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Commissioner's Column



We are rolling out programs, such as curbside Organics collection, e-cycleNYC, and re-fashioNYC to make it easier for New Yorkers to recycle their discards. Come January 1, 2015, our e-cycleNYC program will take on even more importance with the State Law banning curbside pick-up of electronics taking effect. Electronics contains some of the most hazardous substances in the entire waste stream.

It has been a busy month preparing for snow and managing all the holiday weeks in November. As we look forward to the New Year, we are well positioned to manage anything that Mother Nature may throw at us.

As always, we are first in and last out at big events such as the Marathon and Thanksgiving Day parade. At the Marathon, in partnership with Goodwill, we collected more than 90 tons of clothing for reuse. Even with the protests currently occurring across the city, we're on the job cleaning up.

We are also starting the planning for the next volume of PlaNYC. The chapter will articulate our long term thinking on how to perform each day while protecting the environment and making New York City a more attractive place to live and work.

And we are looking at how to make our fleet even cleaner than it is today; utilizing hybrid hydraulic technology, compressed natural gas, and full electric vehicles in our fleet. Already our vehicles are 90 percent cleaner than just 10 years ago. We will continue to keep pressing the envelope on what is possible while still meeting our operational needs.

As we begin the planning for expanding our environmental agenda, we want to hear from all of our employees about what's working and ideas for how we can do even better.

I want to wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season.

Kathryn Garcia

In Memoriam

DSNY offers its condolences to friends and family of Ronald Cohen. Ronny was a former Sanitation employee, and was President of DSNY's Columbia Association.

Dedication of the SW Frosch Garage



Earlier this year, Sanitation Worker **Steven Frosch** of Queens 5A, was killed in the line of duty while working on his mechanical sweeper. In a November ceremony, his family and friends gathered to rename the garage in his honor. A short video of the ceremony is [online](#).

DSNY Celebrates 85 Years of Service



December 2014 marks DSNY's 85th anniversary. While New York City was kept clean by the Department of Street Cleaning dating back to 1881, the New York City Department of Sanitation as we now know it was established in 1929. The New York City Municipal Archives contain thousands of photos from the city through the years, and is available [online](#).



New Director of Real Estate



Congratulations to **Arlana Davis** (center), who was recently promoted to Director of DSNY's Real Estate Office. Arlana has worked for DSNY for more than 30 years and has worked closely with Legal Affairs, Engineering, city Community Boards and other civic leaders on completing ULURP applications for new department facilities. Arlana also works with the BOO and BBM in addressing issues with leased facilities.

Annual AABS Dinner Dance



The **African American Benevolent Association** held their 79th Annual Dinner/Dance at Antun's in late November. Among the honorees were **Rashid and Leticia Smith**, DSNY Superintendents, who won the Richard W. Beverly Humanitarian Award. Congratulations to all the winners. Photo courtesy of Bklyn Lens.

Collector's Items

- Sanitation Worker **Ed Shevlin**, formally of Queens E14, and now working in DSNY's BOO, was named as a 2015 Gallatin Human Rights Fellow. The fellowship supports students with funding for extended research or experiential learning projects that focus on human rights issues. Stay tuned for updates on his work.
- DSNY's **BladeRunner** program was awarded a "Best Internal Application Award" 2014 at the Best of NYC Technology Awards. Congratulations to the **BIT team** on your achievement!
- The Mayor's Office, along with the OLR, is launching a **Flu Vaccination Campaign** to ensure City employees have easy access to a flu shot through the month of December. This campaign will allow you to get a free flu vaccination at in-network doctors' offices, at a [participating pharmacy](#), and at an [Advantage Care Physician facility](#).

DSNY in the News...



WCBS-TV recently profiled the members of the DSNY's **Environmental Police Unit**, highlighting their work at keeping the city safe. To view the video, click [here](#).

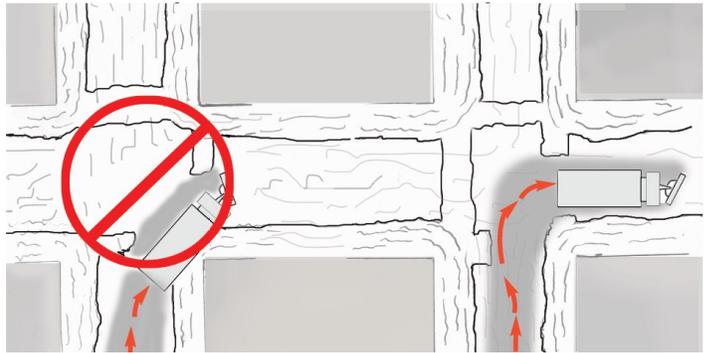
Did you know?

DSNY is starting the snow season with more than 280,000 tons of salt. Last year, the Department used 490,000 tons of salt throughout the season.

Safety Reminder

Proper Turning in Heavy Snow

- Do not cut corner tight
- Make turn as wide as safely possible
- When breaking through high ridge of snow, lift plow 6 inches, break through ridge, then put plow down and continue plowing in block.



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