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COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE

DSNY WELCOMES NEW YEAR 2007



With a New Year upon us, I want to extend my very best wishes to each and every member of the Sanitation family. May you all enjoy a happy, healthy and prosperous 2007.

As we take stock of the year that just ended, the word 'memorable' comes to mind. For one, the City Council voted overwhelmingly for our 20-year Solid Waste Management Plan, a smart, cost-effective and environmentally sound strategy to managing New York City's refuse that Mayor Bloomberg and this Department fought hard to obtain approval. Our streets also continued to be the cleanest they've been in over three decades... and they keep getting cleaner! Not a small feat for a city of over eight million residents, plus millions more tourists and commuters.

But the disposal of refuse is but one of the Department's many challenges. 2006 brought us the fourth record-breaking 40-plus-inch snow season. And, as usual, the men and women of the Department rose to the occasion and cleared 6,300 street miles throughout the five boroughs, thus keeping the Big Apple running in its usual 24/7 hectic rhythm, and proving once again why we're worthy of the title "New York's Strongest"...

We simply earn it every day with our hard work and dedication!

On the labor front, the Sanitation Officers Association and the Sanitation Chiefs Association reached fair and equitable labor agreements with the City. Professional and labor achievements aside, we also had a chance to celebrate together, as we gathered at our Floyd Bennett Field Training Academy for our second annual Family Day where a wonderful day of good food and great fun was had by thousands of DSNY workers and their loved ones.

Last year, however, also brought its share of sorrows, as we mourned the loss of four members of the uniform Sanitation family tragically felled in the line of duty or while heroically trying to help others. We mourn the loss of Sanitation Workers Michael Occhino, Damon Allen, Allen Gormely, and Rafael Concepcion. May they all rest in peace.

Every new year comes with its own unique challenges and I'm sure 2007 will be no different. But I'm certain that no matter how daunting the task, Sanitation will have no trouble meeting it head on, with determination and professionalism. A world-class city like New York deserves only the very best, and the men and women of Sanitation consistently deliver.

Electronics and Used Clothing Events a Huge Success



The five electronics recycling and used clothing events sponsored by the Department in the fall throughout the five boroughs proved to be well attended and enormously successful.

According to final tallies compiled by the Department's Bureau of

Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling, more than 191 tons of electronics equipment, such as old non-functioning computers, TVs and cell phones, were recycled at the five events attended by nearly 8,500 New Yorkers. Each of the categories increased significantly, with a 227% increase of clothing donated, a 62% increase in electronics donated, and a 44% increase in cell phones donated, compared with the Spring 2006 tallies. Over 103 tons of gently-used clothing and linens were also collected.

Commissioner Doherty said, "These overwhelmingly successful events have proven that New Yorkers are willing to recycle. Many computer owners actually were unaware that electronics equipment contain hazardous elements such as lead, mercury and cadmium. By developing partnerships with electronics manufacturers and retailers, we were able to create these unique opportunities for New Yorkers to recycle their unwanted electronic equipment and protect the environment."

The events were held with the assistance of Goodwill Industries, the Salvation Army, and the Lower East Side Ecology Center.



NOVAS Awarded

The Bureau of Finance and Administration received the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications' 2006 Excellence in Technology Award for 'Best Application Serving an Agency's Business Needs' for the Notice of Violation Administration System (NOVAS). Pictured are (from left to right) DOITT Commissioner Paul J. Cosgrave, Steven Stam, Director of the DSNY's Information Technology Office, Ellen Koop, Project Manager for ITO, Chief of Enforcement Todd Kuznitz, John Ruvolo, Computer System Manager for Enforcement, and Deputy Commissioner Lorenzo Cipollina, Bureau of Financial Management and Administration.

with support from Best Buy and Intel. Other partners included the Staten Island Mall/General Growth Properties; NYC Department of Parks and Recreation; Prospect Park Alliance; the Mall at Bay Plaza/Prestige Properties & Development Co., Inc.; and Queens College.

Women's Group Formed

The newly formed United Women of Sanitation Association held its first general meeting in the fall. Pictured from left to right are: Sanitation Worker (SW) Delia Kleckley, QE 12; SW Barbara Katz, BKS 13; UWSA Secretary Debbie Baretto, Supervisor, Community Affairs; Treasurer Dolores Henry, Contract Manager, ACCO; Supervisor Robin Mapp, BKN 2; Co-Treasurer Corinne Clarke, Director TCO; Chairperson Ruth Joyner, Director WEP; 1st Vice Chair Eicelle Johns, Sanitation Worker MN 2; Supervisor Anika O'Neal, Safety and Training; 2nd Vice Chair Kathy Dawkins, Director Public Information; Chaplain Julia Easley-Dunn, Supervisor Department Mail Unit.



New Latino Organization

The Department recognized the recently formed Sanitation Association de Latinos of DSNY, Inc. fraternal organization. Pictured from left to right are Sergeant-at-Arms Edgar Soto, Supervisor from M8; Historian John Fasanaro, Sanitation Worker from M8; Vice President Eliseo Vergara, Deputy Chief, Cleaning Operations; Commissioner Doherty; President Jose Garcia, Deputy Chief, Manhattan Borough; Secretary Evelyn Astacio, Secretary, Community Affairs; Marshall Roberto Olivera, Supervisor, M9; 1st Deputy Commissioner Bimonte; Financial Secretary Nancy Colon, Clerical Associate, Drafting Unit; Treasurer Alice Zayas, Principal Administrative Associate, Cleaning Operations.



NYU PROFESSOR IS DSNY'S OFFICIAL HISTORIAN



Dr. Robin Nagle, a professor of anthropology and the director of New York University's prestigious Draper Interdisciplinary Master's program, has become the Department's first ever Anthropologist-in-Residence, a hallmark that makes the DSNY the sole uniformed force in New York City with its own social scientist. Through the

Department's Bureau of Public Information and Community Affairs, Dr. Nagle's main role in her unsalaried post will be as the official historian of the Department, but she will also be assisting the Department in the development of the DSNY Museum, a Wall of Honor dedicated to all workers who died in the line of duty, as well as offering seminars to incoming classes of Sanitation Workers and other personnel relating to the rich history and essential functions of Sanitation. Dr. Nagle is also penning a book based on life within the Department titled *Picking Up*, which should be out next year.

Dr. Nagle's experience doesn't stop with the social and historical aspects of the Department. She has gotten her hands dirty (literally) by working as a Sanitation Worker for a brief period of time. She has operated mechanical brooms, emptied litter baskets, dumped relays, loaded out a truck or two, and even plowed snow.

SANITATION PARTNERS WITH GLAD TO PUT MESSAGES ON DSNY VEHICLES

In a New York City first, the Department recently partnered with the Glad Products Co. of Oakland, CA, to put public service announcements, using the Glad brand logo, on 2,200 collection trucks and 450 mechanical brooms across the five boroughs. In return, Glad has agreed to donate 125,000 white 30-gallon trash bags and \$7,500 to Keep America Beautiful, the Department's non-profit partner dedicated to national litter education, prevention and beautification. The donated bags and cash will go to cleanup programs throughout New York City. In a display of the new corporate/municipal partnership, Glad volunteers escorted a DSNY collection truck at the end of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

The Glad signs say "Glad: New York City Tough. Keep NYC Clean."



FLOYD BENNETT FIELD TRAINING ACADEMY RENAMED IN HONOR OF SUPERVISOR RONALD DiCARLO

The Department has renamed the training center at Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn the "Ronald F. DiCarlo Training Academy" after the well-liked Supervisor DiCarlo, who suffered a brain aneurysm while en route to his retirement party in 2003 and died 10 days later.

Supervisor DiCarlo began his career with the Department in May of 1979 as a Sanitation Worker assigned to Brooklyn South District 17 Garage. His first assignment at the Training Academy was in 1986. The following year, he was promoted to Supervisor and was assigned to Brooklyn South District 12. Three years later, he returned to the Training Academy. After 24 years of dedicated service to the Department and the City of New York, he retired in 2003 to care for his grandchildren and his loving wife of 23 years, Mary.

To his colleagues throughout the Department, Supervisor DiCarlo will be remembered as a person who took pride in his job and did it to the best of his ability. Known as a "go to guy," he was straightforward, direct, prompt and brilliant with payroll and snow duties as a garage supervisor, he always exhibited a positive attitude in any task he was given. When he taught, he was able to reach his students by using his professionalism, knowledge of human nature and his street smarts.

To his family, he is remembered as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who loved his family and who always embellished his conversations with stories about his grandchildren. Friends remember Supervisor DiCarlo for his loyalty, quick wit, and great sense of humor. To the City that he served so well, he is remembered as one of the best of 'New York's Strongest' and a man who was committed to teaching his students the right and safe way of keeping our neighborhoods clean, healthy and safe.

Collector's Items:

Congratulations to... Charles Herbst, Bureau of Operations, promoted to General Superintendent Level III; Ronnie Cohen, succeeding Joseph Siano as the president of the Department's Columbia Association.

Our thoughts go out to... Ryan McCormick, who was diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus. A fundraiser for McCormick was organized by the Uniformed Sanitationmen's Association shop stewards and Queens West 5 District Garage Officers.

Thank you... Chief Mike Murphy and Donna's Beacon of Hope for raising \$15,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's Walk '06 To Cure Diabetes; to those who raised \$4,166 for the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk; and to all those who supported the 2nd Annual Sanitation Family Day at Floyd Bennett Field.

Discounts... Modell's Sporting Goods Stores are continuing to offer a 10% discount on all purchases made by Sanitation employees. Already hundreds of Sanitation customers have taken advantage of Modell's generous offer. All you need to do is show your DSNY ID card.



DSNY FOOTBALL: WE WANT YOU!

The DSNY Football team—the ONLY football team sanctioned by the Department—is once again looking for Sanitation employees interested in coaching or playing during the 2007 Spring football season. The squad will play local teams, and other teams from around the country. No prior football experience is necessary, just a desire to play hard and have fun. Anyone interested can call DSNY Football President Paddy McCuchen, (646) 261-3813 for further information. The team is also on the Internet at www.dsnysoccer.com.



Bronx Basketballers Rule

The DSNY Bronx Basketball team, with coach Jazzy Goodwin (center) were crowned the Department's champions after defeating the Manhattan team, 64-49. Harry Heron of Bronx 7 lead the team in scoring for the game, with 19 points.

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