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June is Gun Violence Awareness Month

By Jibreel Jalloh

Summer in Canarsie should be a time of joy, of children playing at the park, families gathering at cookouts and young people chasing dreams on the basketball court. As we welcome June and the start of Gun Violence Awareness Month, we hold tightly to that vision of hope, even as we confront the hard truths our community still faces.

Thanks to the leadership of Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse and the tireless efforts of community organizers, Canarsie has finally secured a major victory: \$1.6 million in funding for a Cure Violence site. This investment is years overdue. For too long, our neighborhood's cries for help went unanswered, even as lives were lost, but this win proves that when we stay consistent and unified, we can turn our grief into action and our organizing into outcomes.

Gun violence is not inevitable, it's preventable, and we know what works. Cure Violence, part of the City's Crisis Management System, treats gun violence like a public health epidemic. It hires credible messengers from the community to mediate conflict before it turns deadly. It shifts norms, provides support for at-risk individuals, and opens

pathways to jobs, education and healing. It's not just theory; data from the NYC Office to Prevent Gun Violence shows up to a 40% drop in shootings where these programs are active.

Gun violence thrives where opportunity is absent. That's why prevention can't just mean more incarceration, it must mean more programs, more mentorship and more spaces where our youth are seen and supported.

Communities from the Bronx to Staten Island have benefited from Cure Violence: Brownsville, East New York, East Harlem. But for years, Canarsie, a neighborhood that's suffered wave after wave of shootings, was denied this investment. Only after relentless advocacy, did we finally secure \$1.6 million for a site, but that's just the beginning. To fully staff and operate a program that can truly meet the moment, we need sustained funding.

Let's honor those we've lost. Let's invest in peace, in prevention and in the power of our youth. Leaders at every level: city, state, federal, must treat this like the emergency it is. Not with thoughts and prayers, but with budgets and bold action.

Let this June be more than symbolic. Let it be the month we finally



Fifteen-year-old, Javel Lawton, was shot and killed outside of the Bay View Houses in January 2024.

Photo Credit: The Flossy Organization

say, "Not one more life. Not one more family."

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 HAPPENING

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR -VOL. 105, NO. 22

THURS. MAY 29TH

School District 22: Cannabis Edibles and Vaping Parent Workshop Join at https://zoom.us/i/98869464983. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

SUN. JUNE 1ST

New York Road Runners: Open Run Marine Park - Behind Carmine Carro Community Center 3000 Fillmore Avenue 9 a.m.

SAT. MAY 31ST

New York Road Runners: Open Run Canarsie Park - Field House Seaview Avenue & East 88th Street 9 a.m.

THURS. JUNE 5TH

Marine Park Alliance: Silent Disco in the Park Marine Park Fillmore Avenue & Madison Place 6 p.m.

SAT. MAY 31ST

Marine Park Alliance: Wildflowers of Marine Park Salt Marsh Nature Center 3301 Avenue U 9 a.m.

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Brownsville

Fatal Hit and Run Claims Life of Senior

By Baqir Ahmad

A 72 year-old man has died after being struck by an unidentified vehicle fleeing the scene of an auto collision.

Official sources say that at approximately 6:31 p.m. on Saturday, May 10th, police officers responded to Sutter Avenue and Osborn Street within the confines of the 73rd Precinct. Upon arrival, officers discovered a man identified as Larry Maxwell, unconscious and unresponsive. EMS responded and transported Maxwell to Brookdale Hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

Upon further investigation by the NYPD Highway District Collision Investigation Squad, it was discovered that an unidentified vehicle had been travelling westbound on Sutter Avenue when it struck a 2023 Malibu operated by a 46 year-old male travelling eastbound on Sutter Avenue.

The unidentified vehicle then struck Maxwell, who had just left his apartment in the Langston Hughes Houses, at 363 Dumont Avenue, and was on his way to a nearby park. The driver of the unidentified vehicle fled the scene.

The operator and passenger of the Malibu remained on the scene and did not report any injuries as a result of this incident. There are no arrests at this time and the investigation remains ongoing by the NYPD's Highway District Collision Investigation Squad.

Anyone with information regarding this fatality 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.



East Flatbush

Senior Fatally Struck at Intersection



By Baqir Ahmad

A 68 year-old woman was struck and killed on Wednesday, May 14th, as she was crossing from north to south on Rutland Road in East Flatbush.

According to police, officers responded to a 911 call of a pedestrian struck at the intersection of Rutland Road and East 95th Street, in the confines of the 67th Precinct, at approximately 6:03 p.m.

Further investigation by the NYPD Highway District's Collision Investigation Squad determined Maurette Lafleur was struck by a 2025 Mercedes Benz GLC 300 operated by a 64 year-old female making a left turn from northbound on East 95th Street onto westbound Rutland Road.

EMS responded and transported the pedestrian to NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County where she was pronounced deceased. The operator of the Mercedes Benz remained on scene. There are no arrests. The investigation remains ongoing by the NYPD Highway District's Collision Investigation Squad.

East New York

Morning Fire Leaves Three Injured



By Lloyd Mitchell

A fire in a two-story home in East New York on Friday, May 16th, sent three residents to the hospital with minor injuries.

Fire Marshals probed the site of the early morning fire, which occurred at approximately 9:37 a.m. at 419 Milford Street between Hegeman Avenue and Dumont Avenue

Engine Company 225 and Tower Ladder 107 were met with heavy smoke from the basement of the private residence. The fire extended to the first floor. About 60 firefighters used three hose lines to knock down the main body of fire, which was placed under control at 10:20 a.m.

East New York

Two Teens Shot, One Fatally



By Baqir Ahmad

Two teens were shot in East New York on the evening of Saturday, May 17th.

Police say that officers responded to a 911 call of two people shot in front of 812 New Jersey Avenue, within the confines of the 75th Precinct at approximately 9:57 p.m. Upon arrival, officers observed an 18-year-old male with a gunshot wound to the torso and an 18-year-old female with a gunshot wound to the right arm.

EMS responded and transported the 18-year-old male, who has been identified as Zanir Childs, to NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County where he was pronounced deceased. The 18-year-old female was transported by EMS to One Brooklyn Health - Brookdale University Hospital + Medical Center where she is listed in stable condition. There are no arrests and the investigation remains ongoing.

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Having completed the rigorous program through grit and determination, members of the first class of 2025 earned their place at the prestigious graduation ceremony, held at the Christian Cultural Center, located at 12020 Flatlands Avenue. The ceremony was presided over by FDNY Commissioner Robert Tucker, the civilian administrator and head of the department, who welcomed the graduates into their ranks.

Tucker congratulated graduates on a job well done and reminded the new firefighters to stay safe.

"This is serious and dangerous work," he said. "Respect it and respect the patch that you wear on your sleeve. This is the greatest fire department in the world, and it is an honor to call yourself New York's Bravest."

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Flatlands

Annual Family Fun Day at Amersfort Park a Big Success



Children get ready to compete in the relay race.



Canarsie Lions Jevon Joseph, Judy Sadler, Jose Tirado, June Davis, Charmaine Gordon with Shakira.

By Loretta Chin

After two postponements in April due to rain and nearly another one on Saturday, May 17th, with threatening clouds overhead, the sun finally came out for a perfect Family Fun Day at Amersfort Park, located near the gazebo on the corner of Avenue I between East 38th and 39th Streets.

Children had boundless choices of things to do, with a large variety of blow-up fun houses lining one side of the park and areas filled with all kinds of activities like face painting, t-shirt dying, arts and crafts, beanbag toss games and steel drum lessons.

"I'm glad they have these little sports things for him now that the rain has stopped and we can come out," one neighborhood mom named Rachel said about the variety of fun houses available for her son, Sage. "We got the sunglasses, a jump rope, there's cotton candy and we're having a great time."

There was even a relay race with loads of prizes for the lucky team that was able to run the course. It included spinning hula hoops and jumping through them as the players waddled with balloons between their knees to pick up beanbags and toss them in the hole. Two teams of about ten children competed against each other and the team that had three successful tosses won the game.

After all that activity, there was plenty of food and snacks, such as hero sandwiches, drink pouches, potato chips, cotton candy, popcorn and cookies for hungry visitors.

The community came out to help, too, as several organizations provided tables of informational material and lots of swag to attract visitors.

Some visitors just wanted to stop by and sit on the benches nearby to take in all the music and excitement around them while enjoying the beauty of Amersfort Park's trees, lush grass and rose garden, which was in peak bloom that day.

The event, sponsored by District 45 Councilwoman Farah Louis, could not have been possible without some help and she thanked all the volunteers, organizations and supporters who came out to help that day.

Among them were Millennium Development, Canarsie Lions, Tropicalfete Inc., Emblem-Health, Haitian Family Resource Center, Friends of Amersfort Park, Sesame Flyers International Incorporated, New York Life and others.



Councilwoman Farah Louis with a few of the children who made beautiful tie-dyed t-shirts.

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Young Achievers Recognized at Bergen Beach **Civic's Annual Student Awards Ceremony**

By Robert Pearl

Bergen Beach came together in celebration as the Bergen Beach Civic Association (BBCA) hosted its annual installation and general meeting at the Hudson River Yacht Club, at 2101 Bergen Avenue, on Tuesday, May 13th.

The event honored local student leaders, recognized the dedication of outgoing and incoming civic board members and highlighted the strong neighborhood ties that continue to define this close-knit Brooklyn community.

Presiding over the formal discharge and installation of the 2025-2026 BBCA Board was Community Dis-





trict 18 Manager Sue Ann Partnow. Known for infusing levity into tradition, Partnow this year crafted a playful cereal-themed installation ceremony. Each board member's role was introduced with a metaphor drawn from a beloved children's breakfast cereal, complete with a token box to match.

"Our sergeants-at-arms need to stay focused and strong while keeping order," Partnow quipped, handing over a box of Frosted Flakes. "Channel the roar of Tony the Tiger, but be sweet like his frosting."

Laughter echoed through the room as BBCA President Michael Trotta received his ceremonial box of Cap'n

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The ceremony mixed lighthearted fun with sincere appreciation.

"This is what community pride looks like," Partnow told the crowd. "These are the people who found their beach. They're the backbone of this organization - residents with heart, grit and a willingness to serve."

In addition to the board installation, three exceptional local students were honored with the BBCA's prestigious Flowhurst Memorial Awards, named in honor of the late longtime BBCA president.

This year's recipients, selected by their respective schools for outstanding character and academic achievement, were Joshua Meyerson of P.S. 312 Bergen Beach, Ryan Incorvaia of I.S. 78 Roy H. Mann and Sofia DiSanto of St. Bernard's Catholic Academy. Each received a certificate and a formal citation from Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, who was on hand La Villa Pizzeria, Landi's Pork Store, to applaud their efforts and encourage their bright futures.

The students also received citations from Williams' office during the meeting.

"I'm honored to recognize these young leaders," Williams said. "They embody the values that make Bergen Beach such a special place."

The meeting also introduced the community to newly appointed Commanding Officer of the 63rd Precinct, Captain James Tomasulo. With over



18 years of service and deep roots in Brooklyn South, the new captain expressed his eagerness to build relationships and maintain safety in the neighborhood.

"This is my first opportunity as commanding officer," he said. "And I'm excited to get started, to work with all of you and to be a visible and supportive presence in Bergen Beach.

The evening concluded with lively raffles and community cheer. Gift baskets donated by neighborhood favorites — including A Visconti Inc., Gourmet Grill, Panino Rustico and Pizza D'Amore - were raffled off alongside a 50/50 drawing. Most baskets included a gift certificate and a bottle of wine, adding a festive touch to the proceedings.

"This event is more than tradition," said Trotta in brief remarks following his reinstallation. "It's a reminder that Bergen Beach is built by its people. Our volunteers, our youth, our businesses and our residents make this place feel like home."











JUNE EVENTS IN THE PARK

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Sun. June 15 9 am & Sat. June 28. 9 am **Intro to Birding** Guided by NYC Bird Alliance.

Salt Marsh Nature Center

Sun. June 15, 11 am **Inside a Fire Truck**

Celebrate Father's Day by going inside a truck with the Gerritsen "Vollies!" Dr. John's Playground

Sat. June 21, 2 pm **Terrapin Stations** Learn all about our native turtles with the Rangers and the American Littoral Society.

Sat. June 28, 2 pm **Gyotaku Printmaking** Learn fish anatomy and the Japanese technique of printmaking with fish! Salt Marsh Nature Center

Salt Marsh Nature Center



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Senator Persaud Hosts Annual Pre-Mother's Day Clothing Distribution

By Brenda Cox

Guests, who were required to pre-register, were welenator Persaud

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State Senator Roxanne Persaud hosted her annual Pre-Mother's Day Clothing & More Distribution, which was held in the parking lot directly across from her office at 1222 East 96th Street on Saturday, May

comed in small groups and greeted with a gift bag of goodies upon entering the venue. Each was allowed to browse through the many clothing racks and tables of shoes, jewelry and disposable diapers to make a selection. Additionally, they were provided with raffle tickets for a chance to win one of three coveted gift baskets.

The event was held in partnership with Ashley Stewart, Agape, Kings Plaza Shopping Center, JCPenney and Expecting Relief, and was sponsored by Millennium Development, Rainbow Shops and the Jewish Community Council of Canarsie.

Several volunteers from the NYPD, NYPD Explorers and District 20-K1 Lions assisted to ensure the smooth running of the event.



Hundreds turn out for pre-Mother's Day clothing distribution



State Senator Roxanne Persaud (fourth from right) and her staff.



NYPD, NYPD Explorers, Lions and community volunteers.

Christian Montrose: May 11, 2004 - March 19, 2024

Editor's Note: Christian Montrose's life was tragically cut short at the age of 19. A Canarsie resident, and recent high school graduate, Chrisitan had big hopes and dreams for his future. He leaves behind his loving family, and his twin sister, Crystal, wrote this poem in honor of what would have been his 21st birthday.

> A vacant chair, a silent room, Where laughter once did bloom, A brother gone, a heart in pain, A memory that will remain.

We built our dreams, we shared our fears, Through childhood days and teenage years, Your hand in mine, a guiding light, Now lost to darkness, endless night.

The stories told, the jokes we shared, A bond so strong, beyond compare, Your smile, your voice, a cherished sound, Echoes still, where you are not found.

Though tears may fall, and grief may sting, Your spirit lives, in everything, In whispers of the wind, the sun's warm ray, You're with me still, each passing day.

Until we meet again, my brother dear, Your memory, forever held so near, In the quiet moments, I will see, The love we shared, eternally. Crystal Montrose



Marine Park

House Fire Contained, No Injuries

By Lloyd Mitchell

A fire in a two-story home was quickly contained by firefighters in Marine Park, on Thursday, May 15th, with no injuries report-

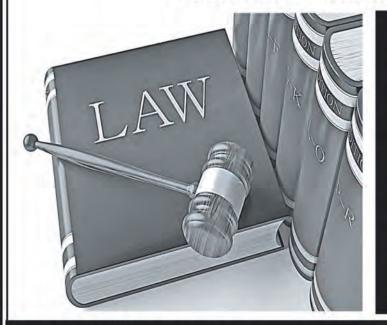
Engine Company 321 and Tower Ladder 159 arrived at 2517 East 37th Street, between Avenue U and Avenue S, just after 2 p.m. to find fire blowing out of the second floor of a two-story, attached private residence.

Around 60 firefighters used two hose lines to quickly extinguish the fire, which was placed under control at 2:45 p.m. Fire Marshals will determine the cause of the fire. There were no injuries reported.



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By Bristol Hendrix

After more than six decades of shaping the political landscape of southern Brooklyn, the Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club has closed the doors of its longtime headquarters at 77 Conklin Avenue — marking the end of an era and the beginning of a new chapter in its storied history.

The air buzzed with nostalgia and the hum of shared memories as local leaders, longtime volunteers and political figures packed into the building, a place that had been the political heartbeat of Brooklyn's 58th and 59th Assembly Districts for generations.

The event on Thursday, May 8th, marked the club's final meeting at its iconic location before relocating to a new space inside the Mill Basin Deli at 5823 Avenue T, between East 58th and 59th Streets. It wasn't just a change of address — it was the closing of a chapter that began long before many in the room were born.

A Building Full of History

"This building has had a long, rich history," Frank Seddio, longtime leader of the organization, said, leaning on a desk that had once been his law desk for 35 years. "Before we bought it, it was owned by the Knights of Columbus. Before them, it was a Masonic Temple dating back to 1920. They took two houses and combined them after World War I. You can still see from the outside that it's really two homes fused into one. That wall right there? That used to be the main wall."

As he traced the transformation of the structure, he was also recounting the evolution of the club itself, a space once central to a district that stretched from 108th Street all the way to the Queens border.

"In 1965, this was right in the middle of the district," he said. "But the district changed. Spring Creek was built. The borders shifted. What was once empty land now houses more than 40,000 residents. The demographics changed. Our location, once central, became more of a corner."

Political Legacy

The walls of the soon-to-be-abandoned clubhouse are lined with portraits of giants of Brooklyn's Democratic past and present.

"That's Stanley Fink," Seddio said, gesturing to a portrait. "He was just 35 years old when he ran for Assembly to replace Lenny Oien, who had become a judge. Stanley went on to become speaker of the New York State Assembly, second only to the governor in power. At one point, he was arguably the most powerful man in the state."

Seddio, the former chair of the Brooklyn Democratic Party, went on, pointing out portraits.

"That's Tony Genovesi," he continued, his voice softening. "Tony became our District Leader in 1975 and served until his death in 1998. A lot of people thought the club would fall apart after Tony passed. But here we are, 27 years later. Still standing. Still fighting."

He called out names — each like a roll call of the neighborhood's political past: Bernie Catcher, Alan Maisel, Mike Benjamin.

"I look around and I see not just a club, but a family," he said. "A community. A legacy."

Political leaders like Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, who was in Albany at the time, phoned into the meeting to share theirfarewells. U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer, unable to attend in person, also sent his regards. Public Advocate Jumaane Williams attended the meeting later that evening.

A Necessary Move

"This wasn't a decision we took lightly," Seddio explained. "But the truth is, we've outgrown this space. And it no longer sits in the heart of our

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district. Our eastern border is now just two blocks away from Rockaway Parkway. It makes sense to move closer to where our people are."

The new location isn't just a storefront. It's a full facility, with room for meetings, events and a kitchen big enough for the kind of gatherings that define the club's culture.

"We didn't want a storefront," he said. "We wanted a place where members can come and feel like they belong." The crowd chuckled as he described the amenities: "There's a deli, a Chinese place, even a spot where you can buy pot. And a laundromat for those of us whose wives won't do the laundry."

A Family Built Within These Walls

Other leaders spoke throughout the night, sharing memories of the place where their political and personal lives took off.

Sue Ann Partnow, district manager of Community Board 18, recalled how she met her husband more than forty years ago at the club, when he started the Young Democrats program. She and the Hon. Mark Partnow, a retired Supreme Court judge, went on to have two sons; she announced all her pregnancies at the Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club.

One son later became a leader of the Young Democrats, and the other now works with the Board of Elections.

"Our family was created and raised

in this building," she said. Watching the doors close was bittersweet, she

Looking Forward While Honoring the Past

Seddio closed out the evening by reminding everyone why this club has endured decades of political, social and demographic change.

"The Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club is more than a building," he said. "It's a movement. It's a memory. It's Chuck Schumer, who came from here. It's Hakeem Jeffries, who came from here. It's the commissioners, the councilmembers, the everyday people who made things happen right here in this room."

As the final speeches wrapped up, hands were raised to volunteer. Others quietly walked the perimeter of the room, gently removing framed photos, campaign buttons and newspaper clippings from the walls.

History wasn't being erased — it was being carried forward.

The grand opening of the new club is expected to take place at the end of June, just after the mayoral pre-

And so, one chapter closes, but the story of the Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club, now nearly 100 years in the making, continues in a new home, with new energy and with the same unbreakable spirit that built Canarsie's political foundation.



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Paula is survived and missed by sisters Elenor, Barbara, Josephine, sister-in-law Lori, nieces and nephews Michelle, Jennifer, Kristina, Jeanette, Jene, Andrew, Charles, Frank, Cody and many great nieces and nephews.



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Marine Park

Arts and Crafts Showcase Dazzles Visitors

By Angela G. Nannetti

Visitors to Marine Park were absolutely dazzled by the wide array of handmade goods presented for sale at an "Arts & Crafts Showcase" hosted by the Marine Park Alliance on Saturday, May 10th, featuring the work of 30 local artisans who had set up shop at Marine Parkway and Fillmore Avenue, just beside the Carmine Carro Community Center.

Guests ambled around from table to table admiring the tremendous variety of creative items on display. One spectacular artist, whose inspiring work centered on nature, love and positivity, chatted with a customer who was completely enamored with his hand-painted rocks, featuring peace signs and vibrant ladybugs. The customer told the artist how much she loves rocks and that she couldn't quite figure out why, and they agreed that there is something especially grounding about them. Others stopped to admire his canvas paintings of bright lemons, blooming hyacinths and majestic butterflies.

A very young artist and her proud father displayed her incredible hand-crocheted work for sale, which included adorable little bumblebees, giant strawberries and pocket-sized teddy bears of all colors. Inspired by YouTube videos and entirely self-taught, the young lady was an absolute marvel.

Just across from her table were two other artists who had crafted unbelievably accurate miniatures of pancakes with syrup, donuts with sprinkles and cheesy pizza pies that looked to have come straight out of the oven, with nothing but polymer clay and resin. When asked how long it took to create the mini food earrings and magnets on display, the artist explained that she did the work for the love of it, not for the money. She said that if she priced her work based on the amount of hours it took to create them, they would be far more expensive.

There was something for everyone: hand-painted wood chopping bowls, macramé wall hangings, crystal suncatchers, knitted hats, indie greeting cards, burl wood stools and home-baked treats, all in time for last minute Mother's Day shoppers.



Thirty local artisans display their wares in Marine Park.



Sheepshead Bay

TraNa Relief Association Hosts Mother's Day Celebration for Refugees

By Robert Pearl

In a moving and joy-filled evening at Wise Bar & Grill, at 35 Neptune Avenue, in Sheepshead Bay, the Temporary Relief Assistance by National Association (TraNa) hosted its third annual Mother's Day Celebration for Ukrainian refugee mothers, honoring resilience, mother-hood and the strength of community in the face of war and displacement.

The event, spearheaded by TraNa founder and hostess Natalia Travilina, combined heartfelt celebration with empowering resources for dozens of recent and returning Ukrainian arrivals.

"This was more than a party — it was a bridge to hope, healing and new beginnings," Travilina shared.

From a warm buffet and live music to legal advice and career-building workshops, the evening balanced festivity with purpose. TraNa has been working tirelessly since the onset of the war in Ukraine, supporting newly arrived refugees across New York and neighboring areas.

The guest list reflected strong community and governmental support. Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse delivered an address, translated by her Russian-speaking Director of Constituent Services Irina Khlevner, on the importance of uplifting one another to benefit the world together.

"No matter where you come from — if it's your problem, it's my problem too," she said.

Constituent Liaison Arthur Rotshteyn gave positive and welcoming words of encouragement on behalf of Assemblyman Michael Novakhov, and Deputy Brooklyn Borough President Kim Council also was present.

The event featured information from respected professionals and community partners. Legal eagles were on hand to guide the refugees' journey, including New York City Housing Authority attorney Tanya Segal, personal injury attorney Laura Rosenberg of Rosenberg & Rodriguez and immigration lawyer Elena Denevich, who addressed asylum policies and domestic violence protections.

A tax specialist offered advice on managing finances in a new country, and a forensic psychological expert provided insights into how mental health evaluations can impact immigration cases. Ludmila Yusupova provided valuable assistance in discussing and offering job employment to those Ukrainian arrivals eager to get to work, and even some banking advice to establishing a credit score here.

A representative from the Department of Youth and Community Development shared details on youth employment and afterschool programs, while staff from the Learn and Explore Academy in Brighton Beach introduced their gifted K-8 curriculum and summer programs. The Manhattan School of Computer Technology also offered pathways into careers in healthcare and accounting — fields in high demand.

With nearly 60 attendees, the atmosphere was electric yet deeply personal. Ukrainian mothers received flowers, gifts and, most importantly, a sense of belonging. Laughter echoed over the soulful music and clinking of glasses, while children played and parents mingled, connected by shared experiences and hope for a brighter future.

"This evening was unforgettable," said one attendee. "For the first time in a long time, I felt celebrated — and not just as a refugee, but as a mother."

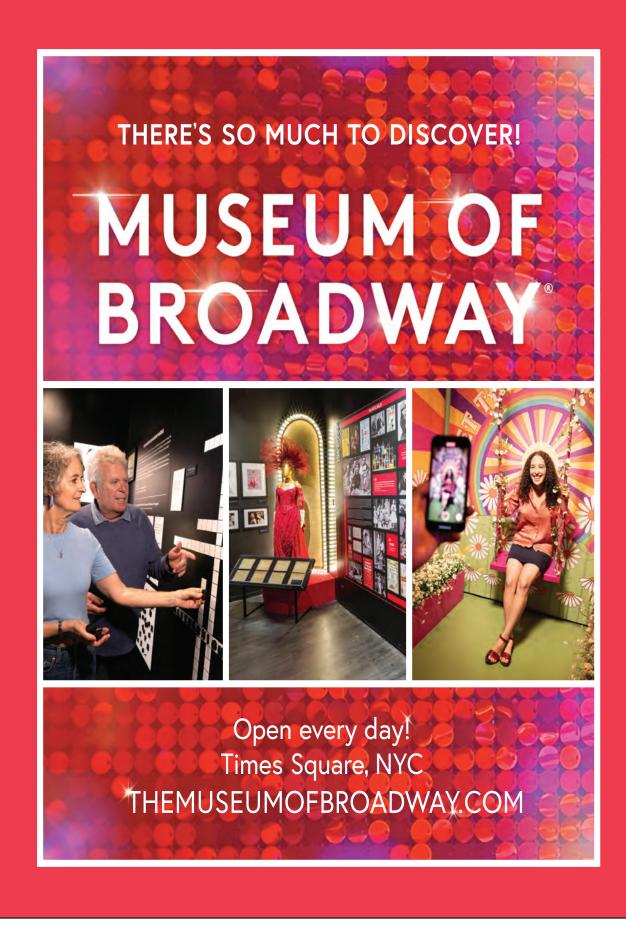
Even Gera Wise, owner of Wise Bar & Grill, took the microphone to offer his support and solidarity.

"We're honored to welcome our Ukrainian friends this evening," he said. "This community stands with you, and we're proud to share our space in celebration and unity."

Travilina closed the evening by thanking every guest, partner and official who helped make the event a success.

"This celebration is a reminder that every mother deserves joy and every refugee deserves a future," she said.





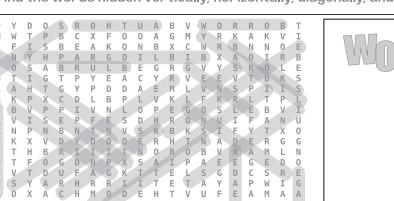
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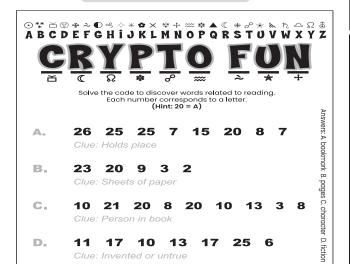
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- 16. Count on
- 17. Defunct phone company 18. Golf scores
- 19. Afflicts
- 21. Defensive nuclear weapon
- 22. Prominence
- 27. "The Great Lakes State"
- 28. SoCal ballplayer

- 33. Location of White House
- 34. Magnificence
- 36. Hip hop songstress
- 37. Capital of Yemen 38. __Blyton, children's author
- 39. Bomb
- 40. Pancake made of buckwheat flour
- 41. Pinkish-violet color
- 44. A way to make right
- 45. Monument to one buried elsewhere
- 48. Region south of Dead Sea
- 49. Acts out against
- 50. Harsh cry of a crow
- 51. Formal title for a woman

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Kitchen devices
- 2. Wings
- 3. Mythological birds
- 4. Everyone has one
- 5. Matchstick game
- 6. Bar bill
- 7. Weights
- 8 Satisfactorily
- 9. Small amount
- 10. Tree types
- 11. Small protuberances
- 12. Equivalent of 100K BTU
- 14. Type of horse
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- 24. Battery type

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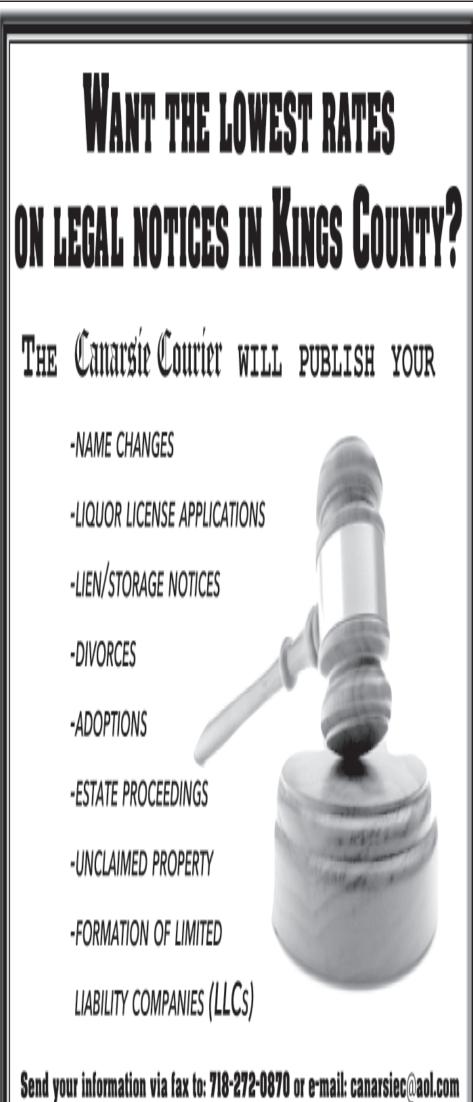
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