

Brooklyn Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, January 17, 2018  
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 monthly Community Board #4 meeting at 6:24PM.

**Raul Rubio, Community Coordinator for the Department of Mental Health and Hygiene:**

Presenting a summary of the Mental Health First Aid Course, along with information of some of the other courses that are available and partnership opportunities to make the courses available to Bushwick residents. Mr. Rubio will also share, information about the ThriveNYC initiative as a whole and the resources currently available.

You see the colorful advertisement on the subway stations.

This initiative started in 2015. It is the grandchild of Mayor Bill de Blasio and First Lady, Chirlane McCray. It started because their daughter was suffering from depression and as they searched for mental health services they saw that it was very hard to find services. They realized that if it was hard for them to find services then it would also be hard for the average person to find services for their children.

There are 54 different initiatives, costing \$850 million over four years. The program relies on peer counselors, who are not mental health professionals but are already entrenched in underserved communities. It is about building capacity by training people who already do the work.

- At least one in five adult New Yorkers is likely to experience a mental health disorder in any given year.
- 8% of NYC public high school students report attempting suicide.
- Consequences of substance misuse are among the leading cause of premature death in every neighborhood in New York City. Each year, 1,800 deaths and upwards of 70,000 emergency room visits among adults aged 18 to 64 can be attributed to alcohol use.
- 73,000 New York City public high school students report feeling sad or hopeless each month.
- Major depressive disorder is the single greatest source of disability in NYC. At any given time over half a million adult New Yorkers are estimated to have depression, yet less than 40% report receiving care for it.
- The stigma of mental illness has been found to have serious negative effects on hope and an individual's sense of self-esteem. Stigma also increases the severity of psychiatric symptoms and decreases treatment adherence.

As part of the plan the lifenet health hotline will be expanded several times over by next fall. The 24 hour service will not only connect people to care, but provide them with a navigator. After an appointment is received someone will follow up with the patient. The plan is aggressively ambitious however the attempt is to make life easier for New Yorkers in every community of every age.

Training for the program is free. Everything for the training is provided. Those interested in the training can register online.

Thrive NYC – A Roadmap for Mental Health for All: Youth Mental Health First Aid Free Certification Class, February 27, 2018, 10am to 5:45pm. DeKalb Library, 790 Bushwick Avenue, Auditorium. Register online at [http://bpl\\_dekalb.timetap.com](http://bpl_dekalb.timetap.com)  
For more information please visit: [www.mhfa.citynewyork.us](http://www.mhfa.citynewyork.us)

Ms. Dent thanked Raul Rubio for his presentation.

Chairperson Ms. Julie asked the District Manager, Celestina Leon to call the first roll call.

**First Roll Call: 6:24PM** – 21 members present does not constitute a quorum.  
The board cannot vote unless there is a quorum.

**Chairperson's Report: 6:29PM**

Ms. Julie Dent welcomed all to the Community Board #4 Wednesday, January 17, 2018 monthly meeting.

Ms. Julie Dent asked that the Elected Officials and / or their representatives to 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) Fredrick Mitchell Representing Senator Martin Malave Dilan, 3215 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208, 718-573-1726
- 3) Paula Melendez, Representing Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, 249 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-443-1205
- 4) Darryl White Representing Public Advocate Letitia James, 1 Centre Street, NY, NY 10007, 212-669-4662
- 5) Armando Fuentes Representing Councilmember Rafael Espinal, 786 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207, 718-642-8664
- 6) Anayeli Gomez Representing NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, 1 Centre Street, NY, NY 10007, 212-669-3568
- 7) Jonathan Pomboza Representing District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, 350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-250-2349
- 8) Julio Salazar, Representing Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez, 266 Broadway, NY, NY 718-669-5149

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) Kurt Barnes Jr., Cooper Street Community Association, 347-424-0830
- 3) Magdalena Mangual, Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, 1610 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-508-4669

Ms. Dent stated that she was delighted to receive a New Year's greeting card from Governor Andrew Cuomo. In the card, he sent his best wishes and had some encouraging words. He is looking forward to another year of working together and supporting the Bushwick community.

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018: Attended Mayor, Bill de Blasio's Inauguration, along with community leaders across the city in recognizing the beginning of his second term in office. We are looking forward to continuing to work with Mayor de Blasio and his administration in the coming years.

Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018: Representatives from the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene conducted Mental Health training at the Audrey Johnson Learning Center. I was happy to host the information session and would like to thank the board members and the newly hired ThriveNYC Community Coordinator, Mr. Raul Rubio for his help with coordination this opportunity.

Ms. Dent apologized for the absence of the Bushwick Montessori School at the meeting Community Board's January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Given the holiday rush and the recent winter weather, they did not received the notice of tonight's meeting in time. We have asked Ms. Becky Simkhai, the Head of School and Education Director to present at the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>: Attended Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez's timely event on the new federal tax plan at Wyckoff Heights Medical Center. The panel provided a clear breakdown of what to expect moving forward. The changes will affect us all and it is vital to prepare.

Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>: Attended BAM's MLK (Martin Luther King) Legislative Breakfast and Celebration at her BAM Peter J. Sharp Building hosted by Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams. Senator Chuck Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, NYC Council Speaker Corey Johnson, Council Member Laurie Cumbo and other luminaries were also in attendance. We were treated to inspirational performances and speeches in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy.

Anticipated shutdown updates are expected from the NYC Transit – Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) and the NYC Department of Transportation. Community Board 4 will continue to keep the community notified about the proposed plan and any service changes.

Do you know when the next NCO meeting is? NCO stands for Neighborhood Coordination Officer. The NCO program recently came to the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct and the NCOs in each sector have coordinated regular community meetings to engage the community. You can find out when your meeting is by visiting [www.buildtheblock.nyc](http://www.buildtheblock.nyc). You can also contact the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct. Thursday, February, 22<sup>nd</sup> I will host the second NCO Sector Adam at the Audrey Johnson Learning Center. The first meeting was will attended and I encourage all to attend.

FREE adult education classes are available in Bushwick: If you live in Brooklyn, are over 21 years of age and do not have a high school diploma or HS Equivalency, you are edible to enroll in free adult education classed. There are English classes, HS Equivalency preparation classes and more. Classes are held in District 32 at various locations. Call 718-221-6703 for more information, or go to: [OACES7@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:OACES7@schools.nyc.gov)

You are invited to attend the Community Education Council (CEC) 32 meeting:  
Place: The Evergreen Middle School for Urban Exploration IS 562, 125 Covert Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207, Thursday, January 18, 2018 from 6:00-8:00PM

There are CEC 32 Community Education Councils in New York City. Each CEC oversees a Community School District that includes public elementary, intermediate and junior high schools. For more information you can contact CEC 32 office at 718-574-1100

Apply for scholarship money from the UFT: Each year, the UFT awards more than \$1 million in college scholarship money to academically excellent and financially eligible public school students. Time is running out to apply for a \$5,000 scholarship from the UFT Albert Shanker College Scholarship Fund before the deadline of January 31<sup>st</sup>. To learn more and to apply visit [www.uft.org/parents/scholarship-fund](http://www.uft.org/parents/scholarship-fund).

Save the Date for Saturday, March 3 for the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Fair from 11:00AM to 4:00PM at 272 Macdonough Street. This year's theme is "HBCU HerStory: Highlighting the contributions of women who rock. For more information email: [collegefair@brooklynalumnaedst.org](mailto:collegefair@brooklynalumnaedst.org). This event is taking place in Community Board #3's district, however it is an exciting opportunity for those interested in and / or seeking higher education.

NYC Department of Education: There is still time to submit Kindergarten Applications! The deadline has been extended to Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. All children born in 2013 who live in NYC can apply to for the 2018-19 school year. You will need 1) your child's name, date of birth, and current pre-K (if applicable) 2) contact information and information on any siblings who will be in grades K-5 next year (if applicable) 3) The programs you are applying to, ranked in your preference order – use the [kindergarten directory](#) to choose up to 12 programs. Visit Kindergarten Admissions, call 718-935-2009, or email [ESenrollment@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ESenrollment@schools.nyc.gov) if you have any questions.

HOPE 2018: On Monday, January 22, 2018 the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) will conduct its Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE), an annual point-in-time count of New Yorkers sleeping unsheltered.

You are invited to help by canvass parks, subways, and other public spaces to estimate the number of people who are sleeping in the streets.

Please visit [nyc.gov/hope](http://nyc.gov/hope) or CityShare to learn more and to register.

### **District Manager's Report: 7:06PM**

Greetings to all from the District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon and her staff. She stated that she look forward to the year ahead and continuing working together to keep Bushwick a safe and vibrant community for all.

She would like everyone to review the FDNY Fire Safety tips along with the other seasonal notices from the city agencies that are within this month's newsletter. Fire safety remains vital, especially during the winter months.

### **Meetings Attended:**

Thursday, December 21, 2017: Community Education Council (CEC) 32 Monthly Meeting Joined by the Youth and Education Committee Chairperson, Ms. Virgie Jones at their December meeting at PS 145. Those in attendance were able to enjoy a holiday themed performance by the students, in addition to regular business, including a presentation on the STEAM program at PS 123 and an update on Capital plans from the School Construction Authority (SCA).

Wednesday, January 3, 2018: EXE Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 4, 2018: NYC Emergency Management Conference Call for Elected Officials and Community Boards

During weather emergencies the NYC Office of Emergency Management routinely organizes conference calls to alert community boards and elected officials of important updates from relevant city agencies. Joining in on the call were representatives from the mayor's community affairs unit, DSNY, NYCHA, DEP, DPR, FDNY, and the DOE for a well-rounded update session.

BCP weekly call

EPTS Meeting was cancelled due to the inclement weather.

Friday, January 5, 2018: Bushwick Community Plan Next Steps Meeting with CB4 and Council Member Offices - Joined the Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent, along with representatives from Council Member Reynoso and Council Member Espinal for a discussion on the status of the Bushwick Community Plan process and our next steps as a community. The discussion touched on various points including the timeline, the upcoming land use framework revised by the Department of City Planning and community concerns about the transparency and leadership of the process.

Monday, January 8, 2018: HHHSV Committee Meeting Cancelled due to the inclement weather.

Borough President Eric L. Adams NYC Open Data Workshop – Community Board #4 was invited along with the other Brooklyn Community Boards to attend a workshop on NYC Open Data facilitated by BetaNYC. NYC Open Data is an online tool that pools information from various agencies and holds great potential for aiding in regular community board business. Everyone in attendance participated in a “data journey” designed to familiarize us with BoardStat, a new technological tool that is only available to Manhattan Community Boards at present. We explored how BoardStat aligns with other preexisting online resources, such as the NYC Crime Map, the NYC City Map, the Dept. of Building's Building Information System (BIS), etc. All boards agreed that the BoardStat would be a beneficial resource for the borough and our respective communities.

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Hosted the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting (PRC)

Saturday, January 13, 2018: MayDay Space's Radical Futures Free School: Liberation for Our Generation & Beyond – Attended a panel discussion at MayDay Space located at 176 St. Nicholas Avenue on radical community spaces and why they are needed. The panelists included MayDay Space, New Women Space, Bronx Social Center and the Brecht Forum. The discussion was well attended and during a breakout activity a discussed was had on how to support these kinds of community spaces and the importance of strategic collaborations.

Monday, January 15, 2018: BAM MLK Celebration – Attended the wonderfully organized event, which included inspirational performances and words from the Brooklyn Interdenominational Choir and various elected officials. Borough President Eric Adams was the emcee for the event. He introduced Senator Chuck Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand as well as Mayor Bill

de Blasio. Council Member Laurie Cumbo, newly elected Council Speaker Corey Johnson and others shared timely reflections on the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Information:

Transition and College Access Center for students with disabilities: A new Transition and College Access Center has opened in Brooklyn to help students with disabilities prepare for college and work after they graduate from high school. The center is at Boys and Girls HS, 1700 Fulton Street, room G170. You can learn more by reading the brochure in English, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, Haitian-Creole, Korean, Russian, Spanish and Urdu.

You might be eligible for NYC Free Tax Prep: New Yorkers who earned \$66,000 or less in 2018 may qualify for free preparation services, including online filing at [www.nyc.gov/taxprep](http://www.nyc.gov/taxprep) and in person filing with an IRS certified VITA/TCE volunteer preparer. NYC Free Tax sites are operated by community based organizations in partnership with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA).

Summer internships for high school students at the Dept. of Design and Construction: The New York City Department of Design and Construction in partnership with the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (NYC DYCD) is looking for 30 New York City High School students to intern full-time at the department this summer. This is a great opportunity for students interested in architecture, engineering, building trades, public administration, business administration or information technology to gain work and academic experience. The application deadline is February 16<sup>th</sup>. The length of the program is 6 weeks long and it will begin on Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and will end Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. For more information contact STEAM at 718-391-2888 or email: [STEAM@ddc.nyc.gov](mailto:STEAM@ddc.nyc.gov)

It's My Park Awards Reception: The annual "It's My Park Awards" honor advocates who demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment to their local parks through service, advocacy and collaboration. As an important community partner, we invite you to nominate yourself or apply for an award. The application for 2017 nominations will be accessible through January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at <https://cityparksfoundation.org/imp-awards-nomination-form/>.

BP Adams welcomes application for the Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Budget: Brooklyn, NY, January 2018 the Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams encouraged City agencies, local schools and non-profit organizations to apply for capital funding from his office for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19).

All requests for capital funding from the office of the Brooklyn Borough President must be submitted via Borough President Adams' online capital funding application, which can be found on his website, [www.Brooklyn-USA.org](http://www.Brooklyn-USA.org); the FY19 application process opened on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and the deadline to submit a request is 11:59PM on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Season Influenza (Flu): Influenza or flu is a seasonal respiratory (lung) infection that causes fever and a cough or sore throat. It is most common during the fall and winter months. Every year more than 2,000 New Yorkers die of seasonal influenza and pneumonia, which can develop as a complication of the flu. Getting the vaccination might protect you during the flu season. Find a flu vaccination location using the NYC Health Map. Be sure to call ahead of time to check if the vaccine is available before going to the location.

<https://a816-healthpsi.nyc.gov/NYCHHealthMap/home/ByServices?services=59>

## **Committee Reports, 7:16PM**

**Parks and Recreation Committee (PRC)**, Committee Co-Chairpersons Mr. Robert Camacho and Ms. Annette Spellen

Meeting Held: Thursday, January 11, 2018, 6:00PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members Present: Robert Camacho, Annette Spellen, Jamie Wiseman and Carlos Feliciano

Others Present: Celestina Leon, CB 4 District Manager; Delancey Nelson, Partnership for Parks Liaison; Kofi Thomas, The People's Garden Member; Lillian Reyes, NYC Parks Green Thumb Liaison; Ingrid Ramos, Parents of Bushwick/Padres de Bushwick; Hernan Pagan, The People's Garden Member

### Item Discussed:

The District Manager announced that Ms. Eva Seligman (Agenda item #1) from the Evergreen Cemetery will not be at the meeting, due to her colleagues absence at short notice. Ms. Seligman will be re-scheduled to attend the Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup> PRC meeting at the Community Board's office.

Agenda item #2:

Delancey Nelson, Outreach Coordinator for Partnership for Parks

- Partnership for parks is a unique public-private partnership between City Park's foundation and NYC Parks
- They help groups plan events and activities in parks, such as Summer Stage, Community Gardening Workshops, and the Puppet Mobile.

Ms. Nelson works with Community Board's #s 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 9.

There are a handful of active groups in Community Board 4 including:

- Maria Hernandez Park
- Hope Ballfield (Friends of Hope – El Puente)
- Fermi Playground (Friends of Fermi – Parents of Bushwick)
- Green Central Knoll Park (Parents of Bushwick)
- Rudd Playground (Friends of Rudd Playground)

Ms. Nelson ask for the Community Board's help in reconnecting with Friends of Irving Square Park because she has not heard from them in a while.

Partnership for parks also offers training and workshops to community members, including how to work with elected officials and how to start a non-profit.

They also serve as a liaison between the community and the Parks department.

There is a trial for new basketball nets in Bushwick Park on Knickerbocker Avenue and Woodbine Street.

Mr. Robert Camacho expressed his concerns about the nighttime activity in the park, including smoking, drinking and people forming groups after hours. He stated that there is a need to set up a meeting with the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct.

The District Manager responded referencing the letter sent to the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct in late 2016 from the community board in regards to similar concerns about safety issues in several parks. She stated that she will follow up on the letter and report back to the committee after looking into the matter further.

Carlos Feliciano stated that he is responsible for opening and closing Hope ballfield to make sure it is well maintained and safe.

The District Manager suggested that the NCO's can perhaps assist in visiting and potentially closing problematic parks.

Ms. Annette Spellen added that part of addressing the safety issues could include closing the park. She mentioned that there continues to be problems at Irving Square Park with unleashed dogs in the morning. There are also squatters from the building across the street that stay in the park until 2:00AM.

The District Manager asked if those issues were something that could be addressed by targeted visits from the Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP). She also added that off leash hours in the park are from 9PM to 9AM based on signage.

Ms. Spellen mentioned that the signage was not readily visible. There were problems in the past stated the District Manager with the signs being removed. Delancey added that she would follow up on the issue and make sure the proper signage was on the park. It was suggested that PEP stop by the park between the hours of 7AM and 10AM.

It was added that new condensed signage is coming to parks across the city soon. Ms. Ingrid Ramos responded stating they had already installed the new signs at Fermi playground however, the smaller "No Smoking" and "No Dogs" signage had been removed. Delancey answered that she would look into the missing signage.

The District Manager asked if Partnership for Parks helps with street trees. For example: assisting with tree guard projects. Delancey responded that they do. She added that Trees NY has examples of different tree guards and that a permit is needed to be installed. The NYC Parks department also has a stewardship team that takes care of street trees. For this kind of project, Partnership for Parks could partner with Block Associations or other groups depending on the area/request.

Ms. Lillian Reyes, NYC Parks Green Thumb.

Ms. Reyes is the liaison from Green Thumb which oversees community gardens and connects them to resources. She mentioned that they recently visited the Goodwin Gardens on Goodwin Place between Grove Street and Greene Avenue. They recently became aware of the garden as it was never registered as a Green Thumb Garden, although it is on NYC Parks-owned land.

Mr. Camacho stated that there was an agreement made ten years ago and the former District Manager Ms. Nadine Whitted has signed it. It was a contract between NYC HPD (the former property owner), RiseBoro Community Partnership (formerly RBSCC), and Community Board 4. Given the contract's expiration and the death of an active garden leader, the garden has been in limbo without consistent care or resources.

The lot attached to the garden is private property.

Mr. Camacho stated that he reached out to the owner to ask them to fix the property, as there are large sinkholes and other degraded features.

The District Manager asked about what are the next steps on the Green Thumb end. Ms. Reyes responded that the garden would need 10 volunteers to become members. A letter of support from the Community Board, and eventually by-laws to remain a community garden.

Kofi Thomas offered to give a rundown of the past 100 days in the garden, as he has been volunteering there and cleaning up little by little. He has since then met with the Goodwin Senior Residence Property Manager, Christina Orocho. The garden is in need of urgent help due to the damaged benches and the cement caving in. Robert and Kofi stated that there are two sinkholes, six benches that need to be replaced and a water pipe that needs to be fixed.

There have also been issues with the shelter around the corner. Kofi commented that he would like to help seniors become more active in the space and see programming for them there.

The District Manager commented that she would follow up with Scott Short from RiseBoro to update him on the discussion. The next step would be a community meeting to discuss organizing around the garden. Lillian proposed the tentative date of Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM.

Other Committee Business:

Mr. Camacho: The sports league should be ready to come to the board in April.

Ingrid: She is concerned about the playground safety and was involved in an altercation the day before at Knoll Playground. The individual made death threats and appeared to have a substance abuse issue. She was with her two year daughter at the time.

The committee members asked for a follow up on the Beaver Knoll tot lot project.

The District Manager adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Annette Spellen and second by Mr. Robert Camacho. Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM.

### **Announcements, 7:58PM**

NYC Department of Education: "You Got This", Get ready for the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test. There are eight great testing Specialized High Schools that draw from students like you...

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Eric Gonzalez, Kings County District Attorney: Do you have a public safety or quality of life concern in your community? If so, please visit or call the ...Action Center, 350 Jay Street, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Hotline: 718-250-2340, Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00AM to 5:00PM.

Walk-ins welcome from 9:00AM to 4:00PM

The Public Integrity Bureau investigates government corruption, including misconduct by public officials, fraud in corruption of the political process. To report corruption, call the...Public Integrity Hotline at 718-250-2747

New York City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer cordially invites you to: Trailblazers Program & award ceremony in honor of African American History Month. Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Doors open at 6:00PM to 8:30PM. Alhambra Ballroom, 2116 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd., 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl., New York, NY 10027. To RSVP, please email [events@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:events@comptroller.nyc.gov) or call (212) 669-4466. If you need language translation services or other special accommodations, please call (212) 669-4315.

Jo-Ena Bennett, Long Life Unity Food Buyers Collective: Get \$70 worth of food for \$30. Now accepting EBT! Full food orders: Over 16 high quality fruits and vegetables for \$32. Half food orders: Over 10 high quality fruits and vegetables for \$17. Fish orders are available upon request \$25.00 annual fee. For membership contact: Long Life Unity Food Buyers Collective, 1958 Fulton Street, Room 301, Brooklyn, NY 11233, 718-772-1951

New York City Dept. of Correction: You care about this community. So Do We! We are your neighbors, fellow community board members and friends who are dedicated to enhancing public safety – and we do so with pride, integrity and compassion. If you, or someone you know want to make difference, join us.

Upcoming Correction Officer Exam Dates. Exam No. 8319, Now through January 31, 2018 For more information, call 718-546-3100 or email: [theboldest@dov.nyc.gov](mailto:theboldest@dov.nyc.gov)

The New York City of Corrections proudly presents: Confronting Recidivism 3. A panel discussion & job resource fair for formerly incarcerated individuals. Meet with employers in construction, technology and service industries. Access career counseling and resume building services and onsite job interviews. January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 11:00AM to 3:00PM. Brooklyn Borough Hall, 201 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Please RSVP to [specialevents@doc.nyc.gov](mailto:specialevents@doc.nyc.gov)

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Seniors (50 plus) Bowling League: Join Library lanes: BPL's digital bowling league! Fridays, 10:30 am to 12pm. Older adults are welcome to join a team, learn ow to bowl using a Microsoft Xbox One and compete with other neighborhood libraries! Washington Avenue Branch, 360 Irving Avenue at Woodbine Street, 11237, 718-628-8378, [www.bklynlibrary.org](http://www.bklynlibrary.org)

Kurt Barnes Jr., Cooper Street Community Association: Partnership with Hope Gardens, FREE Basket Ball Game with Police Officers, 422 Central Avenue, 7PM, Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4PM.

The Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent apologize to the family of Specialist Rasheed Sahib. The family attended the community board meeting in their request to have a street co-named after their son. Ms. Dent asked them to please return to the February 21, 2018 meeting.

The Chairperson, Ms. Julie Dent

**2nd Roll Call:** Quorum not met.

Community Board #4 Wednesday, January 17, 2018 Meeting ended at 8:17PM.