December, 2010 District Manager’s Report

FDNY:
Report unsafe conditions in stores to 311; examine holiday lights make sure they have UL label, which means they have been inspected; remove lint from clothes dryer to prevent fire

26th Pct.:
- New Captain assigned to 26th Pct. – Capt. David Ehrenberg.
- Coat Drive at 26th Pct. 12/01/10 – 12/31/10 old lightly worn coats will be accepted, vouchers will be issued for tax purposes.

PSA-6 (see stats):
- Holiday Food Drive started October 1st and running through December 15th, PSA6 is accepting can goods at 2770 8th Ave. @148th Street, for further info. contact PSA-6 Community Affairs Unit at (212) 694-7723 or via email at john.amos@nypd.org.

Transit Police District #3:
- New Captain assigned to Transit Police District #3 – Capt. Brian Mullin

Manhattan DA’s Office (see stats):
- D.A. Vance announced the formation of a Public Integrity Unit. The new unit will proactively investigate public corruption in government at all levels, including not only bribery and malfeasance by public servants, but also election fraud and criminal violations of state and local ethics laws. The Public Integrity Unit, which is organized within the Rackets Bureau, will oversee a new Public Corruption Hotline at (212) 335-8987.

Department of Transportation (DOT):
Beginning January 3, 2011 meter rates will be changed with an estimated completion date of June 30th, 2011. Rates will change as follow:
- Passenger and Commercial parking rates at muni-meters in Manhattan south of 86th Street are $2.50 per hour, will increase to $3 per hour;
- Passenger parking rates at other metered locations, citywide are $.25 for 20 minutes, will increase to $.25 for 15 minutes

Sanitation Department
Reported the following on Budget Cuts:
- Monday night pick-up 4-12a.m. will be reduced to one truck
- 100 supervisors demoted to Sanitation Worker
- No mechanical brooms – mechanical brooms transferred to Enforcement
- One Field Supervisor for Collections

To combat Bed Bugs, the Sanitation Department has set new rules for disposing mattresses and box springs. Beginning December 3rd, 2010, the New York City Department of
Sanitation will require all City residents to fully encase within a sealed plastic bag all mattresses or box springs being discarded for DSNY collection. This new rule will help prevent an increase in bed bug activity, with bed bugs found in homes and apartments. Under the new rule, failure to place a mattress or box spring out in a proper bag can result in a $100 fine. The Department will delay enforcing the new set-out rule for 30 days, followed by full enforcement beginning January 3rd, 2011. (see attached)

Department of Homeless Services
On January 31, 2011, the NYC Department of Homeless Services will conduct the Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE). Volunteers are needed to canvass parks, subways, and other public spaces to count the number of people living unsheltered in the city. Information gathered by volunteers during HOPE 2011 is critical to our ongoing efforts, but your help is needed to make it possible. Please call 311 for further information or visit the following web site @ www.nyc.gov/dhs.

Human Rights Commission
Immigrant Employment Rights Workshop, offering employment rights, Job hunting tips, and legal documents, for further info. please contact Annette Harewood (212) 306-7649.

DEP
Reported Lead in drinking water, advising everyone to run tap water for at least 30 seconds. 311 is offering free Lead testing kits, and pipe inspections.

Announcements:

The New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) is an independent and non-police mayoral agency. It is empowered to receive, mediate, investigate, hear, make findings on and recommend action on complaints against New York City police officers which allege the use of excessive or unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, or the use of offensive language. Investigations are conducted in an impartial fashion by the board's investigative staff, which is composed entirely of civilian employees. The CCRB Board holds a monthly public meeting on the second Wednesday of each month. The next upcoming meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. at 40 Rector Street, New York, N.Y. 10006, 2nd fl., for further information please contact Dawn Fuentes, CCRB Director of Community Relations and training at (212) 442-8848.

Citizens Committee for New York City
Have a great idea for a community improvement project? Apply for New Yorkers for Better Neighborhoods Award. New Yorkers for Better Neighborhoods, Citizens Committee for New York City is awarding grants in the amount of $500 to $3,000 to volunteer-led groups to work on community improvement projects. For more information, please contact Arif Ilah @ (212) 822-9580. Application deadline: January 31, 2011; Download Application @ www.citizensnyc.org/grants. (see attached)

NYC Ladders for Leaders is a college and career readiness program offering New York City high school and college students professional paid summer internships, college scholarship
opportunities, free college preparatory and SAT courses, career guidance, and leadership development workshops.

This program is launched by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg; NYC Ladders for Leaders is a joint program of the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) and the NYC Commission on Women’s Issues (CWI).

**Who can apply?**

Anyone with prior work experience (paid or volunteer) who is:

- A permanent resident of one of the five boroughs of New York City
- 16 to 21 years of age
- A current high school junior, high school senior, college freshman, or college sophomore
- Legally allowed to work in New York

For further info. please visit the Department of Youth & Community Development web site at www.nyc.gov/dycd.

**PSA-6** will provide senior citizens a safer environment during the holidays. The Community Affairs Unit will provide Shopping Escorts to local supermarkets in an effort to reduce robberies. The Shopping Program is available Monday thru Friday from 10a.m. to 2 p.m. To schedule a trip please call the Community Affairs Unit at (212) 694-7723/24 or email at john.ramos@nypd.org

**PSA-6 21st Annual NY Cares Coat Drive** will run from October 1 – December 31, coats collected will be distributed to struggling men, women, and children at New York City homeless shelters, community organizations, churches, and agencies serving seniors. All donations are tax deductible. You may drop off coats in good condition at any of the Police Department’s 76 Precincts or Housing Police Service Areas.

Submitted by,

[Signature]

Eutha Prince
District Manager
12/16/10
Application Deadline: January 31, 2011

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We believe that people can make important change happen on their streets and in their communities by working together. We support New Yorkers across the city in their efforts to build stronger communities. In addition to small grants, we offer one-on-one project planning assistance, skills-building workshops, and a resource center with access to computer stations, conference space and an equipment loan library. We also bring people together to share ideas, experiences, and expertise.

Download Application: www.citizensnyc.org/grants

For more information, contact Arif Ullah:
212.822.9580/aullah@citizensnyc.org
Neighborhood Leadership Institute
Winter 2011 Skills-Building Workshops

✦ Basics of Community Organizing
  Saturday, January 15, 11am-2pm
  Bring neighbors together to work on issues that matter to you!

✦ Group Structure
  Saturday, February 12, 11am-1:30pm
  Build and maintain an effective neighborhood association or
  community group!

✦ Navigating City Government
  Saturday, March 12, 11am-2pm
  Learn how government functions, who is responsible for what,
  and how to have your community issues addressed.

✦ Grassroots Fundraising
  Saturday, April 9, 11am-1pm
  Support your group’s work with community fundraising efforts!

Workshops are for volunteer-led groups and individuals interested in
working on community improvement projects. Those who complete the
series will receive a Neighborhood Leadership Institute certificate.

For more information about the workshops and to RSVP, please
contact Arif Ullah: aullah@citizensnyc.org/212.822.9580
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TO COMBAT BED BUGS, SANITATION SETS NEW RULES FOR
DISPOSING OF MATTRESSES AND BOX SPRINGS

Beginning December 3rd, 2010, the New York City Department of Sanitation will require all City residents to fully encase within a sealed plastic bag all mattresses or box springs being discarded for DSNY collection. This new rule will help prevent an increase in bed bug activity, with bed bugs being found in homes and apartments. Bed bugs are generally nocturnal and tend to live in bedding, such as mattresses and box springs, hiding in their crevices until they are ready to feed.

Under the new rule, failure to place a mattress or box spring out in a proper bag can result in a $100 fine. The Department will delay enforcing the new set-out rule for 30 days, followed by full enforcement beginning January 3rd, 2011.

“There has been a rise in bed bug-related complaints within the City, and bedding is the prime nesting place for most bed bugs,” said Sanitation Commissioner John J. Doherty. “With this new rule, and thanks to the support of Councilmember Gale Brewer, we will safeguard our workers and help to mitigate the spread of bed bugs throughout the City. We also suggest that the plastic mattress bags be placed around the bedding before it is removed from the room out to the curb to further limit bed bugs from infesting other parts of the home or apartment.”

Councilmember Gale Brewer said: “I appreciate the efforts made by the Department of Sanitation to address the bed bug epidemic that our city has been grappling with, an issue I have been working on since 2006. In 2008, I introduced a bill, Intro 0872-2008, that would require all bedding and furniture set out for collection to be both completely contained inside a sealed plastic bag, and labeled with a sticker or decal indicating that it may contain bed bugs. I believe the rules promulgated by DSNY are a step in the right direction towards curtailing mattresses and box springs as a vehicle of spreading bed bugs. In our shared concern for the health and safety of city employees, I look forward to working with the Department to ensure that these rules are as effective as possible.”

Plastic bags to contain the bedding are available at department stores, home improvement centers, at other home supply businesses, and online, at a modest cost. Bedding stores also provide removal options with purchases.

For further information, go to www.nyc.gov/sanitation, or call 311.

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