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## Commissioner's Column

With heavy hearts, we remember Enforcement Sergeant Frank Musella, who passed away on the job Wednesday, July 29 on Staten Island. In a fitting tribute to our colleague, Mayor de Blasio ordered flags across the City be flown at half-staff – a memorial and show of respect for Sgt. Musella, a dedicated public servant. On duty, Sgt. Musella was a committed member of our Enforcement Division for nine years. His commitment was even stronger off-duty – he was a loving father and a strong supporter of our Department's Autism Speaks campaign. His wife Alessandra and sons Frank, Jr. and Anthony remain in our thoughts and prayers.



We also mourn the loss of Sanitation Worker O'Neil Gill, killed in an off-hours motorcycle accident – a tragedy we will long remember. Yet during this difficult time, we also had reason for celebration.

Sanitation Worker Curtis Jackson – a relatively new member of our team and former Marine and Fire Department EMT – was at the wrong place at the right time and thwarted a convenience store robbery

attempt. Honored by the Mayor and Police Commissioner Bill Bratton, S/W Jackson reminded our City that New York's Strongest protect our health and safety in new ways every day.

We also recently announced a proposal to require the first set of commercial establishments to comply with the City's commercial organics separation law. If adopted as proposed, the rules will require large hotels, sports arenas and stadiums, food manufacturers and food wholesalers to separate their food waste for composting, anaerobic digestion or other beneficial use. This policy represents a major step toward the City's goal of Zero Waste.

As the summer reaches its peak, we are also beginning to plan for the upcoming snow season. The Operations Management Division is hard at work preparing sector routes for Queens West and Queens East, continuing the expansion of this successful program.

I wish all of the DSNY family a safe, happy, and enjoyable summer, much needed after last winter's weather as we begin to prepare for the upcoming winter. And thank you for your dedication each and every day – in the face of danger and challenges.

*Kathryn Garcia*

## In Memoriam



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Sanitation Enforcement Sgt. Frank Musella, who died while in the line of duty on July 29. He leaves behind his wife of 10 years, Alessandra, and two sons, Frank, Jr., 8 and Anthony, 4. Sgt. Musella

had been with the DSNY since October 2006 and he was 37 years old. He was also an active participant in the our Autism Speaks fundraising work. Mayor de Blasio said "We are deeply saddened by the loss of one of New York's Strongest, who died while in service of our city."

The funeral mass will be held August 5 at 11 a.m. at Most Precious Blood Church at 70 Bay 47 Street in Brooklyn. To support his family, a fundraising account has been set up through GoFundMe, and can be found [online](#). Our thoughts and prayers are with Sgt. Musella's family and friends.

## In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Sanitation Worker O'Neil Gill, 37, who was killed in an off-duty motorcycle accident on July 22.

Sanitation Worker Gill joined the Department in 2013, and was based in QW9. He leaves behind many friends and family, including a son.

Sanitation Worker Gill was active with the DSNY Car Club, and in an effort to help financially support his family, the Club will host a fundraiser Vintage Car show at the Floyd Bennett Field Training facility. The date will be



announced soon. There is also a GoFundMe fundraising account to help support his family, which can be found [online](#).

Our thoughts and prayers are with S/W Gill's family and friends.

## Ticker Tape Parade for USWNT



A special thanks to the more than 400 men and women from the DSNY who helped clear tons of debris left behind from the parade celebrating the World Cup win by the U.S.

Women's National Team. The ticker tape parade snaked its way from lower Manhattan, and ended in City Hall park. See a video of their efforts [here](#).

## In-Apartment Building Electronics Recycling

Did you know 1 million NYC residents now have access to the e-cycleNYC program, a free and convenient electronic waste recycling service? If you live in a building with more than ten units, your building may be eligible for the service too. Find out more [here](#).



## “Action” Jackson



Sanitation Worker Curtis Jackson (M3) was honored by Mayor de Blasio and Commissioner Garcia recently for taking “action” and thwarting an attempted robbery he witnessed while on duty. The retired Marine used techniques

he learned while in the service to disarm the man, who presented himself as having a weapon. Thank you Sanitation Worker Jackson for helping keep New York safe!

## Collector's Items / News & Notes

Congratulations to the winners of the Sanitation Employee Community Fund's recent raffle. They will each receive an 46” Samsung Smart TV!

- **Jimmy Williams Jr.** (M10)
- **Jeanette Colon** (BX9)
- **Adam Karp** (BK4)
- **Peter Cristalli III** (BK6)
- **Christopher Rochford** (Q7)
- **Joseph Flagiello** (SIBO)
- **William Cooke** (BOO)
- **Vincent Arroyo** (BME)
- **Julio Morales** (BME)
- **Kevin Diegnan** (BBM)

Father Pete is coming to Broadway! DSNY chaplain **Father Peter Colapietro** will soon be ministering at the “Actor’s Chapel,” otherwise known as St. Malachy’s Catholic Church on Broadway and 49th Street. Congrats Father Pete, and best of luck on your new position.

The **Queens Sanitation Bowling League** is looking for new members! Their next meeting is August 27 at 4 p.m. at Dani’s Strike Zone (20 Village Ave, Elmont, NY). Bowling begins on September 3, at 4 p.m. This is a “mix league” open to both men and women. For more information, contact Walter Lynch at [walterlynch@hotmail.com](mailto:walterlynch@hotmail.com) or 917-607-4150.

The DSNY’s Emerald Society will hold their **29th Annual Charity Golf Outing to Benefit Cystic Fibrosis** on Thursday, September 24 at the Dyker Beach Golf Course in Brooklyn. Breakfast begins at 6 a.m., and the shotgun start is at 7 a.m. Contact Tim Fox at 718-370-5420 for more information.

The **DSNY Columbia Association** will host a brunch cruise around Manhattan on the Hornblower Infinity yacht on Sunday, August 9 at 12:30 p.m. Prices are \$55 for adults, and \$40 for children, and payment must be made in advance. Contact Thomas Prevete at 347-804-8122 for more information.

Farewell to two long-serving Sanitation colleagues, who recently retired. After nearly 35 years of City service, Director of Business Analysis in the Bureau of Information Technology **Tom Jelliffe**, has retired. Joining him in retirement is **Vincent Caruso**, of the Enforcement Division, who started with DSNY in July 1985. Good luck gentlemen, we wish you all the best in your retirement.

## 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. Tickets to the Jets opening home game on Sunday, September 13



vs. the Cleveland Browns are also available. To purchase tickets, which are available at a discount, visit <http://bit.ly/DSNY15> and use code DSNY15 (you may have some trouble if using Explorer browsers).