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Urgent Need to Improve NYCHA Community Centers

By Jibreel Jalloh

As advocates and organizers with The Flossy Organization, we have dedicated ourselves to empowering our community and fostering safe, supportive environments for youth development. Our commitment to this mission drives us to highlight the critical and urgent need for the restoration of the Bayview and Breukelen Houses Community Centers, vital resources for residents.

Over the years, the residents of NYCHA developments have shown remarkable resilience and responsibility in maintaining their homes. Despite their efforts, NYCHA has neglected its duty to uphold their end of the bargain, and nowhere is this failure more evident than in the Bayview and Breukelen Houses Community Centers.

For more than a decade, the Bayview Community Center has faced severe neglect. Since 2012, leaks in the roofing and gutters have led to frequent flooding. For six years, the HVAC system has been in disrepair, and for the past four years, major water damage has rendered the gym unusable too often. Similarly, the

Breukelen Houses Community Center has suffered from inadequate maintenance and urgently needs renovation to serve its community effectively. These issues have compounded over time, forcing the community centers to close during the summer and interrupt essential programs to ensure the safety of our children.

Community centers like those at Bayview and Breukelen Houses play a pivotal role in the well-being of young people and the broader community. They provide safe spaces for recreation, learning and social interaction, keeping young people engaged and away from potentially harmful activities. Denying these residents access to such critical resources is unacceptable and must be rectified immediately.

We call on NYCHA to take swift action to address this dire situation. Our young people in Bayview and Breukelen deserve better. It is a disservice to our community that we have allowed these community centers to fall into such disrepair. These facilities are more than just buildings; they are the cornerstones of

Breukelen Houses Community Center our community's youth development and has suffered from inadequate mainte- safety infrastructure.

At The Flossy Organization, we see firsthand the positive impact that safe, well-maintained community spaces can have on young people. We urge NYCHA to prioritize the restoration of the Bayview and Breukelen Houses Community Centers. The well-being and future of our community depend on it.

We look forward to collaborating with all stakeholders to ensure that the necessary steps are taken to restore these essential resources. The time for action is now. Our youth, the future of our community, deserve nothing less.

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.

Supporters Rally Outside Trump Tower Following Assassination Attempt on Former President Donald Trump

By Robert Pearl

In the wake of the failed assassination attempt of former President Donald Trump on July 13, 2024, the atmosphere outside Trump Tower in New York City was charged with emotion and solidarity. On Sunday, July 14th, supporters from everywhere, including our own Brooklyn borough, and pro-Trump vehicles lined Fifth Avenue, creating a vivid display of allegiance to the 45th President.

Wherever one stands on the political spectrum, this moment marks an indelible point in history that will be remembered and discussed for years to come. Everyone will be able to answer





the question "Where were you?" the moment the former president was shot.

The rhetoric against Trump and his supporters has reached a fever pitch, highlighting the urgent need to "lower the temperature" to avoid further violence, on all sides. The sentiment was reflected in President Joe Biden's address to the country from the Oval Office on Sunday.

Following the incident at a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, where Trump survived the assassination attempt, several dozen supporters gathered outside Trump Tower, at 725 Fifth Avenue, in Manhattan. The scene was one of resilience and camaraderie, as individuals came together to show their support and seek solace.

With a strong police presence guarding the tower's gilded entrance and a multitude of news cameras capturing the moment, dozens of visitors, hours after the shooting, stood firm in their support for Trump. They shared stories of where they were when the event turned violent and took pictures of each other's Trump-red gear, vehicles draped in American flags, Trump campaign signs and banners.

Passersby joined in the show of solidarity, waving at drivers and trucks who honked or fist-pumped in support. "We love Trump!" and chants of "USA, USA" were shouted from the streets adjacent and across from the Trump building, encapsulating the collective sentiment of the crowd, relieved that he is alive and well, one day before the Republican National Convention begins.

As the evening progressed on Sunday, the number of supporters steadily grew. Donning American flags and "Make America Great Again" hats, they congregated outside Trump Tower, lending their support after witnessing the assassination attempt play out on their TV screens.

In response to the incident, a spokesperson for Mayor Eric Adams' office announced increased security at various sites across the city, including Trump Tower and the Trump Building at 40 Wall Street. This measure, taken out of an abundance of caution, aims to ensure the safety of those connected to the former president.

What happened in Butler, PA on Saturday underscores the volatile nature of current political discourse and serves as a reminder of the importance of democratic principles and the American political system. As the Nation continues to process this shocking event, political disagreements must be settled at the ballot box, a fundamental underpinning of our Nation's founding principles and the U.S. Constitution.

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Flatbush

Road Rage Leads to Shooting

By Lloyd Mitchell and Linda Steinmuller

A road rage incident on busy Flatbush Avenue, within the confines of the 70th Precinct, resulted in the shooting of a young man last week.

The incident unfolded in front of 1433 Flatbush Avenue, between Farragut Road and East 28th Street, around 5:35 p.m. on Monday, July 8th, when a verbal dispute over a parking spot escalated.

An unidentified male driver of a black 2019 Nissan sedan and the victim, a 25-year-old motorcyclist, were arguing over a parking spot. The dispute turned violent, and the Nissan driver shot the motorcyclist in his middle finger, as reported to police by the victim. He was taken to Kings County Hospital in stable condi-

tion, police said.

Detectives from Brooklyn South are looking for the driver of the Nissan, who fled the scene southbound on Flatbush Avenue. The Nissan was reported to have front-end damage.

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.

Photo by Lloyd Mitchell



Gerritsen Beach

Unidentified Body Removed from Plumb Beach Channel

By Lloyd Mitchell

An investigation is underway after a man's body was found in Plumb Beach Channel on Wednesday, July 10th, within the confines of the 61st Precinct.

The unidentified male's body was pulled from the creek near Garland Court and Allen Avenue in Ger-

ritsen Beach around 5:15 p.m.

An investigation is ongoing, and the identity of the deceased is pending family notification, according to police sources.

The cause of death will be determined by the Medical Examiner's office.



Officers from the 61st Precinct respond to the site where a person's body was recovered from Plumb Beach Channel on Wednesday, July 10th.



Paramedics arrive at Allen Avenue and Garland Court and pronounce the unidentified body deceased.

New York City Council Speaker Accused of Blocking Constituent Emails

By Robert Pearl

New York City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams has come under fire for allegedly blocking Council offices from receiving emails from constituents who oppose her agenda. This revelation, which was exposed on July 6th, has sparked outrage and accusations of undermining democratic principles.

Reports indicated that Speaker Adams' office had staff block emails to lawmakers that opposed the Israel-Hamas ceasefire resolution, a move that Councilwoman Inna Vernikov (D-48) describes as a disturbing pattern of "silencing Jewish voices."

Vernikov, in a strongly-worded statement released on July 8th, condemned the actions of the Speaker's office: "There seems to be no end to this Speaker's willingness to use her position as a way to...stomp out anything and everyone who stands in the way of her personal interests," she said.

Vernikov further highlighted the severity of the situation, comparing it to authoritarian regimes: "To go so far as to actively block the concerns of citizens from their elected representatives is extremely dangerous. This is behavior we would expect to encounter in the former Soviet Union and communist China."

She emphasized that curtailing free speech and manipulating the interactions between constituents and their elected officials damages the trust that people have toward those who represent them. "This is beyond a step too far and is threatening to a core foundation of our Democracy," Vernikov added.

The councilwoman concluded her statement with a call for immediate action: "This needs to end and it needs to end NOW."



Councilwoman Inna Vernikov Calls out Council Speaker Adrienne Adams for Blocking Emails From Constituents

The allegations against Adams have raised significant concerns about the integrity of communication between New Yorkers and their elected representatives, calling for a thorough investigation and swift resolution to restore public confidence.







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Senator Persaud Introduces Free Business Services to Neighborhood Merchants

By Brenda Cox

On Thursday, June 20th, State Senator Roxanne Persaud (SD 19), the Canarsie Merchants Association (CMA) and the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) hosted an event titled "Delivering Business Services to Your Neighborhood" along the Rockaway Parkway merchants' corridor. The purpose was to raise awareness among small business owners about the numerous free services and support available to them, through SBS

Such services included, but were not limited to, financing, business courses, legal assistance and M/WBE certification.

A team comprised of representatives from the three agencies, and led by Persaud, visited businesses along the corridor and other locations. They held discussions with the business owners, many of whom had been devastated by the

pandemic and were still struggling to recover, and obtained information from the merchants regarding the type of resources they require to strengthen and grow their businesses successfully.

Agents from the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow and Interborough Development and Consultation Center also had pop-up information booths on the plaza in front of 1425 Rockaway Parkway. Individuals looking for advice about starting or growing a business, as well as others who were seeking employment, were assisted on the spot.

Support for the occasion was provided by the 69th Precinct, who escorted the team as they canvassed the corridor, and 1Cato Sno Cone, a local small business owner who provided cool treats for everyone.



Senator Persaud and team deliver business services to the neighborhood.

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Mill Basin

Saving our Wetlands: Four Sparrow Marsh Soil Cleanup and Restoration

By Loretta Chin

Motorists driving north on Flatbush Avenue, near the Belt Parkway, may be curious about a new construction site at the Four Sparrow Marsh in Mill Basin.

According to the Parks Department, Four Sparrow Marsh is named for the four species of sparrows that nest there and covers an entire area of over 64 acres. It has a 30-acre tidal marsh and creek at its center that plays a critical role in protecting our environment and preserving wildlife habitats by acting as a buffer to rising sea water levels, providing stormwater filtration, lowering the urban heat index and more. Along with other neighboring creeks, it helps to protect the Jamaica Bay ecosystem and the larger regional ecosystem.

Department of Design and Construction (DDC) signage for Wetland Mitigation Work was recently sighted at 2879 Flatbush Avenue, next to the old Toys "R" Us building, indicating work was being done to "improve natural wetland conditions and functions through restoration/rehabilitation to prevent further declination of wetland."

Stormwater outfalls from other jurisdictional wetlands as well as construction and other factors have contributed to the need for wetlands mitigation in this area.

According to a June report by Eco-Terra Consulting LLC prepared for the DDC, the Four Sparrow Marsh project, done in partnership with the Office of the Mayor and local elected officials, as well as NYC Parks, the Department of Environmental Protection and General Contractor Galvin Brothers, Inc., was proposed to mitigate the impacts of three other capital projects in Far Rockaway, Queens; Staten Island and Brooklyn.

During construction activities at the site, a study conducted in April of soil samples found hazardous levels of lead, PCBs and other chemical compounds.

It is anticipated that approximately 8,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil will be excavated and removed for offsite

disposal. A total of 74,060 square feet of tidal wetland composed of clean sand and soil will be added to help restore the existing 139,800 square feet (3.21 acre) site. The current grade of the existing area will be lowered so that the new wetland can be subjected to tidal inundation.

Community Board 18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow told the *Canarsie Courier* that Four Sparrow Marsh needs to be cleaned up and hopes that the project will include that work as well. The area has been plagued with large amounts of garbage and debris washing up on its shores.

Despite numerous collaborative cleanup attempts by the Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy (JBRPC), NYC Parks, Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, Wetland Fellows, volunteers and other caring individuals, more needs to be done to keep the area healthy and clean.

According to a notice received by the office of Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse earlier in the year, the projected cost of the mitigation project is \$5,351,000 with a completion date in winter 2024.



The Department of Design and Construction signage gives a brief description of the project.



A gravel path located on northbound Flatbush Avenue, right before the vacant Toys "R" Us property, leads to the mitigation site.

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Anglers at Canarsie Pier Inundated with Baby Sharks

By Angela G. Nannetti

Sharks are always in the spotlight this time of year as Shark Week specials abound on TV, and while the programs are meant to promote education, respect and conservation, they also have a way of unlocking fears many viewers never even knew they had.

Since NYPD drones patrolling the area spotted at least five sharks, just 150 feet off the shore of Rockaway Beach, Queens, on Thursday, July 11th (prompting temporary closure to swimmers from Beach 58th to Beach 81st Streets), that fear has only grown for many Brooklyn residents who worry that the apex predators are coming in a little too close for comfort.

By tagging and tracking sharks' movements, marine biologists have been able to confirm that many species of sharks are indeed swimming closer to shore, and while some suspect this unexpected behavior can be attributed to changing weather patterns and rising water temperatures, others believe it has more to do with hunting or reproduction. You don't need a degree in marine biology or a fancy trawler equipped with the latest technology to find out if sharks are really swimming farther inland though. You need only ask the anglers fishing off Canarsie Pier on any given afternoon, and they will tell you.

They are pulling in all kinds of baby sharks all day long and, in most cases, throwing them back to comply with decades-old Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regulations, which prohibit the take of protected shark species, including sand tiger, bigeye thresher, dusky, reef, sandbar and white sharks, among others who are at risk of being overfished. It's a bit of a letdown for some anglers who say they would love to take them home and cook them, while others say shark are "trash fish" and more of an annoyance than anything else.

According to a DEC officer who spoke with the Canarsie Courier, there is no limit to the number of spiny dogfish or smooth dogfish (shark species so named for their pack hunting behaviors) that can be taken, which is great news because they are absolutely delicious. They are often used in place of cod or haddock to make English-style fish and chips and are also popular in Italian cuisine, served grilled or broiled, prepared with olive oil, garlic and fresh lemon.

Recipes aside, the growing number of juvenile sharks in proximity to Canarsie Pier, and the presence of adult sharks swimming in the shallows locally, has raised eyebrows for good reason and is likely to be a topic of further study for marine biologists for years to come.

Photos courtesy of a Canarsie resident













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Marine Park

Hometown Brooklyn Historian and Author Lays Out the Sweeping History of Marine Park

By Loretta Chin

Thomas J. Campanella, NYC Parks' Historian in Residence and author of Brooklyn, The Once and Future City, returned to his hometown roots to talk about the history of Marine Park on Saturday, July 13th, at the Salt Marsh Nature Center, 3301 Avenue U.

The well-attended event, sponsored by the Salt Marsh Alliance (SMA), was one of over 35 activities on the 7th Annual Jamaica Bay Festival "City of Water Day" events calendar. Hosted by the Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy, the Festival offered participants a chance to engage in a diverse array of recreational and educational activities while celebrating the natural beauty of Jamaica Bay.

SMA board member Debra Sturm introduced the program, which was a treat for many of the area residents there who wanted to learn more about their neighborhood from a native denizen who travels between Marine Park and Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, where he is an associate professor and director of undergraduate studies in the Department of City and Regional Planning.

"I grew up, literally, two blocks down East 33rd Street," Campanella said. "This was our playground here back when they had carcasses of abandoned vehicles in the water looking like river rats."

He spoke fondly of his childhood memories, which contributed to his interest in finding out more about his old neighborhood. It was easy to see his passion for the topic as he began the tale of the history and transformation of Marine Park beginning from the Ice Age when glacial outwash created Long Island, the "butt end" of which was Brooklyn.

From there was the story of the early Leni Lenape Indians whose wampum attracted the early Dutch settlers and drove the beaver industry; agricultural development supported by chattel slavery; Gerritsen Inlet aka Gerritsen Creek, on whose shores once stood the Gerritsen tide mill whose remnants can still be seen today behind the Salt Marsh Nature Center at low tide; and booming immigration that inspired numerous grandiose plans to develop the area by rich and powerful men to meet the needs of a burgeoning working class population.

There were numerous competing philanthropists, city planners and developers that emerged during the 1920s and 30s with plans, each one bigger than the next, including Charles Downing Lay, a landscape architect who drafted the initial and grandest design of Marine Park, but it was Robert Moses, the first citywide parks commissioner, who in the 1930s, quashed plans to turn Jamaica Bay, including the Marine Park Salt Marsh, into a vast industrial seaport and park complex and keep it in its natural state.

Campanella narrated his compelling tale with photographs depicting a kaleidoscope of historical markers impacting the area that captivated the audience's imagination and prompted many comments and questions after the presentation, which led to a lively discussion.

SMA board member Bob Kaplan mentioned Superstorm Sandy, the last big storm that hit over a decade ago and the impact it had on the area.

"Those of you who live in this neighborhood, again, we can thank Robert Moses for not having flooded basements because this landscape here absorbed and held an enormous amount of surge water," Campanella said. "Had that park been built with all that hardscape, this whole area would have been underwater."

Many leaving the event spoke about how much they enjoyed the presentation. Flatlands resident and former SMA member Barbara Becker, who met Campanella previously and purchased his book, said that she found that he had a passion for Brooklyn history and you could see it in the book.

"He's quite down to earth," she said. "He's knowledgeable and he's accepting to other people's input, and the fact that he lived up by Cornell and yet he stays here still and comes back and forth is quite impressive."



Raised hands indicate all the Marine Park residents who attended the event.



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Enjoying Time on the Water at the Jamaica Bay Festival!

By Claudy Vilme and Linda Steinmuller

Although Saturday, July 13th, started off rainy and cloudy, it turned out to be a splendid day to appreciate nature and the great outdoors while engaging in the diverse activities offered on the water at the Sebago Canoe Club, a beautiful oasis in Canarsie. It was all part of the Jamaica Bay Festival, on City of Water Day, hosted by the Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy (JBRPC), which offered 39 free, fun, family-friendly events across 10,000 acres of parkland around Jamaica Bay in Brooklyn and Queens.

State Senator Roxanne Persaud and some of her staff stopped by the Sebago Canoe Club, at 1400 Paerdegat Avenue North, to support the festivities. She told the *Canarsie Courier*, "I am honored to continue our partnership with the exceptional leadership team of this esteemed club. I am always delighted to bring families from across the length and breadth of our great district to experience this hidden gem located in the heart of Canarsie." She also expressed her gratitude to "Commodore Beth Eller and her dedicated team of volunteers who consistently welcome us to the club and demonstrate unparalleled hospitality year after year."

The Billion Oyster Project team was also present to provide an educational component.

Despite the uncertain weather, the youngsters and their chaperones were eager to embark on what was a unique and novel experience for most. They thoroughly enjoyed kayaking, canoeing and sailing on the beautiful bay.

This was the 7th Annual Jamaica Bay Festival. JBRPC partnered with 40 local community groups to host events all day, including yoga, biking, nature walks, wildlife watching tours, etc. JBRPC Executive

Director Terri Carta said, "We're committed to increasing awareness about the importance of Jamaica Bay as NYC's largest tidal estuary and JBRPC's mission to steward parklands and wetlands within out catchment, which is a third of the city's coastline."

The Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy is a public-private partnership established in 2013 dedicated to improving the 10,000 acres of public parklands throughout Jamaica Bay.

Photos by Claudy Vilme







Flatlands

NACA's Evening of Awards, Recognition and Appreciation

By Loretta Chin

In the last meeting before the summer break held on Tuesday, June 25th, in St. Paul's Church, 3913 Avenue J, longtime dues-paying members of the Nieuw Amersfort Community Association (NACA) were honored for their many years of personal commitment, dedication and performance.

According to a New York State Senate document in 2011, NACA was formed in 1989 to represent an area from Flatbush to Troy Avenues and Avenue H to Hubbard Place. It has approximately 40 dedicated duespaying members along with many other non-member guests who attend their meetings.

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rick and Cynthia Bernadine, who have paid dues for 20 years or more, and to Hortense Ellis and Dolores Rodrigues, who both paid dues for 10 years or more.

Yamin also showed members a gift clock and plaque for Assemblywoman Helene Weinstein to thank her for her community support throughout the years and presented it to her at a later date because primary elections were being held that evening for Weinstein's 41st Assembly District office seat, which was won by current D44 Councilman Kalman Yeger.

In other business, Yamin said that the community wants a stop sign on Avenue I and East 39th Street to prevent speeding on Avenue I where children cross on East 39th Street to reach P.S. 119, but his efforts to get one have been unsuccessful in spite of numerous



NACA President Steve Yamin, Dolores Rodrigues, Hortense Ellis, Cynthia Bernadine and NACA Treasurer Gil McLean.

requests. He encouraged collective action on this and other longstanding and unresolved issues.

Residents complained about heavy commercial vehicles and trucks barreling down Avenues I and J, Kings Highway and Foster Avenue, creating havoc in area homes with the noise, truck fumes and vibrations. They referred to a *News12* report and an article in the June 20th edition of the *Canarsie Courier* (see "*Residents Not 'Pickin' up Good Vibrations'*").

"We pay exorbitant taxes and we don't see why these trucks are rambling down our streets and our neighborhoods," one resident said. "We want to have that addressed."

NACA Treasurer Gil McLean said there used to be signs that said, "No Commercial Vehicles," but there are no signs there now. He also circulated a photo album showing pictures of Amersfort Park when it was clean and attractive.

"What we have to do now is talk to our representatives, but we need them to be here," he said, explaining that the message gets lost or unanswered otherwise.

Around that time, Pierre Gedeon, a new community outreach staff member representing Councilwoman Farah Louis, stopped by and introduced himself. He gave updates about Amersfort Park and other concerns from the previous meeting.

He said that the grass has been cut; garbage collection has been increased to five times a week; more trash cans are being provided inside the park and by the entrances; and their office is working on installing signage. In addition, they have submitted requests to the Department of Transportation for speed bumps, traffic lights and four-way stop signs.

Gedeon listened to additional concerns about an illegal weed shop around East 40th Street and Albany Avenue; a man who set up a tent on the corner of Glenwood and Nostrand Avenues that appeared to be a pop-up weed shop because it had all kinds of paraphernalia that looked "ominous" to one resident; and concerns about ongoing activities by a migrant shelter, formerly known as the Holiday Inn Express, located at 5244 Kings Highway, and now known as Brooklyn Century, as told to the *Canarsie Courier* by workers there.

NACA members expressed their appreciation for Councilwoman Louis for sending her staff members to their monthly meetings to address issues and share information, but also asked Gedeon to convey the message that they would like to request her presence at the meetings at least once every quarter to communicate with her firsthand regarding any quality of life issues.

The next NACA meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 24th, at 7 p.m. in St. Paul's Church.



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Marine Park

The Regina Opera Returns!

By Linda Steinmuller

Although Wednesday, July 10th, was a very windy, gusty night, that didn't affect the powerful singing voices of the beloved Regina Opera, regulars who have been performing for the last few years at the popular Marine Park Concert series, sponsored by Assemblywoman Jaime Williams.

Francine Garber introduced the talented Regina Opera musical artists to the crowd before the two-hour, free "Al Fresco" concert, consisting of favorite operatic and instrumental selections, entertained opera lovers and welcomed the arrival of summer. And if you didn't love opera, you certainly did by the end of this concert!

There were selections from popular operas like La Boheme, including heartfelt performances of "Quando m'en vo" by soprano Nicole Magallon and "In un coupe" by tenor Paolo Buffagni and baritone Eliam Ramos Fuentes. Carmen's "Seguidilla" was performed by Anna Viemeister (mezzo-soprano), and everyone's favorite – the "Toreador Song" – was passionately sung by Ramos Fuentes.

Everyone loves Broadway show tunes, and Ramos Fuentes didn't disappoint with his rendition of "Impossible Dream" from Man of La Mancha, as well as Sabrina Palladino's performance of "Summertime" from *Porgy and Bess*.

The talented Mikhail Parkhomovsky per-

formed several violin solos, including a stirring performance of the theme from Schindler's List.

Pianist Victoria Ulanovskaya ended the evening with a medley of the most popular waltzes before the entire opera company took their final

The Brooklyn-based opera company has been in existence for 54 years and returned to Marine Park by popular demand. To learn more about The Regina Opera, visit reginaopera.org.

The Marine Park concerts are sponsored by Marine Park Alliance, Kings Plaza and Nick's

Lobster House, among others, in coordination with State Senators Simcha Felder and Roxanne Persaud, and District Leader Frank Seddio, and in partnership with Millennium Development, NYC Parks and the Marine Park Community Association.

The next concert will be held on Wednesday, July 24th, where Scott Yahney & Friends will be performing Classic Hits and more. Rain date is July 25th.

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Community Council Recognizes 63rd Precinct Heroes and Discusses Safety



NYPD Auxiliary Inspector Jeff Zweig, holding award. Pictured with members of the 63rd Precinct Auxiliary Unit.

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By Robert Pearl

On Wednesday, June 26th, the 63rd Precinct Community Council held its last meeting before the summer break at Purpose Life Church, 1895 Flatbush Avenue, honoring local heroes and discussing recent safety concerns.

Both Officer Cesar Severo, Cop of the Month, and members of the Flatbush Shomrim Safety Patrol were thanked by the Council for their collaboration and bravery in apprehending a dangerous individual, ensuring the community's safety, after a high profile arrest of Asghar Ali, 58, a Pakistani immigrant, that made national news (see "A Mosaic of Unity: Faith and Community Leaders Stand Together to Denounce Antisemitic Attack," Canarsie Courier, June 6, 2024).

Additionally, NYPD Auxiliary Inspector Jeff Zweig was honored for his remarkable 36 years of service to the 63rd Precinct community.

CompStat data for the 63rd Precinct revealed a promising trend, showing a 19.15% decline in overall crime for the recent 28-day report period compared to the same period in 2023. This statistical improvement highlights the effectiveness of ongoing safety efforts in the precinct. A discussion ensued on various scams, particularly one about cryptocurrency investment schemes and how to avoid getting conned and defrauded.

The meeting was notably lively, with Assemblywoman Jaime Williams addressing the recent incident of hateful graffiti at the Marine Park playground (see "Hate Graffiti in Local Park Sparks Community Action," Canarsie Courier, July 4, 2024). She shared her swift action in contacting the Parks Commissioner, resulting in the immediate removal of the graffiti. "Paint can cover it," she said, "but we need to be aware that it is happening." Williams also discussed the ongoing migrant issue and mention of the successful Caravan Rally on June 23rd (see "BK and Queens Unite: Massive Caravan Rally Against Lease Renewal of Migrant Shelter at Floyd Bennett Field," Canarsie Courier, July 4, 2024).

The 63rd Precinct Community Council expressed gratitude to all volunteers and participants, emphasizing the importance of community vigilance and cooperation in maintaining a safe and welcoming environment for all. As the community heads into the summer break, the council's dedication to safety and unity remains steadfast.

The next meeting of the 63rd Precinct Community Council resumes on Wednesday, September 25th (typically the fourth Wednesday of each month) at 7 p.m. at the John Malone Center, located at 2335 Bergen Avenue.

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Police Officer Cesar Severo with his son holding Cop of the Month award.

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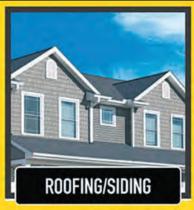
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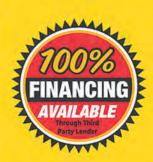




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