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Bullets Fly on Street Corner, Leaving Man Wounded

By Lloyd Mitchell

A man is recovering after being shot in the vicinity of Hegeman Avenue and Thomas S. Boyland Street on Sunday, December 8th.

Officers from the 73rd Precinct arrived at the location and found a 55-year-old man suffering from a gunshot wound to his left leg around 12:45 a.m. There was a small blood trail at the scene.

According to NYPD sources, the victim said he was walking down the block when he suddenly felt pain. Paramedics took him to nearby Brookdale Hospital in stable condition.

There are no arrests, and an investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information regarding this shooting is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 888-57-PISTA (74782). The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers Website at crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/, or on X @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.



Spring Creek

Firefighters Quickly Knock out Supermarket Fire

By Lloyd Mitchell

Firefighters battled a fire in the City Fresh Supermarket, at 1380 Pennsylvania Avenue, on Saturday, December 7th, around 2:30 a.m.

Arriving units found heavy smoke in the storage room. Sprinklers throughout the building and a hose line were used to contain the blaze. Searches throughout the immediate area affected by the fire were negative. Early Saturday morning, a worker was seen throwing out debris caused by the fire.

According to FDNY officials, the fire was placed under control at 2:50 a.m. The FDNY Fire Marshal's office will determine the cause and origin of the fire.



Firefighters Battle Blaze at Vacant House

By Lloyd Mitchell

Firefighters extinguished a fire at a vacant house in Canarsie on Thursday, December 5th.

Fire Department personnel arrived at 1221 East 102nd Street, off of Avenue L, shortly before 11 a.m. to find fire on the second floor of a two-story building. Engine companies used two hose lines to knock down the main body of fire, which was placed under control at 11:25 a.m. There were no reported injuries as a result of the blaze.

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



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## Man Shot at Breukelen Houses

By Baqir Ahmad and Linda Steinmuller

A man was shot in a courtyard at the Breukelen Houses in broad daylight on Thursday, December 5th.

Police said a 54-year-old male was shot once in the groin around 12:20 p.m. outside of 988 Williams Avenue, right near the intersection of Glenwood Road, within the confines of the 69th Precinct/PSA 1.

The victim was taken by EMS to Brookdale Hospital in stable condition.

No arrests have been made, and an investigation remains 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/](http://crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/), or on X @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.

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### East Flatbush

## Two Teens Stabbed on Utica Avenue

By Baqir Ahmad and Linda Steinmuller

Detectives are investigating the stabbing of two teens in the vicinity of Utica and Church Avenues last weekend.

Officers from the 67th Precinct arrived at the scene around 7:50 p.m. on Saturday, December 7th, where they found a 15-year-old male with a slash wound to his chest and a 14-year-old male with a slash wound to his left wrist, according to police sources.

Both victims, who were conscious and alert, were taken to Kings County Hospital via private means where they

were listed in stable condition.

There are no arrests, and an investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information regarding this stabbing is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 888-57-PISTA (74782). The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers Website at [crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/](http://crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/), or on X @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.

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### Brownsville

## Man Shot Outside Apartment Building

By Baqir Ahmad

Officers from the 73rd Precinct responded to a 911 call of a person shot near the intersection of New Lots Avenue and Mother Gaston Blvd. last week.

Police said a 38-year-old male was shot in the leg around 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3rd, outside the Plaza Residences, located at 37 New Lots Avenue.

The victim was taken to Brookdale Hospital in stable condition, police said.

No arrests have been made, and an investigation is ongoing.

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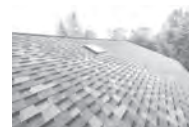
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# Clergy Council, NYPD and Community Break Bread and Rejoice

By Brenda Cox

The 69th Precinct Clergy Council held its annual end-of-year reception on Monday, December 2nd, at Church @ the Rock, 1288 East 92nd Street.

The occasion was a fun evening of fellowship, which included prayers, speeches, musical entertainment, laughter and great food, with NYPD, elected officials and residents -- a long-standing tradition in the community.

Among the attendees were State Senator Roxanne Persaud, Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse, NYPD Deputy Chief Richie Taylor, 69th Precinct Commanding Officer Captain Dion Hinds and a cadre of other officers, including Community Affairs and Auxiliary.

The Clergy Council's purpose is to act as an intermediary between the NYPD and the community -- in the event of crisis or controversy -- but one of their



Clergy, NYPD, elected officials and community celebrate at end-of-year reception.

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top goals is to combat gun violence in their community. According to Reverend Cecil Moonsam, the organization's president, they also support activities that benefit the community as well as participate in ministry to the 69th Precinct officers before their daily tour of duty.

Moonsam said the first prayer of the evening, which was for the Nation. He also prayed for those in authority and gave God "glory for the peace of Jerusalem." Clergy Council board members – Reverend Gesner Sagesse, pastor of Community Christian Church; Dr. Gale Forde, pastor of Phileo Outreach International Ministries; and Dr. Cheryl Ault-Barker, pastor of Consuming Fire Ministries International – also prayed, for peace and prosperity in the community, the NYPD, the youths and an end to gun violence.

Sagesse thanked God for the NYPD and "the safety they provide for us" and asked Him to protect them in return. He also prayed that God would "cover them with glory, power and spirit; health, wisdom and understanding to make good decisions and that He would strengthen them to continue serving the community."

Taylor commended Moonsam, who is also an Auxiliary officer, "for stepping up to the leadership." He stated, "We're very fortunate to have Rev. Cecil Moonsam as a leader, not just in the faith-based community but in the NYPD and clergy police." Moonsam, who was recently promoted to lieutenant, also presides over more than 20 churches and pastors in the Assemblies of God ministry. The chief told him, "To whom much is given, much is expected. You've been given a lot and you're always giving back so much more."

The evening's festivities were punctuated by intermittent blasts from a shofar blown by Apostle Leeds Jean, musical renditions played on the piano and everyone joining Pastor Lavon Cox and Moonsam in singing Christmas carols.

As Persaud remarked, "Clergy, police, community, it's all one! We're all one working towards the same goal to make sure our community is better." The senator, a longtime, staunch community advocate, spoke of her fights in Albany to bring resources back to the community, including the NYPD and added, "Together, we always achieve more."

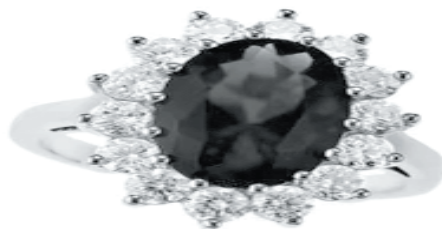
Narcisse, her colleague and fellow community advocate, concurred, saying, "Whatever we do, we want to do it together."

Hinds also commented on the "special" relationship shared by the police, residents and Clergy Council, stating, "Working alongside the Clergy Council has been a pleasure." He thanked the members for their support, especially their prayers at Roll Call and also noted, "The clergy, the police, the community are all one." The captain intimated that that unorthodox kinship should be a model for other precincts to emulate.

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## Georgetown

## Christmas Cheer at Brooklyn's Home for the Holidays' First Lighting Ceremony

By Amanda Salazar



The crowd counts down before the lights go on.



The Ferrazzano family, Millennium Development Executive Director Paul Curiale and P.S. 312 Parent's Association President Amanda.

With Christmas music, free hot chocolate and many, many lights, the first-ever holiday Lighting Ceremony at Brooklyn's Home for the Holidays, 1102 East 72nd Street, celebrated the house's 10th annual display.

Held on Friday, December 6th, the event featured a series of dances and a song from the youth dance team at Take a Bow Performing Arts Studio in Mill Basin, as well as a Christmas song from a student at P.S. 312 Bergen Beach. Millennium Development and the Mill Basin Civic Association helped set up the event. There was even a surprise visit from Santa Claus himself at the end of the night.

The event's highlight, though, took place at dusk. Austin Ferrazzano, the 23-year-old mastermind behind the display, switched on the lights, turning the Georgetown street into a Winter Wonderland.

"There's a lot of people, even though I am the face behind the display, that help put together this display and helped put together this event tonight," he said. "There's a lot of people behind the scenes — neighbors, volunteers — that, even though I'm the one working to put it together, they help tremendously."

The display, which has a smaller section for Hanukkah and Kwanzaa to the side, is made up of thousands of lights strung around trees, the front lawn and outlining the windows. Giant glass-front display cases, filled with holiday scenes, line the sidewalk and driveway. Figurines of North Pole elves building toys sit on the grass, across from an army of marching nutcrackers on the house's balcony.

Ferrazzano collects his decorations from all over, but quite a few of them are handmade by himself, as well.

Many of the pieces, however, come from Frank Seddio, district leader for the 59th Assembly District and the former chair of the Kings County Democratic Committee. Seddio used to put up his own Christmas display in Canarsie for many years. Since retiring the display, Ferrazzano has inherited the décor.

"This is probably one of the nicest Christmas displays that we have in all of New York City," Seddio said. "This is the work and love and great, great effort of Austin and his family putting these decorations up. I've watched them do this every year, do a little bit more and a little bit more, and this year you're going to really love it because it's spectacular."

Before the performances by the eagerly awaiting children, local leaders took to the mic to say some words.

"It's a great community house," said Sue Ann Partnow, district manager of Community Board 18, located just a couple blocks from Brooklyn's Home for the Holidays. "Enjoy it."

Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse was spotted dancing along to the holiday music with children in the audience.

"This is the New York way; I love it," she said. "This is the most wonderful time of the year, for real. I love Christmas — I love the lights; I love the beautiful people having fun."

The Christmas-Hanukkah-Kwanzaa display will be up through New Years, followed by the Valentine's Day display in February.



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## Marine Park

### Tree Lighting Draws Crowd Despite Bitter Cold

By Angela G. Nannetti

The line to enter the Hendrick I. Lott House, located at 1940 East 36th Street, on Friday, December 6th (St. Nicholas Day), snaked all the way down the block, as families bundled up and braved the bitter cold to attend the annual tree lighting.

The festive event, sponsored in part by Millennium Development and the Marine Park Community Association, marked the beginning of the holiday season with music, hot cocoa, sugar cookies and, best of all, a delightful visit from Sinterklaas – the legendary Dutch figure based on St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children.

How very fitting, of course, considering the landmark homestead was originally built and inhabited by Dutch colonists. Sinterklaas was just as warm, jolly and kind as you would expect him to be, and the children were absolutely smitten with him as they posed for photos. There was also a visit from two stately horses, and their riders, from the NYC Parks Mounted Auxiliary Unit, who stayed for a meet and greet with the kids. All in all, it was a warm and cheerful evening for the Marine Park community despite the chilly temps.

The Lott House is currently undergoing restoration and is expected to open to the public sometime in 2026.



Sinterklaas was a delight to many children during his visit to the Lott House.



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**Community Council Holds Annual  
Holiday Celebration**

**By Baqir Ahmad**

The 69th Precinct Community Council held its Annual Holiday Celebration at the Midget Squadron Yacht Club, 1490 Paerdegat Avenue North, on Friday, December 6th.

“The annual holiday party is a way to say thank you and show appreciation for our cops and the community,” 69th Precinct Community Council President Gardy Brazela told the *Canarsie Courier*. “I love the Canarsie community, the clergy and the cops, and I enjoy working on their behalf.”

He also thanked the auxiliary officers, who volunteer their time to protect the community.

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officer of the 69th Precinct, thanked all his officers and praised the Community Council. "I have never seen such a turnout from a community before, and I want to thank all of you for always being there. We have four more weeks until 2025, and I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season."

This year, the Community Council awarded Nadine Pierre with a community service plaque for all of her hard work and dedicated service to the 69th Precinct. Brazela was also presented with an award for his leadership with the Community Council.

Attendees enjoyed plenty of good food, music and dancing. The holiday spirit was definitely in the air.



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## A Dog Trainer's Tips for a Safe, Fun Holiday Season with Pets

By Darris Cooper, CPDT-KA, FFPC,  
National Dog Training Manager at Petco

(NAPS)—The holidays are a great time to bond with loved ones, which—for most people—includes beloved pets. Whether you're dressing up in matching outfits and snuggling up at home, enjoying traditions and festivities with family and friends, or traveling for holiday adventures together, these essential tips will help you and your pets navigate a safe, healthy and fun holiday season and beyond:

• **Prepare Pets for Big Gatherings:** Pets thrive on routine, so new people, sights, smells and sounds can cause extra stress during the holiday season. Give your pet a calm, quiet place of their own, such as a crate or bed in a room away from the festivities. Training can also help your pet self-soothe when they are feeling stressed or overstimulated. Introduce your pet to new pets and peo-

ple in a calmer environment before the holiday festivities begin. If this isn't possible, you can still practice meeting new people by inviting a friend over to mimic these interactions and using positive reinforcement to reward desired behaviors. A professional dog trainer can also provide personalized tips to keep your pet comfortable and polite in new situations and festive environments.

• **Heed Holiday Hazards:** The holidays bring festive decorations, new foods and colder weather, all of which can pose risks to pets. Common holiday plants such as poinsettias, ivy, holly and mistletoe can be toxic if ingested, so these should be kept out of pets' reach. Similarly, avoid giving your pet potentially toxic holiday foods such as ham, turkey skin and bones, onions, garlic, candy and chocolate. Holiday decorations are meant to be enjoyed by all, but if you have a frisky feline that likes to knock things over, move breakable decorations out of reach and



You and your beloved pets may enjoy happier holidays with a few hints.

place glass ornaments higher up on the tree. And, for pet parents living in or traveling to cold climates, be sure your pet is bundled up with gear including a cozy puffer jacket, festive holiday sweater and booties.

• **Travel Safely:** Travel via planes, trains and cars reaches a peak during the holidays. If your pet will join you, plan ahead to confirm pet-friendly hotels, TSA-approved carriers and a special seatbelt or harness for the car. Use a pet travel bag for all the essentials— plenty of your pet's food, travel bowls for food and water, calming supplements, their favorite toys, and a bed or blanket they can use while away from home. For anxious pets, slowly work your way up from exposure to the car, to sitting in it while the engine's off, to longer rides, while rewarding calm behavior along the way. Be sure to consult your veterinarian to rule out any underlying health issues contributing to anxiety and for your pet's specific needs.

• **Start the New Year on the Right Paw:** This year, many people are starting their New Year's resolutions early, and pets should too. Getting new routines in place now can help lay the groundwork for a healthy and strong start to the new year. Schedule your pet's regular veterinary and grooming appointments and ask about any nutrition or exercise changes if your pet is entering a new life stage. It's always a good time to set goals for a new training regimen, regardless of your pet's age.

• **Celebrate in Style:** No holiday celebration would be complete without gifts and treats. Pets can get in on the fun by snuggling up in holiday pajamas that match their parent's, getting cozy in themed beds such as a snow globe and a dreidel, donning a dapper tree print collar and sporting a festive sweater. Pets can join in baking traditions with a matching oven mitt and dog toy set and an adorable pie-shaped plush dog toy. The dog toy Advent calendar, holiday beverage plush toys and jar of plush pickle toys make great gifts for dogs, while a teaser base with assorted festive attachments, a cat treat Advent calendar and a six-foot cat scratch house are sure to be a hit with cats. For Hanukkah, Petco has a cute "Chewish" plush bone dog toy, dreidel cat teaser, blue fair isle cozy coat and more.

• **Save on New Pet Essentials:** Petco's new "Welcome to the Family" program features free in-store booklets providing new dog and cat parents with practical guidance and shopping checklists for pet parents created by Petco's expert veterinary, training and grooming teams, plus exclusive discounts on pet services and essentials from top brands.

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For more tips, guides and gifting inspiration to help you and your pet celebrate the holidays and have a happy and healthy new year, visit a Petco pet care center or [petco.com](https://petco.com).

• *Darris Cooper is the National Dog Training Manager at Petco. He has worked in the industries of animal training and behavior, pet lifestyle and broadcast journalism, and has been a professional dog trainer for 15 years.*



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# Diana Stuart: November 4, 1950 – November 6, 2024

## In Memoriam

The following eulogy (written by Ira Kluger) was delivered by Rabbi Gregg Ackerman, the officiant at the funeral of Diana Stuart, at the Gate of Heaven Mausoleum in Canarsie Cemetery, on Tuesday, December 3, 2024.

Diana Stuart was born to Stanley Szychowski and Theresa Brodzinski on November 4, 1950. Sadly, she passed away only two days after her 74th birthday.

Following her graduation from high school, she moved from Queens to Manhattan, where she worked by day and attended college at night, earning a degree in political science. She then began a successful career as an advertising executive, handling extremely complex accounts for numerous international hotels. She was extremely industrious, often holding three jobs at the same time.

She later became a prolific photographer and literally photographed every neighborhood of New York City. She authored two published books containing the photos that she took, covering 200 years of previously undocumented New York City history. She was recognized as an expert in cast iron and decorative wrought iron architecture and was featured in *The New York Times* and many other prestigious publications.

As a preservationist and civic activist, Diana participated in a successful action to thwart the Related Company's attempt to construct Riverwalk, a massive development on the East River. Through her efforts, in lieu of Riverwalk, the Stuyvesant Cove Park was created on the site.

Diana was an ardent historic preservationist and always had a very special place in her heart for animals. She was a member of the Stuyvesant Seniors group, was extremely proud to be a life member of the prestigious Society of Old Brooklynites and was an active participant in many other historical societies and organizations. She was a world traveler, and in her spare time, she enjoyed nature, reading, films, visiting museums, attending lectures, concerts and other cultural events. Despite many health challenges, Diana made every effort to remain engaged in life and as active as possible.

She is survived by her loving partner of 19 years, Ira Kluger, who is thankful for the many wonderful times that they shared and will miss her greatly, and by numerous friends.

Contributions in her memory may be made to Village Preservation or to Greenpeace.

The staff at the *Canarsie Courier* would like to express their deepest sympathy on the recent loss of Diana Stuart, who passed away on November 6, 2024. Diana was the longtime companion of Ira Kluger, president of the Canarsie Historical Society. As Ira has a long history with our publication, providing countless historical articles and information on Canarsie's history, we got to know – and grow fond of – Diana over the years. Ira, we are so sorry for your loss. May Diana rest in peace.

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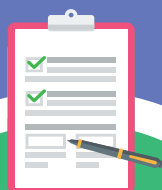
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East New York

# Community Comes Together for "Let's Give Thanks" Holiday Dinner

By Bristol Hendrix

As the holiday season approaches, the East New York community gathered for more than just a meal at the Penn-Wortman Community Center, at 895 Pennsylvania Avenue, on Saturday, November 23rd. They came together for connection, gratitude and hope at the First Annual "Let's Give Thanks" Holiday Dinner, hosted by Life Equip Group (LEG) in partnership with Councilman Chris Banks and local businesses.

The event wasn't just about food; it was about the power of giving and the strength of community, especially during a time of year that carries profound significance.

The holidays are often seen as a time for reflec-



tion and gratitude, and this event embraced that spirit wholeheartedly. "Thanksgiving isn't just about food. It's about being thankful for life, health and strength," said Alisa Abernathy, CEO and founder of LEG. For Abernathy, organizing this event was deeply personal. "I've wanted to do this for a long time. It's been in my heart, but the timing wasn't right until now."

This year, Abernathy's vision came to life through LEG Cares, the charitable arm of Life Equip Group. She reached out to key partners, including Banks and Johan Compere of The Xperience BK, who prepared the hot meals. "I called them and said, 'This is something I want to do,' and they said, 'Let's get it done.'"

In just three weeks, Abernathy and her partners pulled together a large-scale community celebration featuring live music, a social media influencer host and a beautifully decorated venue—thanks to the generous contributions of local businesses. Sponsors such as DJ Base Da Don, Callie J.undading Events, The Good Balloons, Fleurescent Boutique by Blondale Designs and The Flyest Balloons donated their services, transforming the event into a festive, welcoming space.

Banks, who represents the 42nd Council District, was a crucial partner in the event. In his first year in office, Banks has made addressing food insecurity a top priority. "Food insecurity is a major issue in this district," he explained. "This event wasn't just about giving people a meal. It was about bringing the community together and showing them there are organizations out here supporting them."

Over 200 attendees gathered for the festivities, with a significant number of seniors, who are among the most vulnerable to food insecurity. "We served hot meals, gave out 50 turkeys, 30 hams and 20 chickens," Banks noted. "It was heartwarming to see some people who had already received turkeys elsewhere let others in need take them. That's the spirit of community."

The intergenerational nature of the event was a standout feature, with young people, middle-aged adults and seniors all coming together. "Coming out of COVID, we realized how important it is to bring people back into the streets and into community spaces," said Banks. "Events like this remind everyone that we're stronger together."

For Abernathy, the holiday dinner was about more than just the immediate impact. It reflected her broader mission to empower young people through LEG, which she founded in 2018. "I was a teen mom, a high

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school dropout, and I experienced homelessness,” she shared. “I created LEG to be a safe space for youth and young adults, to show them that no matter what challenges come their way, success is possible.”

One of LEG’s signature initiatives is the Brown Girls Learn Scholarship Fund, designed to help teen mothers return to education. Abernathy proudly shared the story of a recent scholarship recipient who overcame significant challenges to graduate at the top of her nursing class. “She moved into a new apartment with her children, and she’s thriving as a nurse and a music artist. It’s stories like hers that show why this work matters.”

Banks echoed Abernathy’s sentiments, highlighting how events like the holiday dinner fit into his broader efforts to support the district. This year alone, Banks’ office has secured significant funding for local schools, community centers and food pantries. “We’ve delivered over \$12 million in capital projects, including new libraries and tech carts for schools. We’re also opening school pantries to combat food insecurity at a local level,” Banks said.

He also emphasized the importance of investing in public housing, noting a major victory in securing \$6.8 million for security enhancements in senior NYCHA buildings. “This event is part of a larger effort to improve the quality of life for our residents, from food security to education and safety,” he said.

As the Let’s Give Thanks dinner came to a close, both Abernathy and Banks expressed hope for the future. “This was our first annual event, and it’s just the beginning,” said Abernathy. “We’re here to uplift and empower, one family at a time.”

Banks agreed, adding, “This is what community looks like—people coming together to support each other. And we’ll keep building on this foundation.”

The Let’s Give Thanks Holiday Dinner was a testament to what can be accomplished when a community unites with a shared purpose: to uplift, support and give thanks. As the holiday season continues, East New York stands as a shining example of the power of gratitude and giving.

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While Emergency Snow Shovelers remove snow and ice from public, pedestrian areas, the Department reminds all residents, businesses and property owners that they are responsible for keeping their sidewalks clear and accessible. More information at [nyc.gov/snow](http://nyc.gov/snow).

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It's been a long year of fighting this terrible attempt to fix the national immigration problem with the limited resources of our local community — a year that included trips to Washington, D.C. to testify at Congressional hearings, letter writing

and rallying our community to protest.

While many will now take credit for this outcome, even if they were never there, it is my hope that, going forward, all will truly work together to preserve and protect the wonderful community we call home in Southern Brooklyn. Today's victory is a small win for New Yorkers, but we must continue to monitor wasteful spending, which takes resources away from our taxpaying citizens. I would particularly like to thank the following, who were indeed on the front lines of our fight:

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### Bergen Beach

## Church Ushers in the Christmas Season

By Angela G. Nannetti

Members of the Bergen Beach community gathered in front of St. Bernard Church, located at 2055 East 69th Street, after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, December 7th, for the lighting of the Parish Christmas display.

The display included not one, but a whole slew of Christmas trees, rows of trumpeting angels and their magnificent crèche, blessed by Pastor, Father John Maduri.

With cookies, hot cocoa and bags of hot Italian zeppole in hand, families waited in line for photos with Santa Claus, who arrived in style, atop a vintage fire truck, with lights and sirens blaring.

There was an SUV decked out in what must have been thousands of tiny string lights, a live DJ playing all the classic holiday songs and a general feeling of good cheer all around as the neighborhood ushered in the most wonderful time of the year.



Hungry parishioners line up for their complimentary zeppole.



Father Maduri blesses the Nativity scene.



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Marine Park

Crafts, Gifts and Games at Annual Santa in the Park

By Amanda Salazar

Kids intently coloring Christmas pictures. Families learning how to fold origami angels out of colorful paper. Santa Claus himself taking photos with children on his holiday throne and giving them gifts.

This was what the inside of the Carmine Carro Community Center, 3000 Fillmore Avenue, looked like at the annual Santa in the Park event, hosted by the Marine Park Alliance (MPA) on Saturday, December 7th.

“It’s just so wonderful that they have this because, otherwise, people who can’t afford it would have to go and not have any Christmas because it’s too much for them to afford it,” Sheepshead Bay attendee Rosemary, who came with her daughter and four grandkids, said. “This is the best thing. It’s been so great; Santa is wonderful and everyone’s so nice.”

Festivities began before attendees even entered the building. Outside, two mounted Parks Department rangers welcomed visitors. The two horses, Dutch and Johnny, donned Santa hats and took photos with excited families.

Once inside, attendees colored Christmas printables, made holiday origami and Christmas cards, and cut out paper snowflakes. They also decorated cardboard headbands with colored foil tape and with an invasive, but pretty, plant that MPA volunteers had cleared from the park during the last volunteer day.

Kids were invited to play the “lollipop game” — children pulled a lollipop out of a tree-shaped stand and if the bottom of the stick was colored black, they’d win a prize in addition to the candy. There were also free snacks for guests to grab on the go.

And, of course, families waited in line to meet Santa for some photos. St. Nick even gave out Christmas elf dolls to children who visited him.

“I think it’s important because it brings people together,” Marine Park resident Emily, who attended with her daughter and J.H.S. 278 Marine Park teacher Laura Scarfogliero, said. “People who don’t get to experience Christmas or holiday stuff, I think it’s good for them to see what it’s like and see how a community like Marine Park puts an event on.”

The event is in its 31st year and is part of the MPA’s Festival of Lights event series to celebrate different multicultural holidays in December.

“It gets [attendees] to know the Marine Park Alliance and what we do,” MPA Founder and Chair Maria Carro-D’Alessandro said. “It’s not just the events, it’s taking care of the park itself.”



A volunteer shows kids what they can make with origami.



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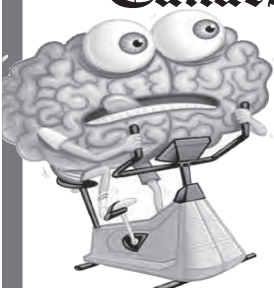
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