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A Call for Justice and Investment in Canarsie

By Jibreel Jalloh

On Friday, January 10th, The Flossy Organization, alongside partners, hosted an anti-gun violence rally at Bildersee Playground in Canarsie. The rally came not as a reactionary measure, but as a proactive stand against the epidemic of violence plaguing our community. It was a call for justice, for resources and for the investments that Canarsie so desperately needs.

The rally location was no coincidence. Bildersee Playground has become a painful symbol of neglect and vulnerability. Just last fall, three teens were shot in that area — a tragedy that underscores the urgent need for safe spaces and positive outlets for our youth. Hours after our rally ended, two shootings happened just a block away, one injuring a 57-year-old woman. If these incidents don't demand immediate action, what will?

Our community faces challenges: the ever-present threat of violence, insufficient programming and a lack of spaces where neighbors can safely gather, learn and grow. These realities are compounded by systemic disinvestment that has left Canarsie without the critical infrastructure that neighboring communities like Brownsville and East Flatbush now enjoy. The recently funded \$160 million Brownsville Recreation Center and the \$141 million Shirley Chisholm Recreation Center in East Flatbush demonstrate the transformative power of such investments.

At the rally, we stood with griev-



ing parents like Amanda Montrose, who lost her 19-year-old son, Christian Josiah Montrose, to gun violence in March 2024. Her words were a poignant reminder of the human cost of inaction: "We will never know what he was going to be. There's so much dreams that is shattered by all these young children dying on the street for no reason."

Our call for investment is not just about reducing violence; it is also about fostering unity and combating hate. Hate and division, often exacerbated by inequities and systemic neglect, deepen the fractures in our community and make violence more likely. A Canarsie Community Center would not only provide resources and programming but would also serve as a space to build bridges, foster understanding and unite residents across generations, ethnicities and backgrounds. Hate cannot thrive in a community where everyone feels valued, supported and safe.

The Flossy has worked tirelessly to secure funding and drive programs that tackle these systemic issues. The \$1.6 million in city funds we helped secure for violence intervention efforts, in partnership with Councilwoman Mercedes

Narcisse and Man Up! Inc., is a step forward. But these efforts alone cannot undo decades of underinvestment. What Canarsie truly needs is a state-of-the-art community center — an anchor for safety, advocacy, recreation and opportunity.

We call on city and state leaders to prioritize Canarsie with the same urgency and equity they've shown to neighboring communities. Our youth deserve better. Our families deserve better. And Canarsie deserves to thrive. If you want to join this fight, send an email to team@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, they have 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.

A Salute to Brooklyn South Spelling Bee Winners

The Spelling Bee Finals for Brooklyn South Districts 17, 18, 22 and 84 were hosted by P.S. 115 The Daniel Mucatel School, at 1500 East 92nd Street, on Thursday, January 9th.

The exciting event offered many opportunities to see District Spellers rise to the occasion and meet challenges. The students were focused, determined and displayed great spirit and serious spelling skills.

Fourteen District Spellers succeeded in advancing to the next round for the Scripps NYC Spelling Bee Finals in March, inclusive of the first, second and third place winners.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Courtesy of P.S. 115

District Spelling Bee Final- Brooklyn South Districts 17, 18, 22 and 84 Thursday, January 9, 2025

Celebrating our Winners



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Districts 17, 18, 22 and 84 salute all of our spellers for their accomplishments and wish our 14 District Winners the best of luck and great spelling in their next steps for the Scripps NYC Finals.



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East Flatbush

Firefighters Battle Heavy Clutter to Tame Two Alarm Fire

By Lloyd Mitchell

Firefighters battled a two alarm fire – and heavy clutter conditions – at 102 East 46th Street, a residence located between Rutland Road and Winthrop Street, on Monday, January 20th.

Members arrived to smoke showing from the two-story, attached private dwelling around 11:15 a.m. They found fire on the second floor and ceiling area of the home.

Over 100 firefighters quickly deployed four hose lines to gain the upper hand on the fire.

Searches were delayed because of heavy clutter on the second floor.



Firefighters Battle First Fire in Bayview Houses for 2025

By Lloyd Mitchell

Firefighters quickly snuffed out an apartment fire in the Bayview Houses on Wednesday, January 15th.

Fire Department personnel arrived to heavy smoke showing from a second-floor apartment at 1570 East 102nd Street around 4:15 p.m. Over 100 members quickly deployed two hose lines to battle the blaze. Searches of the premises were negative but were delayed due to heavy clutter conditions in the apartment, according to FDNY sources.

The fire was placed under control shortly after 5 p.m. The FDNY Fire Marshal's Office will determine the cause and origin of the blaze.



Floyd Bennett Field Migrant Shelter Closes After Community Push

By Robert Pearl

After months of advocacy and heated debate, the migrant shelter at Floyd Bennett Field has officially closed, marking a significant victory for community members who opposed its presence in the national park.

The closure came just days before the inauguration of President Donald Trump, who pledged to shut down such shelters and deport migrants in federal facilities. The Coalition for Better Communities, which spearheaded the fight against the shelter, held a press conference on Wednesday, January 15th, to celebrate this milestone, along with some of the elected officials, community and civic activists involved with the fight.

“This closure is the result of relentless effort by residents and advocates,” said Ron Canterino, chairman of the Coalition. “It wasn’t the mayor or the city council — it was this community, standing together and refusing to back down.”

Concerns about the shelter ranged from public safety and environmental issues to the fairness of housing migrants in a flood-prone national park.

Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, a vocal opponent, stated, “We fought through the floods, freezing temperatures and empty promises. Today, our voices have been heard.”

Mayor Eric Adams, who recently visited Floyd Bennett Field, claimed credit for the closure, stating in December 2024. “Thanks to our smart management strategies, we’ve turned the corner.” However, critics dismissed his claims as political posturing.

“This is not about city management; it’s about the federal government and the people who stood their ground,” said Assemblyman Michael Novak-hov, who also vowed to continue fighting against unsuitable migrant shelters in his district.

With the tents now dismantled, the focus turns to restoring Floyd Bennett Field to its original purpose as a public recreational space. The community is demanding accountability for the funds spent and promised upgrades to the park.

“This is a victory for everyone who fought for what’s right,” Canterino said. “But we’ll keep pushing to protect our parks and neighborhoods.”



Ron Canterino, chairman of Coalition for Better Communities and New Yorkers First, addresses the closure of the migrant shelter at Floyd Bennett Field.



The last remnant of the tents coming down at Floyd Bennett Field.

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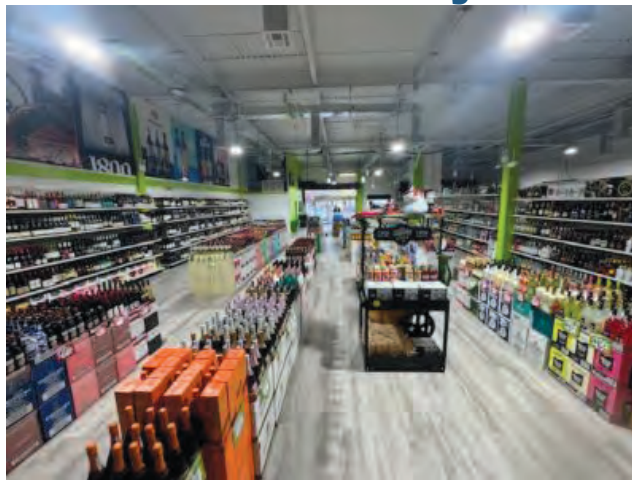
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Flatlands

Utica Liquor Warehouse: A Toast to Brooklyn's Newest Neighborhood Spirit



By Robert Pearl

Let's welcome Utica Liquor Warehouse (ULW) to the neighborhood, where they are raising glasses and expectations as it opens its doors to the community. Located at 2134 Utica Avenue, this state-of-the-art, full-service liquor and wine store has already become a go-to destination for spirits enthusiasts, party planners and casual buyers alike.

ULW is more than just a liquor store – it's a promise of quality, affordability and convenience. With a bright, clean and modern interior, the store offers a welcoming and warm atmosphere paired with unbeatable warehouse prices on a wide selection of wine and spirits.

Unmatched Selection and Prices

Whether you're a wine connoisseur, a cocktail enthusiast or someone looking for the perfect bottle for a gathering, ULW has something for everyone. Highlights include a multicultural selection of domestic and international wines, a large kosher assortment and hard-to-find items like Lemonade Stand light wine. The store boasts dry, semi-sweet Georgian wines, sweet delicious indulgences like Espresso Martinis and other crowd-pleasing favorites, as well as a plentiful assortment of vodkas. Popular brands like Yellow Tail, Tito's Handmade Vodka and Grey Goose are available at some of the lowest prices in New York.

For instance:

- **Yellow Tail Wine (1.5L):** \$10.99
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- **Grey Goose Vodka (1.75L):** \$39.99
- **Hennessy Cognac (1.75L):** \$64.99

Community Convenience

One of the standout features of ULW is its customer-friendly design. Ample parking located right next to the entrance makes visits stress-free, a rare commodity in Brooklyn. Customers rave about the helpful, knowledgeable staff, who go above and beyond to ensure everyone finds the perfect selection for any occasion.

"Very low prices and great selection. Wow! Parking next to the doors. Very convenient and clean store! Highly recommend," one satisfied customer said.

The spacious, well-organized layout allows shoppers to easily navigate the store's impressive inventory, which spans from household names to unique finds.

A Welcome Addition

After just two months in business, ULW has already cemented itself as a great neighborhood staple. "It's refreshing to see a new business that truly caters to its community," a local resident said. "The combination of excellent prices, a diverse product range and friendly service is hard to beat."

As Brooklyn's newest liquor and wine haven, Utica Liquor Warehouse embodies a commitment to serving its community. Whether you're planning a celebration, restocking your bar or simply exploring new tastes, ULW ensures that your experience is nothing short of exceptional. Whether it's a bottle of red, or a bottle of white, this store has every kind in sight.

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Sammy's Law in Effect in Canarsie



By Baqir Ahmad and Linda Steinmuller

Canarsie drivers – get ready to lower your speed while driving on certain streets in Canarsie.

A new law called “Sammy’s Law” is in effect on streets which share the same road as NYC schools. The law implements reduced speed limits to prevent accidents within school zones and increase safety for both pedestrians and motorists.

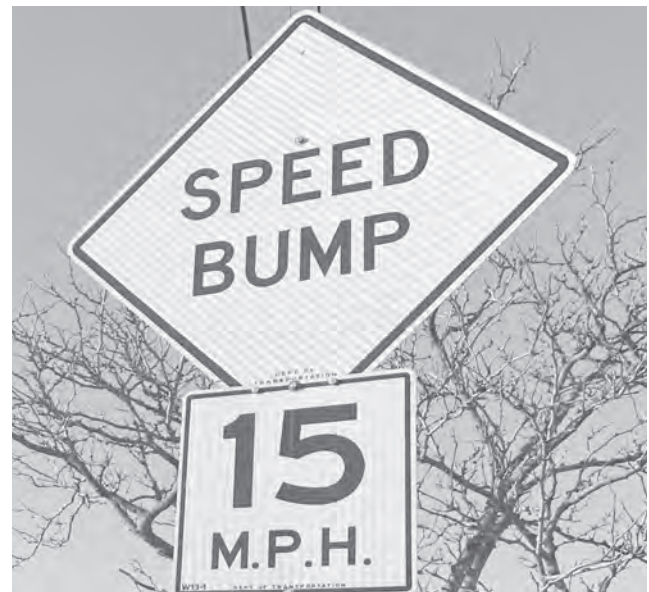
New speed limit signs, indicating the new speed limit is 15 mph, have been installed on East 96th Street, between Foster Avenue and Avenue D, on the same block as P.S./I.S. 66.

Sammy’s Law is named after Sammy Cohen Eckstein, a 12-year-old who was struck and killed by a van driver on Prospect Park West, in Park Slope, in October 2013. Following the enactment of the law, the street was the first corridor to have the speed limit lowered to 20 mph, along a 19-block stretch of roadway, on October 9, 2024.

Sammy’s Law grants NYC the authority to reduce speed limits to 20 mph with proper signage and, on some streets, further reduce speed limits to 10 mph if the road is undergoing safety-related redesigns.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) plans on lowering speed limits in 250 locations by the end of 2025, prioritizing locations such as school zones, Open Streets and Shared Streets across the five boroughs.

Photos by Baqir Ahmad



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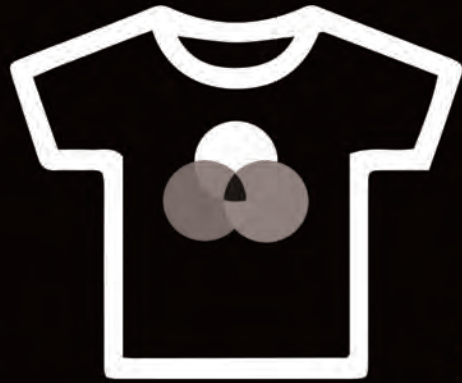
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Marine Park

Urban Park Rangers Teach Winter Survival Skills at Salt Marsh



Ranger Olivia Ivatts demonstrates how to tie a butterfly knot.



Ivatts shows a model of a shelter.

By Amanda Salazar

Living in a big city means residents often don't have to deal with hazardous weather and nature conditions, but it still pays to be prepared should a person find themselves in extenuating circumstances.

For this reason, the urban park rangers at the Marine Park Salt Marsh held "Outdoor Skills: Winter Wilderness Survival" in the backyard of the Salt Marsh Nature Center, at 3301 Avenue U, on Saturday, January 18th.

The event was aimed at teaching visitors some basic survival skills if they ever found themselves in a precarious situation. It was open to all, and around 20 participants showed up, including several families with children.

In front of the backdrop of the salt marsh beach under an overcast sky with rain pelting down, Rangers Olivia Ivatts and Brendan Robey led the group in knot tying, shelter making and fire building activities.

"It's really good to build some sense of community," Zachary Beck, who came all the way from Bushwick, said. "And it doesn't hurt to have the skills in case of a crisis."

The two most important things to have while camping or spending time in nature are a first aid kit and a stainless-steel water bottle, according to the rangers.

Additionally, if a person finds themselves having to camp out somewhere but doesn't have a tent with them, the rangers showed attendees how to build a shelter using long bamboo sticks, a tarp, stakes and some strings or cords. Alternatives to those materials are long sticks or tree branches and a coat.

In survival preparedness, it's also helpful to know how to tie different kinds of knots. The rangers taught the audience how to tie the butterfly knot, which is used to tighten and connect things.

The rangers also went over how to properly build a fire, demonstrating this in a metal firepit they pulled under the center's awning to keep it out of the rain.

Large logs should be arranged in a "log cabin" formation like a square at the base of the firepit. Then medium-sized branches and twigs should be scattered across that as kindling. Finally, small twigs, dried leaves and pieces of brush should be tossed on top to be tinder, which will be the first component to light up. Dryer lint can also be used as tinder.

Attendees were taught how to use steel firestarters to create sparks, and the youngest participants delighted in setting fire to the tinder, under close watch from rangers and parents.

Despite the rain, visitors seemed glad they came.

"[We came] just so we can learn some useful skills in case we ever needed them," father Michael Cheung said. "It's fun to participate."



Ranger Brendan Robey helps a kid tie a knot.

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Saturday February 22, 11 am
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Saturday March 15, 9:30 am
MPA Volunteer Day

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District 22: Two Exciting New Middle Schools Coming Soon

By Angela G. Nannetti, M.S. Ed.

Members of Community District Education Council 22 (CEC 22) gathered at the District Office, located at 5619 Flatlands Avenue, for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 14th, as they received exciting news from Superintendent Julia Bove.

Board members were some of the first to learn that District 22 is offering two entirely new programs to middle school students in upcoming school years.

The group learned that the first program, called the "Center for Project-Based Learning in STEM," in partnership with NYU and Midwood High School, will be located at I.S. 240 Andries Hudde JHS (2500 Nostrand Avenue) beginning in September 2025. The superintendent explained that this program, which was developed in collaboration with faculty from NYU, is rooted in cutting-edge research and designed to actively engage students in meaningful, real-world projects that require them to actively explore, solve and create.

The second program, called "The Academy of Innovative Sciences," will be located at P.S./I.S. 206 Joseph F. Lamb (2200 Gravesend Neck Road), beginning in September 2026. Those in attendance learned that through inquiry-based, hands-on learning and experimentation, students who enroll in the program will explore environmental is-

ssues, robotics, biotechnology, artificial intelligence and more. Bove announced that 3rd- and 4th-graders will be able to find both new schools in their middle school handbooks and be able to take tours soon.

Bove also invited families to join a special math workshop she is hosting on Wednesday, January 22nd, from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom (<https://zoom.us/j/94476622336>), during which she will go over major 5th- and 7th-grade math concepts. "Math has not changed since Archimedes," she explained. "It's the same math, but the way we teach it has changed." She discussed how the new methodology is suited to reach a wider range of learners than it did previously. She encouraged families to get their pencils and scrap paper ready and log in together to learn some exciting math strategies developed by some of the District's greatest minds.

The next meeting of CEC 22 will be held at 5619 Flatlands Avenue on Tuesday, February 11th, at 6:30 p.m.



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Holiday Season Events Hosted by the Canarsie Merchants Association



During the 2024 holiday season, the Canarsie Merchants Association (CMA) organized a lineup of engaging events and initiatives designed to support our local merchants and strengthen the sense of community among residents.

Throughout December, we hosted a series of family-friendly activities, including pop-up markets, Canarsie Restaurant Week, Holiday Window Decorating Competition, Holiday Door Decorating Competition and our Third Annual Holiday Concert and Tree Lighting event that drew everyone together to celebrate the season.

As part of our ongoing initiative to encourage the community to shop locally, we organized Canarsie Restaurant Week. This event aimed to promote and support local restaurants by offering special promotions and incentives. During that week, participating restaurants provided discounts on their menus. During the holiday season, people tend to eat out more while spending time with their loved ones. Canarsie has a wide variety of dining options, ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy without having to leave the neighborhood. If anyone had difficulty choosing a restaurant, they had the option to use the CMA Map of Canarsie for suggestions.

In the past, Canarsie residents were able to enjoy holiday lights throughout the corridors. While we work toward adding lights along the corridors, we are exploring other ways to brighten the community. We organized our first Holiday Window Competition for local merchants. This initiative was to encourage more holiday lights during the festive season. We challenged merchants to decorate their storefronts with a primary focus on adding lights. They had two weeks to decorate starting the week of Thanksgiving and then the judges went to the businesses to vote for their favorite. In the end, Trending Cutz won, receiving a check of \$250 and a citation from Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse.

We aimed to involve schools in the holiday activities by hosting a Classroom Door Decorating Competition, challenging elementary, middle and high schools to decorate their classroom doors. It was a fun activity to bring out the creativity in the students. The winner received a pizza party from their selected business of choice along with merchandise from CMA. Mrs. Jones' class at P.S. 276 won with their math door and selected Original Pizza on Avenue L for their pizza party.

This holiday season was a year of many firsts for us, and we plan to continue with these initiatives in the future. We hope everyone continues to support us on our journey.

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Community Remembers Civil Rights Activist Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

By Brenda Cox



Civil rights activist and living legend, 94-year-old Reverend Dr. Herbert Daughtry and wife Karen, flanked by clergy and elected officials, as he remembers Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Two highly esteemed civil rights legends, the late Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Reverend Dr. Herbert Daughtry, were celebrated at an ecumenical service held in their honor, on Sunday, January 19th, at Alliance Tabernacle, 3304 Clarendon Road.

In commemoration of what would have been Dr. King's 96th birthday, elected officials, including U.S. Senator Charles (Chuck) Schumer (who paid tribute in a pre-recorded video message), Lt. Governor Antonio Delgado, Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman, Councilwomen Farah Louis and Rita Joseph, along with community leaders and clergy from across New York, came together for the "Remembering King: Reclaiming His Voice, His Life and Legacy for Justice" event.

Reverend Gilford Monroe, from the NYC Mayor's Office of Faith-based and Community Partnerships, emceed the celebration which was replete with high praises and utterances of thanks and appreciation for the two legends whose unwavering grit, tenacity and perseverance paved the way for countless Americans of color to enjoy the freedoms and "privileges" they now do.

"This special day of remembrance is designed to bring our community together – fostering a sense of community and shared purpose," Monroe told the congregation. "As we reflect on Rev. King's iconic speeches and theology, we'll allow his words to resonate and inspire us. So, today, we want to actually really highlight the idea of 'Reclaiming King's Voice.'"

"The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King was a preacher! He was a Baptist preacher and his theology is why we are here tonight," he reminded everyone. "The idea of non-violence! The idea of pushing against systems and governments!"

"Today, we are also going to honor a living legend, Reverend Herbert Daughtry who is going to be 94 years old," Monroe said, asking everyone to imagine a world with Bob Marley and Dr. King still alive with the Rev. Daughtry

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Karen and Rev. Dr. Herbert Daughtry about to cut the birthday cake prepared for his and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's celebration.

(King's childhood friend and fellow crusader). "I want to tell you, this world would definitely be in a better place."

Monrose praised Daughtry, referring to him as "a 94-year-old living legend, who has stood tall for our community, for his dedication, as he served as a beacon of hope, reminding us that our collective efforts can drive meaningful change." He continued, "So, in these uncertain times, as we navigate the challenges of a new Trump administration, we look back and remember the progress we've made. So tonight, we come together to honor those who have paved the way and the 'dream' together for a future of sustainable progress built on the foundation of past advocacy."

Surrounded by a plethora of devoted supporters and admirers, Daughtry, accompanied by Karen, his wife of over six decades, took the stage. He reminisced reverently of their days with Dr. King and the impetus behind the now iconic "I Have a Dream" speech.

In his tribute, Schumer stated, "MLK Day is about honoring one of the most preeminent thinkers, change agents and leaders ever in our Nation's history. And it's no coincidence that MLK Day is the only holiday on our calendar – the only one, dedicated to a single American."

Schumer noted the other holidays that are shared by mothers, fathers, presidents and veterans, and stressed, "But we only have one holiday for one man and that's because Dr. King was exceptional, singular and unique."

The senator spoke about a time during the 1980's when, as a young congressman, he and others fought to pass legislation to make MLK Day a national holiday. "I remember vividly the bigotry we encountered trying to get it done, but we persisted. We fought back and overcame the opposition and now we are all celebrating MLK Day as a national holiday."

The occasion, which featured other impassioned speeches and tributes from Delgado and the other elected officials present, as well as members of the clergy, was also marked by fervent prayers, soul-stirring musical renditions, praise dancing and African drumming.


Schumer complimented Concerned Clergy of New York, The God Squad, Churches United to Save and Heal, The Mayor's Office of Faith-based and Community Partnerships and the Reverend Dr. Charles Galbreath for organizing the event.



Praise dancers pay tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Rev. Dr. Herbert Daughtry.

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Drummers rapped an African beat in tribute to Rev. Dr. King and Rev. Dr. Daughtry.

Water Main Breaks, Ponding and Flooding – Issues in Community Board 18

By Linda Steinmuller



Members of Community Board 18 at their January 15th meeting.

Water main breaks, improvements to roadways and new Sanitation rules were discussed at the January 15th meeting of Community Board 18 (CB18), held virtually and in person, at 1097 Bergen Avenue.

As a result of the frigid weather we are experiencing this winter, there have been several water main breaks within CB18, according to District Manager Sue Ann Partnow. There were two leaks in water mains on Monday, December 23rd – one on East 105th Street, between Avenue N and Seaview Avenue, and another at 56th Drive, from East 64th Street to East 66th Street. In both cases, DEP repair crews located the breaks, installed clamps and restored water service.

On Thursday, January 9th, there were two more water main breaks, one at East 45th Street and Avenue H, which was fixed the same day. The other break, on Fillmore Avenue and East 33rd Street, caused brown water for homeowners throughout the area, and the repair crew broke a valve which delayed repairs until the next day.

“Remember, this type of weather that we have been having is a major problem, especially to the old piping that we have. It’s going to be causing a lot of problems, and as you see, we already had quite a few main breaks,” Partnow said.

Ponding and flooding is another problem in the Georgetown area, and the DDC held a public hearing at the CB18 office to inform the board about a project that will resolve these issues for residents living in the immediate area of East 72nd Street, from Avenue L to Royce Place. Partnow said the roadway surface will be reconstructed and resurfaced as part of the project, which is estimated to cost approximately \$5,670,000, and will be coordinated with DEP sewer and water main upgrades.

Medians at the intersection of Avenue M and East 72nd Street will be reconstructed to enhance pedestrian safety and calm traffic. Pedestrian ramps within the project area will be upgraded to comply with ADA 2010 standards, and any missing ramps will be installed.

A traffic signal will be installed at Avenue J and East 59th Street as a result of a DOT traffic study.

For those who want to keep their Christmas trees up longer, the Sanitation Department has extended their Christmas tree collection to year round. Residents can place their trees curbside, after removing decorations, ornaments and metal stands, on their composting or recycling day. For those who have artificial trees, the metal base and trunk must be removed before placing them with metal recycling.



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On Tuesday, January 28th, at 11 a.m., a memorial service for Police Officer Cecil Sledge will be held at the 69th Precinct. Sledge was killed while apprehending a suspect on Flatlands Avenue and East 78th Street 45 years ago.

The 69th Precinct will also hold a Sector A meeting at Holy Family Church on Thursday, January 30th.

Partnow said that homeowners in the 63rd Precinct (including Mill Basin, Bergen Beach and Flatlands) are reserving parking spots by placing cones and barrels in front of their homes. "This is illegal and once on city property, they can and they will be removed by police or by Sanitation," she said.

Paul Curiale, chair of the SLA and Cannabis Committee, informed attendees that five locations for legal cannabis dispensaries within CB18 have been approved. Two have opened – Fireleaf, LLC, at 2102 Ralph Avenue, and Nycecity Corp, DBA Society House, at 2441 Flatbush Avenue. Both establishments were approved by the board in April 2024.

Curiale said Fireleaf opened on November 23, 2024, and Society House had their soft opening 10 days before the CB18 meeting. The other three dispensaries have not opened yet, and there are no new approvals this month.

The board voted unanimously to approve renewal applications for alcoholic beverage licenses for three local businesses: JJ Mariners Inn, at 3510 Avenue S, the Floridian Plaza Diner, at 2301 Flatbush Avenue, and the Midget Squadron Yacht Club, at Seaview Avenue and Paerdegat Avenue North.

Owners and managers from all three businesses were present at the meeting, and Curiale said the 69th and/or 63rd Precincts did not have any issues with the community-minded establishments.

If you would like to make a difference in your community, you can apply to be a community board member by visiting the borough president's website and filling out an application. The application deadline is February 14th.

The next meeting of CB18 will take place on Wednesday, February 19th, at 7 p.m.



SLA and Cannabis Committee Chairperson Paul Curiale gives an update on two new dispensaries in the area.



Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Randy Peers, special guest at the January 15th meeting of Community Board 18.

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P.S. 115 Heats Things up With Lively Dance Performances

By Brenda Cox

The frigid temperatures that blanketed the community on Thursday, January 16th, were not sufficient to deter parents from attending their children's dance performance, held in the auditorium of P.S. 115 The Daniel Mucatel School, located at 1500 East 92nd Street.

Decked out in colorful, glittery costumes, the 2nd- and 3rd-graders performed a number of dance routines under the guidance of their teacher and dance instructor, Alyssa Infranco. The opening act was a tap dance in which the group emulated some steps made famous by the legendary duo, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

The students performed other equally riveting routines such as Latin bachata,

swing dance, hip hop and an African dance which was described as a "celebration of history, unity and joy" by one of the young dancers who read from a prepared script.

Another student read an explanation of their dancing experience: "Learning to dance was not just about mastering the steps but also embracing the rhythm and connection that dance brings. Throughout dance this year, we learned basic steps as well as more challenging ones. We learned to work with a partner to improve our coordination as well as our confidence."

"They learned the importance of performance prep, costuming, rehearsal, so it's teaching them more about professional dancing," Infranco added.



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Smooth Sailing at Midget Squadron Installation Ceremony

By Linda Steinmuller

The Midget Squadron Yacht Club sure knows how to throw a party. They've had a lot of practice since the Canarsie boat club has been in existence for 125 years!

On Saturday, January 18th, the Midget Squadron held its Annual Installation of Officers. Club Chaplain Bernie Jacobs opened the evening with a prayer for a safe and enjoyable year, filled with camaraderie.

Assemblywoman Jaime Williams did the honors, conducting the swearing-in ceremony and reinstalling the existing officers for 2025.

One new board member, Dr. Judy Newton, was also sworn in. Newton spends a lot of time at the club and is one of the Garden Committee members responsible for the lovely, manicured grounds at the Midget Squadron.

The ceremony was followed by a scrumptious dinner and dessert, held in the party room, which was beautifully decorated with a Winter Wonderland theme. A band provided music while members danced the night away.

Commodore Howie Rubinfeld has been at the helm since 2017, keeping the waters calm and the club running smoothly.

The Midget Squadron Yacht Club is located at the foot of Seaview Avenue and Paerdegat Avenue North. Anchors away!



Annual Installation of Officers at the Midget Squadron Yacht Club on January 18th.



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