

Brooklyn Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2017
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center
195 Linden Street, Corner of Wilson Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11221
6:00PM

The Brooklyn Community Board #4 Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent opened the Public Agenda portion of the meeting at 6:32PM.

- Public Hearing Item -

- 1) Davey Ives Department of Parks – Capital Project at Rudd Playground
Presentation by Mr. Martin Maher, Brooklyn Commission of Parks Department.
Worked on project for 8 years. The Parks Dept. has received \$1.8 million to finish the project, thanks to the Mayor Bill de Blasio. Thanks also goes to Council Member Rafael Espinal for the balance of the funds.

The park presented a few challenges because of its location over the L line.

The park will have:

- a) Replanting of trees with the removal of some
- b) Play equipment area
- c) Wheel chair friendly
- d) Full basketball court (with hoops and nets) located in the back area.
- e) A skate park in the front area with a 6 ft. fence around it
- f) Landscaping
- g) Seating area to relax
- h) Additional lighting
- i) Low fencing
- j) Drinking fountain

The park will be an open park:

- a) To enjoy its view
- b) For the police to be able to see what is going on in the park

Questions:

Mr. Odolph Wright: Who is responsible if anyone gets hurt?

Commissioner Maher: The City of New York

Mr. Tim O'Neal, Harman Street and Wilson Avenue resident: Stated that he has been skating for 20 years and the design of RUDD Park has not been designed well and he feels it is not safe. He would like for the design team to go back to the drawing board, with skaters opinions involved.

Commissioner Maher: He stated that he would be happy to meet with Mr. O'Neal and his companions after the meeting to discuss with them the design process. The commissioner also stated that the design process for RUDD Park is complete and it cannot be withdrawn. The Parks Department will be designing 3 more skating parks in the near future, perhaps their input can help with the design of future parks.

The Parks Dept. had a professional designer and the park is in compliance with City Standards.

There are 877 parks with less than 20 of them having a skate park.

Chairperson Dent: There have been meetings regarding RUDD Park. She asked that Mr. O'Neal put his name on the mailing list for meetings and information about future meetings/events in Bushwick. Ms. Dent invited Mr. O'Neal to come to future Parks and Recreation meetings held at the Community Board's office.

1st Vice Chair Ms. Martha Brown: What is the age limit for skaters in the park?

Commissioner Maher: In Brooklyn Parks there is no age limit.

Citywide Playground park hours are: From daybreak to dusk. For winter hours the park will close earlier and in the summer months the park will close later.

Chairperson Julie Dent happily welcomed New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer to speak before the board and the community.

New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer:

Thank you Madame Chair and District Manager.

Mr. Stringer stated that he would like everyone to know that the money is in the bank. He is working hard to save the pensions of over 715, 000 city workers.

The second part of his job is to be the auditor and chief of the city. Most of his work involves looking at city agencies, and looking for ways to make government better.

On the road to looking at city agencies, stated Comptroller Stringer, something happened in November that he believe has changed the fiscal situation of NYC. The Trump Republican Congress Presidency has now presented challenges that the city has not seen since the 1970's.

A budget cut of \$440 million can hurt New York City.

New York City receives \$7 billion dollars from the federal government. When you take a look at President Trump's campaigned promises, any cuts from the money that NYC receives would especially affect: The safeness of New York City, section 8 housing, and homeless services.

Another issue: New York City is showing the world that when you go against immigrants you are going against the City. 83,000 businesses are owned by immigrants. In New York City, there are more than 3.3 million immigrants from over 150 countries. That is nearly 40% of the City's population. Each year, those foreign-born New Yorkers earn over \$100 billion in income, nearly a 3rd of all earnings in the City, while paying billions in personal income and property taxes.

When you go against immigrants soon you will be going against Muslims, Jews, Puerto Ricans, Blacks, and others. By going against immigrants you are attacking the economy of New York City and breaking up families.

That is why we must all stand up, speak out, and continue supporting New Yorkers of every background. There is too much at stake, and we must take a stand for what is right.

Mr. Stringer thanked Brooklyn Community Board #4 and all those who were in attendance for letting him speak and he wished everyone best wishes.

Chairperson Julie Dent thanked New York City Comptroller Mr. Scott M. Stringer for gracing Community Board #4 with his presence and thanked him for making his second appearance before Community Board #4.

- 2) Erica Coca, daughter of the late Luz Yolanda Coca: Ms. Erica Coca is requesting Suydam Street and Wilson Avenue to be co-named in remembrance of her mother. Mrs. Luz Yolanda Coca was a community leader and a housing advocate. She worked with Catholic Migration

Services as well as with the Bushwick Housing Independence Project and St. Joseph Church in Bushwick, Brooklyn.
(See EPT Report)

Chairperson Ms. Julie closed the public hearing item. She asked Board Member Ms. Martha Brown to call the first roll call.

First Roll Call: 7:46PM – 33 members present constituting a quorum

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the agenda with any necessary corrections. Ms. Martha Brown motioned to accept the agenda as presented. It was second by Ms. Gladys Puglla. Motion moved.

Ms. Dent asked for the acceptance of the previous month's minutes with any necessary corrections. The previous month's minutes was accepted by Ms. Barbara Jackson and second by Mr. Robert Camacho. All members present were in favor. Motion moved

Election of Officers: 7:54PM

Results:

- Ms. Julie Dent – Chairperson
- Ms. Martha Brown – 1st Vice Chair
- Ms. Victoria Fernandez – 2nd Vice Chair
- Mr. Cirilo Nunez – Recording Secretary
- Mr. Elvena Davis – Financial Secretary
- Mr. Raul Rubio – Treasurer
- Ms. Eliseo Ruiz – Correspondence Secretary
- Mr. Robert Camacho – Parliamentarian

Ms. Dent asked all the new officers to stand. She thanked the board members for voting for her and allowing her to continue as their leader. She stated that she would do her best to represent all in the Bushwick Community.

Chairperson's Report: 8:11PM

Ms. Julie Dent welcomed all to the Community Board #4 Wednesday, April 19, 2017 monthly meeting.

Ms. Dent thanked Ms. Dianna Wilson for graciously providing the nights evening's meal. Ms. Wilson provided a wide variety of food along with desert. The entire community board and all in attendance thanked her for her generosity.

Ms. Julie Dent asked that the Elected Officials and / or their representatives introduce themselves and state their respective contact information with their address and telephone numbers.

- 1) Boris Santos Representing Councilmember Antonio Reynoso, 244 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221, 718-963-3141 & 212-788-7095: He represents the section West of Hart Street and South of Central Avenue up to Cornelia Street.
- 2) Jackie Reyes Representing Assembly Member Eric Martin Dilan, 366 Cornelia Street, Brooklyn, New York 11237, 718-386-4576
- 3) Joseph Yanis Representing and training to be the Chief of Staff at Assemblywoman Maritza Davila's office, 249 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 718-443-1205

- 4) Paula Melendez Representing Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, 249 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-443-1205
- 5) Anayeli Gomez Representing NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, 1 Centre Street, New York, NY 10007, 212-669-3568
- 6) Armando Fuentes Representing Councilman Rafael Espinal, 786 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 718-642-8664
- 7) Yamilky Crisostomo Representing Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-802-3809

Ms. Dent asked those from Federal, State or City Agencies to introduce themselves and state their respective contact information with their address and phone numbers.

- 1) Boniface WeWe, Brooklyn Public Library Irving Branch, 260 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 718-628-8378
- 2) PO Ezequias Gomez, 83rd Pct., 480 Knickerbocker Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-574-1697
- 3) Emilio Llopiz, Brooklyn Parks and Recreation Manager, NYC Parks Department, 95 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, NY 917-681-7004

The Community Board #4 District Manager and the Chairperson Ms. Dent attended a meeting regarding Still Water in a Storm Afterschool Program located on Irving and Knickerbocker Avenues.

The co-naming of Bleecker Street and Knickerbocker Avenue to A. Chineda Carter Square has been supported by Community Board #4 since 2009. Ms. Carter was a former chairperson of Community Board #4. Council Member Rafael Espinal's office has and is continuing to work on making this project a reality.

New Rockwood Car Service formerly Ridgewood Car Service located at 1538 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237 is requesting a letter of approval to expand their business. Ridgewood Car Service has provided service to the community to over 20 years.

On Thursday, April 20th there will be a Community Huddle at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, from 6PM to 8PM on the 5th floor in the conference room, 374 Stockholm Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237.

5th Annual Health Fair: LIFE – Audrey Johnson Learning Center On Wednesday, April 26th from 11AM to 3PM. Located at 272 Moffat Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207

Celebrate the young ones in your life during the Week of Young Child, April 24-28, 2017.

NYC Health & Hospitals – Woodhull Hospital in collaboration with LiveOnNY, Caring for New Yorkers through Organ Donation will be hosting a seminar on Friday, April 28, 2017 at 12:00-1:00PM in the Dolores E. Jackson Auditorium, 3rd Floor. Come learn about Organ Donation Woodhull Hospital, 760 Broadway, Brooklyn, 11206

Earth Day: Saturday, April 29, 2017 in Irving Square Park. Information regarding the NYPD

NYPD Job Posting: Job ID # 285071, Summer College Intern

Job Location: 1 Police Plaza. Students interested can apply online. The internship is a 35 hour work week lasting no more than 13 weeks.

NYC Health & Hospital Woodhull Hospital will be hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 760 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY in conference room #4 on the 3rd Floor.

Campaign Against Hunger invites you to join them for dinner. A free bag of groceries and cooking classes will be available Tuesday – Thursday from May 2017 to June 2017 (10 week program) from 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Location: 15A Hall Street between Howard & Saratoga Streets. Please call 718-773-3551 for further details.

Cyber Bullying an Educational Workshop will be held at Bushwick Hope Gardens Cornerstone Community Center, 422 Central Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221. Presenters Kelly Casey from the District Attorney's Special Victims Unit, Speaker from the ACS Preventive Unit and Bushwick Community Partnership and Eric Gonzalez the acting Brooklyn DA will be on hand. Refreshments will be served.

District Manager's Report: 8:25PM

Greetings to all from Ms. Celestina Leon and her staff of Community Board #4. She announced that we are already well on the way of planning for this year's 12th Annual Brooklyn Queens Day Shape up Bushwick V Parade.

Meetings Attended:

Tuesday, March 28: HLU (Housing and Land Use) meeting held at the Community Board's office

Wednesday, March 29: Tenant Resource Fair at PS 123 - the meeting was well attended and both Council Members Reynoso and Espinal were present.

Thursday, March 29: CRC (Civic and Religious Committee) 1st Shape Up Bushwick Planning Meeting

Tuesday, April 4: YEC (Youth and Education Committee),

Attended the Borough Board Meeting at Brooklyn Borough Hall on behalf of the Chairperson, Ms. Dent. Those in attendance were asked to vote on recommendations to support the Passive House development model and the renovation of ball fields in Prospect Park. Both recommendations were passed.

Wednesday, April 5: St. Nick's Alliance Networking Breakfast – Attended along with the YEC Chairperson, Ms. Virgie Jones, at a networking breakfast bringing together community partners to hear more about the programs offered by the St. Nick's Alliance Workforce Development Center.

Cops and Kids Graffiti Removal, at Putnam and Wyckoff Avenues – Joined the 83rd Precinct Community Affairs officers, including the new Deputy Inspector Sergio Centa along with Council Member Reynoso, Anita Haines and North Brooklyn Patrol Bureau Community Affairs officers to paint in lightning speed the walls around the Food Bazaar.

Thursday, April 6: EPT (Environmental Protection and Transportation Committee)

Monday, April 10: Still Waters in a Storm – Attended along with Chairperson Julie Dent and the YEC Chairperson Ms. Virgie Jones to the after-school program space. Stephen Haff, the founder and program facilitator welcomed us, as we sat in on the youth rehearsing for the upcoming benefit.

Wednesday, April 12: Bushwick Community Plan Economic Development, Housing and Land Use Subcommittee meeting

Thursday, April 13: CRC meeting – Parade Planning part 2

Monday, April 17: Still Waters in a Storm, “City of Immigrants” Benefit: Joined Ms. Virgie Jones, Mr. Raul Rubio, and Ms. Barbara Jackson for an evening of readings and performances, including Roseanne Cash. The event culminated with the performance of an original song the Bushwick youth’s wrote. This made for an inspiring evening and demonstrated their hard work.
www.stillwatersinastorm.org

Tuesday, April 18: Borough Service Cabinet Meeting: Attended her first Borough Service Cabinet meeting and listened to presentations from Dept. of Transportation on their Freight Plan and DSNY in reference to their rollout of Curbside Organics Collection. For more information on either initiative, please contact Community Board #4.

The MTA NYC Transit’s Track Construction Division has scheduled the renewal of mainline track on the Myrtle Avenue M line between the Fresh Pond Road and Knickerbocker Avenue stations, in the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.

The project has been scheduled for three (3) weekends, commencing on Friday, March 31st, 2017 and ending on Sunday, April 23rd, 2017.

Street cranes will be placed adjacent to the elevated structure for the purpose of hoisting and lowering of track panels and materials. NYC Transit will have a maximum of two crane sites per job site per weekend and the actual locations will be determined by the section of track being replaced on that specific weekend.

Committee Reports, 8:35PM

Civic and Religious Committee (CRC), Committee Chairperson, Ms. Elvena Davis

Meeting Held: Thursday, April 13, 2017, 3:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members Present: Ms. Elvena Davis, Committee Chairperson, Ms. Mary McClellan, HHH Committee Chairperson, Barbara Smith,

Others Attending: Maggie Mangual, Wyckoff Heights Hospital;

Items Discussed: Update on the Parade

Parade Event Date: Thursday June 8th, 2017, 10:00AM to 3:00PM, Location: Irving Square Park

Theme: Bushwick Cares

Asking for donation of bike helmets; need chair yoga instructor

Next Meeting: Thursday, May, 11, 2017 at the Community Board’s office

All are invited to come, help is needed!!!

Environmental Protection and Transportation Committee (EPT), Committee's Chairperson
Mr. Eliseo Ruiz

Meeting Held: Thursday, April 6, 2017, 10:00AM, Community Board #4, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members present: Mr. Eliseo Ruiz (Chair) and Mr. Robert Camacho

Others in attendance: Celestina Leon, CB4 District Manager, Boris Santos, Council Member Reynoso's office; Erica Coca, Community Resident and presenter; Thenise Sanchez, Community Resident; Abigail Ikner, DOT, Brooklyn Borough Office; Kenneth Lewis, DOT Bike Program; and Stevie Feig, DOT Bike Program/Presenter

Items Discussed:

- 1) Street Co-naming request (Suydam Street between Wilson and Central Avenues): Erica Coca, the daughter of the late Luz Yolanda Coca, came before the EPT committee to ask for a letter of support for a street co-naming request in her mother's honor. Mrs. Yolanda Coca was tireless advocate for the residents of Bushwick. She has been recognized by numerous community leaders, including Council Member Antonio Reynoso, Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez, Mayor Bill de Blasio, and others for her work in Bushwick and Brooklyn as a whole for thirty years. Beginning her advocacy work at ACORN, she subsequently became a Vista volunteer at the fifth Avenue Committee; later taking on a full-time community organizer role. Afterward she made the decision to bring her experience and skills back to Bushwick. She has either worked for, supported, or partnered with organizations such as EBC, Brooklyn Legal Services Corp. A, Bushwick Housing Independence Project, Make the Road NY, St. Joseph's, and St. Barbara's. She was leader and warrior for her community until she succumbed to health complications on December 9, 2017. Council Member Reynoso supports this request.
- 2) Students of EBC High School are finishing up YPLAN curriculum. They would like to implement a culture arts district on Broadway, as the result of their Brighten Broadway project. Council Member Reynoso has allocated \$235,000. The funding is limited as it is not able to cover capital projects. DOT has a program that allows for artwork to be added to light polls. Examples will be shared in the future.

The next Broadway Merchant's Association meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 10AM in the R-line Hotel located at 1080 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11221

We need new stores and community input on how to improve Broadway. Meters are on Broadway which makes it more difficult to find parking. Construction also makes it more difficult to find parking.

Also New York City Transit Authority MTA has been seen surveying the area. They are scheduled to repaint the tracks.

- 3) Bike Corral at Supercrown Coffee Roasters (8 Wilson Avenue, between Flushing Avenue and Noll Street)

A bike corral would alleviate illegal bike parking and allow for the installation of four U-shaped bicycle racks in the street. The Dept. of Transportation shared a presentation on this new program. For the program selection, bike corrals are selected through an application process by maintenance partners, which are responsible for clearing snow, keeping the space clean and working with the appropriate city agencies to maintain the space. Supercrown Coffee Roasters applied in 2015 for additional bike parking. There

is one bike rack there now that does not accommodate their customer and individuals in the area. This is public bike parking.

Concerns were expressed that individuals permanently storing their bikes in this space will create safety and sanitation issues, like on Kossuth Place off of Bushwick Avenue. DOT is aware of the issue and will follow up.

Youth and Education Committee (YEC), Committee's Chairperson Mrs. Virgie Jones
Meeting Held: Thursday, April 4, 2017, 3:00PM, Community Board #4, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members present: Mrs. Virgie Jones (Chair), Sharline Moore, Jo-Ena Bennet, Christopher Graham, Mary McClellan

Others in attendance: Celestina Leon, CB4 District Manager

Items Discussed:

- 1) Mr. Christopher Graham, Growing 4ward College Tour: Mr. Graham provided the YEC with information about Growing 4ward, a non-profit organization with a mission to save our young men by providing an institution and brotherhood that will prepare them for success in life and in their roles as young men, future husbands and fathers, as well as becoming productive and contributing members of their communities. For more information visit www.growing4ward.org

The opportunity provides youth with exposure to colleges and universities as well as the experience of traveling to different states while simultaneously building on comradery with one another.

Recommendation: Mr. Graham to present and share additional information before the full board at an upcoming meeting.

- 2) Virgie Jones, Universal Pre-K Phase II (3 rounds total):

- Original deadline March 3rd, letters sent April 20th with the available school options
- There will be another round for those who have not yet applied, however some parents and guardians might not get their first choice due to high demand
- This is free Pre-K open to children that are four years old (born in 2013) to attend Pre-K in September
- New round (Phase II) deadline May 9th

- 3) Committee Updates: Jo-Ena Bennet shared the Mary Englebriet's graphic "Science It's a Thing", <https://www.maryengelbriet.com/collections/free-downloads>

The poster could be shared with schools and organizations to encourage girls to participate in Science Technology Engineering and Math subjects (STEM) and provide them with a character they may relate to in Mary's graphic.

Recommendation: to share this with all the schools in Bushwick via the principal and parent coordinators.

- 4) Sharlines Moore's organization, The National Council of Negro Women, Brooklyn section is holding their 32nd Annual Harambe convention on Saturday, April 8th from 10:00AM to 2:00PM, at Medgar Evers College. This event will honor seven youths. Local Elected Officials and 17 New York State section are also invited to attend.
- 5) The YEC Chairperson, Ms. Virgie Jones would like to invite OBT (Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow) to present at the next YEC meeting.

- 6) Ms. Mary McClellan also raised concerns about how food is handled in the schools and would like to hear more information from the Department of Education at a later time.

Recommendations:

- 1) Motion made to give a letter of support to the NY Parks Dept. for Rudd Park as currently designed. Motion made by Ms. Barbara Jackson and second by Ms. Barbara Smith. All board members present in favor. Motion moved.
- 2) Motion to give support for the street Co-naming of Luz Yolanda Coca on Suydam Street between Wilson and Central Avenues. Motion made by Mr. Austen Martinez and second by Mr. Eliseo Ruiz. All board members present in favor. Motion moved.
- 3) Motion to give Rockwell Car Service a letter of no objections. Motion was made by Ms. Barbara Smith and second by Mr. Raul Rubio. All board members present in favor. Motion moved.

Announcements, 8:55PM

Assemblywoman Maritza Davila: Table Talk Join the conversation

Assemblywoman Maritza Davila will be holding a monthly Table Talk session on the last Friday of every month to better understand your issues in the community. Don't miss out on the opportunity to voice your concerns and to learn more about what is being done in New York State to address these issues.

Please join Assemblywoman Maritza Davila on these dates:

Friday, April 28, 2017 at 2-5PM

Friday, May 19, 2017 at 2-5PM

Friday, June 30, 2017 at 2-5PM

249 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-443-1205

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams: SAVE THE DATE

Central Brooklyn Arts & Culture Weekend. Family Movie Night, Saturday, June 10th (7:00PM) Behind the Brooklyn Museum

Arts and Culture Walk, Sunday, June 11th (11AM to 3PM) Eastern Parkway – Washington Avenue to Grand Army Plaza. Kids Village, Live Entertainment, Giveaways. Honoring Brooklyn's Own, for more information: www.Brooklyn-USA.org

One-on-One Assistance Clinic: Drop in on Wednesday May 24th and June 28th Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Courtroom, Brooklyn, NY 11201

Get free help with: 1PM to 3PM – MTA New York Transit, United States Postal Service
1PM to 5PM – Mayor's Public Engagement Unit, NYC Department for the Aging-HIICAP Division, LiveON NY Benefits, Operation Hope and Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disabled. For more information call 718-802-3700 or visit the website: www.brooklyn-usa.org

FREE Legal Services for ALL at "The People's House", Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

- Foreclosure Intervention and Prevention: 2nd Wednesday of every month from 2-5PM.
- Housing Matters, Trust and Estates, Elder Law and Government Benefits: Every 2nd Thursday from 2-5PM
- Veteran's Issues: Every Tuesday from 9AM to 5PM
- Domestic Violence: 3rd Monday from 10AM to 4PM
- Family Law: Wednesday from 4-7PM

For more information please call 718-802-3777 to make an appointment for this FREE legal service. Appointments are required. Walk-ins will only be seen based on availability.

Operation C.A.R.E.: Child Abuse Response and Engagement Presented by: AMA Dwimoh, Esq.
Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams, 718-802-4042
Protecting Our Children Protecting the Future, OperationCare@Brooklynbp.nyc.gov

2nd Annual Community Earth Day: Irving Square Park, Saturday, April 29, 2017. All Day recycling from 10am to 4pm. Bring your cloths for goodwill. Activities from 11am to 2pm. For more information call Community Board #4 at 718-628-8400. Brought to you by Councilman Rafael Espinal and Friends of Irving Square Park.

Quesbradillas Baseball Organization Inc.: Open Day, May 20, 2017 at 10:30am. You and your family are cordially invited to the 2017 Grand Opening Day Parade of Quebradillas Baseball Organization. For more information please contact Mr. Carlos Feliciano the President of the league at 347-251-1458. Hope Garden Park Baseball field at Knickerbocker Avenue between Grove and Menahan Street.

We Make Noise: Elm + We Make Noise, weekly open arts and music classes. Location: The Silent Barn, 603 Bushwick Avenue.
All classes are offered for a suggested donation. For more information call Jaz at 347-955-7151 or Lizzie at 615-403-1081. info@wemakenoise.org / educatedlittemonsters@gmail.com

Ende Tymes VII – Festival of noise and experimental liberation. April 28: Silent Barn, 603 Bushwick Avenue

Brooklyn Public Library: Resume & Career One-On-One Help
Are you struggling in your job search or looking to improve your current employment situation? FREE assistance is available at the Library.
Work on your resume, get education and career advice, learn interview skills, practice LinkedIn, and more with help from a trained Brooklyn Public Library staff.
Please call the branch or visit www.bklynlibrary.org/calendar to confirm the times available, as they are subject to occasional change. Patrons will be seen on a first come, first served basis.
Help is available at the following locations:
DeKalb Library: Tuesday and Thursday 11AM to 1PM, 790 Bushwick Avenue (at DeKalb Avenue), Brooklyn, NY, 718-455-3898

Washington Irving Library: Tuesday 3PM to 5PM, Wednesday 2PM to 4PM, 360 Irving Avenue (At Woodbine Street), Brooklyn, NY, 718-628-8378
Saratoga Library: Mondays, 3pm to 5pm. 8 Thomas S. Boyland Street, Brooklyn, NY, 718-573-5224.

Washington Irving Library. Has Children's Programs.

Tuesdays: Toddler Time at 10:30AM
Wednesdays: Story Play at 10:30AM and Kids Tech Time at 5PM
Thursday: Build with Lego at 4PM
Fridays: Kids Create at 3PM
Saturdays: Ready, Set, Kindergarten at 11AM and Saturday Story Time at 2PM
Location: 360 Irving Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, www.bklynlibrary.org, 718-628-8378

Washington Irving has Teen/Adult Programs

Mondays: Library Lanes at 10:30AM
Tuesdays: Resume and Career Help at 3PM

Wednesdays: Resume and Career Help at 2PM, Creative Space at 4PM and English Conversation Group at 6PM
Thursdays: Chess Workshop at 4PM, Computer Class at 5PM, Microsoft Office Class at 6PM and Citizenship Class at 6PM
Fridays: Yoga for Beginners at 11:15AM and Teen Tech Time at 4PM

St. Nicks Alliance Workforce Development Center, 790 Broadway, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11206, 718-302-2057
Free Training & Placement Assistance, Adult Education classes, Career GPS & Opportunity Youth. For more information please call 718-302-2057

Join the Movement: We demand a rent rollback!!!
Rally with Met Council at the Preliminary Vote! Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 5:30PM
Meet us outside of Astor Place subway stop. For more information contact Andrea at info@metcouncil.net

New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer: Bureau of Public Affairs- Community Action Center
The Community Action Center is the constituent services arm of the City Comptroller's Office, and assists New Yorkers with complaints or inquiries about government services. You can contact the Community Action Center with questions on topics ranging from NYCHA repairs to City pension payments, tenant harassment, or filing a claim against the City. No matter what your question is, the Comptroller's Office is there to help.
Call 212-669-3916, fax: 212-669-2707, Email: action@comptroller.nyc.gov , Visit www.comptroller.nyc.gov or walk in Community Action Center, 1 Centre Street, Room 517, New York, NY 10007, Monday – Friday: 9AM to 5PM.

The Bushwick Starr – 7th Annual Big Green Theater Festival: By Superhero Clubhouse with PS 239 & PS 075, April 28-30. Reserve tickets at: www.thebushwickstarr.org

Shape Up Bushwick V: Celebrate Brooklyn-Queens Day with us at our 12th Annual Parade, Thursday, June 8th, 2017 at Irving Square Park. The parade will begin on Knickerbocker Avenue and Weirfield Street.

- Free Healthy Food
- Face Painting
- Fun & Games
- Give-a-ways
- DJ & Music
- Free Zumba
- Much, much more!!!

2nd Roll Call: Meeting adjourned - 9:05PM – 32 members present