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## Businesses Struggling On Rockaway Parkway



*Photo by Bristol Hendrix*

*Story on page 12*

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January 15th, in observance of  
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## From Allocation to Action: Canarsie Community Center

By Jibreel Jalloh

*Editor's Note: The following letter was sent by Jibreel Jalloh to Mayor Mamdani.*

Peace Mayor Mamdani, Commissioner Howard, Commissioner Rodriguez-Rosa, Commissioner Gross,

I write to request a clear update on the status of the \$500,000 allocated in the FY2026 city budget for a feasibility study toward a Canarsie Community Center.

As you know, this allocation was secured after years of sustained grassroots organizing and advocacy led by local residents, Councilmember Mercedes Narcisse, and community-based organizations. While we recognize this funding as an important first step, the community has yet to receive basic information about how and when the study will proceed.

Since the budget's adoption, our community has not received a publicly released timeline, a confirmed designated lead agency, and no plan for community engagement. As reported by *Gothamist* in September, Canarsie residents remain deeply concerned that the study could stall or become another bureau-

cratic delay rather than a bridge to real investment.

That concern is not abstract. Canarsie continues to experience the compounded impacts of decades of underinvestment in public infrastructure. Nearby neighborhoods have seen transformative community center projects move forward. Canarsie, meanwhile, is still waiting—despite broad consensus that a public community center is urgently needed and long overdue.

With that context, we respectfully request that the city provide the following:

1. Confirmation of the city agency responsible for administering the feasibility study.

2. A public timeline for study launch, community input sessions, and delivery of findings.

3. Assurance that the study will be transparent and community-driven, with meaningful opportunities for resident participation.

A feasibility study should move the city closer to action, not prolong uncertainty. Clear communication at this stage would go a long way toward rebuilding trust and demonstrating your



administration's commitment to equity, prevention, and long-term public safety.

We look forward to your response and respectfully request a written update within 30 days, and to working collaboratively to move this long-stalled project forward.

*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](http://theflossy.org) and follow @theflossyorg.*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR – VOL. 106, NO. 3

## FRI. JANUARY 16TH

State Senator Roxanne Persaud: Free Electronics Recycling Collection  
District Office  
1222 East 96th Street  
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## TUES. JANUARY 20TH

Creating Swipe Art  
Mill Basin Library  
2385 Ralph Avenue  
2 to 3 p.m.

## SUN. JANUARY 18TH

Blood Drive  
Carmine Carro Community Center  
3000 Fillmore Avenue  
10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Register at  
[https://www.nybc.org](http://www.nybc.org)

## TUES. JANUARY 20TH

Canarsie Library: Feltboard Storytime (Kids)  
Golden Age  
9305 Avenue L  
3 to 4 p.m.

## MON. JANUARY 19TH

Annual MLK Day of Service  
Hebrew Educational Society  
9502 Seaview Avenue  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## WED. JANUARY 21ST

Canarsie Library: Trivia Night  
Sylk Cove  
1370 Rockaway Parkway  
5 to 6 p.m.

## MON. JANUARY 19TH

Canarsie Merchants Association: MLK Day of Service  
Flatlands Avenue and East 80th Street  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## WED. JANUARY 21ST

Community Board 18 Meeting  
Community Board 18  
1097 Bergen Avenue  
7 p.m.

## THU. JANUARY 22ND

District 22 Parent Workshop:  
i-Ready Digital Learning Support  
6:30 to 8 p.m.  
Log on at  
<https://zoom.us/j/96050480615>

## NEW YORK ROAD RUNNERS: OPEN RUNS

Saturdays at 9 a.m.: Canarsie Park – Field House, Seaview Avenue & East 88th Street  
Sundays at 9 a.m.: Marine Park – Behind Carmine Carro Community Center, 3000 Fillmore Avenue

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## Shots Fired on Canarsie Street



By Baqir Ahmad

Officers from the 69th Precinct responded to a 911 call of shots fired in front of 941 East 95th Street, off Foster Avenue, around 8:20 p.m. on Thursday, January 8th.

Upon arrival, police discovered multiple gunshot casings at the scene. There were no injuries or property damage, official sources said.

Detectives are looking for two males who fled southbound on East 95th Street toward Farragut Road.

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 at [crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/](http://crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/), or on X @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.

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## Car Struck by Flying Bullets



By Linda Steinmuller

No one was injured when shots were fired in front of 663 East 59th Street, off Farragut Road, on Thursday, January 8th.

Police from the 63rd Precinct responded to the scene, across the street from the Glenwood Houses, around 1:50 p.m., where they found a parked 2005 Nissan Altima, which was struck and damaged by gunfire.

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 at [crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/](http://crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/), or on X @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.

Photos by Baqir Ahmad

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## Gunshots at Glenwood Houses



By Linda Steinmuller

A window at the Glenwood Houses was struck and damaged by gunfire last weekend.

Police from the 63rd Precinct responded to 1722 Ralph Avenue, between Glenwood and Farragut Roads, around 8:45 p.m. on Saturday, January 10th.

No injuries were reported; the only damage was to the window in the NYCHA building, according to police.

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 at [crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/](http://crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/), or on X @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.

Photo by Baqir Ahmad

## Flatlands

## Firefighters Battle Blaze on Multiple Floors During House Fire

By Lloyd Mitchell

Firefighters were confronted with heavy fire in a private dwelling at 611 East 57th Street, between Farragut Road and Foster Avenue, on Thursday, January 8th.

Engine Company 310 and Ladder Company 174 arrived to find fire on the first and second floor of a three-story, attached private residence around 3:25 p.m.

About 60 firefighters deployed two hose lines to knock down the main body of fire. Searches throughout the dwelling were negative.

The fire was placed under control at 4:30 p.m.

The FDNY Fire Marshal's Office will determine the cause of the fire.



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PBK Medspa, located at 1584 East 66th Street.

*Photo by Angela G. Nannetti*

**By Angela G. Nannetti**

At the forefront of innovation, the staff at PBK Medspa are plugged in to the latest trends in beauty and are industry-trained in the most cutting-edge aesthetic treatments available.

Although the office, located at 1584 East 66th Street, feels more like a high-end boutique spa, the treatments offered are rooted in science and technology. Featuring state-of-the-art AI guided skin analysis, under the careful direction of Board-Certified Dermatologist Tatiana Khrom and in the highly-skilled hands of Nurse Practitioner Elena Chyzh, clients can rest assured that they will receive the most expert care.

As Practice Manager Yuliya Gorbatyuk explained, clients flock to PBK because Chyzh is a veritable diamond, a master at creating natural looking results and providing truly personalized and individualized treatment plans around every client's budget. With free consultations, transparent pricing, interest-free financing options and membership program benefits, beauty enhancements are not as far out of reach as some may assume.

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To learn more about PBK Medspa's wide range of services, call (718) 444-4468, visit [pbkmedspa.com](http://pbkmedspa.com) or follow them on Instagram @pbkmedspa. See their advertisement on page 13.

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In 2024, the Canarsie Merchants Association (CMA) launched its first Holiday Window Competition encouraging local businesses to light up the corridor with festive holiday displays.

We started this competition because there were not enough holiday lights during the holiday season, and the lack of lighting along the corridors has been an ongoing issue. We have seen other neighborhoods display holiday lights for the season, and we want Canarsie to shine just as brightly.

With the loss of the Seddio House, which was a holiday tradition for many community members, we want to fill that gap. This event is a friendly competition designed to get business owners involved during the holiday season, a crucial time for both marketing and sales.

Barbara Bieber from Community Board 18 heard about our First Holiday Window Competition. She visited our winner and donated lights that were given to the merchants who took part in the competition. This year, she joined as a judge, along with some of our volunteers, the NYPD and community partners, to help choose the best holiday display.

In the end, among all the wonderful decorations, Thafarie Thomas, owner of The Voice of Beauty, a medical day spa at 126 Conklin Avenue, was chosen as the winner. She created a warm and festive Christmas atmosphere on Conklin Avenue with bright green and red lights, a fireplace display on a screen, music, decorations and a Santa

Claus display to welcome everyone who walked by.

As the winner, she was presented with a certificate from the CMA and a \$200 prize. Thafarie will also serve as the treasurer on the Board of Directors. As an active CMA member, she regularly attends community board and 69th Precinct meetings, as well as other local events.

This event is a fun part of our programming, offering a great chance to support local businesses while enjoying a walk along our corridors. We also got the community involved by inviting them to share their holiday displays with us on social media. We hope that with each year, more people will take part -- making Canarsie shine even more during the holiday season.

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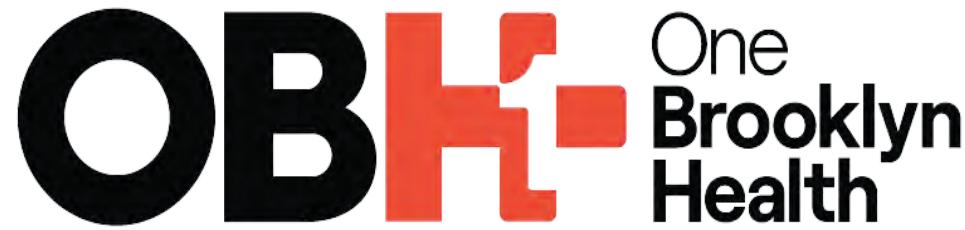
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**February 5, 2026 at 7:30 pm**

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DeCostole Carting Inc. has submitted an application to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for a 6 NYCRR Part 360/361-5 Solid Waste Management Facility permit for continued operation and proposed reconfigurations of an existing Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris Handling and Recovery Facility. The proposed project seeks to obtain a solid waste permit, fully enclose C&D processing and comply with all NYSDEC regulations. A Public Participation Plan has been developed in accordance with NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29). The purpose of this second meeting is to inform the public about the project and recently proposed design changes aimed at improving facility operations and responding to community input and to further engage and involve the community in the 6 NYCRR Part 360/361-5 permit application process.

#### To Join Online

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- Project Overview
- Background
- Scope of work
- Project schedules
- Community Impacts
- Proposed Mitigation Measures
- Questions and Answers

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Project personnel will be available to answer questions from the community. For additional information on the proposed project:

- Contact: Milana Kononenko P.E. by phone at (646) 436-6322 or by email at [info@deedxny.com](mailto:info@deedxny.com)
- Visit the repository at: <https://decostole.com/public-participation-plan>

Contact the project liaison to request reasonable accommodation for a disability or interpreter services in a language other than English, so that you can participate in the call and/or to request a translation of any of the event documents into a language other than English.

## District 22 Board Gains Insight on City Funding

By Angela G. Nannetti, MS. Ed.

Members of Community District Education Council 22 (CEC 22) met at the District Office, located at 5619 Flatlands Avenue, for their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 8th, where the highlight included a presentation on the education budget provided by the Coalition for Equitable Education. The meeting was also streamed live to the public via Zoom.

Presenters Pauline Healy and Molly Senack explained that the organization exists to ensure students do not lose critical education program funding and that by sharing their recommendations with the new mayoral administration, they hope to "baseline," or secure continuous, long-term funding for many preexisting programs.

They shared a list of already baselined programs that included \$112 million for 3K, \$74 million for school social workers and psychologists, \$55 million for preschool special education classes, \$41 million for arts programming, \$27 million for public schools' athletic league, \$17 million for shelter-based coordinators and \$25 million for early childhood education extended day seats, among others. A program with baselined funding continues unless city leaders cut it, as opposed

to a program with one-year funding that expires unless city leaders add funding for the next year.

Healy explained that it is difficult to recruit and retain staff to run programs when they are only funded one year at a time because qualified professionals seek steady employment. She noted that families seek that same continuity of services and should be able to rely upon those services for more than just one year. Healy shared a long list of programs set to expire in July 2026, including \$80 million for summer programming, \$10 million for infant/toddler seats in high-need communities and others. The group will be working diligently to ensure program funding is worked into the city budget and encouraged families to get involved by visiting <https://advocatesforchildren.org/ceef-past-activities/>.

The next meeting of CEC 22 will be held at the District Office, on Tuesday, February 3rd, at 6:30 p.m.



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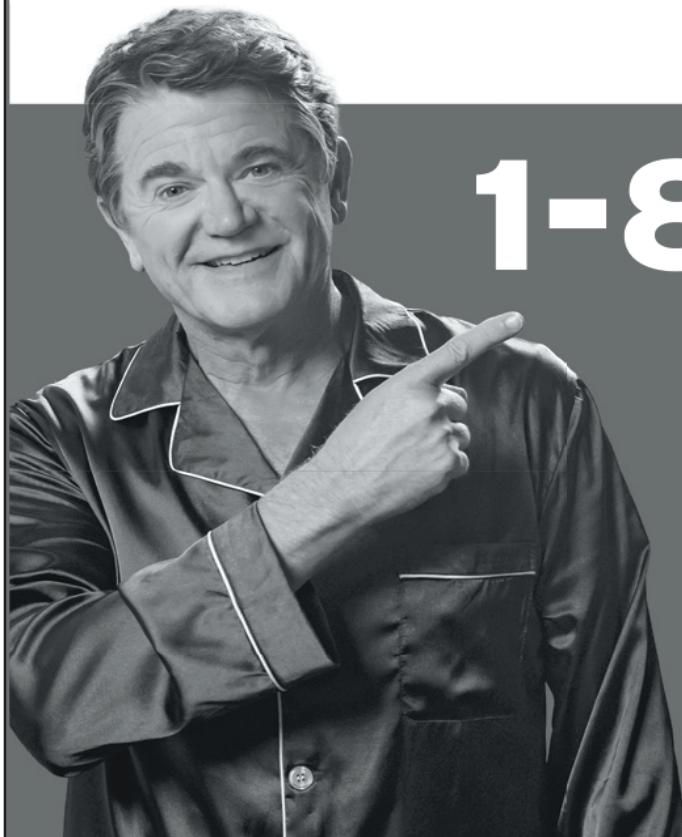
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## Sheepshead Bay

## 'Taking Brooklyn Back' as Gravesend Cast Brings High-Energy Holiday Bash to Downtown Clothing

By Robert Pearl



Everything's great when it's Downtown, especially when cast and crew from the *Gravesend* series is having a party! The clothing store at 2502 Avenue U was transformed into a buzzing hub of music, fashion and Brooklyn pride as our favorite characters from the hit crime drama *Gravesend* packed Downtown for a rauous Season 3 holiday celebration that blended neighborhood loyalty with star power.

The special event, held on Thursday, December 18th, welcomed creator and star William DeMeo alongside members of the series' cast for a meet-and-greet that felt less like a promotional stop and more like a full-blown Brooklyn block party. Fans flooded the longtime mom-and-pop clothing store at Avenue U and Bedford Avenue, where a DJ-driven soundtrack, food, shopping and spirited chanting kept the energy high well into the evening.

Billed under the phrase "Taking Brooklyn Back," the night leaned heavily into the show's gritty borough roots. At one point, the crowd erupted into the *Gravesend* theme song, "We Come From Brooklyn, Baby" — led by DeMeo himself — turning the packed store into a unified chorus that echoed the series' unapologetic Brooklyn attitude.

Downtown, a neighborhood staple for decades, served as the perfect backdrop. The store offered a 20% discount throughout the night while showcasing the My Brooklyn Brand clothing line, worn proudly by DeMeo and his son Christian, who also co-stars in the series. The father-and-son duo appeared together in matching track suits, drawing cheers and plenty of photo requests from fans.

DeMeo made no secret of his pride in his son's performance on the show, emphasizing the family element that runs through both the series and the real-life community that supports it.

Music was provided by DJs Sebastian and Mo, who kept the dance floor moving as guests shopped, mingled and celebrated. Food came courtesy of Brooklyn institutions Brennan & Carr and Lucia Pizza, adding another layer of local flavor to the night. Dancing in Downtown filled the back of the store, while customers shopped till they dropped to the music, bringing back that 80's Brooklyn club feeling and backstage Hollywood party vibe.

Producer Michele Frantzeskos credited the evening's success to the overwhelming support from fans, sponsors and the Downtown team, describing the party as a heartfelt celebration filled with music, food and togetherness. Several familiar faces from *Gravesend* attended, greeting supporters and posing for photos throughout the night. Other familiar faces included Chazz Palminteri, who plays Colezzo crime family boss Cesar Tremaldo, and Craig Eaton, the former GOP Chair and lawyer, who also has a role in the series.

The event also came as *Gravesend* wraps production on its third season. DeMeo shared that upcoming episodes will be released in smaller batches, a move designed to extend the life of the series and keep fans engaged longer. Season 3 is set to continue the show's mix of Brooklyn grit and recognizable star power.

The gathering served as a reminder of what *Gravesend* represents — a celebration of Brooklyn's neighborhoods, its businesses and the people who keep its culture alive.

While an exact date isn't set yet, *Gravesend Season 3* is expected to air in early spring 2026, streaming on *Amazon Prime*. Recent social media posts from the cast and creators are building anticipation for the release, including filming and celebrating wrap-ups like this one.

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## New Commanding Officer Welcomed Home at 69th Precinct Appreciation Brunch

By Bristol Hendrix

The 69th Precinct officially welcomed its new commanding and executive officers during an Appreciation Brunch and Welcome Reception hosted by the Community Affairs Bureau and 69th Precinct Clergy Council.

The event took place on December 17th at the 69th Precinct, located at 9720 Foster Avenue, and brought together NYPD leadership, members of the precinct's Community Council, clergy, elected officials and their representatives, and longtime residents.

For Captain Sashanna Wynter, the appointment to commanding officer marks a return to familiar ground. Her connection to the 69th Precinct dates back to 2019, when she was assigned to School Safety Investigations, supervising schools within the district while reporting daily to the precinct. That early assignment, she said, helped shape the foundation of her career.

Wynter was promoted to executive officer in December 2023 and assigned to Brooklyn South, where she served in that role, an experience she says was critical to her professional growth. "It felt like everything came full circle," Wynter said during remarks at the brunch.

Many officers in attendance were already familiar with her leadership. Nearly half of the command has served at the precinct for six years or more and recalled Wynter's regular presence there. She returned to the 69th Precinct as executive officer in February 2024 and served in that role for the next 15 months before a brief transfer to the 70th Precinct and ultimately returning to the 69th Precinct as commanding officer.

Members of the precinct's Community Council praised Wynter's long-standing relationship with the neighborhood, while clergy leaders spoke about the importance of trust, visibility and partnership between law enforcement and the community.

Captain Deane Powell, who was also honored during the Appreciation Brunch, spoke briefly about leadership and teamwork within the precinct. "This command is strong because of the people in it — both in uniform and in the community," the new executive officer said. "It's about working together and supporting one another."

As Wynter steps into her new role, she emphasized that the precinct's leadership reflects a balance of experienced officers and newer members of the force. "We have a lot of young officers who are really stepping up and serving this community well," she said. "And they're learning alongside seasoned officers who care deeply about this neighborhood."

For Canarsie, the Appreciation Brunch was not only a welcome — it was a reaffirmation of shared commitment between the precinct, its leadership and the community it serves.



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## Rockaway Parkway's Quiet Crisis: A Community Corridor in Decline

By Bristol Hendrix

Rockaway Parkway, once the vibrant commercial lifeline of Canarsie, is facing a troubling and highly visible decline. Storefronts that served generations of families now sit dark, locked behind metal gates. Beloved neighborhood institutions — including Fix U Plate, Fisherman's Cove, a long-time discount store, Steph's Cake Shop and several other small businesses — have closed, leaving residents deeply concerned about the future of one of Canarsie's most important commercial corridors.

Within the last year alone, at least five storefronts along Rockaway Parkway have shuttered. The losses have not gone unnoticed. Several of the closures have even appeared on Brooklyn-based "Closed" tracking sites and social media pages that document disappearing businesses across the borough — placing Rockaway Parkway among a growing list of struggling commercial strips.

One of the most emotional closures for residents was Steph's Cake Shop, also known as Steph's Steak Shop and Restaurant, which served the community for over a decade.

"We've been here for 15 years, and the rent is extremely high," the bakery's owner, Stephanie, told the *Canarsie Courier*. "That is something that we cannot maintain."

When she first opened, her rent was approximately \$5,000 a month. Over time, it rose to more than \$10,000 — an increase she says became impossible to manage, especially after the COVID-19 pandemic severely reduced business.

"Because of COVID-19, we couldn't maintain our business. Plus, my lease was up," she explained. "I was fighting with the landlord, fighting with Con Edison. It didn't make any sense."

Like many small business owners, Stephanie faced mounting expenses, reduced foot traffic and little room to negotiate. When the lease ended, the doors closed.

Despite the heartbreak, she remains resilient.

"I'm surviving. I thank God I'm alive," she said. "It's just one door closed, one door open."

Stephanie says she plans to open another restaurant in the future, though it will require starting over completely.

"It has to be from scratch," she said. "God decided to take over."

She also noted that while financial disputes remain unresolved, her equipment inside the former restaurant belongs to her.

"Even though I owe rent, you still can't take my equipment," she said. "What's in there is mine."

The shutdown of Fisherman's Cove — a popular seafood restaurant that drew loyal customers from across Canarsie and beyond — was another blow to the community. Residents say the restaurant was often packed, especially on weekends, making its closure particularly alarming.

Fix U Plate, once known for affordable meals and steady foot traffic, is also gone. A neighborhood discount store that many seniors relied on for household necessities has shuttered. Together, these closures leave noticeable gaps in daily life along the parkway.

"These weren't empty businesses," one resident said. "People were eating there. Shopping there. Supporting them."

Longtime Canarsie residents say the transformation of Rockaway Parkway has been unsettling.

"I've lived here for decades, and I've never seen this many stores closed at once," one resident said. "It feels like the heart of the neighborhood is beating slower."

Another neighbor pointed out that nearly every block now has at least one vacant storefront.

"You walk down the parkway and see gate after gate pulled down," she said. "These weren't just businesses — they were part of our routine, part of our culture."

Several residents noted that seeing Rockaway Parkway featured on Brooklyn "Closed" tracking pages made the situation feel even more real.

"When you see your block pop up on one of those pages, it hits different," one man said. "That's when you know something is really wrong."

Community members and business owners point to a combination of factors driving the decline:

- Soaring commercial rents
- Pandemic-related financial losses
- Decreased foot traffic and changing shopping habits
- Landlord disputes and rigid lease renewals
- Competition from corporate chains and online retailers

For a working-class neighborhood like Canarsie, the impact is significant. Local businesses provide not just goods and services, but jobs, stability and community connection.

"We don't want handouts," one remaining shop owner said. "We want fair rent and a chance to survive."

While a few new businesses have begun to open quietly, many storefronts remain vacant with no clear plans for replacement. Residents fear that without intervention — through grants, rent stabilization or targeted city support — Rockaway Parkway could continue to lose what made it the backbone of Canarsie.

"If these stores disappear," one resident said, "the Canarsie we grew up with disappears too."



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## NYC DOE Nutrition Services Offer 'Share Tables' in District 18 Schools

By Kari Lleras

The New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) Office of Food and Nutrition Services (OFNS) shared an overview of their meal program at the Community Education Council for District 18 (CEC 18) meeting on Monday, January 5th, and was excited to report the "Share Table" initiative is successful and reduces the amount of daily food waste.

Held at the CEC 18 District Office located at 1106 East 95th Street, guest speaker, Wendy Mota, OFNS District 18 representative, explained their mission is to ensure that every student is provided with a kid-approved meal that will be nutritious, delicious and fuel their minds.

The food program has 35 menus and 470 recipes. It services 1,800 schools, feeds 950,000 students and provides 900,000 meals daily. Breakfasts include seasonal fresh fruit, local dairy items and no sugary fruit juices. They have planned for Meatless Monday lunches and make sure locally sourced products are utilized. Halal and kosher options are available, if requested. Mota also shared that cafeteria menus and food items have been tested and approved by students from all grades and schools. Children are invited to taste test different menu items, and delicacies with an 80% approval rate get added to the options.

All students must meet the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requirements and take a minimum of three food items, including one fruit and vegetable, out of the five components (entree, milk, grain, fruit and vegetable). The Share Table is a designated area in which students can drop off the items that they were required to take but will not consume. This keeps food out of the trash and goes to individuals that need it.

OFNS is currently working on enhancing the middle and high school cafeteria experience and creating a food court, college-like atmosphere where students can select from a variety of teenagers' favorite cuisines.

Students' opinions and growth matter to OFNS as they continue to serve and feed District 18 families. There are also food service career opportunities available.

CEC 18 will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, February 2nd, at the District 18 Office.



Wendy Mota, District 18 Office of Food and Nutrition Services representative, explains Share Table initiative and how it eliminates waste.

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## Marine Park

**One Last Hurrah for Christmas Trees at Mulchfest '26**

Members of the Marine Park Alliance, NYC Parks, Girl Scout Troop 2165, along with residents, celebrate their accomplishments at Mulchfest'26

By Brian Moreno

More than a dozen volunteers gathered at the Avenue U parking lot at 3244 Avenue U on Saturday morning, January 10th, to participate in the Marine Park Alliance's (MPA) annual Mulchfest.

After the holidays, residents have the opportunity to dispose of their Christmas trees at the lot. Organized by the MPA and NYC Parks in cooperation with Big Reuse, volunteers inspected for removal of holiday decorations and, once cleaned, sent them to the wood chipper, where they were converted into mulch. Next, volunteers gathered and distributed the mulch to those who wanted to take it with them.

"Mulchfest is our signature event for the wintertime, and people look forward to it every year to get rid of their natural Christmas decorations, their trees, their wreaths and so on," Eric Peterson, NYC Parks Marine Park Administrator, said. "Whatever people don't take home, we will use throughout the parks in the city as wood chips, as compost, as mulch -- to bring the nutrients back to the soil and protect our tree roots, our horticultural areas from damage."

More than half of the volunteers were young people, and events like these encourage them to be part of their community.

"The only way to actually raise adults who care about the environment and climate justice is to have young people connect with the environment," Girl Scout Troop 2165 Leader Bari Katz said. "This is such a beautiful opportunity to see the full life cycle of Christmas trees, what you do with them, how they go back into earth. This is a present moment but also a gift for the future."



Over 50 people participated in Mulchfest '26.



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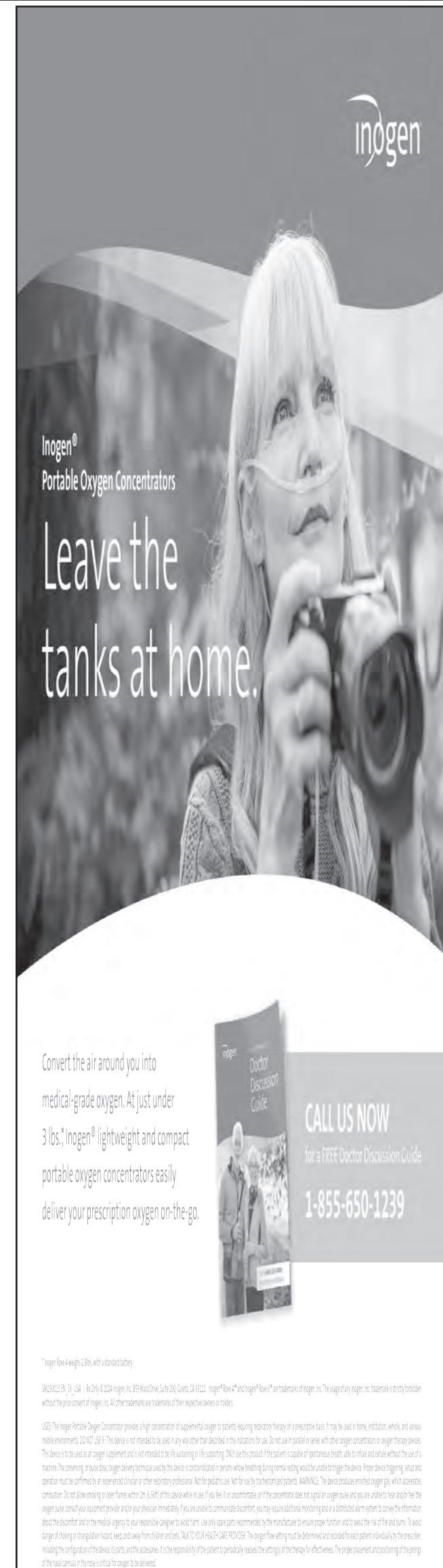
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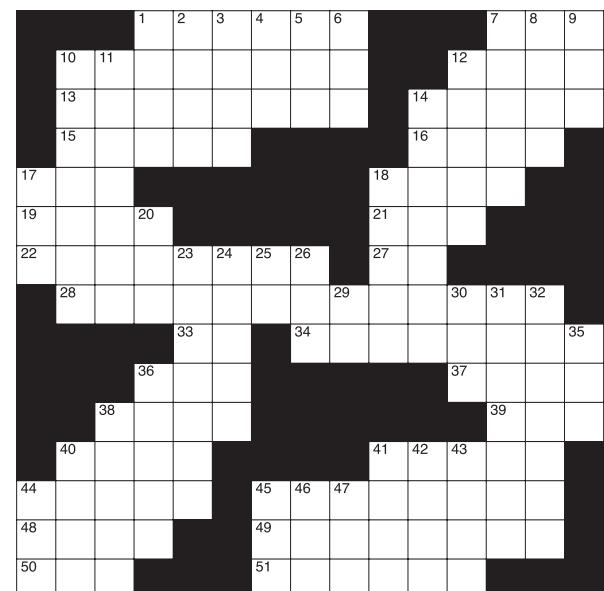
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21. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)	49. State again
22. Make secret plans	50. Expression of disappointment
27. "Tiny Bubbles" singer	51. Type of door
29. "Xanadu" __	

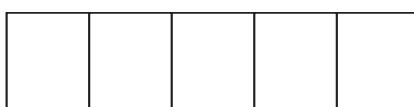
## CLUES DOWN

1. Yugoslavian communist leader
2. Exchange rate
3. High school dance
4. Peter's last name
5. When you anticipate arriving
6. Israeli city \_\_ Aviv
7. Goat-like mammals
8. Margarine
9. End-of-the-spectrum color
10. Make poisonous
11. Popular beverage
12. Actress Lathan
14. Where planes land and depart
17. Political fundraising entity
18. The distinctive spirit of a people or an era
20. Buffer used in microbiology
23. Light, open carriage
24. Metrical feet
25. Email subject line feature
26. A street with lots of nightmares
29. Rapper Rule
30. River in Scotland
31. One who settles a dispute
32. Most chummy
35. We all have our own
36. Arab tribe
38. Slap
40. Ottoman military commanders
41. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
42. Emit coherent radiation
43. Sun or solar disk (Egyptian mythology)
44. Inclined to
45. Olfactory reference syndrome
46. Chest muscle (slang)
47. Body part

# WoRD ScRAmBLe

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to skiing.

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Solve the code to discover words related to a cozy cabin.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
**(Hint: 21 = E)**

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**A.** **20 23 16**  
*Clue: From a tree*

**B.** **12 18 15 21 17 20 7 24 21**  
*Clue: Produces light and warmth*

**C.** **12 23 15 21 6 3**  
*Clue: Grouping of trees*

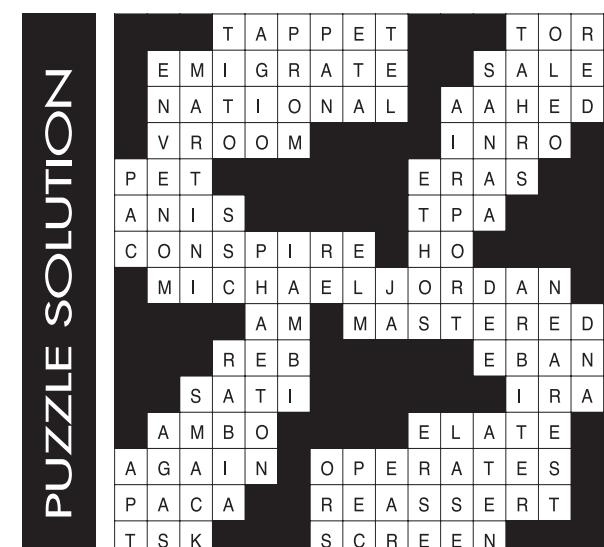
**D.** **1 23 23 20 21 11**

Answers: A. log B. fireplace C. forest D. Woolley

# GUESS WHO ?

I am an actress born in California on January 19, 1982. I started my career at age 4 in a hot dog commercial. I gained fame for portraying the middle sister on a popular TV series about a widower and two other guys raising three young daughters in San Francisco.

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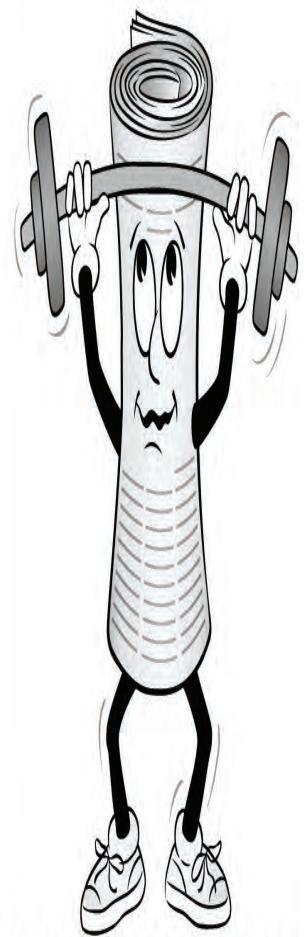
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