

108 PRECINCT  
COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Community Affairs: 718-784-5420  
Police Department, City of New York  
5-47 50th Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101

*A forum for constructive police-community cooperation in the interest of community betterment, public safety and better understanding between police and community of Woodside, Sunnyside, and Long Island City.*

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*"Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen."*

-Winston Churchill  
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Dear 108 Precinct Friend,

Over 250 needy local children located by Iglesia Alianze Christian Church at 42-32 38th St. will be our special guests this year!

Santa is coming to hear each one can each will receive a present of his or her own, based on age, from your contributions, and we humbly ask for your help.

ONE HUNDRED PERCENT of all funds and goods to directly to fund this children's event in this annual joint NYPD and community effort.

For most of the children who attend, the event will be their winter holiday celebration. The toy they receive may be their only toy. You are cordially invited to enjoy the delight of your recipients firsthand and perhaps ask Santa for a special wish for yourself. His people have notified our people that we are on his calendar.

A donation in check form may made out to "The 108 Precinct Community Council." Or, if you want to make a goods donation, please do. Please contact P.O. Luis Diaz, or P.O. Marc Torres (718-784-5420) or me (718-784-3194) and we will gladly come by!



*When:* Saturday, December 19, 2015 – Noon till 2 pm

*Where:* Sunnyside Community Services, 43-31 39th St, Sunnyside

**▶ DONATION DEADLINE: December 10, 2015 ◀**

Thank you! *Diane Ballek*

Diane Ballek, 718-784-3194

*Have a happy, healthy and safe holiday!*



# 2015 COAT DRIVE

## FOR NEW YORK CARES

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until  
December 11th

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at our office:

31-09 Newtown Avenue  
Suite 209, Astoria NY  
11102

For more information, please call our office at (718) 274-4500 or email [mcorbett@council.nyc.gov](mailto:mcorbett@council.nyc.gov)

# NYC Council Majority Leader *Jimmy Van Bramer's* 6th Annual **HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE**

This year in an effort to assist New York City's brave men and women we will be collecting food for veterans and their families.

According to a recent study by the Food Bank For New York City, approximately 70,000 City veterans rely on soup kitchens and food pantries for a meal each day. We need your help.

## NEEDED NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS:

- CANNED MEATS, CANNED SOUPS, CANNED VEGGIES, CANNED/DRIED FRUIT
- INFANT FORMULA, PEANUT BUTTER, DRIED GOODS (PASTA, RICE, GRAINS)



## DROP OFF AT OUR DISTRICT OFFICE OR LIBRARY BRANCH:

**The District Office**  
47-01 Queens Boulevard #205

**Broadway Library**  
40-20 Broadway

**Court Sq. Library**  
25-01 Jackson Avenue

**LIC Library**  
37-44 21st Street

**Ravenswood Senior Center**  
34-35A 12th Street

**Sunnyside Library**  
43-06 Greenpoint Avenue

**Woodside Library**  
54-22 Skillman Avenue

## Collecting Donations Until December 14

**Jimmy  
Van Bramer**  
WORKING FOR US

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For more information  
contact Elana Ehrenberg  
at (718) 383-9566 Ext. 1

# Join Best for NYC and Build a Better Business

Strengthen your bottom line  
Improve your community impact  
Attract and engage employees  
Increase your visibility  
and get citywide recognition

Take a free online 20-minute assessment—the Best for NYC Challenge—and you'll join thousands of businesses that have already learned ways to improve practices, gain access to tools and services and better promote their business.



**1** Take the Best for NYC Challenge  
Go to [www.bestfor.nyc](http://www.bestfor.nyc), log in, and take the fast online assessment.

**2** Access tools to improve  
You'll get a free improvement plan customized to your business and access to tools and services in order to strengthen your bottom line.

**3** Gain recognition for your commitment  
You'll be identified citywide as a company using business as a force for good, and striving to improve NYC and the quality of life for all New Yorkers.

**Start Today! Visit [www.bestfor.nyc](http://www.bestfor.nyc)**

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# BOC Business Peer Exchanges

*Businesses Leading Businesses*

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## What is a BOC Business Peer Exchange?

A BOC Business Peer Exchange is an opportunity for business owners to **engage with their peers** and gain insights to improve management practices, while staying true to their vision and strategy. BOC Business Peer Exchanges are groups of **10-15 businesses**, who will meet **six times** over the course of **multiple months**.

BOC Business Peer Exchanges present an opportunity for business owners to build a better business and improve their bottom-line by learning how to incorporate best practices into different areas of their business including: customers, workers, internal processes, and finances.

### Session Topics:



**Business as a Force for Good**



**Driving Purpose and Engagement in a Changing Business World**



**Integrating Customer Values into the Businesses**



**Aligning Business Operations to the Mission**



**Leveraging Financial Acumen to Accelerate Purpose**



**Building for Prosperity**

## Why join a BOC Business Peer Exchange?

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By joining a BOC Business Peer Exchange, business owners will have the opportunity to:

- Connect and share best practices with 10-15 fellow business owners
- Build relationships with peers in their industry and/or geographic region
- Improve chances of success through discussing and planning for their business' future
- Apply for free one-on-one consulting services with consultants who have expertise in areas including Human Resources, Succession Planning, Supply Chain Management, among many others
- Join a movement of small and medium-sized businesses across NYC who are competing to not just be the best in the city, but the best for the city.

The next Exchange, focused on women-owned businesses across all five boroughs, will meet starting in December 2015. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, November 18th. The following Exchange, offered in Spanish, will meet starting in January 2016. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, December 16th.

## How can I join a BOC Business Peer Exchange?

To apply to a BOC Business Peer Exchange group, please fill out the Statement of Interest Form online ([here](#)), request a PDF version from Spencer Petterson at [spetterson@bocnet.org](mailto:spetterson@bocnet.org), or call BOC at [718.642.9115](tel:718.642.9115) and ask for Spencer or a Best for NYC Fellow. \*Please note that all

businesses participating in the Business Peer Exchanges are required to take the Best for NYC

challenge found at <http://bestfor.nyc/>





# Community Garden Youth



NYC Parks  
GreenThumb

# Leadership

# Council

The **Youth Leadership Council** is designed to have high school youths and college students participate in one or more **community gardens** located throughout the 5 Boroughs! The program takes place in the summer of 2016 starting with a kickoff event in April and ending August. The program is a great way to give back to the community, receive volunteer hours, make friends, learn new skills and have fun! The requirement to join is for students to volunteer at a garden at least twice a month and cumulate a total of 20 volunteer hours throughout the summer. **The deadline to apply for high school aged youths is March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016. The deadline for college students is December 30<sup>th</sup> 2015.**

**To apply and for more information contact **Matthew Melore** at [matthew.melore@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:matthew.melore@parks.nyc.gov) or call: 212-602-5323**



# Youth Leadership Councils Application - 2016

Thank you for showing interest in Green Thumb's Youth Leadership Councils. Green Thumb is a branch of the NYC Parks Department, responsible for hundreds of community gardens throughout the five boroughs. The purpose of the Youth Leadership Council is to have youth learn valuable skills, have fun, create lasting friendships, while volunteering at a community run garden.

In order to graduate from a Youth Leadership Council, students must complete a minimum of 20 hours of service at a community garden throughout the summer. There will be a kickoff training event sometime in April as well as a graduation ceremony in August. Students will have the opportunity to learn from community gardeners about the best ways in which to grow a wide variety of plants, as well as general gardening maintenance.



**NYC Parks**  
GreenThumb

Any high school student interested in botany, agriculture, flowers, nature, the environment, composting techniques, or gardening is welcome to sign up. This is not only a good way to give back to your community, it is a path to understanding where your food comes from, how to care for living things, and possibly the start of a future career.

**All you need to do to apply is fill out the information below, scan the application and email it to [matthew.melore@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:matthew.melore@parks.nyc.gov) The deadline to apply is March 31, 2016.**

First Name:	<input type="text"/>	Last Name:	<input type="text"/>	
Email:	<input type="text"/>			
Phone Number:	<input type="text"/>	Grade:	<input type="text"/>	
Circle the Borough where you would like to garden:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Manhattan	<input type="checkbox"/> Brooklyn	<input type="checkbox"/> Queens	<input type="checkbox"/> Bronx	<input type="checkbox"/> Staten Island
How did you hear about the Youth Leadership Councils?				
<input type="text"/>				
Have you ever worked at a community garden before?				
<input type="text"/>				