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Commissioner's Column



Our City – and our Department – have come so far since we celebrated the first Earth Day 45 years ago. Back in 1970, few people imagined the coming importance of climate change – or the critical role our Agency would play. Instead, Earth Day had been a battle cry that triggered action to clean our air and water. Today, our duty is to be leaders in this effort and Sanitation is on the front lines of protecting our long-term health. Our success in reducing garbage and increasing recycling today will mean better health, safety and quality of life for decades to come.

On Earth Day last week, Mayor Bill de Blasio released **One New York: The Plan for a Strong and Just City**. Our

Department's support is critical to meet many of OneNYC's crucial goals, including:

- Contributing zero waste in landfills by 2030;
- Expanding the organics program to all New Yorkers by the end of 2018;
- Enhancing our textile and electronic waste initiatives;
- Offering single-stream recycling by 2020;
- Reducing the use of plastic bags;
- Cutting commercial waste disposal 90 percent by 2030; and
- Giving every New Yorker the opportunity to be a part of the solution – including NYCHA residents.

Certainly, these goals are lofty – and achievable. And the next generation of New Yorkers will thank us.

Thank you for all that you do to keep our City great.

Kathryn Garcia

Women's History Month Ceremony



DSNY honored more than 150 uniformed and civilian women for their city service and community service work at its Women's History Month Recognition Ceremony. At the event, more than 25 uniformed members were honored for at least 20 years of service. In addition, civilian employees were recognized

for their service, including six who have served more than 40 years! DSNY women were also recognized for their work in professional and trade positions, and for their community service work. **Gloria Pabon**, one of the first women to become a Sanitation Worker, also spoke at the event.



A Special "Thank You" in Times Square



Last month, Commissioner Garcia stopped by Times Square to see Clear Channel's "Thank You" to DSNY.

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Zero Waste
New York City will send zero waste to landfills by 2030.

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