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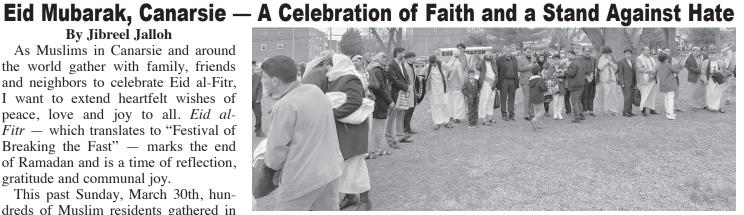
By Jibreel Jalloh

As Muslims in Canarsie and around the world gather with family, friends and neighbors to celebrate Eid al-Fitr, I want to extend heartfelt wishes of peace, love and joy to all. Eid al-*Fitr* — which translates to "Festival of Breaking the Fast" - marks the end of Ramadan and is a time of reflection, gratitude and communal joy.

This past Sunday, March 30th, hundreds of Muslim residents gathered in Canarsie Park for a beautiful 8 a.m. prayer service. Families dressed in festive attire — a true display of the vibrant faith and culture that enrich our neighborhood. It was a moment of joy, reverence and community pride.

Here in Canarsie, we are blessed with a rich, diverse community. We worship in different ways, speak many languages and come from all walks of life. But we are bound together by a shared belief in dignity, justice and the power





of community. Eid reminds us not only to give thanks but to give back - to look after our neighbors and to stand up for what's right.

This year, as we celebrate, we must also reckon with the ongoing violence and bigotry that continue to threaten that vision. Just last week, a 16-year-old black student, Dakari White, was brutally attacked inside a Brooklyn subway station on his way to school - targeted with racial slurs, physically assaulted and humiliated. His attackers not only beat him but threw a banana at him -acruel act steeped in painful historical connotations.

What happened to Dakari is heartbreaking. Whether it's racism, antisemitism, Islamophobia or any form of discrimination, hate continues to fester in our schools, our streets and institutions. It doesn't just harm individuals — it erodes the trust and safety of entire communities.

We cannot let our celebrations be divorced from our responsibilities. Eid calls us to stand for justice. To speak out. To refuse silence in the face of bigotry. Because when one community is under attack, all of us must respond.

Let this Eid be more than a celebration — let it be a recommitment. To raising our children with love and courage. To protecting one another in public spaces. To building a Canarsie - and a city - where everyone, regardless of faith, race or background, can walk to school, ride the train and live their lives free from fear.

To my Muslim brothers and sisters: Eid Mubarak. May your homes be filled with warmth, prayer and joy. And to all our neighbors, may we continue working together for a Brooklyn that is as safe and welcoming as it is diverse.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENI	COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR - VOL. 105, NO. 14
THURS. APRL 3RD	MON. APRIL 7TH
Disability Inclusion and	Community Education
Allyship Workshop	Council 18 Meeting
P.S. 203	District 18 Office
5101 Avenue M	1106 East 95th Street
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	7 p.m.
SAT. APRIL 5TH	TUES. APRIL 8TH
New York Road Runners:	Mill Basin Civic Association
Open Run	Meeting
Canarsie Park House	Mary Queen of Heaven
Seaview Avenue & East 88th	Church
Street	1304 East 57th Street
9 a.m.	6:30 p.m.
SAT. APRIL 5TH	TUES. APRIL 8TH
Family Fun Day	Community Education
Amersfort Park	Council 22 Meeting
East 38th Street & Avenue J	District 22 Office
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	5619 Flatlands Avenue
RSVP <u>bit.ly/d45familyfunday</u>	7 p.m.
SUN. APRIL 6TH New York Road Runners: Open Run Behind Carmine Carro Community Center 3000 Fillmore Avenue 9 a.m.	WED. APRIL 9TH Community Board 18 Meeting Community Board 18 Office 1097 Bergen Avenue 7 p.m. Meeting week early to avoid holidays.

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East New York Detectives Investigate Double Shooting

By Lloyd Mitchell and Linda Steinmuller A double shooting took place at Belmont and Sheffield Avenues on Saturday, March 29th, and detectives are searching for clues.

Officers from the 75th Precinct responded to a 911 call around 7:10 a.m., where they discovered a 40-year-old male with a gunshot wound to the chest, according to official sources. The victim was taken to Brookdale Hospital in stable condition.

Officers were later informed that a 29-year-old man was taken by EMS to Brookdale Hospital, also with a gunshot wound to the chest. That victim was reported to be in stable condition.

No arrests have been made, but detectives are looking for a man who was wearing a red polo jacket, red shoes and red hat at the time of the shooting. The suspect fled onto Belmont Avenue, traveling westbound.

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.

Photos by Lloyd Mitchell

Stair Collapse Injures Five Firefighters During Two Alarm Fire

By Lloyd Mitchell

Firefighters escaped serious injuries while battling a two alarm fire in a private home at 584 East 84th Street on Friday, March 28th, around 8 p.m.

Engine Company 323 arrived to find fire on the first and second floor of the attached, private dwelling, located between Farragut Road and Foster Avenue.

Firefighters were caught in a stairwell collapse while advancing a hose line and called in a mayday.

Members from the interior and Firefighter Assist Search Team (FAST) were put into operation to free the trapped firefighters. The five injured members were swiftly brought out to awaiting paramedics and taken to a local hospital in stable condition.

Units used four hose lines to knock down the main body of fire, which was placed under control at 9:30 p.m. Fire Marshals will investigate the cause and origin of the blaze.











Car Rams into Storefront on Rockaway Parkway



By Baqir Ahmad

An out-of-control car speeding on Rockaway Parkway ran into a storefront, near Farragut Road, around 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1st.

FDNY firefighters and EMS responded to the scene of the collision and removed the trapped driver, who was taken to an area hospital with minor injuries.

Fortunately, no pedestrians or other motorists were harmed when the vehicle collided into the storefront. The site of the crash is a busy location, with the Canarsie firehouse directly across the street and the "L" train subway station down the block.

The Department of Buildings will assess the damage caused to the impacted building.

Brownsville



By Baqir Ahmad

Firefighters quickly extinguished a fire that broke out inside a truck at the intersection of Blake and Van Sinderen Avenues on Thursday, March 20th.

A search by firefighters and EMS personnel indicated that there were no trapped passengers inside the truck, and there were no injuries as a result of the blaze.

The fire, which broke out around 6 a.m., was brought under control by 6:30 a.m.

The FDNY Fire Marshal's Office will investigate the cause of the blaze.



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District 18 scholars, families, principals and district team members had an amazing evening of science, learning and sharing on February 27th! The fair was hosted by P.S. 276 (1070 East 83rd Street), led by Principal Troman and AP Jones and their staff, who made our event space as fabulous as our students' talents.

We'd like to thank all of our science fair points and teachers who worked diligently with our students to prepare them for not only our school level fairs, but also this wonderful culminating event.

Although every student at the fair was a D18 Science Fair Winner, there were two additional awards announced after the conclusion of the event. Kudos and congratulations to the following students and communities:

People's Choice Award Winners Elementary – P.S./I.S. 66 – Kori Scarboro, "Density: Will it Float or Sink?"





Middle School – P.S./I.S. 66 – Bismah Amin, "Polycystic Ovary Syndrome: The Hormonal and Insulin Connection"

Superintendent's Award Winners

Elementary – P.S. 235 – Joelle Woodley, "I Screen, You Screen for Sunscreen!"

Middle School – I.S. 68 – Andre Frantz Sabourin and Jepthe Pierre Louis, "An Investigation on Which Method is Best for Growing Plants – Soil or Hydroponics"

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Marine Park

MPA Celebrates Women's History Month: 'Who's Inspired You?'

By Brian Moreno

Residents speak of the women who have impacted their lives.

The Marine Park Alliance (MPA) celebrated Women's History Month at the Carmine Carro Community Center, 3000 Fillmore Avenue, on Saturday, March 29th, to honor women who have impacted their lives.

In dedication to the memory of RoseMarie Carro, 4th vice president of the Marine Park Civic Association and wife of the late Carmine Carro, the 13th annual ceremony's theme was "Women Educating and Inspiring Generations," which honored and rewarded women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship and leadership.

Kristy Di Cario began the event with the history of Women's History Month, explaining how German communist Clara Zetkin organized an International



SPECIAL EVENTS OFFICE EVENT SALES MANAGER: YESSENIA PEREZ PHONE:718-368-6106 E-MAIL: YESSENIA.PEREZ@DAVEANDBUSTERS.COM EVENT COORDINATOR: DESSERAY NIEVES PHONE:718-368-6108 EMAIL: DESSERAY.NIEVES@DAVEANDBUSTERS.COM Women's Day on March 19, 1911, known initially as International Working Women's Day, and how it eventually became known as Women's History Month.

Di Cario showed a timeline of how important the 1980s were to Women's History Month. In February 1980, President Carter was the first to issue a presidential proclamation to declare the week of March 8th as National Women's History Week. The following year, Congress passed a law that "authorized and requested the president to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982, as 'Women's History Week' and in 1987, passed Public Law 100-9 that finally designated March as 'Women's History Month.'"

Since 1995, starting with President Clinton, every president has designated March as Women's History Month.

Di Cario also showed how important women are in the educational field, showing statistics that 77% of teachers are women, as well as vital women who were influential teachers such as Maria Montessori, an Italian educator who developed the Montessori method in which children are allowed to learn at their own pace in their own way. Also, Emma Willard, who spurred the establishment of high schools for girls, women's colleges and coeducational universities, including the Troy Female Seminary, in 1821.

The MPA recognized those nominated by the local community and awarded them the Women's History Month Honoree plaque for their inspiring dedication to education, mentorship and leadership. Those who were honored were nominated in some educational capacity and felt that they had inspired and positively impacted their students.

Honorees include Joann Rivezzo, a volunteer member of MPA who was a vital yoga instructor, especially during the pandemic; Bonnie McGuire, an environmental educator and the director of NYC Urban Park Rangers; Yvette Sladky, a Girl Scout troop leader; and Anna Annina and Linda Wilken, retired and current teachers, respectively.

"I love my community, I love these young women, it's a great time to be a woman," said Sladky. "We have empowerment. We don't do this to be recognized; we do it because it's what we're supposed to be doing."

Doreen Garson, a cornerstone of Gerritsen Beach, who made a name for herself in local businesses and for her contribution to emergency management and community relations, such as being the 16th and first female chief of the Gerritsen Beach Fire Department, was the recipient of the MPA RoseMarie Carro Woman of the Year Award.

"I love this event every year. It's just special and gets bigger every year and because it's in honor of my mom [RoseMarie], it's my heart," MPA Chairperson Maria Carro D'Alessandro said. "She was so dedicated to the community and since my father [Carmine Carro] was such a big person in this community, they don't realize that she did as much, and I felt that she needed to be brought out and know what she did, and she did it with love for the community."



Women's History Month honorees: Anna Annina, Bonnie McGuire, Yvette Sladky, Joann Rivezzo, Linda Wilken and Doreen Garson.

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New Tax Credit for Small Businesses Gains Momentum

A first-of-its-kind tax credit to give small businesses in Canarsie some much-needed financial support is gaining momentum in Albany.

Earlier in March, a large bipartisan group of New York State legislators joined business leaders and local news organizations in person at the State Capitol in support of the Lift Our Communities, Advertise Locally (LOCAL) Act, which would establish a new \$10 million tax credit for small businesses advertising in local media outlets. Sponsored by State Senator Monica R. Martinez and Assemblywoman Jennifer Lunsford, the LOCAL Act aims to maximize the reach of small businesses' advertising dollars, while supporting the work of the media outlets New Yorkers rely on every day for critical information.

"Communities are built on connections with neighbors, and the same is true for small businesses. The LOCAL Act supports this relationship by encouraging these community-based businesses to advertise with the media outlets already trusted by the neighbors they are committed to serving," Martinez said at the March 11th event.

The LOCAL Act now has four co-sponsors in the State Senate and seven in the Assembly, several of whom attended the rally. Ahead of the rally, nearly 20 major business groups across New York – including the National Federation of Independent Business, Upstate United and the Queens Chamber of Commerce – <u>sent a letter</u> to Governor Kathy Hochul and state leadership urging them to support the LOCALAct.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our

economy, driving job creation and growth in communities across New York. However, they continue to face significant financial challenges ... This is pragmatic legislation that will help – and be tremendously appreciated by – the thousands of small businesses that make New York the world's preeminent place to start and operate a business," the letter reads.

Championed by the Empire State Local News Coalition, the LOCAL Act also has the staunch support of the coalition's more than 200 local newspapers across the state. More than two-and-a-half U.S. newspapers disappear per week, and here in New York, several counties have only one local news outlet.

"The LOCAL Act is a win-win-win for local businesses, local news and local communities," Zachary Richner, founding member of the Empire State Local News Coalition, said. "These institutions are intricately connected and work together to create the vibrant communities that New Yorkers love."

Under the LOCALAct, a minority-, womanor veteran-owned business, as well as any business with 10 employees or fewer, would be eligible to receive a refundable tax credit of 80% of its first \$5,000 of local advertising for a maximum credit of \$4,000 per year. The program would be capped at \$10 million annually.

"The LOCAL Act is about more than just advertising – it's about investing in the economic health of our local community and investing in the kind of local journalism that we need now more than ever," Lunsford said.

The bill is expected to be voted on later this year.



APRIL IS EARTH MONTH IN MARINE PARK

Apr 6 and Apr 19, 9:30 am **Marine Park Volunteer Days** Come pitch in! Register at marineparkalliance.org/ volunteer

Sun. Apr 6, 12 pm Cherry Tree Heaven

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Mon. Apr 14, 11 am Kids Week: Spring Nature Scavenger Hunt Learn about flora and fauna

with the Urban Park Rangers. Salt Marsh Nature Center

Mon. Apr 14, 3:30 pm Sew It! Workshop A teen event sponsored by the Gerritsen Beach Library. *Carro Center* Sun. Apr 19, 11am Historic New York: Gerritsen Creek The Urban Park Rangers on Gerritsen Creek history. Salt Marsh Nature Center

Sun. Apr 19, 1 pm - 3 pm **Easter Bonnet and Egg Hunt** Hosted by Assemblywoman Jaime Williams. *3000 Fillmore Avenue*

Sun. Apr 27, 2 pm Celebrate Spring through Dance

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NCOs Go Tougher on Auto Theft and Delinquent Vehicles



Neighborhood Coordination Officers Courtney Williams, Melanie Lopez and Carlos Delgado with guests at Sector D Build the Block meeting.

´P A S S O V E R

By Brenda Cox

There were 15 attendees at the 69th Precinct Sector D Build the Block meeting, hosted by Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs) Carlos Delgado, Courtney Williams and Melanie Lopez, at the Hebrew Educational Society (H.E.S.), 9502 Seaview Avenue, on Thursday, March 27th.

Lopez chaired the meeting and reported on crime occurrences for the prior 28 days in Sector D, which encompasses Paerdegat Avenue North to East 94th Street, Avenue L to Seaview Avenue, and Shore Parkway to Rockaway Parkway, including Canarsie Park.

Residents expressed relief that no murders, rapes or burglaries were mentioned in the report but were clearly distressed that grand larceny auto continued to top the list of crimes that plague their community.

Three incidents were reported, but for Sector D resi-

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In each case, all four tires were removed from vehicles -- a 2024 Honda Pilot, 2024 Honda Accord and 2021 Mercedes. Although two males were observed on surveillance footage during one of the larcenies, no arrests have been made.

Since such crimes usually occur during late night into the wee hours of the morning, officers have stepped up patrols during those hours. Still, they urged residents to take as many protective measures as they can to safeguard their vehicles.

They suggested using anti-theft devices such as wheel locks or AirTags but advised placing the Air-Tags in a really hard place to find, since criminals were getting even savvier in locating them. They also reported that some of those devices would be distributed at upcoming 69th Precinct events.

The first of two reported robberies occurred on East 82nd Street and Avenue M. A female victim was punched in the face before the male perpetrator, who was known to her, took her car keys. He hasn't been arrested, as he was not at the location when officers arrived at the scene. However, an arrest was made in the second incident after a male perp attempted to remove an officer's gun from her holster.

Lopez also announced there was one felony assault. The incident occurred on East 95th Street and Skidmore Avenue. Four unknown males discharged a firearm at two male victims who did not sustain injuries. Ballistics were recovered, but not the firearm, and no arrests were made.

Residents vented about blocked fire hydrants, homeowners using orange cones in front of their driveways and also illegal dumping especially on streets where there were no homes. Delgado promised to look into their complaints but urged them to contact 311 as well – preferably using their App.

Jennifer Viechweg-Horsford, representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud's office, reminded everyone to provide the ticket numbers from the 311 complaints so their office could follow up appropriately. She also distributed resource materials and spoke about upcoming SD19 events such as the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 12th in Canarsie Park and a Job Fair to be held on April 4th at the H.E.S. in collaboration with the 69th Precinct Community Council, Congressman Hakeem Jeffries and other elected officials.

Shana-Kay Parchment from New York Peace Institute Inc. spoke about the services they render, as did Erica Catalano, from NYC Department of Design and Construction, who informed about planned upgrades to area catch basins, water mains, asphalt and some sidewalks which would also include a bike lane.



Neighborhood Coordination Officers Melanie Lopez and Courtney Williams with Jennifer Viechweg-Horsford.

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Robberies, Including Car Service Drivers, on the Rise in the 69th Precinct

By Linda Steinmuller Captain Sashanna Wynter, executive officer of the 69th Precinct, started the March 25th meeting of the 69th Precinct Community Council with some great news - she announced that Commanding Officer Captain Dion Hinds, who was not present, was being promoted to Deputy Inspector on March 28th. The monthly meeting was held at the Hebrew Educational Society (H.E.S.), at 9502 Seaview Avenue.

Over the past month, Wynter said that Crime Prevention and Community Affairs Officers, and NCOs, have been holding older adult safety awareness events, which have had great turnouts. Another one is planned for April 11th at the Golden Age of Brooklyn, at 9305 Avenue L.

Other upcoming events include the Citizens Police Academy graduation on April 23rd, with 10 people graduating. There will also be a cops and kids storytime at the precinct on April 26th.

The executive officer gave an update on crime statistics for the most recent 28-day period. Felony assaults and burglaries are only slightly up, but robberies have increased by over 50%. The increase is partly due to three robberies of car service drivers, one resulting in a shooting on Flatlands Avenue and East 101st Street on March 24th (see "Taxi Driver Shot on Flatlands Avenue, \$5,000 Award Offered," Canarsie Courier, March 27, 2025). Wynter said that they have identified a person of interest and are certain that that individual will be brought to justice very soon.

There has also been an increase in tire and rim theft, specifically on Honda Accords, Honda Pilots and Toyota Highlanders. Many of the thefts occurred near the Breukelen and Bayview Houses.

However, thanks to a deployment of officers, who are canvassing the areas where the crimes occurred, and obtaining video from home and business surveillance, there has been a steady decline of tire and rim theft, especially over the past two weeks.

To address grand larceny auto, the precinct will be partnering with State Senator Roxanne Persaud at a tax event she is holding on April 5th. Wynter said they will be giving out anti-theft devices, including AirTags (iPhones only), wheel lock clubs and key sleeves (a device to put electronic keys in), on a first come, first served basis. One caveat is that your car must be registered in the Canarsie area.

Anti-theft devices will be available for these high theft vehicles only:

• Infiniti Q50s (2014-2021 models)

• Dodge Chargers, Challengers and Durangos (2016-2020 models)

• Honda Accords (2019-2020 models)

• Acuras (2023-2024 models)

Wynter presented February Cop of the Month awards to Police Officers Yuri Enorme and Gregory Rodriguez for their quick response to a domestic violence assault.

On February 10th, around 2:30 p.m., both officers responded to the assault in progress, where a woman told them she was slashed and punched multiple times and that there might be a firearm in the home.

Field intelligence agents arrived at the location with search warrants, and a loaded firearm was recovered. The suspect was arrested and charged with possession of a loaded firearm.

Since this was a domestic violence situation, Wynter said it was of the utmost importance that a firearm be removed from the home.

There will be a job fair in conjunction with Congressman Hakeem Jeffries and elected officials. on Friday, April 4th, at the H.E.S. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Council President Gardy Brazela said there were over 2,000 applicants last year, and they are hoping for more this year. Over 55 vendors will be present, and there will be assistance for those 55 years and older seeing employment.

Wynter introduced Detectives Jones and Gouldbourne from the Community Affairs Division at One Police Plaza. Jones said a few words and explained that she is the Community Council liaison between all of the 87 precincts and PSAs in the city.

The Community Council's 9th Annual Gala/Fundraiser will be held on Thursday, May 1st, at Liberty Hall Cathedral of Praise. Brazela said that the purpose is to raise funds for the Community Council, as they do not receive funds from the city.

Last year's fundraising efforts provided a bicycle for the Auxiliary Unit, as well as Thanksgiving dinner for the community and a Christmas party. The council also bought close to \$4,000 worth of toys to distribute to youth in the community. "We can't do it without your support," Brazela said.

The next meeting of the 69th Precinct Community Council will take place on Tuesday, April 29th, at 8 p.m. at the H.E.S.



Officers Yuri Enorme and Gregory Rodriguez (holding Cop of the Month awards) with Captain Sashanna Wynter, members of the 69th Precinct Community Council, clergy and elected officials.

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East New York Vandalia Older Adult Center Celebrates Women's History Month

By Baqir Ahmad

On Monday, March 24th, the Vandalia Older Adult Center, at 47 Vandalia Avenue, hosted the "Vandalia's Tea Party and Remarkable Women History Celebration."

The amazing ladies of Vandalia were asked to bring their own teacups and dress to impress - which they did!

The two-hour long celebration had food, music, karaoke and lots of dancing. There were welcoming remarks from elected officials, tributes, speeches, songs and poems - all in honor of amazing,

strong, brave and wonderful women.

"It's a great event to celebrate Women's Day and make them feel honored and respected," Helene Boyd told the Canarsie Courier.

The program was funded by the NYC Department for the Aging and sponsored by Millennium Development. The Vandalia Older Adult Center is one of nine Millennium Development older adult centers. To learn more about Millennium programs for seniors, and to find a center near you, visit their website at milldev.org/active-adult-centers.



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Flatlands Civic Hashes out "Big" Building Plans for Small Vacant Space

By Dara Mormile With developers scouting out empty lots all over quaint southeast Brooklyn communities to potentially construct their next out-of-character monstrosity, many civic leaders are scrambling to stop projects in their tracks.

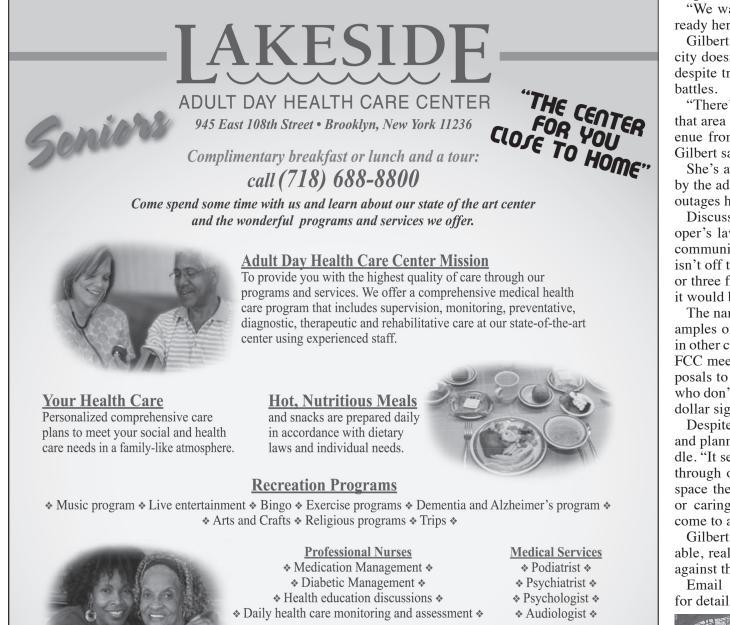
For Flatlands Civic Club, Inc.'s (FCC) President Joan Gilbert, letting members know about a sevenstory building proposal for an empty space at 5502 Flatlands Avenue was a priority at the group's first meeting of the year, held via Zoom on Thursday, March 27th.

A few days prior to FCC's meeting, initial plans for the estimated 10,000 square foot lot were discussed at a Community Board 18 (CB18) Planning and Zoning Committee meeting that included the prospective developer's attorney and the Department of City Planning (DCP).

CB18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow joined the FCC call to inform nearly 20 virtual attendees of the new challenges ahead.

"On Monday, we met with DCP and the attorney for the developer looking to build on the space at 5502 Flatlands. However, the developer actually isn't interested in doing anything residential since he just wants to build retail there," she said. "He wants to do a commercial overlay, which would be fine, but in order to go through the application process, DCP now requires some form of residential space or affordable housing to be included in plans because of City of Yes guidelines. According to the City of Yes standards, CB18 doesn't have enough housing.'

Partnow added that DCP is against one- and twofamily homes since the City of Yes is aiming to bull-



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doze small-scale structures and revise zoning regulations in many low-density communities.

Partnow added, "They think we're too comfortable because we want to keep it like it is, and the city wants more housing -- so this space may go six stories above the commercial aspect, possibly being taller than Glenwood Houses."

Gilbert reiterated that in order for the developer's plan to be approved, some element of housing has to be included in the plan that would subsequently include a building egregiously taller than what residents deem acceptable.

FCC members agreed that they would be fine with a retail overlay -- but they're against the projected 80 foot-plus height of the new building. Instead, they proposed that keeping the building at 30 feet would be more in line with the character of the Flatlands neighborhood.

"We want them to keep it in scale with what's already here," Gilbert said.

Gilbert and Partnow are both of the opinion that the city doesn't think the neighborhood is dense enough despite traffic issues and car accidents, among other

There's no room for parking and those who live in that area already can't make turns onto Flatlands Avenue from their driveways since it's so congested," Gilbert said.

She's also concerned how utilities will be affected by the additional strain on the electric grid, as power outages have impacted the Flatlands area.

Discussing a possible compromise with the developer's lawyers and DCP -- when they return to the community for feedback in a couple of months -isn't off the table. If the building only goes up to two or three floors and offers some housing, Gilbert said, it would be a reasonable negotiation.

The name of the developer wasn't revealed and examples of businesses built/operated by the company in other communities weren't showcased. Many at the FCC meeting felt blindsided knowing that most proposals to overbuild on local blocks come from those who don't live anywhere near the community and see dollar signs instead of quality of life concerns.

Despite the battle, Partnow hopes the community and planning officials can somehow meet in the middle. "It seems like project developers are just driving through our communities and picking out any open space they see to build something without knowing or caring what residents want, but maybe we can come to an agreement."

Gilbert and her group plan to write a letter with viable, realistic suggestions and also make arguments against the developer's plans.

Email Joan Gilbert at flatlandscivic@gmail.com for details on the next FCC meeting.



Empty lot at 5502 Flatlands Avenue. Photo by Baqir Ahmad

Sheepshead Bay

April 3, 2025

Community Rallies Against Homeless Shelter 'Bait and Switch'

By Robert Pearl

Local residents, civic leaders and elected officials are standing together against the City's plan to convert 2134 Coyle Street into a homeless shelter, a move they say violates the original promise of affordable housing.

The controversy began when the City Council approved the project in 2022 as an affordable housing development. However, recent revelations exposed that the City had quietly repurposed the site for a homeless shelter without community input.

A press conference and rally were held on Tuesday, March 18th, organized by Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse alongside representatives of Councilwoman Inna Vernikov and Assemblyman Kalman Yeger. They were joined by Councilwoman Susan Zhuang, community board representatives, business owners and local activists, all demanding transparency and accountability.

"We will not be left in the dark," Narcisse said. "Our community deserves transparency, safety and a real say in what gets built in our neighborhoods."

Concerns over safety and lack of consultation were a central theme. The shelter's proximity to schools, daycare centers and businesses has raised alarms among residents, who argue that such a facility is not appropriate for the area.

"This was never what the community voted for," a representative from Vernikov's office stated. "At no time was a shelter proposed or presented before the vote."

Longtime activist Curtis Sliwa also joined the rally alongside Ari Kagan, representing State Senator Steve Chan, as well as community organizer Lina Chan and members of New Yorkers First.

The proposed homeless shelter lies between a mixed residential neighborhood, with private homes, co-op buildings and NYCHA housing projects such as Nostrand Houses, along with houses of worship, schools and child daycare facilities nearby, such as A2Z Happyland III on Avenue U and Bambi Academy on Bragg Street.

The opposition is gaining momentum, with growing calls for Mayor Eric Adams and the Department of Social Services to cancel the shelter contract and restore the original housing plan.

The fight was far from over. A Community Board 15 (CB15) meeting on Tuesday, March 25th, at Kingsborough College regarding the Coyle Street shelter was chaotic, drawing almost 1,000 frustrated residents. Homeowners and activists were outraged as the board confirmed they had no power to stop the shelter, which is now permanently designated for homeless services. The announcement sparked heated protests at Kingsborough's front gate, with some individuals nearly facing arrest.

At the meeting, Jim Coughlin, COO of Westhab Inc., the company building and operating the proposed shelter, insisted that the project was non-negotiable, dismissing concerns about affordable housing by declaring that the community "needs this homeless shelter." Many attendees felt abandoned by city leadership, with fears that the shelter would primarily house illegal migrants while taxpayers remained powerless.

The controversy surrounding the 2134 Coyle Street homeless shelter continues to escalate as newly surfaced documents and statements raise questions about transparency in the decision-making process. A letter allegedly from the Department of Social Services (DSS) to Narcisse, dated July 28, 2023, has been circulating on the internet and social media, clearly outlining plans for a 169-family homeless shelter at the site. However, community members argue that they were led to believe affordable housing was being developed instead.

In response, Narcisse has asserted that she was not aware of the shelter's designation until much later in the process. In a recent discussion, she attempted to clarify the timeline of events, arguing that she was not privy to the full details until after the project was already in motion.

However, critics, including political opponents and community activists, point to the letter as evidence that she had knowledge of the shelter well in advance but failed to inform the public. The dispute has fueled frustration among residents who feel deceived and powerless in the face of what they view as a political bait and switch. Narcisse maintains that she too was fooled and stands with the community, pledging to fight with them in solidarity to prevent the homeless shelter from being built.

A petition to stop the shelter is circulating online: Change.org Petition.







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KINGS COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

File No. 2015-2358/A - SURROGATE'S COURT- KINGS COUNTY - CITATION

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD FREE AND INDEPENDENT,

TO: NYS Department of Taxation & Finance; Olga Nikishin, Esq.; Cartiga Consumer Funding, successor in interest of Law Cash Tracy Jean Paul by and through her guardian Erlande Jean Paul Roodson Brutus, whereabout unknown; and Marvens Brutus, whereabout unknown.

To Roodson Brutus and Marven Brutus if living and if dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if they died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Roodson Brutus and Marven Brutus, the decedents herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained.

Being persons interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributes or otherwise of the estate of the MILFORT BRUTUS, deceased, who at the time of death resided at 1323 Sutter Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11208.

A Petition having been duly filed by ERLANDE JEAN PAUL, who is domiciled at 1280 East 84th Street, 2nd Fl., Brooklyn, New York 11236.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on April 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.,

WHY the account of the proceedings of ErlandeJean Paul as administratrix of the estate of MILFORT BRUTUS, deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and

WHY the administratrix should not be empowered to compromise and settle a certain claim for the personal injury matter of the decedent, against defendants Joan Wilkinson, Ayanna Kashad, Carisma Marseille-Macker, ELRAC, Inc., ELRAC, Inc. a/k/a Enterprise Rent-A Car and Enterprise Rent-A-Car a/k/a Enterprise Holdings, Inc. and/or EAN Holdings, LLC, for the sum of \$125,000.00 and to discontinue any claim for conscious pain and suffering, and

WHY the entire recovery of \$125,000.000 should not be allocated to the cause of action for decedent's past pain and suffering, and

WHY the provisions in the limited Letters of Administration issued to the petitioner on December 15, 2015, restraining the compromise or collecting upon the aforesaid claim and cause of action, should not be modified to permit said compromise, and

WHY the filing of a bond should not be dispensed with, and

WHY Empire Fire and Marine Insurance Company and TriState-Consumer Insurance should not pay to Avanzino & Moreno, P.C. and Olga Nikishin, Esq. out of the proceeds of the settlement for the claim of personal injury, the sum of \$3,925.13 as and for legal disbursements, and

WHY the balance of the settlement, to wit the sum of \$121,074.87, should not be distributed as follows: a) Avanzino & Moreno, P.C. - Legal Fee \$20,179.15; b) Olga Nikishin, Esq. - Legal Fee \$20,179.14; c) Cartiga Consumer Funding - Funding; creditor \$22,575.00; d) NYS Dep't of Taxation & Finance \$0; e) Erlande Jean Paul-Petitioner \$54,070.79; f) Tracy Jean Paul - infant daughter \$1,356.93; g) Roodson Brutus - son \$1,356.93; h) Marvens Brutus - son \$1,356.93;

WHY the lien to Cartiga Consumer Funding of \$22,575.00 should not be satisfied, and

WHY the balance of the settlement, to wit the sum of \$58,141.58, should not be distributed pursuant to NYS EPTL § 4-1.1 as follows: \$54,070.79 (\$50,000 + \$4,070.79) to Erlande Jean Paul, widow of the decedent and administratrix of the estate, and \$1,356.93 equally to each of decedent's three surviving issues: Tracy Jean Paul, Roodson Brutus and Marvens Brutus, and

WHY upon payments as hereinbefore mentioned, the said administratrix should not be permitted to execute and deliver general releases and all other necessary papers to said defendants, or the defendants' insurance companies Empire Fire and Marine Insurance Company and TriState-Consumer Insurance, releasing them from all claims arising out of the aforesaid action for past pain and suffering, together with any other papers necessary to effectuate the said compromise.

DATED, ATTESTED AND SEALED February 26, 2025 HON. BERNARD J. GRAHAM, Kings County Surrogate, LISA FRATHIS, Chief Clerk

IVAN HMELEV, ESQ., Attorney for Petitioner, 26 Court Street, Suite 2015, Brooklyn, New York 11242 Telephone No. (718) 802-1616, Fax No. (718) 802-0189

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Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 1369 East 101st Street Brooklyn, NY 11236 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Kings. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs of Irad Andrew Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Carolyn Mazzu Genovesi of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Sixth day of March, 2025 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, in the City of Brooklyn. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below dated January 31, 2007, executed by Irad Andrew (who died on May 24, 2021, a resident of the county of Kings, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$284,500.00. The Mortgage was recorded at CRFN 2007000202639 in the City Register of the City of New York, Kings County on April 19, 2007. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed January 4, 2022 and recorded on January 19, 2022, in the City Register of the City of New York, Kings County at CRFN 2022000027355. 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Gerritsen Beach Fifteenth Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade Was a Grand Celebration



Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse with the Knights of Pythias.



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By Robert Pearl

The streets of Gerritsen Beach were alive with Irish pride as the community came together for the 15th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 29th. The luck of the Irish shone down under bright blue skies, a warm, sunny summer day preview, as residents and visitors lined Gerritsen Avenue to celebrate Irish heritage, enjoy festive performances and honor community members.

The day began with a pre-parade breakfast, hosted by the V.F.W. Post 107 Auxiliary, where participants gathered in anticipation of the celebration. The parade kicked off at Gerritsen and Whitney Avenues, led by Grand Marshal Doug Lubak, who was accompanied by his daughter, Theresa Hermann, and granddaughter, Theresa Grace Hermann.

Marchers from various organizations showcased their Irish spirit. The parade featured the Gerritsen Beach Fire Department ambulance, the NYPD 61st Precinct, the Knights of Pythias and the Gerritsen Beach Marching Band. Adding a touch of whimsy, Classy Little Einsteins Early Education Center participated alongside a lively character caravan from Tamaqua Bar & Marina, featuring Elmo, Luigi from Super Mario Bros., a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle, a leprechaun and other costumed characters.

This year's event was held in memory of the Donovan family relatives who have passed. A special tribute was paid to Doreen Donovan Eriksen, a beloved member of the Donovan family, with a heartfelt sign carried in her memory.

The O'Malley Irish Dance Academy dazzled onlookers with their intricate green outfits, while the Rev. E.J. Matthews Council No. 5989 Ladies Auxiliary, the Ancient Order of Hibernians - John O'Hagan Division 19 and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians marched proudly. Bagpipers from the Queens' Breezy Point Catholic Club Pipes and Drums and the Columbus Council No. 126 Knights of Columbus Pipes and Drums filled the air with traditional Irish tunes.

The All American Soccer Club of Gerritsen Beach also took part in the parade route. Classic cars, motorcycles and sports cars adorned with red, white, and blue stripes added to the spectacle, as green bead necklaces were tossed to the crowd for luck.

Among the notables in attendance were Assemblywoman Jaime Williams who rode along the parade route, waving to spectators, with constituent liaison Donald Cranston on board. Later, Williams



Members of the O' Malley Irish Dance Academy.

spoke to the enthusiastic crowd, thanking the Donovan family for continuing its tradition and all the hard work that goes into organizing the annual parade. "Thank you for all that you do for us, keeping the culture alive and standing up for our community, " Williams said.

Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse also greeted parade-goers at the start of the procession, engaging with service members, participants and attendees, posing for photos.

As the parade concluded at the park, the community gathered for speeches and acknowledgments. Jim Donovan and his team were widely praised for organizing yet another successful event. The grand marshal, along with other speakers, reflected on the parade's history and the importance of preserving Irish traditions in Gerritsen Beach. The National Anthem was performed, adding a patriotic touch to the day's festivities.

Special congratulations to Mary Evans, who was named Gerritsen Beach's Irish Woman of the Year. A longtime auxiliary member, Evans has been a steadfast presence in the community, offering unwavering support behind the scenes. Her recognition was met with resounding applause as attendees celebrated her contributions.

The festivities didn't end with the parade — attendees were invited to continue the celebration at the AOH hall, Baile Na N'Gael, where the spirit of St. Patrick's Day carried on through music, camaraderie and traditional Irish fare.

With sunshine, music and community spirit in full force, the 15th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in Gerritsen Beach was a day to remember, bringing neighbors together in celebration of Irish heritage and local pride. "Erin go bragh."



O'Malley Irish Dance Academy dances down Gerritsen Avenue.



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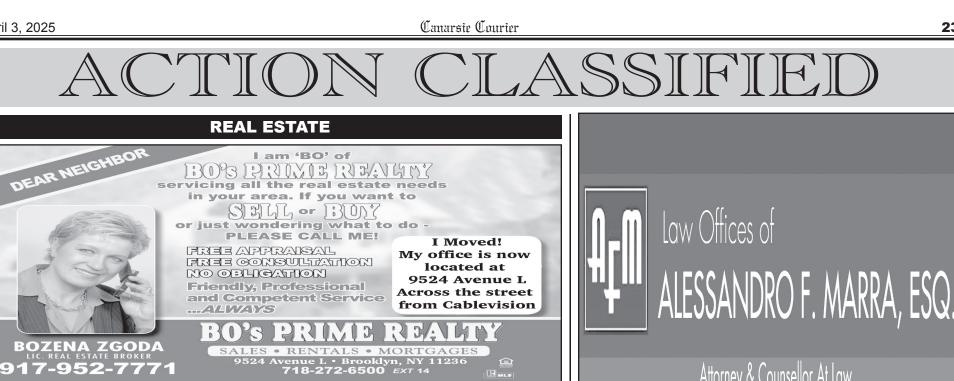


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