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**NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 19, 2020
6PM**

**HOPE GARDENS
MULTI-SERVICE
CENTER**

**195 LINDEN STREET
(CORNER WILSON AVENUE)
BROOKLYN, NY 11221**

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**REGULAR MONTHLY
MEETING**
Wednesday, Feb. 19th, 2020

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Maria Hernandez Park in the snow.

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Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 19th, 2020 • 6:00 PM
Hope Gardens Multi-Service Center
195 Linden Street (Corner Wilson Avenue)
Brooklyn, New York 11221

Public Hearing Item(s)

1. **Ramon Pebenito, Office of New York State Senator Julia Salazar** – providing an update on Foundation Aid, the Campaign for Fiscal Equity, and information about a call to action for an upcoming rally.
2. **Tanjila Rahman, Director of Community Affairs, NYC Department of Consumer Affairs** – presenting on Free Tax Preparation.
3. **Lousette Saint Victor, Shop Healthy Community Coordinator, DOHMH Center for Health Equity, Systems Partnership** – presenting on the shop healthy program.

Regular Board Meeting

1. FIRST ROLL CALL
2. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA
3. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES
4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:
MR. ROBERT CAMACHO
 - INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS (REPRESENTATIVES)
 - INTRODUCTION OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES
 - 83RD PRECINCT COMMANDING OFFICER—**D. I. DANIEL DOOLEY**
5. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:
MS. CELESTE LEÓN
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - Arts Culture Technology – **ZULMA NOVOA**
 - Civic Public Safety Religious – **BARBARA SMITH**
 - District Office – **ROBERT CAMACHO**
 - Health Human Service Senior Citizens Veterans – **LUISA JOSE**
 - Housing & Land Use – **MARTHA BROWN**
 - Parks and Recreation – **ANNETTE SPELLEN**
 - Permits and Licenses Committee – **MELISSA CARRERA**
 - Youth and Education – **VIRGIE JONES**
7. RECOMMENDATIONS
8. OLD BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. ANNOUNCEMENTS (1.5 MINUTES)
11. SECOND ROLL CALL
12. ADJOURNMENT

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www.youtube.com
and search for
'Brooklyn Community Board 4.'

**COMMUNITY BOARD 4
UPCOMING MEETING**

**SAVE THE
DATE**

**WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 18th, 2020**

Community Meetings

83RD PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 • 6:30pm

83rd Precinct

480 Knickerbocker Avenue
(Corner Bleecker Street)
Brooklyn, NY 11237

83RD PRECINCT CLERGY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 • 10am

83rd Precinct

480 Knickerbocker Avenue
(Corner Bleecker Street)
Brooklyn, NY 11237

HOPE GARDENS TENANT ASSOCIATION

Thursday, February 20, 2020 • 6:30pm

120 Menahan Street
(between Central & Wilson Avenues)

BUSHWICK COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Tuesday, February 21, 2020

10am – 12pm

NYCHA Hope Gardens Community Center
422 Central Avenue
(Between Palmetto & Woodbine Streets)

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL (CEC) 32 MEETING

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Calendar Meeting at 6:00pm

Business Meeting at 7:35pm

P.S. 299

88 Woodbine Street
(between Evergreen & Bushwick Avenues)

Community Notices

COMMUNITY TAX AID, INC. (CTA)

Community Tax Aid, Inc. (CTA) is an all-volunteer, not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization which has been preparing tax returns FREE for low-income taxpayers since 1969.

Determine your eligibility:

- Individuals with incomes up to \$35,000
 - Other taxpayers (families, couples, etc.) with incomes up to \$56,000
- CTA is dedicated to providing all services (state, city, and federal personal income tax forms) with the special needs of and benefits for low income taxpayers in mind. CTA will prepare tax returns for 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

For more information, visit www.communitytaxaidnyc.org

Community Notices

Brooklyn Location:

PRATT AREA/BED STUY – BROOKLYN
IMPACCT Brooklyn
226 Lefferts Place (At Franklin Street),
Brooklyn, NY 11238
Saturday 10:00am – 1:00pm - No
Appointments. Walk In Only
Dates: February 15, 22, 29; March 7, 21,
28; April 4, 11; Closed March 14

QUEBRADILLAS BASEBALL ORGANIZATION OPEN FOR REGISTRATION 2020

Celestial Church

1380 Jefferson Avenue between
Knickerbocker & Irving Avenues
Brooklyn, New York 11237
Girls: Ages 13 – 17
Boys: Ages 4 – 12
January 18, 2020 – April 2020
Every Saturday • 11:00AM – 3:00PM
For More Information: Call: Carlos (347)
251-1458 or Franqui (347) 459-7140

GIRL SCOUTS

Learn. Grow. Explore. Girl Scouts.

Start thinking about expanding her world outside of school! As a Girl Scout Daisy, your Kindergarten will try new and exciting things. She'll make friends, grow in confidence, and build skills that will help her in school and beyond. The best part? You'll get to join the fun right alongside her as she plays, learns and grows with the help of other caring adult volunteers. It's all waiting for her at Girl Scouts! This is a Daisy specific event, but girls in all grade levels welcome!

Learn more about what Girl Scout Daisies (K-1) do by booking a Discover Girl Scouts Event!

This is a one-hour Parent and Daughter experience that introduces families to Girl Scouts.

For interest in scheduling a Discover Girl Scouts Event please contact: Judith Rivera, Email: jrivera@girlscoutsnyc.org or Phone: (646) 629-2300

To JOIN NOW go to girlscouts.org/Daisy or TEXT DAISY to 59618

Want to learn more before signing up your daughter? Go to girlscoutsnyc.org/Discover and someone from Council will contact you!

BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK CONSERVANCY TIDES program

Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy is now accepting applications for the Spring 2020 session of the Teens Interested in & Dedicated to Environmental Stewardship (TIDES) program. Teens will assist



2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

Recently, a novel (new) coronavirus was detected in thousands of people worldwide, primarily in China. A "novel coronavirus" is a strain that has not been previously found in humans. This novel coronavirus, also referred to as 2019-nCoV, can include fever, cough or shortness of breath.

Most people who were first diagnosed with this infection reported exposure to a large seafood and live animal market in Wuhan, China. Recently, people with this infection did not report contact with this market. This means that person-to-person spread is occurring.

No people have been diagnosed with this novel coronavirus in New York State. The risk to New Yorkers is low.

If you are a medical provider, see our Novel Respiratory Virus page.

Tips for Travelers

If you are planning any travel outside the US, visit the CDC's Travelers' Health webpage for the latest travel health notices. If you were recently in China and have a fever, cough or shortness of breath, you should:

- Seek medical care right away. Before you go to a health care provider's office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms. Wear a mask if you need to leave your home when sick.
- After you have been seen by a health care provider, stay home and avoid contact with others until you are well.
- Avoid travel on any public transportation (such as bus, subway, train or airplane) until the illness resolves.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

Hospital staff will not ask you about your immigration status. You will be seen regardless of ability to pay.

For more information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/>

GREENTHUMB YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL



VOLUNTEER AT A COMMUNITY GARDEN IN NYC!

A FREE VOLUNTEER PROGRAM FOR YOUTH:

- Learn valuable skills in a local garden
- Organize events that make communities healthier, more beautiful, and more fun
- Earn a minimum of 20 service hours, serving in a garden at least twice a month
- Open to anyone aged 12-21 in all five boroughs

VISIT THE WEBSITE:

[greenthumb.nycgovparks.org/
youth_gardener.html](http://greenthumb.nycgovparks.org/youth_gardener.html)

LINK TO ONLINE APPLICATION: bit.ly/YLCYouth20

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Rasheed Hislop
(212) 602-5308



NYC Parks
GreenThumb

NYC Service
nyc.gov/service

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education and horticulture staff at Brooklyn Bridge Park while exploring and learning more about their surroundings.

TIDES invite teens to pitch in at Brooklyn Bridge Park while exploring and learning more about the environment. TIDES teens complete community service hour through gardening, seining, coastal cleanup, and monitoring oyster cages. The program is for teens ages 14-18, and will run ten sessions (Wednesdays, 4-6PM from March 25-June 3rd). The application can be found online at <https://www.brooklynbridgepark.org/>, and will be accepted until Sunday, March 1st.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Berenice Navarrete-Perez, from the Office of the 37th Council District Office at (718) 642-8664.

THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL *Our Mission is Safety*

The National Safety Council eliminates preventable deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the road through leadership, research, education and advocacy.

Think Before You Shovel! *Why do People Die Shoveling Snow?*

There is no end to the terms for “really big snowstorm,”. But with really big snow storms – and even every day, run-of-the-mill snowfalls – comes a risk of death by shoveling. Nationwide, snow shoveling is responsible for thousands of injuries and as many as 100 deaths each year. So, why so many deaths? Shoveling snow is just another household chore, right? Not really, says the American Heart Association. While most people won’t have a problem, shoveling snow can put some people at risk of heart attack. Sudden exertion, like moving hundreds of pounds of snow after being sedentary for several months, can put a big strain on the heart. Pushing a heavy snow blower also can cause injury.

And, there’s the cold factor. Cold weather can increase heart rate and blood pressure. It can make blood clot more easily and constrict arteries, which decreases blood supply. This is true even in healthy people. Individuals over the age of 40 or who are relatively inactive should be particularly careful.

National Safety Council recommends the following tips to shovel safely:

- Do not shovel after eating or while smoking
- Take it slow and stretch out before you begin
- Shovel only fresh, powdery snow; it’s

lighter

- Push the snow rather than lifting it
- If you do lift it, use a small shovel or only partially fill the shovel
- Lift with your legs, not your back
- Do not work to the point of exhaustion
- Know the signs of a heart attack, and stop immediately and call 911 if you’re experiencing any of them; every minute counts

Don’t pick up that shovel without a doctor’s permission if you have a history of heart disease. A clear driveway is not worth your life.

Snow Blower Safety

In addition to possible heart strain from pushing a heavy snow blower, be safe with tips from the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, including:

- If the blower jams, turn it off
- Keep your hands away from the moving parts
- Be aware of the carbon monoxide risk of running a snow blower in an enclosed space
- Add fuel outdoors, before starting, and never add fuel when it is running
- Never leave it unattended when it is running

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BUSHWICK FOOD SCRAP DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Wilson Avenue Compost On-the-Go

Wilson Avenue and Moffat Street (near L train) Brooklyn, NY 11207

Thursdays, 8am to 11am

Hosted by GrowNYC

Jefferson Street Compost On-the-Go

Wyckoff Avenue & Starr Street (SE Corner) (L Train Station), Brooklyn, NY 11237

Thursdays, 7:30am to 10:30am

Hosted by GrowNYC

BK ROT Food Scrap Drop Off

Know Waste Lands Community Garden, 1278 Myrtle Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221

Sundays 12pm to 3pm

Hosted by BK ROT

CLOSED FOR SEASON:

Bushwick Grows! Community Garden,

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1474 Gates Avenue

Note: items that are accepted at neighborhood drop-off sites differ from the organic materials that we pick up from buildings that receive curbside organics collection.

Here's what you can and can't bring to food scrap drop-off sites:

Accepted Items

- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Coffee grounds, filters, and paper tea bags
- Bread and grains
- Eggshells
- Nutshells
- Corncobs
- Food-soiled paper towels and napkins
- Shredded newspaper
- Sawdust and wood shavings from untreated wood
- Stale beans, flour, and spices
- Cut or dried flowers
- Houseplants and potting soil
- Feathers
- Don't Bring
- Meat or fish scraps
- Cheese or dairy products
- Fats, grease, oil, or oily foods
- Pet food
- Pet feces
- Kitty litter
- Colored or glossy paper
- Sawdust made from pressure-treated plywood or lumber
- Coal or charcoal ashes
- Non-compostable materials like plastic, metals, or glass
- Diseased or insect-infested houseplants and soil
- Biodegradable or compostable plastics

Employment Opportunities

BIKE NEW YORK

Position: Group Ride Leader

Job Description:

Bike New York is currently seeking several skilled, Group Ride Leaders.

Duties include, but will not be limited to:

- Leading scheduled and spontaneous group bike rides
- Scouting potential New York City ride routes and rest locations
- Developing, scheduling and leading rides for every level of rider

- Photographing ride locations, destinations, and groups for social media
 - Enforcing Bike New York's mandatory helmet policy
 - Performing minor bike repairs including fixing flats
 - Riding at the advertised pace while maintaining timeliness
 - Demonstrating the ABC Quick Check and utilizing traffic hand signs
- Requirements:
- Bachelor's degree (preferred)
 - Superior bike handling skills and group bike riding experience
 - Knowledge of League of American Cycling "smart cycling" recommendations.
 - Comfort with public speaking as well as good writing skills
 - Organized, detail-oriented, efficient within a fast-paced environment
 - Knowledge of and comfort with enforcement of New York State Vehicular Traffic Laws including stopping at red lights
 - Equal ease with biking on bike lanes as well as in high traffic areas and identifying areas of caution to riders
 - Comfort with mobile applications Strava and Ride with GPS
 - Familiarity with the Google-Suite mobile platform
- Please send resume and cover letter describing your interest and qualifications to: jobs@bike.nyc. Include "2020 Group Ride Leader" in the subject line.

Position: Community Outreach Coordinator

Reports to: Director of Community Outreach & Membership Program

Compensation: \$25 an hour
Classification: Part-time, seasonal, non-exempt. February to October 2020, occasional evenings and weekends.

Job Description: Bike New York seeks to hire three Community Outreach Coordinators (COCs) who are biking enthusiasts with engaging personalities to assist us with our growing outreach and membership efforts. COCs ensure that neighborhoods surrounding our Community Bike Education Centers know about

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and participate in our free Public Classes and free Youth Programs. COCs will also assist with further building our Membership Program affiliations as well as participate in Membership customer service activities. COCs spend approximately four hours a week at Bike New York and eight hours spent in the field. Bike New York will host a training session.

Responsibilities:

- Community Outreach:
 - o Participate in and/or table at community events and/or meetings
 - o Coordinate posting and/or distribution of flyers
 - o Conduct outreach to and post on blogs, community calendars and other local media
 - Membership Program:
 - o Recruit additional Bike Shop/ Bike Friendly business
 - o Assist with Bike New York Membership package mailings
 - Available to work during the Bike Expo New York/TD Five Boro Bike Tour, the Discover Hudson Valley Ride, and the Twin Lights Ride
 - Perform tasks as assigned
- Please email resume and cover letter describing your interest and qualifications to jobs@bike.nyc. Include "2020 Community Outreach Coordinator" in the subject line.

CORE SERVICES

Join Our Team!

We offer a competitive hourly rate as well as a host of benefits including medical, dental, and vision care.

We Have Openings In The Following Positions:

Program Director
Director of Social Services
Case Manager
Entitlement Specialist
Housing Specialist
Licensed Social Worker
Recreation Specialist/Community Coordinator
Shift Supervisor
Residential Aide
Driver

If you are interested (in any role) please send your resume to: Lorraine.Saladin@isaladin.com
When emailing resumes,

subject line must read "CORE Candidate".
45 Main St., Suite 711, Brooklyn, NY 11201

PROCORE

Join Our Team!

We offer a competitive hourly rate as well as a host of benefits including medical, dental, and vision care.

We Have Openings In The Following Positions:

ProCORE - Security Manager
ProCORE - Shift Supervisor
ProCORE - Security Guard

You must hold a valid New York Security License if you are applying to any ProCORE position. If you are interested (in any role) please send your resume to:

Hr@procorenyc.com

45 Main St., Suite 711, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Agency Notices

UNITED STATES CENSUS 2020

Overall Timeline

Counting every person living in the United States is a massive undertaking, and efforts begin years in advance. Here's a look at some of the key dates along the way:

2020

- January 21: The U.S. Census Bureau starts counting the population in remote Alaska. The count officially begins in the rural Alaskan village of Toksook Bay.
- March 12 - 20: Households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail.
- March 30 - April 1: The Census Bureau will count people who are experiencing homelessness over these three days. As part of this process, the Census Bureau counts people in shelters, at soup kitchens and mobile food vans, on the streets, and at non-sheltered, outdoor locations such as tent encampments.
- April 1: Census Day is observed nationwide. By this date, every home will receive an invitation to

participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail. When you respond to the census, you'll tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.

- April: Census takers will begin visiting college students who live on campus, people living in senior centers, and others who live among large groups of people. Census takers also begin conducting quality check interviews to help ensure an accurate count.
 - May - July: Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to help make sure everyone is counted.
 - December: The Census Bureau will deliver apportionment counts to the President and Congress as required by law.
- 2021
- March 31: By this date, the Census Bureau will send redistricting counts to states. This information is used to redraw legislative districts based on population changes. Here are some of the efforts completed in 2019:
 - January - September: The Census Bureau opened more than 200 area census offices across the country. These offices support and manage the census takers who work all over the country to conduct the census.
 - August - October: Census takers visited areas that have experienced a lot of change and growth to ensure that the Census Bureau's address list is up to date. This process is called address canvassing, and it helps to ensure that everyone receives an invitation to participate in the census

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION ***Social Security Launches New Campaign to Fight Scammers***

The Social Security Administration launched a new Public Service Announcement (PSA) campaign to continue warning people about the

ongoing nationwide telephone impersonation scheme. The PSAs feature a message from Social Security Commissioner Andrew Saul. Social Security and its Office of the Inspector General (OIG) continue to receive reports about fraudulent phone calls from people falsely claiming to be Social Security employees. The scammers mislead victims into making cash or gift card payments for help with purported identity theft, or to avoid arrest for bogus Social Security number problems.

"I want every American to know that if a suspicious caller states there is a problem with their Social Security number or account, they should hang up and never give the caller money or personal information. People should then go online to oig.ssa.gov to report the scam call to Social Security," said Commissioner Saul. People should also be on the lookout for a new version of this scam. Fraudsters are now emailing fake documents in attempts to get people to comply with their demands. Victims have received emails with attached letters and reports that appear to be from Social Security or the OIG. The letters may use official letterhead and government jargon to convince victims they are legitimate; they may also contain misspellings and grammar mistakes.

The new PSA addressing the telephone impersonation scheme is available online at www.youtube.com/socialsecurity. Social Security employees do occasionally contact people--generally those who have ongoing business with the agency--by telephone for business purposes. However, Social Security employees will never threaten a person, or promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money. In those cases, the call is fraudulent, and people should just hang up.

Generally, the agency mainly calls people who have recently applied for a Social Security benefit,

someone who is already receiving payments and requires an update to their record, or a person who has requested a phone call from the agency. If a person is not in one of these situations, they normally would not receive a call from the agency.

Social Security will not:

- Tell you that your Social Security number has been suspended.
- Contact you to demand an immediate payment.
- Ask you for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Require a specific means of debt repayment, like a prepaid debit card, a retail gift card, or cash.
- Demand that you pay a Social Security debt without the ability to appeal the amount you owe.
- Promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money.

If there is a problem with a person's Social Security number or record, in most cases Social Security will mail a letter. If a person needs to submit payments to Social Security, the agency will send a letter with instructions and payment options. People should never provide information or payment over the phone or Internet unless they are certain of who is receiving it.

NYC CONSUMER AND WORKER PROTECTION ***Free tax prep for New Yorkers***

NYC Free Tax Prep | NYC Department of Consumer Affairs
If you earned \$64,00 or less last tax year, the City can help you file your taxes for free. You can file online or, if you make under \$54,000, you can file in person.

- File your taxes by April 15, 2020
- File in person or online
- Free Tax Prep sites are open year-round to assist you
- If you qualify for tax credits such as EITC, Child Tax Credit, or Child and Dependent Tax Credit you can claim them when you file
- If you get a refund, the IRS mails your refund or deposits it into your bank account
- If you file in person, some

sites let you drop off your tax documents and pick up the completed return later.

Determine your eligibility
To be eligible to file your taxes in person for free, your income must be \$54,000 or less for the previous year.

- To be eligible to file your taxes online for free, your income must be \$66,000 or less for the previous year.

What you need to include

To file you will need to provide proof for the following:

- Your identity: such as a government-issued ID, including IDNYC.
- Proof of income: Forms W-2, 1099s, or income and expense records if you are self-employed.
- Your bank account and routing number, if you want your refund by direct deposit.
- Health insurance coverage: Form 1095-A/B/C or an exemption.
- Childcare expenses, if applicable.

Depending on your situation, you may also receive other documents such as interest on student loans (Form 1098-T) or Social Security benefits (Form SSA-1099). Be sure to have these forms available when you file you can get the maximum refund.

How to apply

Here are your options:

- Apply online
The City can help you find a website where you can file your taxes for free.
- Apply in person
There are more than 200 NYC Free Tax Prep sites in all five boroughs that can help you file for free.
- Find a VITA or TCE location
Call 800-906-9887 to find the nearest Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) or Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE).

NYC OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ***Winter Weather Planning***

New York City winters, which often bring extreme cold, heavy snow, ice, sleet, and freezing rain, can pose serious hazards. It is important to prepare for

winter weather-related dangers. There are several steps you can take to stay safe before, during, and after winter storms including:

1. Make sure your household disaster plan is ready and all members of your household are familiar with how to contact one another in an emergency.
2. Winterize your Go Bag by adding a blanket, warm socks and gloves.
3. Your emergency supply kit should be fully stocked to allow you to sustain yourself for up to seven days without power, or in the event, you are unable to travel far from home.
4. You may wish to include additional items such as extra blankets, additional warm clothing, and a battery-operated radio to monitor weather conditions during a storm.

NYC PARKS DEPARTMENT *GreenThumb*

GreenThumb, the community garden program of NYC Parks, is recruiting for its Youth Leadership Councils Program, a free, citywide service-learning program for youth ages 12 to 21 to volunteer in a local community garden in 2020. Together we will recruit and train the next generation of community gardeners by forging strong connections between youth and current gardeners, while providing youth with an educational and purposeful experience. They will assist with stewarding local green space while also learning about urban agriculture and sustainability. Our program is affiliated directly with the Mayoral Youth Leadership Councils program run by the Mayor's Office of NYC Service, and has a strong policy, practice, and pro-active core focus. Youth participants will volunteer at a garden at least twice a month, accumulating a minimum of 20 service hours throughout our inter-generational service-learning program. We are excited to share this opportunity with you and your constituents, particularly those that work with youth as well as families with youth falling within the age range above. For more

information, visit the GreenThumb Youth in the Gardens page or apply online here. We ask that applications be submitted before April 4th and will hold our first official YLC event in mid-April, where youth will hear from invited guest speakers about their garden experiences, get to know each other and the gardeners, and garden groups will schedule their first workdays together.

NYC DEPT OF SANITATION *Donate NYC*

Give Goods. Find Goods. Do Good.
By donating and reusing goods instead of discarding them, New Yorkers can greatly reduce waste, conserve energy and resources, save money, and help provide jobs and human services for New Yorkers in need. donateNYC is an essential part of NYC's zero waste initiative, helping New Yorkers reach the goal of sending zero waste to landfills. Visit www.nyc.gov/donatenyc for more information.

NYC MAYOR'S OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS

Public Charge: Important Update
As you may have heard, the U.S. Supreme Court permitted the public charge rule to go into effect, while litigation over the rule continues. This means the public charge rule is in effect, for now, in New York and most places nationwide.

It is important to know:

- The "public charge" test does not apply to everyone.
- There is no "public charge" test for green card holders who apply for citizenship.
- Free legal help is available. Call ActionNYC at 1-800-354-0365 and say "public charge."
- The public charge rule does not change eligibility requirements for public benefits.
- The City's litigation against the "public charge" rule is not over.

NYC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Adult Education

Free Adult English Classes
MUST BE 21 OR OVER
Classes are held at P.S. 106 –

EDWARD HALE / 1328 Putnam Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221
Register Now!!
Evening Classes Available
Classes Meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
5:40PM – 9:00PM
For More Information Call: (718) 384-5028

NYC ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Protect Your Pipes from Freezing

Homeowners are responsible for protecting pipes and water meters from freezing. Most water meters and pipes are in basements, crawl spaces, and other unheated areas, where cold winter temperatures could cause them to freeze.

If a meter freezes and breaks because the homeowner did not take reasonable steps to protect it, DEP will repair or replace the meter and bill the homeowner for the cost. If a service line or pipe freezes and breaks, it is the homeowner's responsibility to have repairs made by a licensed plumber.

Cold Weather Tips to Protect Your Pipes and Meters

- Repair broken and cracked windows, doors, and walls
- Install storm windows on basement windows
- Tightly close doors and windows to the outside
- Insulate outside walls
- Eliminate drafts from crawl spaces
- Turn off the water to outside faucets, remove hoses, and drain the pipes
- Ask your local plumbing supplier about materials to insulate pipes and meters
- Take extra care to ensure your meter is insulated if it is installed in an unheated garage
- Insulate the wall and open cabinets if pipes or meters are in a closed cabinet against an outside wall to allow warmer air to reach them
- Arrange to have someone turn on a faucet periodically if you are going to be out of town during cold weather.

What to Do When Your

Pipes or Meters Freeze

1. Open a faucet near the frozen point to release vapor from melting ice.
2. Direct a hair dryer or heat lamp at the frozen section, or put a small space heater nearby; and, NEVER thaw a frozen pipe or meter with an open flame. This is not only a fire hazard but could also cause a steam explosion.

DEMOLITION NOTICES/ VACATE ORDERS:

- 135 Woodbine Street – Block 3350, Lot 43 – Full Vacate
 - 334 Evergreen Avenue – Block 3264, Lot 30 – Demolition
 - 78 Jefferson Street – Block 3171, Lot 28 – Demolition
- New, Renewal, Other and Sidewalk Café Petition Liquor License Application(s) Request: New:***

- House Party Café & Lounge – 1178 Bushwick Avenue – WBC
 - Bushwick Taco Company, Inc. – 839 Knickerbocker Avenue – WBC
 - An Entity to be Formed by Kouger Ahmed – 192 Knickerbocker Avenue – LWBC
 - Indika House – 943 Broadway – WBC
 - La Gran Tijuana Corp. – 587 Wilson Avenue – WBC
- Renewal:**
- Father Knows Best – 611A Wilson Avenue – LWBC
 - La Fogata Restaurant & Café Corp. – 1149 Gates Avenue – LWBC
 - Old Stanley's – 226 Wyckoff Avenue – LWBC
 - Archie's Bar & Pizza – 128 Central Avenue – LWBC
 - Andalucia Bar & Lounge – 1336 Bushwick Avenue – LWBC
- Sidewalk Café or Other Liquor License Petition:***
- Mad Tropical – 236 Troutman Street – Method of Operation Change – LWBC
- Arcanum:***
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Meets: 1st Wednesday every other month

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District Office

Meets: Last Thursday of the month 6pm

Economic Development

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Environmental Protection/Transportation/Sanitation

*TBD, contact the board's office

Health & Human Service/Senior Citizens/Veterans

Meets: Second Tuesday every other month

Housing and Land Use

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Parks and Recreation

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Permits and Licenses

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Youth and Education

Meets: Third or Fourth Monday of the month 6pm

Committees are comprised of mostly board members, as well as, other community representatives. They meet on a monthly-basis or as necessary. Non-board members interested in joining a committee, can contact the District Office at (718) 628-8400 or bk04@cb.nyc.gov for more information. The term of appointment is for a year effective September 1st.

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