



# sanitation news online

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## Editor's Message

T'was the night before Christmas, when all through headquarters, not a creature was stirring, not even a reporter.

The shirts with the new logos were hung in the Commissioner's Office with care, hoping that they'd soon be ready to wear.

The Sanitation Workers were nestled all snug in their beds, with visions of truck money and "snowvertime" swirling in their heads.

When out of nowhere, the weather reports alert, a snowstorm on the way, and this one might hurt.

The emergency list is checked, and phone calls are made, the workforce is crucial in coming to the city's aid.

Attach the plows, attach the chains, and fill the spreaders with salt, for the city must never come to a halt.

Now, Garcia! Now, Diggins! Now, Grayson and Volk! On, Capo! On, Costas! On Visconti and other folk! To

the GPS Room, and go there right now, the Mayor will be calling, and we've got to be ready to plow.

The screens lit up, and all the feeds show, the spreaders are on routes; the plows ready to go.

And then it happened, though no one could predict, a foot of snow on the ground, and it was quite slick.

Eyes glued to the screens, the Commissioner cried, "The snow's coming down fast, DON'T LOSE THE WEST SIDE!"

Through experience, through trials, we knew what to do, we won't let this city turn into an igloo.

And just a bit later, it was all under control, we were down to blacktop across the city, we surpassed our goal.

So when a storm hits the city, no matter the night, New York's Strongest are up to the challenge, and will always win that fight!

Happy Holidays to all!

## Introducing...the 2016 DSNY Calendar



After years of discussion, to educate the public on the Department has the work we do, and produced a calendar of further expand on our goal New York's Strongest! The of sending zero waste to landfills by 2030. The in the calendar, 14 in all, Calendars may be purchased are both uniformed and at the NYC City Store in civilians and show the the Municipal Building, or the diversity of our workforce. via [their website](#). From Sanitation Workers, Additionally, The Daily to Auto Mechanic, to Rubber News published a story, Tire Repairer to Enforcement which may be read [here](#). Agent, the calendar hopes

## AABS Celebration



Photo by @BKLYNLENS / Spencer A. Burnett

The African American with his mother, and Desiree Benevolent Association Leary, AABS President. recently held their 80th Others recognized at the Annual Dinner Dance. At the dinner include Distinguished Service Award winner Supervisor Ricky Thompson was awarded the Richard W. Supervisor Sabrina Reyes, Beverly Humanitarian Award winners Ret. District Lifetime Achievement Award winners Ret. District Superintendent Bob Palmeri, and Ret. Sanitation Worker Eugene W. Jordon. Supervisor Ricky Thompson

*Happy Holidays!*

*Kathryn Garcia*



## Safe DSNY Drivers



Commissioner Garcia, FDC Diggins and Safety/Training Chief Harbin recognized our safe drivers. Congrats to all honored at the ceremony.

## Collector's Items

Condolences to family and friends of **Helen Marszalek**, retired from DSNY financial services, who passed away recently.

Condolences to family and friends of Sanitation Worker **Peter Orlando** of SI2 on his recent passing.

We wish a happy retirement to **Linda Scott**, leaving after 27 years of service.

The "Donna's Beacon of Hope" Family Team raised more than \$9,250 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. The group was started by **A/C Michael Murphy** in memory of his

wife, Donnamarie. Thanks to all for your generous contributions.

The **DSNY Strongest Football team** is looking for players. Those interested should call Steve, team president at 917-577-9347 or DM them via Instagram [@StrongestFootball](https://www.instagram.com/StrongestFootball). Games start in April.

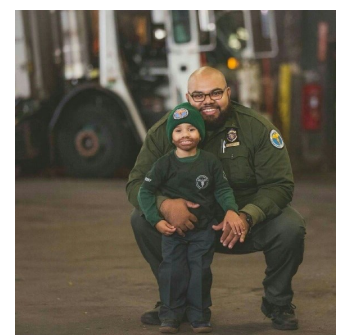


## J-E-T-S, Jets, Jets, Jets!



Thanks to all who came out to support the New York Jets during DSNY Day on November 29. The Honor Guard presented the colors, and many DSNY faces were on the field holding the large American flag. We hope to repeat this event in the future!

## Kids of Sanitation



This month, Chief Anthony Ardolino's daughter Bella Grace, and Supervisor Jonathan Cortes' son Jon, Jr. show off their Strongest pride! Want to see your child's photo here? Send photos to [bmager@dsny.nyc.gov](mailto:bmager@dsny.nyc.gov) or tag the photo on Twitter or Instagram with a DSNY hashtag.

## Breast Cancer Fundraising Continues



Cheers to the Manhattan Borough office! They raised \$3,713 recently for Breast Cancer Research! Thanks to all in the office who supported their efforts.

## In the News



Thanks to the members of Joseph Cendagorta, the Holy Name Society Operations; Anthony Ardolino, who assisted in delivering Collection; Anthony Pasquale, Manhattan Borough; Salvatore Tornabene, BIT; Salvatore Ditta, BIT; Antonio above: Joe Cohen, BME; LoCascio, CTU; Peter Michael Murphy, Collection; Manino, Roma Foods.