



## QUEENS GARAGE NAMED AFTER FALLEN SANITATION WORKER FRANK JUSTICH

The Department renamed Queens West District 1 Garage the “Frank Justich Garage” after Sanitation Worker Frank Justich, who died in the line of duty on January 26th, 2010, when he was servicing a corner litter basket and was struck and pinned by a tractor trailer truck.

Sanitation Worker Justich, an 11-year veteran, is survived by his wife Stacy, and two daughters, Faith, and Felicity. The Department was joined at the ceremony by the Justich family and several local elected officials.



“Sanitation Worker Justich was a beloved member of this Department, who was always ready with a kind word, a smile, or a personalized piece of artwork for his co-workers and his family alike,” said Sanitation Commissioner John J. Doherty. “He was committed to keeping this city clean and safe, a testament to how much he loved this city and Department. Sanitation Worker Justich will live on with the renaming of this garage in his honor.”

Harry Nespoli, president of Local 831, Uniformed Sanitationmen’s Association, also spoke at the ceremony.

A bronze plaque was placed inside the garage and a sign was unveiled over the garage entrance commemorating the event.





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## DEPUTY COMMISSIONER VITO A. TURSO HONORED AS DSNY COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION'S "ITALIAN-AMERICAN OF THE YEAR"



Vito A. Turso, Deputy Commissioner for Public Information and Community Affairs, was honored as "Italian-American of the Year" by the DSNY's Columbia Association at their 46th Annual Dinner Dance. Also honored that night were Joseph Siano, retired Sanitation Worker assigned to Queens West Borough and past DSNY Columbia Association President who received the "Anthony M. DeSantis Award", and Frank Zito, retired Supervisor assigned to the Bureau of Waste Disposal, who received the "Renzo Ferrari Public Service Award." Pictured above, from left to right, are Ronnie Cohen, President of the DSNY Columbia Association; Deputy Commissioner Turso, and State senator Martin Golden, who presented him with a proclamation from the State Senate.

Commonly referred to as "The Voice of Sanitation," Mr. Turso - a former journalist - joined the Sanitation Department in 1978 as Director of Public Affairs, where he served throughout former Mayor Koch's three terms in office. When Mayor Dinkins was elected, Mr. Turso was promoted to Deputy Commissioner for Public Affairs and Community Relations at the Department of Correction, where he served proudly into the administration of former Mayor Giuliani. In 1994, he became Deputy Commissioner for Public Affairs at the Department of Environmental Protection.

In 1995, he left government to become an Executive Vice President for corporate and government affairs at Dan Klores Communications, a major Manhattan public relations firm, where he represented well-known entertainers, elected officials, and labor organizations.

In 2002, with the election of Mayor Bloomberg, he rejoined the Sanitation Department - - along with Commissioner Doherty - - as a Deputy Commissioner where he is in charge of communicating the Department's important mission and message to the public through the media, community boards, the DSNY web page, neighborhood organizations and the DSNY's Division of Customer Service and Government Relations.

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## TUNNEL TO TOWERS RUN

Thanks to Chief Michael Mucci, BWD, and all DSNY employees, pictured here, who volunteered for the 2010 Tunnel to Towers Run, a memorial run dedicated to the memory of Firefighter Stephen Siller, who died on 9/11, his 342 fellow firefighters, and all 9/11 victims.



## 'DSNY NIGHT' WITH BROOKLYN CYCLONES



The Department held the first-ever benefit for surviving children of DSNY members who died in the line of duty in August at Coney Island's Municipal Credit Union (MCU) Park, in conjunction with the Brooklyn Cyclones as part of the MCU's Civil Servant Night series. The

Brooklyn Cyclones beat the Connecticut Tigers in extra innings. There were on-field activities, including the DSNY Emerald Society's Pipes and Drums Band, giveaways, fireworks, and a post-game gala at Peggy O'Neill's. Shown accepting a check to the benefit fund from MCU are, left to right, Vito A. Turso, Deputy Commissioner of the Bureau of Public Information and Community Affairs; Gerri Light, MCU; and Harry Nespoli, President of Teamsters Local 831, Uniformed Sanitationmen's Association.

## DSNY RECEIVES 'FLEET OF THE YEAR' AWARD



Congratulations to the Bureau of Support Services, for receiving Fleet Magazine's prestigious 2009 'Vocational Fleet of the Year' Award. Pictured, from left to right are, Spiro Kattan, Supervisor of Mechanics, Bureau of Support Services; Walter Pusic, V.P., Allianz/Johnson Sweeper Co., Deputy Commissioner Rocco DiRico, Bureau of Support Services; and David Cullen, Executive Editor, Fleet Owner Magazine.

## Collectors Items

*Congratulations...*to the Information Technology Unit, for receiving the 2010 "Excellence in Technology Awards" from DoITT...to Mierle Ukeles, whose TOUCH SANITATION public art project was selected by Wave Hill Garden's Director of Arts as one of the "50/50: Important, Impressive, Influential, Personal Pivotal Public Art of the Last 50 Years."

*Salute to the Strongest...*The Staten Island Yankees minor league baseball team hosted their 2nd Annual 'Salute to Sanitation' night at Richmond County Bank Ballpark in August. There was a performance by the DSNY Emerald Society Pipes and Drums band, presentation of the colors by the DSNY Ceremonial Unit, giveaways, and a full fireworks show right after the game ends, which featured a stunning view of the lower Manhattan skyline as the backdrop.

*The chase is on...*Writer Lisa Dowda and photographer Liz Ligon are working on a book project to interview Sanitation Workers throughout the city. Their exploits can be followed at [www.chasingsanitation.com](http://www.chasingsanitation.com).

*For a good cause...*"Donna's Beacon of Hope Team," named in honor of Assistant Chief Michael Murphy's wife, raised over \$7,600 in donations for the 2010 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk. The team has raised over \$100,000 since they started participating in the walk in 2003.

## SHEAR SUPPORT



Recently, 25 Sanitation Workers assigned to Manhattan District 3 Garage cut their hair in a Mohawk style to show solidarity and support for fellow Sanitation Worker Matthew Hoffman, who is undergoing treatment for cancer. Sanitation Worker Hoffman has been with the Department since 2004 and was recently married to his wife, Avery.

## UNITED WOMEN OF SANITATION DISCUSS HEALTH ISSUES



The United Women of Sanitation Association recently held a brown bag lunch to hear important health information from Dr. Lynn M. O'Connor, MD, entitled "A Healthy Colon and You." The organization holds brown bag lunch events periodically. Anyone interested can email the organization at [info@dsnyuwsa.org](mailto:info@dsnyuwsa.org).

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