



## Back to School with DSNY

They came to climb in our vehicles and talk to our Sanitation Workers at our “Back to School” Touch-a-Truck event. To celebrate the end of summer, we shut down Spring Street to display our fleet including a salt spreader, collection truck and plow. Families donated lightly-used clothing to our refashionNYC program and got entrance to learn more about our programs and meet our binnies.

## From the Commissioner



**Kathryn Garcia**

Safety is our top priority. With a fleet of more than 2,000 collection trucks and thousands of other cars, trucks and pieces of equipment, we have a responsibility and an imperative to work as safely as we can for the protection of New York City residents and so that all members of this Department makes it home to their families at the end of the day.

Our colleagues in the private carting industry have the same responsibility. Unfortunately, some private carters have failed to take this responsibility seriously, with deadly results. Last month, the Business Integrity Commission suspended Sanitation Salvage for a string of safety violations, including allowing unlicensed individuals to drive their trucks and deliberately violating federal hours of service rules. In the last year, the company's trucks have killed two New Yorkers.

For the last two weeks, as the company's 6,000 customers have scrambled to find a new carter, DSNY has stepped in to collect their trash and recyclables. In doing so, we've avoided a public health nightmare of garbage piling up at bodegas, offices, and other commercial establishments across the city. I am incredibly proud of how our employees have stepped up to take on this challenge. It is a testament to our preparedness, flexibility and commitment to our fellow New Yorkers. Thank you for all you do to keep New York City healthy, safe and clean.

## Creating a Better Bin



We just launched our Better Bin competition – calling all NYC designers, architects and industrial engineers to send us their best ideas for a new design of our iconic, wire-mesh litter baskets. Nearly 200 designers got a behind-the-scenes look at DSNY, as we showed applicants how we empty our baskets and explained the challenges we face on the street.

## Making Progress



We've just released our 2018 Progress Report – and we've already accomplished almost half our goals in the 2016 Strategic plan. Our 2016 Strategic Plan is the blueprint for the agency as we deliver more services to New Yorkers than ever before. Two years into our ambitious four-year plan, we released updates for each of our priority projects so you can stay up-to-date with our agency's progress.

## What We Throw Out



To get to zero waste to landfills by 2030, we need to know what exactly New Yorkers are throwing out and how much. Our Waste Characterization Study outlines what we found and our achievements throughout the years.

**Have ideas you want to share with us?  
Send them to [suggestionbox@dsny.nyc.gov](mailto:suggestionbox@dsny.nyc.gov)**

## Nominate Yourself or Others



Enforcement Officer Jodelle Joseph, recent quarterly award winner, with Commissioner Garcia and First Deputy Commissioner Steven Costas.

It's that time again to nominate who you think deserves recognition for their work. We want to hear from you about coworkers who continue to inspire others and perform above and beyond. Our Quarterly Commissioner's Awards for Excellence are due September 31st. Nominate now!

## Take Care!



Flu season is just around the corner – starting in October, continuing till late May. The flu is a contagious, respiratory illness caused by the Influenza virus that infects people through the nose, throat and lungs. An annual vaccine is the best way to reduce your chances of getting the flu. We recommend all our employees get their shot especially adults over age 65, pregnant women and those diagnosed with asthma, COPD and heart disease. For more information, contact our Health Care Facility at 212-437-4457.

## Across the Pond



Score for DSNY – Manchester City's Kevin De Bruyne is showing off our sweatshirt by designer Heron Preston. This high-profile midfielder is making our brand international.

