# TRASH TALK



## The Auto Show is Coming Soon!

New York's Strongest is in the New York International Auto Show again this year! It starts April 19. Come see us on Level 1 – next to Mazda and Honda. Use discount code DSNY19 when buying your tickets at **www.autoshowny.com/tickets**.

### From the Acting Commissioner



#### **Steven Costas**

We're doing something we've never tried before — and we need your help. Thanks to your hard work, we've built the largest organics curbside collection program in the country. That's a huge success, one that should give us all great pride. Of course, we need more New Yorkers to do their share, so we're charging forward with **Make Compost, Not Trash**. This is a new strategy — essentially a full-court press. Over the next three months, we're testing whether saturating the neighborhoods serviced by **Brooklyn 10** and **Queens 13** with compost-related events, outreach and publicity will encourage more residents to use their brown bins. For the skeptics, let me be clear: Organics

— such as food scraps and yard trimmings — are a critical part of the waste stream. More than a third of the trash we collect is comprised of organics, and we don't want this material in landfills. By diverting organics to compost we cut long-distance transportation, keep methane from our air — and help rebuild soil, an environmental problem with serious consequences and little awareness. Join our efforts in these neighborhoods and host an event. Volunteer to participate in one. Become a model in one of our ads. Let's show the public that we care! Visit **on.nyc.gov/makecompostdsny**. Thank you.

### Marching for St. Patrick's Day



Hundreds of members of New York's Strongest filled Fifth Avenue with DSNY green, as we marched in this year's Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 16. Director **Edward Grayson** was this year's honorary Grand Marshal for the Emerald Society – and he spoke at Holy Cross Church. And if you missed it, you can still get a first-hand look at the parade route and our fans on Youtube.

# **Fight Food Waste with Us**



Interested in fighting food waste? The Foundation for New York's Strongest is leading the 2019 Food Waste Fair to help businesses cut the amount of food that they waste. The event is on May 23rd – and DSNY employees eager to attend can help produce the event. Email **info@nycstrongest.org** to get involved.

#### Make Compost, Not Trash

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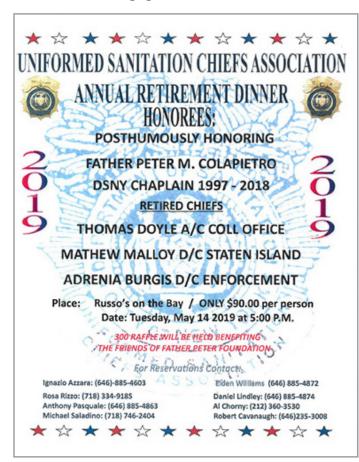
We're coming to you, **Brooklyn 10** and **Queens 13**! DSNY is sending Make Compost, Not Trash there to help New Yorkers better understand why it's important to use their brown food scrap and yard waste bins. We're hosting events, running ads and engaging with neighborhoods like never before. Help us get the word out in those communities! Visit **on.nyc.gov/makecompostdsny** to get involved!

#### **NYC Free Tax Prep**



Thanks to years of dedication and hard work across the agency – from Solid Waste Management to Legal Affairs to Community Affairs and so many others – our **East 91st Street Marine Transfer Station** in Manhattan is now operational! The state-of-the-art facility boasts a negative air pressure system that protects our neighbors by keeping odors indoors. This MTS marks the latest success in bringing our **Solid Waste Management Plan** to fruition.

#### In the Hopper





### **Going Viral**



A Fashion-forward Recycling Message

Victoria's Secret model Shanina Shaik adds some glam to recycling! Find the **Heat Wave** video online for a behind-the-scenes look at recycling operations – and be sure to watch through the end for a surprise message.



Name out Binnies

You know their faces – now help us name the DSNY Recycling Team! Read their stories & vote on a name.

#### Take Care!



Over the past year DSNY employees have incurred over 700 sprains and strains. These can be caused by excessive reaching, bending, gripping, lifting, and twisting hands, shoulders or body. To minimize the risk, always warm up by doing some moderate stretching exercises before any heavy lifting. Other tips:

- Always plan the lift. Consider the weight of the object, how far you have to carry it and your route of travel.
- Lift objects in the "power zone". This is the area between mid-thigh and midchest height.
- Always Lift with your legs, not your back.

For more information, call the Health Care Facility at (212) 437-4457.

#### **Autism Awareness Month**



Acting Commissioner **Steven Costas** was on hand at the Spring Street salt shed to kick-off DSNY's commitment to Autism Awareness Month. April marks World Autism Month, and April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day – so be on the lookout for fundraising events across the Department.

#### S.O.A.R. breakfast



We kicked off our **S.O.A.R. M/WBE** (Sustainable Operations and Readiness/Resources for Women- and Minority Business Enterprise) Program at an open brunch lead by an expert panel. The program enables Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises to easily identify Department procurement opportunities and take advantage of capacity-building initiatives.

### **Social Scene**



