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#### Join Us for Canarsie Park Day of Service

By Jibreel Jalloh

In our bustling world of never-ending breaking news and social media, it's easy to forget the profound impact that small acts of kindness can have on our community. This Saturday, June 15th, from 12-3 p.m., The Flossy Organization will host a Day of Service, inviting all neighbors to come together for an afternoon dedicated to beautifying our beloved park. The event will feature a variety of activities, including repainting the Pop Smoke basketball court, picking up trash, pulling weeds, watering the pollinator garden and other efforts to enhance the park's natural beauty. Refreshing drinks will be provided to keep volunteers hydrated throughout the day.

Volunteerism is a cornerstone of vibrant, thriving communities. When we take the time to care for our shared spaces, we not only improve our environment but also strengthen the bonds between neighbors. Each piece of litter picked up, each weed pulled and each brushstroke on the basketball court is a testament to our collective commitment to making Canarsie a better place

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The Pop Smoke basketball court is more than just a place to shoot hoops; it's a symbol of our community's spirit and resilience. By coming together for the small act of repainting it, we honor the legacy of a local icon while providing a safe and welcoming space for our youth to play and grow. Similarly, our efforts to clean up and maintain the park demonstrate our dedication to preserving the natural beauty that makes Canarsie special.

Every small act of kindness contributes to a larger mosaic of positive change. Whether you're picking up trash or watering flowers, your efforts are invaluable. We encourage you to bring a neighbor along and make new friends while working side by side to beautify our park. This Day of Service is an opportunity to give back to our community, meet new friends and create lasting memories.

Join us this Saturday at 12 p.m. and be part of something truly meaningful. Together, we can make a difference—one small act of kindness at a time. See you at Canarsie Park!

Jibreel Jalloh is an award-winning organizer with experience working at the highest levels of government. He is the Founder and Executive Director of The Flossy Organization, a non-profit dedicated to closing the advocacy gap through education and activism. Over the past few years, they have worked to end gun violence, increase transit options and secure investments in local green spaces. You can learn more at theflossy.org and follow @theflossyorg.



#### Sixty-Ninth Precinct's Sector C in Good Shape

By Linda Steinmuller

Residents living in Sector C joined Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs) Gunvinder Singh, Daniel Irving, Nicholas Baldeo and Carlos Delgado for a Build the Block meeting at Church @ the Rock, 1288 East 92nd Street, on Thursday, June 13th, where they received updates on crime patterns and discussed quality of life issues.

Singh said that Sector C, which runs from Paerdegat Avenue North to East 94th Street, and from Glenwood Road to Avenue L, was doing well. An arrest was recently made in connection to a 14-year-old male that was shot in Bildersee Playground, and a gambling ring operating out of a private house on East 81st Street, between Avenues J and K, was broken up, and six individuals were arrested.

Singh told attendees that the biggest crime they are seeing is auto theft and theft from autos, stating that people are leaving expensive items like PlayStations, laptops and jewelry, as well as large amounts of cash, in their vehicles – unlocked. He warned, "Don't leave your valuables in plain sight. Criminals watch you and will follow you, especially if you are coming from the bank."

Unfortunately, catalytic converter theft is back on the rise again. If you see someone allegedly working on a car late at night, you should call 911 because it is unlikely they are working on their car at that time of night.

The NCOs are also looking for a man



NCOs Daniel Irving, Gunvinder Singh, Carlos Delgado and Nicholas Baldeo.

who steals tools from commercial vans. He broke into seven vans within a few days and puts the stolen tools in a shopping cart.

Cars like Acuras and Hondas are being stolen for parts, like wheels, air bags and steering columns, as they are very expensive. The parts are then sold to auto shops. To combat car theft, Delgado suggested using an old-fashioned tool like "The Club," a steering wheel lock popular in the 90s.

Another major issue is scams targeted against the elderly, including calls from fake IRS, Verizon and Con Edison agents. Seniors are receiving letters that they owe thousands of dollars in Verizon bills. Singh suggested registering your phone number with the National Do Not Call Registry at donot-call.gov. This will block telemarketers and spam calls, but you must renew it

every 30 days, a fact that most attendees were not aware of.

Residents had the opportunity to air their grievances, including abandoned cars on their block, out-of-control scooters, loud parties and kids hanging out after school and smoking behind the now-vacant Rite Aid on Flatlands Avenue.

Delgado reported that 80 cars have been towed from the precinct so far this year. Also, some officers were recently trained on sound meters. If the noise level goes over a certain amount, a hefty summons will be issued to the person playing the loud music.

Build the Block meetings are held quarterly. The next 69th Precinct Build the Block meeting will be for Sector D at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 27th, at the Hebrew Educational Society, 9502 Seaview Avenue.

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#### Two Shot Inside Canarsie Deli

#### By Baqir Ahmad and Linda Steinmuller

The NYPD is investigating a double shooting that took place in broad daylight inside a Canarsie deli Saturday

Police from the 69th Precinct responded to Canarsie One Stop Market, at 8702 Avenue L, around 11:10 a.m. on June 8th, where they found two men suffering from gunshot wounds.

Police said a 77-year-old man was shot in his right leg and a 23-year-old man was shot in his right arm and abdomen by an unidentified individual that fled the scene in an unknown direction.

Both victims were rushed by EMS to Brookdale Hospital in stable condition.

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 X @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.

Photos by Baqir Ahmad





Brownsville

Detectives from Brooklyn North and officers from PSA 3 are searching for an unknown gunman who shot a man and a woman outside the Langston Hughes Houses on Saturday, June 8th, within the confines of the 73rd Precinct.

By Lloyd Mitchell and Linda Steinmuller

**Double Shooting at** 

**NYCHA** Building

Officers found the 19-year-old female and the 35-year-old male both shot in their left arms around 3 a.m. at 335 Sutter Avenue, between Osborn Street and Mother Gaston Boulevard. A trail of blood was discovered from the entrance to the building up to the street.

Both victims were taken to Brookdale Hospital in stable condition, police said.

There are no arrests, and an investigation is

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Photo by Lloyd Mitchell

#### Firefighters Battle Heavy Fire and Humidity During Canarsie Two Alarm Fire **By Lloyd Mitchell**

Firefighters fought a two alarm fire at 950 East 78th Street Saturday afternoon.

Upon arrival, units from the 58th Battalion observed heavy smoke showing from the two-story private residence, located between Flatlands Avenue and Paerdegat 1st Street, around 1 p.m. on June 8th.

The fire extended into the cockloft area, the area between the ceiling and roof. In total, over 100 firefighters used five hose lines, pulling ceilings down, to extinguish the main body of fire. There were no injuries as a result of the blaze.

The FDNY Fire Marshal's office will determine the cause and origin of the fire.



#### Another Two Alarm Fire in Canarsie, This Time a Commercial Building

**By Lloyd Mitchell** 

Firefighters battled another multiple alarm fire at 100-02 Avenue D around 1:35 p.m. on Saturday afternoon. June 8th.

Units from the 11th Division were relocated to the site as Canarsie, Mill Basin and Flatlands firehouses were busy battling another two alarm house fire on East 78th Street around the same time.

Members were met by heavy fire and smoke spouting from a one-story commercial building that houses United Iron & Stainless Steel Welding Inc.

Fire Department personnel, consisting of 100 members, quickly deployed four hose lines to aggressively knock down the main body of fire. Searches throughout the building proved negative.

The fire was placed under control at 2:36 p.m. The FDNY Fire Marshal's office will determine the cause and origin of the blaze.











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#### Fresh Creek Civic Addresses Sinking Homes

By Angela G. Nannetti

Longtime members and newcomers alike filled the community room of Jamaica Bay Library, located at 9727 Seaview Avenue, on Saturday afternoon, May 18th, for a meeting of the Fresh Creek Civic Association (FCCA).

Although many important topics were discussed, the issue of sinking homes in Canarsie was definitely at the forefront, since a number of homeowners on East 104th Street made headlines on TV last month. The residents shared footage of their sunken basements with reporters and spoke of the horrors they have endured, from having their homes condemned by the City and living with relatives for almost a year, having their homeowners insurance claims rejected, to paying unfathomable amounts of money in repairs that never seem to be complete. The issue, which is not a new one, has reopened a

larger discussion about the topography of the neighborhood as well as the need for more cohesion within the community.

It is common knowledge that Canarsie, like many other neighborhoods in Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island, was originally built on swampland and is prone to sinkholes as organic matter in the soil decomposes, landfill settles and water tables rise over time. Old-time Canarsie residents and local historians can tell you all kinds of stories about giant sinkholes so deep and wide, they were used to dispose of retired trolleys. Even more common are stories of the large objects that have disappeared into decades-old sinkholes in residents' backyards, but when a sinkhole exists beneath the foundation of a home, it can be a very serious matter, with the potential to cause a basement to collapse, threatening the structural integrity of the entire building.

Members of the group, who have a wealth of combined experience in dealing with government agencies after a natural disaster like Superstorm Sandy, felt they could have been of some assistance to their neighbors, if only they had known what they were going through, but that those affected have yet to attend the group's meetings. Members have called for a wider, multiagency inquiry, perhaps at the mayoral level, to help assess the situation and find ways to assist those affected. FCCA President Maria Garrett encouraged all Canarsie residents to attend future meetings to air their grievances and get the support and resources they need, because a community is strongest when it comes together in numbers.

A representative from the new Bank of America, located at 2001 Rockaway Parkway, was also present and explained that the new location is an "advanced center," which, in addition to providing all of the usual banking services, also offers mortgage and investing services to the community. She encouraged young people to reach out and learn more about saving and investing now so they can afford to become homeowners in the future. Despite its obvious challenges, becoming a homeowner is still a huge part of the American Dream and no matter how elusive it may seem to younger generations in this economy, the importance of sound financial planning could not be overstated.







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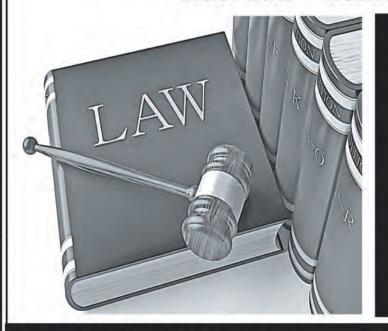
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#### By Claudy Vilme

The Hebrew Educational Society (H.E.S.) held its Annual Street Fair For Families on Sunday, June 9th.

The event featured a live DJ and various activities and performances, including karate demonstrations and a Zumba performance by the H.E.S. after-school step dance team.

Families enjoyed BBQ, cotton candy, popcorn and carnival games. Children had a blast in the bouncy houses, and there were also yoga sessions available for families to participate in.

The fair was a fun-filled day for the community and also an opportunity for families to secure a spot for Summer Camp. The camp, for ages 3-16, offers weekly trips (including extended day and overnights). Breakfast, lunch and snacks are also provided, and vouchers are accepted. For more information, visit camp@thehes.org or call 718-241-3000.

The H.E.S. also has an Early Childhood Center Summer Camp, for 3K and Pre-K. Visit earlychildhood@thehes.org for more information.

The H.E.S. is conveniently located in Canarsie at 9502 Seaview Avenue.













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On the baseball field and basketball court near the 88th St entrance.

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Saturday, June 22, 11 am

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At Dr. John's Playground, Gerritsen Ave. & Ave. X.

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#### **Pro Basketball Player Holds Intense One Day Clinic at Tilden Campus**

Lawrence Dorval, a professional basketball player, in conjunction with The Tilden Campus, at 5800 Tilden Avenue, and Sports United, held his first "Intense One Day Basketball Clinic" on Wednesday, June 5th, for 11 to 14-year-olds.

Dorval was born and raised in Brooklyn, where he used basketball as a way to create his own path in life and stay focused. He plays pro basketball in France and will

be returning there in August to continue his career. The Brooklyn native wanted to give back to the community and the youth with his free, one-day basketball clinic.

He said the clinic helps "keep the kids off the streets and stay positive." His brand name is WGBF - We Gon Ball Forever. "It's what I stand on. It's a mindset to always keep going."

Courtesy of Lawrence Dorval









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#### Filipino-American Parishioners Celebrate Spring Festival

**By Claudy Vilme** 

The Filipino-American Parishioners of Canarsie hosted their 2024 Family Spring Festival on Saturday, June 1st, at Roma View in Howard Beach, Queens.

It was a vibrant multicultural celebration that drew individuals of all nationalities. Attendees shared their diverse cultural backgrounds through food and dance. The festival featured an array of delicious dishes, captivating dance performances and exciting prizes, includ-

ing cash awards of up to \$500.

It was a memorable event for all ages, including children who explored and embraced a variety of cultures while proudly showcasing their own heritage. Among the notable figures present at the event were Rev. Edward R.P. Kane, pastor of Holy Family – St. Laurence Roman Catholic Parish, Dr. Joie Calub, who was honored with flowers, and Ms. Lucymar Sambo, one of the event's speakers



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#### **Marine Park**

#### Horseshoe Crabs, Up Close and Personal



Urban Park Rangers Li Jiang and Kendall James give an informative talk about the horseshoe crab.



Jiang holds up a fiddler crab.

#### By Loretta Chin

Parks Department Urban Rangers treated visitors to a close examination of the horseshoe crab and tour of their spawning grounds at a "Wildlife Viewing: Horseshoe Crabs" event held at the Salt Marsh Nature Center at 3302 Avenue U on Saturday, June 8th.

Urban Park Rangers Li Jiang and Kendall James met with the group behind the Center where they talked about the anatomy, mating habits and other interesting information about the horseshoe crab.

"We were lucky to be able to find a dead one that still had a lot of parts intact so you can look up close," Jiang said. "You can go even closer and get a good smell," he added, which elicited laughter and some people backing away from the dead body he was holding up for them to view.

The Atlantic Horseshoe Crab has been around for over 400 million years, giving it the reputation of being a "living fossil." They appear in May and June, coming up on the shore during a full moon or high tide to lay large amounts of eggs, which provide food for migratory birds.

"Each cluster of eggs contains about 4,000 eggs and at night, some of them lay over 20,000 eggs," Jiang said.

They are considered arthropods, which makes them more closely related to spiders, scorpions and other crustaceans like lobsters and crabs.

James spoke about the chemical in the horseshoe crab's blood, which has an unusual blue color due to its copper content. "Usually when copper oxidizes, when it starts to mix with oxygen, it turns blue," he said.

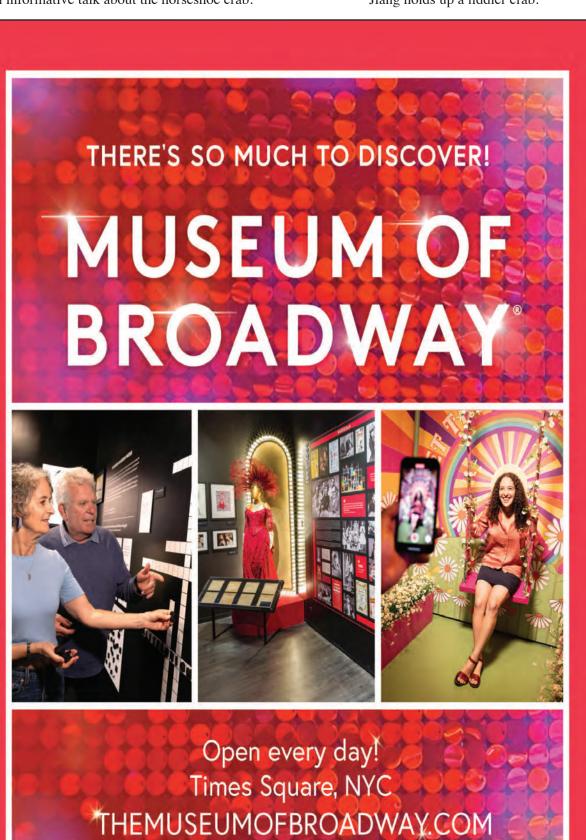
"[The horseshoe crab is] famous for its blue blood and for helping us make vaccines," Jiang added, noting that there is a chemical in their blood that helps detect toxins in vaccines.

The group then proceeded to walk toward the entrance to the beach at the corner of Avenue U and Burnett Street. Evidence of horseshoe crab eggs were found in the sand. Jiang said that they usually come up at dusk or at night to lay their eggs.

Although they didn't see any live horseshoe crabs at that time of the day, there were plenty of other sightings of fiddler crabs, mussels, a moon jellyfish, a yellow-crowned night heron and other shorebirds during a pleasant walk along the beach.



The group gets ready to embark on their search.











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#### **DOT Borough Commissioner Addresses Street Safety at CB18 Meeting**

By Linda Steinmuller

Aging infrastructure, aggressive driving and illegal activity plague our streets and threaten everyone's safety. The community had a lot to say when the Borough Commissioner of the Department of Transportation (DOT) spoke at the June 5th meeting of Community Board 18 (CB18), held at 1097 Bergen Avenue. A proposal to restore a historic Dutch farmhouse in Marine Park was also on the agenda.

A deadly traffic crash that killed a 14-year-old male in Canarsie sparked interest in a community conversation about improving safety on our streets, according to CB18 Chairperson Naomi Hopkins.

DOT Brooklyn Borough Commissioner Keith Bray said that after the city implemented Vision Zero in 2014, crashes decreased, except in 2021, during the COVID pandemic, when they spiked.

Reducing the citywide speed limit to 25 mph really helped, because "speed kills," Bray said. "You are twice as likely to be killed by a vehicle going 30 mph than a vehicle going 25 mph." The addition of speed cameras, which now operate 24/7, has also improved street safety.

However, Bray said, crashes are preventable. "You are responsible for safety on the streets," he said, urging drivers to wear their seat belts and not to speed or drive impaired.

Following Bray's presentation, the floor was opened to board members for remarks.

There were a lot of questions about how long it takes to perform studies on speed humps and traffic signals.

One board member, Johnny Arcenteles, said he requested a speed hump on Troy Avenue, between Avenues H and I, back in 2020. Bray admitted that speed hump requests quadrupled after Vision Zero was implemented. "The process used to take about two years due to limited staff citywide." He said they are now done in a few months and would look into the matter.

Requests were made for a four-way stop sign at East 52nd Street and Fillmore Avenue, and East 53rd Street and Fillmore

Avenue, due to multiple car accidents, as well as a light at Avenue U and East 68th Street, a very busy street with two day cares, a senior center and a synagogue.

CB18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow urged Bray to perform another study to add a speed hump on Hendrickson Street, between Avenues U and V, where she said drivers trying to avoid Kings Plaza Mall make a left turn onto the street. They speed down the street and cause a large amount of traffic. A previous study was done a few years ago, but no reason was given for denying the speed hump.

There were complaints about the lack of road maintenance and potholes in areas like Foster Avenue, near the BJs Club. Bray said the city has a borough-wide rating system that determines the shape of the roadway. The worst roads get repaved first

Unfortunately, CB18 has the second worst roadways in the city, which is due in part to how the area was built, according to Bray. "There is sinking and buckling which can't be fixed by repaving. It's a capital project which takes years and money."

As far as potholes, residents should call 311, and they are usually filled within five days.

One of the largest quality of life complaints in the city is illegal scooters that drive aggressively on sidewalks, terrorizing pedestrians.

Bray said that not all scooters are illegal. Some of them are delivery workers that drive for companies like DoorDash. He recommended calling the company to lodge a complaint.

Other comments and requests included better lighting where fatal accidents have occurred (the DOT will perform an illumination study to determine if lighting is adequate), unwanted bike lanes and bike racks, and questions about cracked sidewalks, which Bray said are the responsibility of the property owner.

The issue of heavy truck traffic destroying the quality of life for residents who live along King Highway was raised when the floor was opened to members of the public (see "Residents Not 'Pickin' up Good Vibrations'").

Parks Committee Chairperson Nancy Walby gave a brief presentation on a proposal to restore the interior of the Lott House, located on East 36th Street, between Fillmore and Avenue S. NYC Parks owns the historic house, which is almost 300 years old, and would like to convert it into a museum. As part of the restoration, ADA accessibility from the historic pathway to the house would be provided, as well as an ADA compliant bathroom inside the house. The mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems would be updated, and a new fire detention system would be added.

When Hendrick I. Lott inherited the property from his father, it included 12 enslaved people, but Lott emancipated all the slaves, and the house became a stop on the Underground Railroad.

One board member objected to money being put toward the restoration of a property where slaves were held. Others disagreed, like Hopkins who sees it as "an opportunity for education," stating that there are kids in school that don't know we had slavery in New York City.

Others like Greg Borruso, a Lott House board member for 20 years, spoke for many Marnie Park residents who are thrilled that the historic home is finally being renovated.

Jim Morris, Director of Capital Projects for Brooklyn Parks, said the funding for this project was designated by the City Council in 2013. The plan is in the design phase, which typically takes between 12 to 18 months to complete.

The CB18 board voted in favor of the proposal.

As part of the board's "Giveback to the Community Series," Partnow announced that CB18 had its first free, pop-up community barbecue on Saturday, June 1st, in the parking lot of the board office, and there will be four more pop-up barbecues planned during June – at the Glenwood Community Center on Saturday, June 8th, and the Breukelen Houses on June 15th. There will also be one in the Canarsie area and a kosher barbecue in the Marine park area; both dates to be announced.

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#### Flatlands

## Fiery Talk at Nieuw Amersfort Community Association Meeting and Red Cross, at 877-733-2767. lous," a neighbor said. "These parks are complaints from a few of the residence of t

It was a hot time at the Nieuw Amersfort Community Association (NACA) meeting on Tuesday, May 28th, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 3913 Avenue J, with angry residents fuming over the conditions of their local park and an FDNY fire educator as the invited speaker for that evening.

Captain Joseph Delligatti, from the FDNY Fire Safety Education Unit, spoke about fire prevention and safety through the proper use of updated 10-year smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, ABC fire extinguishers, and UL certified appliances, batteries and cords. Prevention also means having an escape plan and a clutter-free exit path in the event of fire.

Close monitoring or placement of things near open flames or heat sources such as stoves, candles, cigarettes, ashtrays, lighters, matches, space heaters, rechargeable batteries, and overloaded cords and sockets are added safety measures.

Since many of the houses in the area are old, he recommended updating old electrical sockets and only using the original manufacturer cords and batteries supplied for electronics.

Delligatti provided instructions about ways to extinguish various types of fires and provided fire safety education materials. Residents can get a free fire alarm and installation by contacting Sound the Alarm, a partnership between the FDNY

Other speakers included Adam Dweck and Sabrina Dieujuste, Director of Constituent Services for Councilwoman Farah Louis, who addressed community concerns.

A heated discussion took place over the lack of maintenance and upkeep of Amersfort Park, located within the boundaries of East 38th and East 39th Streets, and Avenues I and J.

Residents were fired up over the fact that in spite of numerous calls to 311, police, elected officials and their community board about their most frustrating complaints, they have not received a satisfactory response.

Issues include chin-high length grass and weeds, the rusty iron fence, dumping, garbage, soccer playing, pot smoking, drinking, noise, unleashed dogs, insects and even a tent that was pitched in the evening hours complete with chairs in the park.

'People feel threatened by people who are there in the evening," a resident added.

NACA President Steve Yamin said that he contacted the Parks Department and they began cutting the grass the week before. He said it would be done in stages, but only parts of the park had been completed by the time of the meeting, which added to the hot tempers in the room.

"They cut parts of the grass, but they don't cut the entire grass - it's ridicufor the kids and you pay all these taxes for what?" Others questioned why it had remained that way for so long to begin with, to which Yamin replied that it could have been due to recent construction

Angry comments were directed at their representatives, accusing them of only coming to the meetings at election time and neglecting their duties to the community.

Dieujuste asked how many of them had contacted their councilwoman's office as she had only heard about some of the complaints from a few of the residents. A few hands went up from those she heard from already, and Dieujuste collected detailed information for each concern not previously reported to her office.

"This is the time to bring this to me so that I can properly address it," she said. Please don't hold it until I come here and then you're saying that I'm not doing it, because that's not fair to me." Tempers lowered as some in the room agreed by saying, "That's true, that's true."

Yamin announced that there will be an awards ceremony at the next NACA meeting on Tuesday, June 25th.



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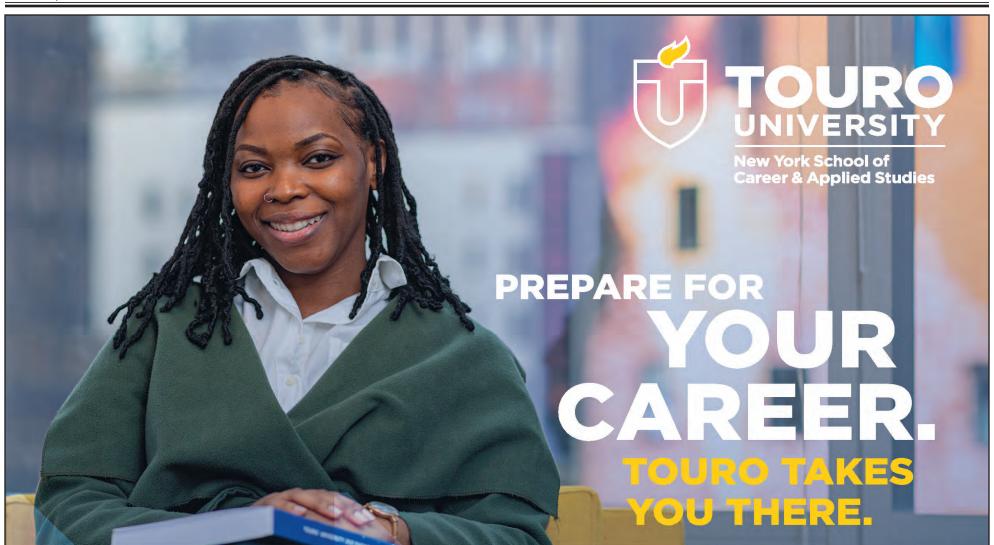
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## P.S. 279 Celebrates Multicultural Day with a Parade and Performances

**By Claudy Vilme** 

On Monday, June 3rd, staff and students of P.S. 279 The Herman Schreiber School, 1070 East 104th Street, kicked off their annual Multicultural Day Celebration with a parade, led by Principal Lorenzo Chambers, throughout the neighborhood.

The parade was followed by a celebration, complete with music, dance and food, in the schoolyard. The children entertained with short performances, and everyone enjoyed a special steel drum band performance by members of I.S. 285 Meyer Levin School.

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#### **Marine Park**

#### Marine Park Alliance Volunteers Plant Milkweed to Help the Endangered Monarch Butterfly

By Loretta Chin

On Saturday, June 8th, Marine Park Alliance (MPA) Volunteer Day, a hardy group of volunteers gathered at the Marine Park Avenue U meadow, located by the shoreline side of the park, to weed, clean and plant dozens of milkweed plants for migrating monarch butterflies.

"Today, we are planting for the monarch butterfly, an endangered species at this point, and when they fly through, they need something to eat, so we are planting milkweed; it's the only thing that they eat,"



MPA volunteers with board members and Board Chair Maria Carro-D'Alessandro.



MPA board member Margot Perron said.

She said that this is the time of year when the monarch butterflies migrate along the Atlantic Flyway, from upper Canada down to Mexico along our coastline. They are becoming endangered due to development and loss of habitat.

They were joined by Retired Chief Naturalist of the Parks Department Mike Feller who gave instructions and helped prepare the area by pre-drilling holes for the careful placement of the milkweed plants by volunteers.

Most of the volunteers were students from Midwood, Brooklyn Tech, Bay Academy and a few other schools. After planting, they pulled out weeds, with special attention to bedstraw, an invasive plant that forms a mat that blocks sunlight from other plants. There were enough weeds and garbage to fill five large trash bags when they were finished. Other volunteers were performing similar tasks all around the park.

According to Perron, during the pandemic in 2020, restoration work began in the area by MPA volunteers. Previously, there was a green wall of invasive weeds, plants and trees that blocked the view of the beautiful shoreline, which can now be enjoyed by passing motorists and visitors to the park across the street on Avenue U.

In the end, the Avenue U meadow was well on its way to becoming the Avenue U monarch butterfly meadow.

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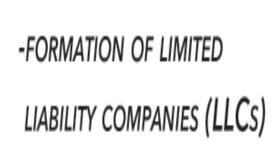
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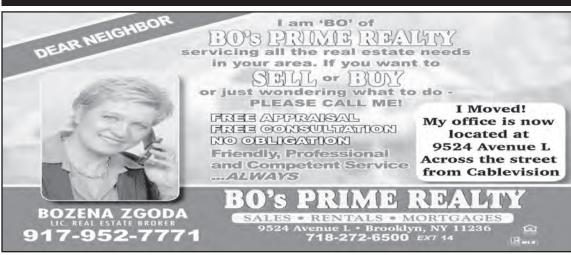
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E Flatbush/Canarsie: Furnished, share kitchen/bath, close to all transportation, newly renovated, no smoking/pets, \$225 weekly or \$925 monthly. M P Realty- Leonard (646) 474-6640

Canarsie: Large, clean, furnished, share kitchen/bath, \$200 weekly. (917) 528-7678

Canarsie: Furnished, share kitchen/bath, no pets/smoking, near transportation/shopping. Internet included. (212) 470-8056

Canarsie: Unfurnished, share kitchen/bath. Yves- Exit All Seasons RE (646) 286-7580

E49/Church: EXTRA LARGE furnished room, completely renovated, large closet, new appliances, share kitchen/bath w/1 other person, \$1,050, near B35, B46, B44 buses, #2 & #5 trains. Curtis Chance Realty (718) 859-7300 (917) 679-3017

Long Island/Farmingdale: Unfurnished, share kitchen/bath, all utilities included, no pets/smoking, \$975 monthly. (516) 479-7913

E Flatbush: Furnished room for rent in basement, includes cable & internet, near everything. (347) 741-5962; (917) 525-8102

Canarsie: X-large furnish, utilities included, \$300 weekly, 1 month security, share kitchen/bathroom, no pets/smoking. Call Ms Jay (718) 249-3073

Queens: Furnished, share kitchen/bath, light cooking, no pets/smoking. \$700 monthly. (929) 312-2529

OMB/E61: Furnished, share kitchen/bathroom, clean, no pets/smoking, \$1,000. (347) 679-2866

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#### **ROOMS FOR RENT**

## Rooms Available Flatbush

2 furnished, mint condition, share kitchen/bath, no pets, no smoking, near shopping/transportation, includes, all utilities, AC, cable, WiFi, \$1,000 monthly, \$1,200 monthly.

(347) 903-6114

Canarsie: Large furnished, share bath, no pets/smoking, w/balcony. (347) 644-7635

Canarsie: Furnished, share kitchen/bath, no pets/smoking, near transportation/shopping. (917) 716-7080

OMB: Newly renovated, furnished, share kitchen/bath, no smoking/pets. Owner (347) 453-7962 (347) 742-9828

OMB: Furnished, share kitchen/bath, \$275 weekly, \$75 monthly for utilities, no smoking/pets. (646) 327-8921 (646) 610-0823

East New York: X-Large furnished, near transportation/shopping/laundry. Parquet floor. share kitchen/bath. (347) 430-8035

#### **FURNISHED APT**

Canarsie: Furnished studio, private entrance, quiet residential street, near transportation,no smoking, credit & background checks are required. (484) 893-0276



#### **UNFURNISHED APT**

Synder/Utica/Church: Spacious 1 BR, \$1,900. Hillside RE (718) 916-2185

Brownsville: Beautiful 1 BR, close to transportation/shopping, no smoking/pets, \$2,700. Omar- FMM Premier Properties (718) 825-6034

Canarsie: 1 BR, gas & electric included. Yves- Exit All Seasons RE (646) 286-7580

Crown Heights/Utica/Sterling Place: LARGE RENOVATED 1 BR in building, large living room, eat in kitchen, hardwood floors, near #3 & 4 trains, B46 bus, \$1,700. Curtis Chance Realty (718) 859-7300 (917) 679-3017

Flatlands: Large 1 BR, Private entrance, no pets/smoking, \$1,500 monthly. (718) 421-0190

E21/Avenue D: RENOVATED 2 BRs in elevated building, large living room, eat in kitchen, near transportation, B8, B41, B103 buses, #2, #5, B, Q trains, \$2,100. Curtis Chance Realty (718) 859-7300 (917) 679-3017

OMB/E 50's: Newly renovated 2 BRs, new SS appliances, Available Immediately. \$2,200. Broker (929) 855-7576

Canarsie: Freshly painted 2 BRS, near transportation/shopping, \$2,500. Broker (917) 690-0541

City Line/Dumont: COMPLETELY RENOVATED 2 BRs, large living room, eat in kitchen, new appliances, hardwood floors, near transportation, \$2,200. Curtis Chance Realty (718) 859-7300 (917) 679-3017

Ave I/Albany Ave: 2 BRs, move in condition, include all, \$2,500. Broker (917) 541-3679

Brownsville: Beautiful 2 BRs, close to transportation/shopping, no smoking/pets, \$2,776. Omar- FMM Premier Properties (718) 825-6034

Schenectady/Ave N: NEWLY REN-OVATED 2 BRs, spacious living room, new kitchen, new appliances, hardwood floors, near transportation, \$2,400. Curtis Chance Realty (718) 859-7300 (917) 679-3017

Canarsie/Ave A/E95: Large 2 bedroom on the 3rd floor. Huge bedrooms, formal living room, hardwood floors throughout. Close to schools, parks and shopping. (347) 450-8605

E Flatbush: 3 BRs, 2 full baths, Programs Only, \$3,700 monthly. (631) 210-4367

#### **UNFURNISHED APT**

ENY: Cozy 3 BRs, newly renovated, HWF's, backyard included, CITY FHEPS Accepted, close to all transportation/shopping. (929) 214-3589

Georgetown: 3 BRs, 1 1/2 bath, brand new. Yves- Exit All Seasons RE (646) 286-7580

ENY: Newly renovated 3 BRs, 3rd floor, new appliances, \$2,700. (718) 885-5385

Crown Heights/Eastern Parkway/ Thomas Boyland: Newly renovated beautiful 3 BRs, 2 bathrooms, parquet floors, \$3,500. Broker (646) 515-4794

ENY: Newly renovated 3 BRS, near transportation/shopping, Programs welcome \$3,500 Everton Welch Broker (347) 880-3680

ENY: Mint condition, large 3 BR, immediately. Asking \$3,700. Off Linden Blvd, close to all. By Appointment Only. Broker Beverley (929) 855-7576

Canarsie: 3 BRS, and 2 full bathrooms for rent, programs accepted. Paradise Realty (646) 372-8924

Canarsie: 3 BRs, newly renovated, near transportation/shopping, no smoking/pets, \$3606, Programs Accepted!! Omar- FMM Premier Properties (718) 825-6034

Avenue J/E103: LARGE 3 BRs, eat in kitchen, NEW APPLIANCES, close to transportation, \$2,700. Curtis Chance Realty (718) 859-7300 (917) 679-3017

Old Mill Basin/E52: Newly renovated 3 BRs, 2 baths, large living room, dining area, central AC, hardwood floors, lots of closets, use of back porch/back-yard, \$3,000 neg. Close to transportation/shopping, near buses, B46, B82, B6. Curtis Chance Realty (718) 859-7300 (917) 679-3017

#### **UNFURNISHED APT**

#### Apartments Available E Flatbush/E 31 Street

1 BR

\$2,300

E Flatbush/E 29

2 BRs

\$2,886

**ENY/New Jersey** 

3 BRs

\$3,500

Canarsie/Ave K

3 BRs, 2 baths,

\$3,000



Harmony Homes Realty Harmonyhomesrealtyny.com (347) 465-4457 (917) 795-2646

Georgetown/E 67: Newly renovated XXX-Large split Level 3 BRs, upper Level, 2 baths, terrace, near transportation/shopping. Broker (347) 938-0850

Flatbush/Clarendon/Beverly: 4 BRs duplex, 2 lower level, 2 upper level, newly renovated, asking \$3,600, Ready To Move In. Indies Real Estate (917) 578-9727



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