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WORLD TRADE CENTER HEALTH REGISTRY

As a health precaution, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in conjunction with federal, state, and private agencies, have started a World Trade Center Registry following the mental and physical health of individuals who were directly exposed to the World Trade Center collapse and clean-up efforts. Over the next 20 years, these individuals' health will be periodically monitored.

A 30-minute telephone survey will be conducted to those Department employees who voluntarily enroll in the program. Questions concerning his/her whereabouts on September 11, 2001, health problems since that date and the duration of exposure to smoke and fumes will be asked. Every now and then, volunteers may be contacted to answer questions about health changes. This information will be compared to that of the general population to determine if any health problems are linked to September 11th. All information given is confidential and no medical examinations or tests are required.

Criteria for eligibility are:

- 1 Individuals who were in a building, on the street, or on the subway south of Chamber Street on 9/11/01;
- 1 Workers involved in the rescue, recovery, or clean-up at the WTC site and/or WTC Recovery Operations at the Fresh Kills Landfill anytime between 9/11/01 6/03/02;
- 1 Students and staff at schools (pre-k to 12) or daycare centers south of Canal Street on 9/11/01; and
- 1 People who were living south of Canal Street on 9/11/01.

Enrolling will play a vital part in understanding the full extent of the September 11th tragedy. To find out more information about the **World Trade Center Health Registry** and enrollment, call 311. You can also enroll online at www.wtcregistry.org.



DSNY Veterans Bid Farewell

This year, the DSNY has lost five long-time veterans with a combined service of 179 years to retirement. These individuals have paved the way for the future of our Department by each dedicating an average of over 30 years of service to the City of New York. Thank you for your many years of commitment to the Department of Sanitation.

Peter Montalbano, First Deputy Commissioner.

Started his career September 1967 and retired September 2003 completing 36 years of dedicated service.

Benedict Cecere, Director, Bureau of Cleaning and Collection.

Started his career January 1965 and retired September 2003 completing 38 years of dedicated service.

Rocco Sabatella, Chief, Cleaning Operations.

Started his career April 1964 and retiring October 2003 completing 39 years of dedicated service.

Bennett Dickerson, Director, Personnel Management Division.

Started his career December 1966 and retired September 2003 completing 37 years of dedicated service.

James Sims, Director, Division of Safety and Training.

Started his career June 1974 and retired September 2003 completing 29 years of dedicated service.

Congratulations to all of the newly appointed and promoted members of the DSNY family. The Department wishes you much success!

Anthony A. Etergineoso Jr. has been promoted to Director, Bureau of Cleaning and Collection.

Renzo Ferrari has been promoted to Chief, Bureau of Operations

Rocco DiRico has been promoted to Assistant Commissioner, Support Services.

Wallace Williams is the newly appointed Director, Personnel Management Division.

Bernard Sullivan newly appointed Chief, Cleaning Operations



DSNY'S SINGING SAN-MAN

Keeping New York City clean is no easy task, but Sanitation Worker Andrew Macchio makes the best out of this non-glamorous career by serenading the neighborhoods that are on his route. Instead of hearing the thunderous sounds of his truck, residents of the city's Upper East Side are entertained by songs from the 1930s, 40s, and 50s. Andrew Macchio has been with Sanitation for 23 years but mentions that he has been singing all his life. "I sing all day long. I wake up singing and I go to bed singing," he said. Gaining spectators was never a goal of Andrew's. He was just doing what he loved to do. Making bystanders smile and possibly being the sunshine in someone's gloomy day are the only reasons Andrew sings. He has a fan club that awaits his daily arrival to hear him sing his favorite song, Mack the Knife. Andrew mentioned that residents fuss with him when he takes days off from work because his music has become a part of their daily routine.

Macchio was discovered by a pedestrian passing by on his/her way to work. Impressed, he/she contacted the New York Times who provided Andrew's first media coverage. An article was printed and before he knew it, Andrew and his talent were well known. The Staten Island Advance, New York Times, and the AP have all published articles about Andrew's magnificent melodies. He made his television debuts on Channels 4 (NBC) and 9 (UPN) where he entertained thousands of viewers with his remarkable voice. He has also been heard on 1010 WINS Radio and News Radio 880. Andrew is an up and coming star with shows like The Wayne Brady Show, the John Walsh Show and Living It Up with Jack and Alley on his trail. Even though scores of wonderful opportunities have arisen, according to Andrew his ultimate dream has not yet transpired. "I would love to put on a tuxedo with a microphone, dim lights, a piano, a stool and sing Cabaret style. I would die a happy man if this came true," he said.



Illustration courtesy of Waste Age Magazine.

Modern Sanitation Garage Design Wins Art Commission Award

The Art Commission of the State of New York presented an Excellence in Design Award to DSNY employee Michael Friedlander for his trendy design of the new Manhattan District 4, 4A, and 7 garages located on 12th Avenue, between West 56th and West 57th Streets. The award was presented at the 21st Annual Awards for Excellence gala at the New York Public Library at 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue.

Sanitation's newly designed building will catch the eyes of all and will be a striking addition to Manhattan's beautiful West Side. "It was key that the building would be interesting to users, viewers who are driving, and to those who are stuck in traffic, walking by or sailing along the river," said Mr. Friedlander who works in the DSNY Engineering office. The highlight of this structure is its wave wall element, which is made of curved glass that encompasses the front of the garage. This modern wave wall erases the images of the stereotypical ugly, bulky, unkempt Sanitation garage. Another fascinating feature is the pixelated light show of truck washing that will take place behind a specially designed glass brick wall along the main 12th Avenue wave wall. Due to the enormity of the building, an arch above 11th Avenue was created so that pedestrians and drivers on 12th Avenue at West 56th Street can proceed through the building, eliminating any increased traffic congestion concerns.

The development of this project began in 1995 with a concept to cleverly integrate the Department's need for an additional modern space, while encompassing the changing neighborhood's desire for green space. The entire 45,000 square foot floor area of the garage has four truck storage floors, a central ramp, employee parking, repair space, offices, locker, and shower rooms, and additional storage space.

The Art Commission of City of New York was established in 1898 as the City's design review agency. The Commission reviews and approves works of art, architecture on City-owned property.

The new garage is expected to be completed by 2007.



FRESH KILLS; FRESH LOOK

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg has announced the official kick-off of the \$3.38-million Master Plan process that will map out the future use of the 2,200-acre Fresh Kills site on Staten Island. The creation of a Master Plan will in two years create a blueprint for reclaiming the largest landfill in the country for public uses and will begin with a public outreach program. The process to plan new uses for Fresh Kills will be conducted by a multi-disciplinary team led by Field Operations, a landscape architecture and urban design firm. Staten Island Borough President Jim Molinaro, City Planning Director Amanda M. Burden, Sanitation Commissioner John Doherty, Parks & Recreation Commissioner Adrian Benepe, elected officials and other civic leaders joined the Mayor at the College of Staten Island for the announcement to urge the public to take part in creating a vision for the future of the site. "The Master Plan will provide a strategic blueprint for the creation of a scenic, ecological and recreational amenity on Staten Island that will benefit local residents and all who visit New York," said City Planning Director Burden.

Over the coming months the New York City-based Field Operations will be acquiring greater technical knowledge of the landfill site, its ecology and recreational opportunities, and its roads and other infrastructures in order to refine the conceptual design. City Planning and the design team will initiate a public outreach program to identify local concerns and needs. This month interviews will begin with government officials and community leaders to learn their concerns and hopes for the future park. In January 2004, the first public meetings will be held to discuss the conceptual plan with the community and get feedback, which will be used to develop the Master Plan. The community has already made suggestions for active and passive recreation at Fresh Kills such as field and court sports, golf, boating, a nature preserve, greenways and equestrian trails. Another priority is the upgrading of existing landfill roadways to connect them to public streets. This, community leaders say, will help alleviate the Island's traffic congestion.

It is projected that some areas of Fresh Kills, with immediate planning and design, could be turned to beneficial use in as few as 5 years. Eventually, through construction in phases, it is envisioned that the site will be reborn as a park. The 2200-acre Fresh Kills site, located on the western shore of Staten Island, is almost three times the size of Central Park, and was officially closed as a landfill in 2001.



Easing the Language Barrier

The Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs honored more than 2,000 civil servants, including 10 DSNY employees, for using their foreign language skills to translate and interpret vital information. There are a total of 23 volunteers from the Sanitation Department that cover 10 different languages, including sign language, to ensure effective communication between the Department, our City and beyond.

Those honored were (l to r standing): Robert Acquista, Supervisor BK5; Debra Barreto, Community Affairs/DSNY Language Liaison; Albert Durrell, Deputy Chief Cleaning Operations; Perla Beckford, Clerical Associate III Brooklyn Borough Office; Cecilia Diaz, Office Associate Legal Affairs; Mano Napolitano, Community Coordinator Community Affairs CCU; Maria Montalvo, Computer Associate B.C.C.; Stavroula Korkkios Clerical Associate III Equipment Office. From the Mayor's Office (l to r sitting): Carol Robles-Roman, Deputy Mayor Legal Affairs and Sayn V. Bhojwani, Commissioner Immigrant Affairs



E-Z Gift Idea

The New York City Department of Sanitation replica-trucks are finally here! First Gear Inc. (a toy manufacturing company in Iowa) has constructed a 13-inch exact replica of the truck that is a part of every New Yorker's daily life. They will be available for inter-departmental sale before Christmas. The trucks will sell for \$49.99 (tax included) with proceeds benefitting the Sanitation Employees Community Fund. Stay tuned for more details! If you have any questions, call Public Information at 1 (646) 885-5020.

Collector's Items

Our Condolences . . . To the families of Supervisor Abdiel Wright, Supervisor Brian Scutellaro and Sanitation Worker Michael Fragliossi of Manhattan and Sanitation Worker George McCatrthy of the Bronx. The DSNY expresses its deepest sympathy for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Congratulations . . . Best wishes to Deneen Sprinkle King of the Export Unit and her husband, Ray, on the birth of their 7lb. 4 oz. baby boy, Ray King, Jr. on August 26th. Much happiness to you and your family! FM . . . Good news for the DSNY New York's Strongest Football team. Last season, Local 831 generously donated \$3,000 for new equipment. This year, thanks to Commissioner Doherty and the Sanitation Employees Community Fund, that donation will be matched. Good luck this season guys, continue to make us proud! Kids . . . Great job to the DSNY's Holy Name Society for successfully hosting its 11th Annual Golf Outing at the Pelham Bay Golf Course. All proceeds from the event went towards the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Our Apologies . . . We apologize to those Sanitation employees that were absent from the Sanitation Employees on Active Duty list posted in the last newsletter. Those missing were: Anthony Carrube, Auto Mechanic; Edward Rasmussen, Auto Mechanic; Danny Johnson, Supervisor Mechanic; and Paul Sabaini, Supervisor Mechanic. We are proud of all the courageous men and women of the DSNY family who fight for our country to preserve our freedom and liberty. Job Well Done . . . Sanitation's Environmental Police Unit was praised by James B. Comey, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, for their contribution to the case of an illegal asbestos removal operation. Due to the joint efforts between the Department and other government agencies, including the FBI, the asbestos was removed properly without injury and the guilty were brought to justice. Good for you . . . Congratulations to Esther Merriweather on her appointment as the new Deputy Agency Chief Contracting Officer. Ms. Merriweather has spent 25 years of her 29-year service to the City in Sanitation. She also has worked with the Police Department and the Mayor's Press Office. At DSNY, she has held positions in Administration, Medical Division, and presently the Agency Chief Contracting Office. Nice job . . . Antique Collector or Trash Collector? . . . That was the question put to Sanitation Worker Pauline Perry, OCO, as she appeared on the Oxygen cable network show, Can You Tell. The show is designed to break down stereotypes and to prove that you can't necessarily judge a book by its cover. Well done! Way To Go . . . The Columbia Association hosted their annual Golf Outing at the Lido Beach Country Club and Golf Course in May where \$4500 was raised for the Cooley's Anemia Foundation. For your records . . . In order to be consistent with industry nomenclature, effective immediately, the Bureau of Management Information Systems (MIS) will now be known as the Bureau of Information Technology (IT). Steve Stam's title will now be the Chief Information Officer (CIO).



Lights, Camera, Action

DSNY Appears on Broadway

Sanitation Workers joined with Broadway dancers and performers, including Tony Award winning actress Jane Krakowski, in Times Square to launch a national advertising campaign for Gillette Disposable Razors. New York's Strongest showed a little of their soft side as they were pampered with clean shaves by a bevy of Broadway beauties. The Sanitation Workers taking part in this memorable event were: (l to r) Eryk Albury, BKN 8; Robert Jantz, OCO; Al Landi, BKSO; Thomas Amendola, QS A; Michael Cappella, Supervisor, M5; John Porco, Manhattan 5; Tommy Gee, ENF; Barry Widelock, QB; Keith W. Mellis, General Superintendent I; Steven Calder, BCO; Pietro Fragale, BX 6.

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