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DOING MORE WITH LESS

New York City faces a tough challenge

As we all are aware, New York City is going through particularly tough financial times. Mayor Bloomberg and all City Commissioners are facing the challenge of preserving the high quality of New York City's municipal services with fewer resources. In the words of the Mayor: We need to do more with less.

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“Take Our Children to Work” Day

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Sanitation’s “children” were treated to a hands-on demonstration of how the Department’s heavy-duty equipment operates, such as a collection truck, mechanical broom, front-end loader and salt spreader. The children also attended a presentation on the workings of the Sanitation Department, historical information on Floyd Bennett Field, plus facts on West Nile Virus awareness. To bring this wonderful day to an end, Sanitation Supervisor Joseph Pescador entertained the children with a magic show and played an educational interactive game with the Talking Litter Basket.

“Take Our Children to Work” day is an opportunity for youngsters to learn how our City works. Sanitation’s program was organized by the Department’s Women’s Advisors Program, who also served as chaperones.

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These may be tough times, but this city and more importantly this Department, pride themselves on being tough. I know we can meet this challenge. Like the Mayor, I believe that, in the situation will improve. I am also convinced that New York City has an extraordinarily bright future. Our city continues to attract the best professionals, the boldest and most gifted entrepreneurs and hard-working people from all over the world. During these difficult times, we should all pull together. I count on all New Yorkers to pitch in and help us keep our streets and sidewalks clean.

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