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# **By Jibreel Jalloh**

This week, The Flossy welcomes a global group of change agents — the 2024-2025Obama Foundation Scholars from Columbia University — to Canarsie. This cohort of rising leaders, selected from a record number of applicants, embodies the spirit of innovation and community engagement that the Obama Foundation champions.

Launched in 2018 by President Barack Obama, the Obama Scholars Program reflects his belief that investing in emerging leaders around the world is essential to tackling complex challenges. His vision: empower a diverse group of dynamic individuals with the skills, networks and inspiration needed to transform their world.

Based at Columbia World Projects, the Scholars are immersed in a year-long journey of executive coaching, hands-on learning and academic study designed to strengthen their leadership potential. Their time at Columbia University is enriched by visits to institutions like The New York Times, the Obama Foundation Democracy Forum and other civic spaces — and complemented by the deep lessons of community and resilience that Canarsie represents.

Each Scholar brings a bold vision to life: • Adi Alani Tuivucilevu (FIJI) - Former Network Coordinator at Women in Fisheries Network, advocating for the socio-economic empowerment and recognition of women in the sustainable fisheries sector. • Alex Magu (KENYA) - Founder and Executive Director of STEM Impact Center Kenya, empowering underserved communities through equitable STEM education and technology to cultivate 21stcentury skills and drive social impact. Andrés Sáenz Peñas (COLOMBIA)

Co-founder and Executive Director of CIVIX Colombia, committed to bringing democracy into classrooms by enhancing teachers' and students' capacity for active, participatory citizenship. • Chenxi Ouyang (CHINA) - Founder of Bright and Beautiful, focused on supporting the psychological well-being of adolescent girls through embodied arts and rites of passage programs. • Danutcha Catriona Singh (MALAYSIA) - Managing Director of SOLS Foundation, elevating Malaysia's lower income groups through educational training, employment support initiatives and expanded energy access for off-grid Indigenous communities. • Enrica Duncan (BRAZIL) - Director of Mapa do Acolhimento, leveraging collective action and tech-enabled solutions to support survivors of gender-based violence. • Flavio Proietti Pantosti (ITALY) -

Co-Founder of Officine Italia and Reoassunto, building bridges between public and private sectors through policy innovation and youth capacity building in the pursuit of an inclusive and sustainable society.

• Imane Berchane (MOROCCO) Co-Founder of Robots & More and LOOP for Science & Technology, empowering future generations across the African region with accessible STEM and robotics education. • Jacob Idra (UNITED STATES and SOUTH SUDAN) - Executive Director of Republic of South Sudan (ROSS) Leaders, dedicated to cultivating community by creating platforms for young leaders through educational programs and entrepreneurial ventures. • Jibreel Jalloh (CANARSIE) – Founder and Executive Director of The Flossy Organization, closing advocacy gap through intergenerational civics training and grassroots mobilization. • Joséphine Goube (FRANCE) – Founder and CEO of Sistech, working to enhance the rights and autonomy of refugee women through digital skills training and employment



opportunities within the technology sector.

 Stefánia Kapronczay (HUNGARY) – Former Director of Strategy at the Hungarian Civil Liberties Union, committed to fostering a resilient democracy by strengthening narratives on the power of rights and citizen engagement in democratic processes.

This cohort represents a mosaic of solutions, bold leadership and lived experience converging in a singular vision for change. As a Scholar and Canarsie native, I'm proud to welcome these extraordinary leaders into our community - a neighborhood often overlooked in national conversations about innovation and leadership. Yet Canarsie has always been, and continues to be, a place where people rise — through grassroots organizing, food justice work and vibrant youth programs.

This visit is more than symbolic. It's a bridge - connecting global perspectives with the local heart of Brooklyn. And it's an open invitation: if you're a local organizer, aspiring changemaker or someone passionate about building a better world, we want you in the room. This week's column isn't just about who's in the program now - it's about who's next.

Applications typically open in the fall; details are on the Columbia World Projects website. The next Obama Scholar could be reading this right now!

A heartfelt thanks to the brilliant team behind this transformative program: Roya Zahed, Mauli Whitney, Daniella Sarnoff, Stachel Roberts and Yebin Park. And to my cohort - the BEST - thank you for an incredible journey.

# Lithium-Ion Battery Construction and Composting Discussed at Mill Basin Civic

# **By Kari Lleras**

Representatives for Assemblywoman Jaime Williams and Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse expressed concerns about the building of a lithium-ion battery storage facility in Marine Park during the April 8th meeting of the Mill Basin Civic Association (MBCA), held at Mary Queen of Heaven Church, located at 1395 East 56th Street.

Donald Cranston, representing Williams, made it clear that the assemblywoman opposes the building of a battery storage facility on Flatbush Avenue and Quentin Road. He said she is working with coalitions of people fighting the construction. A rally was scheduled for April 10th to protest NineDot Energy's plan to build the lithium facility in a residential neighborhood.

Mill Basin residents are chatting about how much they like composting, but they are running into a few problems (besides the size of the pail). They asked Save Joseph, chief of staff for Narcisse, about the frequency that Sanitation picks up compost (once a week, on the same day as recycling), and they wondered if there was a possibility that it could be picked up twice a week.

While others complained that they didn't have enough compost to fill the pail, many worried about smelly kitchens and bugs. Christina Caputo, MBCA board member, mentioned that she'd tried freezing her compost, but "those who shop at BJ's have no room in our freezers."

"We spoke to Sanitation and their new rules are, they're only going through your trash bins to see if you have composting materials in your trash bin," Joseph stated. "Don't put composting materials in your trash and recycle bins." She also told attendees that she would inquire about a more frequent compost pickup schedule.

The MBCA will be hosting a Student Achievement Award Evening at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14th, at Glen Terrace Caterers, at 5313 Avenue N. The award evening is in honor of Terri-Cadet Donald, and everyone is invited to support the future of the community. The event will be held in lieu of the May meeting.



Donald Cranston, representative for Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, speaking at the April 8th Mill Basin Civic meeting.

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# Brooklyn College Launches State's First Perinatal Mental Health Program Amid Alarming Maternal Health Disparities in Canarsie

By Bristol Hendrix In a significant move to address maternal health disparities, Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso and Brooklyn College President Michelle J. Anderson have announced the launch of New York State's first credit-bearing Advanced Certificate in Perinatal Mental Health (PMH). This year-long program aims to equip healthcare professionals with the skills to support pregnant and postpartum individuals experiencing mental distress, a leading cause of pregnancy-associated deaths in New York City.

Canarsie, along with neighboring Brownsville and East New York, faces a preterm birth rate 1.5 times higher than the Brooklyn average. These neighborhoods also experience some of the highest rates of infant mortality in the borough. Such statistics underscore the urgent need for targeted interventions in these communities.

The PMH program, developed in collaboration with Reynoso's Maternal Health Task Force, integrates 120 in-person clinical hours with a flexible online curriculum. It draws expertise from Brooklyn College's departments of Early Childhood Education, Psychology, and Health and Nutrition Science. The program is designed to be accessible to working professionals, ensuring that more individuals are trained to provide culturally competent care in underserved areas.

This initiative builds upon Reynoso's previous efforts to improve maternal health outcomes. In 2023, he allocated \$45 million in capital funding to Brooklyn's public hospitals for maternal health improvements. Additionally, the "Community Baby Shower Fund" was established to support nonprofits hosting events in neighborhoods with high maternal mortality rates.

With the PMH program set to welcome its first full cohort in fall 2025, there is hope that such educational initiatives will lead to tangible improvements in maternal health outcomes, particularly in high-need areas like Canarsie. By training professionals to recognize and address perinatal mental health issues, the program aims to reduce preventable deaths and support healthier pregnancies and births across Brooklyn.

For more information on the program and how to apply, visit <u>Brooklyn College's official website</u>.

A Community Baby Shower will take place in Canarsie on Sunday, May 4th, from 12 to 3 p.m. at P.S. 276, at 1070 East 83rd Street. To register on Eventbrite, visit https://tr.ee/t5stxu. Expecting and newborn mothers will be showered with newborn and baby essentials. Guest speakers include Doula, WIC, and mental health and nutrition counselors.

Photo Credit: David Rozenblyum

# Flatbush Man Stabbed, Two Females Injured, on Flatbush Avenue

By Baqir Ahmad and Linda Steinmuller A 31-year-old male was stabbed in the back at 1449 Flatbush Avenue, between Farragut Road and East 28th Street, around 12:50 a.m. on Monday, April 7th.

Officers from the 70th Precinct responded to a 911 call of an assault in progress and, upon arrival, found the victim, who also sustained injuries from a glass bottle, according to police.

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

Two females were also taken to Kings County Hospital via private means – a 35-year-old with a slash wound to her buttocks and a 33-year-old with a laceration to her right hand, police said.

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

Anyone with information regarding this incident 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 Baqir Ahmad









# Flatbush Mom and Son Hit by School Bus Before Crashing into Fence



# By Baqir Ahmad and Linda Steinmuller

A school bus crashed into the fence of the Cortelyou Early Childhood Center at the intersection of Farragut Road and Bedford Avenue around 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9th, after hitting an 8-year-old boy and his mother on the sidewalk.

The school bus driver was traveling westbound on Farragut Road, attempting to make a right turn onto Bedford Avenue when he hit the gas, instead of the brakes, police said. The bus jumped the curb, striking the boy and his 43-year-old mother, who was walking her son to school.

The victims were rushed to Maimonides Medical Center with serious injuries; the boy had a broken arm.

The 66-year-old driver, who was not injured, remained at the scene, according to police. There were no students on the bus.

An investigation is ongoing.

Photo by Baqir Ahmad



# **District 22 Hosts Workshop on Allyship and Inclusion**

By Angela G. Nannetti, MS. Ed. Community District Education Council 22 (CEC 22) held a special workshop titled, "Everyone at the Table: Allyship and Inclusion in District 22," on Thursday, April 3rd, at P.S. 203 Floyd Bennett School, located at 5101 Avenue M. The event was also streamed live to the public via Zoom.

The workshop was led by a panel composed of parents, District 75 educators and disability advocates who graciously shared their insights on a wide range of issues pertaining to accessibility and inclusion in schools and beyond. The panel explored many of the challenges students with disabilities and their families face, such as bias, alienation and bullying from their peers. The group agreed on the importance of parents having honest conversations with their children, and many shared some of the strategies that have been successful for them.

A concept that resonated among the panelists was the power of acknowledging that children with special needs are different from their peers. They discussed how special needs children already know and feel that they are different from their peers and that telling them they are not different only leads to feelings of confusion, shame and further stigmatization. Instead, they recommended acknowledging those differences, identifying any challenges and focusing on strengths to empower children to reach their full potential.

Likewise, they explored strategies for talking to children who ostracize their peers if they seem different and the importance of seizing every opportunity to redirect such behavior and nurture the values of kindness, empathy and compassion. A board member shared a moving story from her own childhood that encapsulated the essence of their discussion, relating how she took part in teasing a classmate based on her appearance, until her mother witnessed her behavior and corrected her in a most loving way, having her apologize and spend time with her classmate. She explained how after some time, she and her classmate became very close friends, providing a poignant reminder of the important role parents play in promoting an environment of inclusivity.

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The group also discussed the ways in which special education has changed over the years, mostly for the better. Many recalled having separate classrooms for students with disabilities on a completely separate floor of the school when they were kids. They recognized what a tremendous amount of progress has been made since and applauded the way schools have created opportunities for all students to learn and play together, providing a more realistic real-world experience, to prepare better kids for life after school.

They also emphasized the importance of IEPs (Individualized Education Programs) to ensure students with disabilities receive access to all of the tools and services they need to succeed and how imperative it is that parents of special needs students continue to advocate for their children.



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# **District 22 Learns About UFT Resources**

By Angela G. Nannetti, MS. Ed. Members of Community District Education Council 22 (CEC 22) convened at the District Office, located at 5619 Flatlands Avenue, on Tuesday, April 8th, for their monthly meeting, which was also streamed live to the public via Zoom.

The group invited guest speaker Ian Stuart, United Federation of Teachers (UFT) Brooklyn parent and community liaison, to share a presentation that introduced the organization and some of the resources and support services they offer to students and their families.

One of their most well-known programs, Dial-A-Teacher, which has been in existence for a whopping 45 years, offers students in kindergarten through 12th grade the opportunity to get help with their homework by calling a hotline, run by classroom teachers. Stuart explained that by calling (212) 777-3380, Monday through Thursday, 4 to 7 p.m., when school is in session, kids can get help with English, math, science and social studies homework in Armenian, Bengali, Chinese, English, French, Haitian-Creole, Russian, Spanish

Stuart also discussed a newer program called BRAVE, the acronym for Building Respect, Acceptance and Voice through Education, an

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anti-bullying campaign which provides various resources for students, teachers and parents to confront bullying. The UFT offers school workshops by request, holds an annual anti-bullying conference and has set up a hotline for students who need support: call (917) 727-1908 or text 43961.

Geared toward older students, in middle and high school, Stuart also spoke about recognizing and preventing teen dating violence and offered a number of resources, like the NYC Healthy Relationships Academy's free workshops and the Love is Respect hotline: call: (866) 331-9474 or text: "LOVEIS" to 22522.

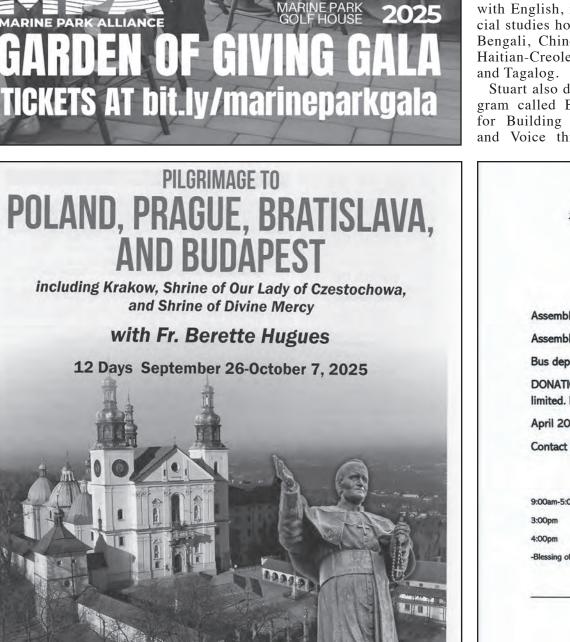
Stuart encouraged families to take advantage of many of UFT's community outreach programs by signing up at https://forms.gle/tVjfLiNsbTPsfBfw6 or by visiting uft.org.

The next meeting of CEC 22 will be held at the District Office, located at 5619 Flatlands Avenue, on Tuesday, May 13th, at 6:30 p.m.



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# MTA Holds Open House to Discuss IBX Project

By Brenda Cox

On Thursday, April 3rd, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) held an Open House at the South Shore Educational Complex, 6565 Flatlands Avenue, regarding the planned Interborough Express (IBX) that would connect communities in Brooklyn and Queens to 17 subway lines, 51 current bus routes and the Long Island Rail Road at the East New York station.

The purpose of the meeting was to keep the community apprised of the project as well as to listen to their concerns and gather feedback. The team's leader, Charlie Gans, gave a presentation of what the process entailed.

The MTA is in the process of retaining an engineering consultant to begin design of the IBX project, which should take about two years. The IBX would be built along an existing rail corridor that runs from Bay Ridge, Brooklyn to Jackson Heights, Queens.

He stated that Governor Kathy Hochul had provided \$52 million for the project and the MTA had secured another \$15 million. Additional funding from the MTA's 2025-2029 Capital Program was also approved by the MTA Board.

Gans said the IBX would address public need and one of the main benefits derived would be faster, more reliable service. He explained that that could shave valuable time off one's commute and gave an example of how as many as 30 minutes could be saved on a commute from Jackson Heights to Brooklyn College.

State Senator Roxanne Persaud told the Canarsie Courier, "The Interborough Express (IBX) will build a transit network that is sustainable and inclusive for everyone by connecting multiple neighborhoods. I encourage the residents of our community to share their feedback during the open house sessions, as their voices are crucial in shaping a system that truly serves our needs."

And many stated their opinions about the "public need" the IBX is expected to address, like Brownsville resident Charles Hanson. "I think what is most lacking on the project is the Rockaway station," he said. "There should be a station at Rockaway Parkway that connects Brookdale Hospital to Canarsie." He mentioned the Remsen Avenue stop, which is in an industrial section, and added, "It affects more people if there was a stop at Rockaway Parkway where people from Canarsie could walk if there's a problem with the 'L' train or the 42 bus."

"One of the best things they could do



Brownsville resident Charles Hanson pointed to stops he believes should be eliminated and others that should be included to make IBX more useful for his community.

is, instead of making a stop at Linden Blvd., which makes no sense, is to put a stop at Livonia Avenue, which connects the 'L' train to the '3' train," Hanson also suggested. In the past, commuters transferring between those two stations had to exit one station and pay another fare to enter the other station. The additional fare has since been eliminated but some very challenging stairs remain. Hanson hoped that that would be corrected with the IBX project.

Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse, who also attended the Open House, explained to the Canarsie Courier that although the IBX would not pass directly through District 46, her constituents may still benefit, due to its proximity. "District 46 remains one of the most neglected areas in the city when it comes to reliable public transportation," she said. "That's why I will continue to push for local improvements. My expectation is that the MTA pairs large-scale projects like the IBX with meaningful investments in transit-starved communities like ours. That includes expanded service, affordable options and shorter commute times for our working families, students and seniors."

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# Festive Easter Displays Pop up all over BK

# By Angela G. Nannetti

There has been no shortage of adorable Easter displays in the area this year, as residents of Mill Basin, Bergen Beach, Gerritsen Beach and Marine Park have been getting creative with their decorations, including some super cute inflatables.

You can find sweet little bunnies peeking out from behind a giant carrot, a massive rainbow arch, tons of festive Easter eggs and a plethora of playful Easter bunnies, popping up all over the place. One Gerritsen Beach resident, however, seemed to be going for a different look altogether, with a life-sized Easter bunny set out on the terrace, looking out onto the street.

With just a few days left before Easter and warmer weather on the horizon, this may be the perfect opportunity to go out and enjoy the decorations while they are still up and on display.



Festive Easter display in Mill Basin.



Easter bunny trio in Marine Park.







Cute carrot inflatable in Bergen Beach.



Rainbow Easter arch in Gerritsen Beach.

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# Gas Piping Inspections Due by Year-End

**By Linda Steinmuller** The Department of Buildings (DOB) made a presentation on Local Law 152, and representatives from a new mental health clinic spoke about their services at the monthly Community Board 18 (CB18) meeting, held on Wednesday, April 9th, at 1097 Bergen Avenue.

Ken Lazar from the DOB provided an update on Local Law 152, which mandates periodic inspections of gas piping systems. He also spoke about the DOB's Homeowner Relief Program.

In CB18, gas piping systems for all buildings, except one- and two-family homes, must be inspected by a licensed master plumber by December 31, 2025 (known as Cycle 2).

In February, the DOB started issuing a "notice of deficiency" for those who did not comply during

Cycle 1 (2022). Lazar said that the notice was not a violation but rather a second chance for residents to have their inspections completed during Cycle 2 - without penalty.

However, he warned that a heavy fine will be issued if you miss Cycle 2. Garages must be inspected too, and if a garage does not utilize gas, a statement must be filed confirming that.

Lazar suggested residents complete their inspections sooner rather than later, as prices could escalate nearer to the December 31st deadline.

For more information, visit nyc.gov/buildings and enter 152 in the search box.

Lazar briefly explained the DOB's Homeowner Relief Program. Owners of one- and two-family homes that have not received prior violations are eligible for the program.

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"It's basically a get out of jail free card. It's a chance for you to correct the situation, with no fines involved. It's something that was done during COVID, and it's still in effect," Lazar said.

For those who are unable to visit the DOB office at 345 Adams Street during regular business hours, the agency is open late (from 4 to 7 p.m.) on the first and third Tuesday of each month. No appointment is needed, and it's free of charge. Residents can ask questions about violations they have received or present a proposed project to a plan examiner.

New Horizon Counseling Center provided a brief presentation on the mental health services it offers to the community. The nonprofit has been in existence since the 1980s and recently opened an office near Kings Plaza, at 2460 Flatbush Avenue

New Horizon offers counseling services, including talk therapy, individual therapy, group therapy, bereavement and anger management, etc.

Susan Appelman, the New York City director of Clinical Services, is a social worker who oversees seven of Horizon's clinics. "Six of them are in Queens, and last year we felt that this community needed mental health services because there wasn't really anything around," she said.

"People are stressed, and this is a very tough time for everybody," she said. "We offer services for ages five and up. We make presentations at all the schools in the area. There's never been a greater need for mental health services."

Horizon accepts most insurance and is open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. They also offer after-hour service if needed.

CB18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow gave her monthly report, once again stressing the importance of attending civic meetings. By now, most people are aware of the controversial plan to build a lithium-ion battery storage site at Flatbush Avenue and Quentin Road, but she was surprised that



Ken Lazar, Department of Buildings, talks about Local Law 152.

many at recent meetings said that they were never notified about the issue.

"You have to be proactive, and the way to find out what's happening is to go to these meetings," Partnow said, informing attendees that the community board sent a letter to Mayor Adams (copied to local elected officials and all city council members) opposing the proposed site.

Proposals for two new buildings, a seven-story building at 5502 Flatlands Avenue and a 10-story building at Ralph Avenue and Glenwood Road, were met with pushback by the Planning and Zoning Committee, Partnow said. Another meeting has been scheduled regarding the issue.

She said she contacted the Department of Transportation (DOT) about a business using Avenue X and East 69th Street as their own parking lot. The DOT is arranging for an inspection of the work site.

The Parks Department, along with the Eagle Scouts, will be doing a much-needed cleanup at Father Kehoe Square, located at Ryder Street and Flatlands Avenue, across from the P.S. 207 Annex.

The Brooklyn DA's office will conduct a presentation on senior scams at the H.E.S., 9502 Seaview Avenue, on Tuesday, May 20th, starting with breakfast at 9 a.m. City agencies, like National Grid and Con Edison, will be present to help with any issues.

Community Affairs Officer Thomas Podd, 63rd Precinct, spoke about a grand larceny of a vehicle that took place on Avenue U and East 66th Street, while a person was trying to sell their vehicle through Facebook Marketplace. He suggested that FB Marketplace sales should be conducted at any local precinct, where a police officer is always present.

He also advised that the next 63rd Precinct Community Council meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 30th, at Purpose Life Church, 1895 Flatbush Avenue (one week later than usual).

The next meeting of CB18 will take place on Wednesday, May 21st, at 7 p.m. at 1097 Bergen Avenue.

Representatives from New Horizon Counseling Center talk about services they offer at a new clinic on Flatbush Avenue.

# **Obituary**

Joseph (Joe) Peter Baglio, Ph.D., 85, of Atlanta, GA, passed away peacefully at his home on March 31, 2025. Joe was born on December 4, 1939, in Brooklyn, NY to Mary and Anthony Baglio, Sr.

Dr. Baglio received his bachelor's degree from Queens College, CUNY; masters from the University of Connecticut and doctorate in Counseling and Personnel Services from Kent State University. Joe lived in Atlanta since 1998 and taught public speaking at Georgia State and Oglethorpe Universities. His students always gave him glowing reviews!

Joe is survived by brothers Peter (Maureen), North Bellmore, NY; and Anthony (Linda), Brooklyn, NY; Nephews Paul (Karen), Merrick, NY; Joseph (Angela), Holmdel, NJ; Anthony (Mary), Brooklyn, NY; Michael (Kristin), Merrick, NY; Great nieces and nephews Anthony, Mara, Kayla, Celeste, Joseph, Jake, Thomas and Brendan. Joe's partner of over 30 years, John A. Wilke, predeceased Joe in 1999.

Joe was an avid reader, movie and theater fan, and impeccable dresser. His kindness, humor and generosity will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Mass in New York and "Celebration of Life" in Atlanta to be scheduled.



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# Bergen Beach

# St. Bernard Church Hosts Family Easter Egg Hunt By Angela G. Nannetti ioners of all ages.

**By Angela G. Nannetti** The children of St. Bernard Church (located at 2055 East 69th Street) were in for a treat on Palm Sunday, April 13th, as the Easter Bunny greeted them at the end of the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

The cottontailed critter led them into the church garden for a festive Easter egg hunt, followed by Father John Maduri and Father Mike Tedone, who have been preparing the Parish community for Holy Week throughout the Lenten season.

Volunteers had been busy making all the preparations beforehand, filling and scattering hundreds of pastel-colored eggs across the lawn, setting up game and raffle tables, a DJ booth, a balloon station and even a coffee and cookie table that served hungry parishThere was unbridled joy, as the children poured through the gates and into the grass to fill their baskets, which were overflowing in just a matter of minutes. Kids lucky enough to find the rare and elusive golden eggs won special gifts, and all the children got to spin the prize wheel and play "guess how many jelly beans."

As if all that wasn't enough, renowned entertainer, Nick the Balloonitic, was on hand, making the kids and the grown-ups smile, with his lighthearted humor and fancy balloon twisting skills, crafting everything from light-up flower corsages to balloon earrings. If the excitement in the church garden was any indication on Sunday afternoon, it's safe to say a good time was had by all.







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**Bv Robert Pearl** 

A fired-up crowd gathered at the corner of Flatbush Avenue and Quentin Road on Thursday, April 10th, to protest the expansion of NineDot Energy's lithium-ion battery storage facilities throughout the city. Organized by the grassroots group, New Yorkers First, the rally drew residents from across Brooklyn and beyond who are sounding the alarm about what many see as a growing public safety crisis.

The demonstration, held next to Frank's Pizza, was part of a broader borough-wide mobilization against NineDot's rapidly spreading energy sites. "These batteries are ticking time bombs," Ron Canterino, president of New Yorkers First, said. "They've [operational lithium-ion battery sites in other states] already caught fire - not once, but multiple times - and they're putting these things next to homes, schools and small businesses."

Residents are particularly concerned about the secondary site at 2118 Flatbush Avenue, next to the Oasis Diner, where fresh permits were issued on April 1st, and demolition has already begun. Construction is slated for completion by winter. Sal Calise, vice president of New Yorkers First, further noted that "once the concrete is poured, it takes days to get the site up and running," calling attention to a yellow construction bucket loader sitting inside the 2118 site. While the community focuses on the main site at 2138 Flatbush Avenue, NineDot quietly continues their work down the block.

The crowd heard from Donald Cranston, representing Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, who has introduced initial legislation in the Assembly (A6955) to ban lithium-ion battery storage sites within 1,000 feet of homes, schools, commercial properties and farms. "Assemblywoman Williams has been with us from Day One," Cranston said. "This bill is common sense - it protects families and neighborhoods from a real and present danger."

A companion bill, sponsored by State Senator Joseph Addabbo Jr., now sits in the Energy Committee, headed by State Senator Kevin Parker. "We cannot wait for this to go through the budget process," Canterino emphasized, noting the urgency as NineDot has already made progress at the 2118 site and others around the city. "Call Senator Kevin Parker - 718-



629-6401 — and demand that he moves the Senate Bill S7197 out of committee and onto the floor for a vote. Don't let it get buried."

Both the Assembly and Senate versions of the bill now have co-sponsors, but pressure is mounting to move them forward before further construction ensues.

Curtis Sliwa, founder of the Guardian Angels, has attended every rally and was acknowledged for his unwavering support. He addressed the crowd's concerns by pointing out the deeper political connections behind the battery installations. "There's a firm called Mercury Public Affairs - they represent NineDot and guess who else is connected to Mercury? Andrew Cuomo. That's right. This is the Cuomo machine still pulling the strings." Pivoting to the issue at hand, "This is about our neighborhoods, not politics."

Organizers stressed that this isn't just a local fight. "We've been to Staten Island, Queens, and now the Bronx," Canterino said. "Next, we're bringing all four boroughs together for a massive citywide protest. Manhattan? They don't have these facilities because the money and the developers live there. But they're dumping them on us."

Rally leaders urged all attendees to keep the pressure on by calling elected officials, sharing information with neighbors and, most importantly, showing up. "If we don't turn out in numbers, nothing changes," Canterino declared. "This is about our safety, our property values, our kids. If you live in Marine Park, Mill Basin, Bergen Beach, Sheepshead Bay - this affects you."

The crowd held a moment of silence to honor the victims of a tragic helicopter crash occurring that same day, underscoring the seriousness of life-and-death risks that have galvanized so many to action.

As chants of "NineDot has to go!" echoed across Flatbush Avenue, the message was unmistakable: the fight is far from over.

Get Involved:

• Call Senator Kevin Parker's office: 718-629-6401

• Demand action on Senate Bill S7197 to restrict dangerous battery sites

• Follow updates from New Yorkers First on social media

• Join the next rally — date to be announced

As of press time, the Canarsie Courier is waiting for a statement from Parker's press secretary regarding his position on the lithium-ion battery sites, as well as his intention to advance the bill to the Senate floor for

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# **Bergen Beach Civic Confronts Controversial Developments at April Meeting**



**By Robert Pearl** 

Tensions ran high on April 8th as the Bergen Beach Civic Association (BBCA) held its monthly meeting at the Hudson River Yacht Club, 2101 Bergen Avenue. With many concerned citizens and a full lineup of speakers, the meeting became a powerful forum for local frustrations about citywide initiatives affecting Bergen Beach residents.

BBCA President Michael Trotta welcomed attendees, emphasizing the association's role in keeping the community informed and unified. The civic's regularly scheduled meetings, held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m., have increasingly drawn larger crowds as contentious city policies continue to impact the area, amid an important election year.

This month's agenda tackled a series of hot

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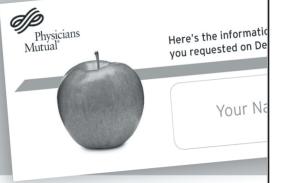
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button issues. Chief among them: the growing concern over lithium-ion battery storage facilities being placed dangerously close to residential neighborhoods. Assemblywoman Jaime Williams' office, represented by Donald Cranston, highlighted newly proposed legislation (Assembly Bill A6955 / Senate Bill S7197) that would prohibit such facilities within 1,000 feet of homes, schools and businesses. Cranston explained that the legislation was prompted by community outrage and safety concerns over potential fires and toxic emissions — a threat brought vividly to life by recent battery fires across the country.

Ron Canterino, president of New Yorkers First, and Sal Calise, its vice president and former BBCA president, passionately recounted the March 21st rally at Flatbush Avenue and Quentin Road. "These things are ticking time bombs," Canterino warned, urging residents to show up in force at future protests. "The fire department admits they can't put these fires out. And we're putting them right in the middle of our neighborhoods."

Adding to the list of grievances were discussions on the proposed homeless shelter on Coyle Street, the city's mandatory composting law with potential fines and concerns about illegal cannabis sales at neighborhood bodegas. Residents and speakers alike voiced exasperation at what they viewed as an erosion of local quality of life, enabled by citywide legislation known as the "City of Yes" — a package of zoning reforms signed into law by Mayor Eric Adams and supported by a majority of the City Council.

The frustration in the room was palpable. Residents repeatedly questioned how these projects were greenlit with so little public awareness. One resident summed up the mood: "If you dump gasoline in the water, you'd be fined into the ground. But these battery sites go up with no accountability."

Community Board 18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow discussed local issues around the district and wished everyone happy holidays.

The BBCA meeting also touched on broader organizing efforts, including a lawsuit against the City of Yes led by several Brooklyn civics and spearheaded by attorney Jack Lester. The BBCA encouraged residents to contribute to the legal fight, noting that "even \$5 can help."

The previous month featured a joint civic meeting with guest speakers, including urban planner Paul Graziano, who has been leading the charge in a major lawsuit against the City of Yes (see "Brooklyn Civic Groups Unite to Defend Communities Against War on Homeowners," Canarsie Courier, March 20, 2025).

The call to action was clear: show up, speak out and get informed. Residents were urged to attend future rallies, call elected officials, spread the word to neighbors, friends and family, and follow updates on community Facebook pages like "New Yorkers First." Canterino emphasized the importance of turnout. "Fifty people at a rally won't change anything. Five hundred might. A thousand definitely will."

As Brooklyn braces for a high-stakes election year — with every City Council seat up for grabs and a heated mayoral race underway — Bergen Beach residents appear more determined than ever to reclaim a voice in the decisions shaping their community.

The next meeting of the BBCA will take place on Tuesday, May 13th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hudson River Yacht Club.

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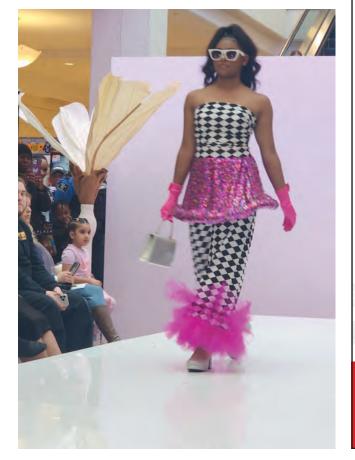
The biannual Fashion Week Brooklyn (FWBK) Fashion Show, which kicked off on Saturday, April 12th, at Kings Plaza Shopping Center, featured 7-yearold sensation Montana Monroe, whose recent modeling video went viral, earning her almost 12 million likes on Instagram and a shout-out from supermodel Naomi Campbell.

Monroe's mom told the *Canarsie Courier* that since age 5, her daughter has been training with runway coach and fashion model, Diva Davanna, who also caught the attention of Campbell at an early age.

The event also showcased a host of other young models who, like Monroe, strutted down the runway with sass, wearing chic designs from Asphalt, Tashi Coutre, Jaylene World Boutique, Black Girls Sew, Shiyenze Fashion and Been Sturdy.

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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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Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: March 27, 2025 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 85155



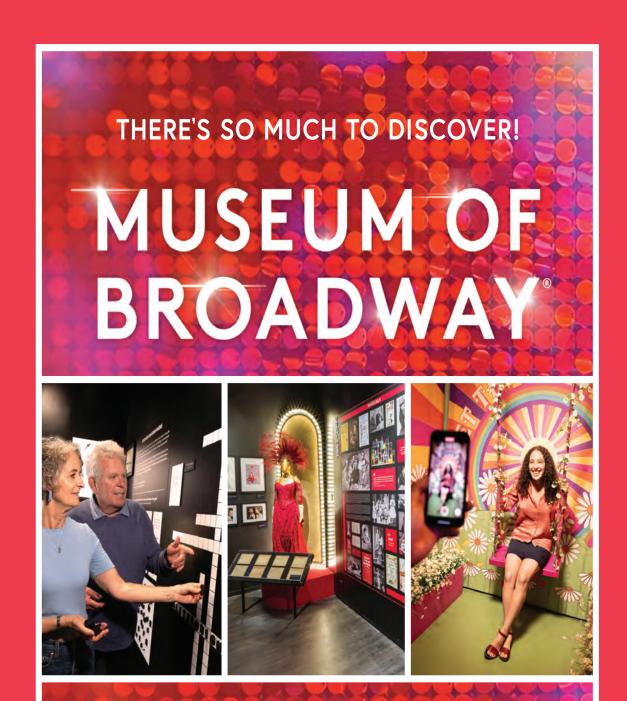


Charmaine Corney-Antoine, Marsha Salabie, Anderson David, Rashida LaEresce Dyer and Patti Ann Williams

By Kari Lleras

A presentation by My Time Inc. Executive Director Lucina Clarke provided valuable information and resources to support parents and guardians of children with autism and developmental disabilities at the April 7th meeting of Community Education Council 18 (CEC 18), held at the District 18 Office, located at 1106 East 95th Street. Dr. Shirley Massey also provided district updates in CEC 18 Superintendent Celeste Terry's absence.

My Time Inc. is a networking center to support parents of children with developmental disabilities. Clarke was an educator (with general education and special education degrees) for over 30 years and has experience with behavioral analysis. She noticed that parents of children with au-



Open every day! Times Square, NYC THEMUSEUMOFBROADWAY.COM tism and other developmental disabilities struggled to find help or a safe place to ask questions and often wondered who was teaching the parents. Parents, whether their child is disabled or not, are their child's teachers. Being a parent of a disabled child is a 24-hour job throughout the child's lifetime. Parents naturally become overwhelmed, and that's where My Time can assist families.

Clarke and her team teach parents how to embrace and enhance their child's abilities and talents, create daily routines, advocate for their child and how to communicate with their child, as well as educational professionals and providers. Parents can attend workshops in person at the My Time Executive Office, located at 640 Parkside Avenue, Suite 502, Monday through Friday. Virtual workshops are held Monday through Thursday.

Parents who attend these workshops learn how to read and understand their child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and are encouraged to ask school professionals about their child's abilities, goals and progress. They will learn to ask pertinent questions that will help the parents understand the IEP and how they can contribute to their child's success. My Time helps empower parents and their children throughout their educational journey and beyond. They also help parents learn strategies to balance and maintain their child's and family's emotional, social, spiritual and physical well-being (in and out of school).

"Pause and breath," Clarke repeated several times. Parents are encouraged to take breaks and to take care of themselves. She reminded the audience about the common safety precaution on airplanes – "Put your oxygen mask on first before assisting others." My Time schedules retreats, trips and focus groups to help uplift parents and rejuvenize themselves.

If you have a child with autism or developmental disabilities, visit the My Time Inc. website at mytimeinc.org. You can email info@mytimeinc. org for more information or call (718) 975-0296. It doesn't matter what district you reside in – if you have a child with a disability and you are looking for assistance, contact Clarke and the My Time team.

In District 18 updates, Massey was pleased to share that P.S. 272 had a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of a new teaching center. Teachers can visit the center to learn, collaborate and ask questions to support and improve student achievement.

The district's overall attendance is currently higher than last year at this time, and chronic absenteeism dropped from 36.3% to 32.9%. Attendance teams are encouraged and supported in any way to help the district achieve the 95 to 100% attendance goal.

Massey reminded parents about 3K/Pre-K admissions, state testing dates and the April 9th middle school application offer date (the day that parents can view their child's perspective middle school offers on their MySchools account).

She encouraged members to register for a Town Hall with Schools Chancellor Melissa Aviles-Ramos on Monday, May 5th, from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m., in the P.S. 114 auditorium, located at 1077 Remsen Avenue.

CEC 18 holds their meetings on the first Monday of the month. The May 5th Town Hall will be held in lieu of the regularly scheduled May meeting, and the next CEC 18 meeting will take place on June 2nd at 7 p.m. at the District 18 Office.

# LEGAL NOTICES

### KINGS COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR AMERICAN HOME MORTGAGE INVESTMENT TRUST 2005-1,

Plaintiff,

VS.

IRVINIA ESPRIT; ANTHONY HYRELDA A/K/A HYRELDA ANTHONY, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE TO THE ESTATE OF ANTHONY N. ESPRIT; FABIAN ESPRIT, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE TO THE ESTATE OF ANTHONY N. ESPRIT; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES TO THE ESTATE OF ANTHONY N. ESPRIT, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; IMPAC FUNDING CORPORATION; AMERICAN BROKERS CONDUIT; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; MS. CLARK,

Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

### NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$299,600.00 and interest, recorded on March 07, 2005, in CRFN 2005000134228, of the Public Records of KINGS County, New York., covering premises known as 1441 E 99TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11236.

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

KINGS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

# NOTICE

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If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: March 27th, 2025

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC Attorney for Plaintiff Matthew Rothstein, Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310 Westbury, NY 11590

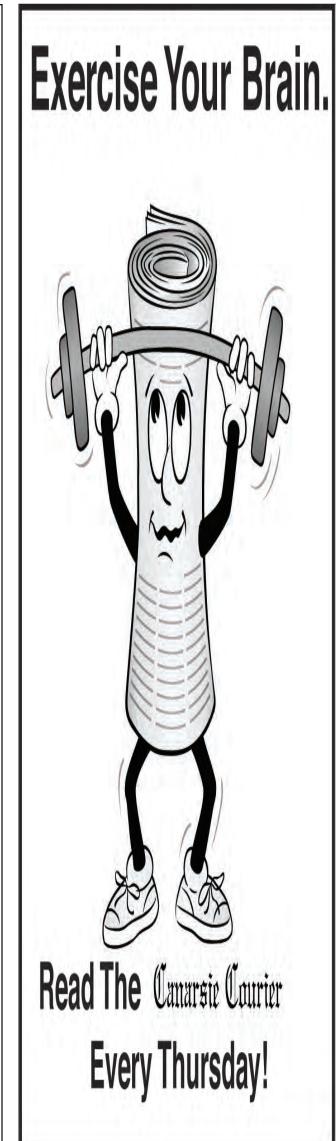
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Plaintiff designates KINGS as the place of trial situs of the real property

### SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises: 1441 E 99TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11236

Block: 8302, Lot: 27









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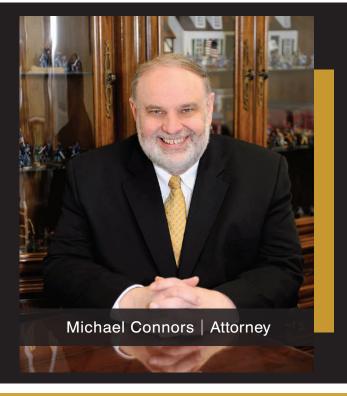
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