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Commissioner's Column

April brings us Earth Day, and it was one year ago that Mayor de Blasio announced "[OneNYC](#)," a plan that provided city agencies goals for creating a "strong, sustainable, resilient, and equitable city." Our part of the plan included goals to make the city more sustainable, specifically tasking us with our zero waste initiative. The City will send zero waste to landfills by 2030, hence, our 0 x 30 mission. Last week, Mayor de Blasio [announced our progress](#). To date, we have:

- Launched recycling program in 850 NYCHA buildings.
- Expanded curbside organics collection to more than 700,000 residents.
- Recycled or diverted more than 685,000 tons of waste.
- Expanded e-waste collection to more than 500,000 residents.

E-waste collection continues to be a priority for us. Since the state e-waste law went into effect, some residents have struggled to properly dispose of their

old electronic waste. To help, we are developing a pilot program on Staten Island that will restore curbside pickups of these items. Even after accepting e-waste at our Special Waste Drop-Off sites, Island residents have actually seen their options for dropping off their e-waste decline. We are testing this initiative on Staten Island since its elected officials were the first to bring to us concerns over the local impacts caused by the state law. We expect to have the pilot ready to roll out by the end of this year, and of course, all collected items will be disposed of properly.

If you have your own e-waste to dispose of, or other potentially harmful household items, I invite you to join us at our SAFE Disposal events. We are holding five this spring and another five in the fall. Find upcoming dates on our [website](#).

As always, thank you for your work, and stay safe.

Kathryn Garcia



Congrats to Chief Anthony Ardolino, Collection Office, and his son who had the opportunity to ring the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange on behalf of Autism Speaks.

Let's Go METS!



The Department of Sanitation is pleased to announce that the 2015 National League champion New York Mets will be hosting a special DSNY Day for us, Sunday, May 22 at 1 p.m. versus the Milwaukee Brewers. There will be fun and surprises, and the game promises to be a great opportunity to meet and greet co-workers, friends and family at the

ball park. There are several discounted ticket pricing plans available by clicking [here](#).

Additionally, the first 15,000 fans to enter that day receive a Bat & Ball Set and kids 12 & under will be allowed to run the bases after the game.

Play ball!

Women in Sanitation



As part of the Department of Sanitation's celebration of Women's History Month, the Department hosted a leadership seminar and roundtable event for some uniformed and civilian female employees. Special guest speakers included **Laurie Cumbo**, Council Member, **Debra Barreto**,

President of the United Women of Sanitation, **Carlen Sanderson**, one of the first female Sanitation Workers, **Dr. Robin Nagle**, DSNY Anthropologist-in-Residence, and **R. Fenimore Fisher**, Chief Diversity and EEO Officer for the City of New York.

Collector's Items

Wishing a happy and healthy retirement to Deputy Chief **Joseph Susol** who is retiring after 38 years of city service.

Wishing a happy and healthy retirement to Associate Commissioner **Maria Termini**, who is retiring after 36 years of Sanitation and city service.

Wishing a happy and healthy retirement to Sanitation Worker **Eddie LaPre**, who is retiring after 34 years of service.

Wishing a happy and healthy retirement to Deputy Chief **Kevin Emsworth** who is retiring after 34 years of service.

Wishing a happy and healthy retirement to BKN Borough Administrative Manager **Margaret Gardner** who is retiring after 33 years of service.

Chief Information Officer **Edmund Lee** presented to The NYS Forum and the Mayor's Office of Tech + Innovation on our SMART (Sanitation Management Analysis and Resource Tracking) project. The groups noted that we "put agile development to the test and used an end-user driven approach on a complex project."

The Asian Jade Society's dinner banquet will be held Friday, May 20, at 7 p.m. at Terrace on the Park in Flushing. The group will honor **Dr. Robin Nagle**, Anthropologist-in-Residence and retired Sanitation Worker **Nelson Molina**. **Shui Leung** will be presented with the

"Humanitarian Award" and Deputy Chief **Luiz Pang** is "Man of the Year." Contact Peter Chau, Vice President, at 718-930-2030 for more information.

Thank you to all divisions and departments holding autism fundraisers, including **Team 44** at Beaver Street, the **Advocate's Office**, the **Division of Safety & Training**, **BIT**, the **Office of Capital Budget**, **Brooklyn North Borough**, **Queens East Borough**, **Manhattan Borough**, the **True Blue 59** team at Maiden Lane and **Enforcement**.

The **African American Benevolent Society** will host a general meeting May 4, at 7 p.m. at the Club House in Laurelton. FDC Diggins will be guest speaker.

The **Columbia Association's** next general meeting will be held April 28 at Kowalinski Post #4 in Maspeth. Commissioner Garcia will be the guest speaker. Other upcoming events include:

- Golf Outing - June 7
- Italian Feast - June 30
- Boat Cruise - July 31
- Getaway - Aug. 19-21

Sanitation Association de Latinos membership cards are available. Contact President Elizabeth Maldonado at 646-885-4738 or associationdelatinos@gmail.com.

The **Emerald Society's** Day at the Races is July 17 at Monmouth Park. Gates open at 11:30, and the cost is \$25 per adult, and \$10 per child under 12. Contact info@dsnyemeraldsociety.com for more information.

Kids of Sanitation



Say hello to Cassidy Anne, daughter of Bronx 4 District Superintendent **Richard Kauke**, as she shows support for her dad at our last promotion ceremony!

Want to see your child's photo here? Send photos to bmager@dsny.nyc.gov or tag on Twitter or Instagram with a DSNY hashtag.

(Photo credit: family photo)

Honoring S/W Steven Frosch



The Queens Chapter of the along with President of Cooley's Anemia recently held a dinner/dance, and John Mancino, DSNY honored the late Sanitation Commissioner Kathryn Worker **Steven Frosch** as Humanitarian of the Year. Steven's family was joined by the President of Queens Chapter Steve Cimino, (Photo credit: Stephen Bile')

One of the 50 over Fifty!

Congratulations to Deputy Commissioner **Vito Turso**, head of the Bureau of Public Affairs. D/C Turso was recently named as one of City & State Magazine's 50 over Fifty, recognizing "50 individuals who have committed decades of their lives to making the city a better place." Congrats again, and thank you for your many years of city service.

