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DOING MORE WITH LESS *New York City faces a tough challenge*

As we are all 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.

In balancing the budget, as required by law, all City agencies find themselves making some painful decisions. At Sanitation, we have had to lay off some members of our workforce — something I find extremely difficult. I have been with the Department for over 40 years, and I identify with the men and women who, day in and day out, work so hard to keep this bustling city clean. But these are tough times. The Department, together with all other City agencies, must help the Mayor balance the City's budget. So, we have no choice but to also make some service changes.

As the Mayor has pointed out, the current financial situation demands that we all make some sacrifices and suffer some inconveniences.

The new budget constraints are forcing us to reduce collection services in some areas of the city. In the decision to curtail services, we took into account the density and the refuse tonnage of the affected areas. Consequently, Staten Island, Queens and some areas in the Bronx and Brooklyn will see their collection services reduced to once a week.

Curtailing collection days in densely populated areas would not yield any savings. Therefore, there will be no collection schedule changes in the borough of Manhattan, as well as in other densely populated areas of Brooklyn and the Bronx.

As the City meets its legal mandate to resume the recycling of plastic in July, collection of recyclables will take place every other week in all areas, except some districts in Manhattan where they will continue to be collected once a week.

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 time, 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.



(r to l): Mayor Bloomberg, Commissioner Doherty and Chief of Staff Mike Bimonte wave to spectators at the Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

ERIN GO BRAGH!

Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Commissioner Doherty and Emerald Society President Thomas Doyle led the Department's contingent up 5th Ave at the 2003 *Saint Patrick's Day Parade*. Mayor Bloomberg also took part in the festivities. The Department's Emerald Society Pipe and Drum Band kept marchers in step with a medley of Irish tunes.

DSNY Joins EPA Initiative on Alternate Fuel

Mayor Bloomberg and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Christie Whitman, announced that New York City has qualified to join the Department of Energy's "Clean Cities" program, a public-private partnership formed a decade ago to reduce air pollution and the nation's dependence on imported petroleum. The program promotes the use of vehicles powered by alternative fuels such as natural gas, ethanol and electricity.

In order to qualify, cities must develop a program that includes private and public cooperation to reduce dependency on fossil fuel. New York City earned entrance into the program by creating the largest fleet of hybrid vehicles in the country and partnering with 38 private sector firms to increase the availability of alternative fuel.

EPA Administrator Whitman praised DSNY for generating 26 CNG (compressed natural gas) compactor trucks, five CNG sweepers, 328 CNG light-duty vehicles and 350 light-duty vehicles that are powered by ethanol. The City has 22 CNG refueling sites, 18 of which are public; one ethanol-refueling site and 20 electric recharges. By promoting the use of alternative fuel vehicles, New York is leading the way to cleaner air and energy independence.



Front-end Loaders to Football Fields; New York's Strongest Football Team Revived

The New York's Strongest football team kicked off their inaugural season this spring against the Police Department's *New York's Finest* squad. New York's Strongest Football Team is part of the NPSFL (National Public Service Football League) formed in 1997.

As a union of public safety agency football teams throughout the United States, dedicated to promoting a positive self image to the public by raising much needed funds for charity through spirited competitions. This year, New York's Strongest selected the Montel Williams Multiple Sclerosis Foundation as its charitable cause.

Team President Eugen Evans, Queens West 12, urges everyone to make a difference in the community and support New York's Strongest Football Team in an effort to make a change in the lives of others.

If you would like to know more information about the team, visit their web-site at www.nystrongest.org.

DSNY Women's History Month Awards

The Department's Women's Advisors Program hosted a Women's History Month Celebration in March at which employees received awards for special service and for advocating women's issues. Commissioner Doherty was the featured guest speaker.

The awards included: 25 Years of Service, which recognized women who had worked 25 years for the City of New York; "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer," which acknowledged the Department fund raising for the American Cancer Society; Achievement, which recognized women who had unselfishly given of themselves, without receiving the benefit of monetary compensation to improve the quality of life for others; and Recognition, which recognized various people who had been supportive to the Women's Advisors Program.



Awards were given for 25 Years of Service and Achievement to (l to r bottom): Yvonne Prescott, Supervisor, Queens Export/Import; Corinne Clark, Director, Telephone Coordinator's Office; Ruth Joyner, Director, Administration/WEP; Virginia Greene, Metal Work Mechanic, Central Repair Shop (Queens); Willisean Y. Young, Executive Secretary, Personnel Management Division; Rita Barkley, Community Coordinator, BCC, Inspection Unit; (l to r top): Annette Pope, Mother of Gayl Johnson; Lydia Berkeley, Principal Administrative Associate, BCC, Training; Clifford Harvey Jr., Director, Reprographics Unit; Lillian Wildes, Secretary, Fiscal Services, Audits & Accounts; Commissioner Doherty; Alan Harris, Photographer, Public Information; and Gayl Johnson, President of the Women's Advisors Program.

DSNY to the Rescue

In the last few weeks, two DSNY employees have exemplified their dedication to serving the City by going above and beyond the call of duty. Here are the facts!



Officer Scotti

Sanitation Officer's Heroic Rescue

Jarrit Scotti, a Permit and Inspection Unit Officer, was off duty in Astoria, Queens, when he heard people screaming that a five-year-old boy had fallen into the East River near Hell's Gate. Scotti immediately jumped in the freez-

ing water to rescue the child. Moments later, a civilian walking his dogs, jumped in to assist Scotti with the rescue. As the two rescuers and the victim were being swept away by the strong river current, two police divers dropped into the river from a helicopter and brought all three to safety. Scotti was treated for hypothermia at Weill Cornell Medical Center and released. He stated that he would not hesitate to put himself at risk if he ever again came across a child in danger. Scotti was honored by City Councilman Peter Vallone, Jr. for his heroic rescue attempt.

Sanitation Supervisor Stops Car-Jacker

Supervisor Rocco Siclari was driving in the Bronx when he spotted a man jump in a car with two children and speed off. Supervisor Siclari began to chase the



Supervisor Siclari

vehicle until the suspect hit a parked car, jumped out and ran. After making sure the children were safe, Supervisor Siclari pursued the suspect on foot until police officers cut the car-jacker off and apprehended him.

On behalf of the entire Department, we applaud these two brave members of New York's Strongest for risking their own lives for the sake of others.



SANITATION EMPLOYEES ON ACTIVE DUTY

(as of April 8, 2003)

The New York City Department of Sanitation
salutes its "family" who are on active duty
preserving our freedom and
bringing liberty to the oppressed.

John J. Dooherty, Commissioner

NAME	TITLE	COMMAND
Kenneth Akan	SW	Bronx 6
Joseph Badillo	SW	Bronx 9
David Bailey	SW	Fresh Kills-BWD
Celso Benites	SW	Manhattan 6
Bernard Browne	SEA	Enforcement
Darius Carlson	SW	Brooklyn South 12
Antoine Davis	SEA	Enforcement
Peter Del-Debbio	SW	Bronx 9
William Dotson III	SW	Manhattan 9
John Duffy	SW	Bronx 9
Ronald Forbush, Jr.	SW	Queens West 4
Jose Garriga	SW	Brooklyn North 4
Fernando Gongora, Jr.	SW	Brooklyn South 18
Charles Green	SW	Brooklyn North 3
Melvin Hahn	SUPV	Manhattan 7
Michael Howley	SW	Staten Island 1
Curtis Johnson	SPO	Enforcement
Walter Jones	SW	Brooklyn South 17
John Korenski	SW	Staten Island 3
Matthew Lewis	SW	Brooklyn South 7
Ronald Looch	SW	Manhattan 2
Kenneth Lovell	SW	Brooklyn North 3
Douglas Luback	SUPV MECH	BME
Danny Machiavelo	SW	Manhattan 11
David Maldonado	SUPV	Brooklyn South 7
Mason Manner	STEAMFITTER	BBM
James Melillo	SW	Bronx 9
Andrew Mollo, Jr.	SW	Queens East 10
Carlos Morel	SW	Manhattan 7
Howard Orama	SUPV	BCC
Laurence Padilla	SW	Bronx 5
Louis Parco	SW	Bronx 10
Antonio Rios	SW	Queens West 3
Rafael Rosario, Jr.	SW	Bronx 3
Patrick Sabatini	SUPV MECH	BME
Ian Satchell	SW	Manhattan 2
Donald Smith	SUPV	Manhattan Export
Charles Smyler	SW	Brooklyn North 2
Dennis Stacks, Jr.	SW	Queens East 13
Luis Torres	SW	AFF
Miguel Torres	SUPV	PIU
Michael Vella	SW	Queens East 7
Nicholas Vero	GS1	Bronx Borough Office
Darnell Wiggins	SUPV	Brooklyn North 8



Collector's Items

Job Well Done. . . Congratulations to Sanitation Worker **Gerard Morency**, Safety and Training, for being recognized by the Federation of African American Civil Service Organizations, Inc. (FAACSI) for his dedication and hard work. Morency, who has been a member of the FAACSI for seven years, helps the organization with its program for handicapped children. **Helping Hands.** . . DSNY's Holy Name Society generously donated \$7,000 to the Windows of Hope Family Relief Fund. Proceeds will be used to provide long-term financial assistance to surviving members of food and hospitality workers who lost their lives on 9/11/01. **An Artistic Adventure.** . . 180 Sanitation employees and their families attended a special viewing of artists Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse at The Museum of Modern Art in Queens. Tickets to the sold-out exhibition were graciously donated to the Department by City Hall. **Thank You.** . . Kudos to all Sanitation employees who attended the annual March of Dimes Walk to raise money to support research and programs to save babies with birth defects. Great job! **Congrats.** . . The Uniformed Sanitation Chiefs Association will be honoring nine retired Chiefs at their Annual Retirement Dinner. The honorees include: **Anthony Punzi**, (the first President of the Chief's Association), Chief, Risk Management; **Paul Stolz**, Chief, Emergency Response Division; **Gennaro Sammarco**, Chief, Operations Management Division; **Paul Milora**, Assistant Chief, Staten Island Borough; **John Kelly**, Assistant Chief, Enforcement; **Rich Oliviero**, Assistant Chief, Queens East Borough; **Peter Sampieri**, Assistant Chief, Emergency Response Division; **Jack Smith**, Deputy Chief, Cleaning Operations and **George Vasselmann**, Deputy Chief, Queens East Borough. **Clarification.** . . Chief **Anthony Etergineoso**, Special Assistant to First Deputy Commissioner Peter Montalbano, not only was instrumental in developing the Department's much-heralded export transportation model (as reported in February's **sanitation news**), but some call him "the father of invention" for this visionary project. **Kudos from 'KTU.** . . Commissioner Doherty recently sent an e-mail to "Goumba Johnny," one of WKTU's morning disc jockeys, recognizing his on-air praise of Sanitation. He responded by saying, "You guys do not get the love you deserve, you are the best at what you do in the biggest city in this country! Your friend always, **GOUMBA JOHNNY.**" Thanks!



311 Goes Citywide

You will soon see a new addition on the entire fleet of Sanitation trucks. In an effort to support an important Mayoral initiative, the Department is publicizing the two most important numbers a New Yorker should know: 911 for emergencies, and 311, the new Citizen Service Center, for all questions and concerns about City government services.



Sanitation Employees' Children Join In 'Take Our Children to Work' Day

Nearly 100 children of DSNY employees participated in the second annual "Take Our Children to Work" day hosted by the Department's equipment training center at Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn.

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 Joe 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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