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By Jibreel Jalloh

In Canarsie, the sighting of the crescent moon heralds Eid al-Fitr, a celebration that binds the community with the cheerful greeting, “Eid Mubarak!” This phrase, embodying wishes for a blessed Eid, sets the tone for a day marked by unity, reflection and renewal.

Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan, transitioning from introspection to celebration. It starts with the communal Eid prayer at dawn, a collective affirmation of faith and shared values. The rhythmic takbeerat, proclaiming “God is great,” reminds us of the vastness beyond ourselves and inspires humility.

The essence of Eid is in its traditions, which weave a fabric of communal harmony. Sharing sweets, symbolizing life’s joys, fosters goodwill among neighbors. Children, in new attire, are emblems of hope and renewal.

The day is also about rekindling connections, with families visiting each other, reinforcing the bonds of community. It’s a time for generosity, not only

in material gifts but in acts of kindness and inclusion.

A tradition in some circles is to visit graveyards of loved ones, which connects us to our past and instills respect for those who have shaped our community. This act of remembrance is a humble acknowledgment of life’s transient nature.

Canarsie’s Eid is a testament to our diverse yet unified community, where every culture and tradition enriches our collective experience. This Eid, let’s embrace the spirit of community that Ramadan fosters. Beyond the feasting and celebrations, it’s a time to reflect on our shared humanity and the values that bind us. In a world often divided, Eid can be a beacon of inclusivity, where everyone feels valued and part of a greater whole.

Eid Mubarak to all in Canarsie! May this day strengthen our community bonds, inspiring us to live the values of compassion, generosity and mutual respect every day.



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.

The Time to Act is Now: Support The Local Journalism Sustainability Act

A few short weeks ago, we told you about the newly-formed Empire State Local News Coalition. The *Canarsie Courier* is proud to be a member of this fast-growing group of over 150 New York local news outlets that have joined forces to protect local journalism across the state.

The work of our coalition has raised awareness of the importance of local journalism as well as the challenges facing the local news industry. (New York has lost half of its newsrooms since 2004!) We are grateful to communities across the state who have united behind us.

In just the past month we rallied in Westchester, where locals were stunned by the abrupt closure of three community newspapers. We went directly to Albany to appeal to lawmakers and where we also rallied with elected officials from both the Senate and Assembly. Numerous localities have adopted resolutions expressing their support for legislation that would support local journalism, and more municipal resolutions are in the pipeline. Even unconventional allies like Microsoft have joined our calls to save local news.

Thanks to these collective efforts, the Local Journalism Sustainability Act – which would provide tax credits to local news organizations for retaining and creating newsroom jobs – was included in the State Senate’s recent budget proposal for fiscal year 2025. This is a key step for inclusion in the state’s final budget, which is currently being negotiated by the Senate, Assembly and Governor Hochul.

However, there is a lot of work to be done over the next few days, when the final budget will likely be announced, to ensure the bill is actually included in the state’s final budget. It is crucial that the Local Journalism Sustainability Act is included; otherwise, communities throughout the state risk thousands of newsroom jobs being lost and even more important stories going untold.

The Local Journalism Sustainability Act is sponsored by NYS Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal with the bipartisan support of Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner and more than 70 co-sponsors. As newspapers shutter and layoffs roil the industry, the bill is a necessary measure for incentivizing job creation, returning reporters to many of the state’s emptying newsrooms. The bill is content-neutral and designed to ensure that truly local news outlets will receive this assistance. The leadership of the Legislature’s Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic and Asian Caucus has also endorsed our bill, which is a major testament to the fact that this bill

will improve access to news for all communities.

New Yorkers are standing with local news, and now lawmakers must answer the people’s call to save community journalism. To get the Local Journalism Sustainability Act across the finish line, lawmakers must hear from you about why our newspaper matters and why this bill is meaningful to you and your family.

So, if keeping local news alive in our state is important to you, please reach out to Governor Hochul and your local representatives to let them know you stand with local news. Budget negotiations are wrapping up imminently – the time to act is now!

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Let There be Peace in Canarsie and Everywhere

By Brenda Cox

The message put forth by 69th Precinct Clergy Council President Reverend Cecil Moonsam at their recent prayer vigil was loud and clear: "Let there be peace on every corner in this community." The group gathered near Seaview Avenue and Rockaway Parkway, on April 1st, to pray for protection of not only Canarsie and its people but also the Nation, as a whole.

Rev. Moonsam stated that we all need to care for and look out for our community and each other. "We need to be our brothers' and our sisters' keepers," he said. "Canarsie must be a safe place for everyone. No one has the right to take anyone's life."

On March 19th, Christian Montrose, a 19-year-old Canarsie resident, was gunned down in front of his home in what police say was a case of mistaken identity. One of the objectives of the Clergy Council is to combat gun violence in the community and they do so armed with prayers.

"God is the only Giver of life and should be the only Taker," Rev. Moonsam told the gathering.

Pastor Gail Forde, a member of the Clergy Council's Board, said a special prayer for the NYPD. She implored God to "protect them from the hands of the enemy. Thank You for bestowing blessings upon the officers and protecting them," she stated.

Prayers were also said for the Nation and all elected officials and leaders.



Members of the NYPD and 69th Precinct Clergy Council at a prayer vigil held on April 1st at Rockaway Parkway and Seaview Avenue.

The prayer vigil was attended by Captain Dion Hinds, Commanding Officer of the 69th Precinct, Community Affairs Officer Samuel Maria and several Auxiliary officers, who were praised highly for their selfless contributions to maintaining peace in the community.

Gospel rapper, Shammah, delivered a powerful message with his lyrics, "We are fighting the wrong enemy."

Kiara Bijoux, Constituent Liaison at the office of State Senator Roxanne Persaud, gave information on issues pertaining to MTA increased bus frequency and tenants' rights and evictions. She also handed out resource flyers.

Rev. Moonsam closed the vigil with a prayer. He called on God to "speak to every individual who doesn't know You."

East New York

Pedestrian Struck and Killed by Hit-and-Run Driver



By Lloyd Mitchell

Detectives and NYPD Collision Investigation officers are looking for the driver of a four-door sedan who struck and killed a 57-year-old man in the vicinity of Wortman and Georgia Avenues on Friday, April 5th.

The victim was exiting his Infiniti FX 35 around 6 a.m. when the sedan driver, who was traveling east-bound on Wortman Avenue, struck the man and then fled the scene.

The victim was a beloved bus driver, according to coworkers at the site of the fatality.

No arrests have been made, and an investigation is ongoing.

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.

Brownsville

Two Shot, One Dead

By Lloyd Mitchell

Detectives from the Brooklyn North Homicide Squad and officers from the 73rd Precinct are looking for a gunman who fatally shot a man and injured another on Monday evening, April 8th, in the vicinity of Mother Gaston Boulevard and Sutter Avenue.

Officers from the 73rd Precinct responded to multiple 911 calls around 8 p.m. where they found Anthony Barlow, 50, of Brownsville, with a fatal gunshot wound to the chest. A 41-year-old man was also shot in the shoulder, police said.

Both victims were taken by EMS to Brookdale Hospital, where Barlow was pronounced dead. The 41-year-old victim is in stable condition, according to official sources.

No arrests have been made, and an investigation is ongoing.

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Thousands Flock to H.E.S. for Job Fair

By Brenda Cox

Massive does not adequately describe the crowd that showed up for the job fair held at the Hebrew Educational Society (H.E.S.), at 9502 Seaview Avenue, on Thursday, April 4th. Over 90 companies and a staggering 2,500 job seekers preregistered for the event that was sponsored



Job seekers inside the H.E.S. gymnasium.



Congressman Hakeem Jeffries greets John Jay College student Sonji Cephas

by the 69th Precinct Community Council in partnership with House Minority Leader, Honorable Congressman Hakeem Jeffries.

Applicants began queuing up more than one hour before the scheduled start and, not surprisingly, the line soon wrapped around the block. Sonji Cephas, a paralegal and Political Science major at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, attended the job fair hoping to land a job in the legal field and possibly an internship in Washington, D.C. She made it into the gymnasium in time to meet the congressman with whom she shared her resume and aspirations. "It was like a dream come true to have been able to meet the congressman and share with him that I'm seeking an internship in Washington, D.C.," she stated excitedly.

With the vast array of employers represented at the fair, it was almost a given that some dreams would indeed come true. Joseph Flaherty made his first stop at the American Airlines booth where he scooped up some pamphlets and scanned a QR code after speaking with a representative. "I would love to be a pilot," he told the *Canarsie Courier*. "It's been a dream since I was a kid." He walked away with information about a particular flight school in which he is interested.

"That's why this job fair is so important," said Congressman Jeffries. "We're bringing the jobs to the people as opposed to the people having to move around chasing the job opportunities."

Gardy Brazela, president of the 69th Precinct Community Council, said he was pleased that the fair was such a huge success. He offered "special thanks to Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, State Senator Roxanne Persaud, Assemblywomen Jaime Williams and Monique Chandler-Waterman, Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse, Captain Dion Hinds, commanding officer of the 69th Precinct, Community Affairs officers and all the volunteers."



Gardy Brazela, president of the 69th Precinct Community Council, looks over an applicant's resume.



Joseph Flaherty looks into becoming a pilot.

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Canarsie Residents Receive Update on Library's Redesign

By Brenda Cox

Freezing rain, flash floods and gale force winds on Tuesday, April 2nd, were not strong enough to deter dozens of residents who showed up at the Canarsie Library, located at 1580 Rockaway Parkway, to receive an update on design plans for the local branch of the Brooklyn Public Library (BPL).

Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse, who was instrumental in securing \$1.5 million in funding for the library's rehabilitation, was present for the detailed PowerPoint presentation delivered by representatives from Studio Joseph, an architectural firm, and Hester Street, an urban planning and not-for-profit design company. Both institutions were entrusted with the library's redesign and had previously held consultations with the community to determine their needs.

The City of New York is providing up to \$20 million for



Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse and LaMeane Isaac, Regional Director of BPL, display design for new library.

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Participants will receive copies of materials from the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Digital Terrorism and Hate project and the Museum of Tolerance.

Light kosher refreshments will be served.



This forum is presented in collaboration and with funding from the offices of NY City Council Speaker Adrienne E. Adams, and Council Member Mercedes Narcisse who represents the 46th Council District in Brooklyn.

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the renovation. The new design, which will be presented to Community Board 18 (CB 18) at their next meeting, features a two-story, state-of-the-art facility and has a community room upon entry. Other key features on the first floor include a large reading room, an information desk that commands a view of the library inside and out, a conference room, laptop locker and multipurpose room with a flexible partition that will allow for larger or smaller audiences.

The second floor has a comfy reading nook for young adult readers, a recording room and single occupancy bathrooms. There is also a toddler and lactation room, parking area for strollers and an outdoor glass-enclosed pavilion, all done in warm palettes of blues and greens.

A BPL spokesperson stated, "Brooklyn Public Library has been serving the Canarsie community since 1909 and housed in its current location since 1960. To modernize the branch and meet the growing needs of the community, the library – along with Studio Joseph and Hester Street – have been engaged in a robust community engagement process to inform development of the library's redesign. We were so pleased to report back to the community on Tuesday night, including Councilmember Narcisse, a funder of the project, with a stunning design that genuinely reflects the needs identified in the engagement sessions."

LaMeane Isaac, Regional Director of BPL, said that in order to facilitate the upgrade, the library will be closed from Spring 2025 to Summer 2027. During that period, bookmobiles will be stationed throughout the community. In response to a question about what would happen to the staff, Isaac acknowledged that some might be deployed to the Jamaica Bay Library and neighboring branches, although the goal is not to overwhelm those branches.

Alex Tretiak, who manages the Canarsie Branch, added, "We are going to be in the neighborhood in addition to the bookmobiles. We'll be having storytimes out in the neighborhood. We're also looking to partner with organizations and groups in the community to make sure the staff presence remains in the community." The councilwoman reminded him that "The People's Office" is also available to them.

Narcisse, a longtime Canarsie resident whose children utilized the Canarsie Library growing up, expressed her delight with the redesign plans. She told the *Canarsie Courier*, "I am thrilled to see that the much-needed renovations at the Canarsie Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library will soon be underway. The city's investment of \$20 million will modernize the branch, and double its public space, offering our residents enhanced resources and opportunities for growth. As a mother of four, I have fond memories of bringing my own children to this branch, and I am proud to contribute to its transformation into a vibrant, state-of-the-art community hub for learning and creativity. From the addition of a recording studio to upgraded infrastructure and an outdoor terrace, these renovations will ensure that future generations will continue to benefit from the great services provided by our libraries."



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District 22: Families Consider Right to Opt Out of State Testing

By Angela G. Nannetti, M.S. Ed.

Despite the heavy rain, members of Community District Education Council 22 (CEC 22) convened at P.S. 203 Floyd Bennett School, located at 5101 Avenue M, on Tuesday evening, April 2nd, for their regular monthly meeting, which was also streamed live to the public via Zoom.

Special guest, Dr. Kaliris Y. Salas-Ramirez, Associate Professor of Neuroscience and Cell Biology at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, shared a presentation on "Parental Rights and Standardized Testing." Dr. Salas-Ramirez discussed the history of standardized testing and explained that there is more testing now than ever before, listing NYS Grade 3-8 exams, NYS Regents exams, NYSESLAT for English Language Learners, NYC academic screeners (MAP, iReady or Acadience) and other assessments embedded in the curriculum.

She made the argument that the amount of money and instructional time devoted to testing and test prep could be better spent to reduce class sizes, increase afterschool programs and widen the curriculum to include more art, science and culturally-responsive education. Further, she said that test results are not useful to teachers, do not show whether a student is meeting state standards and are not good practice for other tests students may take later in life.

Dr. Salas-Ramirez went on to debunk many of the myths surrounding standardized testing, saying, "Despite what you may

have heard, scores are not needed to secure special education services, your school district will not lose funding if students opt out, and scores are not needed for middle school or high school admissions." She said while New York State is required by federal law to administer the exams, parents have the right to refuse to allow their children to take them, and neither the student nor the teacher can be penalized for it. "All you have to do to opt out of state tests is write a letter or send an email to your principal stating that your child will not take them. You may be told you have to meet your child's principal, but you do not."

A parent in the audience inquired if the opt-out movement extends to physical education assessments as well, particularly the requirement to weigh children, since Body Mass Index (BMI) is no longer considered a true measure of health and stigmatizes children by labeling them and putting them into categories like "overweight" and "obese," which can negatively impact the way they see and treat their bodies for the rest of their lives. Dr. Salas-Ramirez said that the subject is definitely being discussed in the medical community and agreed that it is something that should be explored further.

For more information or to obtain sample refusal letters, families are encouraged to visit optoutnyc.com/sample-opt-out-letters.

The next meeting of CEC 22 will be held on Tuesday, May 7th, at 6:30 p.m. – location to be determined.

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East New York**Spectators Gather at Shirley Chisholm Park to Watch Solar Eclipse 2024****By Brenda Cox**

For many, it was without a doubt a once-in-a-lifetime event. For others – well, only time will tell. But no matter how you look at it, the rare solar eclipse which covered the United States, from Texas to Maine, on the afternoon of April 8th, was definitely an occurrence of epic proportions.

As late as the morning of the event, many Canarsie residents were still frantically scrambling to find a pair of the much-coveted solar eclipse glasses. Branches of the Brooklyn Public Library, which advertised them weeks earlier, posted signs on their doors, advising that they were “Out of eclipse glasses entirely, [and] will not have any more until the

next eclipse in August 2044.” Go figure!

Still, hundreds gathered at Hendrix Creek Patio in Shirley Chisholm State Park, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, for a viewing arranged by the NYS Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. There, glasses were provided on a first-come, first-served basis, (starting at 2 p.m. and while supplies lasted) to those who weren’t registered to attend the viewing. And even when the glasses ran out, the Parks Department ensured everyone was accommodated with special binoculars and a telescope. The agency also arranged guided, solar eclipse trail hikes for those who preferred to experience the phenomena from a higher altitude.



Viewers, using binoculars, look up to the sky at Hendrix Creek Patio in Shirley Chisholm Park.



Viewers line up to see solar eclipse through telescope.

Bergen Beach**A Local Perspective: The Solar Eclipse of April 8, 2024****By Robert Pearl**

On April 8, 2024, Brooklynites were treated to a spectacular celestial event – a solar eclipse. As the moon passed between the Earth and the sun, casting its shadow over New York City, observers gathered at various vantage points, including McGuire Fields on Bergen Avenue, to witness the rare phenomenon. Viewers experienced the eclipse from a unique perspective that seemed to bring the community together in awe and wonder.

McGuire Fields provided an ideal setting to view the eclipse. For one brief hour of time, everyone focused on a singular event, pushing all international, national and local strife in the world aside. People looked to the sky, with their ISO-certified eclipse glasses, to observe the occultation.

As the moon gradually obscured the sun, the sky took on an eerie twilight hue, and the temperature dropped slightly. But what truly captivated the crowd was the reaction of the local wildlife.

At the moment of maximum eclipse, when the moon covered the largest portion of the sun visible from our vantage point, the birds in the area suddenly became frenetic. Chirping wildly and darting through the air, they seemed to sense the unusual darkness descending upon their habitat. It was a sight to behold, as nature responded to the celestial spectacle unfolding above.

This event held special significance throughout our borough, and the greater NYC area, occurring just three days after a 4.8 magnitude earthquake shook the region on Friday, April 5th. Amid the aftershocks and lingering sense of unease, the solar eclipse provided a moment of unity and reflection for Brooklynites, reminding us of the beauty and mystery of the universe.

As viewers marveled at the eclipse, many couldn’t help but wonder when they might witness such a spectacle again. Fortunately, astronomy enthusiasts won’t have to wait too long. The next total solar eclipse visible from North America is forecasted to occur on August 23, 2044. While it may seem like the distant future, events like these remind everyone to cherish the natural wonders of the world and the fleeting moments of celestial alignment that bring us together.

While we didn’t achieve total darkness during the solar eclipse of April 8, 2024, it provided a memorable experience for Brooklyn residents, who gathered to witness the celestial phenomenon from local vantage points like Bergen Beach’s McGuire Fields. Against the backdrop of recent seismic activity and the anticipation of future astronomical events, the eclipse served as a poignant reminder of our place in the cosmos and the interconnectedness of all living things.



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Pure Fun and Excitement for Kids at SD 19 Easter Egg Hunt



Easter Egg Hunt in progress.

By Brenda Cox

Saturday, April 6th, was a day of pure fun for hundreds of children who attended the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Canarsie Park. The event, hosted by State Senator Roxanne Persaud, was postponed from March 31st due to inclement weather, so the fact that the day was somewhat dank did not seem to bother anyone or affect the occasion.

Staffers, assisted by many volunteers, scattered thousands of eggs, filled with goodies, in different sections of the park. Each area catered to a specific age group, so the older children were not “hunting” in the same space as the 3-year-olds. While the children awaited the green light to begin their egg hunt, they were treated to face painting, enjoyed fun games and were served more than just light refreshments. They received a hearty meal of hot dogs, French fries, chicken nuggets and mac and cheese. One vendor noted, “The event exceeded my expectations because it was so windy and chilly.”

An enticing part of the hunt was to find the golden egg hidden in each section. Whoever did, received a fun prize which added to the overall excitement.

The event was held in partnership with Community Board 18, NYPD, Brooklyn Canarsie Lions, One Brooklyn Health, Millennium Development and Trini-Jam, among others.

Senator Persaud expressed her thanks to the numerous SD 19 constituents, NYPD Explorers and Auxiliary Unit as well as a coalition of District 20 K 1 Lions who volunteered to ensure the success of the Easter Egg Hunt.

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Expert to Flatlands Civic: "City of Yes" Plan is a "Nuclear Bomb" for Council Members to Diffuse

By Dara Mormile

"We need to kill it! We need to kill this dangerous housing and zoning proposal in its tracks – and we need those City Council votes – 26 out of 51 members – to possibly squash it!" said lawyer Paul Graziano of Principal Associated Cultural Resource Consultants, who has been fighting for small communities threatened by the complex residential and commercial facets of Mayor Eric Adams' "City of Yes" plans.

The passionate advocate and historic preservationist spoke at the March 28th Zoom meeting of Flatlands Civic Club, Inc. (FCC), recapping how the City Planning Commission is "making money off of our misery in this community." The housing plan is one of proposals within the "City of Yes" zoning initiatives.

Graziano has been part of the fight for the past four

months to keep a monstrous, seven-story, mixed-use building from being constructed at 5602 Flatlands Avenue.

He reminded everyone at the FCC meeting that various hearings and informational sessions are coming up, including a City Hall public information session that took place on Monday, April 8th, where residents could voice their concerns about the plan which will alter and destroy the community's one- and two-family home zoning regulations.

"Take a closer look at the proposals for this site – the language threatens our low-density neighborhoods," he said. "We found that citywide, 38 out of 59 community boards voted it down. When I spoke to those boards who voted for it, most of them said they wouldn't have voted that way had they known the truth and details about this proposal."

The activist adamantly pointed fingers at City Council members across the board and how their votes can change the course of their own neighborhoods.

"We have two representatives in our district – Council Members Mercedes Narcisse and Farah Louis. They're both up to run for reelection next year. Along with other council representatives, if they're not going to listen to us, we have to decide what we're going to do with their political fate come 2025," Graziano said, reminding constituents that the commercial and residential plans will be voted on at the end of the year, right before reelection campaigns kick off. "So it's important that we make it clear to them that it impacts *us* – *we're* the ones who are voting, not the architects or engineers, not the real estate agents or the lobbyists working for the real estate industry."

The lawyer also spoke about the "City of Yes for Economic Opportunity" proposal that will make it easier for more corner store bodegas to be established in residentially zoned communities, changing the city's landscape and character.

FCC President Joan Gilbert also offered updates to the 20-plus attendees on the call, announcing some sad news – the passing of board member Margaret Hamilton in early March.

"She was on the Flatlands Civic board for over 20 years and she was the backbone of our organization. She was a staunch member and we're so thankful for her years of service," Gilbert said.

Gilbert also reiterated FCC's commitment to offer scholarship awards to two civic-minded students from P.S. 251 in honor of Sam Palmer, former FCC president who passed away in 2023. In addition to being the FCC's president for many decades, Palmer was also a strong advocate for education. Gilbert would like to present the awards – for education and community civic engagement – at the school's June graduation ceremony. Gilbert thanked FCC members who made contributions to the scholarship funds.

If you would like to attend the April 25th Zoom meeting of FCC, e-mail Joan Gilbert at flatlandsciv-ic@gmail.com for details.



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Canarsie Matriarch Mary Anne Sallustro: Remembering a Respected Rebel in Civic Leadership

By Dara Mormile

The saying goes, “*The Squeaky Wheel Gets The Grease.*”

When it came to the late Canarsien Mary Anne Sallustro, who recently passed away on March 27, 2024, her memory stirs up more than the sentiments of a civic leader who just “squeaked.” Sallustro often took the community by storm as president of the South Canarsie Civic Association and when I came on board the *Canarsie Courier* in 2004, her tenacity and fire to save the neighborhood was a boisterous roar that hardly waived.

With poster boards in tow – as if she was presenting a mad science experiment in a school gymnasium – she would skillfully set up her South Canarsie Civic Association meetings. These huge trifold cardboard posters donned tons of news articles from the *Courier*, dozens of developed color photos of problematic community proposals and countless petitions for residents to sign.

It was impressive - and quite a scene!

At all the meetings I attended, Sallustro repeatedly drew a crowd unlike any other activist I’d witnessed as a cub reporter. Whether she hosted her meetings at the Hebrew Educational Society, a local synagogue or in the privacy of someone’s house, her adamant drive to protect Canarsie’s small-town feel remained strong and gutsy. She fought numerous group homes from setting up on residential blocks and one of her biggest undertakings in 2008 was protesting a medical waste transfer site proposed for East 100th Street and Farragut Road.

Sallustro was bold and won her fights thanks to the backing of her supporters.

Many might remember Sallustro for “biting the hand that fed her” – as she spent many meetings holding politicians accountable and questioning them for their “lack of participation” when it came to changes like the huge revamping of Canarsie Park during planning stages in 2004 to 2005.

The late Councilman Lew Fidler was among electeds who highly respected Sallustro’s civic aggression despite some conflicts in quality of life requests along the way. Some officials stopped attending her meetings because they didn’t want to get thrown under the bus while they worked diligently to help her cause.

Understanding the meaning behind her hard work and dedication, they would ultimately return to South Canarsie Civic Association meetings months later with gratitude for her service – and not to mention those passionate yet hard-to-read handwritten letters to the mayor, governor and City Council representatives.

Anyone who’s read her skilled – yet cryptic – penmanship knew that her sentences literally rambled on down the pages in curves and slants, right off of the page itself, proving that she didn’t have time for neatness! Work had to be done!

Tons of her unique hieroglyphic letters came into the *Courier* (whether she mailed it or hand delivered it to our late Editor, Chuck Rogers), and we spent hours deciphering them before publishing them in our “Letter to the Editor” series.

The one thing that stood out about Sallustro’s letters and activism was that she did her research. She had a history of political knowledge that surpassed most attendees at her meetings. When Canarsie was designated a “poverty zone” in 2004 due to lack of U.S. Census Bureau responses, Sallustro challenged authorities and came out in full force, asking city officials, “How can you dare classify Canarsie as being in a ‘poverty zone’? Do you see how much these houses are worth in my community – they’re expensive and we pay high taxes!”

Sallustro was more than just an activist fighting for what was right. She truly and genuinely cared about her neighbors and fellow Canarsiens’ living conditions. She had good intentions that were sometimes taken overboard because her heart was so big and she loved to celebrate victories for the little people who may have just “squeaked” when they needed to roar with all their might.

Despite her civic stirring slowing down over the last decade when she fell ill, I hope somehow Canarsie residents, leaders and politicians remember her as a trailblazer who battled to the end.



Mary Anne Sallustro presents award to Dara Mormile and the *Canarsie Courier* in 2013 for a series of stories about getting financial relief for residents following Hurricane Irene. Pictured are Dara Mormile, Melba Brown, Mary Anne Sallustro and Frank Seddio.



Hundreds came out when Mary Anne’s civic group, South Canarsie Civic Association, rallied against the proposed medical waste transfer site. She stands, far right, with former State Senator John Sampson and former Councilman Charles Barron, at microphone.

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Brooklyn Canarsie Lions Host College and Vocational Fair at P.S. 276

By Brenda Cox

On April 6th, the Brooklyn Canarsie Lions Club hosted a College and Vocational Career Fair at P.S. 276 Louis Marshall School, located at 1070 East 83rd Street. The event catered to students grades 8-12, adult learners, returning students and veterans.

Over 100 students registered and a host of representatives from various educational institutions – including CUNY, SUNY as well as private – were present and shared information with those who might be trying to make the difficult decision of choosing a college.

Dr. Jean Joseph, president of the Brooklyn Canarsie Lions Club, said, "This Col-

lege Fair gives me an extra sense of fulfillment because of its potential to create better pathways for our children. Hence our theme: Advancing My Future, which will allow all our participants today to take ownership of their career path and move forward with determined effort."

Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse, who is also a Brooklyn Canarsie Lion, said, "Exposing our children to events like the College and Vocational Career Fair is so important in shaping their future success and personal development. Such experiences provide invaluable opportunities for young scholars to explore various academic and career pathways."

A performance group from Nu Omega

Chi Fraternity, a community-based organization, was also in attendance and provided an amazing stroll and step dance. The group also provides support and mentorship for young men in the community.

Councilwoman Farah Louis, another Brooklyn Canarsie Lion, commended the group as "a phenomenal organization" for hosting the event and thanked the vendors for offering their time and services to the community.

The event was held in partnership with State Senator Roxanne Persaud, Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman, Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse, Community Board 18, NYPD and Millennium Development.



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Career Day: Start Your Journey to Success

By Melissa Billie Clark

It's that time of the year when professionals share their job responsibilities with hopeful students. This is a chance for them to showcase their expertise and provide insight into the work world. Each presenter shares the challenges they face and the rewards.

On Tuesday, March 26th, P.S. 279 The Herman Schreiber School, at 1070 East 104th Street, hosted their first in-person Career Day since the COVID pandemic. Career Day is an annual event and is an excellent opportunity for students from grades K-5 to learn about career paths from various professions, including police officers, nurses,

EMTs, political figures and journalists.

One of the attendees was District 46 Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse, who emphasized the importance of hard work and determination. Councilwoman Narcisse shared her story of coming to the United States from Haiti without speaking English. Despite her challenges, she became a business consultant, a registered nurse, a youth counselor and a political leader. She encouraged the students by telling them that if she could achieve her dreams, they could too.

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REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff - against - PHILLIPS MARTIN, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 11, 2019. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 9th day of May, 2024 at 2:30 PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 1158 East 82nd Street, Brooklyn, New York 11236. (Block: 8047, Lot: 72) Approximate amount of lien \$444,365.80 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501502/2016. Gregory T. Cerchione, Esq., Referee. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840 New York, NY 10170 Tel. 347/286-7409 Dated: March 19, 2024 **During the COVID-19 health emergency, bidders are required to comply with all governmental health requirements in effect at the time of sale including but not limited to, wearing face coverings and maintaining social distancing (at least 6-feet apart) during the auction, while tendering deposit and at any subsequent closing. Bidders are also required to comply with the Foreclosure Auction Rules and COVID-19 Health Emergency Rules issued by the Supreme Court of this County in addition to the conditions set forth in the Terms of Sale.**

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Pilgrim Village Ventures LLC filed w/ SSNY 2/1/24. Off. in Kings Co. Process served to SSNY - desig. as agt. of LLC & mailed to the LLC, 150 Myrtle Ave, Ste 2, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of Kaifuyem LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/27/2023. 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 Daniel Michael Kalinin: 1740 Ocean Avenue APT 10C, Brooklyn NY 11230. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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KINGS COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

PROBATE SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL CITATION File No. 2023-3423 SURROGATE'S COURT - KINGS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Scott Wiener, or if dead, his legal representatives, his husbands or wives, if any, distributees and successors in interest whose names or parts of whose names, and/or their place or places of residence, are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained A second amended petition having been duly filed by Gloria Taras who is domiciled at 3171 Whitney Avenue, #3B, Brooklyn, New York 11229 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, on May 9, 2024, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of David Wiener a/k/a David C. Wiener, lately domiciled at 35 Seacoast Terrace, #12K, Brooklyn, New York 11235, United States admitting to probate a Will dated August 4, 1997, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of David Wiener a/k/a David C. Wiener, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that:

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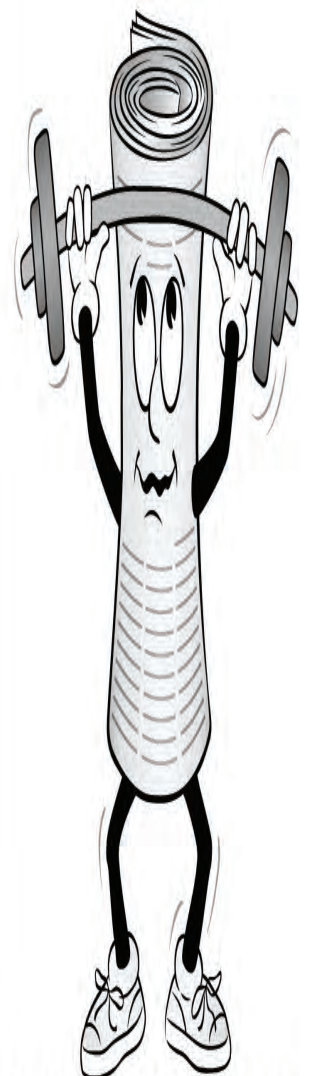
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