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Celebrate Canarsie: Join the Festivities

By Jibreel Jalloh

Mark your calendars. This week, let's Celebrate Canarsie. From June 20th to June 23rd, Canarsie will come alive with a vibrant array of activities, music, art and community fun. This four-day extravaganza promises something for everyone, so don't miss out on the festivities!

Kick off the celebration with a block party on Thursday, June 20th, from 4 to 8 p.m., on East 95th Street, between Conklin and Flatlands Avenue. Enjoy a lively atmosphere with a DJ, delicious food, nonalcoholic beverages and apparel available for purchase. Kids will love the free balloon twister and bouncy castle, and everyone can grab some cool event swag at the Celebrate Canarsie check-in desk.

Get ready for a musical treat on Friday evening, June 21st, with Canarsie Live. Live bands will perform at four local eateries, starting at 6 p.m. and continuing with staggered performances until 7:30 p.m. Savor the Taste of Canarsie while enjoying great music at Canarsie Blend, Spread Love Eat, Richard's Restaurant and Bar, and TriniJam BK.

Saturday, June 22nd, is all about sports, health and wellness at Canarsie Park. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., join in on soccer clinics and flag football games. Feel the burn



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with free Zumba classes at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The day wraps up with a "Cops and Kids" basketball game from 2 to 4 p.m. Plus, everyone gets a free Celebrate Canarsie flying disc while supplies last!

The grand finale is on Sunday, June 23rd, with Canarsie FAM: Festival of Arts and Music, from 12 to 4 p.m. at the East 86th Street stage in Canarsie Park. This free, family-friendly event will feature music and dance performances, art workshops and free bites from local businesses. Highlights include performances by Derick Cross, Zemog and Tropicalfete, as well as dance workshops and an art-making station led by Brooklyn FAM.

Celebrate Canarsie is not just an event; it's a celebration of our

vibrant community. Come out this week, meet your neighbors and experience the rich culture of our community. Let's celebrate together! For more details, visit linktr.ee/celebratecanarsie website. See you there!

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.

District 22 Honors Deputy Superintendent on Retirement

By Angela G. Nannetti M.S. Ed.

Members of the community gathered at J.H.S. 014 Shell Bank, located at 2424 Batchelder Street, on Tuesday evening, June 4th, for a meeting of Community District Education Council 22 (CEC 22), which was also streamed live to the public via Zoom.

It was bittersweet as Deputy Superintendent Matthew Melchiorre, who has been demystifying the convoluted quagmire of school funding at the group's meetings for many years, did so for what is probably the last time, since he is set to retire at the end of this school year. Having served in what seems like every conceivable capacity of the school system throughout his long and illustrious career with the Department of Education, Melchiorre has made an impact on District 22 that can hardly be overstated. Known for his expertise and professionalism, and loved for his patience and aplomb, there was an outpouring of gratitude for his contributions. "Matt, I am so appreciative and indebted to you not only for your friendship, but for you being my confidant, my right hand," said Superintendent Julia Bove, who was in virtual attendance while recov-

ering from an injury.

During his presentation on "Fiscal Year 2025 Contracts for Excellence (C4E) and Class Size Engagement," the deputy explained that C4E requires that funding be allocated toward specific programs that raise the achievement of students with the greatest educational need, including students with limited English proficiency, students in poverty and students with disabilities. This funding may be used to hire new teachers, create additional full-day Pre-K classes, provide after-school academic support to struggling students, purchase bilingual books for the shelves of school libraries, etc. He said that C4E will be increasing by \$803 million, \$487 million of which will be allocated to discretionary funding, which schools can use to fund any allowable programs of their choosing.

There was also discussion of the proposed additional \$45 million in C4E funds and \$137 million in other funds that schools may use to reduce class sizes to comply with new state legislation requirements. "We're very fortunate that Contract for Excellence monies will be joining other monies that the mayor has secured," said



District 22 Deputy Superintendent
Mathew Melchiorre

Bove. "Next year, we're going to work in utilizing every single room to make sure that we lower class sizes. Yes, that means that maybe we might have to use that room that's used as the art room or the music room, which breaks my heart, but next year those schools that do not have room may have to utilize every single inch of their buildings." She explained that the District is indeed overcrowded and in need of additional school buildings. While she and her team are always on the lookout for large plots of available land, they have been unable to find anything suitable thus far and must continue their search.

The next meeting of CEC 22 will be held on Tuesday, July 2nd, at 6:30 p.m., location to be announced.

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Teen Fatally Stabbed Inside Mikey's Restaurant

By Baqir Ahmad

The NYPD is investigating the fatal stabbing of a female teenager that took place inside of Mikey's Restaurant and Lounge, in the Seaview Plaza shopping center, on Wednesday, June 12th.

Officers from the 69th Precinct responded to 9712 Seaview Avenue around 11:40 a.m., where they found Samaya Mackey, 18, unconscious, with a fatal stab wound to her torso.

The victim was rushed to Brookdale Hospital where she was pronounced dead. Mackey was a resident of the Bayview Houses.

There are no arrests, and an investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information regarding this stabbing 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.

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East Flatbush

Elderly Woman Shot in Crossfire

By Baqir Ahmad and Linda Steinmuller

An innocent, elderly woman was sitting in her walker, when an exchange of gunfire broke out, striking the East Flatbush resident twice in her left arm.

The shooting took place at Brooklyn and Foster Avenues, near the Flatbush Gardens apartments, around 6:45 p.m. on Monday, June 10th, police said.

Officers from the 67th Precinct responded to the scene where they found Althea Lawson, 84, suffering from gunshot wounds to her arm. At least 14 shots were fired by two gunmen, not intended for Lawson.

The victim, who is a cancer survivor, was rushed to Kings County Hospital in stable condition, according to police.

There is no description of the suspect(s) at this time.

There are no arrests, and an investigation is ongoing.

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Photos by Baqir Ahmad



East Flatbush

Gunshot Victim Survives Father's Day Shooting



By Lloyd Mitchell

A 24-year-old man was shot on Father's Day in the vicinity of East 49th Street and Church Avenue.

Officers from the 67th Precinct responded to a 911 call and found the victim suffering from a gunshot wound to the groin around 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 16th. It was reported to police that the victim was shot by an unidentified individual.

EMS rushed the victim to Kings County Hospital where he was listed in stable condition, 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 X @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.

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P.S. 233 Pays Homage to Slave Ancestors with Lavish Juneteenth Celebration



Rising Stars dancers wave flags of freedom during "Jubilation" dance.

By Brenda Cox

P.S. 233 The Langston Hughes School celebrated its 3rd Juneteenth Jamboree on Friday, June 14th, with a great deal of dancing, drumming, flag-waving and steel pan playing in the schoolyard at 9301 Avenue B.

The festival began with a marching band and dancers from the Media Law and Fine Arts Middle School parading into the schoolyard and onto a stage where they performed. A group of students then presented four flags (American, Pan African, Langston Hughes and Juneteenth) to the audience before the Black National Anthem was sung.

Parents turned out in droves and cheered loudly, as children portraying Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Abraham Lincoln and other "historical figures central to the story of Juneteenth" did dramatic readings regarding slavery and emancipation. Other students carried glowing candles and flowers as they read the names of countries where slaves had been liberated and the year (in chronological order) in which they were. The first was the Republic of Haiti, in 1804.

In a voice reminiscent of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's, Mr. Rousse, a teacher, poured libations, an act of veneration to the ancestors, and chanted, "For the lives lost to slavery in every family represented here today, we remember and honor your spirit."

Karson and Myrtle Matheson who live on Avenue B, not far from the school, arrived early to secure a good spot. Smiling broadly, Matheson told the *Canarsie Courier*, "I'm just here to see my 9-year-old grandson, Elijah, play the steel pan."

Before the celebration ended, Principal Denean Stephens-Spellman handed out trophies to students who mastered physical and academic challenges that reflect three character traits (beauty, patience and courage) that the school embodies. She told the *Canarsie Courier*, "We want our students to know they're beautiful inside and out. We want them to understand that it's important to be brave and that sometimes means doing the right thing even when it's not popular, and we also want them to learn patience with themselves and others."

The event was attended by Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman (AD 58) and Councilman Chris Banks (CD 42).



Mr. Rousse, a teacher, chants and pours libations in memory and honor of slave ancestors.



Students play steel pans during Juneteenth celebration.

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Assemblywoman Williams Urges Non-Renewal of Floyd Bennett Field Lease Amid Migrant Crisis Impact

By Robert Pearl

On Thursday, June 13th, an oversight hearing titled “Destroying America’s Best Idea: Biden’s Border Crisis, Desecrating National Park Lands and Damaging Communities” was held by the Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations. The hearing took place at the Longworth House Office Building in Washington, D.C. and featured testimony from various community leaders, including Assemblywoman Jaime Williams (AD59).

Williams testified about the decision made in September 2023 by the National Park Service and NYC to house migrants in tents at Floyd Bennett Field without consulting the surrounding communities. She highlighted the adverse impacts on residents, including increased crime, panhandling, garbage dumping, illegal e-scooters and a strain on overburdened resources. Williams stated, “No thought was put into how it would affect taxpaying New Yorkers who live and work in these communities. No care was given to how this would affect our already depleted police precincts or how transportation would be affected or how the conditions of our parks would be affected.”

Joining Williams in opposition to the lease renewal at Floyd Bennett Field

was Paul King, President of the Belle Harbor Property Owners Association. Their communities have been equally impacted by the migrant crisis.

Williams firmly stated, “As we near the end of the current lease term for Floyd Bennett Field, I, on behalf of the community I represent, demand that it not be renewed. Floyd Bennett Field needs to be returned in its entirety to the community it serves for use as a recreational and educational park and not be used to warehouse human beings.”

Other witnesses included Elizabeth Morrissey, President of Madison-Marine-Homecrest Civic Association; and Amy Fischer, Director of Refugee and Migrant Rights at Amnesty International USA, representing the minority perspective.

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Assemblywoman Jaime Williams at an oversight hearing, held by the Committee on Natural Resources, in Washington, D.C. on June 13th.

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Residents Not "Pickin' up Good Vibrations"

By Linda Steinmuller

Residents living near Kings Highway and Avenue J say their quality of life is being destroyed by heavy truck traffic causing vibrations strong enough to make cracks in the walls of their homes.

Kings Highway is a designated truck route, but a portion of the roadway between Flatbush and Utica Avenues was exempt until 2007.

Dave Lewin told the *Canarsie Courier*, "Since the truck route was established in 2007, our neighborhood has been dealing with severe repercussions. The heavy vibrations from these trucks have caused substantial damage to our homes."

Trucks, many of them 18-wheelers, do not observe the speed limit. "These trucks are not traveling at 25



An 18-wheeler crossing Kings Highway.

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mph, not even 30 – at least 40 to 50 mph," Lewin said, and he has the footage of "garbage trucks bouncing up and down" to prove it.

Frustrated residents were recently featured on a *News12* segment, and they aired their grievances at a June 5th meeting of Community Board 18 where the Brooklyn Commissioner of the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) addressed street safety concerns.

Three residents in attendance reported that they have cracks on their walls due to their homes constantly shaking. On top of that, air pollution from the trucks poses health risks to the community.

Raymond Boyce is concerned about air pollution causing asthma and increasing mortality rates of children in the womb.

And the relentless truck travel along Kings Highway – day and night – causes noise pollution. Rachel Studdard said the stucco on her house is cracking from trucks barreling down her block, starting at 4:30 in the morning, also disrupting her sleep. "Our quality of life is horrible. I just don't know what to do."

Lewin wants to see the Flatbush to Utica portion of the truck route eliminated and is asking the DOT to put up a detour sign to prevent trucks from traveling on the one-mile section of the roadway. Since most of Kings Highway is residential, he said, "The building



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DOT Borough Commissioner Keith Bray said that trucks are the biggest delivery mechanism in NYC. "Well over 95% of goods come by trucks. Since the pandemic, truck traffic and deliveries have increased exponentially since 2020." The DOT is studying ways to get trucks off the road and use "greener" delivery methods. "Maybe smaller, greener vehicles – not as loud," Bray said. "Trucks are still the biggest delivery method, and that's not going to change anytime soon."

The DOT is looking at truck routes citywide, including Kings Highway, to see how to improve them. "Some may be taken away; some may be added," Bray said. Then again, "if we have no truck routes, they would go wherever they want."

Lewin said, "All we are looking for is quality of life. We have developing children and elderly people who deserve a quality of life at this time." He vowed not to stop fighting until the truck route is removed.

The *Canarsie Courier* reached out to the DOT press office and was provided with the following statement:

"With the vast number of goods moving through our city by truck, NYC DOT thoughtfully considers how to move these vehicles through our city safely and responsibly. The agency is currently reviewing our truck route map for possible updates, while also working on several new programs to reduce the city's reliance on trucks."

Members of the public are encouraged to submit feedback on the DOT's online portal by July 31st at: <https://nycdotprojects.info/project-feedback-map/feedback-map-12>, the statement advised. Bray mentioned the portal at the CB18 meeting, and Lewin noted that he had previously added his request to it.

Additionally, the DOT has announced several initiatives to reduce truck mileage on city streets and support small, greener delivery options. They include: a) their forthcoming off-hour delivery incentive program, b) new cargo bike rules to expand the types of cargo bikes on streets, helping more deliveries to be made via smaller and more environmentally-friendly options, and c) the city's Blue Highways initiative to shift more freight movement to underutilized waterways and ports.

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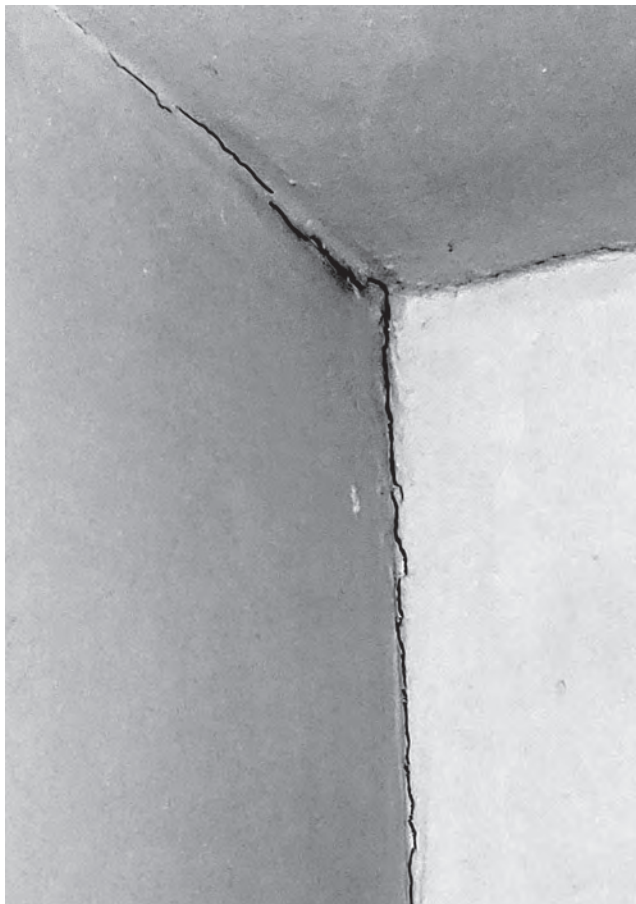
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P.S. 233 Students Donate Books to Sick Cell Patients at Brookdale Hospital

On Monday, June 10th, the 1st-grade students at P.S. 233 The Langston Hughes School, located at 9301 Avenue B, wrote get-well letters and donated books to patients in the Sick Cell Pediatric Unit at Brookdale Hospital.

For the past two months, students have been learning about the importance of books and how books can change our lives. They have also learned how children in different parts of the world, especially in remote places, get access to books.

As a culminating activity to Module

1 – A World of Books – from our Wit and Wisdom ELA curriculum, students wrote get-well letters and bought books which they donated to the children in the hospital. They shared in their letters how books change the lives of people around the world.

Zoe Rudnick, Child Life Specialist at Brookdale Hospital, collected the books and shared some information about sickle cell and its effects on children diagnosed with the disease.

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Mill Basin Civic Wraps Up for Summer with Community Accolades, Review and Initiatives

By Robert Pearl

The Mill Basin Civic Association (MBCA) held its final meeting before the summer break at Mary Queen of Heaven Church on Tuesday, June 11th, where community accomplishments were highlighted and dedicated individuals were recognized.

MBCA President Paul Curiale opened the meeting by showcasing the board members' new civic association shirts and publicly thanking Glen Terrace for hosting the MBCA Installation (see "Mill Basin Civic Association Celebrates 95th Anniversary and Student Achievements," *Canarsie Courier*, May 30, 2024).

He acknowledged Mary Queen of Heaven and invited Sister Mary Jane Ralston to speak. Sister Ralston, who has lived at Good Shepard

Convent for four years, expressed her gratitude for being part of the community and announced she plans to start a Vacation Bible School, seeking volunteer teachers.

Reflecting on the 95 years of the MBCA, Curiale emphasized the civic's long history since its founding in 1929 and its continued commitment to representing the area from Flatbush Avenue to East 68th Street. He noted the association's support for seven public schools, a charter school at Roy H. Mann, and Mary Queen of Heaven and St. Bernard. Curiale highlighted the awards event at the Marine Park Golf Course, organized by Saye Joseph from Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse's office, which honored young community members.

A special recognition was given to Ashley

Smith, a graduating senior from Murrow High School, for her outstanding community service. Smith received certificates from MBCA, Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, Narcisse and State Senator Kevin Parker.

The MBCA also made donations to local causes. Terri Cadet-Donald presented a check to Sister Ralston for \$250 for the Mary Queen of Heaven food pantry, also acknowledging the church's support in providing space for civic meetings. Sal Caruso, a volunteer with the Flatlands Volunteer Ambulance Corps for 40 years, received a \$250 donation and heartfelt thanks from the MBCA for his service.

Narcisse, representing one of the largest Council Districts from Canarsie to Sheepshead Bay, announced the opening of a cooling center for the summer. She also addressed the ongoing budget fight in City Hall, highlighting her roles in various committees.

She informed the civic that indeed, "after careful consideration, I voted NO on City of Yes for Economic Opportunity," stating that while she supports some of the goals and intentions of the plan, her constituents have been very clear in their opposition and therefore opposed what she called "the one-size-fits-all strategy."

Community concerns were also discussed. "Pickleball Bob" raised an issue about a public driveway that was successfully resolved and shared his positive experience working with Narcisse to establish eight public pickleball courts in Marine Park. He encouraged the community to display their flags for Flag Day and praised the *Canarsie Courier* for its coverage of the MBCA and the pickleball fundraiser, high-

lighted in the June 6th issue (see "Pickleball Fundraiser Raises over \$1,200 for Tunnel to Towers Foundation").

Christina Caputo, an MBCA board member, shared a personal safety concern after her daughter was randomly attacked by an unrestrained dog that was not tied up, nor fenced in. Thankfully, the young schoolgirl is on the mend, after being treated and released from Maimonides Hospital. She stressed the importance of reporting dog bites within 24 hours of the incident and ensuring dogs are securely leashed.

The meeting also addressed a question about a Greenstreets project at Avenue T and East 54th Street, concerns and discussions about various community issues, including alternate side parking, double parking near a bagel store, and traffic and bike lane safety on Avenue L. Narcisse assured attendees of her proactive approach to resolving community problems and encouraged residents to contact her office with concerns.

Upcoming events were announced, including the next 63rd Precinct Council Community meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26th, at Purpose Life Church, 1895 Flatbush Avenue. The community was reminded of the importance of staying informed through newsletters from various local representatives and the MBCA Facebook page.

For refreshments, a variety of cheesecakes were provided by Palermo Bakery. The MBCA continues to demonstrate its commitment to enhancing community life through recognition, support and addressing local issues.

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P.S. 276 PTA Meeting and Community School Forum

By Brenda Cox

On Thursday, June 13th, parents, students and staff gathered in the auditorium at P.S. 276 Louis Marshall School, 1070 East 83rd Street, for an evening of entertainment and celebration. Families were updated on the PTA budget, its accomplishments and goals. Students of the Month were celebrated and honored with certificates for outstanding performance.

The PTA Meeting and Community School Forum was hosted by Carmen Webber, CSD (Community School Director) and Jasmine Hartley, PTA President. It featured a short film and dance performances by Brooklyn Ballet and P.S. 276 Queen Bee Steppers.

There were several resource vendors who supported the event. Students were fascinated by Sincere, a young African-American boy and his Filipino friend, Jia, the main characters in Draku, a mini comic book series and company that was created by a 9-year-old boy. The company donated several "Sincere" headphones that were included with 100 Draku comic books, sponsored by the PTA for a raffle that was later drawn by Webber.

Ms. N. (Nelida Lausell), instructor for Sesame Flyers Art Program at I.S. 68 Bildersee, displayed a series of "culturally-based art" which were created by her students from cardboard and other recycled materials.

Other vendors were Blue Skate 7, which offers mentorship and coaching to students of all ages; Buddhaboath, a company that provides quiet spaces where people can relax; Exuding Wellness, FDNY and The Flossy Group.

Representatives from the offices of State Senator Roxanne Persaud (SD 19) and Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse (CD 46) also provided raffle prizes, as well as distributed resource materials and snacks.



Artwork created by students from the Sesame Flyers Art Program at I.S. 68 Bildersee.



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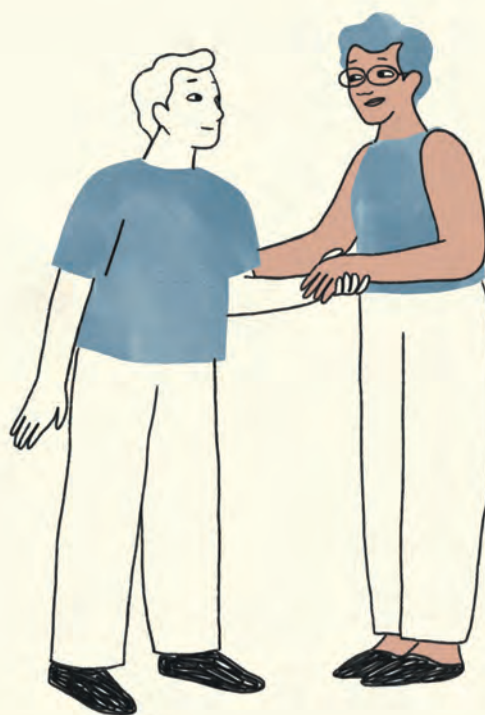
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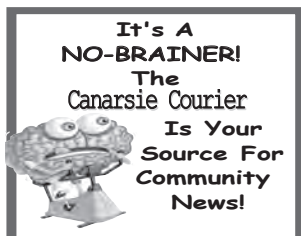
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A Happy Meal for a Good Cause

By Robert Pearl

Members of the community, with the direction and collaboration of the Mill Basin Civic Association (MBCA), raised \$500 for the NYPD 63rd Precinct Youth Explorers Program in a successful fundraiser on Thursday, June 13th, at the McDonald's located at 2240 Flatbush Avenue.

The event saw active participation from MBCA members and the 63rd Precinct, including Youth Coordination Officer (YCO) Sergeant Nicole Pierre and Community Affairs Officer Thomas Podd. The Youth Explorers themselves stood outside McDonald's, inviting customers to make purchases between 5 and 8 p.m. During this period, a portion of all sales, whether in-store, drive-thru or via Uber Eats, contributed direct-

ly to supporting the Youth Explorers Program.

This fundraiser was made possible by the generosity of McDonald's Regional Supervisor Widnital Theagane, who was present at the event. Theagane expressed his strong belief in giving back to the community, a sentiment echoed by Christina Caputo of MBCA, who thanked him for his ongoing support and praised his dedication.

The Youth Explorers Program, known for its slogan, "Great Futures Start Here," aims to foster leadership and civic responsibility among young people. The funds raised will help provide resources and opportunities for the youth involved in the program, ensuring they have the support needed to build successful futures.



Group photo of Mill Basin Civic members, 63rd Precinct officers and Youth Explorers at June 13th fundraiser.

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Gerritsen Beach

Spending Father's Day Inside an Ambulance

By Brian Moreno

Parents and their children gathered at Dr. John's Playground, located at Gerritsen Avenue and Avenue X, on Sunday, June 16th, for the first event in a Summer Children's Series presented by the Marine Park Alliance (MPA), known as "Just for Kids." The Father's Day event – "Inside an Ambulance" – gave families the chance to spend quality time together while exploring the inner workings of an ambulance and learning some basic first aid, such as applying a bandage on a boo-boo.

The Gerritsen Beach Volunteer Fire Department (GBFD), also known as the Volliers, provided an inside tour of an ambulance in a safe, calm setting for kids to participate. Children were also provided plastic firefighter chief hats and coloring books. They even had a chance to sit on a stretcher.

"Today was showing the kids this ambulance, showing that it's not something that you have to be afraid of," said Andrew McKenna, a GBFD volunteer. "It's to also show that EMTs and firefighters aren't somebody to be scared of. They're here to help and for kids to be comfortable around them in case of an emergency."

Founded in 1922, GBFD is current-

ly the only volunteer fire department in Brooklyn, and, in over a century, has grown to include over 30 dedicated volunteers. Operating a fleet of four fire and EMS apparatus, which soon may include a new fire engine, the GBFD answers more than 500 calls per year and protects life and property in Gerritsen Beach.

"We're visiting from Florida, but we used to live here and we're visiting my grandparents and we wanted to check out the park because it's beautiful, said Dmitry Elkind, father of three. "This was a complete surprise; we had no idea this was happening, coming here. The kids really had a good time. It was a great experience."

"It's all for the children," said Yamin Krumm, an MPA board member. "To see their smiles, and for them to be inside an ambulance and learn, to have fun for themselves and their families."

The next "Just for Kids" event – "Inching Along" – will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 22nd, also at Dr. John's Playground. A librarian from the Gerritsen Beach Library will share stories about some of the smallest animals, and kids will have the opportunity to make small animals of their own.



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Saturday 2-4:30 PM
714 Remsen Avenue

Canarsie: 2 Family brick, mother/daughter, \$800K very negotiable.

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OPEN HOUSE

Sunday 12-2 PM
10 E 43 Street

E Flatbush: Beautiful 2 BRs Co-Op, close to Kings County & Downstate Hospitals, \$290K.

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OPEN HOUSE

Sunday 4-6 PM
108-31 Avenue N

Canarsie: Cul de Sac 40 x 100 property, home is 18 x 40. New modern chef's kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances. 3 bedroom duplex with private parking, garage and backyard. Finished basement with bathroom.

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House For Sale

Canarsie

Great Investment Property! Huge legal 3 Family. Building features 3 Bedroom over 3 Bedroom over 1 Bedroom and studio/office. Huge driveway and garage. Main unit comes with huge enclosed balcony over garage. B103, B17 & BM2 right outside your door. House comes with solar. Close to Park, Athletic Complex, Yacht Club and Shopping. A MUST SEE!

Asking \$1,799,000

Canarsie

Canarsie: Huge 2 family house, 4 bedroom duplex with 2 1/2 baths over 1 bedroom apartment and garage with a full finished basement. Beautiful big back yard. Close to shopping and transportation. B103 and BM2 is right on the corner. Delivered vacant! Must See! Listening to all offers!

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Canarsie: Unfurnished 1 BR, 2nd floor, 2 family house, \$1,000 monthly. Indies RE (917) 578-9727

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ROOMS FOR RENT

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

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

UNFURNISHED APT

E19/Beverly Rd: Large studio, back porch, gas included, near all transportation, \$2,500, Programs Welcome!! Instant Realty (718) 941-7480

Brownsville: 1 BR, all utilities included, close to transportation, \$1,850. M P Realty- call Lenny (646) 474-6640

Canarsie: 1 BR, all utilities included, near transportation, \$1,650. Broker (347) 393-9403

West Hempstead/Long Island: Newly renovated X-large 1 BR, 1st floor, utilities included, \$2,200. Broker (347) 393-9403

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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

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

Canarsie: Nice walk in 2 BRs, all utilities included, nice kitchen/bathroom, \$1,800. Broker (347) 339-8714

UNFURNISHED APT

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E Flatbush/E 31 Street

1 BR **\$2,300**

E Flatbush/E 29

2 BRs **\$2,886**

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E Flatbush: 2 BRs, 2nd floor, back & front porch, completely renovated, access to backyard, \$2,500. Indies Re (917) 578-9727

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

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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 RENOVATED 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, near transportation/shopping, \$3,700, Programs Welcome!! M P Realty- call Lenny (646) 474-6640

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UNFURNISHED APT

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/backyard, \$3,000 neg. Close to transportation/shopping, near buses, B46, B82, B6. Curtis Chance Realty (718) 859-7300 (917) 679-3017

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

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

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

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

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

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