 1) Maggie Mangual, Program Manager – Wyckoff Heights Hospital, Sexual Health Behavior, 718-508-4669
- 2) Deputy Inspector Max Tolentino, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697
- 3) Detective Franco, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct., Community Affairs Unit, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697
- 4) Boniface WeWe, Brooklyn Public Library, Washington Irving Branch, 360 Irving Ave., 718-628-8278
- 5) St. Nicks Alliance, 718-302-2057

Ms. Dent invited Deputy Inspector up to say a few words as to what is happening in Bushwick and she thanked him for consistently providing monthly updates.

Deputy Inspector Tolentino, 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct: 7:20PM

A candle light vigil was held at Maria Hernandez Park for Japan and Ecuador last night April 19, 2016. Anyone who would like to donate can do so but please be careful not to be victimized. Call 911 if anyone shows up at your door asking for money.

60 families were displaced as a result of the fire that occurred on DeKalb Avenue. Thanks to the elected officials for their help. Now is the time to sit with family members to develop an escape plan in case there is a fire in your house. Put together a few clothing, a flashlight, important papers, etc. in a bag so as to grab quickly in case a fire should occur. Decide where everyone will meet in case you are separated.

Crime is down in the 28 day period from 108 verses 110.

Rapes is up by 2: 3 verses 1

Robbery increase by 2: 16 verses 14

Everything else is down. In the 28 day period there have been 7 arrest mostly due to iPhones.

Please look on twitter to see if you can identify anyone that the police is looking for.

14 new police officers will be added to the force with an additional 12 new officers in two weeks.

### **March 17, 2016**

The District Manager and I visited with Mrs. Avellar Hansley one of the most senior members of Community Board 4. Her health limitations have prevented her from attending meetings. Thus, she forwarded to the Brooklyn Borough President her letter of resignation.

### **March 21, 2016**

MTA-TA requested to meet with the District Manager only- (She invited the Chairperson) to discuss the MTA-TA M Train elements. At that time the story had just been release to the media. The representative gave an overview as to the necessity of the proposed project.

A letter was written to the Brooklyn Borough President to host a meeting where all of the district's elected officials and the MTA-TA are present to discuss the ramifications of this proposed project. We are extremely concerned about the owners/tenants who must be relocated due to the project. Riders who utilized this major train line will be highly inconvenience too. However, for the safety of all we do understand that this work is much needed and must be done.

### **March 29, 2016**

Residents of our community beheld a life changing disaster that will be etched in their collective minds forever. The six alarm structural fire that occurred at 1427 DeKalb Avenue and impacted the other buildings located at 1417 through 1429 has impacted the entire community. 67-Adults 18-Children 32-households were impacted. The loss of a home due to fire is something that no one can conceive of; unless undergoing it personally. Our prayers are extended to the families as they try to piece their lives back together again.

It was an amazing sight to see our elected officials, city-agencies and community based organizations come to the aid of the victims of this massive destructive fire. Our community has always been known for being able to confront challenges head on and move forward in a positive manner. The Mayor's Office of Community Affairs-represented by Tahirah Moore, NYC- Comptroller Scott Stringer, NYC- Public Advocate Tish James, US Congresswoman Nydia Velasquez, NYC Council Members R. Espinal and A. Reynoso and NYS Senator M. Dilan, NYS Assembly Members Davila and Dilan Offices were on the scene persistently.

The Community Board was represented by Chairperson Julie Dent, District Manager Nadine Whitted and Robert Camacho. Numerous city agencies conducted a well-organized Multi-Agency Response headed by the Fire Department, NYPD 83rd Precinct and Brooklyn North, Department of Buildings, HPD, Dept. of Small Business Services. Countless Community Based Organizations including THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, RIDGEWOOD BUSHWICK SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, WYCKOFF HEIGHTS MEDICAL CENTER, TENT, UJIMA,

MAKE THE ROAD NY and many others came to show strong support for the victims through donations of money, clothing and other needed items.

What a blessing to know that not one life was loss through this catastrophe! Ms. Whitted expressed her gratefulness and gratitude from the entire Community for everyone's consistent support and offering.

Though the coordinated efforts of The Mayor's Office, NYC Council Members Espinal and Reynoso, NYS Assembly Members Davila and Dilan and Senator Dilan, Congresswoman Velazquez, CB#4, NYPD 83<sup>RD</sup> Pct., UJIMA CWT and TENT the public had the opportunity to help the residents impacted by the Bushwick Fire by donated clothing, gift cards, toiletries, household items at NYPD Patrol Bureau Brooklyn North at 179 Wilson Avenue. On Saturday and Sunday **April 16 and 17, 20126** the families were invited to come and select any items. The monetary gift cards was divided amongst the families.

#### **April 16, 2016**

District Manager Whitted took advantage of the Borough President's and Deputy Borough President invitation to Brooklyn's Open House, at Borough Hall 209 Joralemon Street. This, the first-of-its-kind experience and it was well attended

#### **April 19, 2016**

Brooklyn Borough President Adams hosted a Candlelight Vigil for Ecuador- the Ecuadorian community memorialized the more than 300 people who died in Sunday's devastating Earthquake as well as to support the thousands injured and needing aid.

#### **OTHER ISSUES**

NYS Senator Martin Malave - Dilan contacted Ms. Whitted with respect to the following information:

Damon House Drug Free Program located at 1154 DeKalb Avenue between Bushwick Avenue and Broadway is slated to become a Men's Shelter. We are awaiting further information with respect to this.

249 Varet Street between Wythe Street and Bogart Street is also sited to become a Men's Shelter. (However this is not in our district)

#### **COMMUNITY BOARD BUSINESS-**

Brooklyn Borough President Office Up-dated the Community Board #4 Membership list. To date there are 37 members assigned to CB#4, quorum is 18 members. Currently the Borough President has (10) vacancies 37th Council Member has (2) Vacancies 34th Council Member has (1)

CB#4 will host Board Elections during the month of May.

#### **DISTRICT MANGER'S REPORT: 7:39PM**

March 21, 2016

EBC- High School - Students have been involved in a Project called "Brighten Broadway" –which translates to machining the Broadway Corridor a safer place to live, work and of course travel to and from school. To that end they have examined what are some of the economic, zoning, safety, travel impediments along the strip. A survey was developed by the students which was presented to pedestrians, businesses and residents. On Thursday, April 21, 2016 a Town Hall Meeting is be held at the school from 6pm-8pm.

City Agencies: DOT, TA, SBS, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct., CB#4, DCP have been invited to discuss possible changes. NYC- Council Member Reynoso will also be present. Please join the District Manager in supporting the students of EBC

March 22, 2016

Attended the Parks Committee Meeting (See report)

March 29, 2016

Attended the Housing and Land Use Committee Meeting (See report)

March 30, 2016

The day after the terrible fire that impacted so many residents in our community

Attended the Youth and Education Committee (See report)

March 31, 2016

Attended the Parade Planning Meeting

April 1, 2016

Attended Ujima CWT –luncheon

April 6, 2016

Attended the Executive Committee Meeting

April 13, 2016

Public Safety Committee Meeting

April 14, 2016

Parade and Festivity Planning Meeting

April 15, 2015

Life Audrey Johnson Learning Center – Health Fair

April 19, 2016

H2O Meeting at Highland Park

#### AGENCY ISSUES/CONCERNS

1. MTA- Meeting to hold public meetings to reconstruction on the L LINE CANARSIE TUNNEL. THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016 at 6PM MARCY AVE. ARMORY AT 355 MARCY AVENUE.
2. MTA-TA Will have a meeting with the local elected officials/staff in order to brief us on how to outreach to owners about the impacted of the constriction project on the M Lined. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2017 at 3:30PM at the Community Board's Office.
3. FDNY – Temporary relocation for Engine 286/Ladder 135 to quarters of Engine 277/Ladder 112. They are housed on Knickerbocker Avenue.

4. VISION ZERO PUBLIC WORKSHOP – Myrtle Plaza on April 27, 2016 at the BUSHWICK CAMPUS- 400 IRVING AVE. 6:30PM
5. KINGS COUNTY DA OFFICE - A Bushwick man sentenced to 45 years to life in prison for robbery and attempted rape.
6. MARCH 30TH: Hundreds March in Bushwick demanding stronger protection for rent regulated tenants. Elected Officials and tenants marched through rapidly gentrifying Bushwick, Brooklyn to protect real affordable housing in their neighborhood. Participants in the march called on Albany to eliminate loopholes in the rent laws that incentivize tenant harassment and have caused tens of thousands of rent-regulated units to be lost annually. Between 2005 and 2014, for example, Bushwick’s median rent up nearly \$400.
7. USPS Launching a new program initiative “Card Carrier C.A.R.E.S.”

**Committee Reports: 7:55PM**

Civic and Religious Committee (CRC) Chairperson: Ms. Elvena Davis

Health Hospital and Human Service Committee (HHH) Chairperson: Ms. Mary McClellan

Meeting held on Thursday, April 14, 2016, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members Attending: Ms. Elvena Davis - CRC Committee Chair, Ms. Mary McClellan-HHH Committee Chair, Annette Spellen, Raul Rubio

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted, District Manager, Selina LeBron, Darryl Thomas, Barbara Jackson, Kurt Barnes, Danny Torres – Swerve Church, Gloria Coppage, Sandra Young Quiroz, Anita Haines – UJIMA and Joanna Bosquet – Metro Plus Health Plan .

Ms. Elvena Davis updated the board on the Parade and Festivity planning scheduled for June 2, 2016.

Housing and Land Use Committee (HLU) Chairperson: Ms. Martha Brown

Meeting held on March 29, 2016, at 4:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members Attending: Martha Brown – Committee Chairperson, Robert Camacho, Zulma Novoa, Julio Salinas

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted-District Manager, Joshua Brown-Community Resident, Jordon Most-Sheldon Lobel- PC, and Jose Leon – St. Nicks Alliance.

Board Members present voted in favor of the Metro Rock presentation.

24 – Yes

1 – No

1 –Abstain

Public Safety Committee Meeting (PSC) Chairperson: Ms. Barbara Smith

Meeting held on April 13, 2016 at 4:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members Attending: Barbara Smith – Committee Chairperson, Mary McClellan, Annette Spellen, and Elvena Davis

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted – District Manager, Chester Pang (Dock 22) and Linsey Storm – 1100 Flushing Avenue.

**Items Discussed:**

New York State Liquor License Request

- 1) Chai Thai Kitchen, 22 Wyckoff Avenue: New Restaurant (Full Liquor Wine & Beer) application located between Troutman & Starr Streets. Operation hours agreed upon are: Monday through Saturday 11:30AM to 4:30AM, Sunday – No liquor sales after Midnight
- 2) Brooklyn Cider House, LLC., 1100 Flushing Avenue: New Restaurant (Full Liquor Wine & Beer) application located between Knickerbocker & Irving Avenues. Hard Cider / Sweet Cider rustic family style restaurant.

According to applicant the business is far away from opening. The plan is to be open seven (7) days a week from 11:00AM to 4:00AM. No liquor sales after midnight on Sunday.

Committee Recommends Approval: 8:09PM

Mr. Robert Camacho recommend to support the PSC report. Ms. Martha Brown second in support of the recommendation.

25 -Yes

1 – Abstain (Ms. Novoa)

Motioned Carried.

Sanitation Committee Meeting (SAN) Chairperson: Mr. Raul Rubio

Meeting held on Monday, March 28, 2016 at 5:30PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Items Discussed:

- a) Pile up of electronic items in the community
- b) Neighborhood Beautification projects currently underway
- c) Sanitation Issues – cleaning up the community is up to us
- d) Interest in an anti-litter campaign. Light, friendly signage about using garbage cans.
- e) Minimizing flyers in the community
- f) New Issues from our neighbors in the community

Updates:

E-Waste event: Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 10AM to 4PM at Irving Square Park. (Halsey Street and Knickerbocker Avenue)

Youth and Education Committee (YEC) Chairperson: Virgie Jones

Meeting held on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 5:30PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members Attending: Virgie Jones- Chairperson, Julie Dent – Community Board #4 Chairperson, Sharline Moore and Chris Graham

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted- District Manager, Melissa Washington, J. Miller, Clentine Finner, Joshua Morales, and Sherra Buie – Central Avenue Charter School for Academic Leadership CASA L.

Item Discussed:

Ms. Finner: The school is not faith based although it will be housed in the old Pilgrim Christian Academy building located on Schaffer Street between Central and Evergreen Avenues. The building has been undergoing construction for it has been closed for some time. CASA L applied to the New York State Department of Education through a Letter of Intent (LOI) which has been accepted. They have been working on this project for two and a half years.

Highlighting the Vision/Mission of the school Ms. Finner stated: Educators, families and community members will provide a communal yet rigorous academic environment to support the children's abilities to become academically proficient, intellectually curious, civic-minded and leadership driven.

The committee asked several questions regarding the start of the school.

Although the committee recognized the need for educational options and diversity for students and parents alike it was duly noted that the CASA L was lacking in substance and was not prepared to appear before the full board at this time.



**Announcements - 8:16PM:**

**VISION ZERO PUBLIC WORKSHOP** on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 6:30PM to 8:00PM. Please arrive by 6:15PM.

**Myrtle – Wyckoff Avenues / Ridgewood Terminal: Intersection and Plaza**

NYC DOT is proposing to enhance safety and public space at the intersection of Myrtle Avenue, Wyckoff Avenue and Palmetto Street, where the L train and the M train subways connect to the Ridgewood Bus Terminal. Please join us to share your input about safety and plaza design at this busy intersection where Brooklyn and Queens connect.

Location: Bushwick School for Social Justice (Cafeteria) 400 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237. A 5 minute walk from the L and M trains at Myrtle-Wyckoff Station

Contact Leroy Branch (Brooklyn) 646-892-1350 or Samantha Dolgoff (Queens) 212-839-2510 at NYC DOT. Please provide advance notice for accessibility accommodations. This event is not sponsored by the Department of Education

Whose Job is it to Stop Luxury High-Rises?

The Brooklyn Anti-gentrification Network Demands that Community Board are Elected, Not Appointed and that they are not just “Advisory” but have Veto Power!

Community Boards:

- 1) Have a say in land use, but do not have the power to stop developers from building the luxury high rises that is destroying our communities.
- 2) Are appointed by each Borough President and therefore may not have total freedom to represent the community.
- 3) Don't have veto power to stop invasive development.

We want an election process that will give Community Boards independence and freedom to represent us, the residents. We want Community Boards to be more than just “Advisory” and we want them to have Veto Power. We will work to change the New York City Charter so that Community Boards will be more powerful to protect us!!!

Join Us to Demand Elected Community Boards!

Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

March 30, at 12 Noon.

Phone” 646-820-6039, Email: [info@BANgentrification.org](mailto:info@BANgentrification.org)

Brooklyn Public Library- Washington Irving Library: Celebrate DIA! Thursday, April 28, 2016, 4:00PM  
Mexican Folk Traditional with Calpulli Youth Dance – Outfitted in traditional costumes, the talented dancers will perform selections from different regions of Mexico-Jalisco, set to the world famous music of the Mariachi.

Lower East Side Ecology Center presents: E-Waste Recycling Saturday 4/30/2016 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM, rain or shine.

Drop off Site: Irving Square Park, Knickerbocker Avenue between Halsey Street and Weirfield Street.

We Accept: Working and non-working computers, monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, cables, TV's, VCR's, DVD players, phones, audio/visual equipment, cell phones and PDA's.

Can't make the event? Drop off e-waste any Tuesday thru Saturday at the Gowanus eWaste Warehouse located at 469 President St, Brooklyn, NY 11215. For more information contact: Lower East Side Ecology Center at [www.lesecologycenter.org](http://www.lesecologycenter.org) or call 212-477-4022.

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You can walk-in Monday to Friday 9AM to 4PM. 1610 Dekalb Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237 (Take the “L” train (DeKalb Station) or the B13/B38 buses.

The Silent Barn: Bushwick School for Music Youth Showcase in collaboration with Educated Little Monsters. May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2PM.

Churches United CUFFH for Housing: Sacred Heart Tuesdays @ CUFFH

Time: 6:30PM, Location: 41 Adelphi Street, Brooklyn, NY 11205

Learn how to apply for affordable housing and obtain assistance on filling out affordable housing lottery applications. Learn about available resources, including credit counseling, tenant rights referral, and more.

For more information email: [rsvp@cuffh.org](mailto:rsvp@cuffh.org) or call 917-909-1610

NYPD: Walk Responsibly. STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN before crossing.

- Cross ONLY at a crosswalk and obey DO NOT WALK signs.
- Never assume the motor vehicle operator is aware of you.
- If you drop an item (ex. Cell phone) on the street, WAIT!!! Look BOTH WAYS. No property is worth your life.
- Never use a handheld device while crossing the street
- Treat a driveway / parking lot as if it were a road. Stop and look before you cross.

Kenneth P. Thompson Kings County District Attorney: Re-Entry Programs

There are three re-entry programs that the DA’s office operates:

1. ComALERT: Community and Law Enforcement Resources Together
2. GRASP: Gender-responsive Re-Entry Assistance and Support Program (for women)
3. KCRTE: Kings County Re-Entry Task Force

These three re-entry programs provide support for individuals from incarceration or institutionalization into Brooklyn’s communities, thereby enhancing the public safety and wellbeing of everyone. The re-entry programs provide an effective combination of vital services to individuals, including those with substances abuse issues.

For more information call 718-250-3281 or send an email to: [reentry@BrooklynDA.org](mailto:reentry@BrooklynDA.org)

Mail correspondence to: Re-Entry 210 / KCDA, 350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201-2908

Letitia James, the Public Advocate for the City Of New York: Community Update April 2016

Protecting Tenants from Eviction: Public Advocate James reached an important settlement with the Department of Finance that protects many low-income senior New Yorkers and New Yorkers with disabilities from eviction. The settlement reverses a policy that caused tenants to lose rent subsidies through the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and the Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) after the death of a spouse – putting tenants at risk of eviction and homelessness. “Every New Yorker deserves to live in a safe home and this settlement marks progress in defending the elderly and disabled living in our increasingly unaffordable city” said Public Advocate James.

For more information or if you need help contact Public Advocate Letitia James at 212-669-7200 or call 311

Visit website at [www.publicadvocate.nyc.gov](http://www.publicadvocate.nyc.gov)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/PALetitiaJames](http://www.facebook.com/PALetitiaJames)

PRE-K For All: Register for St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Academy’s Free Pre-K for all program!

This program is absolutely free!

Registration Open for Children born in 2012! 181 Suydam St., Brooklyn, NY 11237

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call them at 718-386-9277 or email at:  
[wanda.marty@sfc-ca.net](mailto:wanda.marty@sfc-ca.net) or [info@sfc-ca.net](mailto:info@sfc-ca.net)

Also register or re-register for St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Academy's K-8 program! Seats and scholarships are available.

#### May Day Celebration

May 1<sup>st</sup> – International Worker's Day

2pm -5pm: Love your block party – Free food, music, art-making, kid's activities & block beautifying!

4pm -6pm: Liberation Cuisine free cooking class

5pm: Film screening of "The Take"

6:30pm – 8:30pm: Community dinner

176 St. Nicholas Avenue, Brooklyn, New York

2nd Roll Call: Meeting Ended