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# The Flossy Fellowship—Change Starts Here

By Jibreel Jalloh

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Jibreel Jalloh created a Canarsie-based advocacy organization that has fought for a range of investments, including ferry service and anti-gun violence programs. Jibreel graduated from Baruch College (CUNY) and is currently pursuing a master's degree at New York University. He's worked in the office of multiple elected officials, including Public Advocate Jumaane Williams and Congressman Hakeem Jeffries. Jibreel is a member of Community Board 18. Learn more at theflossy.org or send him an email at team@theflossy.org.

## Canarsie Residents Gather for Annual Vigil on the Anniversary of Superstorm Sandy



By Brenda Cox

As they've done every year on the anniversary of Superstorm Sandy, a group of Canarsie residents gathered at the Canarsie Pier, on Sunday, October 29th, for a candlelight vigil to remember and honor the victims as well as support and celebrate the survivors of the destructive Category 3 hurricane.

The event was attended by Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse, Community Board 18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow, representatives from the offices of State Senator Roxanne

Persaud and Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, the NYPD and a host of community members.

They came out, voluntarily, in the rain. And, as they huddled together, they reminisced about the day 11 years earlier, when many of them were forced to flee the comfort of their homes, seeking shelter from much heavier downpours. They gave thanks that they lived through the onslaught of the superstorm, to tell their stories, then prayed and celebrated with singing, steelpan music, dancing and hot

chocolate.

Lucina Clarke, Executive Director and co-founder of My Time Inc., organized the event and thanked everyone for braving the elements to be there. "We weathered the storm then and we'll continue to weather the storm because we have representatives in the City, the State and the Assembly making sure we get the things we need," she stated confidently. Clarke reminded everyone to avail themselves of the resources such as flood barriers that they continue to provide.

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## East Flatbush

## Community Prayers and Cries for Justice Answered in Double Homicide, Change Still Needed

By Loretta Chin

Another senseless act of gun violence left a community in shock once again; now they are asking for justice and pleading for change.

A longstanding dispute and arguments over noise led to the double homicide of a father, Bladimy Mathurin, 47, and his stepson, Mode Chinwai, 27, by their neighbor, Jason Pass, 47, on Sunday night, October 29th.

The cold-blooded shooting, which took place in the hallway of a Flatbush Gardens apartment building, led to community outcry and prayer vigils, and a police confrontation with the killer led to his death only three days later.

Elite Learners, Inc., a 67th Precinct Cure Violence organization, along with Councilwoman Farah Louis and numerous community partners, quickly organized a community response outside of the complex at 1418 Brooklyn Avenue on October 31st to support the family and call for justice.

Justice came quickly, but the reflections of the community about violence and the need for change will resonate long after.

Louis spoke of the impact on the family and said

she would ask the Mayor's office to deploy a grief counseling team for the community. "Everybody is grieving, even me, who had to step over blood yesterday in front of a woman's apartment where her husband was killed," she said. There is no way you can continue on without being traumatized by that."

Other speakers or organizations included Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman; Camara Jackson and Rob Williams of Elite Learners; members of the clergy; residents; Flatbush Gardens Tenant Association President Marietta Smalls; Bridging Access to Care; Sharon Coombs-Rose, from Christopher Rose Empowerment Campaign, who lost her son 18 years ago to violence; Natasha Christopher, from Mothers for Safe Cities, a mother who lost her son, Akeal, 11 years ago to gun violence; and two other mothers who lost their sons to stabbings or gun violence.

"The guns are coming in from the pipeline from the states that have lax gun laws, so we must do a better job," Christopher said.

Chandler-Waterman talked about the oversaturation of guns and other weapons that people use to commit violence. "So, as we work on legislation to correct some of these situations, we also have to



work within our hearts and our love ... because love conquers all."

They spoke about how violence and trauma has affected them and the need to restore the feeling of community by changing hearts and minds to love one another as we love ourselves.

Pastor Louis Straker, Jr. of the God Squad led a prayer to change the hearts of people toward love and unity.

"Tongue violence is even worse than gun violence because life and death is in the power of the tongue, and it begins with a word from the tongue," Reverend Terry Lee said. "We need love and not hate; we need peace and not war." He led the community to repeat it three times, each time growing louder.

## East Flatbush

## No Arrest in Fatal Shooting of East Flatbush Man

By Lloyd Mitchell

Detectives and officers from the 67th Precinct are investigating the homicide of a 45-year-old man who was shot and killed last week.

Police responded to a 911 call for a male shot at 211 East 94th Street, between Winthrop Street and Clarkson Avenue, around 12:05 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1st. They found Tikya Francis with a gunshot wound to his chest, according to police. The victim was taken to Kings County Hospital in critical condition, where he succumbed to his injuries.

Detectives were seen combing the backyard of the location for clues. There are no arrests, and an investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information regarding this shooting is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 888-57-PISTA (74782). The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers Website at [crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/](http://crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/), or on Twitter @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.



## East New York

## Two Suspects Arrested in Halloween Double Shooting

By Lloyd Mitchell and Linda Steinmuller

Police have arrested two teenagers accused of shooting two men in the rear of 530 Barbey Street, between Blake and Sutter Avenues, on Halloween night.

Police said a 33-year-old man was shot in the back and a 26-year-old man was shot in the right leg around 5:20 p.m. in the parking lot of the building. Both victims were taken to Brookdale Hospital in stable condition.

On Wednesday, November 1st, police arrested Khalil Wrighten, 18, and Michael Bullock, 18, both of East New York. Wrighten was charged with attempted murder and criminal possession of a weapon, and Bullock was charged with attempted murder and tampering with physical evidence.

Photo by Lloyd Mitchell



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## Tips on Flood Prevention Provided at Fresh Creek Civic Meeting

By Angela G. Nannetti

Members of the Fresh Creek Civic Association (FCCA) met in person at the Jamaica Bay Library, 9727 Seaview Avenue, on Saturday afternoon, October 21st, for the first time since the pandemic began. Though the members of the large, but tight-knit, group are mostly neighbors and good friends who maintained contact through their regular virtual meetings, they were excited to be together again at their old haunt.

FCCA President Maria Garrett invited William Chambers of the Caribbean Women's Health Association to talk to the group about HIV. Chambers explained that HIV disproportionately affects low-income neighborhoods of color and said that much of his work involves educating the public about the disease to improve awareness and prevention despite the tremendous stigma associated with the blood-borne illness. He discussed how the disease is transmitted and how it affects the immune system, assuring the group that the non-profit, located at 3512 Church Avenue, offers free, confidential testing, counseling and support groups, and referrals to healthcare providers who can provide medications to treat and, in some cases, prevent HIV. More information is available at [cwaha.org](http://cwaha.org).

Also in attendance, a representative

from the office of Assemblywoman Jaime Williams shared some important upcoming events, including a lovely event honoring veterans on November 5th in Marine Park. She noted that the office is currently accepting donations of old cell phones, which will be repaired and given to soldiers. They are also collecting small appliances for disposal in coordination with the Department of Sanitation on Thursdays. Representatives from the office of Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas were also present to collect feedback from the community.

Garrett took the opportunity to share some valuable information from the Department of Environmental Protection's "Flood Prevention and Home Protection" report, which had been presented to Community Board 18 in October. To keep the city's sewer lines flowing and prevent backups during heavy rain, DEP recommends keeping your nearest catch basin clear and free of leaves and debris, conserving water, disposing of cooking oil in a container in the trash instead of pouring it down the drain, sealing your home's foundation from cracks, keeping your gutters clean, and installing backwater valves, rain barrels and green spaces around your home. To learn more, visit [nyc.gov](http://nyc.gov).

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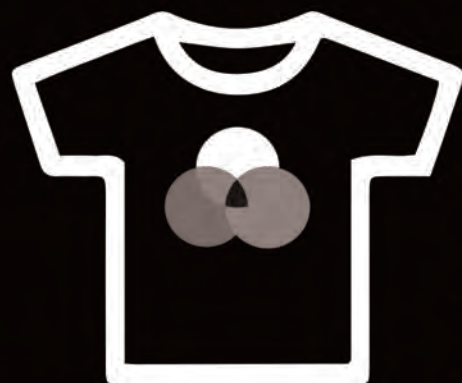
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### Kings Plaza

## Fashion Meets Brooklyn

By Bristol Hendrix

Fashion Week Brooklyn (October 14-22) took over Kings Plaza Mall on Sunday, October 22nd, marking the conclusion of a weeklong series of fashion shows throughout Brooklyn. The mall's main floor was transformed into a major runway, and you couldn't tell if you were in Paris or New York!

The first show took place in Park Slope, featuring a collection of clothes from Japanese designers. Each show had a different theme and showcased fashions from around the world. Rick Davy, the creative director of Fashion Week Brooklyn, co-founded the show alongside the BK Style Foundation in May 2006. For 15 years, Brooklyn Fashion Week has been recognized as one of the top five fashion shows, according to various publications.

The final show at Kings Plaza featured private label designers as well as retail stores in the mall. The *Canarsie Courier* spoke with several attendees who shared that casting for the show started months ago, and many of the models are regulars who have participated in the event over the years.

The crowds cheered as each model, of all ages and sizes, strutted down the runway. Host Kamla Millwood kept the crowd engaged and excited as each designer was presented.

Fashion Week Brooklyn also serves as a way for fashion designers, models and fashion professionals to connect with industry leaders by showcasing their talents in both private and public events. The models said it was a great way to build their portfolios. The team is already gearing up for Fashion Week Brooklyn 2024!



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## Flatlands

# Fire Safety, Hot Topic at Nieuw Amersfort Meeting

By Loretta Chin

Fire prevention and cooking safety were the burning topics of interest for Nieuw Amersfort Community Association (NACA) members during National Fire Safety Month at their October 24th meeting, held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 3913 Avenue J.

"October is usually our Fire Safety Month, so I'll give a little talk about that now," NACA president Steve Yamin said.

He recommended purchasing A, B, and C rated metal top home fire extinguishers as only the metal ones are rechargeable. Plastic top extinguishers are only good for one use. An A rating is for things like wood, cloth, papers and trash; B is for chemicals, plastics, gas and oil, and C is for electrical equipment fires.

It's important to check the gauge and date since they should be inspected, recharged or replaced every five years. Yamin recommended placement at the top of the stairs or at the entrance to the kitchen.

For kitchen safety, he advised keeping a lid near the frying pan when frying with oil. "There are three things that a fire needs: heat, oxygen and fuel," he said. "Taking away the heat by turning off the stove and putting a lid on it cuts off the oxygen, letting it die down."

He said to never pick up a pan with burning oil in it because you could spill it and burn yourself or spread the fire. Likewise, if a turkey catches fire in the oven, don't try to take it out; just turn off the stove and let it burn out. Or, if you open the stove, cover it

with a wet towel to put out the flames. If using a fire extinguisher, stand away and move toward the fire to maintain control.

"Never, ever, leave the pan with oil cooking on the stove," Yamin said. "Turn off the stove, if you need to leave, but never leave it on and walk to the living room and make a phone call, etc."

Likewise, don't leave anything cooking on the stove unattended and always have something handy to put out the fire like a box of baking soda to smother the flames. Finally, always call the fire department, even if you put out the fire.

Other speakers were Auxiliary Police Inspector Jeff Zweig, who announced upcoming community events and spoke about auxiliary police training and recruitment, and Neighborhood Coordination Officers Paul Alva and Jonathon Perez. They talked about crime and quality of life issues with residents.

A new trend is how criminals are committing grand larceny of high-end vehicles. Thieves are using a device that copies the frequency from a key fob and repeats it back to the vehicle they are trying to steal to open the door and start the ignition.

Usually, it's done as a team. One man will have a backpack with the machine and another man will use a wire to scan the doors. If a key fob is left in the car or nearby, the wire can pick up its frequency so never leave it in or near the car.

NACA meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month but will not be meeting in November or December because of the holidays. The next meeting will be held on January 23, 2024.



NACA president Steve Yamin warns residents of the dangers of cooking fires before the holiday season and during National Fire Safety Month.

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# Audiologists Give Presentation on Hearing Loss at Flatlands Civic Meeting

By Dara Mormile

Members of the Flatlands Civic Club, Inc. (FCC) haven't met since last June. Subsequently, FCC President Joan Gilbert made sure her organization and guest speakers doled out plenty of meaningful information at their most recent Zoom meeting hosted on Thursday, October 26th.

One of the guests in attendance was Daniel Heredia from Councilwoman Farah Louis' office. He spoke excitedly about new and improved recreational spaces in the Flatlands area and beyond.

"Just last week, our office took part in the groundbreaking ceremony for the Shirley Chisholm Recreation Center in our community by the Nostrand Playground in East Flatbush," the representative said. "The center is expected to open in 2025, but it took \$141 million into making it a reality." Heredia also said the basketball courts at Fox Playground, located at Avenue H and East 55th Street, have been upgraded thanks to capital funding.

Gilbert asked about vans that were parked around an elementary school, P.S. 251, near its location on Avenue I. A mechanic's shop has allegedly been contributing to the poor quality of life issues, as the establishment has abandoned cars parked all around the vicinity.

Louis' office will possibly look into city and state legislation about amending how auto body shops can operate and if legislation can mitigate the uncouth operations of leaving derelict cars parked on local streets.

The over 20-plus in attendance at the remote meeting were ready to hear more educational news – and received plenty of sound information from the audiologists at Liberty Hearing Centers. Their practice specializes in hearing aid assessments and fittings.

Doctors Ruth Reisman and John Weigand provided an in-depth presentation on balance and health, particularly the association

between hearing loss and falls.

"Hearing helps us evaluate the space around us," said Reisman. "When we can't hear, our balance is off; there's vestibular impairment and less brain function."

The doctor encouraged older residents, more likely to suffer from hearing failure, to get fitted for hearing aids and even implants if they are good candidates for the procedure. "We notice that a lot of people who have hearing problems don't want to go out as much as they used to; they don't socialize as much because it's frustrating for them – and they're not moving around as often," Reisman noted. "As a result of that – and their brain function lacking – they may walk slower."

The doctors encouraged residents with hearing impairments to get screened with different types of hearing tests. If they need a hearing aid, there's no shame in researching the types of devices that could save their lives. Some of the more modern sound amplifiers have fall detection technology, artificial intelligence capabilities and telehealth service that are useful for both doctors and their patients. Residents were grateful for the guest speakers and their useful session.

The FCC will announce when their next meeting is scheduled. You can also e-mail Joan Gilbert for more information at: flatlandscivic@gmail.com

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## Marine Park

## Sixth Annual Raptorama Festival Still Sets Hearts Aflutter

By Loretta Chin

Not even the pouring rain could keep fans from visiting their hooked beak and sharp-clawed avian friends at the sixth annual Raptorama Festival held at the Salt Marsh Nature Center on Avenue U on Sunday, October 29th.

Over 100 people surrounded the roped-off area where a variety of raptors, which are carnivorous predatory birds, were shown by educators: Wildlife in Need of Rescue and Rehabilitation (WINORR) founder Bobby Horvath; Littoral Society Northeast Director Don Riepe; NYC Audubon staff member Tod Winston; and volunteer Dennis Guiney.

The event, sponsored by the American Littoral Society, NYC Audubon, Jamaica Bay-Rockaway



The Samstein family with Dennis Guiney and a Barn Owl.

Parks Conservancy, National Park Service, Gateway NRA and Marine Park Alliance, was especially popular among families with young children, but people of all ages were delighted to learn all they could about their fine-feathered friends. Each bird was taken around the ropes as their handlers took pictures with the crowd and talked about each bird's history, habits and stories of rescue or rehabilitation.

Other than Augie, the Eurasian Eagle Owl, bred in captivity, all others were wild, but injured to the extent that they couldn't be released back into their natural habitats. Included were the Bald Eagle, Red-tailed Hawk, Raven, Peregrine Falcon, Barn Owl and other smaller birds of prey such as the Burrowing Owl, Merlin Falcon and Kestrel.

The Samstein family, who live nearby, attended for the first time and said it was worth it to come, even in the rain. "The kids are very interested in animals and learned a lot," their mother said.

People came from everywhere as word spread by word-of-mouth and on the internet. Terry Sullivan, originally from Gerritsen Beach and now living in Staten Island, came for the fourth time.

"I'm happy that they do this because it makes so many more people aware of what's in your neighborhood and community, and how important it is to give these birds their space and the habitats that they need," Sullivan said.

Inside the Nature Center were various host tables and activities. Nature artist Wing Kong displayed her three-dimensional art mural made of found or discarded items. Kong worked with kids to make their own fabric art using paint and leaves to make their own bags.



The Burrowing Owl is one of the smaller owls.



Bobby Horvath with Augie, the Eurasian Eagle Owl.

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# Letters To The Editor

## "When a Hat is Not Just a Hat"

**Dear Editor:**

I was recently walking near the McDonald's on Rockaway Parkway and Conklin Avenue when I came across a lonely hat sitting by itself on a sidewalk. I would have passed it by except that I had taken the time to inspect it further.

The hat was a green camouflage color. The front said "Vietnam Veteran." I left the hat where it was, hoping that the rightful owner would be back soon to claim it. I turned around hoping to see the owner retrieve his property, but what I saw instead was appalling. Pedestrians were just walking around, stepping all over the hat.

I decided to take possession of the hat and bring it to the *Canarsie Courier* in the hope that the hero who owns it would claim it. A lot of blood, sweat and tears went into owning that hat, and it should never be kicked around.

It occurred to me that in this day and age, our military veterans are being kicked around. There are thousands of American vets on our streets who are homeless. We have decided to house and take care of migrants from other countries while displacing our own homeless, including veterans and children. The same veterans who put their lives on the line for us every day do not get the finan-

cial and mental health help that they need. We rush to help people from other countries who have crossed our Southern Border without being vetted. 9/11 was only 22 years ago. The terror attack on Israel was on October 7th. We do not know how many terrorists have infiltrated our Southern Border illegally. It is the military that we call upon to protect us from terrorism and rogue nations.

Sometimes you find something on the street that you consider valuable. It can be money or jewelry. Or it can be a hat.

*E. Kaplan,  
Canarsie*

*Editor's Note: The owner of the hat retrieved his hat at the Canarsie Courier office the following day.*



## The B82 – Worst Bus in Brooklyn!

**Dear Editor:**

I used to think that the B47 bus that goes down Ralph Avenue was the bus that never comes. Well, we have a new champion. Drumroll, please! The B82 is the reigning champ as the worst bus in Brooklyn.

The B82 line consists of the local B82 bus that makes local stops and the express Select Bus B82 that makes fewer stops. The Select Bus B82 does not stop at my stop, which is Flatlands Avenue and Rockaway Parkway. It is fair to say that this is a major stop that should not be overlooked.

There are five Select B82 buses for every one regular B82. I have a hard time getting to work because of this. Sometimes, especially early on Friday mornings, the lone B82 that I have waited for will just leave me standing there. Other times, that bus is so crowded that it is downright uncomfortable. Lately, I have had to resort to taking the B6 and then walk many avenue blocks to get to my job. This is very unfair and uncalled for. Please try to do better, MTA. You got your fare increase, now give us a bus increase!

*Anonymous*

## Release the Israeli Hostages Before Sending Humanitarian Aid to Gaza

**Dear Editor:**

President Biden's call to send \$100 million of your tax dollars to Gaza for humanitarian relief is naive. Gaza is governed by Hamas. They are the same terrorists responsible for the loss of 1,400 Israeli citizens murdered at the hands of Hamas. This would be the equivalent of America losing 40,000 babies, children, teenagers, adults and seniors. Hamas has a long history of diverting humanitarian aid for military purposes. This included building a network of 300 miles of underground tunnels in Gaza. First things first, Hamas should release all hostages from Israel, the United States and other nations around the world. Any humanitarian aid after that needs to be administered by the International Red Cross supplemented by outside observers. This is the only way to assure that aid goes to civilians in need versus Hamas terrorists. Don't pay for it by adding \$100 million to our long term \$33.6 trillion national debt. Instead, reduce our aid to the useless pro-Palestinian United Nations by \$100 million.

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## Monsters, Princesses and Superheroes Abound at Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree

**By Brian Moreno**

A dull, drizzling and gray sky was not enough to damper the spirits of colorful, costumed children as families gathered on Sunday, October 29th, in front of the Community Board 18 (CB18) office at 1097 Bergen Avenue to celebrate the Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree.

Organized by the CB18 staff, families celebrated Halloween by decorating pumpkins and showing off their costumes, as well as participating in other activities, such as riding on carnival rides and jumping in a bouncy house, all while eating snacks and a multitude of candies.

"I was looking for a specific event for my godkids to dress up in costumes and just play, have fun and be care-free," said Soriyana Louis. "I saw the flyer on one of their fridges, and I was just like, 'Oh yeah, we should go,' and they were excited to go."

Children and even parents were dressed in all sorts of costumes, from famous superheroes and video characters such as Spider-Man and Yoshi, to classics monsters, princesses and fairies, all to enjoy Halloween with the community.

"The community board gives back to the community and CB18 is here to do that," said CB18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow. "We're here to serve the community in every way we can and one of the ways is getting families out together and having fun."

Public servants, elected officials, community board members and local organizations come together at the Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree.

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## SD19 Kids Receive Halloween Treats from Senator Persaud at District Office

By Brenda Cox

On October 31st, a steady stream of trick-or-treaters glided into the lobby of State Senator Roxanne Persaud's office, at 1222 East 96th Street, to partake of her Halloween spread. They came dressed as witches, ghosts, goblins, police officers, bumblebees, astronauts and princesses, collecting bags stuffed with candy and beverages.

After receiving their goody bags, each was invited to choose a mini pumpkin from the scores that decorated the area and also pose for photos with the senator and staff as Steve Miller's "Abracadabra" played softly in the background. Many who didn't

make it to the office received "treats" from staffers who hauled wagons piled high with the remaining goody bags throughout the community, stopping at bus stops and local businesses to hand them out.

The Halloween party was held in partnership with Classic Barber and Beauty Salon, Davids Optical Inc., East Flatbush Village, Community Board 18, Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield, the 69th Precinct and the Law Offices of Benjamin Pinczewski and Shpelfogel. Several volunteers from the community including Brooklyn Transition and Canarsie Lions facilitated the orderly running of the event.



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### Marine Park

## Third Annual Festival of Lights Begins With Diwali Celebration

By Brian Moreno

Marine Park was shining brightly on Saturday evening, November 4th, as the third Annual Festival of Lights began with a ceremonial celebration of Diwali outside the Carmine Carro Community Center, 3000 Fillmore Avenue.

The Marine Park Alliance's (MPA) Festival of Lights honors a wide range of holidays observed by residents and highlights the significance of light in holidays worldwide, including Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and the lighting of the Christmas tree.

Organized by the MPA, along with the assistance of Assemblywoman Jaime Williams and State Senator Roxanne Persaud, and curated by Pandit Ravi Doobay, clergy of the Hindu temple of Maha Lakshmi Mandir, residents of Marine Park learned about Diwali, among other Hindu customs.

"I'm greatly honored," Stephanie Samaroo-Martinez, MPA board member said. "It brings me back to my roots of Trinidad and actually introduced Diwali to south Brooklyn. It means a lot to know that we can bring our culture to life, so other people can



Diwali celebration at the Carmine Carro Center.



Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, State Senator Roxanne Persaud and staff members join in the Diwali celebration.

enjoy and understand what Diwali is all about."

Throughout the ceremony, Pandit Doobay elucidated the significance of Diwali and how one does not have to be Hindu to celebrate it.

Diwali is observed during the Hindu holy month of Kartika (mid-October and mid-November) and aside from Hindus, Jains and Sikhs also celebrate the holiday during a five-day observance. The holiday celebrates light and good winning over evil and is connected to Lakshmi, the Hindu goddess of prosperity.

Other Hindu customs were practiced, such as the performance of a religious song, and mala bead necklaces were bestowed to elders of the community.

"Diwali is a celebration of light and allows us to celebrate with joy," said Pandit Doobay. "It does not confine itself to Hindus. We all need light and that light is what we do with Diwali. We celebrate with great fervor and festivity so that we can enjoy with everyone."



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## Marine Park

## Veterans Honored at Annual Veterans Appreciation Day

By Brian Moreno



The United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Boy Scout Troop 193 presenting the colors.

Local veterans were honored at the Third Annual Veterans Appreciation Day Celebration outside the Carmine Carro Community Center on Sunday, November 5th.

Sponsored and hosted by Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, residents gathered together as community members, organizers and elected officials honored veterans for their service. Four selected veterans, all residents of southern Brooklyn, were awarded proclamations from New York State.

"It's an honor for us to do this special tribute to our men and women who've served in the armed forces because, as we've said, freedom is not free," Assemblywoman Williams told attendees. "These men and women fought for our country and as the assembly member, it's important that we honor them by showing them our appreciation."

The ceremony began with the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Boy Scout Troop 193 presenting the colors, followed by audience members singing the National Anthem. Assemblywoman Williams and District Leader Frank Seddio, among others, praised the veterans and others in the military for their service.

Each branch of the military had their creed recited by a relative of or a veteran themselves. Robert Spieler, who served his country with distinction in the Army Chemical Corps, recited the Army's creed. Better known as "Pickleball Bob" in Marine Park, his father, Robert R. Spieler, was killed in action at the Battle of the Bulge during World War II.

Musical performances were conducted by Rocco Gammone and Robert Mineo as the two did a rendition of "America The Beautiful." Lizet Deadato sang "Ave Maria" to those who have passed, and bagpipes were played in honor of those who were either killed, missing in action or prisoners of war.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be honored from Assemblywoman Jaime Williams," said Specialist 4 Frank Naccarato, a Vietnam War veteran and a Proclamation recipient. "It's important that we keep up the tradition of patriotism, not only for our generation, but for future generations and recognize the service that the soldiers have done for this country. I am proud to be an American, and God bless this great country of ours."

The Veterans Appreciation Day Celebration was held in conjunction with State Senator Simcha Felder, Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein and Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse, and in partnership with Millennium Development, Marine Park Alliance and others.



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Robert "Pickleball Bob" Spieler recites the Army's creed and speaks of his father who was killed in action during the Battle of the Bulge during World War II.



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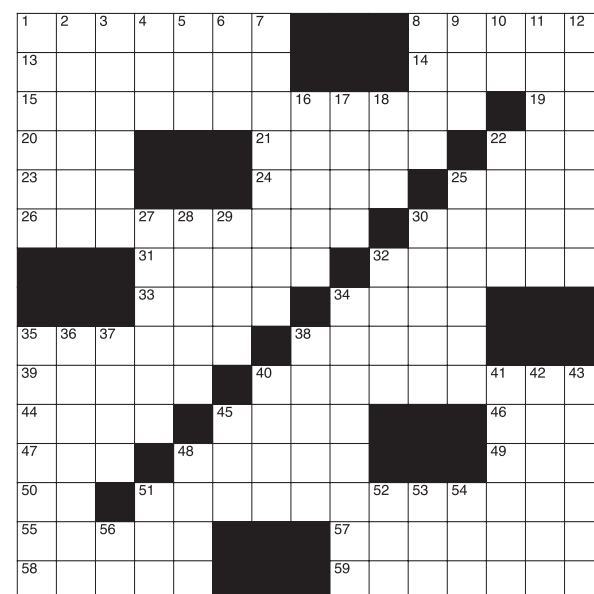


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**Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.**

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AGING  
CAREGIVER  
COMPASSION  
CONTINUING  
COORDINATOR  
DAYCARE  
EQUIPMENT  
FAMILY  
GERIATRIC  
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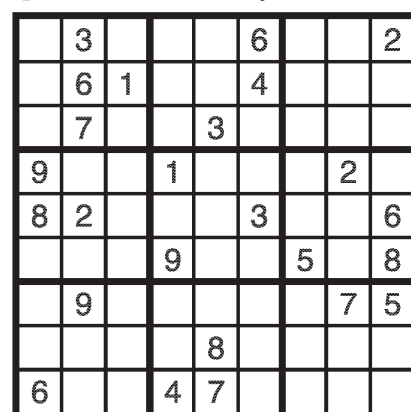


1. Happen again	35. Circles around the sun
8. Large flightless birds	38. Used for emphasis
13. A type of account	39. Reactive structures
14. Beyond what is natural	40. Recommendations
15. Beloved comfort food	44. Feel intense anger
19. Rural delivery	45. Puke
20. Belonging to us	46. Rural Northern Ireland
21. Typical	community
22. Pie ___ mode	47. Naturally occurring
23. Returned material	solid material
authorization (abbr.)	48. British watch brand
24. Not us	49. Toddler
25. Discharge	50. Integrated circuit
26. Made empty	51. Being revered
30. Fishing net	55. "Pets" you can grow
31. Fast-moving, harmless snake	57. Continual
32. Analyzed into its parts	58. Puts together in time
33. In a way, chilled	59. Houses temporarily
34. Hindu queen	

1. Vital public document	29. Scores perfectly
2. Disinter	30. More lucid
3. Musical performances	32. Trim by cutting
4. After B	34. Disreputable people
5. Every body has one (abbr.)	35. Dramatic behaviors
6. Utilize	36. Disorder
7. In a way, disproved	37. Private box in a theater
8. Fisherman's tool	38. More dried-up
9. Of she	40. Raw
10. Trauma center	41. In operation
11. Commercial flyer	42. Pillager
12. Administered medicine to calm	43. Butterflies with brown wings
16. Popular R&B performer	45. Disallow
17. Regretted	48. Own up
18. Leg (slang)	51. Hungarian city
22. "Night Train" author	52. A way to condemn
25. More supernatural	53. Tax collector
27. Baltimore ballplayer	54. Lease
28. Shoe parts	56. Not out



# SUDOKU



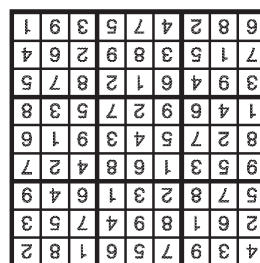
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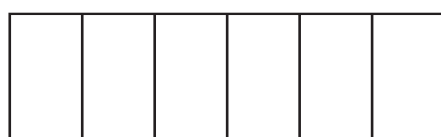


ANSWER:

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to caregiving.

# RWEKLA



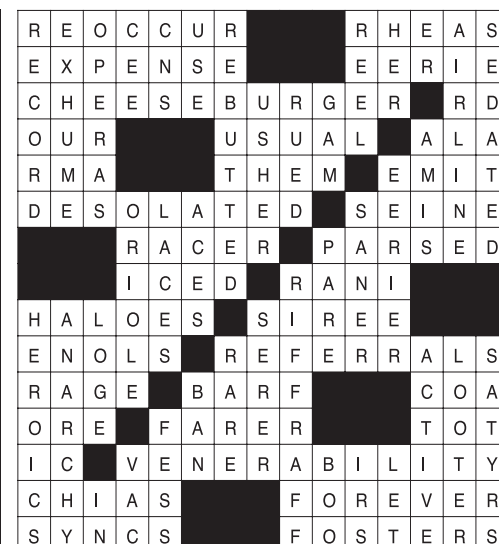
*Answer: Walker*

# Guess Who?

I am an actor born in California on November 11, 1974. An agent suggested I use a different name as my stage name. I am known for many big films, including one that really launched my career, despite the subject matter being about a titanic disaster.

Answer: Leonardo DiCaprio

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## Marine Park Junior High Offers Students Fall Fun at All-Day Festival

By Amanda Salazar

In a first-of-its-kind event at Marine Park JHS 278, located at 1925 Stuart Street, students got the chance to attend a Fall Festival during the school day, held on Friday, October 27th.

The "Fallin' Into Fun" festival ran all day long – each period, a different group of students participated in the event, held in the first-floor gym, so all kids got to attend. The festival was also open an extra hour in the afternoon for students and teachers to attend a second time, this time with their families.

"We wanted to build a sense of community for the students to be joyful and have fun and to celebrate how all of us can come together as a community," English teacher Libby Delaveriz said. "We come together as a community to build a sense of camaraderie, to build a sense of joining together and uniting."

There was a book raffle, with an array of titles donated by the Brooklyn Public Library, and kids decorated felt pumpkins and created Halloween origami at craft tables. A hydroponics booth taught students how to grow pumpkins, while a sensory station had students stick their hands into a box and guess what was inside. There was face painting, candy and performances by the choir and dance team.

Principal Kerri Moser said the transdisciplinary event welcomed students back from the remote learning of recent years and helped multilingual learners develop their English skills.

"To ensure that we're together, bringing joy to the educational experience in a different way, interacting with each other for socialization," she said. "It's fun, it's safe, and it's in an environment where they feel comfortable."



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## Second Annual Turkey Giveaway

On November 1st, the Canarsie Merchants Association organized our 2nd Annual Turkey With Trimmings Giveaway, at a different location this year, right in front of Sylk Cove Lounge, a departure from our usual setup in front of Capital One.

The venue change was primarily due to the unpredictable weather conditions. However, our commitment to the community remained unwavering. We were determined to keep our promise of hosting the giveaway on that specified day. As a result, we adapted and made it happen right in front of the business belonging to our merchant member. The shift in location did not escape the notice of our regular community members, who not only noticed but also enthusiastically embraced the change. They were pleasantly surprised by this new approach. We welcomed this change as an opportunity to shine a spotlight on one of our merchant members and attract the attention of other business owners. The moment we began setting up in the new location, other business owners quickly took notice and expressed their interest.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to The Peli Firm for their generous donation, which enabled us to purchase turkeys for the community. This contribution is greatly valued, and we are deeply appreciative of it. Our turkey purchase was made through our merchant member, America's Food Basket.

As soon as community members caught sight of the turkey-filled carts, they eagerly began forming a line, anticipating their share. The giveaway was not limited to just turkey; attendees also received a complete set of seasonings and ingredients to complement their meals. Inside their bags, they found garlic, ginger, celery, green onion, thyme, lemons – everything required to prepare a delicious dinner. By providing

them with the essentials, we aim to help them save money and eliminate the need to purchase a turkey for Thanksgiving. The community expressed their gratitude, with some individuals sharing that they were not fortunate enough to purchase one this year. Our mission is to assist in any way we can, and if we can remove some of the stress or burdens, we consider that a successful outcome.

As fast as we started the giving, we quickly ran out of turkeys. The word spread like wildfire, with individuals phoning their friends and family, encouraging them to come and participate in the giveaway. It's important to note that the turkeys were available while supplies lasted. Afterward, we continued our food distribution efforts, ensuring that those who did not receive a turkey were still able to take something home. Overall, it was a successful day and we are

grateful for everyone who made it possible. Thank you to our community partners, Children of the Light Food Pantry and Oak Street Health, for your contributions and assistance in this event.

We are thrilled to announce we still have more exciting and engaging events planned for the rest of November. Wednesday, November 8th will be designated as a special Wellness Wednesday in honor of our veterans, a day set aside to express our gratitude for their dedicated service. Our 2nd Annual Community Holiday Meal is scheduled for Wednesday, November 22nd, while the Canarsie Pop-Up Market and our celebration of Small Business Saturday will both take place on November 25th. We encourage everyone to follow us on social media to stay connected and see updates.

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