

# NYCsanitation **Trash Talk**



## DSNY Spartans Conquer!

DSNY Spartans, from left: Director Steven Costas, Supervisor Frank Vitale, Supervisor Jimmy Anderson, Sanitation Worker Gary Velez, Sanitation Worker Anthony Monroe, Friend of DSNY Davis Yee and Superintendent Chris Linares (front)

New York's Strongest proved we have what it takes to conquer the Spartan Race! Loaded with more than 20 obstacles – enhanced with barbed wire and fire – the 4+ mile race is unforgiving. Led by Director and Spartans Captain **Steven Costas**, our team performed well in this competitive test of endurance – up and down the Tuxedo Ridge ski resort in New York. The Spartan Foundation's races raise donations for 40 charities, support Autism Speaks and help educate children and teens on the importance of staying active. Have what it takes to be a Spartan? Join the team! Email Director Costas: [scostas@dsny.nyc.gov](mailto:scostas@dsny.nyc.gov).

## From the Commissioner



Let's celebrate the New (Fiscal) Year with a toast – reveling in the great strides we've made since launching our zero-waste efforts. With final Fiscal Year 2016 data still being tallied, we're on track to achieve a nearly 17% diversion rate for curbside and container collection, compared to 16% in FY15. That's the largest increase in

the past decade – and keeping this trend will help us succeed in leading New Yorkers to send zero waste to landfills by 2030.

Looking toward our new fiscal year, we'll keep working toward the goals in our 2016 Strategic Plan – many of which will

improve our efficiency and help you succeed in your roles here. For example, the first Supervisor Mentorship Program is underway, where 68 newly promoted colleagues are partnering with seasoned chiefs who have first-hand experience with specific challenges new supervisors can encounter. In the coming months, we'll implement release 2.0 of the SMART system and – looking past the humidity and into snow season – make our snow sectoring DSNY's standard operations citywide. Plus, improved facilities are on the horizon, with planning underway for new garages in all five boroughs.

Success is a joint effort, requiring long-term strategy, plus daily dedication. Together, we're a strong team.

Thank you for all that you do to keep New York City great.

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## DSNY Family



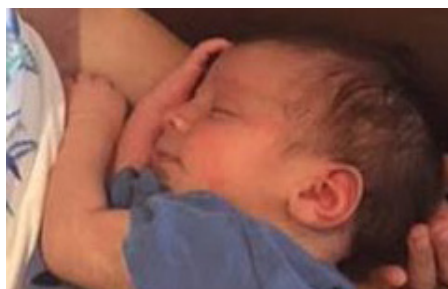
### Wedding Bells Are Ringing!

DSNY Associate Counsel **Holly Biller** and Director of Administration for SWM/ Waste Management Engineering **Melissa Levow** are getting married! They met through friends at a party more than 15 years ago. Seeing how Holly enjoyed her work here, in 2004 Melissa decided to join DSNY (though they're in different offices more than a mile apart). Before work one morning last month, the happy couple secured their license from the Marriage Bureau across the street from DSNY headquarters – and they'll officially tie the knot on July 14. Congratulations Melissa and Holly!



### Welcome Charlotte!

Project Manager **Tim Jackson**, who serves at the Fresh Kills Post-Closure Facilities and Operations Unit, is celebrating the birth of his daughter, Charlotte Genevieve Jackson.



### Welcome Magnus!

Health Care Facility Medical Director **Dr. Norman Maron** welcomed grandson Magnus Landon Pallordet to the family!

## Getting to Zero: donateNYC App + Website



BIT's donateNYC Team (from left): Kuldeep Shah, Jaspreet Singh, Dinesh Doshi, Maitri Brahmbhatt, Don Han, Janki Patel, Alex Place, Phanidhar Mothukuri and Greg Nightingale. Not pictured: Cici Jiang and Elana Shafir from BIT and Kate Kitchener and Ben Rose from BRS

DSNY has launched donateNYC – a program that makes it easier to donate and buy second-hand goods. Thanks to this BRS-BIT partnership, donateNYC gives New Yorkers a website and mobile app to search for materials and find convenient locations to give or buy reusable goods. This technology also offers an online materials exchange where people can connect to donate and receive reusable goods.

Download the app in the [iTunes](#) or [Google Play](#) stores.

## Moving up

### Congratulations to Our Promoted One- and Two-Star Chiefs



Back row, left to right: Assistant Chief Adam Conanan, Assistant Chief Anthony Pompeo, Assistant Chief Andrew Pugliese, Deputy Chief Harrison Gordon, Deputy Chief James Belligiere, Deputy Chief Steven Calder, Deputy Chief John Butkiewicz, Deputy Chief Michael Siracusano and Deputy Chief Gennaro Basciano

Front row, left to right: Chief Thomas Killeen, First Deputy Commissioner Dennis Diggins, Commissioner Garcia and Director Steven Costas

### Congratulations to All Our Newly Promoted Supervisors

Joaquin Aguilera  
Robert Barton  
Daniel Bendetti  
Conor Berry  
Denny Brito  
Christopher Brutto  
Richard Calabrese  
Anthony Calbo  
Michael Casey  
Michael Celentano  
Mo Chiu  
James Connors  
Kenneth Demmerle  
Scott Dilger  
Lorayne Dummett  
Ralph Dupont  
Joseph Durso  
John Eastzer  
Paul Esposito  
Michael Falsetti  
Eddie Ferran  
Michel Figlia  
Glenn Foster

Nunzio Fusco  
Gabriel Gamarra  
James Garzia  
Robert Gervasi  
Vincent Giammarusco  
Christopher Goebel  
Jason Gomez  
Robert Grosseto  
Cody Hamblin  
Robert Homan  
Michael Kalinowski  
Robert Knoop  
John La Spina  
Shane Laura  
Jamel Lazare  
John Maffei  
Grett McBean  
Daniel McCann  
Vincent Milazzo  
Robert Miller  
Thomas Monte  
John Moscati  
Hugh Montgomery

Michael Murphy  
Robert O'Connor  
Patrick O'Brien  
Damien Patsakos  
Christopher Perri  
Christopher Pisculli  
Philip Portantieri III  
Adolfo Redillo  
Aaron Rickards  
Anthony Rigosi  
Jessenia Rosario  
Kerry Scully  
Kenneth Shea  
Jason Soto  
Tamara Stokes-Martin  
Edward Suarez  
Bryan Torres  
George Torres  
James Van Roten  
Karl Vazquez  
Christopher Wanser  
Matthew Williams



## Goings-On



### DSNY Night Subway Series

Yankee Stadium  
8/3 @ 7PM  
Promo Code: SANITATION



### Brooklyn Cyclones

DSNY Night  
Coney Island, Brooklyn  
7/23 @ 6PM



### LGBT Society in the Works!

Sanitation Worker Jonathan Zuckerberg from Queens East 7 is leading the launch. Email [DSNYRainbow1@yahoo.com](mailto:DSNYRainbow1@yahoo.com) for more information.



### Holy Name Society 24th Annual Golf Outing

Pelham Split Rock Golf Course  
7/19 @ 6:30AM

## In Case You Missed It



### DSNY at the Puerto Rican Day Parade!

DSNY was happy to lend its trucks to the Puerto Rican Day Parade! We hope all who participated enjoyed a day of family, friends and fun.



### New Litter Baskets!

Manhattan's West Side is getting 58 new litter baskets – from the West Village to Hell's Kitchen.

## Farewell



### Osirus "Shaun" Coleman Supervisor, Manhattan 10

We mourn the loss of Osirus Coleman, who passed away on June 3. After joining the Department in 2001, Shaun was promoted to supervisor in 2006. During his career here, he served in Queens West 1 and was most recently in Manhattan 10, 12a – 8a.

## Doing Good – and Doing Well!



From left: Chief John Capo, Chief Christopher Klingler, SEA Charles Sonowski, Commissioner Garcia, SEA Maria Rosado and First Deputy Commissioner Dennis Diggins.

Commissioner Garcia honored Sanitation Enforcement Agent **Charles Sonowski** and Sanitation Enforcement Agent **Maria Rosado** for performing their duties with unwavering professionalism when confronted by an aggressive resident.



Community Affairs Liaison and Sanitation Worker **Teresa Cunningham** visited two Brooklyn pre-K classes to teach four- and five-year-olds about recycling. Sanitation Worker **Nicholas DeGeata** from Brooklyn 14 was on hand for Touch-a-Truck, where young kids learn about DSNY's fleet.

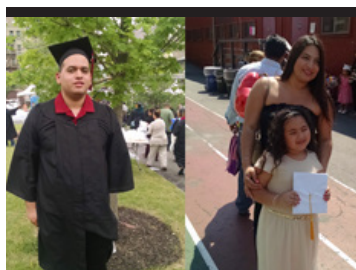
## Good to Know

- The Office of Labor Relations highlights many City-supported programs to stay healthy.
- Employees with EmblemHealth can use the online service ZocDoc to find in-network EmblemHealth doctors and book appointments.

## Bragging Rights



Kudos to Deputy Medical Director **Camille Napier**, MD, MPH, whose clinical research on former World Trade Center workers and volunteers will be published in the Archives of Environmental and Occupational Medicine. She studied obesity and weight gain and identified a significant trend: WTC workers and volunteers still employed were twice as likely to be obese as their retired, disabled and un- or underemployed counterparts.



Human Resources' IT Supervisor **Yolanda Velez** celebrated two graduations! Her son **Cesar Velez IV** just graduated from City College with a major in political science – and joined DEP – and granddaughter **Audrina Curry** graduated from kindergarten at PS71 in the Bronx.



Congrats to **Rona Russell**, Deputy Director of Administration in Facilities, Planning and Engineering, whose daughter **Mia-Michelle Russell** just earned her master's degree – in one year! – from Regis College in Massachusetts. She studied Urban Heritage and is an aspiring curator.



Way to go, **Malaysa Rice**! While serving as a college aide in Facilities, Planning and Engineering, Malaysa was attending classes at Queensboro Community College and John Jay College. She just earned her Associate degree and is continuing as a junior at John Jay – working to become a pathologist.

## Artists-in-Residence



"A Circular Argument"

**Mitchel Volk**

Research + Analytics, Medical Division

Email your artwork to:

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and we'll share it!

## Mongo

Get your hands on these vintage-style kids' DSNY t-shirts and skate decks! Zero-waste raglans! Mugs!

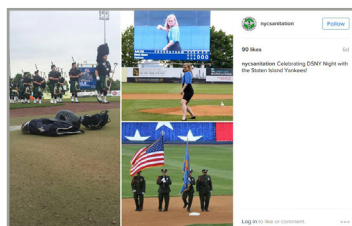


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