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Another Four People Shot in Canarsie. We Need Change.

By Jibreel Jalloh

Four people were shot in our community this past weekend.

Early Sunday morning, gunfire erupted outside a bar on Avenue L in Canarsie, leaving two women and two men hospitalized. Thankfully, they are expected to survive. But survival should not be the standard we accept for our community. No one should have to run for their life outside a neighborhood business. No family should wake up to a phone call that their loved one has been shot.

My heart goes out to the victims and their loved ones. Incidents like this ripple far beyond the crime scene. They shake families, frighten neighbors and deepen the feeling that violence has become an accepted part of life here. It should never be.

But the truth is this: we have been here one too many times. After every shooting, we hear the same language — thoughts and prayers, investigations, committees and studies. We hear about long timelines and promises that solutions are being explored. Meanwhile, summer approaches, temperatures rise and history tells us exactly what happens next.

We do not have the luxury of waiting another decade for slow-moving solutions. Canarsie needs bold, immediate investment in violence prevention and community infrastructure right now. We know what works: fully funding violence interruption programs, expanding youth employment and mentorship opportunities, increasing access to mental health support, taking guns off the street and investing in grassroots organizations already doing the work on the ground.

These are not abstract ideas. They are proven strategies that save lives when they are properly resourced.

Yet far too often, communities like ours are expected to settle for pilot programs, temporary grants or symbolic funding that disappears just as quickly as it arrives. Canarsie deserves more than crumbs. We deserve sustained, serious investment in the safety and future of our neighborhood.

If we fail to demand that investment, the cycle will continue. More headlines. More sirens. More families traumatized by violence that everyone claims to be shocked by. But we are not powerless.

Residents, community leaders, elected officials and institutions must come together to demand immediate action. Not studies. Not task forces. Not plans that sit on a shelf for 10 years. Real resources. Real programs.

Summer is around the corner, and lives depend on what we do right now. Canarsie is a community full of families, faith institutions, small businesses and people who care deeply about where they live. We refuse to accept that violence is inevitable. The question now is whether those with the power to invest in our communities will act with the urgency this moment demands.

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR – VOL. 106, NO. 11

SAT. MARCH 14TH
Women's History Month Hike: Women in Conservation
Shirley Chisholm State Park – Penn Side
1750 Granville Payne Avenue
1 to 3 p.m.

SUN. MARCH 15TH
Park Pals: Mighty Menhaden (ages 0–6)
Floyd Bennett Field – The Nest
135 Aviation Road
10 to 11:30 a.m.

SUN. MARCH 15TH
Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy: Spring Cleanup at Canarsie Pier
Canarsie Pier
Canarsie Veterans Circle
12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

TUES. MARCH 17TH
Canarsie Library: Spring Storytime & Craft
Golden Age
9305 Avenue L
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

WED. MARCH 18TH
Canarsie Library: Bookmobile
McDonald's
1467 Rockaway Parkway
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WED. MARCH 18TH
Urban Community Gardening Initiative
Kut Creations 9315 Avenue L
12 to 2 p.m.

WED. MARCH 18TH
Canarsie Library: Resume and Career Help
NHS Brooklyn Canarsie Office 9701 Avenue L
1 to 2 p.m.

NEW YORK ROAD RUNNERS: OPEN RUNS
Saturdays at 9 a.m.: Canarsie Park – Field House, Seaview Avenue & East 88th Street
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Four Shot at Richard's Lounge

By Linda Steinmuller

Two men and two women were injured by gunfire when an early morning shooting broke out on Avenue L this past weekend.

The shooting occurred around 5:05 a.m. on Sunday, March 8th, inside Richard's Hall & Lounge, at 9404 Avenue L.

Police from the 69th Precinct arrived at the scene where they found two 44-year-old males, one with a gunshot wound to the leg and the other to the arm. Both victims were taken to Brookdale Hospital by EMS in stable condition. A 43-year-old female, who was shot in the leg, was taken to Kings County Hospital by EMS in stable condition, according to police sources.

A 38-year-old female was also wounded by a gunshot to her leg, police said. She was taken to Brookdale Hospital in stable condition by private means.

There are no arrests at this time, and an investigation is ongoing.

This is not the first time a shooting has occurred at Richard's Lounge. On November 7, 2020, Canarsie resident, Jahdane Olivierre, 29, was fatally shot around 2:30 a.m. inside the lounge. In December 2020, a known gang member, Richard Campbell, 37, of Queens, was charged with murder and weapons possession in Olivierre's death. Campbell has not been convicted.

Anyone with information regarding this shooting is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 888-57-PISTA (74782). The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers Website at crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/ or on X @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential.

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East Flatbush

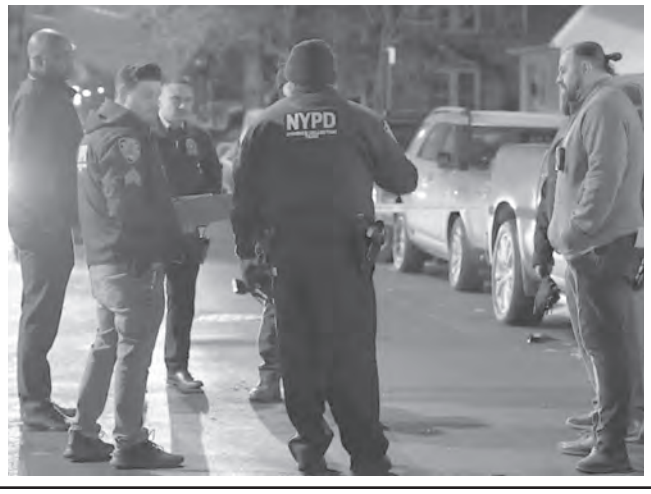
Arrest Made in Church Avenue Stabbing

By Linda Steinmuller

An arrest has been made in connection to a stabbing that took place at 4201 Church Avenue, within the confines of the 67th Precinct, on Friday, February 27th.

On Wednesday, March 4th, Radcliffe Wilson, 59, of Flatlands, was arrested and charged with attempted murder, criminal possession of a weapon, assault, menacing and harassment.

Wilson is being accused of engaging in a dispute with a 67-year-old male at the location around 11:30 p.m. Wilson allegedly stabbed the individual in the torso. The victim was taken to Kings County Hospital in stable condition.



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Brownsville

Hit-and-Run Driver Kills Four-Year-Old Boy

By Linda Steinmuller

Rockaway Parkway and Linden Blvd. is known as one of the most dangerous intersections in the city. A young boy was struck and killed at the location last week, and the driver fled the scene.

The tragic incident occurred around 11:10 a.m. on Thursday, March 5th, according to police sources.

Police from the 67th Precinct responded to the scene where they found Zachariah Padilla with severe trauma to his body. The collision occurred right near Brookdale Hospital, and the young boy was carried into the hospital by his mother where he was pronounced dead.

An investigation by the NYPD Highway District's Collision Investigation Squad revealed that the driver of a white SUV was traveling northbound on Rockaway Parkway when the boy was struck while crossing Rockaway Parkway, from west to east, within the marked crosswalk. Apparently, he ran into the street and was dragged by the SUV. Police said the operator of the SUV did not remain on scene.

There are no arrests, and an investigation is ongoing.

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P.S./I.S. 66 Celebrates Community with Valentine's Sneaker Ball

By Bristol Hendrix

In a vibrant fusion of formal fashion and street style, P.S./I.S. 66 hosted its annual "I Choose You Sneaker Ball" on Friday, February 13th.

The school-sponsored event, in honor of Valentine's Day, transformed traditional dance into a modern celebration of school spirit, inviting students and staff to pair their sharpest formal attire with their most prized sneakers.

The evening was defined by a high-energy atmosphere, featuring a curated mix of music and dancing that kept the floor packed. Between sets, attendees gathered to share food and refreshments, celebrating a night designed to foster deeper connections within the school community.

By ditching the discomfort of dress shoes for the creativity of sneaker culture, the event offered a unique platform for self-expression. These themed evenings have become staples at P.S./I.S. 66, serving as vital tools for building a supportive and inclusive environment where students can celebrate their milestones in style.

The success of this year's Sneaker Ball highlights the school's ongoing commitment to creating memorable, student-centered experiences that extend well beyond the classroom.

P.S./I.S. 66 is located at 845 East 96th Street and is led by Principal Krystle Charlemagne.

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District 22 Board Considers Changes to Student OMNY Cards

By Angela G. Nannetti, MS. Ed.

Community District Education Council 22 (CEC 22) held their monthly meeting at the District Office, located at 5619 Flatlands Avenue, on Tuesday, March 3rd, where expanding the student OMNY transportation program was discussed. The meeting was also streamed live to the public via Zoom.

A presentation urged the MTA and NYC schools to expand and improve the program. The group presenting said that all students should receive cards, regardless of their proximity to school, get unlimited rides, receive communication before deactivation, and obtain more durable and easy to replace cards. They argued that students participate in internships/jobs, school sports and other extracurricular activities that require the use of public transportation. With a maximum of four rides a day, students with multiple transfers, extracurricular activities or family responsibilities may be forced to pay for rides or take the risk of fare evading after they reach the limit.

While some CEC members appeared to be on board, others voiced concerns about fraudulent use of unlimited OMNY cards and the great cost the MTA would have to absorb in order to shuttle every student back and forth all day to non-school-related activities, like after-school jobs. Some said they only got two rides a day when they were in school and felt the current four-ride policy should be more than adequate. The presenters encouraged the group to sign their petition and to consider passing a resolution in support of their cause, citing seven other CECs who have already done so.

The next meeting of CEC 22 will be held on Tuesday, April 14th, at 6:30 p.m. at P.S. 222 Katherine R. Snyder, 3301 Quentin Road.

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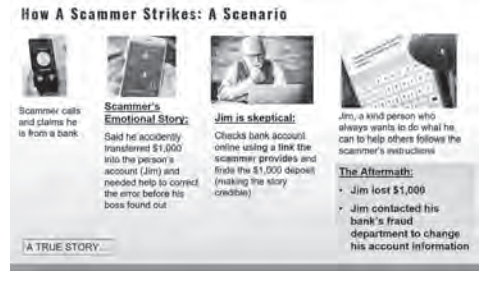
Senator Persaud Hosts Webinar on Scam Prevention for Older Adults

By Angela G. Nannetti

Older adults are a scammer's dream come true. Since they often have savings, own a home and keep their credit scores high, older adults make perfect targets. They also tend to be too trusting to suspect fraud and too polite to hang up on a scammer, making them far more likely to fall victim to a variety of nefarious schemes. That is precisely why State Senator Roxanne Persaud hosted a Scam Prevention for Older Adults Webinar on Thursday, February 26th, to help older adults in the community recognize and avoid potential fraud.

During their presentation, guest speakers Shadina Arnett and Matthew Gabel from the New York State Division of Consumer Protection discussed the tremendous importance of protecting personal information, even guarding it more closely than money itself. They explained that a scammer can gain more by obtaining your social security number than by emptying your bank account, since it allows them to take out loans and open credit cards in your name. They advised attendees to think twice before giving out their social security number and to always ask why someone needs it and what they intend to do with it, even if they believe there is a legitimate reason for the request.



Arnett and Gabel also advised against taking unexpected calls from foreign countries, opening emails with vague or unusual subject lines, following links to unfamiliar websites and making payment by purchasing and sending gift cards. The group was also warned to beware of fake family emergency calls that could be generated by AI voice cloning, and fake prize and lottery/sweepstakes, among others.

To learn more about scam prevention and take steps to protect yourself and your loved ones, visit dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection and view the complete webinar at https://www.facebook.com/SD19SenatorPersaud/videos/scam-prevention-for-older-adults/25958642690454353/.

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Regina Opera's Performance of Suor Angelica Presents Faith, Loss and Love

Nuns sing for the Blessed Virgin Mary in Suor Angelica.

By Brian Moreno

Brooklyn opera aficionados gathered at the auditorium of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Academy, at 5902 6th Avenue, on Saturday, February 28th, for the premiere of the Regina Opera Company's performance of Puccini's Suor Angelica, as well as two soloist performances with a symphony.

The operatic event began with two individual soloist presentations. Anna Lien played the harp and performed George Frideric Handel's Concerto for Harp in B-Flat Major, op. 4, no. 6, and Nathan McKinstry, who was once a member of the Regina Opera and now plays for the Met Opera Orchestra, played the trumpet for Franz Joseph Haydn's Concerto for Trumpet in E-Flat Major, Hob. VIIe/1. Scott Jackson Wiley was the conductor for both performances and the opera. After an intermission and a raffle, the main event, Suor Angelica, began.

Directed by Helen Van Tine with soprano Yeawon Jun as the titular character, Suor Angelica, the performance follows the story of Sister Angelica, a disgraced noblewoman who, to maintain her family's integrity after bearing an illegitimate son, becomes a nun and joins a convent. After seven years without contact with her son, her aunt, the princess (Manya Gaver-Holmes), arrives. Hoping she will hear good news of her son, Sister Angelica is unaware of the heartbreaking revelation she will receive and of the tragic choice she will make upon hearing it.

A one-act opera, Suor Angelica explores themes of loss, grief, faith and forgiveness, and redemption. Although fictional, the opera is truly authentic. As we see throughout the story, the nuns are not portrayed as one-note roles but rather real characters – women who, even as they try to live holy lives, still fall to earthly temptations such as stealing pretty roses from the garden, having gluttonous desires for sweets or wanting to reconnect with a loved one.

Jun went above and beyond in her role as Sister Angelica, portraying a mother whose hope was snatched away and displaying raw emotions of grief, regret and guilt.

As Sister Angelica tragically commits a mortal sin, her impending suicide, the opera does not condemn her but rather pities her as she prays that the Blessed Virgin Mary does not see her as a sinner but instead as a mother who has suffered a devastating loss and acted upon her grief. In the end, she is forgiven and meets the Blessed Virgin and her deceased son, the one she only met once.

"It was easy for me to understand this role, as I recalled the feeling of missing my family and cats in Korea," Jun said. "It was hard to find the balance between acting and singing. However, it was one of my dream roles because, as you see, it's a sad story and Angelica is the heroine of the opera, and I'm honored to play this role."

For more information on the Regina Opera Company, visit reginaopera.org or call (718) 259-2772.

After receiving devastating news, Sister Angelica (Yeawon Jun) prepares her own doom, a poisonous drink.

Superintendent Terry Shares Details About Exciting District 18 Events at CEC Meeting

By Kari Lleras

February was a great month for creative and profound Black History presentations, a successful science fair, surprising attendance for District 18 (D18), and Superintendent Celeste Terry was excited to share those details at the Community Education Council (CEC) meeting on Monday, March 2nd.

Held at the D18 Office, located at 1106 East 95th Street, Terry gave a glimpse of the amazing events that happened throughout the month, including being honored along with Deputy Superintendent Daveida Daniel for integrating Notes in Motion, a vendor of the Department of Education that offers dance within the majority of D18 schools.

Black History was celebrated across the District with events, shows and presentations. Students presented information on influential individuals in history, wrote and performed original pieces, and created art.

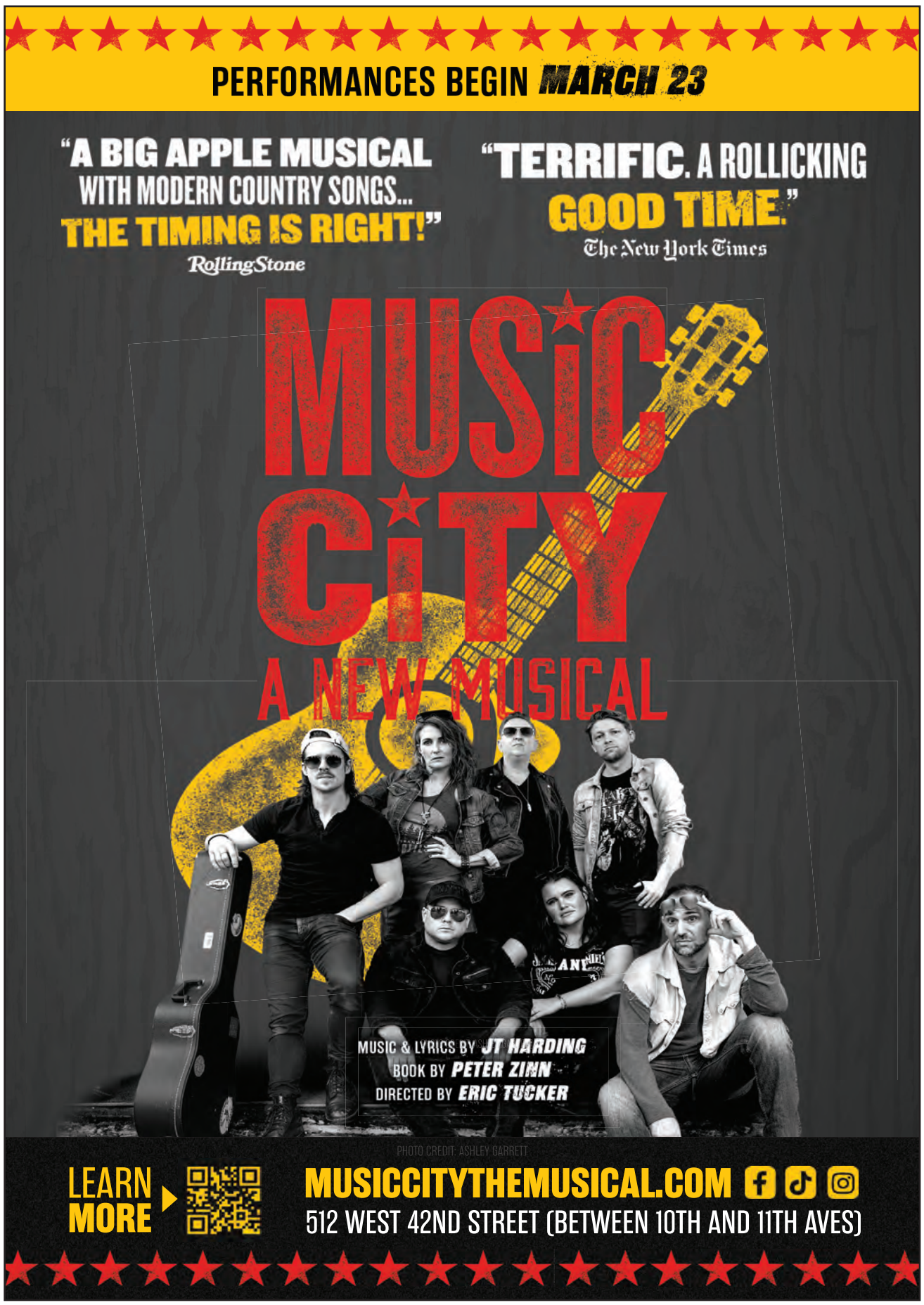
"It was amazing," Terry said, as she reported on the science fair. "The caliber of experiments goes up every year." This year's fair was held on a Saturday to allow the opportunity for more friends and family members to attend and enjoy the students' ingenuity.

The recurring sentiment from parents concerning week/work night science fairs is that they are challenging because parents barely have the energy to watch their own child's science project at 6 p.m. after a hard day's work. A weekend event allows spectators to appreciate all the student scientists and their discoveries. The goal for next year's fair will be to continue to inspire student innovation and attract more people to witness D18 students' brilliance.

Terry was pleased to announce that the District had an overall 91% attendance rate for February, considering the amount of snow endured over the past several weeks. She also mentioned that on February 24th, the Tuesday after the snow, attendance was only at 56%, which was less than the city's average.

CEC 18 will hold its next meeting on Monday, April 13th, at the D18 Office at 7 p.m.

Superintendent Celeste Terry addresses Community Education Council 18 at the March 2nd meeting.



CB18 Meets Virtually — After Mid-Winter Snow Blast

By Roger French

On Wednesday, February 25th, Community Board 18 (CB18) held its monthly meeting virtually, with 33 members present. The evening's agenda focused on the Public Hearing of the Proud Nation/Urban Zone and a guest presentation from Green Meadows Farm, which operates out of Floyd Bennett Field.

The event kicked off at 7:06 p.m., after some minor technical glitches and a recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse, of the 46th District, was the first elected official to be introduced. Narcisse offered condolences to members, Tom Hernandez and Barbara Beiber, both of whom were mourning the loss of their respective mothers-in-law, although Hernandez popped into the meeting intermittently to lend support to his fellow members. The councilwoman spoke on some of the hiccups regarding snow removal concerning some of her senior constituents and further encouraged those who were still experiencing difficulties to contact her office.

Narcisse asserted her discontent for Mayor Zohran Mamdani's proposed 9.5% tax increase on homeowners.

Councilwoman Farah Louis, of the 45th District, followed Narcisse and paid respects to Hernandez and Beiber before voicing her discontent for the mayor's looming 9.5% property tax proposal. Louis stated, frankly, "I'm against it."

Adding to the tax issue mix was Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, of the 59th District, who also serves as Chair of the Assembly Committee on Real Property Taxation. Although Williams was not in attendance for the meeting, she was represented by Donald Cranston.

In a letter forwarded to Mamdani on February 19th, which was also copied to Governor Kathy Hochul and shared with CB18, as well as the *Canarsie Courier*, Williams wrote about the concern she and the committee had for the proposed tax increase on NYC homeowners. "At a time when families are already struggling with rising costs, increasing property taxes will only add to the financial strain on working- and middle-class New Yorkers," the assemblywoman stated in the correspondence.

Lining up behind Williams were 14 additional elected officials who signed on to the petition. They included State Senator Roxanne Persaud and Assemblymembers Monique Chandler-Waterman, Michael Novakhov, Simcha Eichenstein, Nikki Lucas and Kalman Yeger.

Following the introductions and announcements, CB18 Chairperson Naomi Hopkins centered the meeting on the evening's two main guests: Daniel Keyes, of Green Meadows Farms, and Juan Ardila, of Proud Nation/ Urban Zone.

Seeking a letter of support related to its continued operation at Floyd Bennett Field following the upcoming expiration of the Aviator Sports' concession contract, Keyes outlined all the benefits Green Meadows Farm offers for young students. "We do West Africa, Spanish America and Native America," he said, of some of the learning tools the organization offered to the more than 300 schools that are on its list. "It's the first time some of these kids have been on a farm," he said, of the 1st- to 8th-graders. "We're like their Disneyland."

But after Keyes asserted that the opportunity didn't extend to high school students, board member Felina Backer challenged him on that issue, to which he admitted that he misspoke. "You're right, high school students in some instances are permitted," he said. Keyes also thanked Williams' office for being helpful, and Green Meadows Farm went on to receive an overwhelming vote of "Yes" from the board members.

Ardila, representing Proud Nation/Urban Zone, presented his plan for Floyd Bennett Field, highlighting youth sports and economic benefits for surrounding communities. Initially, the spokesman unpacked (with fervor) a sleek agenda for the dual entity — stressing that they had the support of an Olympian and a veteran of the New York Knicks as part of their arsenal. Ardila also stressed that Proud Nation/Urban Zone was also successful in raising $10 million to support its proposal when $5 million was the required sum. But at the conclusion of his presentation, the tone shifted as the speaker increasingly appeared more crestfallen.

Additionally, the moment became puzzling because Ardila didn't make clear whether Proud Nation/Urban Zone was approved or denied for the license. Ultimately, he admitted that the organization had received a rejection letter and quickly blamed the determining committee for sending a critical correspondence to multiple email addresses that were incorrect. Because Proud Nation/Urban Zone missed a deadline to respond to the inquiry, Ardila cited the email snafu as the reason for his firm's rejection. "Basically, we got denied due to a typo," he said. He also left the idea that possible appeals might be forthcoming as he sought to win the support of CB18.

Detective Tom Podd, of the 63rd Precinct, spoke on the matter of older adult scams, underscoring one woman who'd lost all her money. "It's all a scam, no matter what," he said, regarding a plethora of slick ways con artists try to victimize older adults. "If you feel it's Con Ed, get the bill and call the number," he added. "Do due diligence, let your older adults know they could be scammed." Those with additional concerns can contact Podd at Thomas.Podd@nypd.org.

Community Affairs Officer Nicole Rostant, of the 69th Precinct, also spoke, echoing some of Podd's sentiments. She encouraged members of the public who may be experiencing issues with crime to reach out to her at Nicole.Rostant@nypd.org.

Later in the meeting, three businesses were presented for renewal of alcoholic licenses. They were El Caribe Caterers, 5945 Strickland Avenue; Duet Restaurant and Bar Inc., 6183 Strickland Avenue; and Marine Park Golf Course, 2880 Flatbush Avenue. All were voted through, some with minor dissenters.

CB18 meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at the CB18 office, at 1097 Bergen Avenue.

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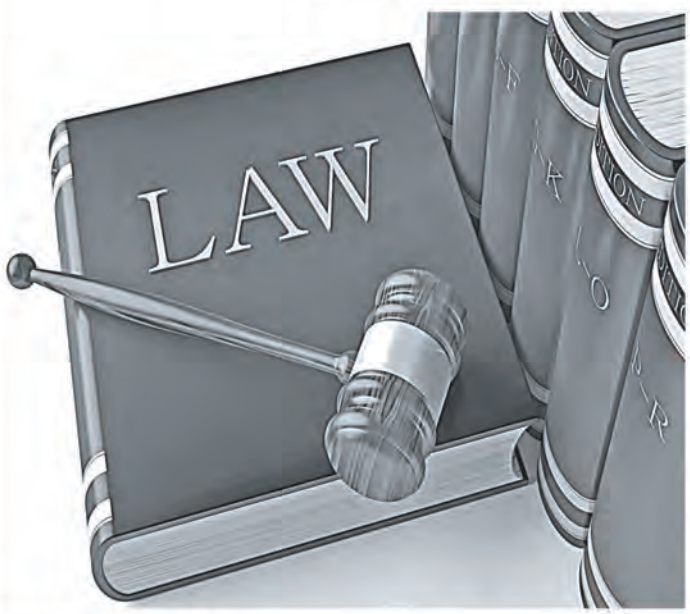

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The Future of Black History – Youth Entrepreneurship and Mentor Match

On February 26th, the Canarsie Merchants Association hosted its event, "The Future of Black History – Youth Entrepreneurship and Mentor Match" at The Xperience, located at 1454 Rockaway Parkway. This event was made possible in partnership with Shoot For The Stars Foundation, Ownership Is The Future, Score NYC, Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, New York City Council and Citizens Committee.

The event offered a fresh take on our usual networking events by incorporating the Canarsie Pop-Up Market. In addition to connecting with fellow business owners, attendees had the opportunity to explore and support local vendors who showcased their products and services.

It was intentionally designed with the youth in mind, creating a space where young people in the community could explore and develop their business ambitions. Participants were introduced to the fundamentals of entrepreneurship and encouraged to think creatively about turning their ideas into practical opportunities. This highlights just how powerful networking can be. In October 2025, we hosted a Breaking Barriers Breakfast in partnership with SBS, which led to a connection with Samella Watson, who works with Victory Collegiate. Through that connection, we learned that her students from the Ownership Is The Future program were seeking an opportunity to showcase and sell their business products. We invited them to take part in our December pop-up market, and from that point forward, we remained in touch. That continued connection ultimately led to their participation in this event.

We are grateful to support and empower our youth by providing them with tools and experiences that go beyond the classroom. We also had our community partners in attendance to share their expertise. Our goal for our networking events is to uplift and support individuals as they move forward on their journeys, especially as we honor and celebrate Black History Month.

Thank you to Bella's Tastee Cuisine for providing bites and Sylk Cove Lounge for providing the infused water. Thank you to Alicia Franklin, owner of Tote-Ally Custom, for making custom t-shirts for the event. Community support was truly powerful and played a major role in the success of this event. If you missed this event, be sure to follow us on social media to stay updated on upcoming events and announcements.

Courtesy of Canarsie Merchants Association

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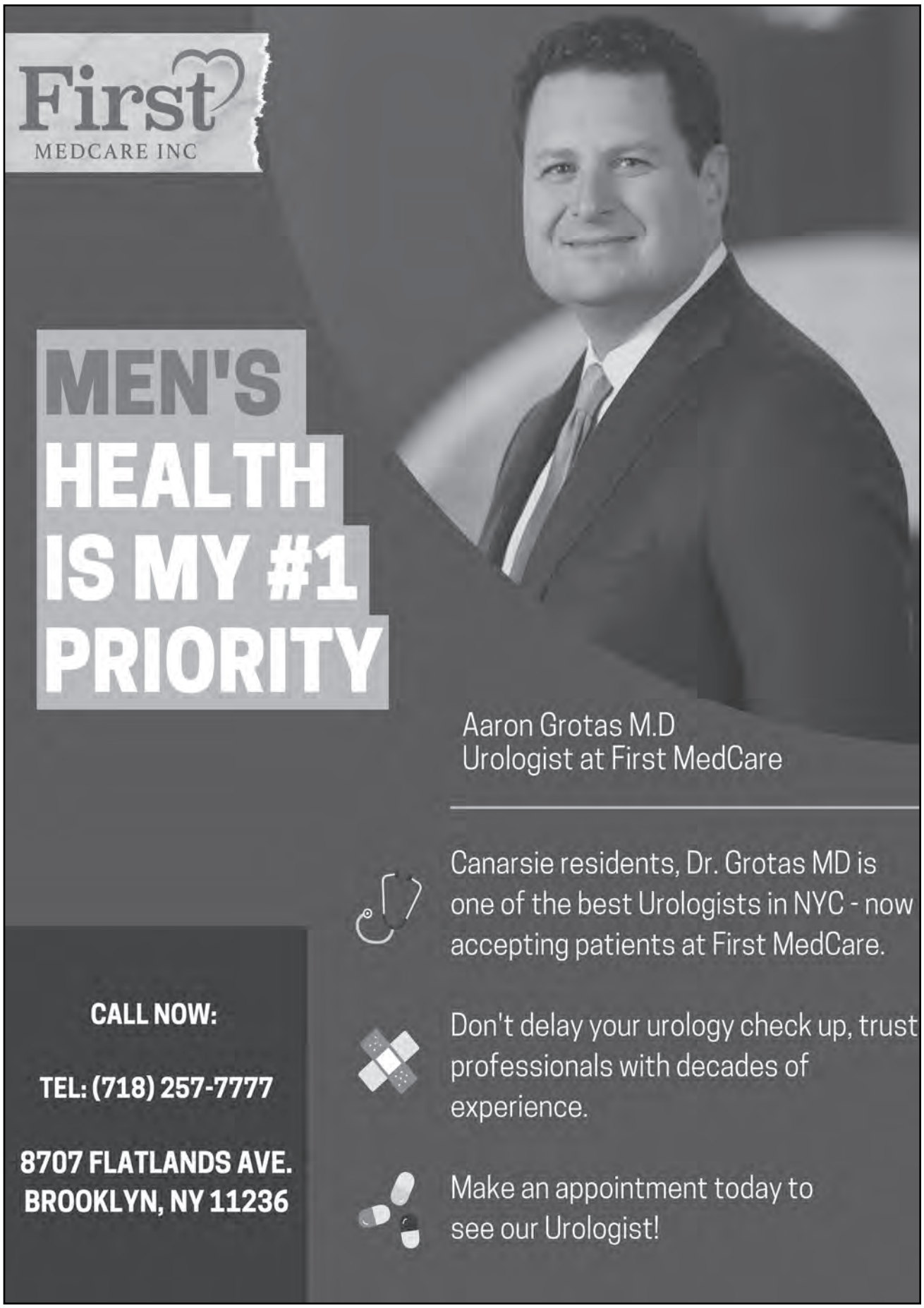

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KINGS COUNTY LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS

U.S. BANK NA,

-against-

RONAN BAILEY,, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings on September 4, 2019, wherein U.S. BANK NA is the Plaintiff and RONAN BAILEY, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE 360 ADAMS STREET, ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on 03/19/2026 at 2:30PM, premises known as 774 NEW JERSEY AVE, BROOKLYN, New York 11207; and the following tax map identification, -4299-40.

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Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 24884/2009. Jeffrey Schwartz, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

KINGS COUNTY NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF A LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given a license, NYS Application ID: CL-26-100577-01 for beer, wine, cider and liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, wine, cider and liquor at retail in a recreational facility under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 616 Scholes Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237 for on-premises consumption. Area 53 LLC d/b/a Area 53

KINGS COUNTY NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF A LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given a license, NYS Application ID: CL-26-100516-01 for beer, wine, cider and liquor has been applied for by the undersigned to sell beer, wine, cider and liquor at retail in a recreational facility under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 53 Bridge Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 for on-premises consumption. Area 53 LLC d/b/a Area 53

KINGS COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

YVENMD WELLNESS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/06/26. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, PO Box 250005, Brooklyn, NY 11225. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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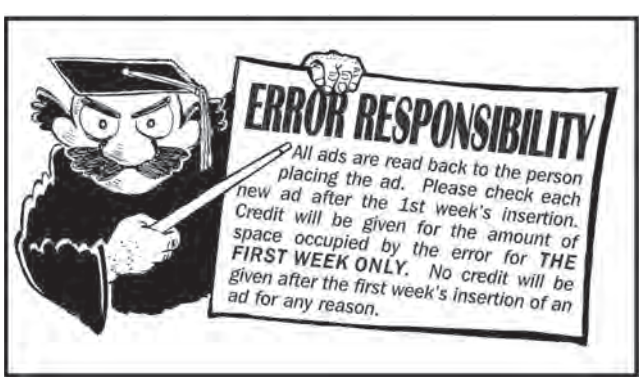

Marine Park

JHS 278 Holds Annual Pinebox Derby Race

By Arthur De Gaeta

On Saturday, February 28th, Marine Park JHS 278, at 1925 Stuart Street, held its annual Pinebox Derby Car Race, with more than 80 students competing as parents, teachers and community members cheered them on.

Principal Kerri Moser described the event as a "transdisciplinary activity" where students enjoyed a carnival-like atmosphere featuring the race, along with face painting, games and blue-caramel popcorn.

STEM teacher Michael Young noted that the hands-on activity helped students learn about weights and measures, as well as potential and kinetic energy, force, momentum, velocity and acceleration — what he calls "math-in-motion."

Race winners were Kristan Kusek (1st Place), Jonathan Moilen (2nd Place), and Ramone Uktamaov (3rd Place).

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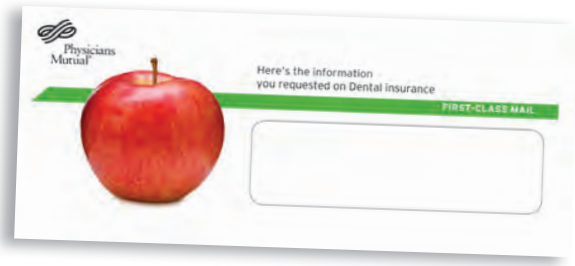

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TAX TIME

Dirty Dozen Tax Scams for 2026: IRS Reminds Taxpayers to Watch out for Dangerous Threats

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced on March 5th its annual Dirty Dozen list of tax scams for 2026 that threaten the tax and financial information of taxpayers, businesses and tax professionals.

The Dirty Dozen is part of a broader campaign conducted through the Security Summit, a partnership among the IRS, state tax agencies and the nation's tax industry, and reinforced by outreach efforts tied to National Slam the Scam Day on March 5th. These initiatives educate taxpayers about identity theft schemes and other forms of fraud, particularly during filing season.

A notable change to this year's list is the addition of abusive undistributed long-term capital gains claims as item #6, replacing prior fuel tax credit concerns, as the IRS sees an increase in overstated or fabricated claims tied to Form 2439, Notice to Shareholder of Undistributed Long-Term Capital Gains. The IRS advises all taxpayers to remain cautious year-round, as criminals will always be on the lookout for new ways to obtain money, personal identifiable information and data.

The 2026 Dirty Dozen: 12 key scams to watch for:

1. IRS impersonation by email and text (phishing and smishing). Scammers send emails, direct messages (DMs) and texts that appear to be from the IRS, often using alarming language and QR codes that direct taxpayers to **fake IRS websites** to "verify" accounts, enter personal information or claim refunds. The IRS urges taxpayers not to click links or open attachments from unexpected messages and to report suspicious IRS-related emails, DMs and texts.

2. AI-enabled IRS impersonation by phone (robocalls, voice mimicry, spoofed caller ID). Phone scams continue to evolve, including calls that use computer-generated tactics and **spoofed caller ID** to appear legitimate. The IRS reminds taxpayers that it generally contacts taxpayers by **mail first** and does not leave urgent, threatening prerecorded messages, call to demand immediate payment or threaten arrest. Taxpayers should not rely on AI-generated responses to complex tax questions, and they should verify any calculations or information provided by artificial intelligence.

3. Fake charities. Fraudsters often exploit tragedies and disasters by creating fake charities to collect donations and personal information. The IRS is committed to preventing fraudulent nonprofits from taking advantage of the American taxpayer.

Taxpayers who give money or goods to a charity may be able to claim a deduction on their federal tax return if they itemize deductions, but charitable donations only count if they go to a qualified tax-exempt organization recognized by the IRS.

4. Misleading tax advice on social media. Viral "tax hacks" can push taxpayers to file returns with false information or claim credits they don't qualify for, leading to refund delays, audits, penalties or worse.

5. Identity theft involving IRS Online Account access. Criminals may attempt to use stolen personal information to gain unauthorized access to a taxpayer's IRS online account or may pose as helpers to collect sensitive information during account setup. Taxpayers should create their account directly through IRS.gov and should not rely on unsolicited third parties offering assistance.

6. Abusive undistributed long-term capital gains claims. The IRS identified an increase in the abuse of Form 2439, which allows shareholders of certain investment funds or real estate trusts to claim a refundable credit for taxes paid on undistributed capital gains. Identified schemes involve overstated or fabricated Form 2439 claims, including claims tied to organizations that are not legitimate investment funds or real estate trusts.

7. Bogus "Self-Employment Tax Credit" promotion. Scammers use misleading claims about a broad "self-employment tax credit" to encourage inaccurate filings and generate improper refunds. The IRS reminds taxpayers to rely on trusted sources and qualified tax professionals, not social media promotions, when determining eligibility for credits.

8. Ghost preparers. A "ghost" preparer prepares a return but refuses to sign it and/or refuses to include a **Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN)**. When a preparer refuses to sign or provide a PTIN, that is a major red flag; the taxpayer is legally responsible for what is filed. The IRS urges taxpayers to avoid preparers who will not sign the return and to choose reputable help. Taxpayers should never sign a blank or incomplete return.

9. Non-cash charitable contribution schemes. Some schemes involve inflated appraisals of donated property using syndicated conservation easements or art. Promoters often promise to eliminate or substantially reduce tax liability. The IRS warns taxpayers not to file returns with made-up information and reminds taxpayers that it can hold refunds while verifying claims.

10. Overstated withholding schemes (fabricated wage/withholding data). Scammers encourage taxpayers to inflate withholding amounts (sometimes described as "other withholding") to manufacture a larger refund by reporting zero or little income on incorrect forms. The IRS may delay processing while it verifies wages and withholding against third-party records. Inaccurate claims can lead to penalties and enforcement action.

11. Spear-phishing and malware campaigns targeting tax professionals. Tax professionals and businesses remain targets of "new client" or "document request" emails that deliver malicious links or attachments to steal client data or access systems. The IRS and the Security Summit urge preparers to remain vigilant and to strengthen their security practices.

Warning signs may include unexpected requests for sensitive information, mismatched or unfamiliar sender addresses, urgent payment demands or links directing users to websites that do not clearly originate from IRS.gov.

12. Aggressive or misleading Offer in Compromise marketing ("OIC mills"). The Offer in Compromise program can help certain eligible taxpayers resolve tax debt when they are unable to pay in full, but "OIC mills" often overpromise results and charge high fees to taxpayers who don't qualify. Taxpayers can check eligibility using free IRS tools to avoid high-pressure sales tactics.

How to protect yourself and what to do if you get a suspicious message or call

- Don't click unexpected links or open unexpected attachments.
- If you get a suspicious IRS-related call, hang up. The IRS provides guidance on what to do next, including how to report scams.
- To report suspected IRS-related phishing emails or messages, send them to phishing@irs.gov and follow IRS reporting instructions.
- If you think your tax identity has been compromised, visit IRS.gov/idtheft for steps to protect your account and recover.

Report abusive tax schemes and suspicious activity

The IRS encourages taxpayers, tax professionals and the public to report suspected tax fraud, scams, identity theft or other tax-related wrongdoing by visiting IRS.gov/SubmitATip.

The new online tool allows individuals to confidentially submit information using a smartphone, tablet or computer. It consolidates IRS fraud-reporting options into one location and routes tips to the appropriate IRS office.

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KINGS COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of TK PRO SERVICES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/09/2026. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to TK PRO SERVICES LLC: 7901 BAY PKWY APT 2C, BROOKLYN, NY, 11214. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

KINGS COUNTY (BROOKLYN) NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of Anchor Evolution . Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/24/2026. Office location: Kings County (Brooklyn). SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Tanisha Dorson: 1112 Dean Street . Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

KINGS COUNTY
LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INDEX NO. 525590/2024
COUNTY OF KINGS

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR RENAISSANCE HOME EQUITY LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3
Plaintiff,
vs.

MABLE RICHARDSON; OLIVER RICHARDSON; 283 EAST 39 PROJECT LLC; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff, 283 EAST 39 PROJECT LLC; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,
Defendants

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

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Mortgaged Premises:
283 EAST 39TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11203
District: , **Section:** , **Block:** 4893, **Lot:** 50 AND 51

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

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of $333,000.00 and interest, recorded on July 16, 2007 , , of the Public Records of KINGS County, New York. , covering premises known as 283 EAST 39TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11203.
The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.
KINGS County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

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Dated: February 24 th , 2026

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Notice of formation of Caribbean Artisan Decorations LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/25/2025. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to N/A: serviceswh@outlook.com. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

KINGS COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of Lumina Services LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/13/2026. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to the LLC: 79 Monte Vista Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ 07450. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

KINGS COUNTY (BROOKLYN) NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of New Day Electronic Recycling LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/16/2025. Office location: Kings County (Brooklyn). SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Omaj Elie: 1237 E.48th Street Brooklyn, N.Y 11234. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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