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Falling Leaves, Unions Rising

By Gregory Floyd

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Fall marks a new beginning. For some of us, the change is met with a little sadness due in part to fewer daylight hours and warmer clothing moved to the front of the closet. While for others, Fall is greeted with relief: No more messy beach sand to contend with or steaming hot city streets to sweat on. With Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas looming ahead, their fabulous colors, lights, family traditions and gatherings, make the holidays something many look forward to. Decorations will start to come out. The list of gifts to buy will be made and recipes dusted off – all life-affirming and fun.

But first, let's go back a bit to consider Labor Day. It's the time when we salute working men and women across our country and show our support by marching in a parade to honor their daily contributions. Labor Day is unique. It's not so easy to find a holiday that crosses all party affiliations, religious, racial, ethnic and gender lines. Your political party, if you're White Collar or Blue--matters little because what matters most is the respect we show for our workers that make this city and country great. For sure, it's not easy to find a holiday in which most Americans celebrate in similar ways--usually involving a hot dog or two and an ear of corn. Yes, Labor Day is a rarity: A holiday we can all agree upon and no Hallmark cards or gifts is necessary.

This year, the annual Labor Day Parade usually held on Fifth Avenue on the Saturday after the actual holiday – and known as the largest and the oldest one in the nation, started by the Central Labor Council – in 1882, when 10,000 workers took off from their jobs in celebration of all workers – was suspended. The meaning of Labor Day was not ignored or forgotten. Instead, a rally and an abbreviated march from Zuccotti Park to Foley Square, took place to commemorate Labor Day.

Even though Ralph Chaplin wrote the classic song associated with the holiday: "Solidarity Forever" in 1915 for the Industrial Workers of World War I, its refrain is as relevant and important today as it was more than 100 years ago: "When the union's inspiration thru the worker's blood shall run, there can be no power greater anywhere beneath the sun, yet what force on earth is weaker than the feeble strength of one, but the union makes us strong. Solidarity forever, solidarity forever, solidarity forever, for the union makes us strong." The formal acknowledgment of the importance of workers came in 1894 when Congress created Labor Day by making the first Monday in September a national holiday. But sadly, it only did so in response to the death of 34 striking Pullman workers from the American Railway Union at the hands of U.S. Army soldiers and Marshals.

Unfortunately, union membership across the nation has declined from its peak of 35% in 1954 to just over 10% currently. New York, however, is still very much labor strong and a beacon of support for our workers. It's among the states with the largest number of union workers – roughly 22% – about 70% of the union workforce is in the public sector – consistent with the national percentage of public sector union membership being approximately five times that of the private sector--with African Americans making up the largest component of that group.

But today, after a decades-old hiatus, union membership in both the public and private sectors is finally starting to show signs of being on the rise in defiance of endless union busting and union bashing efforts, largely by the influential, corporate 1% of our nation. And here's where labor unions shine the brightest, as in the remarkable win by Amazon workers in Staten Island to unionize. It was no small feat. Just a few years ago, this newly formed "Amazon Labor Union (ALU)" did not even exist. A Staten Island Amazon warehouse worker, Christian Smalls, led a walkout in protest of deplorable, Covid-related workplace conditions. Amazon general counsel's meeting notes said of Smalls: "He's not smart, or articulate, and to the extent to which the press wants to focus on him versus us, we will be in a much stronger PR position." WOW! They not only dismissed Smalls as insignificant but arrogantly disregarded the young Black man as unpolished, incapable of organizing and thought he would actually serve as a good anti-union advertising tool. Amazon fired him, but their strategy backfired, and the repercussions have been felt

throughout the nation. Today, the ALU has proudly joined the Teamster family.

So, despite the hurdles, we are on the threshold of reprising our role in helping to build the middle class in America. We are both the ramrod and equalizer... and the bridge to the "American Dream". We fight for the rights of workers while helping to create a level playing field where the "American Dream" is not the sole property of the corporate 1%. Local 237 would like to thank our active members and retirees for their tireless efforts on behalf of so many New Yorkers, whose lives and livelihoods depend on municipal agencies operating seamlessly despite the challenges. As former President Barack Obama said: "When times are tough, we don't give up. We get up." That's precisely what public employees did and continue to do. Let's not forget that during the height of the pandemic, at a time of unimaginable grief, when a sudden, highly contagious virus rocked the entire globe and our own personal world, union members--our union members and thousands of other public sector workers--didn't give up; they got up and went to work. During a time that immersed us in dread and paralyzed so many with fear--an unnerving time that, for some, meant there would be no final hug, goodbye or sacraments to meet our maker--these essential municipal workers were on the job. Now, as we are still trying to revive the City, the State and nation, public workers remain an essential ingredient in recovery and rebuilding.

That's why Labor Day is so important, whether or not we march in a parade, because celebrating the efforts of workers – especially those in the public sector like Teamsters Local 237 – is a well-deserved and much needed recognition of the fabric of our city, state and nation. We still make our presence known in other ways to send a message to our elected leaders, political wannabes, big business and to the public at-large: You can bash us. You can try to bust us. But you need us. And, when you see the words "Union Made", they also mean "Union Strong"--we're a movement not just a moment. Leaves may be falling on the streets of New York City, but the labor movement will always stand tall. On behalf of the 14.7 million American union members, remember: we have a strong voice and a powerful vote in every season. ■

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Even though the summer be over, there's usually some sunny days ahead where crowds can still enjoy outdoor dining and sports. Especially with Halloween around the corner, the clock is ticking closer and closer to the next major season marked on the calendar for many of us. No I don't mean Fall, but rather it's election season that's rapidly approaching. Regardless of the typical drastic changes in weather from summer to Fall, it's election season that usually proves to be the most turbulent.

No longer can candidates and voters think and act with less intensity, clinging to the mindset of waiting until "after Labor Day" to actively engage. Labor Day was here and gone. The November elections are on with us a full-court press. Every detail counts. Time to pay attention. And that time is now.

Elections at all levels are subject to controversy, questions and even some confusion. Certainly, this November's elections involving candidates for offices from Congress to State Governors, are no exception. Clearly, their outcome will affect millions in New York and around the country. And frustrations in America's politics are not only about one individual, but about the collective identity of the American people: Our values, our traditions, things we thought mattered and the things we thought of as being our right, not as a privilege. Yet, American traditions continue on despite the calamities and noise. Not to be forgotten, the devastating experience and impact of the coronavirus helped to rip away and expose our vulnerabilities and inequities as a nation. Raw and shattered became our sensitivities and trust. Yet, despite the injustices the pandemic revealed--its lack of preparedness and leadership — the American flag (sadly, often at half-mast) still flew over every government building throughout the nation, and at ballgames, with "God-Bless America" was still sung at half-time and Macy's fireworks on the fourth of July went on. And this year, the celebration of Labor Day in New York City, where the nation's largest and oldest Labor Day Parade takes place was suspended and the acknowledgment of working men and women was done in other ways.

There was a time, not long ago, when the Democratic Party was generally considered the political party of middle-class working families, and the Republican Party was associated more with big business and the wealthy corporate 1%. Yet lately, as many political polls and historians indicate, there's been a change — which some would call a reversal of party ideology, identification and a shift in party affiliation by many voters, as well as recruitment success of new voters who might have previously aligned themselves much differently. The Republican Party has been trending toward a coalition of multi-racial, working-class, blue-collar, high school graduates, while the Democrats now have a larger share of followers among white college graduates and what many call: "the elite". And that's not all. Union support for Democratic political candidates on hot button issues such as support for Israel, is no longer 100% guaranteed. Times have clearly changed!

Many wonder what conclusions can be drawn and ask: "What do we have now?" "Do we still have a mainstream Democratic and Progressive party or is the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) the new "face" of the Democratic Party? And is the Conservative or MAGA party the real Republican party of today? More precisely, is there a new left and right ideological embodiment of American politics of today? Some would point to radical fringes on both sides and argue for a return to the middle. The question begs an answer: Are there so many factions in both parties that their previous, core beliefs and fundamental values are now hard to define, or perhaps worse! They have dwindled to the point of uncertainty. They seem blurred, vague and ever-changing — sounding alarms to go off. Many ask: "What do we really stand for?" Is there no longer a middle road... or only edges? Many worry: "Can obscurity be far behind?"

Today, it's not easy to explain where some candidates stand on certain issues. Their stance can change... "evolve" is the phrase they use to describe a platform change. Moreover, when elected and in

Message from the President

The Way A Candidate Can Win

place to legislate and govern, the practice of bi-partisan support on certain traditions seems to be a relic of the past...like when President Clinton took the oath of office, waiting for him on his desk at the Oval Office was a letter from the outgoing President George H. W. Bush, which read in part: "You will be our president when you read this note. I wish you well. I wish your family well. Your success now is our country's success. I am rooting hard for you. Good Luck, George." From a Republican president, to a Democratic one, one could ask, is this a gesture gone forever?

Also, large numbers of voters are not affiliated with either party. They're turned off by both — no surprise there! Voters show interest in having a choice that includes third party candidates. Many clamor for Open Primaries where no party affiliation is designated for candidates or required to vote. Proving the point: in previous New York City Mayor's race, there were three candidates running on independent lines. Two of whom, having very high-profile names and from the DSA, a much less well-known, one-term Assembly Member won. That's stunning! All of this makes for a very interesting 2026 mid-term election season...one that also presents unique opportunities for the candidates. So many factors — from big to little — all well-informed led by countless surveys, and consultants brimming with fresh ideas and nuance-savvy advice to guide every aspect of a candidate's life, whether a first-time contender or a seasoned politician working to keep the win column. From the candidate's appearance to how they express themselves — and perhaps valued even more than what they say — will be researched, orchestrated, rehearsed and made spontaneity-free. The guidelines and guardrails will be installed. Stump speeches created, responses to reporters' questions memorized and the appropriate demeanor from somber to cheery will be practiced and made ready to apply.

With senior citizens, who until most recently served as the largest politically voting population starting to decline in number, and with the current push to entice younger, new voters to the polls, how to effectively reach voters has become the topic of the day. Surely, for such diverse voting populations and so many variables, a "one size fits all" solution will not work. But what medium to use? From TikTok, Instagram, Twitter and celebrity influencers, to oversize post cards in the mail, to drive-time 30 second radio ads, to messages on your cell phone, audience demographics will be analyzed, scrutinized, tested to help predict who, what or where are the best communicate and persuade?

Coincidentally, after years of declining numbers, union membership shows signs of making a comeback. Currently, there are many examples of workers in industries throughout the nation previously thought to be out of the possibility of unionizing. From Amazon to Starbucks to McDonalds — workers are slowly but surely signing-up. The method used to get them on board maybe old fashioned, but work... union workers talking to their fellow workers. They know the problems. They see the solutions. They wear the same uniforms. They are trusted as "one of us" and their co-workers listen.

There's a lesson to learn here. The same organizing tactics can be used by political candidates. While the various social media platforms, catchy TV ads, high-profile interviews and lawn signs have proven to reach many voters, nothing beats talking directly to people — shaking their hands — coming face-to-face with them where they work, live, shop, worship and play. Gone are the "whistle-stop" campaigns. No more waving to candidates as they pass by. People want to talk to candidates — get a vibe — they want to see them. And, more importantly, people need to feel like they were seen too.

So, perhaps in this time of great change — this time of altered dictionary definitions — the use of the "up close and personal" approach of union organizing, should become the template for political candidates as well. Knocking on doors, sitting at a voter's kitchen table or catching up in the workers' parking lot as they clock out, and asking: "What's your biggest worry?" is the better way to go. Making personal phone calls—not just robo calls, taking selfies, and talking just one-on-one demonstrating in every way possible that you really "see and hear" one another, that has never gone out of style. People, young and old, still the value the "human touch"... the genuine interest, respect and authenticity and it shows. That has been the labor movement's secret weapon for recruiting and retaining members. It's been successful. It has helped to sustain us throughout the years despite the union bashers and busters.

It's also the way a candidate can win. ■

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Above and Beyond

SSA Saves The Day



(l-r) Gregory Floyd, President, Teamsters Local 237; Joanne Solomon, School Safety Agent; Chrisara Lewis, School Safety Agent; and Derek Short, Law Enforcement Business Agent.

In February, during dismissal in the vicinity of JHS 285, **SSA Joanne Solomon** observed a commotion. What initially appeared to be a disturbance quickly escalated into a violent physical altercation. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for her own personal safety, SSA Solomon immediately intervened in an attempt to de-escalate the situation and protect those involved. During the incident, one of the individuals fell to the ground and was being assaulted. SSA Solomon positioned herself over the victim, using her own body to shield and protect the individual from further harm. While courageously protecting the victim, SSA Solomon was stabbed in the leg. Despite sustaining this serious injury, she remained focused on ensuring the safety of the students and the school community. Unaware that she had been stabbed, she returned to the school to verify that all students and staff were safe before realizing the extent of her injury and seeking medical attention. SSA Joanne Solomon's extraordinary courage, selfless actions, and unwavering commitment to the safety of others exemplify the highest standards of public service. Her heroic response, despite suffering a personal injury, reflects exceptional bravery, professionalism, and dedication to her duty, making her highly deserving of recognition for her outstanding actions.

So many of our members go above and beyond the call of duty, performing acts of heroism, ingenuity, kindness and generosity that demonstrate their professionalism and heart. They were willing to go that extra mile, and by so doing, made a difference in someone's life.

Food Managers Honored by Schools Chancellor

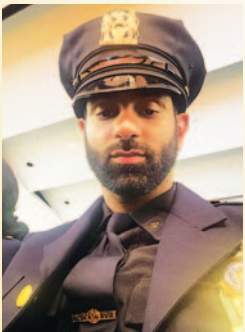
"No Kid Hungry New York" — a nonprofit dedicated to combating the food insecurities faced by more than 270,000 children in New York City every day — joined New York City Public Schools Chancellor Kamar H. Samuels to honor 39 public school food workers, called "NYC Hunger Heroes" for their extraordinary efforts to feed City school students in need. Two of those "Hunger Heroes" are proud members of Teamsters Local 237. They are: **Food Service Managers Janei Bostic and Clive Grant. Local 237 President Gregory Floyd** commended Janei and Clive and noted that, "approximately one in four children – are facing hunger every day thereby making school meals a critical factor in ensuring youngsters get at least two healthy meals daily, while also helping families stretch their food budget — which 77 percent of New York families with children reported that their financial situation has suffered due to the cost of food. It's also important to note that for many children, food service workers are the first faces they see each day, creating a warm, nurturing environment while making sure students have the nutritious meals they need to learn and thrive. Once again, Local 237 members are at the forefront of helping some of the City's most vulnerable inhabitants....they deserve a debt of gratitude."



(l-r) Clive Grant, Food Service Manager; Bianca Jones, Citywide Business Agent; and Janei Bostic, Food Service Manager.

Coordinated Efforts Saves A Life

An unresponsive individual was discovered outside the hospital facility early one morning, prompting a rapid emergency response by Hospital Police and Emergency Medical Services personnel. Queens Hospital Police officers were dispatched to the area. Detective Singh, after repeated verbal attempts to gain a response were unsuccessful, the officer administered Narcan and immediately began performing chest compressions while additional assistance was requested. Sergeant Gullatt responded to the scene as well and assisted in coordinating emergency efforts. Moments later, Ambulanz EMTs Rosazles and Vargas of NICU-01 arrived and assumed medical care of the patient. The EMS team continued life-saving measures.



Detective Singh

Hospital PO Turns Routine Parking Lot Patrol Into Life Saving Act

Sergeant Saira Flores, an eight-year veteran of North Central Bronx Hospital, jumped into action during a routine parking lot inspection. She observed a convulsing passenger in a vehicle entering the ambulance bay demonstrating typical drug overdose signs. Sgt. Flores immediately administered Narcan. The patient was quickly transferred and admitted to the emergency department, where he regained consciousness and survived. Although hailed a hero by Alfredo Jones, CEO of North Central Bronx Hospital for her calm and decisive action — which no doubt, helped to save a life — Sgt. Flores, took a more modest approach. She attributed her heroic actions to her officer training simply kicking in. Obviously, Sgt. Flores, learned her training well.

Kudos to Our Curtis High School Safety Agents

SSA-3 Cobb-Montana, SSA Clark, SSA Lewis, SSA Ford, SSA Escobar, SSA Brown, SSA Jimenez, K, and SSA Williams. Through their vigilance, professionalism, and commitment to duty, our agents successfully located a firearm inside a student's book bag, helping to prevent a potentially dangerous situation within our school community. During the response, two School Safety Agents (SSA Ford and SSA Escobar) were injured while breaking up a physical altercation and remain out recovering.



(l-r) Inspector Kim, SSA Clark with Chief King.

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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Law Enforcement Division

So many of our members distinguish themselves by their professionalism on the job. Here are some of their pictures and stories.



Karla Steinberg, Local 237 Social Worker; and **Derek Short**, Law Enforcement Business Agent; visited Brooklyn OATH Center and met **Officer Badji**, they also stopped by the Brooklyn DA's office and met with **Special Officer Diann Lloyd**, and made a final stop at Brooklyn DCAS center and met **Lt. Morris**, **PO Jackson** and **SSO Thomas**.



Congratulations to **Officer Clarke** for transferring from one title in the hospital to be a Hospital Police Officer at Henry J. Carter Hospital.



Jeanette I. Taveras, Local 237 Executive Board Recording Secretary and Law Enforcement Business Agent (not pictured); made a visit to Curtis H.S. due to the incident where an agent recovered a gun from a student while breaking up a fight. **Agent Ford** was at the front desk, along with several Special Services Agents who were doing a random scanning.



Harlem Hospital held a memorial service to honor the life and service of **Hospital Police Officer Malcolm Williams**.



(l-r) **Frank Rella**, Law Enforcement Business Agent; **Level 3 Dow**, and **Level 1 Williams** at Flushing High School's first day of school.



Captain Whyte from Harlem Hospital, three senior members of the Jamaica constabulary force and NYPD Jamaican American law-enforcement organization, (JAMLEO) president Lieutenant, Danae McFarlane.



Detective Dillon Stewart

Captain Whyte of the Harlem Hospital Police, a member of the NYPD Jamaican American Law Enforcement Organization (JAMLEO), embarked on a humanitarian mission to Jamaica from April 26–29, 2026. The annual outreach mission focused on uplifting the lives of children and families through scholarships, tuition assistance, and the distribution of much-needed back-to-school supplies.

This year's mission carried special significance as the group visited the school once attended by Detective Dillon Stewart, who was tragically killed in Brooklyn 20 years ago. In his honor, the team dedicated the library at Unity Primary School, a school that was severely devastated by Hurricane Melissa.

The dedication ceremony stood as a powerful tribute to Detective Stewart's legacy.

TLC World Cup at JFK Airport



Derek Short (right) visited TLC Inspectors at John F. Kennedy Airport conducting NYC FIFA World Cup operations with NY Port Authority.



CUNY Public Safety Family Day



Kangela Moore, Assistant Director and Business Agent of Law Enforcement with CUNY Public Safety Family Day attendees.



Jeanette Taveras (second from left), **Gregory Floyd**, President, Teamsters Local 237 (center) and **Kangela Moore** (right) with Public Safety helpers.



(l-r) **CSA Garry Cooper**, from Guttman College with **Gregory Floyd**.



Officers Sean Eason, Emmanuel Jean, Christian Lekkas, Joe Cariffe, and Kwame Kensah work the Jacob Javits Convention Center night tour.



(l-r) **CSA Cadogan, CPO Art, CPO Marrero, and CPO Vega**, York College Campus Peace Officers welcome all faculty, students, and visitors.

Staten Island Sunshine Committee



The Staten Island Sunshine Committee spreads joy and smiles to Staten Island agents as they welcome back the kids and hope for a safe year to everyone.



(l-r) **Officers Asencio and Kensah** are Shop Stewards at Jacob Javits Convention Center who assist the members in the workplace.



Staten Island bids a fond farewell to **CO Lightsey** who is going to Manhattan South.

Law Enforcement Division *Continued*

NYPD Longevity Ceremony



Congratulations to **Debra Stewart**, School Safety Agent Level III for completing 30 years of service with the NYPD. Pictured with **Kangela Moore**, Assistant Director and Business Agent of Law Enforcement.



Congratulations to **Leon Brown**, School Safety Agent for completing 40 years of service with the NYPD. Pictured with **Derek Short**, Business Agent.



Congratulations to **Alberto Camacho**, School Safety Agent for completing 45 years of service with the NYPD. Pictured with **Derek Short**.

DHS Medal Day 2026



Gregory Floyd, President, Teamsters Local 237 participated in the DHS Metal Day ceremony.



Charlie Cotto (left), Local 237 Director of Operations, Law Enforcement and Citywide; and **Martha Bodhnarain, Esq.**, (right) Local 237's Sr. Counsel; attended the the ceremony.



Charlie Cotto (left) and **Martha Bodhnarain, Esq.**, (3rd from right) at the ceremony.

Jacobi Hospital Academy Graduation



Charlie Cotto (right) attended the Hospital Police graduation on 7-2-26 at Jacobi Hospital Academy.

School Safety Memorial



The NYPD School Safety Division held a memorial service to honor those that were lost during Covid. Their names were added on the memorial wall for the Division of School Safety. Those honored are:

Supervisor School Security Kevin G. Bostic
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CPO Juca, **CSA Figueroa**, **Corporal Tu-Rhan**, **CSA Awogbemi**, **CSA Awala**, **Sgt. Spookram** and **CPO Chan** the public safety officers that work the night tour at Queens College.



These are the organizers of the annual Queens South barbecue. (l-r) **Agent Feeley**, **Level 3 Smalls**, **Supervisor Morales**, **Level 3 Bender**, **Level 3 Osorio**, and **Level 3 Rembert**.

DHS, ACS AND OCME GRADUATION — OCTOBER 2, 2026



DHS, ACS, and OCME graduated 29 officers at 4 WTC Pictured with **Derek Jackson** (left) and **Charlie Cotto** (right).



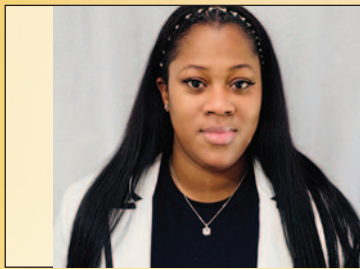
(l-r) **Charlie Cotto**, **Shenka Roache** (salutatorian), **Jaylinn Johnson** (valedictorian), and **Derek Jackson**, Director of Law Enforcement.



ACS officers from the graduation and veteran officers with administrative personnel from ACS.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS Public Housing Division

So many of our members distinguish themselves by their professionalism on the job. Here are some of their pictures and stories.



We would like to welcome our newest union representative, **Ms. Sueann Middleton**, to L237's Housing Division team. Ms. Middleton is a member of Teamsters Local 237 and has worked for NYCHA. She has held various titles, with her last being a maintenance person. Ms. Middleton will now be covering the Bronx area as their Business agent.



(l-r) **Ken Roper**, Housing Business Agent and Assistant to the President, went to support our member, **Josefina Olivo**, from the Javits Center's Environmental Services, at her graduation. Congratulations Josefina, we are proud of you.



Elizabeth Reynoso of Grant Houses received a John DeCarlo award. Pictured with **Carl Giles** (l) and **Ken Roper** (r).



Douglas Houses staff members being honored for outstanding work by tenant association leaders. (l-r) **Caretaker J Gregory Taylor**, **Supervisor of Caretakers Tasha Brown**, **Caretaker J Devon Meyers** and **Housing Director Carl Giles**.



Daniel Ciancio, Superintendent Sumner Houses. Enjoyed his Summer. New season brings new things.



Temitope Lawal, Assistant Manager Marcy Houses. Enjoyed her Spring and Summer. Looking forward to the change of seasons and happy memories.



(l-r) **Andrew Adams**, Caretaker G, Taylor Wythe Houses and winner of the John DiCarlo Memorial Award. Pictured with **Carl Giles**.



James Johnson, Superintendent, Marcy Houses. Looking forward for new season to come, and preparing for retirement.



Chenira Gerald, Safety Associate, Queens Beach 41st Houses. I had a good Summer. It is the time of year for season change and new things to come.



Rohit Ramcharan, Maintenance Worker Hammel Houses. Happy to see a new season comes bringing new things.



Contessa Evans, Shop Steward and Caretaker P. Seasons are changing quickly. Looking forward to the good things the rest of this year brings.

Added to the Roster of Retirees

Local 237 wants to thank the following members for their years of dedicated service, and wishes them well in their retirement:



(l-r) **Ken Roper** and newly retired Manager, **Mary Joseph**.



Jason Torrellas, retired from Staten Island School Safety.



Kenya Rodriguez (c), Level I from School Safety, retired from Manhattan North Command; with **Jeanette Taveras** (l), Local 237 Executive Board Recording Secretary and Law Enforcement Business Agent; and **Donald Arnold** (r), Local 237 Executive Board Secretary-Treasurer and the Director of the Citywide Division.



(l-r) **Supervisor Holt-Pate**, **SSA Knesel** with grandson, **Jeanette Tavares**, Level 3 Grievance Rep. **Digoia**. **SSA Knesel** retired from the School Safety Division.



After 33 years of service, **Peter Colon** (r) receives his retirement plaque from **Carl Giles** (l) Director of Housing.



Gary Rafaniello retired HRA Police Sergeant.



Joseph T. Wilson, retired after 30 years of service with NYCHA as a Housing Assistant.



SSA Todaro (c), retired from the School Safety Division, with co-workers.



(l-r) **Charlie Cotto**, Local 237 Director of Operations, Law Enforcement and Citywide presents a retirement plaque to **Captain Edgardo Marrero**, Lincoln Hospital who retired after 26 years of service.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS Citywide Division

So many of our members distinguish themselves by their professionalism on the job. Here are some of their pictures and stories.



NYC Schools, Office of Food & Nutrition Services (OFNS) District 20 Employee Recognition Ceremony.



NYC Health + Hospital- North Central Bronx Techs/Health Titles and proud Teamsters. (l-r) **Kimberly Cagan**, **Martin Ong**, and **Yenny Lorenzo**.



NYC Schools, Regional School of the Year Appreciation in Manhattan.



NYC Schools, Regional School of the Year Appreciation in Brooklyn.



NYC Schools, Regional School of the Year Appreciation in the Bronx.



NYC Schools, Regional School of the Year Appreciation in Staten Island.



NYC Schools, Regional School of the Year Appreciation in Queens.

Added to the Roster of Retirees *Continued...*



(l-r) **Sixto Valentine** retired from Elmhurst Hospital, with **Frank Rella**, Law Enforcement Business Agent.



(l-r) **Frank Rella** with **Anthony Soto**, Queens Hospital Police Officer retired with over 40 years of service.



(l-r) **Sgt. Sheri Grant** retired after 27 years of service at Queensborough Community College, with **Kangela Moore**, Assistant Director and Business Agent of Law Enforcement.



(l-r) **Glenn Rueda**, Superintendent of Farragut Houses retired with 29 years of service, with **Shavelle Knox**, Assistant Director of Housing.



(l-r) **CSA Meriegh**; **Sgt. McKeithen**; **CSA Francois Joseph**, retired from Medgar Evers College; **Sgt. Sotillio**; and **Kangela Moore**.



(l-r) **Henry J. Carter Hospital. Hospital Police Officer Raymanda Desir** retired with 15 years of service; **Kangela Moore**; and **Captain James W. Alago** (r) retired with 37 years of service.



Hospital Police Officer Robert Alson (r) Bellevue Hospital retired with 37 years of service, with **Kangela Moore** (r).



SSS Carolyn Urban-Glessner retired with 36 years of service.

9/11 ★ 25 YEARS ★ LOCAL 237 WILL NEVER FORGET



Several members of Teamsters Local 237– both active and retirees – want to share their experiences and recollections about this notorious day in our nation’s history.

“This was not only a ‘Day of Infamy’ but an attempt to bring Americans their knees. It didn’t work! Despite the unimaginable suffering and pain it brought to so many, September 11 showed the world the kind of people we are:-caring, courageous and built to last. We’ll never forget, and we may never forgive, but America’s moral compass remained intact, perhaps even stronger than ever before.”

— Gregory Floyd,
Local 237 President



As printed in the NYCHA Bulletin

“At around 7pm, when the first 150 trucks were sent in to ground zero, I was the third to go.It took about 40 minutes to drive the last five blocks.

We waited inside the truck as Sanitation Workers used a front end loader to pile big pieces of metal and other debris onto the truck. Air filled my nose with black ashes. It took about one-half hour, then we headed to the dumping site about an hour and one-half away.

We finished dumping around 2am and drive back to Hudson Street to park the truck so another team could drive back in. I arrived at La Guardia Houses at 3:30am, took a shower, and fell asleep on a bench in the locker room. At 8am, I clocked in and worked my whole shift. I’m glad I volunteered because I never had a chance to help like that before.”

— Sylvia Carattini, Caretaker,
La Guardia Houses

As printed in the NYCHA Bulletin

“I was a groundsman, not a driver, but I can drive a dump truck. So, when my supervisor said that drivers were needed, I wanted to go.

It was 9pm when we headed downtown. At that point, we were a group of three dump trucks filled with about 50 employees.

We had to wait on a line about six blocks long with about 50 trucks ahead of us. When we got in, NYCHA volunteers in white protective suits filled the back with debris. We made about five trips with debris to a sanitation site in Brooklyn.”

— Cheryl Bobb, Caretaker G,
Morris Houses

“9/11 — as I was getting of the train to start my day all I saw was papers in the air coming from downtown Manhattan, I asked what happened and my Lieutenant said we need to get in the vehicle to respond. At the time, I was Executive Protection for the Department of Education. I asked what we were responding to and they told me the Twin Towers were hit. It was one of the darkest days in my life. We responded and helped a lot of people that day.

Moving forward, we all should keep it in our hearts, always pray for those that we lost, and thank those first responders who were there with us doing our jobs helping others.”

— Jeanette I. Taveras, Local 237 Executive Board Recording Secretary and Law Enforcement Business Agent



As we mark the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001, we in Staten Island pause to remember the lives lost and the families, friends, and communities forever changed by that tragic day.

We especially honor the NYPD officers and School Safety Agents who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving and protecting others. Their courage, dedication, and selflessness will never be forgotten.

Twenty-five years later, their legacy continues to live on through the men and women of the NYPD and SSD who proudly carry forward the commitment to protect and serve New York City.

Today, we remember those we lost, stand with those who continue to carry their memories, and honor the strength and resilience that followed.

We will never forget. With deepest respect and remembrance.

A Convoy of Bravery on 9/11
Teamsters Local 237 Men & Women in NYCHA Trucks

by William Russo



I’m William ‘Bill’ Russo and served at the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) from July 1976 to December of 2019.

In this message, I wish to bring focus on a brave group of public servants, Teamsters Local 237 union members for whom I organized in a convoy of trucks on September 11, 2001. A convoy is defined as a group of people traveling together with a purpose and mutual support.

I recognize the massive effort by countless numbers of people in response to the terrorist attacks on 911. I want to provide a summary of this convoy.

The Focus on NYCHA Truck Drivers

Looking back, I recall the bravery of the men and women of the Teamsters union, Local 237. This year 2026, is the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center. Members of Local 237 in many titles were a significant part of the overall NYCHA response.

I will speak here about all NYCHA solo truck drivers and those truck drivers who brought along a fellow Local 237 member in the truck with them. I’ll give a few examples.

My Role

On the day of the terrorists attacks on our nation, I was the NYCHA public housing Borough Director of the Manhattan Property Management Department. I was a Managerial employee at the time. Earlier in my career I had been a Teamsters Union Local 237 Chapter member as a Housing Assistant, Assistant Property Manager and Property Manager.

On the morning of September 11th 2001 and through the night and in the coming days a convoy of brave NYCHA truck drivers were dispatched to Ground Zero. Here’s why:

NYCHA with housing developments in all five Boroughs was unique under the circumstances. NYCHA had property management resources, vehicles, equipment, supplies and people, men and women.

That morning, after the attacks nationwide emergency measures and restrictions went into effect. Transportation came to a virtual halt in Manhattan, the country was on high alert. Were we going to be attacked again? Quickly rescue and recovery went into immediate actions. It was for all concerned, “all hands on deck.” In NYC Ground Zero as it became known was a disaster area, unspeakable conditions.

NYC Government ordered all bridges and tunnels closed. However NYCHA vehicles and equipment were exempt. In fact, NYCHA vehicles were allowed to go through that were trucks, vans, and generators in tow. The closures lasted for three days except for the eastbound Holland Tunnel which was closed until October 15, 2001. Enter the NYCHA convoy of trucks driven by Local 237 union members.

Every responder from any organization, whether or not affiliated with any group faced a difficult situation. I now highlight here for Local 237 members their role on 9/11 and the days after.

A Motivated NYCHA Borough Staff

We developed a plan of action for our Borough and project employees in close communications with our executive staff at NYCHA headquarters. We let our developments know via phone, radio and in person to all NYCHA developments to send needed resources, equipment, vehicles and available staff to Ground Zero as appropriate.

The Call to Serve

On 9/11, and for days and days thereafter, as needed, NYCHA dump trucks played a pivotal role in clearing the streets and sidewalks. It was a necessary, somber and difficult assignment. The truck drivers knew that. It was a ‘call to arms.’ It had to be done.

Setting Up an Arrival Location for Trucks

Trucks were especially in demand. We had to make sure trucks from the outer Boroughs would not get lost, disoriented or jammed up. So we set up a location for those NYCHA trucks that came roaring from the Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn and Staten Island that bypassed any restrictions on bridges and tunnels from the outer Boroughs.

Thus, on 9/11 all available NYCHA dump trucks including Manhattan NYCHA dump trucks were ordered to report to a staging at the Lillian Wald Houses. Once logged in, the drivers were informed about the mission and directed to drive to a makeshift command post at 6th Avenue and East Houston street. We lined up the NYCHA trucks perpendicular to the center median of Houston Street. Quickly the trucks were sent as needed to Ground Zero. There were one hundred twenty trucks.

Command Post for Truck Dispatch

At that post (later moved to Franklin Street) limited Manhattan Management staff were present directing operations. I set up there and occasionally walked to Ground Zero. We were joined by NYCHA staff, other city agencies, and utility companies that offered supplies such as flashlights, paper masks and other gear.

Sending Trucks to Ground Zero

Talk about bravery! There was no time to lose. As soon as our trucks arrived The NYC Office of Emergency Management (OEM) contacted our team at the Houston Street muster area. OEM informed we had amassed numerous dump trucks all along Houston Street for blocks and blocks - an impressive mobilization quickly began relaying requests for NYCHA dump trucks one, two, three or more at a time. No small task.

As the trucks went in motion I pointed the way to the truck drivers. “Make a right turn south down Broadway.” That’s it, through the dusty debris they went and made their way to Ground Zero to take on tragic cargo.

Walking the Line of Trucks

I remember that as I walked by the phalanx of trucks I saw the determination and sometimes saw moments of fear of men and women in NYCHA dump trucks. I knew some of them personally. The trucks came from every borough from any development that had an available dump truck and driver.

What Would They Face?

So off they went into the unknown carnage. What would they be facing? They would learn that they had to drive through horrible conditions. They drove through the streets of Ground Zero and everywhere in sight (if they could see at all) amid a massive mix of crushed concrete, steel beams, broken glass, ash, dust, and hazardous particles and much worse. In the debris, in the streets and sidewalks and all the waste material, there were pieces of bones, teeth, hair and other body parts mixed with the rubble. There were bodies taken separately by emergency vehicles to the morgue.

Perseverance Prevails

I’ve spoken to many drivers. For them it was as if the human senses were under attack and the strength of purpose was the recourse. The smells were awful. The visuals gross and stark: lots of shoes, scattered footwear all about. The silence was eerie, it was the silence of disappointment and horror, of the helplessness of not being to help anyone.

And so it was that when NYCHA trucks arrived, the NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) was on the scene set up with personnel, motorized equipment, and their own drivers and operators. DSNY had the appropriate ‘Front End’ loaders hydraulic motorized heavy loading equipment to scoop, lift and dump debris into our NYCHA dump trucks.

The purpose of the use of NYCHA trucks on 9/11 and many days thereafter was to make way for the heavy equipment, cranes and the like.

Bring it On

The sights, sounds and smells were awful. Public Service ignored that, sensed it and carried on. Dust, pulverized from who knows what origins swirled in the air at times. Our truck drivers took on loads of debris, they were exposed to the dust and toxins.

Respect

Extra care had to be used sometimes to hand sort and load debris even bag body parts for transport. All the debris had to be preserved safely. I cannot imagine the feeling of driving being in a NYCHA knowing what it was carrying.

Time to go, load was filled. DSNY had loaded onto the NYCHA trucks and then our drivers delivered their sacred debris to a designated DSNY site. They were instructed at Ground Zero to drive their trucks to the DSNY Fresh Kills landfill on Staten Island or to a DSNY barge transfer station off of Hamilton Avenue in Brooklyn for later barge transfer to Fresh Kills.

Some of our trucks made multiple trips to Ground Zero and back! It was an incredible effort often by employees going out of their way to do more and more.

The First NYCHA Truck

Everyone was and is da hero in this NYCHA convoy effort. I wish at this juncture to bring attention to **Richard Ortiz**, the first NYCHA truck driver to be sent directly to Ground Zero. I saw him early on 9/11 and waved him on as the first truck to leave from Houston Street. I signed a Victims Compensation witness statement for him.

He told me that when he got to West Street traveling north from the FDR underpass tunnel he could barely see through the windshield of his truck. The dust was so gray he said it seemed like nighttime on an otherwise clear day. Our drivers still faced the dust in the air hours and days after the 9/11 explosions and multiple buildings collapses. Richard was the lead driver and coincidently he was a former United States Marine.

Brave Women Truck Drivers

Among the drivers and NYCHA responders there were brave women. On page 8 of this publication, read the stories in their words of **Cheryl Bobb** and **Sylvia Carattini**, NYCHA truck drivers.

Are You a 9/11 Responder?

Be aware that anyone who went to Ground Zero as a responder or were in the defined exposure zone for the period of time required by law is entitled to healthcare and possibly compensation through the 9/11 WTC Health Program as First Responders, Responders or as individuals who were in the Exposure Zone as required by law.

NYCHA employees who were asked to help out or went directly to help out, and many did, in the recovery effort, may qualify as ‘Responders.’ Local 237 Truck drivers in those circumstances are thus ‘Responders.’ NYCHA had hundreds of 9/11 Responders in various positions and titles, union and non-union.

The 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund

Some employees have applied for compensation and received funds from the VCF for 9/11 related illnesses. A family member can also qualify to receive compensation on behalf of deceased qualified VCF person. For information about the Victims Compensation Fund go to: www.vcf.gov

Conclusion

I have shared with you my experiences about the role of New York City Housing Authority truck drivers with a deep sense of respect, gratitude and solidarity for them. Let us remember, never forget, and carry on!



LONG ISLAND REPORT



Amazon workers organizing rally at Local 282 with IBT President Sean O'Brien. These workers are being exploited and treated so poorly. Hoping things can change in the future for them. Pictured are (l-r) Andrew Viegas, Long Island Business Agent; Benny Carenza, Director of the Long Island Division and Trustee on the Executive Board; Cathy Rice, Long Island Business Agent and Trustee on the Executive Board; and Chris LoSardo, Liaison.



Congratulations to all West Islip operation members of Local 237! Awesome contract and a great negotiating committee that helped it along the way. They kept the focus on getting the most we could for all members. Special thanks to our Attorney Matt Hromadka for all of his hard work. Pictured are: West Islip fellow members and Benny Carenza.



Robert Rosenthal (c) retired from Brentwood Schools today after a 32 year career. He worked very hard and was always there and available. Scott Dimperio (r), Business Agent, presented him with his plaque. Good luck and enjoy life, pal.

Awesome Brentwood School District Annual Picnic



This has been going for over 50 years! Special thanks to the committee: Matt McKiernan, Bob Campbell, Korey Forte, Vanessa Jean-Pierre and Fabian Santanna. Great job by all.

West Islip Retirement Party — Celebrating 26 Years!



West Islip member **Alex Gillespie** retires after 26 years on the job! Friends, family and co-workers held a great party for him.

POLITICAL AND LABOR NEWS

City Hall: 9/11 Legislation Press Conference



On September 10, **Council Member Frank Morano** was joined at City Hall by **Teamsters Local 237 President Gregory Floyd**, other labor leaders and members of the City Council to build support for Morano’s 9/11 legislative package. The legislation includes measures to establish an annual citywide 9/11 Week of Service and improve outreach to New Yorkers who may be eligible for 9/11-related health and compensation programs. Morano thanked President Floyd and Local 237 for standing with the 9/11 community and helping ensure that New York continues to live up to its promise to Never Forget. ■

Greater New York Councils Boys Scout of America Award Luncheon at Club 101



Benny Carenza (third from right), Director of the Long Island Division and Trustee on the Executive Board receives the Good Scout Award. Pictured with **Gregory Floyd** (third from left), Local 237 President and Master of Ceremony; **Donald Arnold** (second from right), Local 237 Executive Board Secretary-Treasurer and the Director of the Citywide Division and presenter; with scout members of Scouting America.



Members of Local 237 and Benny Carenza’s family in attendance to join in the festivities.

Many people always thought that **Benedict Carenza Jr.**, Local 237’s Director of the Long Island Division, was a “good scout” but recently, Scouting America made it official. At its annual Labor luncheon Benny received the “Good Scout Award” in commemoration of his many years of dedication to fairness and dignity at the workplace as well as a personal life reflecting integrity and commitment. ■

Teamsters 2026 International Officers Election



Re-elected General Secretary Treasurer **Fred Zuckerman** and re-elected Vice President-at-Large and Local 237 President **Gregory Floyd** with Local 237 members.



Local 237 members on the convention stage.

Convention delegates re-elected **General President O’Brien** and **Secretary-Treasurer Zuckerman**. With no opposition receiving enough votes, the entire OZ slate for Executive Board won a five-year term. **Local 237 President Gregory Floyd** was also re-elected International Vice President At-Large.

The O’Brien-Zuckerman Teamsters United Slate was elected by a unanimous vote at the union’s 31st International Convention in Las Vegas following a secret ballot vote of 1,572 delegates. All voting delegates were democratically elected to the convention by rank-and-file members from more than 330 local unions across the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico. ■



(l-r) **Cathy Rice**, Long Island Business Agent and Trustee on the Executive Board; **John Gallagher**, Long Island Business Agent; **Curtis Scott**, Citywide Business Agent and Local 237 Executive Board Trustee; **Jeanette Taveras**, Local 237 Executive Board Recording Secretary and Law Enforcement Business Agent; **Norberto Luna**, Assistant Director of Housing; **Gisela Reyes**, Local 237 Executive Administrative Assistant; **Ken Roper**, Housing Business Agent and Assistant to the President; **Gregory Floyd**, President, Teamsters Local 237 and International Vice President-at-Large on the General Board of the IBT; and **Donald Arnold**, Local 237 Executive Board Secretary-Treasurer and the Director of the Citywide Division.



Veteran Resource Guide

VetConnectNYC

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POLITICAL AND LABOR NEWS



FIGHTING FOR WHAT WE NEED

By Saul Fishman

President, Civil Service Bar Association (CSBA)

As you probably know, our collective bargaining agreement (“contract”) expired on October 17th. We are fighting to get to the bargaining table ASAP, having demanded same repeatedly for months, including by a formal demand through the Office of Collective Bargaining and through repeated emails and phone calls with the Mayor’s Office of Labor Relations. Whereas it’s true that the City routinely negotiates an economic agreement first with the largest union, the 150,000 member DC 37, we don’t consent to being pushed aside and having to wait.

Most NYC mayoral agencies have a recruitment and retention crisis. Hint to the Mayor’s office: There’s no magic wand to get the legal work done for the benefit of NYC residents. We need the financial ability to stay in the jobs we love. And we need support staff and reasonable workloads, perpetually made worse when our colleagues despair and leave.

Yes, our raises will almost certainly be retroactive to October 18th. *Raises must be significantly larger* than usual due to the skyrocketing cost of living, gas, rent, food and student loans and the serious erosion of our purchasing power. But we have plenty of unit-specific demands which need addressing, especially if the city is serious about attorney recruitment, retention, productivity and morale. With substantial member input as a result of our surveys and calls for member suggestions, we have carefully assembled a significant number of demands, which if adopted, will be a win-win situation for all of us AND for the city, our agencies and the public. Here are a few bargaining unit-specific demands:

- Eliminate the so-called “hiring rate”, which is in reality a dumb, recruitment killing subminimum rate for our first two years.
- Increase the maximum of each Agency Attorney level salary range by 25%. This does not force the agency to pay more but allows them flexibility to retain excellent agency attorneys who otherwise would be forced to leave for better-paying jobs.
- Provide two days’ paid leave for Attorney Internes taking the NYS Bar Exam, and one day of paid leave to attend the NY Bar Admission ceremony.
- Eliminate, automatically waive or substantially raise the cap for paid overtime for our titles. Many of us must perform a substantial amount of overtime based upon the volume and complexity of our work. Given the fact that our salaries are much closer to the cap than most other titles, so many of us need a waiver to get paid for our work. Having to beg for paid overtime is another reason members are heading to the exit in droves!

We were the first union to demand Remote Work, and almost all of our members currently work remotely up to two days a week. This has to be made PERMANENT and expanded wherever feasible. Chances are that the City will insist that they will only negotiate remote work issues through DC 37, even though no one has a higher percentage of members working remotely than us due to the nature of our work. Ditto the need to expand the Paid Prenatal Leave Law (up to 20 days) currently protecting only NYC private sector employees. Our Department of Consumer & Worker Protection members are the ones interpreting and enforcing it! We trust that DC 37 will vigorously advocate for the extension and expansion of both of these essential programs.

Member Mobilization: There will come a time or times when we will ask you, our members, to show *solidarity and support*. Nothing huge. Starting small. But a tangible demonstration of support on selected days. More on this in the not-too-distant future. Thank you in advance.

Please Vote: Midterm elections are almost upon us for control of the US House of Representatives and Senate. Please remember that political power affects our lives in more ways than we can think of. Student loan forgiveness programs with affordable options that do not require us to jump through hoops and penalize us for missing yet another unnecessary program shift. Meaningful Tier 6 pension reform. Federal funding for key programs rather than dumping the entire expense onto our beloved city and state. There’s so much more but you get the point. If you haven’t already registered, or if you haven’t updated your address, please do it now.

Many thanks as always for your efforts and support. ■

9/11-25 Years Later and More By Vito R. Pitta, Esq.

As Local 237 members know all too well, this September marks the 25th Anniversary of the September 11th attacks. Of the many tributes reflecting on this tragic day, the New York City Council passed on September 10, 2026, Resolution 0006-2026, commemorating the 25th Anniversary.

But of far greater significance was a preceding Mayoral event, when Mayor Mamdani announced the launch of a City portal for 9/11 records, which included the release of nearly 170,000 pages regarding the health concerns and the safety of the air in Lower Manhattan in the attack’s aftermath. The Mayor budgeted \$34 million to create and maintain the portal.

The documents make clear how the City misled the public about the environmental dangers near ground zero in the days, weeks and months following 9/11, and included the Harding Memo and the “68 boxes” of records – the Harding Memo refers to a liability assessment that was sent to then Deputy Mayor Robert Harding and detailed how the City might avoid financial responsibility and liability.

The release of these documents and the creation of the portal are a direct result of multiple Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) requests, and also led Mayor Mamdani to appoint personnel at the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) and New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) to assist New Yorkers seeking to establish their presence in the exposure zone so they may access assistance through established federal programs, including the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF). We encourage Local 237 members if they believe they were exposed to the toxic and unsafe air soon after 9/11 to access the portal - 9/11 Document Portal. To qualify for assistance from the VCF, individuals must prove their presence in the exposure area during a specific time, have a 9/11-related health condition, register on time, and waive the right to any civil lawsuit.

To better understand the portal and eligibility requirements for aid, we encourage members to contact Pitta & Baione LLP, one of the nation’s leading 9/11 firms, for a free consultation 9/11 Cancer Lawyers For The VCF & WTCHP | Pitta & Baione LLP.

NYC Labor Commissioner Renee Campion Retires

The City’s longtime Labor Commissioner, Renee Campion, will retire on December 1, 2026. Campion became the first woman to lead the Office of Labor Relations (OLR) when she was appointed in 2019 but spent nearly 24 years at the agency. Campion’s tenure included leading the agency through the COVID-19 pandemic, and the massive round of collective bargaining in 2023, when New York City reached agreements covering 90 percent of the municipal workforce. Her departure will leave Mayor Mamdani with a significant appointment for an agency responsible for reaching agreements with the more than 150 unions that represent City workers.

Record Low Crime in NYCHA Developments

This past August the NYPD highlighted the record-low crime rates in NYCHA housing this year. According to law enforcement, major crime has dropped in public housing by more than 6 percent since January, the number of shootings in and around NYCHA developments were down by 32 percent, and the number of murders has fallen by 45 percent.

Mayor Mamdani and NYCHA Announce Lead Abatement Strategy for Child Care Centers

Mayor Mamdani and NYCHA CEO Lisa Bova-Hiatt announced that \$10.2 million will go to fund an aggressive lead abatement strategy at 63 NYCHA childcare centers this fall. The announcement builds upon the previous testing of all 75 childcare centers on NYCHA campuses through its Lead-Based Paint Abatement Program.

“Every child care center in the city needs to be safe, high-quality and hazard-free – New York City children deserve nothing less. That is why our administration is making sure every single NYCHA child care center is permanently lead-free this fall – and investing more than \$10 million in the most aggressive public housing lead inspection and abatement program in the country,” said Mayor Mamdani.

NYC Pension Funds Return 13% in 2026

Over the summer, New York City Comptroller Mark Levine announced that New York City’s five pension funds reported a strong total investment return of 13 percent in 2026. The five systems – the New York City Teachers’ Retirement System, the Police Pension Fund, the Fire Pension Fund, the Board of Education Retirement System, and Local 237’s Employees Retirement System – exceeded the target of a 7 percent return and now manage a total of \$326.3 billion in assets, ensuring the financial security of the City’s approximately, 750,000 employees and retirees. ■

Vito R. Pitta is a partner at Pitta LLP, a firm whose practice consists primarily of traditional union-side labor law, employment law, employee benefits law, and campaign finance compliance law. The firm counts more than forty local and international labor unions as its clients. Mr. Pitta’s practice consists of counseling the firm’s clients on traditional labor and employment matters, as well as advising the firm’s political campaign and political action committee clients with respect to federal, state, and local campaign finance laws. Mr. Pitta is also a Partner in Pitta LLP’s affiliated personal injury firm, Pitta & Baione LLP, which represents victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks; and a member of Pitta LLP’s affiliated lobbying firm, Pitta Bishop & Del Giomo LLC.



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If you’re not currently receiving benefits, you can:

- Apply for benefits and check your application status online.

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- See estimates for your spouse’s benefits to support your family’s financial planning.
- Get proof that you do not receive benefits if another agency or program requests it.

You can also request a replacement Social Security card (in most states and the District of Columbia) without visiting an office.

Log in and get started

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Co-Parenting and Family Court

By Jennifer E. Hudson, Esq.

Director of Local 237 Legal Services Plan

“Children learn more from what you are than what you teach”— W.E.B. Du Bois

The summer has ended, the kids are back in school, and many holidays are coming. This can be a busy, exciting and stressful time for the whole family! Even more so if you and your co-parent are no longer together. Maybe your split was amicable, and you both work to get along together to raise your children. Maybe your split was terrible, and there is hurt and resentment to last a lifetime between the two of you and you can't stand the thought of working together to raise your children.

Whatever your situation or circumstances, Family Court may play a role in your new lives as you navigate co-parenting children when you are no longer together.

At Teamsters Local 237 Legal Services Plan, we represent parents in family court every day, and here are a few things to keep in mind if you do find yourself in Family Court.

Your child will very likely be assigned an attorney to represent their interests. It is important that you not speak to your child about the court case, or about what they are talking to their attorney about.

New York City Family Court Judges have seen it all, and they are jaded. They have seen every situation, every emotion, every excuse, and they do not like drama. You want to be the most reasonable-sounding person in the courtroom; leave the drama to the other parent.

Look at things the way the court will – what is best for the child. Courts generally believe that it is best for the child to have both parents in their life, but courts will determine custody based on a variety of factors: who has been the main caregiver of the child/active with school/doctor visits; parenting skills of each parent; health of each parent; history of domestic violence in the family; each parent's child care plans for their work schedule; the child's relationship with siblings; what the child wants; and the ability of each parent to foster and encourage a relationship between the child and the other parent, unless it is not safe to do so.

You should not talk badly about the other parent when the child is within hearing distance, this can really work against you in court.

If you are having trouble communicating with your co-parent, keep things as brief as possible; do not engage. Your angry text message, e-mail, or social media post today will come back to haunt you in court. It is much better to ignore an insulting message to you, than to respond in a way that feels righteous in the moment but sounds terrible and embarrassing being read aloud in a court room.

A break-up doesn't have to mean the end of a family, it can mean a new way of being a family. The best interests of the children are served when co-parents find a way to work together. ||



Notes From the Field

By Karla Steinberg, LMSW

Membership Social Worker

There are few occasions that have punctuated the collective landscape of our lives, as distinctly as the 9/11 attacks. When the attacks of September 11th happened 25 years ago, Americans experienced collective shock and stupefaction that for many, came to define that era. There was a “before” and “after,” and we recall that day vividly. Some of us experienced loss of a loved one, while some experienced the loss of feeling safe in our own city, and some of us experienced both.

Trauma, by definition, has lasting effects on us, be they physical, emotional, or psychological. We experience trauma and its effects uniquely, deeply driven by our own personal histories. Just as scary, horrific, tragic events unfold in our lives, so do reassuring, soothing, joyful ones. Whether it be a graduation, the birth of a child, or the wedding of someone close, we can feel the joy from pleasurable, happy experiences, as much as we feel heartache in painful ones. If you feel like you tend to remember and hang onto negative events more than positive ones, you are not imagining it. There is an evolutionary reason for this practice, intended to curtail pain and suffering. This phenomenon is known as “negativity bias.” (Vaish, et al., (2008, May). Not all emotions are created equal: The negativity bias in social-emotional development. Psychological bulletin. <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC3652533/#S8>).

To summarize, there is more to learn from negative experiences than from positive ones. After a troubling event, we adjust mentally, sometimes physically, and often an emotional response follows (Vaish et al., 2008). Negative information and experiences serve as cautionary tales; what to avoid, what not to repeat. Conversely, positive experiences tend to leave us feeling safe, good, calm, and undisturbed. Because there is less to respond to, there is less need to “remember” and be cautioned, with positive experiences. We simply “get on with it” more easily.

Pain dots our lives and though we're wont to track this, we should take note of the good that also marks time. It can be as small as the moment you learned how to ride a bike, and as big as landing the job you went out for, getting that promotion. Though unlikely we can cut back on our natural inclinations toward negativity biases, we can try practicing something new. It is not only helpful, but also therapeutic to recall good things. Smell, you may know, is a powerful memory inducer. The smell of Elmer's paste takes me back to nursery school, while the smell of yeast in dough reminds me of my grandmother's house. Dopamine, cortisol, and serotonin work together when we reminisce, to help us feel presently, what we felt at the time the memory occurred.

Retrieving positive memories in particular may be intrinsically valuable, by re-kindling pleasant feelings and engaging neural circuitry involved in reward-processing ...7. Notably, such...activity correlates with self-reported resiliency and enhanced mood for some individuals, consistent with a role for corticostriatal circuits in sustaining positive mood 8,9. Thus, savoring happy memories might be significant for one's ability to cope with stress, potentially promoting better decision-making and wellbeing.(Speer, M. E., & Delgado, M. R. (2017). Reminiscing about positive memories buffers acute stress responses. Nature human behaviour, 1(5), 0093. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-017-0093>)

From an evolutionary standpoint, we have more practice tracking the negative, but the time for us to practice something else is now. ||

A New Season of Service, Strength and Remembrance



By Diana Nappi

Director of the Welfare Funds

Fall is a season of transition. Vacations come to an end, children return to school, and families begin preparing for the holidays. As our schedules become busier, it is also a good time to refocus on our health and well-being.

The Welfare Fund remains committed to helping members and retirees understand and access their benefits. Whether you are scheduling an appointment, filling a prescription or reviewing your family's health-care needs, our staff is here to assist you. We encourage you to contact the Fund Office with questions before an issue becomes urgent.

Labor Day reminds us of the generations of workers and union members who fought for fair wages, safe working conditions, healthcare benefits, retirement security and dignity in the workplace. Their accomplishments demonstrate the strength of solidarity and our shared responsibility to carry that legacy forward.

This fall also marks the 9/11 25th anniversary. We remember those who lost their lives, the families forever changed and the first responders, public employees, healthcare professionals and others who courageously stepped forward. We also honor the workers who participated in the rescue, recovery and rebuilding efforts, many of whom continue to experience serious health consequences.

On behalf of the Welfare Fund, I wish all our members, retirees and their families a healthy, safe and productive Fall. We are here to help. ||

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Protecting Our Pension, Our Benefits, and Our Future

By Len Proctor

Deputy Director Welfare Fund

I would like to remind members how fortunate they are to be public sector employees working for the city of NY and a member of the largest Teamster Local in the country. New York City is unique in how it handles municipal employee benefits. Did you know NYC is one of the last major cities in the US where municipal employees have premium free health insurance? The city pays 100% of the cost of health insurance. Teamsters Local 237 along with the other unions in the city form the Municipal Labor Committee (MLC) which negotiates directly with the city to maintain:

- Zero payroll deductions
- Comprehensive coverage for benefits
- Welfare Fund Supplemental benefits

This is not the norm elsewhere. Outside NYC including NY State employees, the landscape is very different.

- State employees pay a significant share of their health insurance premiums, around 28-30%
- State employees rely on 401K style retirement plan unless they are in a special category
- They do not receive the same union-negotiated welfare-fund supplemental benefits that NYC workers have.

NYC's union structure covers at least 750,000 + covered lives in the NYCPPO alone to negotiate pricing and maintain premium-free coverage. Other municipalities simply don't have that:

- The same size
- The same welfare fund system
- The same bargaining leverage

Also, NYC is one of the few Municipalities that still offer a Defined Pension Plan. NYCERS, who handles pensions for city

workers, is the largest municipal public employee retirement system in the country. A defined pension plan is guaranteed by law and based on years of service, age and salary, not market conditions. Most municipalities across the US and even in NY State have shifted toward defined contribution plans, 401k style plans where employees bear the investment risk and retirement income is not guaranteed.

I raise these points to get members to understand they need to protect their pension and protect their jobs.

Your pension is your future - your union protections today ensure you'll have a guaranteed income for life and not a risky 401k plan that fluctuates with the stock market.

Your benefits are a major part of your salary - Welfare Fund benefits add thousands of dollars in value every year. These benefits are part of your compensation, and losing them would be the same as a pay cut.

The MLC has worked for decades to secure comprehensive supplemental benefits that most public employees in other states don't receive. These benefits exist because of union negotiations.

Protecting your job today protects your pension tomorrow - Every year you work builds service credit toward your pension. Staying union strong ensures you keep the benefits, protections, and retirement security that make NYC municipal employment one of the best packages in the country.

Our members have something special, something worth defending. Stay strong, stay united, and let's keep these benefits secure for every member and every family. ||



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Personnel Note

Sueann Middleton has been appointed as a new Housing Business Agent, effective August 17, 2026. Her salary will be \$95,000 per year.

Congratulations

Graduations, promotions, and recognitions, are all about long-worked on accomplishments... they are what you did in the past to earn that achievement today. But they are also about tomorrow and going forward in your future. I urge you to make the most of what you've earned and view today as a fresh start for even more graduations, promotions and recognitions.

– Gregory Floyd, President, Teamsters Local 237

TLC Promotion Ceremony and Commencement Exercises

The NYC Taxi and Limosine Commission has sworn in 22 new Peace Officers.



Gregory Floyd, Local 237 President (center) with TCL members.



(l-r) Jose Torres, Chief of Patrol; Philip White, Deputy Chief; Gregory Floyd; and Officer Pierce.



Gregory Floyd bestows the badge on the newly promoted Deputy Chief Philip White.



(l-r) Brandon Bullock, DHS Sergeant; Dana Torres, TLC Inspector; and Gregory Floyd at the TLC graduation.

ENFORCEMENT PROMOTIONS

Deputy Chief
Philip White

Captain
Oviamwonyi Agbonkpolor
Walter Colon
Derrick Cooper
Gavin Crandon
Victor Mafla
Omar Sano

Lieutenant
Kareem Abdurrahman
Zsolt Abel
Faisal Ahmed
James Cawthorne
Zakiya Faure
Iakovos Gavalas
Mohammed M. Hossain
Mohammed R. Islam
Hon Liang Luo
Rita Nerbel
Akash Vohra

SAFETY AND EMISSIONS PROMOTIONS

Captain
Luis Urena-Santos
Vincent Yarmolinsky

Lieutenant
Indradat Angad
Michael Stokes
Wilson Villa
Shourave Barua
Mustafa Celebioglu
Jevon Kin
Michael Prashad
Carlos Quan
Ryan Su

FLEET SERVICES PROMOTIONS

Lieutenant
Arindale Gurley

ENFORCEMENT CLASS OF 2026

Syed R. Abdullah
Farhan Ahmed
Mahaboob A. Ali
Abdul K. Azad
Avenash B Balram **Valedictorian*
Ashley A. Belle
Ashik U. Chowdhury
Jeanna M. Correa **Salutatorian*
Ruben A. Diaz
Nicholas P. Jean-Charles
MD Masud Kabir
Latidra V. Lesmeister
MD Roshan Marshy
Barbara Marte
Abdul Munaum
Burns Paris
Tulsie Persaud
Joseph J. Scala
Dana Torres
Juliano A. Valladares
Jesiah N. Williams
Stephanie T. Sapata

SAFETY AND EMISSIONS CLASS

Grady Hayes
Jean Vilcas-Alvites

SSA Recognition Day

Community Service Award

SSS George Ward
SSA III Natalie Cottman
SSA III Kaisha Felix
SSA III Nicola McFarlane
SSA Alvin Cruz
SSA Nakia Jenkins
SSA Crystal Johnson
SSA Yvonne Johnson
SSA Nicolai Russell
SSA Vimla Seegobin

Dedication to Service Award

Director Dipa Joardar
Dep. Director Josephine Torlone Exec.
Officer Divinia Rosario
SGT Christopher Saintu
SSS Mario Beras
SSS Jasmine Medina Vasquez
SSS Gail Roddy
SSS Rhonda Thorne
SSS Esmeralda Wiggins
SSA III Ayeshia Artis
SSA III Quinn Beauford
SSA III Ursula Coleman
SSA III Ronnie Doswell
SSA III Alexandria Dunlop
SSA III Vanessa Gardner
SSA III Joy Hyland
SSA III Jacquileen Lowe
SSA III Krystal Rodriguez
SSA III Jacqueline Watkins
SSA Cierra Bennett
SSA Tamika Bouey
SSA Teriena Cavello
SSA Yini Chavez
SSA Arrie Cornish
SSA Tyannia Gardner
SSA Yvette James
SSA Thelma Mackey
SSA Liam O'Sullivan
SSA Miguel Reyes
SSA Jennifer Robinson
SSA Gwendolyn Shell
SSA Yvonne Slaughter
SSA Charles Smith
SSA Robin Sneed
SSA Shanique Wilson
ASA Enlin Chen
ASA Wingyin Cheung
PRAA Colette Grange
PAA Melody Green

Finest Award

DET Laura Cadavid
PO Steven Bastian
PO Ayoela Charles
PO Ninive Lahoz
PO Monique Minter
PO Md Rahman
PO Aura Rodriguez-Taveras
SSS Bahja Davenport-Kabar
SSS Nicole Kelly
SSS Jai Stewart
SSA III Alicia Baber
SSA III Lindalee Garner
SSA III Avis Green-Scales
SSA III Shahidah Horne
SSA III Ayana Huggins
SSA III Melinda Osorio
SSA III Melany Stichel
SSA III Royal Whitehead
SSA Annieli Acevedo

Finest Award continued

SSA Stacey Bermudez
SSA Scott Chapman
SSA Ryan Featherstone
SSA Tasha George
SSA Karis Grant
SSA Dejuan Guerrero
SSA Jose Luna
SSA Cynthia Maldonado
SSA Neesha McKenzie
SSA Teaona Myers
SSA Amanda Pol
SSA Richard Rodriguez
SSA Natalie Scamardella
SSA Joanne Solomon
SSA Tanisha Taluy
SSA Nakai Walton
SSA Jasmine Williams

Honorable Service Award

Dep. Director Barbara Welch
Dep. Director Andwar Woods
Exec. Officer Wendy Charles
PO Daniel Cross.
SSS Jeanyne Blackwell
SSS Stacy Cortes
SSS Robert Gaston
SSS Sherrylene Welcome
SSA III Glenn Calum
SSA III Yezenia Cruz
SSA III Shameeka Davis
SSA III Cindy Fernandez
SSA III Kendra Gonzalez
SSA III Denisse Morillo
SSA III Taylor Perez
SSA III Shamika Porter
SSA III Tiffany Reyes
SSA III Edgar Romero
SSA III Keisha Sheppard
SSA III Crystal Thompson
SSA III Tywanda Woodberry
SSA Roberta Andrews
SSA Kimely Atkinson
SSA Voltaire Ketlene
SSA Ashley Love
SSA Charise Nelson-Butler
SSA Johnny Pierre
SSA Mimoza Rexho
SSA Danielle Romano
SSA Maria Vega
SSA Lamont Viverette
SPAA Naemah Phillips
Cadet Kayleen Davalos
Cadet Steffany Uyaguari

Member of the Year

SSS Ceasia Darnley
SSA III Theresa Howard
SSA III Shereese Miller
SSA III Fatima Williams
SSA Joe Bell
SSA Marisol Hernandez
SSA Nalani Ramos
SSA Sabrina Todaro
SSA Natasha White

Supervisor of the Year

LT Raymond Dankel

Crime Reduction Award 2025-26

Patrol Borough Queens North



To the families of Local 237 members who are no longer with us, and to our members who have suffered a loss, please know that we share your sorrow and hope that fond memories will offer you peace and comfort.

– President Gregory Floyd, the Executive Board and Staff



“(Don’t) Wait ‘til Next Year!”

By David Bonington, CFP®

Financial Planner, Stacey Braun Associates, Inc.

Even if you have no interest in October baseball and the World Series, Fall is good news for lovers of cooler temperatures, those who like color in leaves, and those who start making plans for late-year holidays which will arrive (as they always do) “before you know it.”

In the recent edition of Local 237’s retiree newsletter, I included a message that bears repeating for active members. (If the title hasn’t partly given it away, I’ll try to keep it a secret for two more paragraphs).

By the time you read this, the regular Major League Baseball season will have ended, and the days of playoff baseball leading to the World Series will have started. As I write this in mid-September, seven teams in each of the two leagues (14 in all) are scrambling for three available playoff slots per league (6 in all). Many of the teams will play each other down the stretch, increasing the importance of these one-team-gains-at-the-other’s-expense games. The last two weeks of September will have been baseball’s equivalent of an automobile demolition derby.

This means that, today, the eight teams that didn’t qualify are wondering what might have been. Partly to ease the hurt, partly to show resolve, and partly to look ahead with hope, the season-ending cry for such teams and their fans will be the same one that has existed in baseball - and sports generally - for more than one hundred years: “Wait ‘til Next Year!”

The expression might console a saddened fan, but as a piece of advice for a financial question or problem, “Wait ‘til Next Year” is almost never a good suggestion. Why? If something which is amiss can be straightened out and resolved sooner rather than later, the result is often enhanced financial wellness and improved peace of mind.

The options, choices, and decisions you face and make matter – and Stacey Braun planners are available to help! If there is some part of your financial life about which questions, issues, or problems exist - in areas such as budgeting, debt management, saving for a major purchase, investing your money in a 401(k) or 457(b) retirement plan, and so forth - a Stacey Braun planner can provide helpful information, ideas, and suggestions.

Phone or Zoom meetings are free, confidential, and involve no pressure to buy anything. If something of a financial nature requires attention, guidance, or even just a second, unbiased opinion, call to make an appointment today. There is no need (or really any good reason) to wait until next year! ■

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A Source of Inspiration: The 2026 Fundamentals of Heating Graduates!

By Shanell Grayson Director of Training and Education

Please join me in congratulating the 63 graduates of Local 237’s 2026 Fundamentals of Heating Plant Operations Course! During the summer break, President Floyd, the Education Department, Housing Division, and our NYCHA colleagues hosted a graduation ceremony to celebrate their monumental achievement.

Students who are admitted into this very competitive program must pass a reading, math, and tools assessment. The top candidates then spend a year learning the basics of heating operations. These graduates will eventually be promoted to the title of Heating Plant Technician (HPT), providing the critical service of heat and hot water distribution to thousands of NYCHA residents.

As you review the photos from the ceremony below, you can almost feel the joy and pride permeating the room. They worked hard to reach their goals, and the Education Department is honored to provide them with this benefit. We hope their story inspires you to follow the goals that are important to you by registering for our upcoming classes using the QR code below.

Summer was awesome, and it’s always a little bittersweet to say goodbye to the beach and barbecues. But as the weather breaks, we graduate forth to new opportunities. Let this be the year that you, too, achieve something great! *As always, we look forward to serving you!*

2026 FUNDAMENTALS OF HEATING COURSE GRADUATES



Gregory Floyd, President, Teamsters Local 237 (front), congratulating the 2026 graduates of Local 237’s Fundamentals of Heating Plant Operations Course.



HPT graduates in the auditorium surrounded by their friends and family.



Assistant Director Frank Pettaway (r) giving flowers to Director Shanell Grayson (front l). Also pictured is Gregory Floyd, NYCHA Learning and Development, HPT Instructors, and Housing Division staff.



(front l-r) Valedictorian Sharmaine Crayton, Salutatorians Bryan Ilas and Nicktasha Marshall. (behind) Instructors Brian Harris and Krzysztof Wasik.

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