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## Commissioner's Column

It's September, and cooler fall temperatures are just around the corner. Good thing, too, as the summer of 2015 turned into one of the hottest on record, making your already difficult job of keeping our city clean and safe all the more taxing when dealing with the high temperatures. Elected officials and city residents alike appreciated your work in the trying conditions; in a Facebook post, S.I. Borough President James Oddo said "My staff and I at Borough Hall appreciate what the New York City Department of Sanitation does for us each day." Your dedication to the job does not go unnoticed.

This summer also brought developments within the department. Our program to collect food and yard waste has expanded, now serving 133,000 households, and helping us send less material to landfills. We

are also proposing new rules that would require some large food-generating businesses, such as arenas, stadiums, wholesalers, and hotels to separate their food waste and arrange for its proper management. We are working to make recycling easier for city business too, by streamlining the rules and making them uniform across all business types. Rules at home should match rules in school and businesses. Thanks to a partnership with Local 831, we are even testing a program to collect clothing and textiles from residents. It's a one time pickup now, and only in four districts. After the pilot, we will evaluate the viability of the program. I am excited for these developments, and what they can mean for the Department and the City. Thank you all for your continued support.

*Kathryn Garcia*

## It's Flu Season



With the start of the flu season upon us, it's imperative for all to take preventative measures to ensure we stay healthy. We would like to encourage you and your family to get your flu vaccine! Commissioner

Garcia received her shot from Health Commissioner Mary Bassett, along with Sanitation Workers from BX7/8 in mid September. Please consider rolling up your sleeves for your vaccine this year, too!

## DSNY Heroes



Shown (l-r) Lisa Whitfield, Elizabeth Maldonado and Cheri Marquez

Five DSNY employees worked together to save the life of a coworker on August 20. The coworker, Sanitation Worker Eddie Lapre, suffered a heart attack while driving them to a breast cancer benefit event. The women jumped in to action, each taking a different role in helping S/W Lapre. Their quick thinking and actions provided the immediate care he needed and allowed him to get treatment at the hospital. We are glad to report that S/W Lapre is well on the road to recovery. Many thanks to heroes **Cheri Marquez, Lisa Whitfield, Sarah Bartlett, Elizabeth Maldonado and Brianna Marquez**. An account of their actions can be found [here](#).

## J-E-T-S, Jets, Jets, Jets!



The New York Jets will host 'DSNY Day' before their game against the Miami Dolphins on Sunday, November 29. Our Ceremonial Unit will present the colors before the game, and there will be other surprises! To purchase discount tickets, visit <http://bit.ly/DSNY15> and

use code DSNY15 (you may have some trouble if using Explorer browsers). Tickets to the Jets vs. Philadelphia Eagles game on November 27 are also available via the link.

## Strongest Football Visit Hospital

Members of the DSNY Strongest Football team visited St. Mary's Hospital for Children in Queens. They made a financial donation, and spent time with the children, playing football, coloring pictures, and just talking and laughing! Thanks to all team members for making this happen!



## New SAL Board



Sanitation Association de Cruz, Elizabeth Maldonado, Melissa Cosme and Evelyn Bruno. Congrats to (l-r) Caridad

## Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

The American Cancer Society's annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk is Oct. 18, and we are again looking for your support for this cause. To join the walk or make a

donation payable to ACS, contact **Lisa Whitfield** at 646-885-4609 or **Amy Ruiz** at 646-885-4621 or refer to DM2015-5183 for walk locations.

## Autism Speaks



Chiefs **Anthony Ardolino** and **George Best** recently accepted an award on behalf of DSNY at the S.I. kick-off and recognition event for Walk Now For Autism Speaks. As part of the

event, Autism Speaks also recognized the family of late Enforcement Sgt. Frank Musella, who was very active in our fundraising and support of the group.

## A Social Media Reminder from Office of EDI

A friendly reminder to all our employees, please be mindful of what you post or comment on social media. As a DSNY employee and public servant, it is expected that everyone be courteous and respectful when it comes to their social media use. Any posts or comments made about co-workers, managers or supervisors, DSNY or the general public that can reasonably be viewed as discriminatory and harassing, malicious, obscene or threatening and intimidating will not be tolerated and is a violation of DSNY's Social Media Policy (PAP 2013-02). Always remember: if the post or comment is something you would be afraid or embarrassed to say as part of a face-to-face conversation, it is likely not appropriate for social media.

## Collector's Items / News & Notes

MCU will host a **Financial Expo** on September 26 at the Marriott at 333 Adams Street in Brooklyn. The Expo is 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and will offer investment and retirement advice, along with seminars on auto loans and mortgages. To RSVP, call 1-888-902-3011 ext. 4060, or visit [confirmyourseat.com/mcu](http://confirmyourseat.com/mcu).

The **DSNY Car Club's Annual Car Show** will be held September 27 as a benefit to the families of O'Neil Gill and Frank Musella. The show will be at Floyd Bennett Field from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 - \$20 and children under 15 are free. There will be trophies, prizes, food vendors and a DJ.

The **Columbia Association** will host its **Annual Dinner Dance** on October 30 at the El Caribe Country Club. A/C Anthony Pasquale, Deputy Commissioner Rocky DiRico and retired D/C Charlie DiGiacomo will be honored. Contact Thomas Prevete at 347-804-8122 or George Best at 347-242-1733 for info.

Condolences to family and friends of Sanitation Worker **John Irwin** from QW9 on his recent passing.

Condolences to family and friends of **Dom Ferrucci**, retired 1st Vice President and Retiree Consultant for Local 444 Sanitation Officers Association on his recent passing.

Congratulations to the son of Sanitation Worker **Franklin Hernandez** who sang "America the Beautiful" at the US Open.

Many thanks to DSNY's videographer, **Jennifer Jones**, for lending her voice

to the City's new affordable housing video. Watch the video [here](#).



A few happy faces of the many Sanitation Workers and families who participated in the **African American Day Parade**.

The **African American Benevolent Association** will host a general meeting at the Club House on Oct. 7 with guest speaker Harry Nespoli.

There will be a **bake sale** fundraiser on Oct. 1 on the 5th floor of 59 Maiden Lane to support breast cancer awareness.

The **Hispanic Society** will hold its Annual Dinner Dance on September 25 at Maestro's Catering Hall. Contact Joseph Maldonado at 347-610-3749 for info.

## Retirements

Enforcement Captain **Brenton Greenwood** has retired after 30 years of service; ACCO Assistant Commissioner **Ronald Blendermann** is retiring after serving for 30 years; **Al Durell**, Assistant Chief, Collection/Recycling Operations is leaving city service after nearly 26 years; and **Brij Shrivastava**, Director of Engineering for Solid Waste Management is retiring after 34 years of service.