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Support Our Local Schools

By Jibreel Jalloh

In light of the proposed cuts in the city's budget, the importance of rallying behind our local schools has never been more critical. Last week, The Flossy Organization convened with the dedicated leaders of P.S. 325 – The Fresh Creek School (FCS), located at 875 Williams Avenue, to celebrate and uplift the great work being done within its halls. It's our privilege to shine a spotlight on the strides they're making.

Deedra Cheatham, a parent deeply moved by the transformation she's witnessed, shared, "What's happening at this school is magical; I wouldn't trade this school for anything. My son is loved, cared for and no longer cries to get up and attend school." This speaks to the environment FCS has cultivated under the guidance of Principal Jessie Fields, who has been instrumental in creating an educational environment where students thrive.

As we enter a season of reflection and anticipation, FCS stands out for its achievements and vision. Ranking third in district test scores (according to the school) is not just a number—it's a nar-

rative of commitment and hard work.

The initiatives discussed at the meeting reflect a proactive approach to education. The FCS Cares Room exemplifies this, providing much-needed support to our families, thanks to the generous contributions from our educators, parents and local volunteers. The push toward enhancements for the school's infrastructure, including a dynamic library space and classroom revamps, aim to elevate the learning experience.

It's a time when our schools need us more than ever. With the potential city budget reductions on the horizon, the need for community support has never been greater. Our schools are the nurseries of our future, and it is incumbent upon us to ensure they have the resources to continue their invaluable work.

We call upon our community to rally behind FCS and all our local schools. Whether through volunteer work, resources or advocacy, your engagement is the lifeline that can sustain and propel our educational institutions forward. Let us band together to champion the cause of education in Canarsie. It is an investment not only in our children



but in the very fabric of our community. As we support our schools, we uphold the spirit of Canarsie—resilient, vibrant and ever-growing.

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 Merchants Association Celebrates Small Business Saturday

On Saturday, November 25th, the Canarsie Merchants Association celebrated our 3rd Annual Small Business Saturday, a special day dedicated to recognizing and supporting the local businesses that contribute to the unique character and liveliness of our neighborhood. Throughout the day, there were various activities, promotions and events designed to shine a spotlight on the small businesses that call our community home.

The day started with four financial literacy sessions at merchant locations, with the primary objective to empower and educate our community on essential financial principles, ensuring that individuals of all backgrounds could gain valuable insights into managing their finances effectively. Each session was led by an expert presenter with topics that ranged from building wealth to preparing for tax season.

Our aim this year was to reach beyond Rockaway Parkway North, including all corridors in the celebration. Many deals and steals were offered by merchants. If you spent \$25 or more shopping on Avenues K to N, you received a free cup of hot chocolate.

By participating in a Small Business Saturday survey, individuals had the chance to win a generous \$100 shopping spree. We also distributed our new, reusable bags, reminding the community to keep our streets clean and to help us care for our street tree gardens.

In the afternoon, we hosted our muchanticipated Canarsie Pop-Up Market at Liberty Tax and Sylk Cove Lounge. The venues were transformed into vibrant marketplaces, offering diverse products and services from local vendors who poured their creativity and dedication into their businesses. Shopping at the Canarsie Pop-Up Market was not just about buying products, it was an opportunity to connect with the community. We are used to shopping at major retailers but forget about the small businesses also trying to make a living in a competitive market. We are thankful to Liberty Tax and Sylk Cove Lounge for providing the space for the vendors. If you missed our pop-up, do not worry! You will have another chance to shop at our December market.

We ended the day with the launch of the Canarsie Lights. Local merchants came together to adorn their storefronts with lights. Community members were given their own candlelights to join in the festivity. The collaboration between merchants and community members not only showcased the collective pride in our neighborhood but also fostered a sense of togetherness during the holiday season. Thank you to The Xperience Coffee House & Juice Bar for providing hot chocolate to the community as a warm treat.

Overall, this Small Business Saturday was a success and everyone had the opportunity to participate in the fun. We look forward to continuing to celebrate and acknowledge the amazing small businesses located right in Canarsie.

CMA = Commerce + Community and thank you to all for their continued support. You can count on us to build back better, stronger and together.



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Canarsie Bishop Says Thank You to Auxiliary Officers

By Brenda Cox

Twenty-five Auxiliary officers from the 69th Precinct were honored on December 3rd, by Bishop Dr. Cheryl Ault-Barker, during Sunday service at her church, Consuming Fire Ministries International Inc., located at 9623 Avenue L.

In her sermon, which focused on giving thanks, Dr. Ault-Barker showed how having an "attitude of gratitude" is Godly. She read 1 Thessalonians 5:18, which states, "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God, in Christ Jesus, concerning you" and Ephesians 5:20, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The bishop, who is also a board member of the 69th Precinct Clergy Council, a group that serves as a liaison between law enforcement and the community, said she has witnessed firsthand many of the sacrifices the auxiliaries make for the community. "Any outdoor activity, they are there. They keep our community safe, and we want them to know we appreciate them, because sometimes these things go unnoticed," the senior pastor stated. "On behalf of the board and also the church, I thank them."

Auxiliary Coordinator, Officer Dukens Riche, and Community Affairs Police Officer Jonathan Meo had the pleasure of presenting a plaque to each honoree with the inscription: "In appreciation for your invaluable commitment and contribution to the 69th Auxiliary Unit. Your hard work and selfless dedication have made an impact on the Consuming Fire Ministries and the community. Thank you for your support."

One of the honorees, Chaplain Faith Williams, who also

sits on the Clergy Board, choreographed and performed a riveting praise dance.

The event was supported by State Senator Roxanne Persaud, Assemblywoman Jaime Williams and Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse who were also lauded for their "excellent and efficient" service to the community.

Officer Riche thanked Bishop Ault-Barker and her church for recognizing "the best Auxiliary Unit in the city."





East New York

Man Fatally Shot in Broad Daylight





By Lloyd Mitchell and Linda Steinmuller

An East New York man who was shot in the chest did not survive his injuries.

Police from the 75th Precinct responded to a 911 call of a male shot at 721 Vermont Street, between New Lots and Hegeman Avenues, around 2:20 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28th, where they found Shawn Coley, 38, with a gunshot wound to his chest. The victim was taken to Brookdale Hospital where he was pronounced dead, police said.

No arrests have been made, 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/, or on Twitter @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.

Photos by Lloyd Mitchell

East Flatbush

One Dead in Double Shooting

By Lloyd Mitchell and Linda Steinmuller

Two men who were shot on Cortelyou Road were transported via private means to Kings County Hospital, where one of the gunshot victims was pronounced dead.

Officers from the 67th Precinct responded to a 911 call of shots fired at 2620 Cortelyou Road, off Rogers Avenue, around 7:35 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28th, and found shell casings at the scene. Police said that upon further investigation, they determined that a 33-year-old man was shot in the torso and was listed in stable condition at the hospital. Kelton McKenna, 35, of Flatbush, was not as lucky. He died from a gunshot wound to his torso.

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/, or on Twitter @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.





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Police Stretched Thin as They Try to Answer Every Call to Duty

By Loretta Chin

Police and community leaders discussed neighborhood challenges within the confines of the 63rd Precinct at their community council meeting held on Wednesday, November 29th, at the John Malone Center, 2335 Bergen Avenue.

Community Council President Greg Borruso attended a quarterly meeting with Patrol Borough Brooklyn South and reported that many of the issues were the same citywide relating to vehicular problems and police who are pulled for additional duties related to the migrant situation, the Middle East, and their related protests and security needs.

"I let the chief [Charles McEvoy] know that it's not something we're happy about," he said. "They start taking police officers from each precinct so when we need officers here, they're not here." Borruso called on residents to help by leaning on their elected officials to pass some new legislation to address illegal scooters and cars, and people who disobey the laws.

For example, the Mill Basin Civic Association tried to resolve an issue at their November 14th meeting with police to address unresolved parking problems that have been going on for years with churchgoers who attend weekend services at 5601 Avenue N.

Unsuccessful again, fed up civic members decided to take matters into their own hands. On the Sunday before the community council meeting, they repeatedly made 311 reports about double and triple parked cars and blocked crosswalks, hydrants, bus stops and driveways.

Civic representative Christina Caputo expressed frustration with having their barrage of 311 cases



63rd Precinct Commanding Officer Rachael Kosak presents Cop of the Month award to Police Officer Enis Madhi.

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closed when no enforcement took place. She cited ADA and safety concerns and reported resistance from law enforcement to issue tickets.

"I don't care if they're a church, a politician, the police ... the rules apply to everybody and people have a right to cross their streets safely — and my streets don't have to look like Grand Theft Auto," she said of the problem that lasts most of the day all weekend, but especially on Sunday.

Commanding Officer Deputy Inspector Rachael Kosak said these were usually short-term problems, but when she learned of how bad the situation was, she spoke with the pastor, who said he had been giving warnings to his congregation. She said she would be dedicating officers to that area over the coming weekend to disperse the cars and issue summonses if police are ignored; blocked driveways will require a 311 call first.

In other business, Kosak announced that NCO Tricia Navarro-Caraballo was promoted to detective. Crime was down, but car thefts were up in Mill Basin and Bergen Beach, which required more officers from other sectors to be assigned for overnight shifts there. They will also be moved to provide security by Kings Plaza during the holiday season.

Something new to look out for is illegal tow trucks that are taking cars older than eight years old because they can salvage them without the titles.

Kosak presented the Cop of the Month Award to Police Officer Enis Madhi who observed a car driving illegally in and out of traffic. When he and his partner went to stop the car, it crashed. Inside the car were six people, include a parolee and a known gang member, and three separate loaded firearms. Some of them have been indicted and the rest are awaiting results from labs, DNA and ballistics.

Assemblywoman Jaime Williams discussed Floyd Bennett Field and upzoning in the area. She is meeting with civic leaders on December 4th to talk about related issues affecting them all. "Either we stand united, or, if we don't, then we accept what 'the powers that be' will be giving to us here in our communities," she said.



Police came out to issue tickets to double parked cars in front of residents' homes all along East 56th Street on Sunday.



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Holiday Cheer at the 69th Precinct Community Council Party

By Linda Steinmuller

The 69th Precinct Community Council held its Annual Holiday Celebration at the Midget Squadron Yacht Club, 1490 Paerdegat Avenue North, on Friday, December 1st.

The annual tradition is a way to say thank you and show appreciation for our cops and the community, Council President Gardy Brazela told attendees. He said he loves the cops, and the Canarsie community, and enjoys working on their behalf. He also thanked the auxiliary officers, who volunteer their time to protect the community.

Reverend Gesner Sagesse, member of the 69th Precinct Clergy Council, opened the evening in prayer, asking God's blessings for the community and safety for our dedicated officers, followed by an introduction of all of the community council members, community advocates and elected officials, who

each thanked the cops and the council for their dedication.

Captain Dion Hinds, commanding officer of the 69th Precinct, thanked all his officers and praised the community council. "Rain, sleet or hail, the 69th Precinct knows how to come out. The other day, it was 20 degrees, and we had about 50 people at the council meeting. I have never seen such a turnout from a community before, and I want to thank all of you. You have embraced me from the day I walked in last August. You welcomed me with open arms and showed nothing but love. The support is overwhelming. I have never seen it before."

"We have four weeks to go until the holiday season is over. Let's get through this year safe, and have a beautiful 2024," Hinds said.

The evening continued with plenty of good food, laughter, music and dancing.

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Gardy Brazela (center) with Captain Dion Hinds, elected officials and community activists.





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Canarsie Homeowners Turn to Elected Officials For Help With Sinking Homes

By Brenda Cox

Canarsie is sinking! Though shocking, it wasn't exactly news to the frantic residents who packed the auditorium at the Hebrew Educational Society (H.E.S.), 9502 Seaview Avenue, on Thursday, November 30th. And homeowners were not the only ones who turned out in force for the Canarsie/ East New York Community Town Hall, convened by Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, to discuss the dilemma.

A contingent of elected officials, including State Senator Roxanne Persaud, Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas and Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse, bolstered by representatives from the Department of Buildings (DOB), Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS), were on hand to provide information,

answer questions and (hopefully) allay fears.

Not one to beat around the bush, Assemblywoman Williams got straight to the point and shared information from The New York Times and The City, which previously drew attention to the problem. *The* Times' article, written by Thomas Morgan and dated July 25, 1988, mentioned "gradually sinking streets, curbs and sidewalks built improperly by private developers 20 to 30 years ago!" At the time, Herbert Berman, councilman for Canarsie (1975-2001), said, "It's an atrocity," and added that "The builders who built this area probably should have been investigated for not doing the kind of work they should have done."

Everyone at the meeting agreed and were rather flummoxed that they're still being plagued by a fiasco that was first brought to light decades ago and

for which there has been no relief.

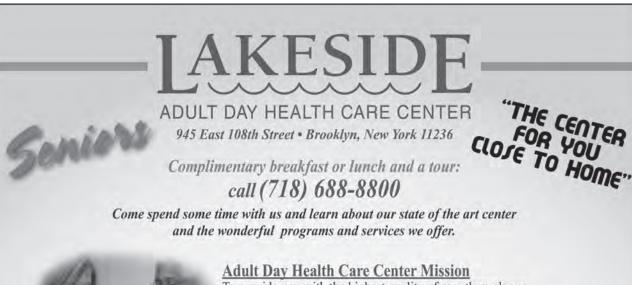
Their misgivings were reinforced by Samantha Maldonado's article in The City, titled "The Ground Is Collapsing Under Canarsie Homes and Nobody Is Sure How Many Are Affected." The story, which was published on September 11th of this year, chronicled the "catastrophe" 64-year-old Alvin Henry faced in April, when the floor in his home "opened up." His predicament was exacerbated after receiving a "notice to vacate" from DOB, forcing him to move in with his daughter. Henry was present at the meeting, seeking answers, like everyone else, from the powers-that-be. He said, "I give God thanks I have a daughter whose place I'm staying in right now."

"Thank God this man is still alive," observed Cyril Bynoe, another long-standing Canarsie resident who urged the assemblywoman to "do something quick before we all lose our lives!"

She encouraged homeowners to call 311 and report every incident - advice that was reiterated by her colleagues as well as DEP and DOB representatives. Additionally, Williams, who acknowledged Mayor Eric Adams' "City of Yes" platform was particularly disconcerting to her, announced, "I have no problem filing a lawsuit!" The statement was greeted with cheers. The City of Yes plans to modernize NYC's zoning regulations and among other things, "create affordable housing" which could only be achieved in areas like Canarsie by upzoning – building upwards. Considering that homes are "floating" on shoddy or non-existent infrastructure, over swampland, the result could only be disastrous.

Williams mentioned a "saving grace" of sorts - the Bond Act, a federal program that has reserves of \$250 billion to assist affected homeowners with restoration. However, the program has one caveat that dictates homeowners must work with a non-profit organization in order to access the funds. And this is one of the many areas in which NHS could help.

The forum was supported by a host of community partners, including Fresh Creek Civic Association; Flatlands Civic Club, Inc.; Canarsie Community Development Inc. (CCDI); Community Board 18; 69th Precinct Community Council; and Millennium Development Inc.



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New Field for Canarsie Wolfpacks Will be Ready for 2024 Football Season

By Lloyd Mitchell and Linda Steinmuller

The Canarsie Wolfpacks (formerly the Chiefs) will be getting a muchneeded upgrade to their football field in the coming months.

On Friday morning, November 17th, Wolfpack coach Brian Ellis and school administrators broke ground at the 50-yard line on the new turf field at the Canarsie Educational Campus, at 1600 Rockaway Parkway.

The initial planning phase for the \$3.2 million project began in May, and construction is expected to be com-

pleted by February 1, 2024. The renovation for the football field, which has not been upgraded since the mid 1990's, is being funded by NYC Public Schools.

Pictured are Joe Lazarus, Sr. Director of Facilities; John Ferrara, Custodian Engineer; Aramis Rodriguez, Director of Facilities Brooklyn South; Pauline O'Brien, Principal; Amogh Urs, Project Manager, Gridspan; Coach Brian Ellis; Adaleza Michelena, Principal; and Kevin Moran, Chief School Operations Officer.

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Six Gun Arrests Made in the 69th Precinct During October

By Linda Steinmuller

The 69th Precinct Community Council held their final meeting of the year on Tuesday, November 28th, at St. Alban's Church, 9408 Farragut Road, where Captain Dion Hinds welcomed the commanding officer of Patrol Borough Brooklyn South, Chief Charles McEvoy, and introduced his newly promoted Deputy Chief, Inspector Jesse Lance.

Chief McEvoy, a frequent visitor to the council meetings, said that Captain Hinds is doing an exceptional job since he took over the precinct a short time ago and, as a result, crime statistics are headed in the right direction. "Whether it's a reduction of violence, improvement to our quality of life or increased response times, the men and women of the 69th Precinct do an exceptional

job day in and day out," he said. He also said that Chief Lance was a welcome addition to the Brooklyn South team and will help to make the team stronger.

Inspector Lance, a Brooklyn native, said he was no stranger to the 69th Precinct, having been the borough commander for Brooklyn Housing for almost five years. He told attendees who braved the cold on a frigid night, "I look forward to working with everyone and improving upon the good results of 2023 into 2024 and beyond."

Captain Hinds gave his 28-day report, stating that the precinct is looking good. "We are down for total crime by 3%," he stated. "We are looking to keep that same momentum going into 2024." In fact, crime was down by 3% for all of 2023, but grand larceny auto continues to be a problem



Cops of the Month with Captain Dion Hinds and Deputy Chief Jesse Lance.

especially since people continue to leave their cars running and unattended while doing quick errands. Over the past week, there were a total of three vehicle thefts.

He thanked all the teams responsible for the good report, including members of the Public Safety and Community Response teams. In October alone, there were six guns taken off our streets. "That's six less guns that could be used against anyone for a robbery or, God forbid, a shooting."

Hinds then presented Cop of the Month awards for the six gun arrests, calling all of the honored cops up to the front of the room at the same time to acknowledge their bravery.

On Monday, October 2nd, at approximately 12:48 a.m., Officers Simsgaby and Garcia Torres conducted a car stop on the southwest corner of Stanley and Louisiana Avenues and discovered a black Taurus 40 caliber gun on the passenger side of the vehicle. The perpetrator was charged with possession of a loaded firearm.

On Monday, October 9th, at approximately 3:56 p.m., Officers Mayfield and Coleman (neither present at meeting) responded to a dispute with a firearm at 8821 Flatlands Avenue. With the assistance of field intelligence officers, who obtained a search warrant, they discovered a loaded black .380 diamond firearm. The perpetrator was charged with possession of a loaded firearm.

On Wednesday, October 18th, at approximately 12:16 p.m., Officers Mayfield, Meneses (neither present at meeting) and Dugue responded to a call of a male shot at the corner of East 100th Street and Glenwood Road. One of the individuals was taken to the precinct with the officers, and they found a loaded 9mm black, semi-automatic firearm in the young man's backpack.

On Thursday, October 19th, at 1:37 a.m., Simsgaby and Garcia Torres again conducted a car stop at the southeast corner of Flatlands Avenue and East 108th Street and discovered that the license plate did not match the vehicle. The vehicle was brought to the precinct, where they recovered a black 9mm loaded firearm in the back of the vehicle.

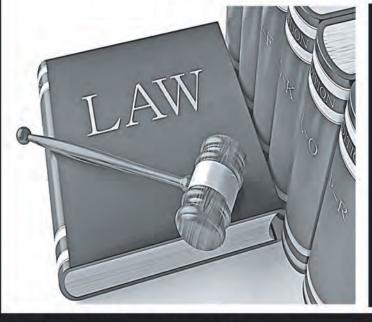
On Saturday, October 21st, at 2:17 a.m., Officers Wilson and Parker conducted a car stop at the southeast corner of East 81st Street and Avenue L and found an open container of alcohol. After a continued search, they found a 40 caliber Taurus in the back of the vehicle.

Also on October 21st, at 4:10 a.m., Sergeant Islam and Officer Sampedro conducted a car stop at the northeast corner of Shore and Rockaway Parkways. The motorist recklessly sped away from the scene. After catching up with the perpetrator, they found a 38 caliber Smith & Wesson in the back seat of the vehicle.

Captain Hinds congratulated all of the officers who keep our neighborhood safe and put themselves in harm's way to secure our safety.

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Sixty-Ninth Precinct Sector Charlie Residents Welcome Two New NCOs

By Linda Steinmuller

Chaplain Faith Williams introduced two new Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs) assigned to the 69th Precinct's Sector C at a Build the Block meeting held at Church at the Rock, 1288 East 92nd Street, on Thursday, November 30th.

Police Officer Daniel Irving was assigned to the NCO office in September, but he did not have a partner until three weeks ago when Officer Shirley Pena joined Sector C as an NCO.

Irving said due to shift changes and staff shortages, the precinct did not have a full team of NCOs for a while, but each of the four sectors now has two NCOs per sector.

Although most major crimes in Sector C are down for the year, Irving said that the main concern is grand larceny auto, specifically the theft of Kia's and Hyundai's, and more recently Acura TLX's. Between October 17th and 19th, six vehicles were stolen within the sector, but after two juveniles were apprehended, the thefts have stopped. Owners of these vehicles should go to their dealerships to get a software upgrade to their keyless fobs, which will prevent theft.

A tracking device, like an Apple air tag, can track the location of your car if someone drives away with it.

Thieves target particular models for certain parts. Wheels, rims and airbags are common items stolen from Hondas while catalytic converter theft is common with Toyotas and Mitsubishis.

Everyone is concerned about abandoned vehicles taking up precious parking spots, and the NCOs were happy to report that a recent tow operation, from Flatlands Avenue to Glenwood Road, from East 82nd Street to East 85th Street, removed 32 abandoned vehicles from that area. Residents are encouraged to report abandoned vehicles on their blocks to their NCOs.

As crime can be an issue when school lets out, the NCOs, along with Youth Coordination and Auxiliary officers, patrol along Flatlands Avenue and Rockaway Parkway to make sure there are no fights or robberies. Pena said they target locations, like the Wendy's and McDonald's near South Shore High, to make sure kids are not congregating for long periods of time, as well as in common driveways, where they go to smoke. As a result, crime has decreased significantly.

There was a shooting at the Sectionz Lounge on East 92nd Street, between Flatlands and Conklin Avenues, around 1:20 a.m. on November 19th. Detectives have an idea who shot the 20-year-old victim in the upper right chest, but the investigation is ongoing. Irving said their tour hours have been adjusted so they can work later to show a greater police presence at "prone" locations.

With the holiday season upon us, the NCOs warned of the dangers of purchasing items online and then

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arranging a meet-up location to make an exchange. In two recent cases, the buyer of a MacBook Pro ran off with the item, and the purchaser of a motorcycle asked for a test run but never returned the bike.

The 69th Precinct is an authorized location for e-commerce sites like Facebook Marketplace. Online shoppers can arrange to safely exchange products right in the vestibule of the 69th Precinct, located at 9720 Foster Avenue.

In the spirit of the holiday season, Chaplain Williams held a fun quiz and rewarded the lucky winners with gift-wrapped prizes.

Build the Block meetings are held quarterly. The next Sector C meeting will be announced in the *Canarsie Courier*, as well as on the Build the Block website and the 69th Precinct's X (formerly Twitter) page.



NCOs Daniel Irving and Shirley Pena, the new officers representing Sector Charlie.



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In Remembrance: Saying Goodbye To Monsignor John Delendick

By Melissa Billie Clark

A community filled with gratefulness for his service, care and love is now mourning a man who gave so much of himself. On Thanksgiving morning, Monsignor John Edward Delendick succumbed to his battle with pancreatic cancer at the age of 74. It seems fitting that he perished on a day devoted to gratitude.

On November 29-30th, church members, FDNY and Canarsie residents gathered at the Shrine Church of St. Jude, at 1677 Canarsie Road, to pay respects to the man we all once listened to give us hope. The retired priest and former FDNY Chaplain was honored by his brothers and sisters in only a way that he deserved.

In a statement released by Fire Commissioner Laura Kavanagh, she said, "Monsignor Delendick was a spiritual constant and staple in our Department, in good times and in bad. Immediately after the immeasurable losses of September 11th, he stepped up to provide guidance and comfort to FDNY members and other first responders. In his decades-long career as a chaplain with the FDNY, he was a pillar at Department funerals, graduations, promotions and memorials. He was always quick with a joke and a kind word and had a way of making every-

one feel special. He was beloved, and we are heartbroken over his passing."

Time Line

John Edward Delendick was born on September 4, 1949, in Queens Village. He was one of four children.

He began serving as an altar attendant in the 4th grade, around 9 or 10 years old.

On February 12, 1977, at age 28, he made his sacraments to become a priest:

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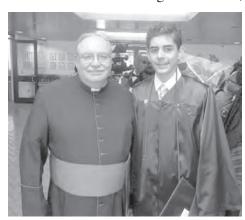
Shrine Church of Saint Jude, Canarsie (2004 – 2023)

Appointed Chaplain for the FDNY on May 15, 1996

September 11, 2001: survived the collapse of the Twin Towers. Over the next eight months, he would console families at the site and officiate memorial and funeral services.

On February 8, 2003, he was appointed by Pope John Paul II as "Chaplain of His holiness."

Bishop Robert Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn, was the main celebrant at the funeral mass for Msgr. Delendick,



Monsignor John Delendick with Nicholas Vargas, St. Jude Altar Attendant

held at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Prospect Heights on December 1st. The mass was followed by a burial at St. John Cemetery in Middle Village.

Making a Difference!

"Monsignor John was a man of absolute wisdom and integrity. During my years as an altar service for the church, he always reminded me that he believed in me and made sure I knew he was proud of me and our work. On Sundays, Monsignor John would lead mass; he always made it to a point to connect with children using his incredibly witty sense of humor. He told interesting stories that helped us understand the message he was trying to convey. I am forever grateful that I had the opportunity to serve under him. I will miss him terribly, but I am thankful for the conversations and lessons he taught me. I will carry them with me for the rest of

-Nicholas Vargas, St. Jude Altar Attendant 2012 – 2016

In the *Canarsie Courier's* last interview with Msgr. John earlier this year, he was asked about mortality and how we can cope. His reply was, "Remember people in living, not in death." It was a song by Bob Hope and Shirley Ross, "Thanks For The Memories," that would remind him of his relationship with others.

"Thank you to a great 18 years to the community of Canarsie."

- Monsignor John Edward Delendick



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The dynamic duo asked me to look for and find GOOD pictures of Granny to share with all of you. I did so and would like to thank Jayne and Teresa for prompting me to take a trip down memory lane.

The pictures of Granny and her extended family, and hundreds of smiling faces engaged in the wide range of activities that helped to make our school a special place provided me with an opportunity to reflect and celebrate how fortunate I was to have Granny, The Matriarch of Canarsie, as a friend.

As you may know, Granny had a long lasting and multi-generational positive influence on educators, families and most importantly, the youngsters within our school and community at large. We are all truly fortunate to have been able to share part of our respective life journeys with Granny.

I, for one, never took my relationship with Granny for granted. In fact, I considered myself blessed to have been able to count Granny as a comrade, a guiding light and straightforward confidant!

There are many meaningful and favorite Granny stories that we can share with each other. I encourage you all to do so when you can. I'll share one of mine at another time if you wish.

In the meantime, let's take time to offer comfort, hope and encouragement and love to Dorothy's beautiful family during this difficult time. We thank them for allowing us to share Granny, her love of family, education, passion, dedication and common sense with us.

Please know that we cherish the moments that we shared with Granny. As importantly, Dorothy's memory will continue to uplift and inspire us as we navigate the world without her in our midst.

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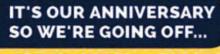
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The Publisher and Staff of the Canarsie Courier wish the community a Happy Hanukkah.
As 2023 comes to a close, may the lights of the menorah candles shine brightly in our hearts, ushering in a safer and healthier New Year.





When is Hanukkah 2023?

Hanukkah begins the evening of Thursday, December 7th and ends the evening of Friday, December 15th. Hanukkah is also known as the Festival of Lights. The Hebrew word Hanukkah means "dedication," as the holiday commemorates the Jewish people's rededication to the Temple in Jerusalem.

The Hanukkah Story

According to Jewish tradition, after the Jews won back Jerusalem, over 2,000 years ago, they found that the Temple in Jerusalem had been destroyed. They began to clean it up and wanted to light the menorah (a seven-branched candelabrum used to light the Temple) to give sacred light to the restoration project. However, the oil used in the temple had to be a special, purified oil, and the Jews couldn't find any. They finally found a tiny bit of oil that would be enough for one day. It miraculously lasted for eight days, which was just enough time to purify more oil to keep the Temple lit.

How is Hanukkah Celebrated and Why for Eight days?

Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days because of the Hanukkah miracle, in which that tiny bit of oil lasted for eight entire days and provided light to people restoring the Temple.

On the eight nights of Hanukkah, Jews light the menorah, adding an extra candle each night until there are eight candles on the last night.

Jewish people celebrate by eating foods cooked in oil because of the miracle that happened with the oil. The two most common foods are potato latkes, which are fried potato pancakes, and sufganiyot, which are fried jelly doughnuts.

A fun activity during Hanukkah is playing dreidel.

Playing Dreidel

Dreidels are spinning tops. On each of its four sides is inscribed a Hebrew letter —nun, gimel, he and shin — which together stand for Nes gadol haya sham, meaning "A great miracle happened there."

Greek law prohibited the Jews from studying the Torah (the Old Testament), so they had secret gatherings to study together. If a soldier walked by and peeked in the windows, they would quickly shut their books and spin the tops so it would look like they were just playing a game.

The dreidel is spun and depending on which letter is on top when it lands, the player's currency, or gelt, is added to or taken from the pot. Nun means the player does nothing; gimel means the player gets everything; he means the player gets half; and shin means the player adds to the pot.



Doughnuts Make a Great Hanukkah Treat

Raspberry Jam Doughnuts Makes 20

130 ml whole milk

1 vanilla pod, split lengthwise

grams strong white bread flour grams golden caster sugar

1 teaspoon fine sea salt

7 grams fast-action yeast

medium eggs, lightly beaten

grams unsalted butter, softened Vegetable oil, for deep-frying

350 grams raspberry jam

For the icing

400 grams icing sugar, sieved Pink food coloring

Freeze-dried raspberries, to decorate

Pour the milk into a saucepan and add the split vanilla pod. Slowly bring to a simmer and, once it begins to steam, remove from the heat and pour into a measuring jug. If it has reduced, top with up to 130 ml extra milk, then leave to cool until tepid.

Put the flour into the large bowl of a stand mixer. Stir through the sugar, salt and yeast. Using the hook attachment for your mixer, begin combining the dry ingredients, then add the vanilla-infused milk and eggs. Keep mixing for 10 minutes until you have a smooth, elastic dough. Scoop small spoonfuls of the softened butter and gradually add to the dough. When all the butter has been added, continue mixing for a further 5 to 6 minutes or until it is well incorporated and the dough is sticky and stretchy.

Lightly oil a large mixing bowl, put the dough in the bowl, cover and leave in a

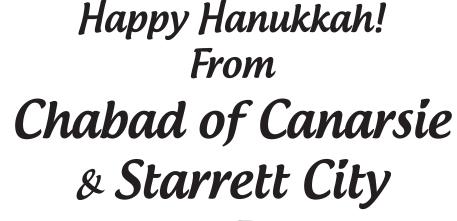
warm place for one hour or until doubled in size.

Divide the dough into 20 equal-sized pieces (if you want to weigh them, they should be around 45 grams each). Roll the dough into balls and place them, well spaced apart, on two lightly oiled baking sheets. Cover with lightly oiled baking parchment, or a light tea towel (if it's too heavy it will keep the dough from rising) and leave for a further 1 hour, 30 minutes or until doubled in size.

Fill a large heavy-based saucepan two-thirds full with oil and place over a low-medium heat, bringing the temperature up to 170 C. Use a cooking thermometer to check, then carefully lift each doughnut and gently lower into the oil to fry in batches of about five at a time. Cook each batch for 5 minutes, turning halfway, until the doughnuts are dark golden brown. Remove with a slotted spoon and transfer to a baking tray lined with kitchen paper. Leave to cool completely.

Spoon the raspberry jam into a piping bag without a nozzle and snip a very small hole in the end. Use a skewer to poke a hole in the side of each doughnut, then push the end of the piping bag into each hole and pipe in a little of the jam. Set aside.

For the icing, mix together the icing sugar and 4 tablespoons water, then a drop or two of the food coloring to make it pale pink. Drop a dessert-spoonful of the icing on top of each doughnut, then use a palette knife to spread and even out the icing. Sprinkle each one with the freeze-dried raspberries, if you like.





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Potato Latkes

What Are Potato Latkes?

A latke is a type of potato pancake or fritter found in Ashkenazi Jewish cuisine. The dish, which is traditionally served during Hanukkah, can be made with grated, shredded or mashed potatoes. This top-rated recipe is made with shredded russet potatoes, all-purpose flour, an egg, an onion and salt. The potato latkes are fried in peanut oil.

How to Make Latkes

Ingredients

- 3 medium russet potatoes, peeled
- 1 large egg, beaten, or more to taste
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon grated onion
- ½ teaspoon salt, or more to taste
- ¼ cup peanut oil for frying, or as needed

Directions

- 1. Slice peeled potatoes and run through a food processor fitted with the grater attachment. Place shredded potatoes in a cheesecloth and wring, extracting as much moisture as possible.
- 2. Measure 2 cups shredded, drained potatoes and place into a medium bowl; save any extra for another use. Add egg, flour, onion and salt, and stir until well combined.
- 3. Heat 1/4 inch of oil in a large, heavy-bottomed skillet over medium-high heat. Place large spoonfuls of potato mixture into the hot oil, pressing down on them to form 1/4- to 1/2-inch-thick patties. Cook until golden brown, 4 to 5 minutes. Flip and repeat on the other side.
- 4. Remove to a paper towel-lined plate to drain while you cook any remaining latkes. Serve hot.





Happy Chanukah to all our friends

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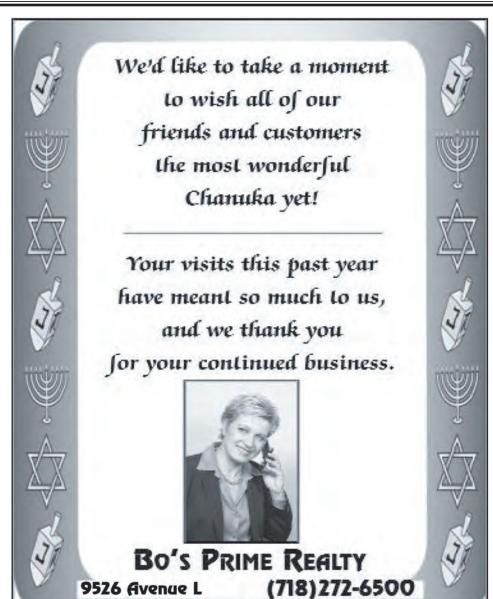
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- 17. A way to compare
- 19. Governmentt lawyer
- 20. Back parts
- 22. 8th month (abbr.)
- 23. Very willing 25. __ ex machina
- 26. Satisfies
- 28. Quebec river
- 29. A doctrine
- 30. Popular pickup truck 31. Dekagram
- 33. Naturally occurring
- solid material
- 34. Company officer
- 36. Villains
- 38. Cricket frogs
 - 32. While white or yellow flower

- 1. Animal disease 2. Commercial
- 3. Craft supply
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- 7. In a way, sank
- 9. Lay about
- 10. Intestinal
- 13. Messianic in Islamic
- eschatology
- 15. Showing since conviction
- in a fraction 24. Yard invader
- 26. Pouch
- 30. Start anew
- 27. Swedish krona

- 40. German founder of psychology
- 41. Endured
- 43. A female domestic
- 44. A "place" to avoid
- 45. Cigarette (slang)
- 47. Canadian politician Josephine
- 48. French ballet/acting dynasty
- 51. Employee stock ownership plan
- 53. Belonging to the bottom
- 55. Sound
- 56. Yankees' slugger Judge 58. Dickens character
- 59. More wise
- 60. Flash memory card
- 61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
- 64. Atomic #79
- 65. Longtime Braves pitcher Julio

37. Graphical user interface

38. Up-to-date on the news

43. "Boardwalk Empire"

actress Gretchen

46. Violent seizure of property

47. One who supports the Pope

39. Campaigns

42. Touch softly

49. Anxiety

50. Body fluid

52. Phony person

55. Chilean city

54. Title of respect

- 67. Humor
- 69 Shawl
- 70. Preliminary assessment of patients

CLUES DOWN

- 35. Fourteen

- 5. Investment vehicle
- 6. Colorado Heisman winner
- 8. Post-birth brain damage (abbr.)

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- 12. Caused to be loved

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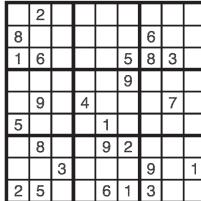
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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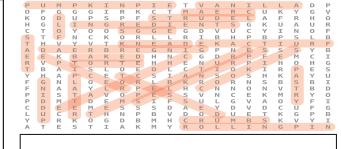
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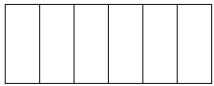
Answer: C. Thomas Howell



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Answer: Ginger

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Solve the code to discover words related to holiday baking. (Hint: $11 = \mathbf{R}$)

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

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Clue: Blends things together

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