

Happy 2012! The NYC Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) is pleased to share with you several key updates for your community.

It's Tax Time! For more information regarding important tax credits like the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the New York City Child Care Tax Credit (NYCCCTC) and for free and low cost tax filing options for qualifying New Yorkers, please visit:

http://www.nyc.gov/html/ofe/html/policy_and_programs/taxprep.shtml

For information on upcoming public hearings on proposed Rules and new Rules and laws in effect, please visit:

[January 31 Public Hearing: On Proposed Changes to Rule Regarding Recordkeeping Requirements for Towing Businesses](#)

[February 14 Public Hearing: On Proposed Rule to Implement a \\$50 Inspection Fee for Non-exempt Tow Trucks](#)

["Roll-Your-Own" cigarette businesses sued by City](#)

[Rule Requiring Process Servers to Carry and Operate an Electronic Device that Records GPS Location While Serving Process Took Effect November 12, 2011](#)

[Law Strengthening Ban on Expired Over-the-Counter Medication Sales Took Effect November 28, 2011](#)

[Read Recent Law and Rule Changes for Sightseeing Buses and Towing Companies](#)

As you are well aware, to protect New Yorkers DCA conducts aggressive enforcement initiatives. Visit the link below for some Important Information about DCA's recent Gold Buying Sweep::

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dca/html/pr2011/pr_122211.shtml

DCA also mounts wide-reaching public awareness campaigns to help New Yorkers protect their money. See our latest campaign, "Protect Your Money: Know Before You Enroll", advising New Yorkers about predatory school scams and highlighting free and low-cost school choices:

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dca/html/pr2011/pr_111611.shtml

DCA recently created a series of videos in English and Spanish to help New Yorker protect their money with useful tips from DCA staff on shopping, how to file a complaint with DCA, buying a used car, tax time, and debt collection:

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dca/html/initiatives/dca_commissioner_english.shtml

As a reminder to all, I remain DCA's official liaison to all community boards and BIDs. Please continue to direct all inquires to me, including requests for inspections. Thank you!

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