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Commissioner's Column

Over the last two months, I have visited 34 district garages, five borough offices and other administrative and support facilities around the City and spoken to nearly 2,700 employees about our ongoing strategic planning effort. We are looking to you, our first responders in the field, to provide your insight and ideas in helping us set our goals and priorities for the future, which will help the Department accomplish our mission of keeping our City healthy, safe and clean. Your suggestions and feedback will help our agency develop goals for the future, deliver our services more safely and more efficiently, test new ideas, and remain a leader in innovation.

There is still time for all of you to be part of the process. Here are some things to think about:

- What can we do to increase the safety of our employees and the public?
- How can we improve our operations in collection, cleaning, snow removal, disposal, and as an emergency service provider?
- How do we best maintain, innovate, and plan for the future of our fleet and facilities?
- What else should we be planning for?

If you would like to include your input or suggestion on this, or any matter, email suggestionbox@dsny.nyc.gov. I strongly encourage your participation.

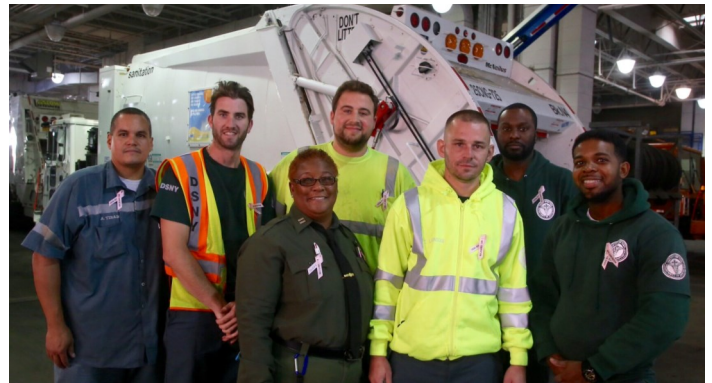
Thank you, and stay safe.

Fundraising for Breast Cancer Research



This month, the DSNY Striders have been hard at work raising money for Breast Cancer. The group hosted a Spanish cuisine lunch, a hot dog lunch, a bake sale and a raffle. Thanks to the group for organizing the events, and thanks to all who have supported their efforts!

Showing Our Support



Thanks to a partnership with Local 831, the Uniformed Sanitationmen's Association, employees are wearing pink ribbons on their uniforms in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Thanks to all the Sanitation employees for taking part, and special thank you to Harry Nespoli for helping to champion this cause for the DSNY.

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. Browsers other than Explorer may work best.

Honoring the Musella Family



This past July, we lost a valued co-worker with the sudden passing of Frank Musella, an Enforcement Sergeant. In recognition of his service, Mayor de Blasio signed a bill to extend important health insurance benefits to his family members.

Cars for a Purpose



Thanks to all who attended the DSNY Car Club's car and motorcycle show in support of the families of **S/W O'Neil Gill** and **Enf. Sgt. Frank Musella**. Some 260 vehicles were on display! Watch the [video](#).

Making DSNY SMARTer



The SMART System has been successfully deployed citywide! The set-up Operations board, attaching/detaching personnel and equipment, MDA assignments and groundings, availability/unavailability of personnel and status of equipment for snow assignments are some of the functions being used in all districts and by splinter groups.

The continued use and reliance on the system will move us away from most of

the paper processes we currently perform.

Your use and input is vital to this process as we prepare for a post-winter release of even greater ease and functionality.

The SMART OJT Team will provide 24/6 support to assist users. Additional assistance is available at the CRS SMART Lab by calling 718-334-9020 or via [email](#).

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Safety award pins are available to drivers without accidents for 5, 10, 15 and 20 years. If you qualify, the pin can be obtained by contacting **D/S Rich Sciarrino**, at 718-758-7941, or **Safety Officer Anika O'Neal**, at 718-758-7956.

Condolences to family and friends of retired **BWD Superintendent Attilio DeCicco** on his recent passing. He is the father of Christopher DeCicco, SWM Supervisor and Michael DeCicco, SWM OCO Sanitation Worker.

Condolences to the family and friends of retired **Sanitation Worker Charles Michaellessi** (Queens 7) on his recent passing.

Condolences to the family and friends of retired **Sanitation Worker Anthony Lawson** (Queens 10) on his recent passing.

With its angular shape, the soon-to-open Spring Street salt dome has been quite the talk of the architectural world. Read what the [Architectural Record](#) had to say.

Kids of Sanitation



Is your young son or daughter counting the days until they can join the Strongest? Send their photo to bmager@dsny.nyc.gov

or tag the photo on Twitter or Instagram with a DSNY hashtag for possible publication in an upcoming newsletter.

Columbus Day Parade



At this year's march up late Columbia Association 5th Avenue for the Annual President Ronnie Cohen Columbus Day Parade, along with FDC Diggins, Commissioner Garcia was D/C DiRico, and other joined by the family of the DSNY officials.