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In a city as vibrant, diverse and complex as New York, civic participation is not just a right -- it's a responsibility. With so much at stake in the 2025 local elections, from mayor to public advocate to City Council, your voice has never been more essential. These positions influence critical decisions around housing, policing, education, transit and public health - choices that impact our everyday lives and the direction of our neighborhoods for years to come. And while New York may be known for its resilience and passion, those qualities only matter if we show up when it counts -- especially at the ballot box.

By Jibreel Jalloh

This year's Primary Election introduces an especially dynamic race for mayor, with candidates offering bold, divergent visions for the future of the city. But it's not just about the mayor. Voters will help shape city leadership across every borough — electing borough presidents, City Council members and other key officials who manage city budgets, shape land use and steer resources into or away from our communities. These elections are often decided by narrow margins, especially at the local level, which means your vote carries serious weight.

Thursday, June 19th

Juneteenth Stewardship on Seaview

Hebrew Educational Society

9502 Seaview Avenue

Tree Care & Beautification: 10 a.m.

to 12 p.m.

Lunch following at 12 p.m. in

Canarsie Park (Seaview Avenue and

East 93rd Street)

Thursday, June 19th

69th Precinct: Stop Violence

Basketball Tournament

I.S. 68 Isaac Bildersee Playground

956 East 82nd Street

12 to 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 21st

New York Road Runners: Open

Run

Canarsie Park - Field House

Seaview Avenue & East 88th Street 9 a.m.

New Yorkers will once again use ranked-choice voting, allowing you to rank up to five candidates in each race. If no candidate gets a 50% majority of first-choice votes, the lowest-performing candidate is eliminated, and their votes are redistributed based on voters' next preferences. This process continues until a winner emerges. Rankedchoice voting gives you more say and ensures that winners have broad support — making your participation even more powerful.

Our City, Our Choice — Vote in NYC's 2025 Election

Separate from the election, New Yorkers also have a unique opportunity to participate in shaping their communities through The People's Money - the city's participatory budgeting initiative led by the Civic Engagement Commission. This process is not about electing officials but about deciding how a portion of the city's budget is spent. Any NYC resident age 11 or older, regardless of immigration status, can vote on community-generated projects like mental health programs, environmental cleanups, youth initiatives and more. It's a direct way to invest in the ideas and priorities that matter most to you and your neighbors.

Early voting for the primary runs from June 14th through June 22nd. Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June

24th. Make a plan to vote, encourage others to join you and remember that our democracy is strongest when we all participate. Whether you're choosing your next mayor or helping fund a local project through The People's Money, your voice matters. Let's make it count. GO VOTE!

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 won the prestigious Obama Foundation Scholar award at Columbia University. You can learn more at theflossy.org and follow @theflossyorg.

what's Happenik

Saturday, June 21st Marine Park Alliance: Terrapin Stations Salt Marsh Nature Center 3301 Avenue U 2 p.m.

Sunday, June 22nd New York Road Runners: Open Run Marine Park - Behind Carmine Carro Community Center 3000 Fillmore Avenue 9 a.m.

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Chief Giordano Visits Old Stomping Ground at the 69th Precinct

By Brenda Cox

At the monthly meeting of the 69th Precinct Community Council on May 21st, Deputy Inspector Dion Hinds presented a crime report that was hopeful. "We're down 11% for the year to date, we're down 31% for the 28-day period and just last week alone, we're down 39%, almost 40% in crime," Hinds stated.

He was especially impressed that the Memorial Day weekend was uneventful as far as crime and looked forward to the same outcome during Juneteenth and July 4th celebrations. He credited his officers' hard work, saying, "They're definitely serving the community in the right way, so I'm very happy for that."

Hinds also thanked the elected officials and the community for their support in attending the Medal Day Ceremony, which was held on May 14th at Beraca Baptist Church. "We are definitely hand in hand with the community, elected officials and the clergy, so we want to continue that relationship," he affirmed.

He then introduced the former commanding officer of the 69th Precinct and current Patrol Borough Brooklyn South Chief Frank Giordano, who was the guest of honor for the evening. "I'm grateful to be here back in Brooklyn South," Giordano stated to the audience who welcomed him with thunderous applause. "There's no place better than Canarsie to be tonight. I consider this my second home in Brooklyn."

The chief commended Hinds and his team for crime reduction in Canarsie, stressing that the 11% was actually "more than that" when compared to the borough, which is down 8% and the city, which is down 6%.

Giordano stated that in March, the Crime Control Strategies Unit, which he is now a part of, did an analysis of all violent crimes across the city. He said they established 69 zones in the 77 precincts citywide, where they'll be putting extra resources for the summer and that the 69th Precinct was one of those zones.

He said that the Flatlands corridor, from East 80th Street to East 85th Street, which would incorporate Bildersee Playground up to Glenwood Road, and the Breukelen Houses, would be two areas targeted.

Giordano included a request for prayers for the family of "hero police officer" Anthony Mosomillo on the 27th anniversary of his death, in his address. He announced that Mosomillo's daughter was carrying on her slain father's legacy as a detective with the Bureau.

Hinds thanked Giordano and the Crime Control Unit for recognizing there was an issue in his community and for giving him the personnel to deal with it. He explained that the problems at Bildersee Playground had been "reduced to a minimum" because of the Summer Violence Reduction programs and added that during the upcoming summer, additional officers from Housing and the 69th Precinct would be deployed at Bildersee and Breukelen.

Hinds then presented the Cop of the Month award for April to Officer Sergio Meneses. Hinds reported that on April 3rd, Meneses was conducting surveillance of a young man known for causing problems in the Bildersee area.

Earlier that day, the individual committed a robbery at the McDonalds across from the Bayview Houses and was later observed hanging out in the Seaview Shopping Plaza, where he was apprehended by officers, on probable cause.

Later that day, a witness reported that the suspect had a black firearm. Officers went to his home and spoke with his mother. They explained the severity of the crime her son had allegedly committed and requested her consent to search the home. A 22-caliber gun, as well as the imitation weapon used to commit the robbery, were recovered from his room, "much to his



mother's surprise."

Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse spoke briefly about her efforts to build a community center in Canarsie to keep the youths productively engaged, instead of "killing each other." She also reminded everyone of free services such as legal consultations, job fairs and movie nights that are available through her office.

Both Community Council President Gardy Brazela and Community Board 18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow spoke of quality of life issues -- dog waste and illegal dumping -- about which they had received numerous complaints. Partnow advised that Sanitation collected trash twice weekly but encouraged everyone to contact 311 or her office and, if possible, sneak a photo of offending vehicles or persons to add to reports of violations.

She also stated that new trash bins had been placed on Rockaway Parkway and that cleanup in front of businesses would be enforced. Additionally, Partnow brought dozens of compost bins to the meeting for distribution. "I believe I have enough for everyone here to get one," she stated.

Other elected officials' representatives gave updates from their offices and before the meeting adjourned, Hinds presented a plaque to Giordano on behalf of the 69th Precinct Community Council.

Accolades at the 63rd Precinct Community Council Meeting

By Kari Lleras

There was a lot to celebrate at the May 28th meeting of the 63rd Precinct Community Council, held in the John Malone Community Center (JMCC), at 2335 Bergen Avenue – a new commanding officer, Cop of the Month and four community members who are recent Citizens Police Academy graduates.

Community Council President Greg Borruso introduced the new commanding officer, Captain James Tomasulo. "I was really impressed with his thinking out of the box when we did the interviews. The questions were answered from the heart," Borruso said. "And that's why I think he's going to be a great fit for us."

Tomasulo has 18 years' experience and has worked in Patrol Borough Brooklyn South for 13 years. He said he's looking forward to carrying on the same relationships and concepts his predecessors set forth.

The new commanding officer was in turn honored to present Anthony Rivera with the Cop of the Month award for apprehending two individuals on mopeds trying to flee from Fox Playground, on Avenue H, near East 54th Street, on April 17th. Rivera and his partner discovered that the moped had been stolen from another precinct earlier in the day. The two individuals were arrested without incident.

A representative from Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse's office gave citations to four community members for completing six weeks of the Citizens Police Academy. Edwin Vazquez, Marilyn Vazquez, Denise Gourdine and Tomi Marshall embarked on an experience that gave them an empathetic awareness of how challenging a police officer's job can be.

Detective Tricia Navarro-Caraballo was applauded for her dedication to the trainees. She picked up all of them from their houses every Tuesday, drove them to class in Queens, waited for them and drove them back home. Navarro-Caraballo also took them to their graduation in Manhattan.

The trainees participated in an abridged version of the NYPD recruit training regimen where they learned many aspects about the skills and abilities needed to be a police officer. They attended workshops taught by police academy instructors and engaged in role-playing events and tactical exercises. They also learned important lessons about thinking before acting and being able to make instant, split decisions that will have a safe resolution for all parties involved. The NYPD offers these training programs multiple times a year. For more information, email CitizensPoliceAcademy@nypd.org.

Mr. and Mrs. Vazquez, Mill Basin residents, have a niece that is a police officer, and they wanted to seek a deeper understanding of what she was going to experience throughout her career. "The program was eye-opening and hard, but I loved it," Mrs. Vazquez said. "I encourage everyone to try it!"

The 63rd Precinct Community Council holds its meetings every fourth Wednesday of the month; however, the June meeting has been changed to Monday, June 23rd, at 7 p.m. at JMCC. There will be no meetings in July or August.





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On Thursday, May 15th, Principal Kerri Moser, Assistant Principal Laura Scarfogliero and the Marine Park JHS 278 Science Department hosted their annual STEAM Expo, where students, staff, families, administrators and guests were amazed by the creativity and research talents of the JHS 278 students who showcased their research projects.

The event transformed the school's gymnasium, at 1925 Stuart Street, into a dynamic hub of discovery, where science, technology, engineering, art and math converged in an unforgettable experience.

The students' projects spanned the entire range of art and science such as: Ecological Art, Community Engagement through Hydroponic Farming, Which Drink Stains the Teeth the Most?, Emotionally-Intelligent Gaming, Why is Earth Day Important?, Yeast and Sugar Activity, Germ Race, Bacteria Among Us, Effects of pH on Plants, and Fossils and Skulls.

The event also brought together a host of special guests and community partners. Urban Advantage, Millennium Development and South Brooklyn Health each hosted their own stations, engaging with attendees and reinforcing the powerful connections between education and community wellness.

The special guest at the event was Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse, who warmly engaged with families and reaffirmed her continued support for JHS 278's initiatives, including STEAM programs that promote student achievement and community involvement.

From intricate AI models to vibrant ecological art pieces, each project reflected the deep engagement and critical thinking fostered within JHS 278's STEAM programs. "This event is a tribute to the creativity and ingenuity our STEAM Department and students bring to STEAM learning!" Scarfogliero said. "Our goal was to make STEAM learning accessible, exciting and relevant, and seeing our students shine and our community come together is a true reward."

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The annual street fair hosted by the Hebrew Educational Society (H.E.S.) on June 1st was nothing short of spectacular. Hundreds of parents and children of all ages turned out for the Sunday afternoon extravaganza which was packed with fun and activities for the entire family.

While some of the children got creative with various arts and crafts projects, others enjoyed playing exciting games such as "Ring A Bottle," "Tic Tac Toe" and "Krazy Kans," which allowed them to earn prizes if they won. Squeals of delight were heard from those who opted for a tumble in the bouncy house or coast down the slides and rides at the "amusement park."

The "Day of Entertainment" also included basketball tryouts, karate demonstrations and dance routines such as family Zumba, which had adults and children alike shaking it up, which was probably not a bad idea, considering the liberal number of hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream, cotton candy, popcorn and other snacks readily available.

Many of the activities showcased at the fair were extensions of programs offered regularly at the H.E.S. Staff members operated several information booths that were placed outside of 9502 Seaview Avenue, as well as interspersed along the street. They shared information about additional resources available at H.E.S., including assistance accessing SNAP, the upcoming "Empowered Support Series" and community food pantry, which is open four days a week and offered in partnership with Met Council.

Resource materials and other information were also available at the booths of local elected officials, Canarsie Merchants Association and Bright Starts whose members also gave away free t-shirts.

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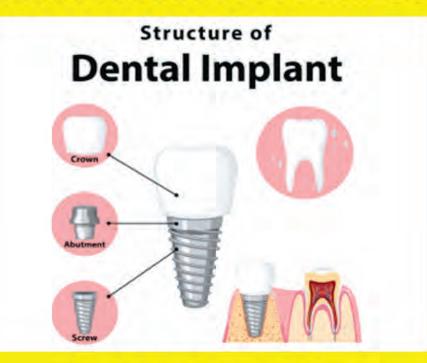


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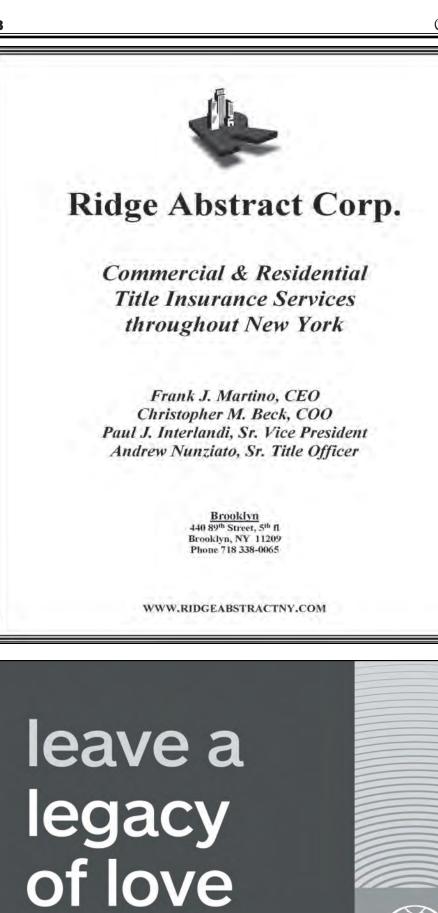
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Fillmore Academy Performance of Annie Jr. Blows Audience Away

By Angela G. Nannetti The Fillmore Academy Drama Club's theater program has always been considered world-class, but their most recent musical production of *Annie Jr.*, on Wednesday, May 28th, was stellar.

Annie, a comic strip turned musical, is the story of a plucky, optimistic orphan selected to spend the holidays in the home of a billionaire, who begins a search for her parents, set in Depressionera New York City. This rendition of the famous musical, held in the auditorium of P.S. 207, located at 4011 Fillmore Avenue, and directed by Kim Simek, featured some standout performances from students in grades 6-8.

"Seventh-grader Emma Fuccillo, as Annie, was absolutely superb," Simek explained. "Her vocals were crystal clear and showed the audience why songs like 'Tomorrow,' 'Maybe,' 'I Think I'm Gonna Like It Here' and 'I Don't Need Anything But You' are, and will always be, iconic musical theater classics."

"Eighth-grader Zoey Ramos also took her final bow on the Fillmore Academy stage as the cruel and sarcastic Miss Hannigan, whose belted rendition of 'Little Girls' left the audience with (just the smallest bit of) heart and empathy," Simek said. "Rounding out the leading roles were the kind and compassionate Mr. Warbucks and Grace Ferrell (played by Alexander Nicholson and Olivia Buckley) and the conniving con artists Rooster and Lily (played by Paul Ligresti and Fiona Jablonski)."

"From orphans to servants, the entire cast of 6th to 8th graders did a fantastic job, and I am proud of each of them," Simek said. "I'm very happy that all of their hard work was rewarded so well by such enthusiastic audiences."



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McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLP 420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840 New York, New York 10170 Phone: 347.286.7409 Fax: 347-286-7414 Attorneys for Plaintiff, Wilmington Trust, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Successor Trustee to Citibank, N.A. as Trustee to Lehman XS Trust Mortgage Pass- Through Certificates, Series 2005-HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REOUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO **RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE** ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. 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P.S. 233 Students Share Innovative Science Fair Investigations By Kari Lleras dren's and students visit an investigation

There was a mixture of excitement, nervousness and pride among the students, parents and staff at the Parent's Science Fair Gallery Walk, held in the cafeteria of P.S. 233 The Langston Hughes School, located at 9301 Avenue B, on Thursday, May 29th, where everyone gathered to view the students' hard work and the culmination of their science experiments.

Marion Howard, science teacher and gardener extraordinaire, encouraged K-5 students to conduct a science investigation that would use their experiences and prior knowledge to extend their studies. The science fair gallery gave the students a valuable opportunity to articulate their learning.

Second-grader, Jasmine Superville, proudly explained that since her white flowers were placed in jars containing colored water that they would change color. Howard's science lessons inspired Lucas France, a 3rd-grader, to research strokes and ways to prevent them. Anthea Lloyd, 4th-grader, discovered density and which everyday items floated or sank and why that happened. Fourth-grader, Cavali Berry's hypothesis was that the citric acid in lemons could produce electricity and power an electric meter.

Howard directed the rotations throughout the event, suggesting that parents visit an experiment other than their children's and students visit an investigation in another grade level. By the end of the evening, the students were beaming with achievement and confidently presenting their findings.

Every year, the science fair at P.S. 233 gets bigger and better. The goal is to encourage more students to question, investigate and make science their own. Howard would like to continue to fill the cafeteria, in years to come, with more students' experiments.

As students and families exited the building, they visited the well-maintained and productive outside learning area that Howard cultivates. "Ms. Howard is always in the garden," a Langston Hughes student said. "Sometimes, she just sits under the big tree next to the garden."

Parents were appreciative of Howard's efforts and compassion for their children and applauded her for hosting the event.



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P.S. 276 Celebrates Diversity at Fourth Annual Multicultural Day



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By Bristol Hendrix

P.S. 276 The Louis Marshall School hosted its Fourth Annual Multicultural Day on Wednesday, June 4th, transforming the school at 1070 East 83rd Street into a vibrant hub of global cultures. The event showcased the rich diversity of Canarsie through food, music, dance and artifacts.

Rose Musto, a science teacher at P.S. 276 who has been teaching at the school for 24 years, expressed her excitement about the celebration. "Today, we are celebrating Multicultural Day. We have different countries represented by the students as well as the staff," she explained. Musto, who is from Haiti, contributed to the display with artifacts and traditional Haitian food. She highlighted the wide array of countries

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represented, including Guyana, Jamaica, Israel, Greece and a significant presence from the Yemeni community.

The day began with a powerful display of unity, featuring the singing of the American National Anthem alongside the national anthems of Haiti, Sudan and Yemen. Students then took center stage, performing diverse cultural dances. Haiti, for instance, contributed three separate dance groups, showcasing the depth of their heritage.

Principal Jennifer Troman, now in her fourth year at the helm of P.S. 276, shared the inspiration behind the annual tradition. "The reason why we started this tradition is because Canarsie is so diverse," she stated. "We wanted students to have a sense of culture. Even though we're so far from where some children are from, we wanted them to have a sense of culture and a piece of their heritage right here in Canarsie."

The event is a collaborative effort, with school staff forming teams based on their heritage to showcase their cultures. Troman noted that "over 11 different cultures" were directly represented by staff and student displays, with "maybe over 20 different cultures" proudly flying their flags throughout the school.

The celebration extended an open invitation to parents and families, who joined students in tasting various international foods. Elected officials also made their presence known, contributing to the festive atmosphere. Troman recounted heartwarming feedback from the day, including one parent's remark that the event "gets better every single year" and a student overheard exclaiming, "This is the best day ever."

"Kids are performing, kids are doing cultural dances, kids are singing national anthems of all different cultures, and they're learning, they're loving, they're happy, they're smiling, and they feel comfortable," Troman emphasized. "We just always want our students to feel comfortable. We want them to know that we love them, that we respect them no matter where they're from. We're all here to learn, be kind, be respectful and to let them know that you matter."



Get Something and Wave -- It's Carnival!

By Brenda Cox

The flags waved, costumes worn and dances performed by students of Excel Charter School, at 1077 Remsen Avenue, on Friday, June 6th, said it all. It's Carnival!

The explosion of colors -- blazing reds, emerald greens, sunshine yellows and sapphire blues -- combined with calypso rhythms and the heat, created the perfect Caribbean atmosphere, just right for a good jump up and that's what the students, teachers and some parents did at the 6th Annual Caribbean Heritage Celebration.

Each masquerade band that entered the playground where the Caribbean Heritage celebration was held comprised a class, representing a different island nation -- St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Barbados, St. Lucia, Jamaica, Antigua, Trinidad and Tobago, Cayman Islands or Haiti. The colors of the students' costumes reflected the native colors of the island they represented.

Dean of Students Amaya Santos said in a statement, "This celebration was more than a show. It was a powerful reminder to our students that who they are matters -- that their culture is worthy of recognition, exploration and joyful celebration. When students see their identities reflected and honored at school, they know they belong and they feel empowered to learn, grow and EXCEL!"



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Battle for Brooklyn -- Massive March Against 'City of Yes' Overreach

By Robert Pearl

Southeast Brooklyn became the epicenter of boroughwide resistance on Sunday, June 1st, as thousands took to the streets and rallied against what many are calling an existential threat to New York City's residential neighborhoods. The Battle for Brooklyn – Trifecta March and Rally, organized by New Yorkers First, drew concerned residents from across Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island and the Bronx to protest Mayor Eric Adams' "City of Yes" zoning plan, homeless shelter placements and hazardous lithiumion battery storage facilities.

Assemblywoman Jaime Williams has stood with community members since the earliest days of the fight — both within her own 59th Assembly District and beyond. She was one of the first elected officials to speak out about the "bait and switch" conversion of the 2134 Coyle Street development from promised affordable housing to a homeless shelter — a move made possible under the very zoning reforms she now seeks to stop.

From the front lines to the State Capitol, Williams is the sponsor of Assembly Bill A.6955, currently awaiting movement in the State Assembly's Energy Committee (see



'Get it to the Floor' — Assemblywoman Williams Leads Charge to Advance Lithium Battery Safety Bill - Canarsie Courier, June 3, 2025).

The legislation would ban battery energy storage systems (BESS) from being placed within 1,000 feet of homes, schools, daycare centers and businesses — effectively restricting them to industrial areas. She emphasized the real-life danger these sites pose, particularly under the "as-of-right" development privileges created by the City of Yes.

"We have homes right now that back up to planned battery sites," she said. "What happens when their insurance companies find out? What happens when one of these burns, and the Fire Department can't put it out? This is reckless and unacceptable."

Urban planning expert Paul Graziano, who also addressed the crowd, is leading a legal challenge against the City's zoning overhaul. The lawsuit, filed in Staten Island Supreme Court, specifically targets the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity initiative. The suit alleges the Adams' administration failed to conduct proper environmental reviews and unlawfully segmented the process to avoid comprehensive scrutiny.

"This is a wholesale giveaway to developers," Graziano said. "And the public never had a real chance to weigh in."

He urged all concerned residents to appear at Staten Island Supreme Court, 26 Central Avenue, on Tuesday, July 8th, at 9:30 a.m., calling it a crucial moment in the fight to protect New York's low-density neighborhoods.

Mayoral hopeful Curtis Sliwa was the only candidate on the ground who attended the rally, marching alongside residents and delivering a passionate call to action. Sliwa criticized other candidates for ignoring the issue entirely, and the chance to address 2,000 constituents, while praising communities for standing up to what he called "centralized planning without consent."

"You won't find these shelters or battery sites in Park Slope or Billionaires' Row," Sliwa said. "They are dumping it all here in the outer boroughs — and we're done being dumped on."

The rally's strength came not just from size, but from solidarity and a movement beyond borough lines. Folks from across the city joined the Battle for Brooklyn, including Southeast Queens civic leaders joining in protest. Banners waved above a sea of American flags, and chants echoed through the streets, shutting down Flatbush Avenue and portions of Avenue U. Protestors demanded transparency, accountability and respect for long-standing neighborhoods in what has become open season to build almost anything "as-of right" without local community input.

"This is about quality of life, safety and self-determination," New Yorkers First President Ron Canterino said. "Communities are waking up - and we're just getting started."

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Probate Citation File No. 2025-1409 SURROGATE'S COURT - KINGS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: The unknown heirs at law. next of kin, and distributees of Elena Powell a/k/a Elena Victoria Powell Reid, Elena V. Powell, deceased, if any of them are living, and if any of them are deceased, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. A petition having been duly filed by Janice Hazeley, who is domiciled at 4587 Sunprince Drive, Harrisburg, NC 28075 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, located at 2 Johnson Street, Rm 319, Brooklyn New York, on July 10, 2025 at 10:00 in the forenoon of that day, why a Decree should not be made in the estate of Elena Powell a/k/a Elena Victoria Powell Reid, Elena V. Powell lately domiciled at 185 Hall Street, Apt 911, Brooklyn, NY 11205, admitting to probate a Will dated August 31, 2017 (a Codicil dated n/a, n/a) as the Will of Elena Powell a/k/a Elena Victoria Powell Reid, Elena V. Powell deceased, relating to real and personal property and directing that [X] Letters Testamentary issue to: Janice Hazeley May 28, 2025 Dated, Attested, and Sealed, Hon. Bernard J. Graham Surrogate Lisa Mathis Chief DOMINIC Clerk J. FAMULARI Firm Name (718) 748-3333 Telephone 6741 Third Avenue. Brooklyn, NY 11220 Address dominic@famularilaw.com Email [NOTE: This citation is served upon you are required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.]



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Watching you grow and mature into the wonderful young individuals you are today has been a privilege. From your early days in the classroom to your impressive interdisciplinary presentations and outstanding performances, you've continuously impressed us with your dedication and enthusiasm for learning. I've cherished every moment spent with you, learning from your conversations, witnessing your problem-solving skills, and celebrating your achievements.

As you move on from TNAACS, I encourage you to carry with you not only the knowledge and skills you've acquired but also the values that define our community. Remember to embody our HEARTS values—be humble, be willing to try new things, be receptive to the ideas and opinions of others, and always remember to extend a helping hand when needed. In a world that often emphasizes individual success, strive to prioritize caring and compassion.

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