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At The Flossy Organization, we're thrilled to collaborate with New York City's Civic Engagement Commission on *The People's Money* initiative, a citywide Participatory Budgeting program that empowers New Yorkers to have a direct say in how public funds are allocated. This initiative gives residents, ages 11 and up, the opportunity to identify pressing local needs and shape impactful projects—regardless of citizenship or background.

One of our roles as a partner organization is to facilitate Idea Generation workshops in Canarsie. These workshops invite community members to learn about the city budget cycle, explore issues affecting their neighborhoods and propose project ideas that address those needs. Through interactive discussions and hands-on activities, participants are encouraged to bring forward solutions to improve public safety, education, housing, environmental health and more.

For The Flossy, this partnership is a natural extension of our mission to foster advocacy and civic engagement in underserved communities. By creating accessible spaces where residents can articulate their priorities, we're helping bridge the gap between community needs and action. It's not just about distributing

funds; it's about cultivating a more inclusive, democratic process where every voice matters.

We invite all Canarsie residents to join us in shaping our community's future. Together, we can create lasting impact. Here are our upcoming Idea Generation workshops:

• Wednesday, November 13th, 6 PM *Location:* Sylk Cove Cocktail Lounge

• Saturday, November 16th, 5 PM Location: The Xperience Coffee House & Juice Bar

This is your chance to be heard and to make a difference in Canarsie. Let's come together to identify our community's needs and set priorities that reflect our collective vision. Your voice matters—join us and help shape Canarsie's future! Sign up for the sessions on our website: TheFlossy.Org

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 nonprofit dedicated to closing the advocacy gap through education and activism. Over the past few years, he has worked to end gun violence, increase transit options and secure investments in local green spaces. Jibreel recently won the prestigious Obama Foundation Scholar award at Columbia University. You can learn more at theflossy.org and follow @theflossyorg.

## **Rally and March for Faster Bus Service on Flatbush Avenue**

By Loretta Chin

Flatbush

Fed up with slow bus service and after waiting years for progress, transit advocates, students, neighbors and community leaders gathered on Thursday, October 17th, at the Flatbush Junction to rally and march down Flatbush Avenue to Atlantic Avenue, stopping at some of the busiest sections along the way to highlight the need for faster B41 bus service.

"We know that service on Flatbush Avenue is slow; it is slow throughout the city, specifically slow on Flatbush Avenue. Depending on anywhere you may be traveling, it could be under four mph," Natasha Elder, NYPIRG Regional Director of the Straphangers Campaign, said.

"There are over 100,000 folks who utilize the B41 every day, and we are here to advocate and say that we need faster service on Flatbush Avenue," Elder said.

Kanza El Hamel, Field and Equity Coordinator at Transportation Alternatives, added that the B41 route is also a Vision Zero priority corridor. "We urgently need bus priority equipment, including dedicated bus lanes as part of the Department of Transportation's Streets Master Plan," she said, adding that poor bus service disproportionately affects black and brown people, and those without access to a private vehicle. "We need the support, we need faster service, we need more buses and we need safety," Councilwoman Farah Louis said.

Representatives from the Riders Alliance, SEIU 1199, CUNY University Student Senate, East Flatbush Community Partnership and others were also present for the first leg of the journey.

NYPIRG Program Coordinator Meg Ahearn told the *Canarsie Courier* that about 20 NYPIRG students from Brooklyn College, City Tech, Pratt Institute and the Borough of Manhattan Community College were participating in the event.

"They are all students that take mass transit and use the buses in Brooklyn to get to school, get to home and to get to their social life," she said.

They would be joined by others along the way with stops at Beverly Road, Midwood Street, the Brooklyn Public Library and Atlantic Avenue, culminating in a press conference in front of the Barclays Center.

They were calling on Mayor Eric Adams and the DOT to implement, on Flatbush Avenue, the DOT's Streets Master Plan, a five-year plan launched in December 2021, under then Mayor Bill de Blasio, with an ambitious goal to add 150 miles of physically or cameraprotected bus lanes to NYC streets. Natasha Elder, NYPIRG Regional Director of the Straphangers Campaign,

birector of the Straphangers Campaign, and Councilwoman Farah Louis at

podium.



Natasha Elder, NYPIRG Regional Director of the Straphangers Campaign; Meg Ahearn, NYPIRG Program Director; and Cheryl John, SEIU 1199 Brooklyn Political Coordinator.



Riders Alliance volunteer and community member Kirsten Shaw (second from right) and Akkeem Polack, CUNY University Student Senate and York College student (third from right).

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#### **Juvenile Crime is a Problem in the 69th Precinct**

By Linda Steinmuller Although crime is down in Canarsie, the 69th Precinct had three school shootings over a fourweek period, as reported at the October 29th meeting of the 69th Precinct Community Council, held at St. Alban's Church, 9408 Farragut Road.

Before giving his monthly report, Commanding Officer Captain Dion Hinds thanked everyone for their well wishes and prayers following an injury that occurred at Family Day at the Bayview Houses. He also thanked his Executive Officer, Captain Sashanna Wynter, for doing an excellent job while he was out for two months recovering.

Hinds said that the three school-related shootings took place during school hours. "The first shooting happened after a South Shore dismissal. We believe we know who the shooter is and are working to bring that person to justice."

The second shooting occurred inside Bildersee Park. Hinds said, "The shooter was caught in the act by 69th Precinct officers and is in custody."

Sadly, the third shooting, on October 16th, also at Bildersee, is now deemed a homicide as the victim died on October 26th. That shooter was also caught.

Hinds, who has a 19-year-old son, was emotional as he shared that the homicide really disturbed him. "The shooter was 15. I couldn't even tell you where these kids are getting the guns. And, it is getting younger and younger," he said. Back in the 90s, shootings typically involved older kids, in their 20s, usually fighting over drugs and blocks. "It's very different these days," Hinds said. "Now, it's over saying something about someone over Instagram. It's over nothing...absolutely nothing," stating that something has to change.

The area around Bildersee is a known highcrime area, and a patrol car will once again be



Sgt. Daniel Edmund and Officer Carmin Fontaine holding Cop of the Month awards. Pictured with Captain Dion Hinds, members of the 69th Precinct Community Council, elected officials and clergy.

stationed in that area, but Hinds said, "It will not be on Flatlands and East 81 – more by the park area when the incidents happened." Additionally, School Safety officers and YCOs (Youth Coordination Officers) will be stationed there during school hours.

Hinds then presented Cop of the Month awards to Sergeant Daniel Edmund and Officer Carmin Fontaine for putting themselves in harm's way to save three people.

The officers responded to a robbery in progress at a bodega located at 1445 Rockaway Parkway around 4:15 p.m. on Monday, September 16th. The 911 caller (the daughter of the bodega owner) told the officers she saw two men on camera walk into the store. One pulled out a gun and took three victims (her father and two others) into the basement.

The girl, who was visibly shaken, did not have a key for the door that led downstairs. Hinds said what happened next was "very, very brave." Fontaine reacted quickly by kicking the door down and running downstairs to the basement where there were three people lying down, face flat on the floor.

The two individuals tried to run toward the back, but both officers grabbed them, placed them under arrest and recovered the gun.

"So, this is just to show you what we do day in and night out as police officers in the Canarsie community and all over the city. These young men put their lives on the line to save three individuals. And I really, really want you guys to stand up and give these young men a round of applause. Because it was really brave," Hinds said.

Next, NYPD Explorer Reginal Sanders was promoted to Corporal. To celebrate his promotion, he received a pin in recognition of his dedication.

The next meeting of the 69th Precinct Community Council will take place on Tuesday, November 26th, at 8 p.m. at St. Alban's Church.

## **Firefighters Stop Spread of Basement Fire**

#### By Lloyd Mitchell

Firefighters battled a mattress fire burning in the basement of a private residence in Canarsie on Saturday, November 2nd.

Engine Company 257 and Tower Ladder 170 arrived at 101-11 Seaview Avenue around 11 a.m. After forcing entry, they found heavy smoke showing from the basement area. Over 60 firefighters from 12 units used two hose lines to knock down the main body of fire.

There were no injuries as a result of the fire, which was placed under control at 11:35 a.m.

The FDNY Fire Marshal's office will investigate the cause and origin of the blaze.

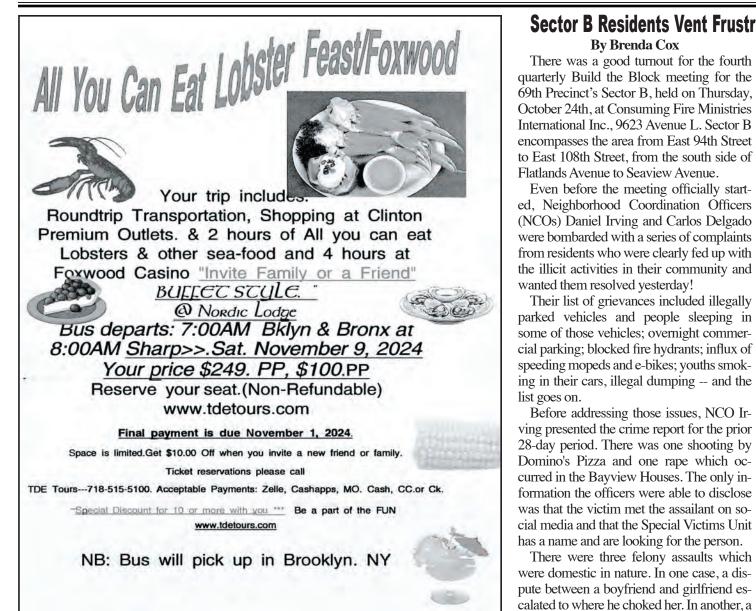














dispute between a mother and son resulted in one of them receiving a cut to the eye.

Sector B Residents Vent Frustration at Build the Block Meeting

By Brenda Cox

There was a good turnout for the fourth

Even before the meeting officially start-

Their list of grievances included illegally

Before addressing those issues, NCO Ir-

There were three felony assaults which

Also reported were three robberies. A trio approached a young man on East 103rd Street and Avenue J and removed his cell phone from his pocket before fleeing. Another incident involved a cab driver who picked up a fare in the 75th Precinct and was asked to be taken to Seaview Avenue and Rockaway Parkway. Once there, the driver's wallet and cell phone were stolen before the perpetrator fled.

There were also four grand larcenies which included two incidents of breaking into vehicles and stealing work tools valued in excess of \$1,600, one case of snatching a cell phone from a person's hand and fleeing and another where an expensive chain was yanked from someone's neck.

According to the report, four grand theft autos were reported. Fortunately, all four vehicles, Infiniti Q50s, were recovered in a relatively short space of time, partly due to their VIN number being easily trackable on the Infiniti App. NCO Delgado suggested that in the absence of such a convenience, everyone should consider planting AirTags in their vehicles.

After concluding their report, the officers addressed the issues presented by the residents earlier. They agreed to visit the hot spots and, where necessary, issue tickets or have vehicles towed. The officers also advised them to call 311 because very often the issues require the intervention of other agencies.





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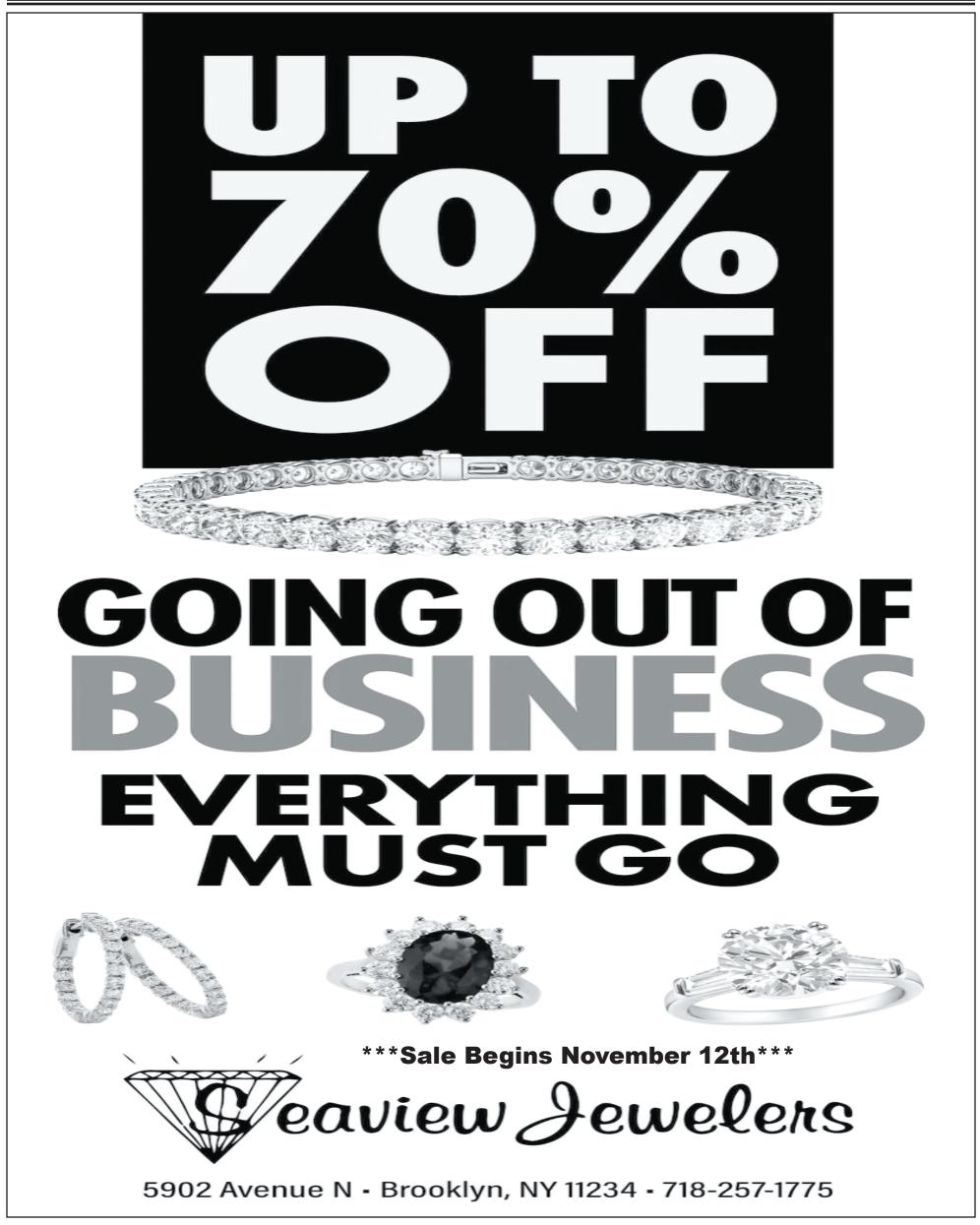
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#### Sixty-Ninth Precinct Walks For Two Good Causes By Brenda Cox cases, funding which help to enhance

The 69th Precinct Community Affairs Bureau and the 69th Precinct Community Council hosted their annual Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Walk on Saturday, October 26th, to raise awareness of both issues. Supporters joined Community Affairs Officer Nicole Rostant and Community Council President Gardy Brazela for the three-mile walk/ run in Canarsie Park.

According to the Mayo Clinic, breast cancer is the second most diagnosed cancer in women, but men are also afflicted with the disease. Cancer walks help to raise awareness and, in many cases, funding which help to enhance or expand treatment of the disease or even extend lives.

Domestic violence is another public health crisis that affects women but also men and children of all ages. Its victims outnumber those of breast cancer and diabetes combined. And as is the case with breast cancer, raising awareness of domestic violence is critical to protecting victims as well as saving their lives.

Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman (AD 58) and Kiara Bijoux, a representative from State Senator Roxanne Persaud's (SD 19) office, also participated in the walk.







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#### Marine Park

## **Fourth Annual Family Fall Festival Brings Community Together**



A face painter carefully painted an image on a child's forehead. Toddlers ran around a makeshift pumpkin patch, looking for the perfect gourd. Two boys dressed as the mascots for the Captain Crunch and Lucky Charms cereals showed off their costumes to a crowd.

This was the scene at the fourth annual Family Fall Festival, hosted by Assemblywoman Jaime Williams in Marine Park on Sunday, October 27th. Halfway through the event, the organizers estimated they saw 700 families come through.

"Holding events like this creates a safe space for families to come with their children and enjoy a wonderful day of picking their pumpkins and enjoying in all the festivities," Williams said. "The purpose of this



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A girl plays ring toss as others watch.

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The festival featured a pumpkin patch with 800 pumpkins, a face painter and a fall backdrop for family photos.

Kids played jumbo-sized games — Jenga, Uno, ring toss, Connect Four — or a lollipop game created by Williams' office. In the lollipop game, which the assemblywoman said was her favorite part of the event, a hay bale had lollipops sticking out. Children would pull out a lollipop and if the bottom of the stick was colored black, they'd win a small prize in addition to the candy.

"Kids need a place to come and run around and just have a good time," Scott Middleton, the new Executive Director of Marine Park Alliance, said. "It's great to have events that are friendly for the whole family and, of course, to enjoy the fall season."

The event also had music and dancing, Double Dutch jump roping, a Brooklyn Public Library van with free kids' books and a kids and adults Halloween costume contest.

The Marine Park Alliance, Millennium Development Inc. and Mill Basin Civic Association supported Williams' office in putting the event together.

"Everyone had different roles," Mill Basin Civic board member Christina Caputo said. "Our president was working on Millennium on sound, we were putting up the pumpkins, we were setting up a lot of games for the kids and doing a lot of behind-the-scenes things to make it a fun day for the kids and their families."



Costumed characters line up for the costume contest.



## Marine Park

## Spooktacular Fun at 38th Annual Halloween Fall Festival

**By Robert Pearl** The Halloween spirit was alive as hundreds of kids and families flocked to the Hendrick I. Lott House, at 1940 East 36th Street, for the 38th Annual Halloween Fall Festival on Saturday, October 19th. Fall was in fashion, but summer was still sizzling. Under a sunny, cloudless sky, kids in costumes brought spooky cheer, with everything from pint-sized witches to dinosaur heroes wandering through pumpkin patches and candy booths.

The Marine Park Community Association, with help from the Friends of the Lott House, transformed the historic grounds into a Halloween wonderland. Children dashed about in costumes that ranged from classic fairytale characters to more daring heroes. Wyatt Stenten, age 5, was a standout Transformer, astonishing friends as he skillfully morphed between robot and car. The Drummond family's adorable Little Red Riding Hood, Victoria, age 1, kept close to her big bad wolf brother Andrew, age 3.

Scattered across the grounds were petite pumpkins ready for picking, adding a delightful harvest touch to the day. Kids enjoyed an array of activities, from creating face masks to crafting spooky Halloween decorations, making sure there was fun for every age and energy level.

Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, representing the district, joined the fun, saying, "Seeing so many families celebrating here in our community is what makes Marine Park so special."

Volunteer Barbara Davis, a longtime Marine Park resident, delighted little trick-or-treaters with generous handfuls of candy, noting, "Halloween here is about family fun and keeping traditions alive for our youngest residents." Community clown QT was also there to make some smiles.

The Liotta family brought some scares with Kyra, age 2, in a witch costume, and her sister Kayleigh, age 7, haunting the grounds as a zombie cheerleader. Spiderman and princess outfits were also popular choices, with the Kosmadakis family's little ones adding a dash of Marvel magic.

The Gutkin family's Phillip, age 7, stomped around as a ferocious dinosaur, roaring like he'd come straight from the Stone Age, while the Galashev twins, Leah and Rachel, both dressed as Wonder Woman and Pikachu, were all smiles as they gathered sweets. District Leader Sandra Gilmore, dressed as a witch, was in full Halloween spirit as she handed out goodies, chuckling, "Today, I'm no district leader—I'm just a proud witch of Marine Park!"

Firehouse heroes from Watchdogs 153 and Community Affairs Officer Podd, along with Detective Navarro-Caraballo, Officers Ali and Destin, helped keep everyone safe, and Lott House director Peggy Seay ensured the grounds sparkled with fall festivity. Little ones like Christina Conlon, age 8, as Harley Quinn, and her brother Tommy, 6, as Leonardo the Ninja Turtle, added extra character to the day.

The festival wrapped up around 3 p.m., but the memory of costumes, candy and a dash of spookiness will surely linger until next Halloween!



The Lott House in fall fashion decor for Halloween.



Assemblywoman Jaime Williams and friends stop by the Lott House.



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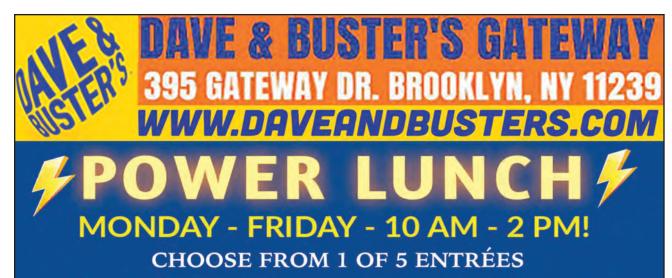
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## By Baqir Ahmad

Kings Plaza Mall hosted a Halloween Spooktacular event on Saturday, October 26th. Many families visited the mall, located at 5100 Avenue U, to celebrate Halloween with music, entertainment (including a Magic Bubble Show), an art show and many giveaways.

"It's an amazing event! Kings Plaza is always giving back to the local neighborhood, and the kids are happy," said Kiara Redhead, a local shopper at the mall.

There's lot of holiday fun in store at Kings Plaza. The mall will be hosting Holiday HQ for the upcoming holiday season from November 1st through December 24th. There will be extended shopping hours for those who want to do their Christmas shopping, exciting holiday events and Photos with Santa. For more information, visit kingsplazaonline.com.







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#### **Marine Park**

## **Raptorama Festival Snatches Bird Lovers' Hearts**

**By Brian Moreno** 

Although these birds can't fly high in the sky, they still managed to drop by the Salt Marsh Nature Center, at 3301 Avenue U, on Saturday, October 19th, for the seventh annual Raptorama Festival.

Bird lovers, watchers, photographers and residents gathered to witness the spectacular event. A showcase of diverse raptors (birds of prey) were presented and handled by WINORR's (Wildlife in Need of Rescue and Rehabilitation) founder Bobby Horvath, Littoral Society Northeast Chapter Director Don Riepe, NYC Audubon staff member Tod Winston, and volunteers Dennis Guiney and Jessica Shahinian.

Raptorama was a collaborative effort organized by WINORR, the National Park Service, the American Littoral Society, Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy, NYC Bird Alliance, NYC Parks and the Marine Park Alliance. Visitors of all ages came to see these raptors up close, take photographs of and with them and learn about their diet, hunting and migratory patterns, living standards, tragic background, rescue and rehabilitation.

Kalena Phiips traveled from Garden City to see the raptors. "It's a good way to educate the public and for children to see things that either you see in the zoo or you won't get the chance to see at all."

Except for a few birds, such as Augie, an Eurasian eagle-owl, and Echo, a barn owl, these raptors were born in the wild and severely injured, so they couldn't return to their habitats. Phoenix, a raven originally from California, suffered burn injuries to his tail, wing feathers and the back of his toes. Montana, an American bald eagle who is believed to have been injured from a collision in the Hamptons, is blind in his right eye and has since recovered from a broken wing and broken leg. Diana, a 28-year-old red-tailed hawk, was shot at by a shotgun in Long Island. Other birds included a rough-legged hawk, a peregrine falcon,

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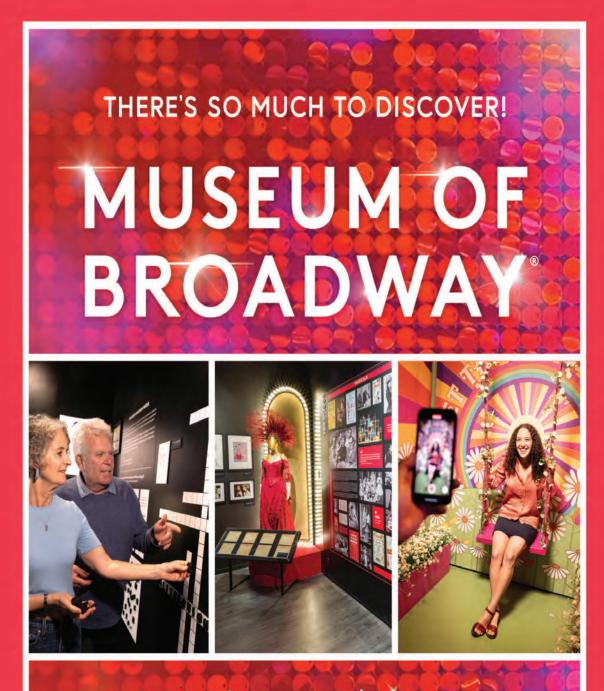


a burrowing owl, a kestrel and a merlin falcon.

The audience learned many facts about these avians, such as how an Eurasian eagle-owl can see over 100 yards at night when hunting its prey or how the peregrine falcon can reach up to 200 miles per hour during its hunting dive.

"It went well, said Horvath. "I was happy to see such a large audience of all ages, and I'm happy to share these ambassador birds with the general public. Unfortunately, they can't be released back into the wild, so their life is being shared with people who can get a chance to see them. It helps people connect with nature and gain an appreciation for the wildlife we have living in our neighborhoods."





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## **Community Council Remembers Sandy – 12 Years Later**

**By Linda Steinmuller** Superstorm Sandy devastated communities across the city in October 2012, including Canarsie, where some homes were severely impacted and families are still struggling to get back to normal. On the 12th anniversary of the superstorm, the 69th Precinct Community Council held a remembrance vigil at its October 29th meeting, at St. Alban's Church, 9408 Farragut Road.

Lucina Clarke, the Council's Assistant Secretary, wants to make sure that no one ever forgets that fateful night. As candles were handed out to attendees and the lights were dimmed, she said, "Tonight is an important night for us. Today is October 29th, the same night we all experienced Hurricane Sandy. Some of us still have homes that are not repaired properly."

"Tonight is a night of joy because we are all here. We are a resilient community, we are strong, we are together. When these things happen, we unite with one another."

After thanking everyone for attending, she said, "Please stand and turn the light on. "We can shine a light for the joy we have with one another. Being a community, for being resilient, for speaking up when we have to, for advocating for ourselves and our families."

A moment of silence was then held for lives lost in the storm as well as for the survivors.

Elected officials, such as State Senator Roxanne Persaud, Assemblywoman Jaime Williams and Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse all acknowledged that Canarsiens are still suffering and have not fully recovered from the effects of Sandy.

"We know people whose homes were lifted, whose homes are still under reconstruction and whose homes are cracking again. When if it rains, they worry about their homes flooding," Persaud said. "We are resilient and we



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will continue to fight and make sure everything is made whole."

Williams thanked Clarke for keeping the memorial alive and said that we have to continue fighting for our communities. "Especially Canarsie. Canarsie was put on the back burner."

She said Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis recently got floodgates for Staten Island. "We have to figure out how to get that in our creek because it could happen again."

"Keep in mind others that are suffering right now because of hurricanes," Williams said. She spoke about two relief missions she and a team of volunteers made to Grenada and Carriacou – the most recent trip brought muchneeded assistance to a hospital in Carriacou.

Narcisse remembers vividly when the floodwaters came tearing through her home, and she had to walk with her family through high water to safety. "Unfortunately, some are still going through the process and trying to rebuild," she said. "What I am looking toward is the Paerdegat area. Once we get both sides more structured, we should not have that much water backup."

Jennifer Viechweg-Horsford, who is from Grenada, had the special honor of introducing the Counsel General of Grenada, Michael Brizan, who has lived in Canarsie for one year. He said he is happy to connect with the community, as this was his first council meeting. He expressed his gratitude to all those who contributed to the relief effort in Grenada as a result of Hurricane Beryl and thanked the elected officials who visited the island. "I greatly appreciate the assistance that people gave and continue to give."

Narcisse summed up the tragedy that hit Canarsie 12 years ago: "Let's not forget. Once you forget things, they will repeat itself."

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#### Flatlands Civic Discusses Community News at October Meeting

**By Amanda Salazar** Scholarships, crime and housing were the talk of the town at the Flatlands Civic Club, Inc.'s (FCC) Thursday, October 24th meeting over Zoom.

FCC President Joan Gilbert kicked off the meeting with her announcements. "I'm just saying all of these things to show that civic engagement is important," she said. "It helps the community, and we can all do this together."

Earlier this year, FCC granted \$850 in scholarships to five students at P.S. 276, located at 1070 East 83rd Street, in amounts of \$175 and \$150 awards.

The previous month, Gilbert attended the NYPD 63rd Precinct Community Council and Build the Block Sector C meetings and recounted the key points at the FCC meeting.

As usual, these points included the ongoing issue with illegally parked cars outside the Salvation Church of God, located on the corner of Avenue N and East 56th Street, during Sunday morning services. Gilbert also noted that the former person of interest in the August 20th stabbing of a woman on East 56th Street and Flatlands Avenue (see "Second Stabbing Homicide in August," Canarsie Courier, August 29, 2024) is no longer a suspect in the investigation.

Both Gilbert and 63rd Precinct Community Affairs Officer Thomas Podd discussed the quality of life issue of abandoned and derelict cars that are parked throughout the community. They mentioned last month's car towing operation, through which the NYPD towed 11 cars and dollar vans, roughly a third of how many vehicles are usually towed.

Podd said that the process is annoying because cars that are towed show up back on the street. "What was the point?" he said. "But, at the end of the day, we're not going to stop [towing them], so if they're there, please let us know."

In terms of housing, the meeting touched on an October 22nd public hearing for Mayor Eric Adams' City of Yes for Housing Opportunity proposal, which has been deeply unpopular among Community District 18 residents (see "Press Conference Kicks off Citywide Rallies Opposing 'City of Yes,'" Canarsie Courier, October 24, 2024).

Gilbert waited for 10 hours for the chance to testify against the proposal. Assemblywoman Jaime Williams also testified at the hearing.

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Additionally, Gilbert discussed a press conference about a previously proposed apartment building that would have been built at 5602 Flatlands Avenue, held jointly between Williams, Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse, the FCC, the Marine Park Community Association, the Mill Basin Civic Association and the Madison-Marine-Homecrest Civic Association. If approved, the building would have had 174 units, creating concerns about parking, traffic, the electrical grid and overall quality of life for the area.

The conference was successful in stopping the plan, according to Gilbert, and brought residents from a range of Brooklyn communities together.

"Flatlands Civic, you have to give yourself a big round of applause because we have won," she said. "We won something because of our advocacy. For now, just keep praying and let's keep advocating."

A nonprofit organization in New York County, NY is seeking sealed bids for the sale and installation of security related enhancements. This project includes the installation of hardened doors, perimeter fencing, blast resistant windows, alarm systems, CCTV and the hiring of M&A Consultants. Selection criteria will be based on price, reputation/experience, and quality of materials proposed. Specifications and bid requirements can be obtained by contacting us at ourgrants@outlook.com. All interested firms will be required to sign for the proposal documents and provide primary contact, telephone, fax and email address. Bids will be accepted until 12 pm November 22, 2024. Work is to commence by January 15, 2025 and completed by May 30, 2025. Work is to commence by September 1, 2024 and completed by March 31, 2025. Minority and Women Owned Businesses are Encouraged to Apply.



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## **First Harvest Festival Builds Community at Historic Church**



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By Loretta Chin

Sunlight streamed through the autumn leaves and upon throngs of families, friends and neighbors who gathered for the first Harvest Festival, held on the picturesque grounds of the historic Flatlands Reformed Church on Saturday, October 26th, at 3931 Kings Highway.

"I think they put a lot of work into it, and the kids are just loving it," said a Bay Ridge resident who attended with a friend from Bath Beach.

Pastor Paul Glover and his wife, Jillian Torres-Glover, have made it their mission to serve and build community both near and far. They did it together, with their cosponsor, the Haitian-American Community Coalition (HCC).

"There is that sense of community that I like," HCC Director of Programs Tyheim Walker said. "I like things like this, giving back to people and just having people come together."

Festive music played as visitors stopped by the pumpkin patch to take pictures and to pick their own pumpkin to paint at one of the tables set up for different activities.

Children had loads of fun playing games, such as bobbing for donuts on a string in a contest to see who could finish first and participating in whiffle ball, basketball and sack races. They also made their own scarecrows and arts and crafts and enjoyed popcorn, pizza, candied apples, fruit salad, apple cider and more.

"In the season of harvest, there is a lot of data and statistics out there that indicate that people are really hungry for community; they're hungry for a place they can call home," Glover said.

His idea was that God places churches and houses of worship in communities to be agents of restoration, renewal and healing, and part of that is bringing people together.

"We're trying to be that safe space where people can connect to God and to each other, and together, we can really make our community and our city a better place," he said.

According to the church's website, the church was built in 1838 and its history goes back to the mid-17th century when the congregation was first established as "a part of a collegiate system in which as many as five reformed congregations were served by a joint ministry."

The church holds many community events each year, including the upcoming Thanksgiving Community Meal that will be served on Thanksgiving Day.



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SURROGATE'S COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS

In the Matter of the Probate Proceeding, Will of

#### JEFFREY ALAN ROSS a/k/a

JEFFREY ALAN MARX, Deceased. File No.: 2023-4631/A

#### <u>NOTICE TO UNKNOWN</u> <u>HEIRS</u>

#### Date of Death: 10/26/2023

Notice is hereby given that an Order for Publication was issued on September 27, 2024 to Joseph Giaramita, as Executor of the estate of JEFFREY ALAN ROSS a/k/a JEFFREY ALAN MARX, who died on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The purpose of this notice is to inform any unknown heirs or distributees of the decedent that they may have an interest in the estate. If you believe you are an heir, please contact the Executor at his office telephone (718/748-4440) immediately.

This notice is issued from The Law Office of Joseph Giaramita, Esq. 8215 Fifth Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11209 and will run in the Canarsje Courier on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, and November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

#### KINGS COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Petitioner Emmanuel Christian Church of Christ Disciples, will petition the Supreme Court for the State of New York. County of Kings, at the Courthouse located at 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on the 20th of November, 2024 at 10:30 A.M. for an order pursuant to the Religious Corporations Law §18 to dissolve the Petitioner, and to permit the sale of the real property located at 2095 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York 11233, Block 1542, Lot 52 and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper. This is a special proceeding pursuant to the Religious Corporation Law \$18

#### KINGS COUNTY NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF KINGS

NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff,

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GENE BURSHTEIN, ET AL. Defendants.

## PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the Office of the Kings County Clerk on November 30, 2015, and the Nunc Pro Tunc Order Amending the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered in the Office of the Kings County Clerk on May 1, 2023, I, Joann Monaco, Esq. the Referee named the Order Appointing Substitute Referee entered in the Office of the Kings County Clerk on September 10, 2018, will sell in one parcel at public auction on November 21. 2024 at Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, at 2:30 PM the premises described as follows:

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The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 29704/2009 in the amount of \$296,408.94 plus interest and costs.

The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the Court System's COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale.

Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 500 Bausch & Lomb Place Rochester, NY 14604 Tel.: 855-227-5072

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LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY Notice of Formation of Blaire Bjerke Personal Training, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/29/2024. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be

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US Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series NC 2005-HE4, Plaintiff

-against-

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#### Filed: July 5, 2024

Plaintiff designates Kings County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated.

#### TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the attorneys for the plaintiff within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service; or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York; or within sixty (60) days if it is the United States of America. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

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Dated: Bay Shore, New York July 3, 2024 FRENKEL, LAMBERT, WEISS, WEISMAN & GORDON, LLP BY: Todd Falasco Attorneys for Plaintiff 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, New York 11706 (631) 969-3100 Our File No.: 01-099696-F00

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Purpose: Any lawful

**OSWEGO COUNTY** LEGAL NOTICE

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COUNTY OF OSWEGO In the Matter of JS, A Child

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James Pearson, Respondent. File #25628. Docket B-1053-24. A Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and

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(State any further relief requested)

October 15, 2024 Dated, Attested, and Sealed, Hon. Bernard J. Graham

Surrogate Chief Clerk

Law Office of Angelo A. Giordano

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