



**Community Board # 4**

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**Monthly Community Board #4 Meeting**

Hope Gardens Multi-Service Center  
195 Linden Street (Corner Wilson Avenue), Brooklyn, NY 11221  
**++++ Wednesday, April 21, 2010 / 6:00 PM +++++**

**Public Hearing Item(s)**

1. NYC Public Advocate—Bill De Blasio—Civilian Complaint Review Board—CCRB.
2. NYC Department of Parks and Recreation—"Dog Run" at Maria Hernandez Park.
3. Request to Co-Name Harman Street from Knickerbocker to Irving Avenues in Honor of Nilsa Roman.

**Regular Board Meeting**

**Agenda:**

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| 1. First Roll Call   | 7. Old Business                          |
| 2. Acceptance of Agenda  | 8. New Business-Committee Recommendation |
| 3. Acceptance of Previous Meeting's Minute                                 | 9. Announcements (1.5 minutes only)      |
| 4. Chairperson's Report:   | 10. Second Roll Call                     |
| Introduction of Elected Officials (Representatives)                        | 11. Adjournment                          |
| 5. District Manager's Report   |  |
| 6. Committee Reports:  |  |
| • Combined—Civic & Religious & Youth-Education—Ms. E. Davis & Ms. V. Jones |  |
| • Economic Development—Mr. Odolph Wright                                   |  |
| • Parks & Recreation—Mr. Austen Martinez                                   |  |
| • Public Safety—Ms. Barbara Smith  |  |

**83rd Precinct Community Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 20, 2010**  
**480 Knickerbocker Avenue**  
Corner Bleecker Street (Muster Room)  
**6:30 PM**

**NYC Council Members**

**Diana Reyna & Erik Martin Dilan**  
**Rally To Save**  
**FDNY-Engine Company 271**  
**at 392 Himrod Street**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010**  
**12:00 NOON**

**16th ANNUAL GREENEST BLOCK IN BROOKLYN**

A Friendly Competition for Residential and Commercial Blocks

- **Top winners receive prizes for their block, including \$300 for the first place.**
- **Both RESIDENTIAL and COMMERCIAL blocks may enter.**

Entrant must be a block association, merchant association, Business improvement district, or civic or neighborhood organization. Commercial block entries are for one side of the street only.

- **All blocks receive a recognition certificate and free bulbs.**
- **Winners will be announced by August 2010 at a press conference held on their block.**
- **Deadline to enter is Tuesday, June 1, 2010; entry is FREE**
- **First-prize winner from prior year may not enter in the current year.**
- **For more information, including past winners, visit our website at [bbg.org/greenbridge](http://bbg.org/greenbridge).**
- **Street clinics are available for entering blocks**  
Availability is limited; first come, first served. Visit [bbg.org/greenbridge](http://bbg.org/greenbridge) or call 718-623-7250 for an application
- **Criteria for judging:**
  1. Color and total visual effect.
  2. Citizen participation.
  3. Variety and suitability of plants.
  4. Care of street trees.
  5. Soil condition, use of mulch, and other good horticultural practices.

**For contest guidelines or to enter online, visit [bbg.org/greenbridge](http://bbg.org/greenbridge) or call 718-623-7250. You will be sent a poster and information packet for your block.**

**Brooklyn Public Library****POWER UP YOUR DREAM STARTS HERE****WIN \$15,000****In Brooklyn Public Library's Business Plan Competition!****Seventh Annual PowerUP! Business Plan Competition**

Attend classes, write your business plan, and win up to \$15,000 to open your own Brooklyn-based business.

**To apply, you must attend one of the following 2010 PowerUP! Orientation sessions:**

Friday, April 16th, 9:00-10:30AM, Business Library

Tuesday, April 20th, 6:00-7:30PM, Crown Heights Library

**Learn all about the competition and register for an orientation session at**

**[www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/business](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/business). Or call 718-623-7000 and select option 4.**

**Brooklyn Public Library**

**Brooklyn Public Library/Service to the Aging** reaches out and provides services to a wide range of Brooklyn's diverse senior population. **Books by Mail** is a free and convenient service providing **large print books, audio books, DVDs, videos and descriptive videos** to

**Brooklyn** residents of **all ages** who are **homebound** and/or have a physical disability that limits their ability to handle standard printed materials.

Applications can be obtained by visiting the **BPL** website at [www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/seniors](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/seniors). For more information on **Books by Mail** or any of our other services, please contact **Service to the Aging @ 718-236-1760**.

**Books by Mail: Brining library services to people who are unable to access library services in a traditional branch setting.**

**CIGARETTE TAXES ARE A HEALTH WIN FOR NEW YORK**

- Every 10% increase in the price of cigarettes **reduces youth smoking** by 7% and overall cigarette consumption by about 4%.
- A \$1 increase in the NY cigarette tax would...
  - \* prevent **106,500 youth** in the State from becoming future smokers,
  - \* prompt **29,000 adult** smokers in **New York City** to quit, and
  - \* save **48,300 NY residents** from premature smoking-caused death.

**Cigarette Tax Increases Will Improve the Health of Children & Adults in NY.**

**CAMBA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION****Small Business Loans****Now Available**

**Need funds to expand  
your existing business?**

**Need capital to launch  
your startup?**

**Need capital to purchase  
inventory or equipment?**

**Have you been denied  
by a bank?**

**CAMBA Can Help!**

**CAMBA** offers loans to Central Brooklyn based entrepreneurs looking to startup or expand their existing business. If you have bad or no credit, no business plan, or no financial records **CAMBA** has resources to assist you.

**Have Questions?****Attend our Business Loan information session**

Dates: **April 22nd, May 27th, June 24th, 2010**  
 Time: **10am-11am**  
 Location: **884 Flatbush Avenue, 2nd Flr, Brooklyn, NY 11226**  
 Web: **www.camba.org**  
 Phone: **718-282-2500**  
 Fax: **718-282-8329**

**New York City Department for the Aging****Are you 55 years or older?**

Apply for Title V program and Discover new employment opportunities

Senior Employment Training Center offers:

**Computer Skills**

- Introduction to Computer
- Microsoft Word Basics
- Microsoft Excel Basics
- Internet & E-mail Basics

**Personal Care Aide**

In just 4 weeks, you can become **Certified Personal Care Aide (PCA)**

PCA courses are offered in: English, Spanish and Chinese

**Customer Service**

Gain the necessary skills and confidence to provide professional Customer Service in a diverse industry setting

**Minimum requirement:**

- Must be 55 years of age or over
- Must meet income eligibility
- Available to accept employment

**For information call 311**

**Ask for Senior Employment Services**

**Free Training**

Join The Health Care Team

As A New York State Certified Personal Care Aide

**Skills You Will Learn:**

- Measuring Temperature, Pulse, Respirations and Blood Pressure
- Bathing Patient
- Dressing Patient
- Transferring From Bed To Chair
- Use of Canes, Crutches and Wheelchair

**Requirements:**

- No High School Diploma or GED Required
  - Spanish/English and Chinese Speaking Students Accepted
  - Pass A Physical and Drug Test
  - Valid Green Card, US Passport, Birth Certificate
- Students Have The Opportunity To Get A Job With Free Upgrade To A Certified Home Health Aide. Our Graduates Have A 90% Job Retention.

In Partnership With Progressive Home Health Services NYS Certified Personal Care Aide Program

**New York City Department for the Aging**

**220 Church Street, Room 328**

**Brooklyn, New York 10013**

**212-442-0984**

**6th ANNUAL NYC MENTAL HEALTH FILM FESTIVAL**

Sponsored by:

**Community Access and New York Association of Psychiatric  
Rehabilitation Services**

Theme:

**Mental Health Recipients and the Arts****Sunday, April 25th, 2010**

Film schedule:

Noon: "Lens &amp; Pens: Art in an Unexpected Place"

12:30 pm "To See What I See"

1:00pm "CIAD Short Films"

1:30pm Discussion and Lunch

3:30pm "Canvas"

**St. Francis College****182 Remsen Street, Brooklyn Heights****(Between Clinton and Court)****4,5,2,3 Trains to Borough Hall****A or F to Jay Street/Borough Hall****M or R Train to Court Street****\$5 dollars in advance; \$7dollars at the door**For more information or to reserve tickets, contact **Carla Rabinowitz**at **212-780-1400 X 7726**, or visit us on the internet at:**www.nycmentalhealthfilmfestival.com****PLEASE JOIN US!**

You Are Invited to the

**Big Green Theater****Fundraising Event**

Saturday, April 24

3-5PM

At The Bushwick Starr Theater located at  
207 Starr Street btw. Irving & Wyckoff Avenues.

- 3PM COCKTAIL HOUR
- 4PM PROJECT PRESENTATION
- 4:30PM ROOFTOP GARDEN UNVEILING

**Stay to enjoy live music and the setting sun**

Proceeds from this event will benefit **The Bushwick Starr's**  
upcoming **BIG GREEN THEATER** program, which is a commu-  
nity based theater festival and environmental education  
initiative

**Autism**

A Workshop for Parents &amp; Professionals

**Thursday, April 29, 2010**

Sheraton LaGuardia, 135-20 39th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11354

We are pleased to provide day care, breakfast &amp; lunch.

**On-Site Child Care Available with prior registration****What You Will Learn:**

- What are Autism Spectrum Disorders?
- How do you get an evaluation for a child?
- How can you develop communication skills for a child?
- How to advocate-tips and strategies
- What services exist in Queens?
- What do you need to know about early childhood services?

**To register, visit [www.qsac.com/workshop](http://www.qsac.com/workshop)**

Registration: \$20 (includes breakfast and lunch)

Parent scholarships are available. Use code PARENT on registration  
web site.

For information about current services,

email **AWashington@qsac.com****SAVE THE DATE****Justice for Juveniles:****A Call to Ethical Action!****Saturday, April 24****8:30 am—4:00 pm****New York Society for Ethical Culture****2 West 64th Street at Central Park West**

This conference aims to create a coalition of concerned  
organizations, citizens, and the media to demand and  
help facilitate immediate restructuring and reform of  
the existing statewide juvenile justice system in New  
York State.

**Awareness—Advocacy—Action****Attend the Conference—Join the Coalition**Register online at [justice4juveniles.eventbrite.com](http://justice4juveniles.eventbrite.com)

For more information call 212-874-5210x118