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COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE



It is with great pleasure that I introduce this issue of **sanitation news**. It is summer in New York . . . one of the most challenging seasons for our men and women who work on our clean streets performing an extremely physically demanding and dangerous job. From the sweltering daytime sun, to children on summer vacation playing in the street, to tourists unfamiliar with NYC roads and traffic, safety remains the key! Be mindful of your surroundings for the protection of yourself and those around you.

As we enter the new fiscal year, the department is continuing to create programs and develop new initiatives involving the management of our solid waste. We are confidently progressing with Mayor Bloomberg's innovative Solid Waste Management Plan, which will address issues such as lessening our reliance on exporting refuse, reducing truck traffic, and managing air and noise concerns more efficiently and in a more environmentally acceptable manner.

With this vast challenge ahead, the department continues to appreciate the hard work and dedication of everyone as we pursue our goals. I would like to wish all of you and your loved ones an enjoyable and safe summer!

DSNY HONORS WOMEN WITH 25 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE



In honor of Women's History Month, the Department paid tribute to nine women with a combined total of over 225 years of dedicated service to the DSNY.

Shown bottom (*l to r*): Honorees **Barbara Mack**, Clerical Associate, Human Resources; **Indra Paluch**, Associate Staff Analyst, Motor Equipment; **Catherine Baiano**, Associate Staff Analyst, Engineering; **Maria Termini-Miller**, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Community Affairs; **Patricia Best**, Computer Specialist, Medical Division; Diane Spruill (accepting for **Ellen Bitkower**, Computer Specialist, Information Technology Office). Shown top (*l to r*): Deputy Commissioner Larry Cipollina, Administration and Financial Management; Chief Anthony Etergineoso, Director of the Bureau of Cleaning and Collection; First Deputy Commissioner Michael Bimonte; Honorees **Elissa Werbin**, Associate Staff Analyst, Central Correspondence Unit; **Katherine Dawkins-Burnett**, Director, Office of Public Information; Event Chairperson Gayl Johnson; Deputy Commissioner Vito A. Turso, Bureau of Public Information and Community Affairs. Honoree **Levada Rice**, Clerical Associate, Central Repair Shop, is not shown.



BROOKLYN 18 GARAGE RENAMING CEREMONY

On June 3rd, led by the DSNY Emerald Society Pipe and Drum Band and full Sanitation Honor Guard, Brooklyn South District 18 Garage in Canarsie was officially renamed the “Keith Bridges Memorial Garage” after Sanitation Worker Keith Bridges. Mayor Bloomberg, Commissioner Doherty, and the Bridges family unveiled the plaque at a touching ceremony held at the garage.

Sanitation Worker Bridges, 31, a Brooklyn resident and one-time star high school football player at South Shore High School, joined the Department in April 2001 and was assigned to the Brooklyn South District 18 Garage. On November 29, 2003, the truck he was driving collided with another DSNY truck causing him severe leg trauma. After extensive surgery, Sanitation Worker Bridges succumbed to his injuries.

“Sanitation Workers are our City’s unsung heroes and they rarely get the recognition they deserve,” said Mayor Bloomberg. “Keith Bridges was one of the thousands of men and women of the DSNY who everyday perform physically demanding and dangerous jobs that are essential to maintaining our quality of life. Today, New York’s streets are cleaner than ever and it is because of the hard work and dedication of people like Keith. I am proud that we are naming this garage after this dedicated public servant who died while serving the City he loved and the community where he grew up, went to school and worked.”

Commissioner Doherty said: “By naming this garage after Keith, we remember one of New York’s Strongest who lost his life serving this great City. Sanitation Worker Bridges was not with us long; however he had a significant impact on his colleagues and was described as ‘a very happy guy and a hard worker who enjoyed life.’ Although this dedication is a festive occasion, it reminds us that sanitation work is dangerous work and that safety is a key factor. We thank the Bridges family for allowing us to honor their son and the Department’s friend.”

ANNUAL MICHAEL HANLY RUN HONORS LINE OF DUTY DEATHS

The Department held its eighth annual Michael Hanly Memorial 5K Run on June 12th. The race is named after Sanitation Worker Hanly, who was killed in the line of duty several years ago. The event has since been expanded to honor other Sanitation Workers who also lost their lives while working.

The start and finish line of the Hanly Memorial 5K (3.1 miles) Run was the Michael Hanly garage, also known as Brooklyn South District 11. All proceeds go to the families of DSNY workers killed in the line of duty and more used for surviving children’s education or donated to the charity of their choice.

Those remembered at the race were:

Sanitation Worker Michael Hanly of Brooklyn South 11, who died in November 1996

Sanitation Worker Frank Consalvo of Brooklyn South 12, 2000

Superintendent Michael Gennardo of Brooklyn South 16, August 2001

Sanitation Worker Keith Bridges of Brooklyn South 18, December 2003

Sanitation Worker Eva Barrientos of Brooklyn North 4, January 2004, *the first female worker to lose her life in the line of duty*

Sanitation Worker Rodney Page of Queens East 10, March 2005



E. HARLEM STREET NAMED FOR FALLEN SUPERVISOR

Sanitation officials, family members and local representatives participated in the renaming of the southwest corner of E. 123rd Street & Third Avenue in East Harlem on Saturday, June 18th, in memory of Sanitation Supervisor Daniel Sanchez, who died in the line of duty in 2004. Supervisor Sanchez, assigned to Manhattan 11 garage, suffered a massive heart attack while on duty. He faithfully served the Department and the City of New York for 22 years. In memory of his commitment and dedication to the East Harlem community, the corner was renamed “*Daniel Sanchez Way*.”

12 EMPLOYEES AWARDED FOR INNOVATIVE SUGGESTIONS

The Department awarded 12 well deserving employees with cash prizes and Certificates of Merit for their pioneering ideas at the Annual Employees Suggestion Awards ceremony.

The awardees were:

Frank Dimitri – Supervisor of Mechanics - Bureau of Motor Equipment (BME)

Suggested replacing damaged steps on series 25CN, CU, CW and CF collection trucks with a universal in-house fabricated step producing an annual savings of \$85,396. Dimitri received a \$1000 cash prize.

Joseph Edgar, Welder – BME

Joseph Inesta, Blacksmith – BME

Both Edgar and Inesta recommended replacing damaged collection truck steps on series 25CM trucks with an in-house fabricated and designed step. Using in-house fabricated steps has produced an annual savings of \$86,139. Edgar and Inesta shared a \$1,000 cash prize.

Michael Otero, Auto Mechanic – BME, \$236 prize

Frank Pantaleone, Auto Mechanic – BME, \$100 prize

George Mundiani, Auto Mechanic – BME, \$50 prize

Michael Cuglietto, Auto Mechanic – BME, \$50 prize

Michael Graff, Auto Mechanic – BME

William Curiel, Auto Machinist – BME

David O'Neal, Mechanics' Supervisor – BME

Joseph Inesta, Blacksmith – BME

Ann Marie Alter, PAA – Human Resources

Congratulations to all of the winners!

ACROSS

2. The DSNY training facility is located at _____ Field.
4. The DSNY collects over 12,000 tons of _____ and recycling each day.
6. Are non-soiled pizza boxes refuse or recycling?
7. What does the DSNY use to score street cleanliness?
10. Commissioner John _____
12. The Department was founded on the 1st of what month in 1929?
13. _____ Paper on Staten Island receives paper that DSNY collects in Staten Island, Manhattan and portions of Brooklyn.
14. The DSNY is also known as New York's _____.
15. _____ Transfer Stations (MTS)
16. Bureau of _____ and Collection.
17. This piece of equipment melts snow at a rate of 60 tons an hour.
18. The DSNY _____ brooms sweep approximately 6,000 miles of roads each day.
19. Supervisors are promoted to what rank?

DOWN

1. Which landfill was located on Staten Island?
3. The department has _____ districts.
5. The DSNY headquarters is located in which Borough?
8. The Emerald Society _____ and Drum Band.
9. The material that comes from the Department's leaf and Christmas tree organic fertilizer operations.
11. The First Deputy Commissioner's name is Mike _____?
12. _____ Vehicle Operations (DVO)

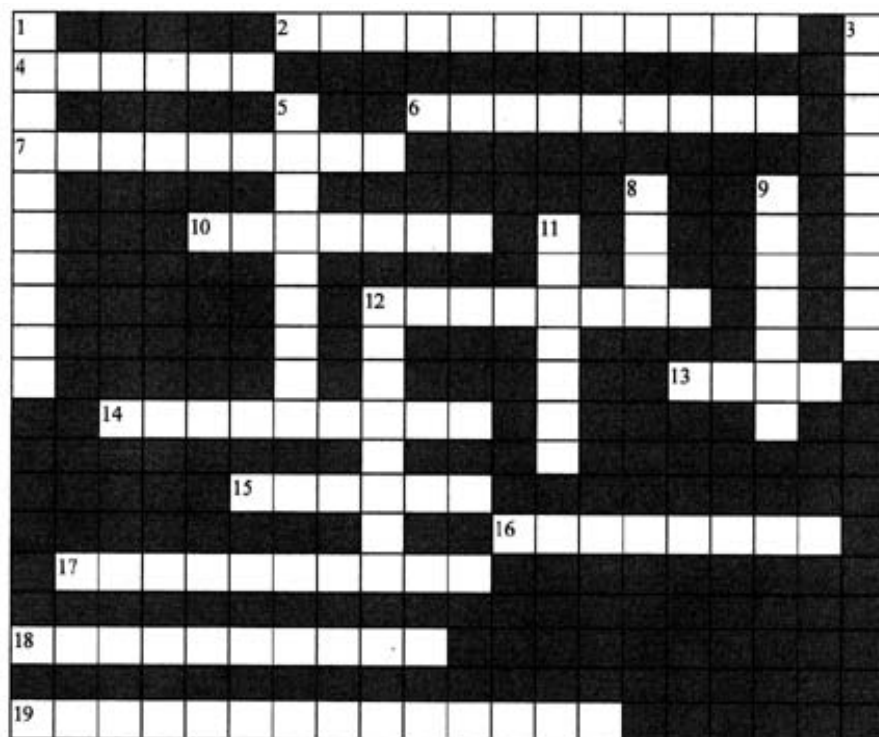
DSNY COMMEMORATIVE RINGS AND PENDANTS NOW AVAILABLE

The Department is in the midst of celebrating its Diamond Anniversary marking 75 years of distinguished service to the City of NY. Our untiring work has made New York one of the cleanest, healthiest, and safest major cities in the country. That's why we've earned the unmistakable title of "New York's Strongest." And now there is an opportunity to personally celebrate this historic event with a 75th Anniversary Commemorative DSNY Personalized Pendant or Ring produced by "Jostens Jewelers," one of the country's largest producers of high quality pendants and rings.

Brochures and ring sizers will soon be reaching all DSNY locations. Payment plans and credit card payments are available. A sample set of the actual pendants and various ring styles can be viewed in the Office of Public Information at 125 Worth Street, Room 714. If you have additional questions, contact Superintendent Keith Mellis at 646-885-5020, Monday thru Friday from 10 AM to 5 PM.



DSNY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Collector's Items

Our condolences . . . To the families of Thomas Ryan, BME Auto Mechanic, on the death of his father, Thomas Ryan; Supervisor John Parra, Bronx 9, on the loss of his brother, Thomas Parra; Dom Ferrucci, former 1st Vice President of Local 444, on the loss of his father-in-law, Giulano Loscalzo; Supervisor John Livingston, Bronx Borough office, on the loss of his brother-in-law, J'Andrea Riviello; Jacqueline Black, Clerical Associate in Queens East Borough office, on the loss of her mother, Daisy Kinard; Sanitation Worker Andrew Kampuries, QNA, on the loss of his wife, Liliana Larosa; Esther B. Merriweather, Deputy ACCO, on the loss of her mother, Esther B. Stanley; Margaret Gardner, PAA in Brooklyn North Borough, on the loss of her mother, Viola Howell; Sanitation Worker Robert Dicks, Manhattan 6, on the loss of his father, John H. Dicks; Supervisor Thomas Sciacca, Queens West 4, on the loss of his mother, Betty Sciacca; Sanitation Worker Frank Gasparro, Queens West 3, on the loss of his mother, Domenica Gasparro; Sanitation Worker Robert Kelly, Manhattan 2, on the loss of his wife, Lorraine Kelly; Sanitation Worker Edward Lapre, PMD, on the death of his mother-in-law, Mary Robertson; Sanitation Worker Raymond Mitchell, Manhattan 7, on the loss of his mother, Jacqueline Mitchell; Assistant Chief William Surace, VAWD, on the loss of his father, Fortunato Surace; Superintendent John Caruso, Brooklyn Lots, on the loss of his father, John Caruso, Sr.; and Supervisor William Ammatuna, Brooklyn North 3, on the loss of his father, Frank Ammatuna. Also to the families of retired Sanitation Worker Roland Molyneaux, Manhattan 5; retired Sanitation Worker Roy Porter, Brooklyn Lots; retired Assistant Chief Richard Oliviero, Queens East Borough; Sanitation Worker Jose Rodriguez, 59th St. MTS; Sanitation Worker Federico Rivera, Manhattan 11; and Leslie Allan, Deputy Commissioner of Legal Affairs. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. **Congratulations** . . . to Captain Jack McGrath on his retirement after 20 years of dedicated service. He began as an enforcement agent in 1985 and retired as the Executive Officer, Special Operations Coordinator of the Enforcement Division. Good luck. **Kudos** . . . to Sanitation Worker James McFarlane from Queens West 5, who won three gold medals at the Metropolitan Athletics Congress Championship. In addition, SW McFarlane took home two gold medals from the Long Island Indoor USA Championship and was invited to participate in the USA Master Outdoor Track and Field Championships this summer in Honolulu, Hawaii. Keep up the great work! **Awards** . . . Congratulations to Spiro Kattan, Supervisor of Mechanics, BME, on receiving the 2005 Sloan Public Service Award for his Alternative Fuel Initiatives. This is a great honor and the department is proud! **Honor** . . . Supervisor Doug Luback, BME, who is also a Lieutenant in the Navy Reserve, was given the honor of presenting Mayor Bloomberg with the Patriot Award on Memorial Day. This prestigious award was given to the Mayor for his continued support of the Reserve and National Guard. Supervisor Luback nominated the Mayor while he was defending our country in Iraq. **Many thanks** . . . To those who participated in the 2004 blood drive. The Department was honored to receive an Award of Participation from the New York Blood Center expressing their appreciation for the department's contribution. A special thanks to Levada Rice on her blood drive efforts.



NEW GARAGE OPENS IN QUEENS

Queens East District 7 Annex Garage, the Department's first completely new garage built in nearly a decade, opened in June. The new facility, located in Flushing at 30-19 122nd Street, between 30th and 31st Avenues, is an 85,000 square foot building that functions as a garage, as well as a repair shop. At this new facility, a total of 56 collection trucks, 24 mechanical brooms, snow fighting equipment and a variety of other Sanitation equipment will be housed behind a sleek façade of glass and colored metal. Large windows covering two walls of the second story lunchroom offer its 89 employees a sweeping view of College Point. The building features several state-of-the-art systems, such as a newly-configured ventilation system that is ducted to deliver plenty of fresh tempered air to workers on the garage floor. This environmentally safe modern structure also uses an air conditioning system that does not require CFC (ChloroFluroCarbons).

The \$28 million annex, engineered by Karlsberger Architecture P.C., will serve the College Point and Whitestone areas of Queens. Over the next 10 years, the Department plans to build eight new garages at existing and new sites around the five boroughs.

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