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Photo by Angela G. Nannetti  
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Photographers**Gratitude in Action: Planting Seeds of Thanks**

By Jibreel Jalloh

As we enter this season of giving and gratitude, I want to take a moment to share my heartfelt appreciation for all the people who make Canarsie the vibrant, resilient and caring community that it is. Thanksgiving is a time when we pause to reflect on what matters most — family, neighbors and the ties that bind us. This year, more than ever, I am thankful for the spirit of giving that continues to shine across our neighborhood.

For years, many residents have expressed frustration about the condition of the Seaview Avenue median. We have received countless concerns about the space being unsightly, unkept and overlooked. These concerns come from a place of deep care — because Canarsie residents take pride in our community's shared spaces. This weekend, we had the opportunity to respond to those concerns through collective action. We were grateful to join the H.E.S. Community Collaboration Coalition for their "Planting Seeds of Thanks" community beautification event on Sunday, November 23rd. This event embodied the spirit of Thanksgiving by bringing neighbors together to create something hopeful and lasting.

Volunteers gathered in the H.E.S. lobby before heading out to clean and plant daffodil bulbs along the median. Families, elders, youth and volunteers rolled up their sleeves and got to work — digging, planting, watering and laughing alongside one another.



er. What took place was more than a beautification effort; it was a reminder of what's possible when we show up for our community. The daffodils we planted will bloom in spring, but the real seeds planted that day were the seeds of connection, pride and shared purpose.

We extend our deepest gratitude to H.E.S. for hosting us, the 69th Precinct for their partnership and community leaders like Maria Garrett whose dedication and leadership helped make the day more meaningful. The group's commitment to Canarsie is a testament to what collaborative service can look like when people come together for the common good.

Thanksgiving reminds us that gratitude is more than a feeling — it's an action. It calls us to serve, to uplift and to invest in the places and people we cherish. As we head into the

holiday season, we carry with us the warmth of this event and the hope it represents.

We wish every Canarsie family peace, joy and abundance. May this season bring you comfort, connection and renewed optimism. From my family to yours, Happy Thanksgiving — and thank you for continuing to grow with us.

*Jibreel Jalloh is an award-winning organizer and 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, he has helped lead efforts to end gun violence, expand public transit and secure investments in local green spaces. Jibreel is a 2024-2025 Obama Foundation Scholar at Columbia University. Learn more at theflossy.org and follow @theflossyorg.*

**Canarsie Needs A Ferry**

*The following letter was sent by Assemblywoman Jaime Williams to Mayor-Elect Zohran Mamdani on November 14, 2025.*

**Dear Mayor-Elect Mamdani:**

As the incoming mayor, I would first like to congratulate you on your victory, and I look forward to collaborating with you as we look to address concerns in the 59th Assembly District. One of those is the need for a ferry from the Canarsie Pier in southern Brooklyn, which would connect Canarsie to other parts of New York City.

I was pleased to see the recent announcement regarding the expansion of the NYC Ferry Service; however, I was quite disappointed to see that it did not include Canarsie. I,

prior elected officials and many of my constituents have been advocating for over a decade for ferry service at the Canarsie Pier in my district.

As you may recall from my many comments in conference, my district is a transportation desert. There is but one train station, the L train, in the northern part of the district, which is difficult to access for most Canarsie residents. For an exceedingly long time, surface transportation has also proven to be largely inadequate. Canarsie desperately needs this alternative.

A ferry service would prove to be a critical asset for our many area residents as they struggle to get to and from their Manhattan jobs. While saving time and stress for the

local population, the ferry would also attract many people to Canarsie, helping to strengthen the local economy and revitalize the area.

Ferries have become an increasingly important part of the city-wide transportation system in New York City. A Pilot Program in Canarsie will demonstrate the importance and value of this project, and I hope that once you officially take office, we can work on that together. I urge you to support this vital proposal, which would allow the Canarsie Community to become part of the NYC Ferry Network.

*Sincerely,  
Jaime Williams  
Member of the Assembly  
59th AD*

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## Tragedy at Bayview Houses, Infant Found Dead in Rear of Building

By Lloyd Mitchell

A police investigation is underway after a NYCHA employee found an infant dead at the Bayview Houses last week.

The worker was raking leaves near 1580 East 102nd Street, between Seaview Avenue and Shore Parkway, on Thursday, November 20th, when he made the tragic discovery.

Officers from the 69th Precinct and PSA1 responded around 11:05 a.m. where they found an unidentified newborn boy in a black bag, under a pile of leaves in the rear of the location.

Paramedics pronounced the boy dead on scene. The Medical Examiner's Office will determine the infant's cause of death.

There are no arrests, 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 [atcrimestoppers.nypdonline.org/](http://atcrimestoppers.nypdonline.org/) or on X @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.



### Brownsville

## Man Stabbed to Death Outside NYCHA Building

By Baqir Ahmad and Linda Steinmuller

A 48-year-old man was stabbed to death in front of 301 Sutter Avenue (Langston Hughes Houses) on Wednesday, November 19th.

Police from the 73rd Precinct/PSA2 arrived at the NYCHA building, located between Mother Gaston Blvd. and Rockaway Avenue, around 5:30 p.m. where they found the victim, Kevin Coleman, of East New York, with multiple stab wounds to his body. He was taken by EMS to Brookdale Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, police said.

There are no arrests, and an investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information regarding this homicide 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 [atcrimestoppers.nypdonline.org/](http://atcrimestoppers.nypdonline.org/) or on X @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.

*Photo by Baqir Ahmad*



### East Flatbush

## Fire Marshals Investigating Cause of Fire in Three-Story Building

By Lloyd Mitchell

Firefighters quickly contained a first-floor fire that started in a deli at 280 East 92nd Street, off of Clarkson Avenue, on Wednesday, November 19th.

Fire Department personnel responded to the blaze around 2 p.m. where Engine Company 283 was met with smoke showing from the first floor of the three-story, mixed-use building.

About 60 members used two hose lines to knock down the main body of fire. Searches throughout the building were negative, and the fire was placed under control at 2:30 p.m.

The FDNY Fire Marshal's Office will determine the cause and origin of the blaze.



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## Community Rallies Against Rumored Men's Shelter on East 108th Street



By Bristol Hendrix

A cold Friday evening on November 14th brought a powerful show of unity to 945 East 108th Street, where dozens of Canarsie residents gathered outside a former senior care center rumored to be the future site of a men's homeless shelter. While no official confirmation has been issued by the City, the possibility alone was enough to prompt swift action from local leaders, community groups and concerned neighbors.

The rally was organized by Maria Garrett, president of the Fresh Creek Association, and Jibreel Jalloh, founder of the Flossy Organization. The gathering also drew several elected officials and representatives, signaling the seriousness of residents' concerns. City Council Members Mercedes Narcisse and Chris Banks attended, along with As-

semblywoman Jaime Williams, Community Board 18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow and Jennifer Viechweg-Horsford, on behalf of State Senator Roxanne Persaud.

Their presence underscored what residents repeatedly said throughout the night: transparency, communication and community involvement have been lacking. Garrett, a longtime resident, was notified that the new owners of the site did not reach out to community leaders for feedback. Narcisse reached out to the investor of the property, Abraham Posner, but her call was not returned.

The vacant building sits at the center of a residential corridor surrounded by family homes, schools and playgrounds. Many residents argue that the location is incompatible with a men's shelter, citing safety concerns, the lack of public transportation and the impact on nearby youth.

Rachel, a community member, said she attended because she has seen similar shelters placed in vulnerable communities without adequate planning.

"I see how men's shelters go all around New York. It's not a good thing," she said. "Canarsie needs a youth center or a YMCA. There's a school across the street. Kids need a safe space. A men's shelter shouldn't be here."

For her, the issue is not about rejecting homeless individuals but about prioritizing the needs and safety of neighborhood youth. "This area is perfect for a youth center — not a shelter," she added.

Raven, a lifelong resident of the nearby Breukelen Houses, focused on the practicality and safety concerns tied to the proposed location.

"A homeless shelter does not belong in a residential community filled with schools," she said. "It's not about denying people services. It's about the fact that this location does not make sense. We barely even have buses here. How will shelter residents get to doctor's appointments or job interviews?"

She urged the crowd to remain engaged and expand the movement: "Go back to your blocks. Empower your neighbors. There's power in numbers. Developers need to know not to play with Canarsie."

Raquel Williams, a resident for more than two decades, stressed transparency — a point echoed consistently throughout the night.

"We deserve transparency," she said. "If a shelter is coming into our neighborhood — where we live, shop, play and see our doctors — we should have a voice in the planning process. We should be able to ask questions and express our concerns."

Elected officials listened closely to residents' concerns. Several emphasized that they were not informed of any finalized plans for a shelter and committed to seeking answers from the City.

Partnow also assured residents that the community board would advocate for transparency and ensure that any proposal undergoes the proper review. Leaders of the Mill Basin Civic Association were on site to show solidarity with residents in Canarsie.

At this time, the City has not formally confirmed that the former adult day care center will become a men's shelter. However, the gathering made one thing unmistakably clear: Canarsie residents intend to remain vigilant, organized and active in shaping the future of their neighborhood.

Residents say they plan to attend upcoming meetings, pressure city agencies for information and continue mobilizing block by block.

The *Canarsie Courier* will continue to follow this developing story.



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## Regina Opera's Performance of La Bohème Brings Tears of Sadness and Laughter

By Brian Moreno

Although the year is coming to an end, the Regina Opera Company kicked off its 56th season, from November 2025 to May 2026, with a stellar performance of Giacomo Puccini's legendary 1896 opera, *La Bohème*, on Saturday, November 15th.

Residents and opera lovers gathered at the auditorium of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Academy, at 5902 6th Avenue, to see the premiere of the Italian opera, where the Regina Opera's cast of actors gave it their all and performed a story of love, laughter and loss.

"We thought the audience would enjoy it," Francine Garber-Cohen, president of the Regina Opera, said. "We hadn't done this show in a while, and there were so many singers who would be fitting for this opera -- in other words, they had the voice exactly for *La Bohème*."

Directed by Sabrina Palladino and Scott Jackson Wiley as the principal conductor, with English supertitles provided by Linda Cantoni, *La Bohème* follows the story of bohemians living in 19th-century Paris, where starving poet Rodolfo (Jax Hassler) meets and falls in love with Mimì (Rachel Hippert).

Although the opera is filled with comedic moments, such as avoiding paying the rent and an expensive dinner

bill, it becomes a tragedy with the loss of a loved one.

"It's the kind of opera that the more you sing it, the more it unfolds for you as a performer because you're always looking at what's the next nuance," said Palladino, who also starred as Mimì years prior. "Mimì has a very central role and a very central role in the fact that she dies and the rest live. I think the ultimate lesson is that all of these boys, and even Musetta, have to grow up."

If you missed *La Bohème*, the Regina Opera will be performing other shows, including *Suor Angelica* alongside concert performances in February and March 2026 and *Carmen* in May 2026.

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## Not So Fast, Santa! Residents Display Thanksgiving Decorations with Pride

By Angela G. Nannetti

While many of their neighbors have gone straight from Halloween to Christmas decorations, some residents of Marine Park and Bergen Beach are taking a stand, displaying their Thanksgiving inflatables with pride, a trend that seems to be becoming more and more popular throughout Brooklyn this year.

"I love Thanksgiving," Bergen Beach resident Anthony Rotella said. "I hate that people gloss over it. There should not be Christmas lights up in November; it's just rushing things." That sentiment

was shared by another resident who put out an inflatable turkey standing on top of a fallen St. Nick, holding up a sign that reads, "Not So Fast, Santa."

There is no shortage of adorable decorations to admire, but some stand-outs include a turkey farmer hauling his harvest to market in a pickup truck and a baby turkey surrounded by fall vegetables.

"It's about more than the turkey," Rotella said. "It's important we take the time to be thankful -- at least one day out of the year."



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## Mill Basin Civic Meets for First Time at New Location

By Amanda Salazar

The Mill Basin Civic Association (MBCA) met for the first time at its new home, the recently relocated Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club — which now resides at 5809 Avenue T in a storefront that suffered a roof collapse two years ago — on Tuesday, November 18th.

The meeting featured remarks from community leaders, crime updates from the 63rd Precinct, the announcement of the 2026 slate of MBCA board members and more.

The civic announced that it would be changing up its leadership structure for next session: President Paul Curiale will receive a co-president in Marilyn Vasquez, Josephine Politi will become vice president, Tommy Marshall will become sergeant-at-arms and Christina Caputo will assume

the title of corresponding secretary. Treasurer Amar Dyal will retain his role. The members will be formally installed at the December meeting.

Recently promoted Community Affairs Detective Tom Podd, who was just named Police Office of the Year for Brooklyn South, spoke briefly about crime and thanked the community for its support of his promotion.

"I love people, I love my community that I serve and thankfully my promotion does not change what I do or where I do it," Podd said. "I will stay in the [63rd Precinct] for as long as I ever can, and I will continue doing community affairs, as this is a job that I love."

The biggest issue in the precinct lately is stolen cars, often as a result of owners leaving their cars running unattended. He also cautioned against

drunk driving, which may increase during the upcoming holiday season.

Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, a conservative Democrat, said she is "looking forward to working with" Democratic Socialist Mayor-elect Zohran Mamdani, currently an assemblyman in Queens who sat on one of the Assembly committees she chairs.

"Regardless of how people feel, at the end of the day we have to have a working relationship," she said. "I look forward to working with my colleagues but also representing my community."

She said Mamdani "promised" to sit down with her as mayor to discuss property taxes for homeowners, co-ops and condos, which are considered unaffordable for many individuals. She also said she hopes to work with Mamdani on creating a pilot program to bring public ferry service to Canarsie.

"I was a bit disappointed," Williams said of a recent study released showing where New York City Ferry service will be expanded, "because here, again, Canarsie wasn't included in that."

Additionally, Williams touched on the three ballot proposals that she and Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse opposed during the recent election. Many elected officials had concerns that proposals two, three and four will reduce Council members' power and give a free pass to developers looking to build housing and select other projects.

Despite campaigning against the proposals from politicians across the city, the measures passed, though Williams' district in particular voted overwhelmingly against them.

"We have fought for this community to keep it in its current capacity, one- and two-family homes, fighting for you guys," she said. "This is something that we have to deal with moving forward because there is claimed to be a 'housing crisis' but it's not really a housing crisis."

On the topic of land use, Williams also spoke about her proposed bill, A6955A, which would prohibit new commercial battery energy storage systems from being built within 1,000 feet of homes, schools or farms. If passed, the bill would only allow these battery storage facilities to be built in industrial zones, and a public hearing would be mandatory before permitting.

The bill will have to be reintroduced in the Assembly at the start of the next session in January.

It came as a result of much community upheaval over three planned lithium-ion battery storage facilities in Marine Park, which Williams represents. There are concerns over fire risk, decreased home values and noise pollution, pushing the assemblywoman to take a hard line against the facilities, which are being built "as of right," not needing community board or elected official approval.

"They're going to say that it's 100% safe, but there's nothing that's 100% safe," she said. "I can tell you for sure, colleagues upstate, their lithium-ion battery plants did catch fire, and they had to let it burn for 12 days."

Other speakers at the meeting included Narcisse's Constituent Services Coordinator Tanisha Faroul, U.S. Representative Hakeem Jeffries' Constituent Services Director Frieda Menos, Community Board 18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow and Mill Basin Library Branch Manager Christina Armieri, who noted that the library recently received two new librarians.

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## Giving Thanks Together: Williams' District Hosts Annual Turkey Distribution Event

By Robert Pearl



Gratitude and generosity filled the crisp autumn air on Friday, November 21st, as Assemblywoman Jaime Williams welcomed residents of the 59th Assembly District to her Annual Turkey Distribution at her district office at 5318 Avenue N. Families lined up down the block, many arriving early, eager to take part in what has become a much-loved neighborhood tradition that signals the beginning of the Thanksgiving season.

Once again, the yearly event reflected the strong sense of community that defines the district. Neighbors greeted one another, volunteers moved swiftly to keep the line organized, and the steady rhythm of distribution gave the afternoon an upbeat, welcoming feel.

The success of the event was made possible through the combined support of community partners, including East Flatbush Village, Inc.; JCC of Canarsie; E.N.O.U.G.H. (Educating Neighborhoods and Organizing Under-Served With Grassroots Health-Enrichment); The Campaign Against Hunger; Met Council; Visit Canarsie; Kings Plaza; and Key Food on Avenue N. Their involvement ensured that the holiday distribution continued to grow in scale and generosity.

A dedicated team of volunteers — from Williams' office staff to local helpers and members of the Mill Basin Civic Association — worked the tables, checked registrations and helped manage the large turnout. Detective Thomas Podd of the 63rd Precinct supported the flow of the line and assisted residents as needed, helping keep things orderly so the distribution moved smoothly for everyone present.

Thanksgiving dinner isn't complete without the trimmings, and everything to complete the holiday table was available. Residents received an impressive assortment of seasonal produce, including carrots, celery, potatoes, onions, collard greens and broccoli, along with apples, watermelons, cartons of eggs, canned goods, dry goods and even large paper leaf collection bags for fall composting. It was a one-stop for all holiday needs.

For many attendees, the distribution was a reminder of why Williams' office has become a pillar of the community. Beyond this annual tradition, she also hosts a bi-weekly Fall Food Distribution from September through December, ensuring families have consistent support throughout the season. Neighbors often remark that Williams is always giving back, always accessible and always looking for ways to assist — not only during holidays and special events, but also all year long.

"Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude, family and a good meal, yet many families continue to struggle with economic challenges and food insecurity," Williams said. "I'm proud that our annual turkey drive was a true success. With the help of our community partners and volunteers, we were able to provide district families with turkeys, fresh produce and essential items so they can prepare a healthy and meaningful holiday dinner."

'Tis the season for giving and gratitude, and nowhere was that spirit more alive than at Williams' Annual Turkey Distribution.

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# How Brooklyn Became Part of New York City: Historian Chronicles Consolidation of the Five Boroughs

By Loretta Chin

Residents packed the Salt Marsh Nature Center, at 3302 Avenue U, to hear Brooklyn Borough Historian Ron Schweiger recount Brooklyn's 1898 merger with New York City at an event sponsored by the Salt Marsh Alliance, Inc. on Sunday, November 2nd.

Schweiger, a former science teacher, has served as the Kings County historian for 23 years. He was appointed in 2002 by then Borough President Marty Markowitz, replacing John Manbeck, who held the role for nine years. Schweiger is also past president of the Society of Old Brooklynites and the Brooklyn College Alumni Association.

Through a slideshow presentation, Schweiger traced Brooklyn's history back to the six original towns of Kings County, settled in the 1600s by the Dutch. Five original Dutch names were later anglicized: Breukelen became Brooklyn; Boswijk became Bushwick; Vlackbos became Midwout and then Flatbush; Nieuw Amersfoort became New Amersfort and then Flatlands at Kings Highway and Flatbush Avenue; Nieuw Utrecht became the Borough Park, Bay Ridge and Fort Hamilton area; and Gravesend was founded by English settlers under Dutch authority.

In 1636, the Dutch purchased land from the Canarsie Indians. In 1664, the English took over without a fight because the Dutch settlers were farmers and didn't want to fight. Although then governor of New Amsterdam, Peter Stuyvesant, wanted to fight, he was told not to by the king of the Netherlands. By 1683, the king of England named the entire area Kings County and New Amsterdam became New York.

With many anecdotal stories, Schweiger traced Brooklyn's development through the people who helped shape it. Key time periods included the Revolutionary War in 1776 when most of the area became English property, the transformation of the town of Breukelen into the City of Brooklyn in 1834, and Williamsburgh's brief period as a city from 1851 to 1855, before it was annexed along with Greenpoint and Bushwick into the City of Brooklyn and had its name changed to Williamsburg.

Schweiger described the extraordinary growth of the beer industry and broader industrial expansion along the East River in the Williamsburg, Bushwick and Greenpoint area, as well as the impact of various forms of transportation, piers and the Brooklyn Bridge, which connected Brooklyn and New York City in 1883. This led to the expansion and development of Brooklyn from the burgeoning population growth in Lower Manhattan from the middle to late 1800s.

In 1890, the Greater New York Commission was established to explore the idea of consolidating the five counties into one greater City of New York, once all the towns of Kings County were incorporated into the City of Brooklyn through referendum.

This led to a men-only referendum vote in 1897 because women were not allowed to vote at that time. Manhattan and the Bronx — then considered one borough and later separated into separate boroughs in 1914 — voted in favor by a huge margin as did Queens and Staten Island. Brooklyn passed by a slim margin of only 277 votes: 64,744 in favor and 64,467 against. Support to consolidate came mainly by farmers in southern and eastern parts of Brooklyn who, through increased tax revenue from the new City of New York to the farm areas, would get paved streets, a modern sewer system and connection to the New York City water reservoir system instead of relying on smaller, less reliable reservoirs

nearby in Long Island and Queens.

According to Schweiger, thousands of Brooklynites gathered by the steps of Brooklyn City Hall on New Year's Eve 1897 to await the stroke of midnight, when a poet named Will Colton read a poem, "The Passing of Brooklyn," to mark the forthcoming consolidation of Brooklyn into the greater City of New York on January 1, 1898.

Schweiger quoted the last lines of the poem, "Brooklyn it is, Brooklyn it shall be and Brooklyn are we."

"One second after midnight, Brooklyn was Brooklyn, but it was part of the greater City of New York," Schweiger said.



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## Emergency Meeting of Community Board 18 Ends Without Quorum

By Robert Pearl

Community Board 18 held an emergency meeting on Thursday, November 13th, which drew a large crowd of residents who gathered to hear a revised proposal tied to the zoning application for 5502 Flatlands Avenue.

The session, held at the Community Board Office at 1097 Bergen Avenue, called days before a City Council deadline, was intended to give the board an opportunity to consider a counterproposal before the Department of City Planning's (DCP) timeline advanced. Instead, the meeting ended when the board did not have a quorum during a roll call vote, forcing the matter to be tabled until the next regular meeting on Wednesday, November 19th.

The dispute centers on a rezoning application submitted by 5502 Flat LLC, which seeks to change the site's current R3-2 zoning to R6A with a C2-4 commercial overlay. According to DCP public documents, the rezoning would permit a seven-story, mixed-use building with 49,637 square feet of floor area, including ground-floor retail, 36

residential units and 15 parking spaces. Although the developer has insisted it intends to build commercial space only, DCP has said that the expedited review route requires residential capacity to remain part of the zoning action.

The requirement left both the board and members of the surrounding community frustrated, as residents emphasized that Flatlands Avenue in this section has long been a one-story commercial corridor surrounded by low-density, one- and two-family homes. Several speakers said any residential structure above three stories would fundamentally change the character of the neighborhood. Others raised immediate concerns about drainage, noting that the block sits in a marsh-affected flood zone where even moderate rainfall overwhelms the local sewer system.

Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse urged the board to consider a compromise rather than rejecting all residential potential outright. She warned that the recent citywide ballot measure, which created a three-member appeals panel for land-use decisions, significantly weakens

the traditional practice known as council member deference. With the incoming mayor and borough president expected to favor increased development, Narcisse said she fears that outright opposition from the board could result in the city approving the full seven stories or more.

Her message was met with mixed reactions. Some board members said the community should "stand its ground" and vote no. Others argued that rejecting any housing outright could leave the district sidelined in future negotiations and vulnerable to decisions made without local input.

After nearly two hours of testimony, Planning and Zoning Committee Chair Tom Hernandez introduced a counterproposal: a three-story development with ground-floor commercial, two floors of residential units above, a community facility, parking for each unit and required infrastructure improvements. The motion was seconded and moved to a roll call vote.

But confusion erupted during the vote when a board member misstated several responses, and it was discovered that multiple members had left the meeting. The remaining attendance fell below the required 22-member quorum. The unofficial tally — 10 in favor, six opposed and three abstentions — could not be certified, rendering the vote invalid.

Board leadership announced that the matter would be taken up again at the regular meeting on November 19th and that the discussion already held would not be repeated. The November vote is expected to provide the board's formal recommendation to the City Council, though the final outcome may still be influenced by the new citywide development appeals structure.

Former assemblyman and longtime community leader Frank Seddio, who arrived later in the meeting, cautioned that the recently approved ballot measures have sharply reduced local influence over land-use decisions. "We already lost because there is no seat at the table anymore for the community board or for the council member because of the ballot proposal that got voted in. That meant the rest of us got voted out," he said.

Assemblywoman Jaime Williams urged the community to stay unified, warning that dismissing issues in neighboring areas weakens everyone's ability to push back. "We have to stop thinking, 'Oh, it's happening in Marine Park, that's their problem...' or 'It's happening in Canarsie, that's their problem.' That's how we lose [on issues]," she said.

Residents left the meeting both frustrated and energized, aware that the coming week may determine the future of the long-vacant triangular lot at 5502 Flatlands Avenue. As one civic leader put it at the close of the night, "We may not have had quorum tonight, but we still have a voice, and we're going to use it."

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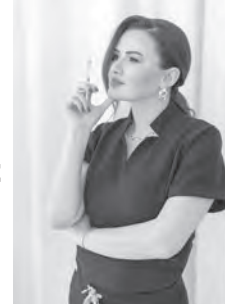
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## Vacant Lot at 5502 Flatlands Avenue Discussed at CB18 Meeting

By Linda Steinmuller

Community Board 18 (CB18) held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 19th, at the Community Board Office located at 1097 Bergen Avenue, where a rezoning application, street co-naming and "Stop the Chop" were some of the topics discussed.

A vacant lot at 5502 Flatlands Avenue was originally zoned for residential use. As the irregularly shaped triangular lot was not really suitable for residential use, the location remained vacant for decades. At the June 18th meeting of CB18, a vote was taken — and approved — to rezone the property for commercial use (see *"Rezoning, DOT Projects and Rehabilitating Floyd Bennett Field Discussed at CB18 Meeting," Canarsie Courier, July 3, 2025*).

The Department of City Planning (DCP) offered a counterproposal, and a special emergency meeting was held on November 13th, days before a City Council deadline, regarding a rezoning application that would permit a seven-story, mixed-use building on the site (see *"Emergency Meeting of Community Board 18 Ends Without Quorum," page 12*).

At the emergency meeting, Planning and Zoning Committee Chair Tom Hernandez made a motion for a three-story development with ground-floor commercial and two floors of residential units above; however, when the proposal went to a roll call vote, quorum was not met, and the vote was tabled until the regular meeting of CB18.

After a lengthy discussion at last week's meeting, board members decided to leave the property as is — to keep it as a one-story building for commercial use — and therefore a vote was not required.

However, with the recent approval of Proposals 2-4 at the General Election, a new Affordable Housing Appeals Board could overrule the proposal in favor of adding residential housing.

CB18 Chairperson Naomi Hopkins introduced the 69th Precinct's new commanding officer, Captain Sashanna Wynter. She previously served as the precinct's executive officer from February 2024 to May 2025, transferred to the 70th Precinct and has now returned to the 69th Precinct where she says it feels like "coming home."

Akis Sinesi, chairman of the Ad-Hoc Landmarks and Co-Naming Committee, made a motion to approve the co-naming of East 53rd Street and Avenue M in honor of Terri Cadet-Donald. The former board member was very involved in the community, having worked with Millennium Development for 16 years. She also served as VP of the 63rd Precinct Community Council and was a board member of the Mill Basin Civic Association. The board unanimously approved the motion, with Sinesi calling it a "no-

brainer," as Cadet-Donald was beloved by the community.

There was a ceremony for a street co-naming in honor of Judge Sy Gerschwer at Mayfair Drive South and East 66th Street the previous weekend, according to CB18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow.

In her monthly report, she shared that construction of the Marine Park Avenue S parking lot is now complete. An inspection was scheduled for the following day, and if everything looks good, the contractor will remove the fence, and the parking lot will reopen.

The DOT finally installed all way stop signs on Avenue S in Marine Park, Partnow said, and excavation at Remsen and Flatlands Avenue for the B82 Select Bus has been completed.

She reminded everyone that it's Medicare open enrollment time. For more information, you can call 212-AGING-NYC. Also, leaf bags are available at the Community Board Office.

Assemblywomen Jaime Williams and Monique Chandler-Waterman informed attendees that there is a housing lottery for

affordable housing units at 548 Utica Avenue. Applications were available at the meeting, and the deadline to apply is December 1st.

Thanks to a joint effort, the assemblywomen, along with State Senator Roxanne Persaud, collected and packed boxes of essential items to be shipped to Jamaica as a result of damage caused by Hurricane Melissa. Plans are being made for a relief mission trip to the island on December 18th.

Chandler-Waterman shared that legislation was passed to double the amount of reimbursement for burial assistance for victims of violence. Originally, families were allowed \$6,000, but that amount has been increased to \$12,000.

As the meeting concluded, 40 turkeys were raffled off in time for Thanksgiving. Partnow thanked 63rd Precinct Detective Tom Podd for transporting the birds to the meeting, compliments of the New York City Police Foundation.

The next meeting of CB18 will be held on Wednesday, December 17th, at 7 p.m. at 1097 Bergen Avenue.

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The 69th Precinct's new commanding officer, Sashana Wynter, greeted the residents of the assisted living facility. "This is my first year, and I'm happy to see a lot of new faces here and wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving," she said.

Council President Gardy Brazela, and members of the 69th Precinct Auxiliary, served plates of hot, delicious food – consisting of turkey, chicken, mac and cheese, rice and beans, mashed potatoes, vegetables, fruits and cakes – to 50 men and women at the facility. Assemblywomen Jaime Williams and Monique Chandler-Waterman also participated in the event.

The next Community Council event will be its holiday party at 8 p.m. on Friday, December 5th, at the Midget Squadron Yacht Club.



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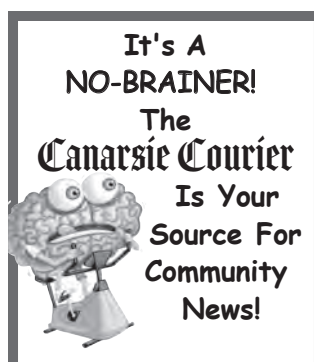
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