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Shaping the Future of Canarsie Through Participatory Budgeting

By Jibreel Jalloh

Sharing an opportunity for local residents to directly influence how a portion of our city's budget is spent. This Saturday, November 18th, at the Canarsie Library, starting at 2:30 p.m., we will host a participatory budgeting workshop that epitomizes democracy in action.

Participatory budgeting is a democratic process in which community members decide how to allocate public funds. It's our money, after all, and who better to decide how it should be spent than those it impacts the most? The People's Money initiative, using mayoral expense funding, is a call for us to step up and fund projects that will enrich our neighborhoods and our lives.

This process is more than just decision-making; it's about community-building, empowering residents and fostering a transparent relationship between the city's finances and its citizens. By engaging in this process, we are not only voicing our needs but also taking on the responsibility for our community's development. We are laying the foundations for projects that resonate with our collective aspirations, from improving local parks and schools to enhancing public safety measures.

Information about the participatory budgeting process can be found at the NYC Civic Engagement Commission's website or directly at participate.nyc.gov. These resources provide a detailed overview of the process and illustrate the power of community input in the city's financial decisions.

Why should you attend? Because every voice matters. Your unique perspective is essential in painting the full picture of what Canarsie needs to thrive. Whether you're a



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student, a senior, a business owner or a stay-at-home parent, your insights are invaluable. This session is not just about the present; it's about charting a course for future generations.

Also, the workshop promises to be an engaging event where you can connect with fellow residents over refreshments, share your vision for our neighborhood and collectively brainstorm initiatives that could be life-changing for many.

It's time for Canarsie to come together, to put our heads together and our pens to paper. Let's seize this chance to mold our city's budget into a tool that truly serves our community. The future of Canarsie is in our hands; let's make it bright.

Join us at the Canarsie Library (1580

Rockaway Parkway, at Avenue J) from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. this Saturday, November 18th. Your ideas can spark the change we all wish to see.

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.

What's Happening!

Thursday, November 16th

69th Precinct Sector C Build the Block Meeting - **CANCELLED**
Church @ the Rock - 7 p.m.
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Meet your Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCO) and discuss public safety concerns affecting Sector C.

Saturday, November 18th

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Monday, November 20th

41st Annual Brotherhood Service
Holy Family School Auditorium - 7 p.m.
9719 Flatlands Avenue
(entrance on Conklin Avenue)
A Community Praying together before Thanksgiving
Light refreshments served after the event.

Canarsie Merchants Association Events

Wellness Wednesdays - 12 to 2 p.m.
Capital One Bank - 1425 Rockaway Parkway
Food distribution, weekly Resource Fair, drop off food scraps

Thursday, November 23rd (Thanksgiving Day)

2nd Annual Community Holiday Meal
In front of Capital One Bank - 1425 Rockaway Parkway
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Saturday, November 25th

3rd Annual Small Business Saturday - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Join CMA for financial literacy over breakfast, shopping deals and steals, giveaways, music and the launch of Canarsie Lights and Canarsie Pop-Up Market (Sylk Cove Lounge from 12 to 7 p.m.)

Jamaica Bay Friends Group Craft Club

Jamaica Bay Library - 9727 Seaview Avenue
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Needlepoint, crochet, knitting, latch hook, etc.
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Friends of Jamaica Bay Library

The Friends Group is looking for dedicated volunteers to support Branch services for the community, including crafts, STEM classes, a book club, yoga, computer coding and more. Call Cathy at 347-794-7075 (Cmat35@aim.com) or Harold at 917-592-5875 (Harold.jones105@yahoo.com) for more info.

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Sixty-Ninth Precinct Clergy Council Wraps up a Year of Vigils Against Gun Violence

By Brenda Cox

On Monday, November 6th, the 69th Precinct Clergy Council convened at 9720 Foster Avenue for their final general meeting of 2023.

Clergy Council President Reverend Cecil Moon-sam gave a synopsis of the group's accomplishments year-to-date, mainly their prayer vigils and crusade against gun violence, as well as efforts to raise awareness, especially among the youths, about the perils of being involved in a gang. Moonsam also outlined the Clergy Council's plans for the upcoming year before introducing the new Commanding Officer, Captain Dion Hinds.

The CO, who previously served at several precincts including the 75th, 81st, Transit and Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) since the start of his career almost 19 years ago, spoke to the gathering of clergy leaders, chaplains and community members about the "pleasure and honor" he experiences as a part of their com-

munity. "I am thoroughly, thoroughly impressed with what I see when it comes to anything dealing with the 69th," he told them. Hinds said he has no plans for any major changes except to expand on what's already in place, stating that he's very "receptive" to suggestions for improvement. He thanked the Clergy Council, "one of the strongest I've seen so far," for always being there. "The support I've seen from the Clergy Council, by far, is the top of the top. I love when you guys come into the Roll Call and pray for the men and women of the precinct before they go out to serve the people of the community. Your prayers are well received and well taken," he stated.

Captain Hinds also provided the latest statistics on crime in the community, which showed an overall drop of 5%.

The meeting concluded with a prayer for peace, protection and good health by Clergy Council board member Pastor Gail Forde.



East New York

Two Alarm Fire Injures Seven

By Lloyd Mitchell

Fire marshals are investigating the cause of a two alarm fire that broke out at 390 Georgia Avenue on Monday, November 13th.

Firefighters arrived to heavy fire coming from a fourth-floor apartment, located between Dumont and Blake Avenues, around 7:45 p.m. After gaining access to the apartment, they rescued a grandmother and her grandson. Intense fire conditions drew members from Engine Company 290 back into the hallway, according to witnesses at the scene.

Several residents were evaluated by paramedics at the scene, and a total of seven people – six residents and one firefighter – were taken to Brookdale and Kings County hospitals, as well as Nassau Medical Center, with smoke inhalation.

Over 100 firefighters used three hose lines to knock down the main body of fire. The blaze was placed under control around 8:25 p.m.



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By Linda Steinmuller

When a woman unintentionally left her wallet at a local gas station, two thieves grabbed it and went on a spending spree using her credit cards.

Police are looking for the two suspects who took the 57-year-old woman's wallet at the Mobil gas station located at 8401 Flatlands Avenue around 7 p.m. on Friday, September 29th.

The woman did not realize that she left her wallet at the Mobil station until the following day when she received alerts for multiple unauthorized transactions on her credit cards, police said.

The NYPD recently released surveillance of the two individuals in question, who were using the victim's credit cards at the time.

Anyone with information regarding this incident 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/, or on Twitter @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.

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Incumbents Win City Council Race

By Linda Steinmuller

Local voters reelected the incumbent candidates for Council Districts 45 and 46, also casting their ballots for State Supreme, Civil and Surrogate Court judges at the General Election, held on Tuesday, November 7th, where voter turnout was fairly steady.

A nine-day Early Voting period ran from Saturday, October 28th through Sunday, November 5th, where only 86,000 New Yorkers cast their votes, a dismal turnout considering the city's population is over eight million people.

Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse (Democrat-D46) won 66% of the vote against Republican Michael Moran (33%) and Adlerette Kebreuw, who only won 2% of the vote. District 46 covers Canarsie, Bergen Beach, Flatlands, Georgetown, Gerritsen Beach, Marine Park, Mill Basin, Mill Island and Sheepshead Bay. This is Narcisse's second term; during her tenure, she secured over \$40 million in funding for schools, parks and libraries.

Councilwoman Farah Louis (Democrat-D45) ran uncontested, taking 97% of the vote. Louis' district represents Flatlands, Flatbush, East Flatbush, Marine Park and Midwood. She has fought for affordable housing and prioritized legislation to protect domestic violence survivors.

Chris Banks is the newly-elected Democratic councilman for District

42, covering East New York, Spring Creek and Starrett City. Banks defeated longtime Councilman Charles Barron in the Primary Election.

Voters approved two amendments to the State Constitution: Ballot Proposal 1, the Removal of Small City School Districts from Special Constitutional Debt Limitation (64% voted yes), and Ballot Proposal 2, Extending Sewage Project Debt Exclusion from Debt Limit (68% voted yes), thereby extending the sewer debt exception for 10 more years until January 1, 2034.



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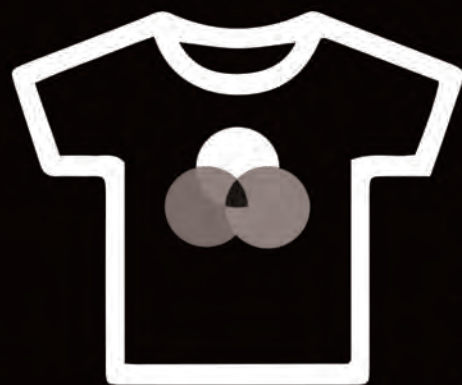
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East Flatbush

P.S. 268 Is Top Performing School in District 18

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Hands-on Principal Rick Romain says that if you believe it, you can achieve it. On Monday, November 6th, P.S. 268 Emma Lazarus, located at 133 East 53rd Street, held a celebratory event in honor of the students and their successful year.

This year, P.S. 268 is proud to announce that they are the highest performing school in District 18, in both Math and English Language Arts (ELA). Having a reputation for years of being one of the poorest schools and the lowest performing, Principal Romain, Assistant Principal Sharon Haynes, faculty and staff invited NYC Schools Chancellor David Banks, CEO of Robin Hood Rich Buery and Chief of Schools for Community Supports and Wellness Flavia Puello-Perdomo. Chief Perdomo told the audience, "We know that seamless integration between schools and community partners supports the development of the whole child and ensures that all children thrive."

So, what makes this school so successful? Perseverance, a trait that Romain holds dear to his heart as an encourager and a leader. If a student or a teacher is having any doubts regarding a new lesson, Romain told the *Canarsie Courier*, "I will go into the classroom, model how I want it to be done and show them that it can be done." Romain motivates the teachers to coach and support each other in addition to having the parents involved. "We are planning for stu-

dents to become college and career-ready," he explained. It's imperative that the parents have access to teachers. Romain and his team ensure that parents are proactive, have access to workshops via Zoom and in person, and have programs in different languages, such as Spanish and Creole.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Romain knows the importance of mentorship and support. He applauds his father for being his mentor. His father, a daycare worker, would ignite the fire in his son and encourage him to work with children at a youth center in his teens. While attending college, his major was biology; however, overhearing the young students murmur to one another that they wanted to go to college like "Mr. Ricky," as they called him, Romain reassessed his decision on his major because of the impact he knew he was making on the youth. He started at P.S. 268 as an Assistant Principal, and now, as a school leader, Romain intends to constantly make shifts to improve the students, teachers and community.



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One of the best things anyone can do, whether you own or rent a house or apartment, is to make sure your home and the surrounding property are safe and clear of visible hazards. If your stairs are missing a handrail, have a handrail installed. If the surrounding sidewalk is broken or cracked,

either report it to the City or have it fixed yourself by a professional. Clean the surrounding property of papers and debris, and in the winter, clear the snow and put down salt to melt the ice. And, most importantly, make sure your house meets all applicable safety and fire codes. This is for your own safety, as well as the safety of others.

If you rent a house or apartment, check around for safety violations and report them in writing to your landlord. Also, read the fine print in your lease, as you may be held responsible in the lease for keeping the sidewalks and driveway free of snow, ice and debris.

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School District 18 Sees Drop in Enrollment

By Amanda Salazar

Enrollment in District 18 schools has been dropping over the last five years, with elementary schools seeing a 35% decline over that period and middle schools seeing a 25% decline, according to data shared at the November 6th meeting of Community Education Council 18 (CEC18).

CECs are education policy advisory bodies that review and evaluate their district's educational programs. CEC18 is made up of parents of District 18 students, which includes Canarsie and East Flatbush. Monthly meetings are held at the district's office at 1106 East 95th Street.

Tori Fenton and Chris Gurley from the DOE's Office of District Planning visited the meeting to share data on enrollment, retention and articulation rates in the district. This office handles school rezonings, dezonings, merges and more.

While they explained that the rates have dropped since



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2017, there's hope for improvement.

"That District 18 pre-K programs have seen an uptick in enrollment, we think, is a really good sign," Fenton said. "Those students... they become your kindergarten students and so this is reflecting a good cohort of kids who we hope will grow up in the district."

District 18 pre-K enrollment increased 17% last year from the year prior, the only grade category that did not decline.

Last school year, 41% of all elementary school aged children living within District 18 actually attended District 18 public schools. In 2017, that number was 50%. At the same time, the portion of students living within the district who go to charter schools has increased, from 32% in 2017 to 37% in 2023. Similar trends could be seen in middle school, where only 38% of all middle-school aged children living inside the district attended a District 18 public school in 2023, compared with 46% from 2017. Charter school enrollment in the district increased from 24% to 36% within that same timeframe.

Articulation rates — looking at how many students go from one grade to the next in a district — are showing a somewhat different story, though. From 2021-2022 to 2022-2023, 38% of pre-K students at District 18 public schools went on to kindergarten in District 18 public schools, a slight increase from two years prior. Articulation from 5th to 6th grade within the same period, however, shows a small decrease, 64% instead of the previous 67%.

District 18 is in the bottom 25% of DOE enrollment, but within that lowest quartile, the district does not have the lowest enrollment of the city.

Superintendent Celeste Terry said she thinks part of the reason the district is struggling with enrollment and retention is a lack of free afterschool programs. Charter schools offer parents the ability to participate in early drop-off and afterschool.

"When we talk about why parents are making certain choices, it's really about the opportunity to provide for parents to be able to work and still send their children to school," she said.

The council meeting also featured the first voting session of the school year, being that the minimum number of board members required for a vote were finally present. The board inducted two more members, Veronica Campbell and Yonette Sealey, and then began elections for board positions.

Both Campbell and Sealey ran for president, with the former earning six votes and the latter only receiving the vote she cast for herself. Since neither candidate received enough votes to win, the board chose to table that race until the following meeting.

Board members Anderson David and Carol Romain both ran uncontested for roles, recording secretary and treasurer respectively, and won. No one ran for first and second vice president.

CEC18 is also looking for more members. Any parent of a District 18 student is welcome to attend meetings and nominate themselves for board membership.

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OBH Walk Supports Patients Undergoing Weight Loss Surgery

By Bristol Hendrix

On Saturday, November 4th, employees, community members and residents participated in the 1st Obesity Walk sponsored by One Brooklyn Health (OBH) to raise funds for bariatric patients who can't afford expensive dietary supplements after undergoing weight loss surgery.

The team at OBH Bariatric came up with the idea to host the 5K Run & Walk after noticing the financial challenges many patients faced when trying to purchase non-dairy protein shakes and bariatric vitamins necessary to help them maintain their weight loss. Dr. Tulla, a Bariatric Surgeon at OBH Brookdale Campus, told the *Canarsie Courier* that depending on the type of weight loss surgery someone has, many patients must use these shakes and special vitamins for life, and they can be quite costly.

One of the sponsors, Brownsville Recreational Center, showed their sup-



port and provided the venue for the event – the Osborn Park Track Field, located on Linden Blvd., between Osborn Street and Rockaway Avenue, just a few blocks from OBH Brookdale.

Among those participating in the event were OBH Brookdale employees like Simone Henry, who is passionate about community involvement. Walkers and runners received an OBH Medallion for their participation, and a variety of nutritional foods and vegetables were available for all.

Dr. Hufford, lead Bariatric surgeon, underwent a bariatric procedure more than 15 years ago and understands the struggles many patients face in maintaining their weight loss. He and his team created this event to provide patients with access to the resources and products they need to sustain their new lifestyle.

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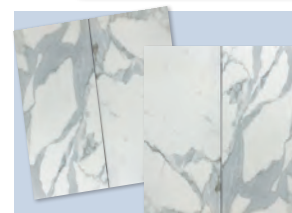


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MTA Holds First of Three Interborough Express Town Halls

By Loretta Chin

Community members interested in learning about the MTA's proposed project to build an Interborough Express (IBX) from Bay Ridge to Jackson Heights packed the room at the first of three in-person meetings at Brooklyn College, 2705 Campus Road, on Wednesday, November 8th.

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the meetings as a part of a pre-planning process begun last January when she directed the MTA to begin an environmental review for the project. The process and project design will begin this winter and take two years to complete.

Light rail has since been chosen as the best mode of transit. Planning and environmental linkage stud-

ies were released, with virtual and in-person town hall events planned to share information and garner feedback.

According to the MTA, the entire rapid transit route would take about 40 minutes, connecting up to 17 subway lines, as well as the Long Island Rail Road and CSX freight lines.

It could potentially serve 115,000 daily weekday rides, with a projected completion date of 2027 and cost of \$5.5 billion, depending on funding. It's designed to provide transportation to underserved areas where 900,000 residents live in neighborhoods along the proposed route and more than a third are below the poverty line.

Although many were excited by the prospect

of increased and faster transportation options for Brooklyn and Queens, there were also others with concerns about displacement, noise and other construction-related issues near residential areas.

Such concerns were raised at a February civic meeting in Flatlands. Residents were told to speak to MTA and State officials while the proposed route was in the planning phase to make it very clear that the MTA would have to preserve the interests of the homeowners who live along the track.

"It's really shocking to me that a lot of people in our area don't know about what's happening in their own neighborhood," Flatlands resident Devin LaPierre, 34, told the *Canarsie Courier*. Most people he has spoken to didn't know about the proposed IBX project or the meeting.

Living in a two-fare zone, LaPierre attended the event because he was interested in how the IBX proposal could cut his travel time. He currently takes a bus and two trains to get to work so he is excited, yet skeptical, about the project because of previous MTA proposals that fizzled.

"The number of people it's going to serve, versus the number of people it's going to disturb, is just ridiculous," Gerard Brewster, president of the Utica to Flatbush Initiatives, told the *Canarsie Courier*. He was concerned about the expansion from one to two or more tracks to widen and expand the rail line, creating a lot of dirt and dust in his backyard.

Community Board 18 member Denise Gourdine agreed. She lives in the Philip Howard apartments on Flatbush Avenue. "The rail that goes by now is for freight trains and when they go by, the whole building shakes, maybe once every week or every two weeks, but now we're talking about constant train track traffic," she said.

LaPierre said that he understands about neighborhood concerns but also asks why other neighborhoods have easy access to transportation and his area doesn't.

"I'm excited to see what changes this will bring for southern Brooklyn, especially in the neighborhood of Flatlands," he said.

For more information on the project and upcoming Town Halls, visit <https://new.mta.info/project/interborough-express>. Submit feedback at <https://contact.mta.info/s/forms/interborough-express>

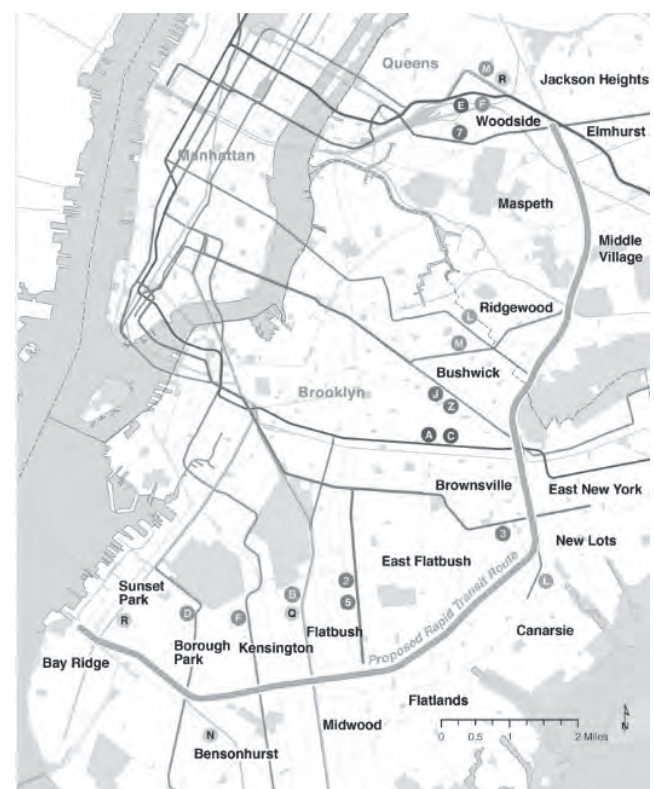


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Ladies of Mill Basin Raise \$30K for Israeli Children

By Angela G. Nannetti

Few things are more moving than a community that has come together for a good cause, and in New Mill Basin, a group of women, inspired by love, have managed to raise a whopping \$30,000 for the children of Israel in just one afternoon, at their neighborhood bake sale.

Eti Cohen, one of the organizers, opened her home for the event, where rows and rows of tables were piled high with delicacies, from homemade chocolate babka, mandel bread, date strudel, linzer tarts, cupcakes, loaf cakes, challah and sourdough bread to pressed juice, salads and sandwiches donated by local small businesses to express their support.

After the heinous atrocities perpetrated by the Hamas terrorist group took the lives of some 1,200 Jews on October 7th, Israelis living all over the world, and here in our own Brooklyn neighborhoods, were left reeling, their shock and pain further exacerbated by a wave of glaring anti-Semitism that so closely mirrors the sentiment of 1930s Germany and flies in the face of the tolerance and inclusivity which have become the very tenets of our modern society.

"This past month has been excruciating for the Jewish people around the world," Cohen explained. "For us Israelis, we feel so helpless being away from our families, our country and our people. There isn't one of us who has been able to sleep, eat or function properly without having the horrible images and knowledge of the atrocities on our minds." As is often the case when there is a great calamity, people want to help but aren't sure how.

Having held successful large-scale bake sales in the community before, one of the Mill Basin ladies, Rachel Oscar, suggested that they organize another. "We told all of our friends and family and within minutes we had tons of volunteers to bake, and boy did they bake," Cohen said. "Such delights that you can't imagine. They all put their hearts into their work." She explained that planning and preparing for the event unified the community and became a welcome distraction, keeping those involved busy, so their minds weren't constantly consumed by worry for their loved ones, replaying the disturbing images the massacre conjures up on repeat.

"We decided to contribute the money to an organization called 'Toys for Simcha' based here in New York that has a division in Israel and had already been handing out toys, clothes and essentials to the displaced children of the Kibbuzim who had to leave their homes after the massacre," Cohen said. "Israelis just want to live in peace and raise their children safely."

A speaker from the organization shared the stories of some of the children they encountered in their work there — many orphaned, some having actually witnessed the murder of their parents from a crack in a closet door or from underneath a bed. She spoke of the way many fled with only the clothes on their back, terrified and utterly alone. An Israeli Defense Force soldier was also present to discuss the conflict and his own experiences.

"The most important thing is to raise awareness for bringing back home the kidnapped civilians — women, children and the elderly," Cohen explained. She and other members of the community have been putting up posters of the missing to do just that. "It is of the utmost importance that our message of peace and understanding is shared. It pains me to see the so-called educated young generation of today follow like sheep and chant slogans they don't even understand the meaning of," she said.

"Our Jewish community is outstanding in the way they come together in times of happiness and sorrow. I must mention all of the incredible ladies who truly gave it their all: Yaffa Rosillio, Tali Kraidman, Annie Sidaoui, Irit Aboutboul, Henya Sharafi, Pnina Cohen, Relly Oscar, Shelly Karen, Karen Amar, Joyce Sasson and all of the vendors that donated and many others who gave of their time, money and energy. We truly couldn't have done it without them."



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Letter To The Editor

Grateful for the Canarsie Merchants Association

Dear Editor:

Canarsie is beautiful and full of diversity. My Canarsie is rebuilding and restoring. I have been in Canarsie for 26 years. I used to go to the Canarsie movie theater. The Canarsie Pier had a lovely restaurant and valet parking. The movie theater closed, and the restaurant at the pier closed. The pier needs to be restored, and the movie theater needs to be reopened.

I am so grateful to the Canarsie Merchants Association for what they are doing for Canarsie. They are cleaning up Canarsie, planting trees and having community building events at different times, weekly or monthly. There recently was Canarsie Restaurant Week, and neighborhood restaurants participated. Canarsie residents got to experience what residents of Manhattan get to enjoy all the time. It made me, a single mom of four, feel like I matter and my kids matter.

The Canarsie Merchants Association is doing so much to bring back Canarsie. Recently, there was an event in Canarsie Park. There was dancing, a band and a steel band. Kids got a tote bag to decorate and tell about their family and many others. I knew about the event because I follow the Canarsie Merchants

Association, and they keep me updated on any upcoming events. Restaurants like TriniJam, Patty Heaven and The Xperience kindly and happily provided food and drinks.

We need the pier to be restored and have the Canarsie Ferry be implemented. This will give residents of Canarsie another way to get into Manhattan and my kids the experience of taking the ferry from Canarsie to Manhattan. This will generate income that can be used and put back into Canarsie.

I could go on and on about how grateful I am for the Canarsie Merchants Association. I also have to mention the City Council members and New York State Senate members who have been at these events, and they also put on events for the Canarsie community. Yvette Clarke, Jaime Williams, Roxanne Persaud and Mercedes Narcisse. I have benefited from their back-to-school events and many more events they arrange together. They show up, and I see them doing what they were elected for.

Thank you all and the Canarsie Merchants Association for caring and investing in building back our beautiful Canarsie.

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Floridian Plaza Diner Attracts Customers with Live Performances and Menu Specials

By Amanda Salazar

About a year after its grand reopening, the Floridian Plaza Diner, replacing the original Floridian Diner, is still reinventing itself and evolving to continue attracting new customers to the restaurant.

These efforts to retain and attract business comes largely in the form of good customer service, a variety of live performances and menu specials to offer customers deals on meals.

“So many improvements as we’ve been open; it’s better and better,” said co-owner Sam Elbassiony. “They’re happy with us.”

Belly dancers visited the diner on November 10th, entertaining diners with their elaborate costumes and rhythmic dances. Every Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. is karaoke night, and customers can participate if they have a bill of \$25 or more. Bands performing decades hits regaled patrons with classic rock and more back on May 12th. This is just a sampling of the performances that take place at the Floridian on a regular basis.

The diner has a back room called the Chandelier Room, where the performances take place. The room is also available to be rented out for parties of up to 95 people.

Naming it the Chandelier Room was also a new addition from the old Floridian – to make it stand out from the rest of the diner. The décor is largely similar to the room’s original state but upgraded to come across as elegant, not outdated. Customers attending events and performances can enter through a new side door that leads right into the Chandelier Room.

But it’s not just the renovations and events that make the Floridian Plaza a strong contender for your next outing. The updated menu includes several specials, like brunch on weekends, a lunch special, an early-bird dinner special and holiday menus.

Speaking of holiday menus, the diner is offering two special Thanksgiving menus — one for catering and one for dine-in. All catering orders must be placed by November 17th, but no reservation is required to dine in on Turkey Day.

There’s also a full bar and an on-site bakery churning out delicious drinks and desserts, respectively.

However, staff say the most special thing about the diner is the attentive and kind staff.

“I would say that’s what makes the diner really pop is the waitresses and the waiters,” hostess Tatiana Barrios said in an interview. “They’re really good greeting everybody and being nice to them.”

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Veterans Day Celebration Honors Six Local Heroes

By Brenda Cox

The atmosphere at the Veterans Day celebration held at the Midwood Older Adult Center, 2164 Ralph Avenue, on Thursday, November 9th, was definitely one of pride and gratitude. Six military veterans were publicly lauded and thanked for their sacrifice and invaluable service to their country. And the message conveyed by the inscription on two banners that hung on a wall said it all, "Home of the Free" and "Because of the Brave."

Ex-Army Sergeants Lenox Hutson, John Neulinger and Michael Krotman, together with Specialist E4 Seymore Byron, Lt. Colonel Lilieth Clarke, Air Force veteran James Buchanan (not in attendance) and PFC E3 Andreas Gonsavos, who was honored posthumously, gave over 50 years of valiant service to the United States of America.

They served in Korea, Vietnam, Germany and other far-off lands protecting and defending what many today take for granted.

"To you who went out there and served our country so we could be comfortable, I say thank you, thank you, thank you," Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman (AD 58) expressed to the honorees before presenting each with a proclamation from the New York State Assembly, which included Assemblywoman Jaime Williams (AD 59). Community Board 18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow also presented the veterans with citations from the offices of Councilwomen Farah Louis (D-45) and Mercedes Narcisse (D-46), as well as Certificates of Appreciation from Millennium Development, who sponsored the celebration in collaboration with the NYC Department for the Aging.



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Notice of Formation of COHEN FASHION OPTICAL STORE NO. 330, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/30/23. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 146 Montague St., Brooklyn, NY 11201. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Richard Winter, Chief Executive Officer, Cohen Fashion Optical, LLC, 100 Quentin Roosevelt Blvd., Ste. 400, Garden City, NY 11530. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Auction Notice

2000 FORD E250, VIN #: 1FT-NE2420YHB15239, OWNER :WALLIE E. BAILEY AUCTION @ THROOP AUTO REPAIRS INC. 128 THROOP AVE., BKLYN, NY 11206, 12/5/2023 11:00 AM

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Notice of Qualification of JM5-BEDFORD LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/09/23. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 05/11/21. Princ. office of LLC: 353 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11211. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State of DE, PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: Hotel management.

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2006 BMW, VIN #: WBANN73526CN02729, OWNER :BRYAN H. POTTS AUCTION @ ZAKI REPAIR SERVICES. 1352 BUSHWICK AVE., BKLYN, NY 11207, 12/5/2023 11:00 AM

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ESQUINA AVELINO LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/05/2023. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 4404 6th Ave Apt 4B, Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.

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Notice of Formation of Dreamer Cosmetics LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-10-04. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Northwest Registered Agent: 418 Broadway STE N Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Auction Notice

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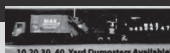


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