

Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, December 16, 2015  
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center  
195 Linden Street (corner of Wilson Avenue)  
Brooklyn, New York 11221  
6:00PM

The District Manager Ms. Nadine Whitted welcome all in attendance to the Community Board #4's Wednesday, December 16, 2015 monthly Community Board meeting.

The District Manager, Ms. Nadine Whitted introduced the Public Hearing Items.

- Public Hearing Items -

Doctor Torian Easterling: Assistant Commissioner of New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene.

Doctor Easterling mentioned two items: 1) Taking Care New York 2) Statistics and Health Data that impact the Bushwick Community

Take Care NY is the New York City Health Department's blueprint for giving everyone a healthier life. Its goal is twofold - to improve everyone's health and to make greater strides with groups that have the worst health outcomes, so that the city becomes a more equitable place for everyone.

Doctor Easterling focus is in Brooklyn. His mission is to make Brooklyn a healthier place and for order for his office to do this they must identify what the health issues are and what are their causes. His office is located at 485 Troop Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221

The NYC Health Dept. has an office also located in Bushwick at 335 Central Avenue on the corner of Linden Street.

- Every Neighborhood A Healthy Neighborhood
- Promote Healthy Childhoods
- Create Healthier Neighborhoods
- Support Healthy Living
- Increase Access To Quality Care

Doctor Easterling invited everyone to join him at a meeting Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Washington Irving Public Library from 6-8pm to learn more. Washington Irving Library, Community Room, 360 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237.

The District Manager introduced Captain Frank Giodano from Transit District 33. The Captain is accompanied by Juanita Johnson, Community Affairs Officer with Transit District 33.

There are 4 stations along the L line: Jefferson Street, DeKalb Avenue, Bushwick Avenue & Wilson Avenue. Along the J line 7: Eastern Parkway, Chauncey St., Halsey St., Gates Ave., Kosciusko St., Myrtle/Broadway, Flushing Ave. and on the M line: Central Avenue, Knickerbocker Avenue and Wyckoff Avenue Stations.

In the last 28 days there has been no crime in the 8 stations which is 4 crimes down from last year. For the year they are down 5% overall in index crimes for the year.

Most of the crimes that are occurring on the L line which is one of their busiest lines are grand larceny crimes. These crimes occur mostly when people are sleeping on the trains.

The Captain asked that you designate someone to stay awake while you are traveling on the trains. If you are by yourself he ask that you stay awake. These crimes occur especially during the weekend hours. Transit District 33 have assigned plain cloths Police Officers to address this problem by trying to catch person who are committing the crimes but the communities help is needed.

For example please do not go to sleep with cell phones in your hands.

The Captain wished all a very happy and safe holiday.

The District Manager thanked the Captain Giodano for visiting the Community Board and for updating the board.

The District Manager introduced Deputy Inspector Max Tolentino to speak before the board. Deputy Inspector Max Tolentino, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The Deputy Inspector gave and update on the occurrences in the community.  
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The Deputy Inspector said that Bushwick is in a great place presently. He has a great team working with him he stated.

Crime is down over 30% in every category. Rape is slightly up. There have been 17 shootings this year compared to 22 last year. 58 guns have been taken off the streets along with 90 people being arrested regarding it.

He wished everyone a happy/healthy and safe Holiday!!!

He asked for the community to get more involved because they need their eyes and ears. The programs that have been in place for the 2015 year will be in place for 2016. Any additional procedures that need to be added will be.

These are the Elected Officials and /or their representatives that attended the meeting with their respective address and telephone numbers.

- 1) Jacklyn Reyes Representing Assemblyman Eric Martin Dilan, 366 Cornelia Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-386-4576
- 2) Yanuski Rodriquez Representing the Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson, 718-250-2565
- 3) Miguel Suarez Representing Senator Martin Malave Dilan, 573 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211, 718-573-1726
- 4) Yamilky Crisostomo Representing the Borough President Eric Adams, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-802-3809
- 5) Rachel Fuentes Representing Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, 249 Wilson Avenue, 718-443-1205
- 6) Celeste Leon Representing Councilmember Rafael Espinal

City, State or Federal Agency representatives introduced themselves and stated their respective address and telephone numbers.

- 1) Deputy Inspector Max Tolentino, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct. 480 Knickerbocker Avenue
- 2) Det. Damarys Franco, 83<sup>rd</sup> Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Avenue, 718-574-1697
- 3) Captain Frank Giodano Transit District 33
- 4) Juanita Johnson, Community Affairs Office, Transit District 33

Nadine Whitted the District Manager thanked everyone for coming out and wished everyone Happy Holidays!!!!

**Announcements:**

Kenneth P. Thompson, Kings County District Attorney: Immigrant Fraud Unit: Are you or someone you know an immigrant who has been the victim of fraud or a scam? If so, please contact the Kings County District Attorney's Office for help. Immigrant Fraud Unit Helpline 718-250-3333 or email them at [IFU@BrooklynDA.org](mailto:IFU@BrooklynDA.org). Help is available in all languages.

Eric L. Adams, Brooklyn Borough President: One Brooklyn New Year's Eve. Countdown to 2016  
One celebration – Two locations with fireworks and live entertainment, December 31, 2015  
Coney Island Steeplechase Plaza starting at 10PM and Prospect Heights Grand Army Plaza starting at 11PM.

Eric L. Adams, Brooklyn Borough President: Access to Legal Service  
IN partnership with Legal Services NYC (Brooklyn Branch) and the Brooklyn Volunteer Lawyers  
Project, Inc. with offer free legal service. 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month between 2pm and 5pm.  
Foreclosure Intervention/Prevention by Brooklyn Volunteer Lawyer's Project, Inc.  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month between 2pm and 5pm. Housing and Elder Law, and Pension  
matters by Legal Services NYC (Brooklyn Branch)  
Please call 718-802-3777 to make an appointment to get free legal assistance. Appointments are  
required. Walk-ins will only be seen based on availability. The last appointment for the day is at  
4:15pm.

Camp Friendship Coat Distribution: Saturday, December 19, 2015, from 10am to 3pm. Church of the  
Redeemer, 4717 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

Silent Barn partners with Room to Grow to collect baby essentials  
You can help a baby in need!!! Donate new or nearly new toys in excellent condition and appropriate  
for a child under the age of three. Toys can be dropped off at 603 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn  
Donations are tax-deductible.

Kweighbaye Kotee, Bushwick Film Festival: Open Space  
Apply for a grant till January 24, 2016 up to \$10,000. For more information email Kweighbaye at  
[KKotee@gmail.com](mailto:KKotee@gmail.com)

Ms. Barbara Smith: Thanked everyone for their support on 12/4/201 at the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct's Community  
Council fundraiser. She was able to raise approx. \$1,500 and because of that the Council was able to  
distribute 350 toys to the children. Most of the donations came from Bushwick residents and  
organizations.

During the Thanksgiving season the Council was able to give out 75 turkeys. Food Bazaar gave a  
donation of \$1,000, so please shop and support them for all they do for Bushwick.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Roll Call:** Meeting Adjourned