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Commissioner's Column



On January 26, forecasters called for an historic blizzard that would dump up to 30 inches of snow across the City and the metropolitan region. Here at DSNY, we hoped for the best while preparing for the worst. I was impressed by the level of commitment and service that DSNY employees from all parts of the agency showed in fighting this storm and keeping the streets and highways clear. As I have told many of you, Sanitation employees are the first of the first responders. Without our critical service, the City would grind to a halt and police, fire, and EMS would be unable to answer emergency calls.

While the City received closer to 12 inches of snow from that storm, towns just 40 miles east of the Queens/Nassau border

received more than 24 inches. In total we have received 22 inches of snow so far this season, and February looks to offer at least a few more storms for us to fight. I am incredibly proud of the work that we have done so far this season, and I am confident that we will be able to finish out the season strong.

Even though snow is at the top of all of our minds at this time of year, I am very excited to announce that for the first time in more than a decade, the Department has a new website. The new site combines the former DSNY and NYC Recycles websites to meet the City's goals of a fast, direct, and helpful NYC.gov. The [new website](#) is mobile-friendly and can easily be used on any mobile device. I'd like to give a special thanks to all of the staff in the bureaus of Public Affairs, Recycling and Sustainability, and Information Technology and others that have contributed to this exciting project.

Kathryn Garcia



DSNY in the News...

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DAILY NEWS

Sanitation Commissioner makes her mark with first snow storm

Kathryn Garcia, a Park Slope neighbor of de Blasio's and a mom of two teens, came to the post from a top job at the Department of Environmental Protection.

[The New York Daily News](#) profiled Commissioner Garcia after the city's first big snowfall. The story noted she visited a number of Sanitation garages and noted she spent the night in the office.

Staten Island Advance

Bravo to Sanitation for quick response to snowstorm (editorial)

[The Staten Island Advance](#) wrote an editorial noting the latest snow storm "provided a good test" of our sectoring program. They noted the "new method by most accounts was an overwhelming success, with main roads and sidestreets quickly made passable."



Thank you...

From the Mayor to your neighbor, New Yorkers were very thankful for your dedication in keeping the streets clear and open following the stow storm.

From the NYPD 52nd Precinct "Thank you @NYCSanitation for keeping our streets clear."

From @angelamarye "THANK YOU to all the men and women that worked tirelessly through out the night WE APPRECIATE IT"

James Vacca said "Touring my district today compels me to give @NYCSanitation an "A" for snow removal."

Thank you to all.

Accident Reduction Ceremony



Last month, Commissioner Garcia, FDC Diggins and Chief Harbin presented the Accident Reduction Awards to eight districts and one borough for their commitment to safety and accident reduction in the work place.

A Memorial to Steven Frosch



Mayor de Blasio signed into law a bill to rename a street Sanitation Worker Steven Frosch Way. S/W Frosch died in the line of duty last year while performing maintenance in his garage. S/W Frosch was also a member of the NYPD. Council Member Elizabeth Crowley, DSNY Commissioner Garcia and 831 Union President Harry Nespoli join Steven's brother Robert at the bill signing ceremony.

Are you Ready for Some Football?



While the NFL season has come to an end, the DSNY Strongest football team is gearing up for their turn on the gridiron. The team's first practice is February 15 at Aviator field. Those interested in becoming a player, coach or trainer are invited to attend, or contact: presidentdsnyfootball@yahoo.com.

Looking Out for Fellow New Yorkers



Thank you to the Sanitation Workers for going above-and-beyond in keeping New Yorkers safe. Your dedication to this city does not go unnoticed. Credits: Top: Instagram user flpp7r . Lower: Chief Jeff Pitts



Collector's Items

- The Holy Name Society will host its 23rd Annual Golf Outing on **Thursday, May 5** at Pelham Split Rock. Email dsnyhns@aol.com for more information.
- Former Public Affairs intern **Christina Casillo** was named to the fall 2014 Dean's List at Elon University.
- Condolences to former recycling chief **Anthony Lofaso** and family on the passing of his wife, Lorraine.
- Discounts are available for the **Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus** appearing at Nassau Coliseum from March 4 –March 8. Deadline Feb. 26. Contact JTowne@feldinc.com for more information.
- Bronx-Lebanon Hospital recognized **Supervisor Jose Torres**, M12, for his support of their Toys for Tots program.
- Thank you to **S/W Linda Quinones** who helped a resident whose car was stuck in the snow after the latest storm.
- Congrats to **Robin Nagle** as her book, "Picking Up" goes into a second printing.

Have news to share for an upcoming issue? Contact Belinda Mager at bmager@dsny.nyc.gov or 646-885-5020.