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East Flatbush

Busta Rhymes Honored with a Message of Hope and Healing

By Bristol Hendrix

East Flatbush erupted in celebration on Saturday, November 23rd, as hiphop legend Busta Rhymes was honored in a heartfelt ceremony led by Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman. The event, marking the first-ever "Busta Rhymes Day," was a powerful pre-Thanksgiving collaboration with LinkNYC, the IamWondaWoman Foundation, Schools Chancellor Melissa Ramos, P.S. 135 - District 18 and the AD 58 Taskforce.

The annual Thanksgiving event, known as "Harvesting Health and Harmony," with a focus on Wellness and Peace, took place at P.S. 135, located at 684 Linden Blvd.

"This collaboration meant so much to the community," said Chandler-Waterman. "We had the opportunity to send a message around reducing gun violence by offering vital resources to support families. Workshops on Mental Health and Wellness, part of the NYC Public Schools Black Studies Curriculum, addressed the community's immediate needs, and we tackled food insecurity while enjoying performances by East Flatbush icons Busta Rhymes and Special Ed."

During the ceremony, Busta Rhymes received several distinguished honors:

- A proclamation from Chandler-Waterman and NYS Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie.
- A proclamation from Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso.
- A proclamation from Public Advocate Jumaane Williams.
- P.S. 135 Principal Trevlyn Mcrae and District 18 Superintendent Celeste Terry presented Busta Rhymes with a commemorative plaque and a custom

swag sweatshirt.

Busta Rhymes took a moment to speak to the crowd, reflecting on the importance of community and the lessons learned growing up in Brooklyn:

"The things that made us understand the value of right and wrong and the difference between the two. So I love that Brooklyn, and that's not the Brooklyn that we supposed to fix because nothing was broken about that Brooklyn. Let's get back to that Brooklyn. Know what I'm saying? And it takes a village to raise a child so we all got to be collectively, you know, doing what we do."

His words resonated deeply with the crowd, emphasizing unity and the importance of raising future generations with love and guidance.

The event underscored the district's commitment to holistic community support. The AD 58 Mental Health Taskforce, in partnership with LinkNYC and the NYS Office of Mental Health, highlighted the 988 lifeline feature on LinkNYC kiosks, a vital service aimed at reducing mental health stigma and expanding access to critical support services.

The day also featured an interview



with DJ Zeebo, an East Flatbush native and sound engineer for Viking Pro Sound. Reflecting on the event, Zeebo shared his appreciation for the smooth sound production that helped make the ceremony a success:

"I was just here working. I'm an engineer for the sound system. I've been working as an engineer for a while now, almost two years. Today, they called me and said they needed me, so I came through. What I liked about today the most? How the sound sounded. Without it sounding good, the crowd wouldn't have felt it the same way."

The day concluded with a shared vision of unity, resilience and hope, setting a precedent for future community-driven initiatives in East Flatbush.

Tips for New Yorkers to Avoid Scams During Holiday Shopping

Attorney General Letitia James issued an alert for New Yorkers to remain vigilant against potential scams while holiday shopping, including online. The following tips will help consumers protect themselves during the holiday season:

Be cautious while shopping online

- Stick to reputable retailers and always verify website URLs before entering payment details.
- When buying items from a website, make sure the company has an operating customer service number, lists an actual street address of its business and has a record of satisfactory service. A company trying to scam consumers is likely not to have a working telephone number or to list only a post office box as its address.
- Carefully review all the charges that may apply. Many "bargain" websites make up the difference with hefty fees

(such as delivery, processing or subscription fees). Some companies increase these fees around the holidays.

- Be cautious of emails with subject lines like "Exclusive Holiday Deals" or "Free Gift Cards." These are often phishing attempts.
- Avoid public Wi-Fi when making online purchases. Your home network is much safer.
- If you receive unexpected holiday e-cards or invitations, verify the sender before opening links or attachments.

Secure your devices to protect your personal information

- Change your Wi-Fi password if it hasn't been updated in a while.
- Install the latest security updates on your phones, tablets and computers.
- Ensure antivirus software is active and up to date to protect against malware.

Protect yourself after you buy

- Save verifications and receipts from online retailers for future access. If you have not received the product when promised, reach out to the company in a firm but polite inquiry. If they don't respond to your requests, file an online complaint with OAG or call 800-771-
- Always review your monthly credit card and bank statements carefully for unauthorized charges. Scam artists often take advantage of the increase in purchases during the holidays, expecting that phony charges will go unnoticed.
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Crime on the Decrease as 2024 Comes to an End

By Linda Steinmuller

The 69th Precinct has seen a decrease in most major crime categories during 2024, Commanding Officer Captain Dion Hinds announced during the November 26th meeting of the 69th Precinct Community Council, held at St. Alban's Church, 9408 Farragut Road.

While the captain usually gives a 28-day crime report, he talked about crime statistics year to date, stating that the precinct is down in robberies by 24%, burglaries by 15%, assaults by 10% and auto theft by 11%.

Auto theft, especially Kias and Hyundais, was one of the major drivers of crime in Canarsie last year. Although theft is down so far this year, Hinds said they are seeing a slight uptick involving newer models (2022-2024) of Toyota Highlanders and Honda CRVs. He reported that six autos were stolen the previous week, with the majority of thefts taking place in the area of Avenue J to Seaview Avenue, and from East 94th Street to East 102nd Street.

He recommended doing a Google search on "Key Fob Protection" to learn about different ways to prevent thieves from disabling your key fob.

This is also the time of year when grand larcenies are on the rise, with package theft, increases in identity theft and phone scams targeting the elderly. Hinds warned against imposters posing as Con Edison employees who call seniors and threaten to shut their electric off unless they pay a large sum of money by phone. He warned attendees not to fall for this type of scam as a company would never ask for payment over the phone.

As of last month's meeting, 17 abandoned vehicles were towed off the street. Hinds also advised that vehicles, parked on the street, with car covers are illegal. Often, these cars are stolen or the VIN number is changed. Residents should report any instances to their Neighborhood Coordination Officer.

Hinds introduced Deputy Inspector Moe Williams, who works alongside Chief of Patrol John Chell at One Police Plaza. Williams oversees a program called Community Link. If there is an issue in the precinct that cannot be resolved by one agency, and needs multi-agency attention (i.e. Sanitation, DOT, etc.), Williams can assist by providing the precinct the support that it needs.

Last month, NYPD Explorer Reginal Sanders received a pin in recognition of his promotion to corporal and was presented with a certificate this month. Explorer Kiara Bijoux was also promoted, from sergeant to lieutenant, and was honored with a pin and a certificate in recognition of her achievements.

The Public Safety Team has removed 23 guns off the streets of Canarsie this year. Police Officer Kaleem Zaheer is part of that team and was presented with the October Cop of the Month award for recovering a loaded .45 caliber gun from an individual on the corner of Glenwood Road and Rockaway Parkway around 6 p.m. on Friday, October 25th.

Hinds congratulated the brave officer, stating, "Every day and night, these young men and women are out there in the



Police Officer Kaleem Zaheer accepting Cop of the Month award for October.

streets of Canarsie trying to keep it safe."

Council President Gardy Brazela introduced Steven Miller, director of Business Development at CABS Health Network. Miller visits senior and community centers to get the word out about how to access home healthcare for seniors, as well as children. He said that many people are not knowledgeable about what resources are available to them or their elderly neighbors who may not be able to leave their homes. He said that care is 100% free for those who have Medicare or Medicaid and if you don't know how to apply for Medicaid, CABS can help. For more information, visit cabshealthnetwork.org/.

Hinds also introduced the new crime prevention officer, Steven Thompson, who said he previously worked on patrol within the 69th Precinct for eight years before transitioning to his new role. He explained some of the crime prevention programs available for free, such as auto larceny prevention and security surveys, which involve a physical walk-through of a business or residence, followed by recommendations to improve security.

To close out the meeting, eight turkeys, and one partially cooked meal compliments of State Senator Roxanne Persaud, were raffled off to the community, compliments of the Community Council and the Community Affairs Unit.

In lieu of a December meeting, the 69th Precinct Community Council will be holding its annual Holiday Party at the Midget Squadron Yacht Club, 1490 Paerdegat Avenue North, on Friday, December 6th, at 8 p.m. Meetings will resume in January at the Hebrew Educational Society, 9502 Seaview Avenue.

A Toy Giveaway will be held at the 69th Precinct, at 9720 Foster Avenue, on Saturday, December 14th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Truck Crashes into Three Utility Poles near Canarsie Plaza

By Baqir Ahmad and Linda Steinmuller

A truck accident on Remsen Avenue, near Canarsie Plaza, knocked down three utility poles, causing service disruptions and traffic delays last week.

The truck was driving through the intersection of Remsen Avenue and Avenue D around 11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 26th, when it crashed into the power lines, setting off a fire.

About 400 customers lost power for about an hour, but service disruptions continued throughout the day.

Remsen Avenue, between Avenue D and Foster Avenue, was closed off to traffic, resulting in delays for motorists, MTA bus riders and shoppers at the busy shopping center.

There was no injuries reported as a result of the accident.

Photo by Baqir Ahmad









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By Baqir Ahmad

On Monday, November 25th, State Senator Roxanne Persaud held her annual Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway at her District Office, 1222 East 96th Street, where hundreds of constituents who pre-registered online were given a turkey or chicken for their holiday dinner.

In addition, apples, potatoes, flour, rice and oil were also distributed, with the help of volunteers like the 69th Precinct Auxiliary Response Squad and District 20-K1 Lions.

"It's always a pleasure giving back to the community you serve," Persaud said. "It was great seeing a big turnout in our district for our annual turkey giveaway."

The event was sponsored by The Campaign Against Hunger, Plaza Auto Mall and Kings Plaza Shopping Mall.













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Some of the raffle prizes up for grabs at Christmas Fair. Table hosted by volunteers, including Mary Ann (second from left) who has organized the fair since 2001.

By Linda Steinmuller

The Father Cutrone Gym, at 385 Avenue W, was transformed into a holiday shopping paradise the weekend before Thanksgiving, giving patrons a chance to get a jump on their Christmas shopping.

Vendors filled the gym, selling everything from toys, cosmetics, handbags and candles to Christmas decorations, many of which were homemade.

The annual Christmas Fair, held on Saturday, November 23rd and Sunday, November 24th, is run by Our Lady of Grace Parish in Gravesend. The church has been holding the Christmas Fair for decades, and Mary Ann told the *Canarsie Courier* that she has been organizing it since 2001.

If you arrived early enough on Saturday morning, visitors had a special treat – breakfast with Santa. But if you missed breakfast, Boy Scout Troop 376, along with other volunteers, provided some home-cooked Italian meals, along with desserts and other treats.

There were also raffles, including a 50/50 cash prize and some beautiful gift baskets. There was something for everything at Our Lady of Grace's Christmas Fair, including pictures with Santa Claus!



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Flatlands

NACA Meeting Packed with Homeowner Information, Police and Neighborhood Updates

By Loretta Chin

The Nieuw Amersfort Community Association (NACA) ended their monthly meetings with enough information to carry them through their holiday break with presentations by three informative speakers on Tuesday, November 26th, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 3913 Avenue J.

Whether a first-time homebuyer or someone who has owned a home for many years, as many in the room were, special guest speaker Tyrone McDonald, Government and Community Relations Manager for Neighborhood Housing Services Brooklyn (NHS), had valuable knowledge to share about the services and assistance his organization can provide for them.

"We are a 42 year not-for-profit housing organization

whose mission is to revitalize neighborhoods," he said of the HUD-certified housing counseling agency. "We do this by concentrating on promoting home ownership because we have a robust home-buying program, but we're also preserving and enriching housing; we have services for homeowners, tenants and first-time homebuyers."

He spoke about NHS programs and services, including free home ownership education, financial services and expert guidance on topics ranging from foreclosure prevention, home and flood insurance, home repairs, licensed and insured contractor referral and assistance, mortgage help, legal assistance, energy efficiency and more.

NHS also provides loans and grants for home repair, as well as a seven-week home maintenance training pro-

gram in level one and level two courses at the Flatbush YMCA.

Another free service is homeowner and flood insurance policy reviews to understand what is or is not covered. They find that many homeowners are actually overinsured because their homes are evaluated based on market value, not replacement value. Some may need flood insurance and not realize it.

There is the Empower+ Program that is free of charge or with a cost rebate option. The program promotes energy efficiency by providing a free energy assessment. Participants can get free LED light bulbs, carbon monoxide detectors and learn about rebates and tax benefits.

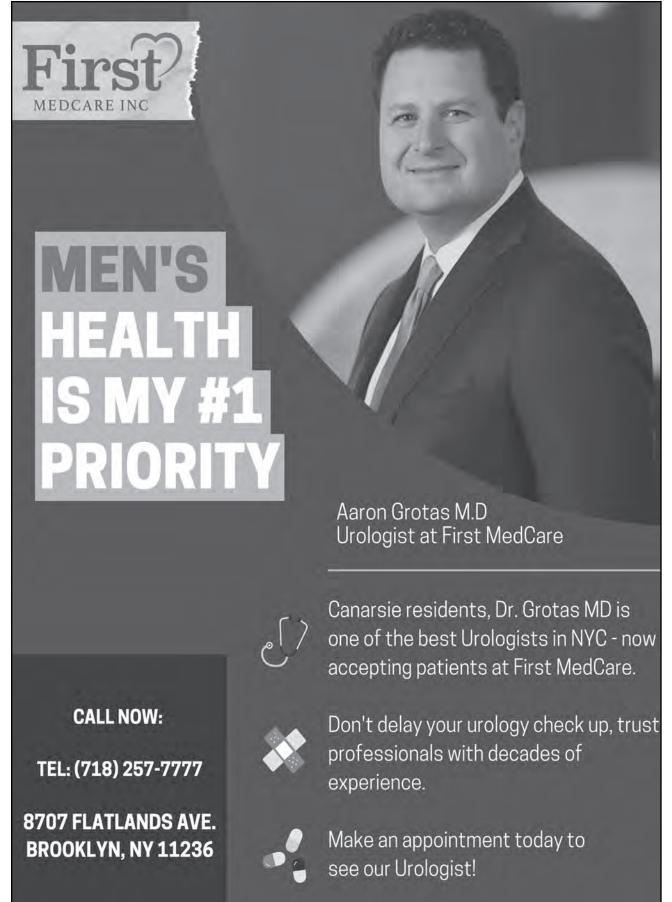
NHS has a popular program for first-time homebuyers. "We take you from point A to point Z," McDonald said. "We do a financial assessment, go over credit, go over responsibilities as a homeowner and assess for down payment assistance." He told them about HomeFirst, a NYC down payment assistance program where a person can get up to \$100,000 or 20% of the purchase price, whichever is less.

With their foreclosure prevention program, they work with the lender or the servicer to try to save the home, either through mortgage re-modification, help with paperwork or free legal assistance through organizations like Grow Brooklyn, CAMBA, Legal Services NYC or Brooklyn Legal Services Corporation A. "The sooner you address it, the better off you'll be and it's free of charge," he said.

"We're here to make sure that you can not only buy a home, but you're able to keep and maintain it," McDonald said. NHS has three offices in Flatbush, Canarsie and Coney Island. Visit their website at NHSBrooklyn.org.

Also present for the first time as a speaker representing the 63rd Precinct as the new community affairs officer was Detective Tricia Navarro-Caraballo, who replaced officer Ronette Benjamin.

The dedicated officer came to the meeting on her own time after work to make sure residents had someone to listen to their concerns and make sure their issues were addressed, as other officers were called to duty due to a staffing shortage.





recently got 12 new cops; prior to that, we had three new cops, and there's training for them," she said. "When they get sent to the command, they have to go to a different command, the 67th, which is the Brooklyn South borough for training." Once the training is completed, she assured members that they will get better police representation at the meetings.

In her self-introduction, the mother of three said she worked in the 63rd Precinct for 10 years and prior to that, she served 12 years in the Marine Corps. She said she takes her job very seriously and will ask to have her tour changed so she can attend meetings. Most of the discussion with attendees centered around abandoned vehicles and towing operations.

Sabrina Dieujuste, representing Councilwoman Farah Louis, was the final speaker with updates about issues and concerns she received in September concerning a problematic smoke shop; additional traffic enforcement requested at Avenue H and Flatbush Avenue; dumping, lighting maintenance and fence replacement needed at Amersfort Park; and dumping and ongoing activities at the triangle-shaped green space across from the old Holiday Inn on Kings Highway that now houses a migrant shelter.

Many of the issues have been addressed and are improving, while others will need ongoing efforts or referrals to other authorities. Dieujuste listened to additional concerns about alleged drug dealing in a neighborhood parking lot and the new hotel under construction at the corner of Nostrand Avenue and Avenue I, next to the newly built Ramada Inn hotel erected over the summer on Nostrand Avenue.

She also spoke about the Mayor's City of Yes housing plan, Sanitation Department bin rules, the removal of mailboxes in the neighborhood and event updates.

After a one-month break, the next NACA meeting will resume on Tuesday, January 28th, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 7 p.m.



McDonald gives a comprehensive review of the programs and services NHS provides.



Detective Tricia Navarro-Caraballo introduces herself to NACA members as their new community affairs officer.



NHS Government and Community Relations Manager Tyrone McDonald asks everyone who owns a home to raise their hands.



Flatlands

Thanksgiving Spirit in the Air

By Baqir Ahmad

The spirit of Thanksgiving filled the air at the Flatlands Reformed Church, 3931 Kings Highway, on Thanksgiving Day when a buffet-style feast was served to anyone from the community who may have needed a free meal or simply wanted the fellowship of others rather than spending the holiday alone.

A crowd of over 100 people lined up for the best-tasting Thanksgiving dinner, with two separate seatings. On the menu was hot turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, rice, chicken, cake and more.

The event was coordinated by the NYPD 63rd Precinct and Explorers. Church staff and members, along with plenty of community volunteers, helped serve dinner.



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Kings Plaza

Picturing Pets and Santa for the Holidays

By Loretta Chin

Move over kids! Taking holiday pictures with Santa has gone to the dogs as pet photos with Santa have been added to the list of festive events taking place at the Kings Plaza Mall on November 25th and December 2nd this holiday season.

They came from near and far, dressed

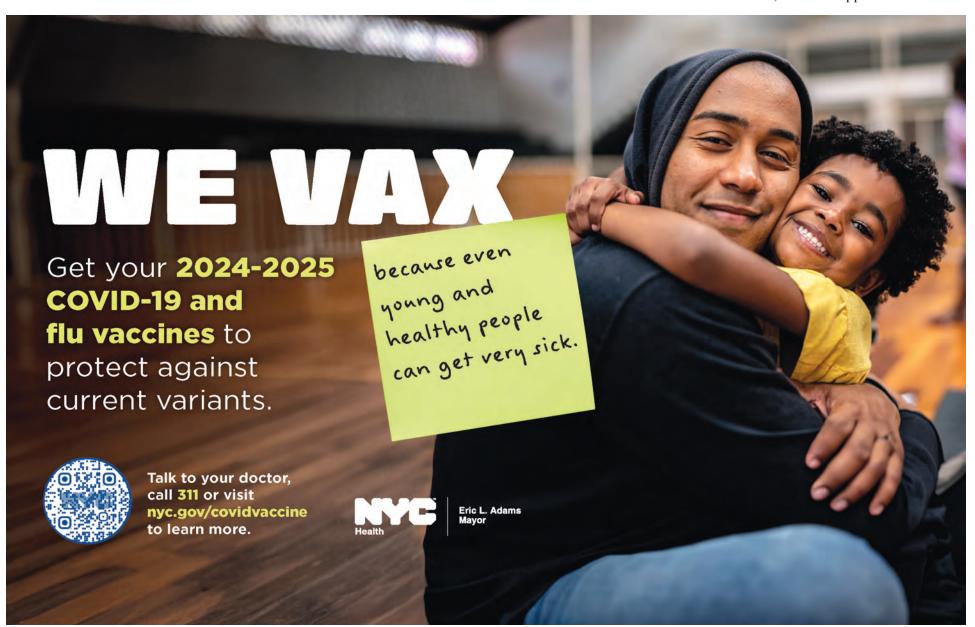
in their best attire and ready to create lasting holiday memories with Santa.

Nick and Cassandra De Morato came from Staten Island with their 4-year-old Labradoodle (a cross between a Labrador Retriever and a Poodle), Cuccio, to have a photo taken for their holiday cards this year.

"He likes to get dressed up," Nick



Canarsie resident Diyanka Patrice with her Chiweenie (cross between a Chihuahua and Dachshund) named Pepper.



said of Cuccio's red and white holiday sweater. The proud owners told the Canarsie Courier that Cuccio was special because he works as a therapy dog who visits nursing homes three times

Another interesting and handsome hound named Pepper came by with his owner, Canarsie resident Diyanka Patrice. Pepper, dressed with a bow on his collar to match his owner's outfit, is a

6-year-old Chiweenie (a cross between a Dachshund and a Chihuahua).

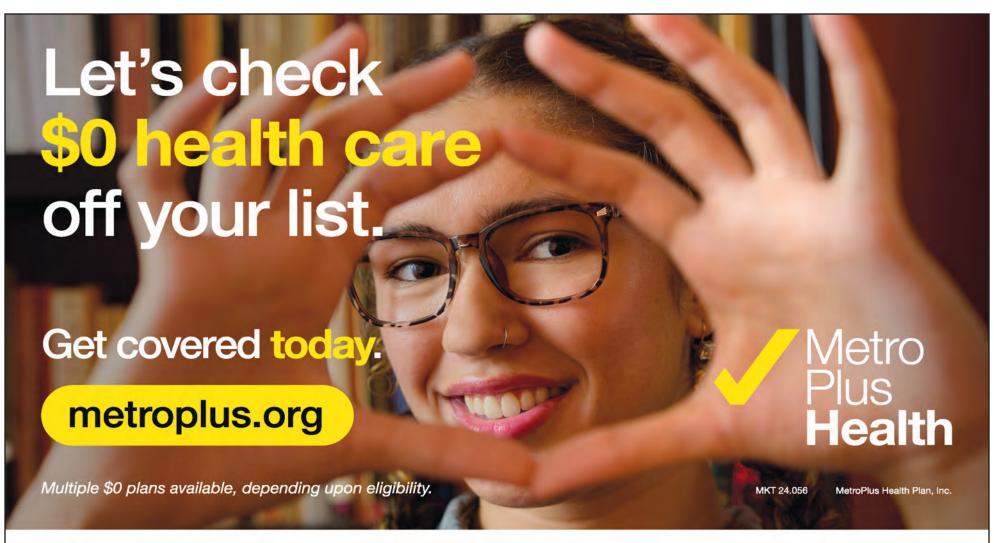
"The photo is a reminder of the greatest gift Santa gave me," Patrice said. "He gave me Pepper and the photos will be a reminder of the holidays we get to spend together and of how he became my best friend."

"Santa Claus isn't just about kids; he helps animals too," added photographer Hezekiah Gardner.



Nick and Cassandra De Morato with their Labradoodle, Cuccio, and Santa.







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Brownsville

Seventy-Third Precinct Hosts Turkey Giveaway in Time for Thanksgiving

By Bagir Ahmad

This is the season of giving back! On Thursday, November 21st, hundreds of Brownsville residents lined up outside the 73rd Precinct, at 1470 East New York Avenue, to receive a free turkey.

The giveaway was scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., but residents got there bright and early to make sure This got their free turkey.

The event was sponsored by Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, NYPD

Community Affairs Bureau and Brothers Helping, a charitable organization.

The 73rd Precinct Community Affairs Officer told the Canarsie Courier he was delighted to see a good turnout, happy to make a difference and to see that families will have food on the table for Thanksgiving. "Our Turkey giveaway was a big success; it's always positive to see families coming out and giving them something so they can have a feast."



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Leader Jeffries Announces \$2 Million for Two DOT Projects

At a press conference held at the Brooklyn Lifestyle Athletic Club, 1500 Paerdegat Avenue North, on Friday, November 22nd, House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries (NY-8) announced that he secured \$2 million for the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT).

The federal funds include \$1 million for the Jamaica Bay Greenway and another \$1 million for the B82 Select Bus Service project.

Jeffries was joined by State Senator Roxanne Persaud (SD 19), Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas (AD 60), Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse (CD 46), the DOT, Department of Design and Construction (DDC) and the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) to discuss the two projects.

Funding for the Jamaica Bay Greenway, a bike and pedestrian path connecting major Jamaica Bay attractions like Floyd Bennett Field, the Rockaways and Gateway Center Mall, will be used to build out a missing segment of the bike network. A two-way, grade-separated path along Flatlands Avenue, from Ralph Avenue to East 76th Street; and Paerdegat Avenue North, from Flatlands Avenue to Paerdegat 1st Street, will be constructed along with a concrete pedestrian island at the intersection of Paerdegat Avenue North and Seaview Avenue, providing a safer crossing to Canarsie Park.

"We've got to do all that we can to improve the pedestrian experience, improve pedestrian safety, improve resident connectivity to the Gateway National Park and all of its incredible components," Jeffries said.

The B82 provides a continuous east-west connection across southern Brooklyn, serving 32,000 riders, including residents of East New York and Canarsie. Funding for this project will be used to build 16 median bus stops, 19 bus bulbs, 19 bus pads, 70 median extensions, 36 median reconstructions, 10 pedestrian islands, 34 curb extensions and one protected bike path, improving bus efficiency and pedestrian safety across the route.

"The more that we can do to increase access to public transportation, to improve the bike riding experience and the pedestrian experience, the better it is as it relates to improving the quality of life of our residents here in Canarsie and Flatlands and beyond," Jeffries said. "And so, it was my honor to work to secure Community Proj-



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At a press conference held at the Brooklyn Lifestyle ect Funding in the amount of \$2 million to support this thletic Club. 1500 Paerdegat Avenue North on Friday effort."

With over nine million people visiting Gateway every year, NPCA's Lauren Cosgrove said that "local residents struggle to get there" and that the two projects are a tremendous celebration. "Better bus service, the B82, will allow seamless connections to buses that go down south Flatbush Avenue to connect to Jamaica Bay, and the Jamaica Bay Greenway connection will allow for pedestrians and cyclists to connect to the Jamaica Bay Greenway loop that circles all around the park."

Local elected officials praised Jeffries for his efforts.

"Leader Jeffries fights for the community!" Persaud said. "He promises that he will do it, and he comes back and brings the money home so that we can make sure our communities are safer – safer busways, safer bike

paths, safer parks."

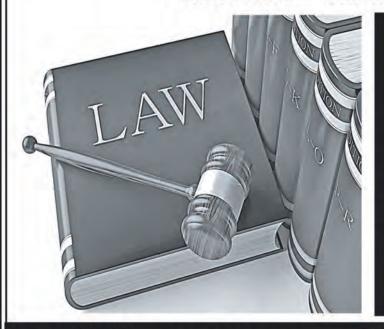
"That \$2 million means so much to us in Canarsie. Everyone here, I'm sure, that lives in this part of town knows how important it is to invest in this area," Narcisse said

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Flatlands

Melting Pot Caribbean Restaurant Hosts Thanksgiving Meal Giveaway





Flatlands residents got to eat for free on the afternoon of Tuesday, November 26th, after visiting the Melting Pot Restaurant's Annual Thanksgiving Free Meal Appreciation Giveaway.

Serving up a heaping portion of complimentary turkey, chicken, macaroni and cheese, rice and peas, rice and beans, salad and macaroni salad, the family-owned business brought happiness and full stomachs this harvest season.

"We have been giving back to the community for 30 years," owner Shamila Pantaleon said of her family. "I do a lot of donations . . . Now, I do back-to-school giveaways in the summer, and we do [the Thanksgiving meals] as our own giveback and we support local businesses.

The Melting Pot Restaurant (718-677-1157) is a Caribbean takeout eatery located at 4914 Avenue H. Open daily starting at 8 a.m., the establishment sells fresh baked bread and pastries, fresh squeezed juices, cakes and a host of Haitian cuisine, including legume, bouillon, soup joumou, fritay, mushroom rice, pork, goat and salads.

The restaurant caters for any and all occasions, hosts daily specials and offers low-cost meals for local shelter residents.

In addition to the Thanksgiving and the school supply giveaways, Pantaleon said she also donates to the 69th Precinct and local politicians.

Pantaleon said that about 200 people show up to the Thanksgiving giveaway each year, and that this year was expected to be the same. The event, which was held between 3 and 4 p.m., was advertised through flyers and word of mouth.

The Melting Pot has been hosting this giveaway for four years — as many years as it's been in business. Pantaleon touched on her favorite part of the event.

"Seeing the happiness in the customer's face that they have something that they don't have to pay for," she said.

Amar Dyal, president of the Brooklyn Midwood Lions Club, a chapter of an international service organization, attended the event to pick up four portions to bring to seniors in his community who couldn't make it to the giveaway in person.

"One of the things I've found with seniors is that sometimes they're alone and they can't come out," he said. "Some of them are taking care of grandkids and at this time school is out, so when the bus drops [the kids] off, they have to be home. So, I said, 'I'll just bring it in for you guys."



The Melting Pot Restaurant, located at 4914 Avenue H.



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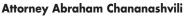
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By Arthur De Gaeta and Linda Steinmuller

Visitors to the annual Thanksgiving feast at the Kings Theatre left with grateful hearts – and full bellies.

Before volunteers served up a traditional Thanks-giving meal, Councilwoman Rita Joseph, one of the organizers of the eighth annual event, thanked everyone in attendance, including the sponsors and volunteers who so graciously gave of their time to put a smile on the faces of about 100 guests who attended the event, held at 1027 Flatbush Avenue.

The scrumptious Thanksgiving dinner was prepared by culinary students from nearby Erasmus High School and included staples like turkey, ham, stuffing and vegetables.

Kate Hesler, director of marketing for the Kings Theatre, said it's a special day for the community to come together and an opportunity for their Flatbush partners to give back to the community.

Photos by Arthur De Gaeta







Canarsie's Holy Family Church Hosts a "Grab-and-Go" Thanksgiving

By Baqir Ahmad

Canarsie residents got to enjoy Thanksgiving meals "on the go" on Thursday, November 28th, at Holy Family Church, located at 9719 Flatlands Avenue.

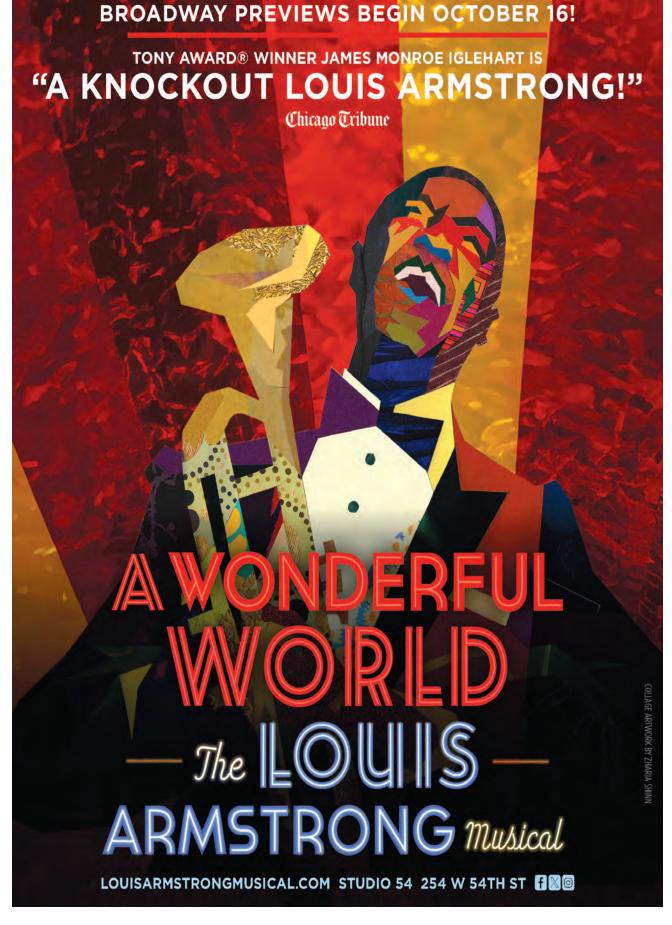
The to-go boxes included turkey, chicken, macaroni and cheese, rice and beans, salad and macaroni salad, ensuring that everyone had a delicious Thanksgiving meal and no one goes hungry.













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Hundreds Served at Annual Brotherhood Service

By Brenda Cox

Hundreds of Canarsie residents attended the 42nd Annual Community Thanksgiving and Brotherhood Service hosted by The Brooklyn Canarsie Lions, at Temple Emanu-El of Canarsie, 1880 Rockaway Parkway. Guests included a host of clergy who read scripture verses, prayed and implored blessings upon the audience and community.

Several elected officials, district and community leaders, including 59th Assembly District Leader Frank Seddio; State Senator Roxanne Persaud; Assemblywoman Jaime Williams; Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse; Debbie Louis, a representative from Governor Kathy Hochul's office (all are Canarsie Lions); and Community Board 18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow, were also in attendance at the November 25th event.

Each gave brief remarks about the real meaning of Thanksgiving and community and lauded the efforts of The Brooklyn Canarsie Lions in this regard. One of the group's signature events is a bi-weekly food distribution to the community.

Temple Emanu-El's Rabbi Joshua E. Minkin performed the Breaking of Bread, an act symbolic of gratitude and sharing, then invited all to partake in the same manner, by passing the loaf around. The rabbi noted the enormous quantity of food that was offered at the event and thanked the Lions "for literally helping to feed the world."

The guests were also treated to singing performances by the Penn-Wortman Voices Choir and other soloists, as well as a number of dance presentations. Additionally, they had their choice of free coats and shoes from a huge array that were donated by some of the sponsors.

Lion Romeo Hitlall, District Governor of 20 K-1 Lions (Brooklyn and Queens), congratulated the club's president, Lion Jean Joseph, for not only hosting the event but also for addressing food insecurity in her community -- hunger being one of five pillars of concern for Lions Club International (LCI). The district governor also inducted several new Lions at the event.

Sponsors of the event were The Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (CACCI), Daniels Leather, SNC Productions, Ivey Styles and Co., Brooklyn Rehoboth Church of God Inc., Marie's Mix, Spice It Up Catering, Jiggers Jerk Spot, Jewels Traveling, Munch and So'Marie Catering.

As the annual Brotherhood Service concluded, Lion Joseph stated, "I feel a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment. There were over 600 guests who attended the service and benefited from the giveaways." The president thanked the club members, elected officials and guests for their unwavering support.



Lion Romeo Hitlall, District Governor of 20 K-1 Lions (Brooklyn and Queens), addresses audience at Brooklyn Canarsie Lions' Community Thanksgiving and Brotherhood Service.



Brooklyn Canarsie Lions President Jean Joseph (second from right), elected officials, members of the clergy and community leaders at Community Thanksgiving and Brotherhood Service.



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