



Community Board 12

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District Managers Report

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Good evening,

Happy Black History Month, and Happy Lunar New Year to those who celebrate.

Today we embark on a time of reflection, as we observe the beginning of Lent, and the beginning of Ramadan.

Dept of Transportation

The NYC Dept of Transportation developing a comprehensive transportation planning survey for Jamaica and South Jamaica. DOT would like to hear from us concerning our major transportation challenges. The neighborhood planning survey helps identify future improvements to make our streets safer and more comfortable for all of us. I encourage you to complete the DOT mobility survey and tell your neighbors and friends! We need to have every voice counted. To complete the survey, please go to the DOT website, www.nyc.gov/DOT and type in community mobility survey, or call our office.

DSNY

Thank you to those of you who notified the office of snow complaints after the last snowstorm. Please remember, homeowners, tenants, or other occupants are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks. Snow and ice should NOT be pushed into a street or crosswalk. Corner properties should clear a path to the crosswalk, including pedestrian ramps. Those who do not comply can face fines. If possible, consider assisting elderly or disabled neighbors.

Garbage and recycling collection may be delayed or suspended, depending on the intensity of the storm, however we should be back to our regularly scheduled pickup time. If your garbage pickup schedule has not resumed, please call 311 and notify our office.

Dept of Finance

If you are a homeowner, and have not submitted a STAR, Enhanced STAR, Senior Homeowners Exemption, Disabled Homeowners exemption form the Dept of Finance, I highly encourage you to do so. Our office has received concerns following the Mayor's announcement of the possibility of property tax increases, and these exemptions are a way to abate the rising costs, if you qualify. **All forms must be submitted to the Dept. of Finance by March 15, 2026.**

Battery Energy Storage System Facilities

On January 31, 2026 I attended the Battery Energy Storage System virtual Town hall hosted by the Southeast Queens Residents Environmental

Justice Coalition, where panelists discussed their support for State Legislation A. 6955/ S.7197 which mandates distance between battery energy storage systems and residences. Sponsors of the legislation are Assembly Member Jaime Williams from Brooklyn, and State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo Jr., co-sponsored by our own, Senator Leroy Comrie. I encourage everyone to read the legislation and their offices to express support for the bill.

Lastly, please remember that we are the stewards of our own community. If you see something, please document it by calling 311 then your elected officials and community board office. Using 311 is the most effective way to track complaints throughout the city, and ensure that our needs are addressed effectively and in a timely manner.

Please do not hesitate to call our office at 718-658-308 or email us at QN12@cb.nyc.gov.

Order to Repair/ Vacate Orders

xx-27 146 Street (Entire Apt.)

xx-07 Jamaica NY (Entire Apt)

xxx-31 171st Place - Full Vacate

xxx-33 171st Place - Full Vacate

Respectfully submitted,

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