

**MAJOR TOPICS & OTHER ISSUES**

**MARCH AWARENESS MONTH**

- National Colorectal Cancer
- National Nutrition
- National Endometriosis
- Save Your Vision
- Workplace Eye Wellness
- National Problem Gambling
- National School Breakfast Week (8-12th)
- National Patient Safety Awareness Week (7-13th)
- National Sleep Awareness Week (7-13th)
- National Poison Prevention Week (14—20th)
- Brain Awareness Week (15—21st)
- Root Canal Awareness Week (28th—April 3rd)
- World Kidney Day (11th)
- National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (10)
- World Tuberculosis Day (24th)
- American Diabetes Alert Day (23rd)

**NYC Health Department**

**How a Day's Worth of Sugary Drinks Adds Up to A Whopping 93 Sugar Packets**

*In a continuing effort to educate New Yorkers about the potentially serious health effects of consuming sugary drinks, the Health Department launched the latest installment of its "Pouring On the Pounds" health education campaign. The 30-second spot shows how a day's worth of sugary drinks can add up. Building on a previous campaign, sugar content is measured in "packets" to illustrate how a daily routine of just a few sweetened drinks can cumulate to a whopping 93 packets of sugar by the end of the day. These excessive amounts of sugar would amount to almost 1,400 empty calories of pure sugar – that's nearly ¾ of the daily recommended calories for most adults. The spot ends with devastating images of the serious potential health consequences of obesity and diabetes. Fortunately, there are many healthier alternatives to sugar-sweetened beverages. The Health Department encourages New Yorkers to look for drinks with less than 25 calories in every 8oz. serving. Coffee and tea are naturally low in calories, even when you add small amounts of milk and sugar. For more information on healthy eating, call 311.*

**ICCC UPDATE**

On January 30, 2014 the Board received a revised application from the ICCC with reference to the Creedmore property. The Land Use Committee Chair was advised and Mr. Hellenbrecht held a meeting with the affected civics on February 6th. A copy of the proposal will be in Board Members packets for February 24th. The Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) Hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 25 @ 10:00am, 22 Reade Street. While the Board is not required to vote again on this revised plan per BSA. Community comments will be accepted at the BSA Hearing on February 25, 2014.

**IMMEDIATE  
HIRING!**

**NYS Department of Sanitation Snow Laborers Needed**

DSNY is calling in pre-registered snow laborers to remove snow and ice from bus stops, crosswalks, fire hydrants and step streets. Those who have pre-registered should report to the garage listed on their ID card on Tuesday, February 18 at 8 a.m. – No End Date. Always @ 8am

Individuals interested in registering can do so at their local district DSNY garage between 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The rate of pay begins at \$12 per hour, and increases to \$18 after the first 40 hours. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, be eligible to work in the United States, and capable of performing heavy physical labor.

**All applicants must bring:**

- Two small photos (Photo size 1 ½ square)
- Original and copy of two forms of identification
- Social Security card..



**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
HIGH SCHOOL ALTERNATIVES**

**ADULT & CONTINUING EDUCATION**  
IF YOU ARE 21 OR UNDER, A NYC RESIDENT, AND ARE BEHIND IN CREDITS OR HAVE DROPPED OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL, DON'T ASSUME THAT EARNING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED IS OUT OF REACH. DIAL 311

**NEW DOITT Website PLOW NYC**  
The purpose of this Website is to allow the public to: (1) track the progress of DSNY spreader/plow vehicles; and (2) confirm the snow designation of City streets

**Report Tax Evasion and Fraud**

The Department of Finance conducts criminal investigations on taxpayers who do not obey the City's tax laws. We ask the public to help us.

All information received will be kept confidential. If you wish, Finance can acknowledge we have received your complaint. Please provide us with your name, address, and/or telephone number. Due to tax secrecy laws, we cannot provide updates on the status of our investigation.

**Online: NYC.GOV**

[Online Complaint Form](#)

**By Phone:**

Call 311 (24 hours a day)

**By Mail or Fax:**

New York City Department of Finance  
Office of Tax Enforcement  
345 Adams Street, 13th Floor  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
Fax: 718-403-3911

There is no money reward for reporting a tax crime. You do, however, have the satisfaction of helping New York City in its fight against tax evaders. This helps make sure all businesses and individuals pay their fair share.

**Department of Finance  
Senior Citizen Homeowners' Exemption (SCHE)**

Owners of 1-, 2-, and 3-family houses, condominiums, or cooperative apartments who are age 65 or older by December 31st, may qualify for a tax reduction. Benefits may start as soon as the next fiscal year.

If a husband and wife, siblings or registered domestic partners own the property, only one owner needs to be 65 or over by December 31 to apply for SCHE. However, the amount of reduction is based on the combined Federal Income Tax Return figures for all owners on the deed. This applies for owners who do not live with you, e.g., your children.

You can reduce your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) by subtracting unreimbursed medical expenses to figure your eligible income. The net combined amount must be less than \$37,400 and the property must serve as the owner's primary residence. This means you must live in the house, condominium, or cooperative apartment more than six months a year.

Your personal income for the tax year prior to July is used for the new property tax year. For example, you would use your AGI for the 2011 income tax year to figure the benefit for the new property tax starting July 2012.

Homeowners who apply and receive SCHE will also automatically receive Enhanced STAR benefits.