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## BROOKLYN GARAGES NAMED AFTER FALLEN SANITATION WORKERS

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and Commissioner John J. Doherty presided over the renaming of the Department's new Brooklyn North 4 District Garage in Bushwick in honor of Sanitation Worker Eva Barrientos, who died in the line of duty in 2004. It was the first time in the City's history that a city-owned building was named in honor of a female member of one of the uniformed forces. (Photo Left)

"Our Sanitation Workers are entrusted with keeping our City shining each and every day. Whether it's cleaning our 6,300 miles of streets, picking up our garbage and recycling, or clearing our streets of snow and ice, the commitment of Sanitation Department is unflinching," said Mayor Bloomberg. "This necessary and admirable mission, however, is both dangerous and physically challenging. Sanitation Worker Eva Barrientos, the first uniformed female Sanitation Worker to die while on duty, was serving her city when she tragically died four years ago. Eva's name on this new building will be a reminder to all of her colleagues and future Sanitation Workers of her unwavering dedication to duty, as well as her love and service to our city. We will never forget her."

"Eva was truly one of New York's Strongest, and we are honored to rename this brand new garage in remembrance of her," said Commissioner Doherty. "Sanitation Worker Barrientos' memory will live on forever and this plaque will let anyone who passes through the garage's doors know that she served New York City with love, honor, and distinction. We are grateful to the Barrientos family - especially Eva's children - for allowing the Department to honor her for all that she gave to us."

Sanitation Worker Barrientos began her career with the Department on September 11, 1995 and was assigned to the Brooklyn North 4 District Garage. On January 26, 2004, Sanitation Worker Barrientos was pinned by the mechanical arms of an EZ Pak collection truck and suffered massive chest injuries as she attempted to dislodge a refuse bag that was preventing the hopper door from closing. She is survived by her son Melvin, 26, and her two daughters Mayonna, 18, and Raisa, 17.

On June 26th, the Department renamed the Brooklyn South District 13 Garage in Coney Island the "Allen Gormely Garage" after Sanitation Worker Allen Gormely, who died in the line of duty on September 11, 2006. The Department was joined at the ceremony by the Gormely family, including his son, Justin, and son-in-law, Anthony, who are both Sanitation Workers. (Photo Right)

On September 11, 2006, Sanitation Worker Gormely was assigned to collection duty on the 6 AM to 2 PM shift, along with his rookie partner Sanitation Worker Christopher Malafronte, who was working his first day on the job. While Sanitation Worker Malafronte was loading the collection truck, the truck started to lurch forward. Sanitation Worker Malafronte found his partner collapsed on the street. Sanitation Worker Gormely was later pronounced dead at Coney Island Hospital of an apparent heart attack.



## **SANITATION WORKER DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY IN AUGUST**

At funeral services held on August 14th, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg and Commissioner John J. Doherty mourned the passing of Sanitation Worker Nelson Diaz, 60, who collapsed Monday, August 11th, while on collection duty in the Bronx.

“The pride he took in the neighborhoods along his route, in making the streets safe after a snow storm, and in keeping his truck absolutely spotless – not everyone appreciates how much work goes into that – but I do, and I have tremendous respect for the job that Nelson Diaz did every single day,” said Mayor Bloomberg.

“Sanitation Worker Diaz will be missed by his colleagues and friends at Bronx District 4. He was a hard-working and well-liked employee who cared for his city, for the neighborhood he served and for his loving family. His loss was a blow to New York’s Strongest,” said Commissioner Doherty.

Assigned to Sanitation’s Bronx District 4, which covers the Highbridge, Concourse, Mount Eden and Concourse Village sections of the borough, Sanitation Worker Diaz leaves behind his wife, Aida; their two sons, Nelson Jr. and Omar; a grandchild and another on the way. He joined the DSNY in July 1985. He was a Vietnam veteran and was awarded a Purple Heart for injuries received while serving as a tank operator in the 1st Cavalry Division of the US Army.

## **CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK AWARDS**

The week of October 6th was National Customer Service Week, and for their efforts in assisting both residents and the media with their inquiries, Commissioner Doherty presented the staff of the Department’s Bureau of Public Information and Community Affairs with certificates of appreciation. The Department also received a proclamation from Mayor Bloomberg in recognition of the Department’s exemplary customer service.



## **SANITATION ADOPTS ITS 2ND U.S. NAVY SHIP**

Once again, showing the heart and respect we have for our armed forces, the Department recently adopted its second U.S. Navy ship and crew, the USS Ramage, a guided missile destroyer serving in the Persian Gulf expeditionary force led by the aircraft carrier, Iwo Jima. This ‘adoption’ means that New York’s Strongest will be sending goodies and gift packages in time for the upcoming holidays to our men and women fighting overseas to preserve our freedoms.

The drive is being coordinated by DSNY’s own ‘Navy Mom’, Gloria Colletti at Fresh Kills, whose son John, is assigned to the ship, which has a crew of 300.

Anyone interested in donating or participating will also have a chance to meet the crew of the Ramage at next year’s Fleet Week in New York Harbor.

Several years ago, the Department had the privilege of adopting the USS Austin, an amphibious transport dock ship with 900 sailors and Marines on board. The Austin was de-commissioned last year.







## ALL FUN AND GAMES AT 4th ANNUAL DSNY FAMILY DAY

Sanitation held its hugely successful 4th Annual Family Day Event at Floyd Bennett Field on Sunday, August 17th. It was a day where Sanitation employees, both uniformed and civilian, were able to enjoy a day out with their family. With over 6,000 people attending the festivities, assisted by Family Day staff and volunteers from all over the DSNY, the block-party atmosphere of the event made it not only a day to chow down on street fare, but also a day for Sanitation employees to share with their families the pride and dedication they have in this storied agency .

Mothers and fathers watched proudly as their sons and daughters climbed into the parked collection trucks, street sweepers and salt spreaders to get a look and feel for what their moms, dads, aunts, uncles or even grandparents operate on a daily basis to keep our city clean and safe. Across from DSNY's modern equipment was a restored vintage ash cart and portable water barrel from Sanitation's beginnings as the Department of Street Cleaning.



In addition, Sanitation families got to enjoy amusements, music, games and contests courtesy of the New York Knicks and Rangers, as well as face painting, arts and crafts and costumed characters for children, and a dunk tank that featured our own First Deputy Commissioner Michael Bimonte taunting all comers to dunk him with three tries of a fastball!





## STATEN ISLAND TRANSFER STATION WINS NATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Solid Waste Association of North America awarded the Department its 2008 Gold Excellence in Solid Waste Management Award in the 'Transfer Station' category. The award will be presented at WASTECON, SWANA's annual solid waste exposition in Tampa, Florida. SWANA's Excellence Awards Program recognizes outstanding solid waste programs and facilities that promote socially, environmentally and economically sound management of solid waste. Award winners demonstrate their commitment to environmental regulation compliance, program efficiency, safety and progress.

DSNY was selected to receive SWANA's Gold Excellence Award for the success of the Staten Island Transfer Station (SITS). The SITS is an integral part of Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's Solid Waste Management Plan, which will transform the way garbage and recycling is exported out of the city by eliminating a large amount of solid waste-generated truck traffic. The SITS began full scale operations and rail service in April 2007.

"The Department is honored and proud to receive this distinguished award for our state-of-the-art Staten Island Transfer Station," commented John J. Doherty, Commissioner, of DSNY.

"SWANA is pleased to honor the DSNY for the outstanding accomplishments they have achieved. Their commitment to advancing solid waste management is outstanding and we are very proud of their efforts." said John H. Skinner, Ph.D. SWANA's Executive Director and CEO.

## Collector's Items...

**Congrats...**Christina Casillo, daughter of Sima Casillo, Deputy Director, PMD, and Supt. Charles Casillo, NBS for Brooklyn South, who was recently honored at a statewide awards ceremony for gifted children; Brooklyn South 12, 2008 DSNY Softball League Champions, who were undefeated in all regular season and playoff games for a combined record of 21-0; to the raffle winners of the 4th Annual Family Day.

**Thank you...**to all Sanitation employees who made a contribution or participated in the 2008 Michael Hanley Memorial Run. Money raised will go to the Hanley family, as well as other families of DSNY employees killed in the line of duty. This year, the Hanley family donated their share raised from the event to the family of a DSNY employee who has a child with special needs.



## TROOP DONATION

United Women of Sanitation Association (UWSA) Board Member Dolores Henry (left) and Chairperson Ruth Joyner along with Sanitation Commissioner John J. Doherty (center), present a \$14,000 check donated by Sanitation employees to Brian Whiting, USO President and CEO (left) and Patrick Condren, Executive Board Member, for the USO's nationwide "A Million Acts of Kindness Campaign" which is raising \$1 million to deliver more than 20,000 USO – Gifts from Home to our U.S. troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. With the Department's help, UWSA exceeded the original goal of \$10,000.

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