



Employee Engagement Survey

We're eager to hear from you! We want to show New Yorkers just how important DSNY is – and you can help us build future projects. What motivates you at work? How do you think the public views our agency? We're visiting you at garages and offices across the City with an anonymous survey. Be on the lookout for us – or find the survey on our intranet.

From the Commissioner



Kathryn Garcia

We persevered, and we won. Back in 2013, City Council passed a law that took on expanded polystyrene or EPS. This is the material in single-use foam cups, plates and food containers—and it's a bane on our environment. Each year, we collect more than 28,000 tons of EPS—not including what becomes litter and floats to our waterways and beaches. The 2013 legislation directed us to decide if these products could be recycled. If not, they would be banned. It's a simple question that triggered years of complicated court battles.

After an in-depth study, in 2015 we found that recycling foam isn't effective or economically feasible. The makers of EPS challenged the City's commonsense ban in court. We did not back down. We launched a new study – including painting thousands of single-use foam products bright purple to track them through our recycling center. Instead of being sorted for proper recycling, they flew around the facility and contaminated other recycling streams like paper and glass. This time when we were back in court, the judge ruled in our favor, dismissing the manufacturer's case. On January 1, 2019, foam food service products will be banned in New York City.

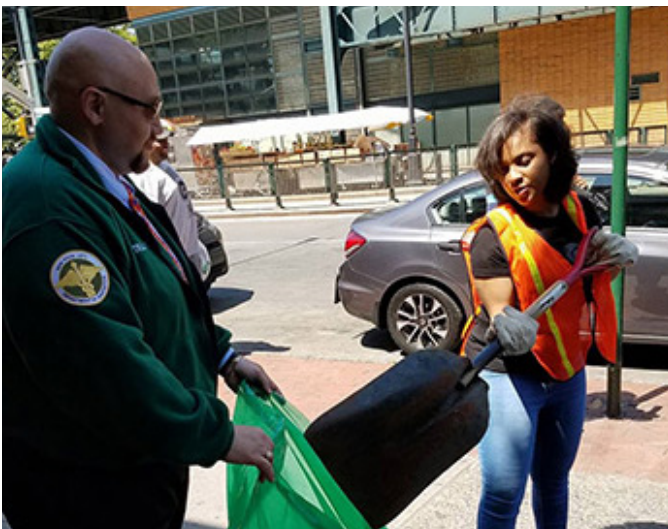
This is an important victory—one that brings us closer to sending zero waste to landfills. It's also a show of force—a reminder of the many ways we keep New York City healthy, safe and clean.

Working Toward a Better DSNY



DSNY's senior staff gathered at Snug Harbor Botanical Garden in Staten Island to consider our agency's future. They strategized ways to strengthen our hiring, procurement, employee discipline processes and ways to increase litter baskets funded by city council members.

Spotlight on Us



Cleaning up the Bronx

City Council Member Andy King recruited volunteers and teamed up with us to pick-up litter in Bronx 12.



Zero Waste

To prevent waste, we have been working with partners to connect organizations with discarded public school furniture. We have diverted almost 14 tons of desks and chairs from landfill since March!

Have ideas you want to share with us?
Send them to suggestionbox@dsny.nyc.gov

Spotlight on Us (Continued)



Collision Reduction Awards

At our Collision Reduction Award Ceremony, Commissioner Garcia and First Deputy Commissioner Costas congratulated the award winners' efforts to keep our city safe with fewer work-related accidents.



40 Under 40

Justin Bland, Director of Commercial Waste Zoning, has been chosen as one of Waste 360's 40 under 40 Awardees. He is being celebrated for his work in the commercial waste zoning project to create a safer, more sustainable and efficient waste management system.

Take Care!



Summer weather means summer insects. Our Health Care Facility is on hand to answer questions about the Zika virus, which can be passed through mosquito bites or—in rare circumstances—intimate contact and blood. While most people infected will not get sick, those who do often suffer from fever, rash, joint pain, and red eyes. The most vulnerable people are women who are pregnant or trying to become pregnant, since the virus can cause severe birth defects. The best defense against Zika is to avoid insect bites. Remember:

- Use insect repellent;
- When outdoors, wear clothing that covers exposed skin;
- Remove standing water around your workplace or home; and
- Seek medical attention if you develop symptoms.

Street Dedicated to One of Our Strongest



The Town of Hempstead unveiled Steven Frosch Road, named after our fallen Sanitation Worker, who died in the line of duty. With our Honor Guard and Emerald Society Pipes and Drums on hand, Steven's colleagues, friends, widow and four children honored his memory.

Social Scene



In the Hopper

NY vs. TORONTO BLUE JAYS

DSNY NIGHT

Yankees vs. Toronto Blue Jays at Yankee Stadium

Sunday, August 19, 2018 | 1:05pm

Join the New York Yankees and your fellow DSNY members for a fun-filled outing at Yankee Stadium on Sunday, August 19th as the Yankees take on the Toronto Blue Jays! **The first 500 DSNY members that purchase through this offer will receive a New York Yankees Hat with the DSNY Logo!** Save up to 50% off the tickets with a portion from every ticket sold going back to the Foundation for New York's Strongest.

To purchase tickets, visit:

<http://bit.ly/yankeesdsny2018>
or scan QR code.

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