Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting Wednesday, March 19, 2014 Hope Gardens Multi Service Center 195 Linden Street (corner of Wilson Avenue) Brooklyn, New York 11221 6:00PM

The Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent, welcome all in attendance to the Community Board #4's Wednesday, March 19, 2014 monthly board meeting at 6:40PM. She thanked those in attendance for arranging their schedules to attend.

Roll Call: 6:40PM 26 members present constituting a quorum.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. Ms. Martha Brown moved to accept the agenda as written. It was second by Ms. Elvena Davis. All board members present were in favor.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the previous month's minutes with any necessary corrections. The February 2014 meeting minutes was accepted by Ms. Mary McClellan and second by Ms. Barbara Smith. All board members present were in favor.

# Chairperson's Report, Ms. Julie Dent: 6:47PM

(add from the Chairpersons Report 3-19-14)

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

- 1) Kevin Worthington Representing Antonio Reynoso, 244 Union Avenue, 718-963-3141
- 2) Yanuski Rodriguez Representing District Attorney Kenneth P. Thompson, 350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY, 718-250-2565
- 3) Kicy Motley, Representing Mayor Bill de Blasio, CAU, kmotley@cityhall.nyc.gov, 347-331-2327
- 4) Kevin Wolfe Representing Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, 209 Joralemon Street, 718-802-3764
- 5) Kenya Handy Representing NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer, 212-669-7415, khandy@comptroller.nyc.gov

# Representative from City, State or Federal Agencies:

- 1) Det. Franco, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. Community Affairs Unit, 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697, damarys.franco@nypd.org
- 2) Maggie Mangual Wyckoff Heights Medical Center -Positive Health Management Program, 342 Stanhope Street, Prevention Health Manager, 718-508-4669, <a href="mangual@wyckoffhospital.org">mmangual@wyckoffhospital.org</a>
- 3) Boniface WeWe, Brooklyn Public Library, Washington Irving Branch, 360 Irving Avenue, 718-682-7387
- 4) Mr. Robert Solano –CUFF (Churches United for Fair Housing)1080 Willoughby Avenue, 718-360-2906
- i. Board members were asked to return their membership re-application to the Brooklyn Borough President's Office
- ii. Borough President Eric Adams and staff will address the issue of board member re-appointments in a more comprehensive manner, which also include attendance at assigned committee meetings
- iii. April is the month when Board Elections are to be held. Therefore, the chairperson requested five members to volunteer for the assignment of the Ad-Hoc Nomination Committee whose role will be to establish a slate of members willing to run for the Executive Offices for the 2014-2015 year.

## Ad-Hoc Nominating Committee Members:

Raul Rubio, Mary McClellan, Barbara Smith, Cyril Joseph and Robert Murray

# The Wolfe Alport Chemical Company Update:

The Wolfe Alport Chemical Company site was proposed on the National Priorities List (NPL) on December 12, 2013. It has currently gone through the public comment period phase, as of February 10, 2014. The site will be finalized on the NPL sometime early this spring. After final inclusion on the NPL, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will begin a remedial investigation and feasibility study. This process will involve further sample collection and analysis in order to determine the nature and extent of contamination and the identification and evaluation of cleanup alternatives to address the contamination and the identification and evaluation of cleanup to address the contamination at the site. All

questions concerning this can be address to Cecilia Echols at 212-637-3678, Public Affairs Division – US Environmental Protection Agency.

2014 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) is Now Accepting Applications: Applications are being accepted until April 25, 2014. All youth ages 14-23 who permanently reside within the five boroughs of New York are eligible and encourage to apply. To apply for SYEP, you only need to submit a complete application by going to <a href="https://www.nyc.gov/dycd">www.nyc.gov/dycd</a>. NYC youth are paid for the summer months of July and August for six weeks. Only one application will be accepted for each applicant. Complete applications will be submitted in a lottery to determine those applicants who will be offered an opportunity. Should your application be submitted by hand you should bring it to the SYEP provider you wish to work. DYCD provides online information to help with the selection of a provider. Note that the submission of an application does not guarantee a job.

CEQR Number: 14DPR010K-282 Moffat City Map Change:

The Parks and Recreation Committee have scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, March 26, 2014 with the Brooklyn Commissioner of the Parks Department to discuss the following:

The NYC Department of Parks and Recreation proposes to assume the lead agency. The proposed project is the mapping and acquisition of a currently vacant lot or park purposes. The project site is located at 282 Moffat Street, at the intersection of Moffat Street and Knickerbocker Avenue (Block 3448, Lot 30) in the Bushwick neighborhood of Bushwick. The site proposed for park mapping and acquisition is a 0.7 acre (30,494.9 sq. ft.) parcel within an M1-1 manufacturing district. No zoning change is being proposed; rather the site will be mapped as park on the city map.

### NYC-Department of Transportation:

In October 2013- Community Board #4 heard a Pedestrian Safety Proposal for Bushwick Avenue from Flushing to Myrtle Avenues within community district 4. Implementation Starts in April.

- Adding new sidewalks at Bushwick Avenue/Beaver Street/Arion Place
- Installing new concrete triangles at Bushwick/Jefferson Street
- Banning left turns from Bushwick Avenue to Myrtle Avenue

To sign up for e-updates for this and other projects, visit www.nyc.gov/dotnews

L.I.F.E. (Labor and Industry for Education) Audrey Johnson Learning Center, 272 Moffat Street (between Knickerbocker and Wilson Avenues) and the John Coker Early Learn Center, 1375 Bushwick Avenue (corner of Decatur Street) are enrolling children 3 to 5 years of age. Free HEADSTART and U.P.K., Creative Curriculum, Nutritious Meals, Family Services and Certified Teachers, etc. Audrey Johnson Learning Center: 718-574-0130; John Coker Early Learn Center: 718-452-1414

Kicy Motley, Representing Mayor Bill de Blasio, CAU, <a href="mailto:kmotley@cityhall.nyc.gov">kmotley@cityhall.nyc.gov</a>, 347-331-2327 Universal Pre K:

Under New York City's plan all four-year olds would have access to truly Universal Pre-K for the first time in New York City's history. This would close a gap of 53,767 children who currently receive inadequate part-time Pre-K, or no Pre-K at all and serve more than 73,000 4-year olds at full implementation. These high-quality programs are proven to increase cognition, boost scores and build fundamental skills that put children on an upward educational path.

New York City's plan would also aggressively expand after-school learning opportunities for nearly 120,000 middle school students adding new programs between 3pm and 6pm in academics, culture and athletics. Middle school is a critical period when parents' involvement in education declines and kids need to be kept off the street and out of harm's way. Study after study shows pre-k and after-school are key to improving graduation rates and reducing the achievement gap:

- Kids who received early education are 20% more likely to graduate high school and 20% more likely to work their way
  out of poverty.
- According to the National Bureau of Economic Research, pre-k can reduce the achievement gap by up to 40%
- And the Ounce of Prevention Fund tells us that without a high quality early childhood intervention. An at-risk child is: 25% more likely to drop out of school, 50% more likely to be placed in special education and 70% more likely to be arrested for a violent crime.

The program will be paid by NYC income tax payers who make over \$500,000 from 3.876% to 4.41%, which would yield approximately \$530 million in new revenue each year.

Ms. Motley asks that we contact our elected officials your state legislators and thank them for including this program in their budget plan. Let them know that we need their support and the funding for this plan.

# District Manager's Report, Ms. Nadine Whitted: 7:12PM

Meetings Attended:

February 20, 2014

LIFE-Audrey Johnson Learning Center's & John Coker Learning Center Community Health Committee Meeting: Presentations:

NYC-DOHMH on a Campaign called Protecting Our Children from Unhealthy Food and Beverage Marketing.

Wyckoff Height Medical Center's Positive Health Management

Health Fair Planning

# February 28, 2014

Met with Kweighbaye Kotee-CEO of Bushwick Film Festival, 2014 represents the 7<sup>th</sup> year that this festival has been in existence. Since 2007 the Bushwick Film Festival has been discovering independent films and sharing it with a diverse audience of film lovers and industry professionals. They feel an important aspect of their role is to bridge the gap between film industry and the community through developing film education programs and creating a space for the community to voice their concerns and ideas. Last year Ms. Whitted was invited to attend the festival as a panelist which discussed "Where do we go from here?" To her dismay the event was held at a venue which was not in the community district proper Just on the other side of Flushing Avenue which is the district's boundary. Moreover, with the exception of two other presenters and Robert Camacho, Ms. Whitted did not recognize a soul in attendance. The panel answered questions concerning the emergence of a community. We who are sometimes referred to as OLD TIMERS spoke of our community that we love and because of that love we didn't move when times were not so pleasant, other's look down upon us because we made a very conscience decision not to leave. Ms. Whitted stated that the festival should have been held in Bushwick and Bushwick residents should know about it.

Another very poignant speaker representing Make the Road by Walking spoke of how landlords in Bushwick are being very greedy and illegally removing long standing tenants in order to rent to others who are able to afford higher rents.

After meeting with Ms. Kotee, she extended an invitation for me to become an advisory board member for the 2014 Bushwick Film Festival noting that this the first year that the festival will have an advisory board. The responsibilities are:

- a) Read monthly festival report and provide advice. The monthly reports are short and include press releases from the month and an outline of the festival activities and challenges. (6 total)
- b) One monthly 30 minute phone meeting each month to quickly go over the report and provide advice (6 total meetings)
- c) Share festival campaign with your selected contacts or potential investors to help the festival gain capital.
- d) Agree to a photo and short bio being listed on their website during the duration of 6 months.
- e) Attend a board members that you dinner during the 2014 festival (October 2-5) this is optional but was encouraged to attend.

Ms. Whitted is considering taking on this extra advisory position so that she will be able to bring in elected officials, schools and local community based organizations into this festival.

If anyone have any recommendations please let Ms. Whitted know.

# March 3, 2014

Chairperson Dent and Ms. Whitted attended a very ground breaking epic meeting within the Bushwick Community hosted at the LIFE Audrey Johnson Learning Center. The two newly elected NYC Councilmembers Espinal and Reynoso along with key staffers came together to discuss and to become in sync with the leadership of Community Board #4 on the issue of Re-zoning within the Bushwick Community. The Councilmembers were updated on the work that the Housing and Land Use Committee had already completed on issues which included the following:

- 1) Hosted a Land Use Committee where both the City Planning Office and Borough President's explained the re-zoning process to the committee.
- 2) Developing a questionnaire which was circulated to the membership and public at various board meetings. Ex: What is there now and what would people like to see there?
- 3) Devising a map of six (6) sub-sections within CB#4's district, took pictures of the different types of building located within the sub-sections.
- 4) Addressed letters to the then elected officials to bring them up to speed on the board's work for down zoning.

The consensus of those attending was to begin the process which is the Department of City Planning Brooklyn Borough (DCP) Office making the Community Board #4 district's rezoning a priority. The DCP needs to be convinced of buying in to working with the Pratt Institute Studio which would run from August 2014 to December 2014.

Resulting from the meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Ms. Martha Brown received an invitation to attend a workshop session hosted by NYC Councilmember Reynoso. Ms. Lacey Taber will conduct the workshop.

March 5, 2014

Attended the Executive Committee Meeting

March 6, 2014

Attended the Environmental Protection/Transportation Committee Meeting

Attended a meeting hosted by the new director of the Mayor's Office of Community Assistance Unit where we officially met Kicy Motley our new liaison from the office.

March 11, 2014

Attended the Brooklyn Borough Service Cabinet Meeting – hosted by Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, the meeting was chaired by Deputy Borough President Diana Reyna.

Agenda items included a presentation by the Department of Environmental Protection – Out Reach Unit. Their main focus: Noise complaints and grease management. Call 311 for complaints. There was an impressive video/film shown on the appropriate was of disposing grease – which is very useful for restaurants. There is yellow grease and dark black grease. The District Manager requested a batch of pamphlets to be mailed to her office for future distribution.

The Borough Presidents Topographically Unit (TOPO) will provide District Managers with any information on major roadbed reconstruction.

The Department of Buildings gave an overview on response time to complaints. A) Complaint response time is 36 hours. B) Complaints response time is up to 45 days

The DOB staff is available to spend ½ a day in the district to perform inspections. Call complaints to the Community Board Office if you have a complaint for DOB.

March 11, 2014

Toured MESA Charter School located at 231 Palmetto Street. Mr. Arthur Samuels the Principal of the school greeted and hosted Mrs. Virgie Jones the YEC Chairperson, Mr. Raul Rubio and the District Manager. The school currently has 129 students with 90% from the district's middle schools. Each year the school will grow adding a new ninth grade until it reaches its maximum capacity.

Attended the Public Safety Committee Meeting

March 12, 2014

Rheingold Construction Community Advisory Meeting (Councilmember Reynoso & Diana Reyna) – This working group is the oversight group for the 977 units of housing to be constructed at the Rheingold site. Community Board #4 has a permanent seat at this advisory to advocate and ensure commitments made by the developer.

The Community Board will keep you up to date regarding jobs for residents at the construction site of the project.

March 13, 2014

The District Manager attended the meeting of the Civic and Religious Committee concerning the planning for the Brooklyn/Queens Day Parade and Festivities.

March 17, 2014

Councilmember Reynoso hosted a zoning workshop that was conducted by Lacey Taber. I attended along with Ms. Martha Brown the Housing & Land Use Chairperson and two members of the two councilmember staff. The meeting focused on zoning in the City.

# March 18, 2014

Attended meeting chaired by Raul Rubio of Bushwick Making Children Important (BMCI) Community Partnership Initiative (CPI) general meeting where presentation was made by commission on Human Rights – Abraham Tejeda: 718-722-3130 Sara Shapiro –DOE Office of Continuing Education, John Rivera – RBSCC Community Empowerment Center

83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Community Council Meeting: Deputy Inspector Tasso reported on the crime issues within the District. The biggest issue is grand larceny- scams. People are being called and told that they owe money to Con Edison, IRS, etc. They are told that the money is due right away therefore individual must go and purchase Money Cards and call the caller back with their PIN Number.

#### **FDNY**

On March 9<sup>th</sup> a fire occurred at 437 Bleecker Street, 4-story walk up, occupied multiple dwelling building. Fire was located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

On March 10<sup>th</sup> a fire occurred at 207 Wyckoff Avenue, 3-story occupied multiple dwelling building. Structural fire occurred on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Creative Coalitions Meeting in Bushwick – Thursday, April 3, 2014, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, Beacon Center for Arts and Leadership at IS 291 – 231 Palmetto Street, Brooklyn, NY 11221: Ethany Uttech Community Initiatives Project Specialist, Brooklyn Arts Council, for more information call 718-625-0080 x 227

Con Ed reminds customers to not take chances and to report gas odors. Call 1-800-75 CONED / 1-800-752-6633 once they are safely away from the leak.

National Grid customers should call 1-718-643-4050

United States Postal Services (USPS) – Shirley Chisholm Forever Stamp Celebration on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 10a.m. at the Restoration Plaza, 1368 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216, lobby.

## **Committee Reports: 7:41PM**

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

Meeting Held on Thursday March 13, 2014, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370

Members Attending: Elvena Davis,

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted - District Manager,

Items Discussed:

Planning the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Bushwick Parade, to be held on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Brooklyn/Queens Day

The theme will be the same as last years: Health & Exercising

Route: Start on Knickerbocker Avenue & Weirfield Street, walk to Jefferson Avenue, Jefferson Avenue to Wyckoff Avenue, make a right on Covert Street, walk back to Knickerbocker Avenue, make a right on Halsey Street and end at the park. The next meeting will be a combined meeting with the following Committees: CRC, HHH, & PSC, Friday, April 11, 2014, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue at 4PM.

# Environmental Protection/Transportation Committee (EPT), Chairperson Mr. Eliseo Ruiz, 7:44PM

Meeting Held on Thursday, March 6, 2014, 9A.M., 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370

Members Present: Eliseo Ruiz, Anne Guiney, Julie Dent

Others Attending: Nadine Whited – District Manager, Kevin Worthington-Representing Reynoso Office, Paula Melendez-Assemblywoman Davila's Office, PO Natalie Robinson-NYPD 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct., Miller Nuttle and Drew Levitt-Transportation Alternative (TA) –Street Safety Forums, Yasmin Rosa-All City Leadership Academy (ACLA) Items Discussed:

SAFE STREET FORUMS IN BUSHWICK: Mr. Miller Nuttle and Mr. Drew Levitt of Transportations Alternatives stated that they would like to host a series of Public Forums on the topic of Street Safety in North Brooklyn. They noted that they are interested in getting out ahead of the state of pedestrian, cyclists and motorists fatalities on issues across the city by tapping in to the community. The plan is to question people as to what they think is working on the street.

They provided the board with a map of injuries and fatalities in Community District 1 & Community District 4 from August 2011 to October 2013.

Mr. Nuttle noted that they would like to get a sense from the people as to where they feel safe and unsafe on the streets and how they feel better safety and better comfort could be best achieved. Their plan of doing such is through public

community forums.

The District Manager noted that we are interested in this item; more specifically our interest is on how these forums would take shape and where. There being many diverse transportation concerns in the community it is our goal to make sure that these community forums are inclusive, where everyone including the young and old can have their voices heard. The committee also recommended that these community forums should be held at a wide range of various locations within the district. Suggested locations include: The Audrey Johnson Learning Center, 272 Moffat Street, All City Leadership Academy, Palmetto Street/Knickerbocker Avenue, the Diana Jones Senior Center, Noll Street & Bushwick Avenue

The District Manager stated that a lot of the accidents are due to people not stopping at a red light. A red light means STOP for cars as well as for people. People are not taught that today she believes. Also a lot of people talk on hand held devices as they cross the street which also can lead to accidents.

The committee asked Mr. Nuttle and Mr. Levitt to talk to more people who live in the Bushwick Community instead of those that live in the Williamsburg's Community.

Public Safety Committee (PSC): Ms. Barbara Smith, Chairperson, 7:52PM

Meeting Held on Wednesday, March 11, 2014 at 6PM, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue

<u>Members Attended</u>: Barbara Smith, Elvena Davis, Rev. Grace Aytes, Linda McKinley, Miriam Lamboy, Annette Spellen, Anne Guiney, Victor Villamar

Others Attending: Nadine Whitted – District Manager, Det. Damarys Franco, and PO N. Robinson – NYPD 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. Jeff Pan, Ermal Mreac, Liyuwork Ayalew, Sam Saverance, Colos Parra, Eric Gutierrez, Kenneth Belkin, Linda Thach, Mitch McCann, Michael Lattimore and Gus Fotiou

Items Discussed: NYS Liquor Licenses

1). Sam Saverance- Bunna Café, 1084 Flushing Ave. requesting new full liquor license for restaurant. Operational Hours: Seven days per week 11a.m. to midnight.

Committee Recommendation: APPROVED

2). Jeff Pan-Skytown, 921 Broadway, requesting a waiver of the 30 day Community Board notification of full restaurant liquor license which expired on 2/28/14. Mr. Pan expressed to the committee that his business has complied with the NYPD on all recommendations. He stated that this waiver would be helpful to keep the license in place as he is in the process of selling the business. After consultation with the NYPD the committee was informed of noise complaints and the fact that Mr. Pan was arrested on the location.

Committee Recommendation: NO (Mr. Pan is selling property and is trying to transfer his license)

- 3). Eric Guttierrez, 46 Wyckoff Avenue, requesting a new tavern full liquor license. Documentation is incomplete. Committee Recommendation: HOLD
- 4). Carlos Parra, 134 Wyckoff Avenue, Guadalajara de Dia No. 1 Corp. requesting new wine and beer restaurant license. Operational Hours: Seven days per week 7am to 2pm. Liquor sales cease on Sunday at midnight. Committee Recommendation: APPROVED
- 5).Linda Thach, 941 Willoughby Avenue, Little Skips, requesting a new tavern wine and beer only license. Operational Hours: Monday through Saturday 7am to 2am, Liquor sales cease on Sunday at midnight.

  Committee Recommendation: APPROVED
- 6). Sunday Wright, 1087 Broadway, Goodbye Blue Monday, requesting renewal of wine and beer only tavern license. Operational Hours: Sunday through Thursday 11am to 2am, Friday and Saturday 11am to 4am. Committee Recommendation: Mr. Wright stated that the business will soon close due to excessive bills. Location will be monitored by the 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct.
- 7). Gus Fotiou, 165 Wilson Avenue, The Wheelhouse Gourmet Grilled Cheese, requesting a tavern wine and beer only. No certificate of occupancy as of yet.

  Committee Recommendation: HOLD
- Mr. A. Martinez asked is there a limit to how many bars/restaurants can be approved or allowed.

Ms. Smith: The liquor authority does not get a budget so they do not care because they make their money by issuing liquor licenses.

They now have in force a 500 ft. rule in which they try to monitor so many applicants on one block. However they are probably not going to enforce that but so much because issuing liquor licenses is how they make their money. Mr. Martinez: Some places say that they are a restaurant but they do not have any food.

Ms. Smith: They have the right to sell beer/liquor every day of the week except on Sundays after 12 midnight. If you go to a restaurant and see that they are selling beer/liquor after 12 midnight on a Sunday, or if they are selling liquor to a minor then you can bring your complaint to the Community Board's office.

District Manager: There is an oversaturation of applications in the community. Since the Liquor Authority is a State Agency we have to speak to our State Elected Officials.

If you go to a restaurant and all they are serving is beer, then if you give us the address then we could see what kind of license was issued. The board is working closely with the 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. and a lot of work is going into this.

Restaurants need to have their Certificate of Occupancy, Health Dept. signoff on the restaurant, and the paperwork from the Fire Department.

Det. Franco: Everyone should be able to open their business and given the opportunity to operated well. If there are problems such as they applied to have a restaurant but are not serving food then that should be brought to the Community Board's attention and then an investigation will ensue.

Before the applicant come before the PSC Det. Franco does visit the location and she works with the applicants. Detective Franco asks that members walk with her so they can see what is going on before they receive their licenses.

### Recommendations:8:12PM

February 19, 2014 meeting did not have a quorum so a vote was not able to be taken.

1).BSA Calendar No. 103-13BZ, 81 Jefferson Street, Brooklyn, NY: Moved by Mr. Cyril Joseph and second by Ms. Martha Brown. Motion Carried, All Members Present were in favor.

2).BSA Calendar No. 297-13BZ, 308 Cooper Street, Brooklyn, NY: Martha Brown made a motion to vote, second by Mr. Freddy Fowler. 23 Members = NO 3 Members = Abstain 0 Members = YES Recommendation did not past

January 15, 2014 Minutes with any necessary corrections was accepted by Ms. Barbara Smith and second by Sharline Moore. All board members present were in favor. Motion carried.

PSC Report for the February 19, 2014 meeting was accepted by Ms. Annette Spellen and second by Ms. Miriam Cruz. All members present were in favor. Motion carried.

The PSC Report for the March 19<sup>th,</sup> 2014 meeting was accepted by Ms. Annette Spellen and second by Elvena Davis. All members present were in favor. Motion Carried.

## Announcements: 8:19

Kenya Handy Representing New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer: Hispanic Internal revenue Employees and Crown Heights Community Medical Center Present FREE Tax Preparation Day – Federal & NY State Tax Returns prepared by IRS certified Volunteers Saturday, March 29, 2014 from 10am to 4pm, Crown Heights Community Mediation Center, 256 Kingston Avenue (Between Lincoln & St. Johns place), Brooklyn, NY 11213 Families with dependents earning less than \$52,000 and individuals earning less than \$20,000 Call to RSVP and for more information at 212-669-3916

New York State Senator Martin Malave Dilan Representing the 18<sup>th</sup> District: FREE Income Tax Preparation! Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) provide by Senator Dilan in conjunction with LIU-Brooklyn with training by the Internal Revenue Service, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014, every Friday from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

♣ Have an income of \$52,000 or less
 ♣ Reside in the 18<sup>th</sup> Senate District

❖ Bring valid photo ID

Bring supporting documentation with your W-2 form

Complete the intake form given to you by a staff

member

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Federal Returns Prepared: 1040EZ, 1040A; State Returns Prepared: IT 200, IT 201, IT 214; NYC Returns Prepared: NYC210

Ms. Mangual, Wyckoff Heights Medical Center Wyckoff Heights Medical Center: PHM H.I.V. Outreach & Prevention program, What Would Happen? If You Took the HIV Test...You can learn how to take care of yourself & others! Free, confidential rapid HIV testing.

Walk-in hours: Monday 9am – 6pm, Tuesday - Friday 9am to 4pm, 342 Stanhope Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237 (across From the hospital's Emergency Room) Call / Text: 347-398-7053

Community Affairs Bureau's Juvenile Justice Division Presents 2014 Youth Summits: Youth Summits are held in communities throughout NYC to inform the public about potential dangers and consequences of Social Media. Also addresses are topics on Youth Crews and trends in their respective neighborhoods.

Teenagers, community leaders, representatives of community based youth organizations, teachers, administrators, clergy and concerned citizens are invited and encourage to attend. The forum is free and open to the public. For more information contact: Juvenile Justice Division at 212-343-3707

DreamUP, BuildUP, PowerUP WIN \$15,000!!! Your foundation for a great Brooklyn business idea is Brooklyn Public Library

2014 PowerUP! Business Plan Competition Orientations – Central Library, Dweck Center, 10 Grand Army Plaza, Thursday, April 10, 6:30-8PM

To register for orientation at www.bklynpubliclibrary.org/business/powerup or call 718-623-7000 (option 4)

Kevin Wolfe, Brooklyn, Borough President Eric Adams: Thanked Ms. Dent and Ms. Whitted Submit applications to be a board member to the Borough Hall Office Community Board #4 has friends at the BP office. Please contact Mr. Wolfe at 718-802-3764, kwolfe@brooklynbp.nyc.gov

Jennifer Clark, Local 1199: Sign up for Obama Health Care 3/20/14- 1151 Bushwick Avenue 3/25/14-484 Knickerbocker Avenue, New Jerusalem Church

Brandon Zwagerman, Silent Barn: Multi-functional all-ages art incubation space, it operates a daily all-ages event venue, music, performing arts and other events.

For information on upcoming event at the Silent Barn, 603 Bushwick Avenue (Jefferson Street), Brooklyn, NY 11206 Visit: http://www.silentbarn.org or contact: silentbarnispeople@googlegroups.com

Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams: Community Board membership if interested please call 718-802-4032 or go Online for an application at <a href="https://www.brooklyn-usa.org">www.brooklyn-usa.org</a>

Universal Pre-K NYC - Call to Action: Make your Voice Heard

Thank your State Legislators for supporting New York City's plan to fund Universal Pre-K and Expanded After –School Programs

The New York State Assembly and State Senate both supported 5 years of full, dedicated funding for Universal Pre-K and expanded after school programs!

Call 866-591-9971 and you will be connected to the legislative hotline. The hotline will ask for your zip code. Enter your zip code and you will be automatically connected to your legislator. If there is no answer please leave a voicemail.

Mr. Robert Solano, Churches United Housing:

Mr. Solano stated that there were 100 applications applying for the condo located at 782 Hart Street Shelter Rock – St. Joseph's will host interviews for the 10 three family houses at 1080 Willoughby Avenue so that applicants do not have to travel far to be interview for the homes.

Ms. Dent thanked the Hope Gardens Multi Service Center for allowing Community Board #4 host their meetings at their facility.

Youth Programs available, children are the future

Detective Franco, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct.: Be careful of scams in the neighborhood.

Auto Theft Prevention Tip: Do not leave the keys in the ignition. Vehicles left unattended with keys in the ignition are easily targeted by car thieves. This dangerous practice allows for an easy theft or a joy ride by an inexperienced driver. Close your windows turn off the ignition and remove the keys, lock your doors!

Youth Summit -4/7/2014 for boys and girls in High School School Crossing Guards jobs available

Mr. Cyril Joseph is a candidate for assemblyman. Open House on 4/26/14 at 1pm, 182 Moffat Street (corner of Central Avenue) Meet and greet your candidate.

2<sup>nd</sup> Roll Call: Meeting adjourned 8:47PM