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Protect and Invest in Our Parks

By Jibreel Jalloh

There is something quietly sacred about a park. Not in the grand, ceremonial sense — but in the everyday moments we often overlook. A child learning to ride a bike on cracked pavement. Elders sitting on benches, watching the world move by. Families gathering under trees for birthdays, for barbecues, for breath. In neighborhoods like Canarsie, our parks are not amenities. They are lifelines. They are where community lives.

And yet, we continue to treat them as afterthoughts.

Last week, New Yorkers stood on the steps of City Hall in the rain, calling for something simple, something reasonable: that 1% of the city's budget be invested in our parks. Just 1% — for the spaces that serve millions, especially in communities where private backyards are a luxury, not a given. It is a modest ask, but one that speaks to a deeper truth: what we fund reflects what we value.

Right now, we are far from that vision. We are watching budgets shrink while needs grow. We are watching essential staff disappear, maintenance deferred and the burden quietly shift onto volunteers — people who care deeply but who were never meant to replace a

fully functioning public system. This is not just a budget issue. It is a question of values. It is a question of whether we believe every New Yorker deserves access to clean, safe and vibrant public space.

Because parks are not just green space. They are public health infrastructure. They cool our neighborhoods during extreme heat. They absorb stormwater when floods come. They provide space for movement, for healing, for connection — especially in times of crises, as we saw during the pandemic. They are where we go to remember that we are not alone.

Today, that responsibility sits with us. At the city level, we must meet this moment with boldness — committing to sustained, baseline funding that reflects the true importance of our parks. And, at the state level, we must build on efforts like the Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant Program, which is already investing millions into community spaces and recognizing that parks are essential to our collective well-being. But grants alone are not enough. We need a coordinated, long-term vision that treats parks not as optional, but as foundational.

Because the truth is this: the strength of a city is not measured only by its skyline, but by the spaces in between.



The spaces where people gather, where they rest, where they heal, where they build something larger than themselves. If we want safer communities, healthier families and a more connected city, we must invest in the places that make those things possible.

We must fund our parks — not as a favor to the present, but as a promise to the future.

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

Saturday, April 4th

Marine Park Alliance: Volunteer Day Marine Park - MPA Shed 3000 Fillmore Avenue 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Register at bit.ly/volunteer4MPA.

Saturday, April 4th

Marine Park Alliance: Cherry Blossom Festival: Taiko Masala Thunder Drumming Marine Park - Cherry Blossom Grove East 36th Street & Avenue U 12 to 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 4th

Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse: Easter Eggstravaganza Power Playground Utica Avenue & Avenue N 12 to 3 p.m.

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Saturday, April 4th

Earth Day Hike Shirley Chisholm State Park – Hendrix Creek Patio 1750 Granville Payne Avenue 1 to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7th

Canarsie Library: Kids Create: Poetry (ages 6 to 12) Sylk Cove 1370 Rockaway Parkway 3 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7th

Tot Time Tuesdays (weekly until April 28th, recommended ages 2 to 5) Shirley Chisholm State Park – Hendrix Creek Patio 1750 Granville Payne Avenue 10 to 11:30 a.m.

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Sheepshead Bay

Teen Shoots Another Teen Dead

By Lloyd Mitchell and Linda Steinmuller

A 16-year-old male has been arrested in connection to the homicide of another 16-year-old male within NYCHA's Sheepshead Bay Houses.

Police arrested and charged the suspect with manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide and criminal possession of a firearm on Tuesday, March 24th.

Officers from the 61st Precinct/PSA1 responded to 2957 Avenue X, between Nostrand Avenue and Batchelder Street, around 5:55 p.m. on Monday, March 23rd, where they found the victim, Kamardre Coleman, unresponsive, with a gunshot wound to his chest. Coleman, who lived about two blocks away in another building within the same housing complex, was rushed to South Brooklyn Health where he was pronounced dead, according to police.

Photos by Lloyd Mitchell



Brownsville

Shooting of 9-Year-Old Boy Being Investigated as Possible Stray Bullet

By Lloyd Mitchell

Detectives are attempting to trace the bullet that struck a 9-year-old boy on Thursday, March 26th.

The boy was walking near 391 Bristol Street, between Livonia and Riverdale Avenues, when he felt pain in his right leg around 5:55 p.m. Officers from the 73rd Precinct responded to the scene and cordoned off the area. EMS took the young victim to Maimonides Medical Center in stable condition, police said.

At this time, there are no leads for a suspect.

No arrests have been made, and an investigation is ongoing.

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.



Brownsville

Stabbing Injures Two Women and One Man, Suspect on the Run

By Lloyd Mitchell

A triple stabbing left two women and a man injured on Sunday afternoon, March 29th.

Officers from the 73rd Precinct/PSA2 responded to multiple calls of a stabbing at 430 Dumont Avenue, off of Powell Street, in the Woodson Houses, around 12:55 p.m. They located a 23-year-old man with a stab wound to the chest and back and a 25-year-old woman who was stabbed in her abdomen. Both victims were taken to Brookdale Hospital in stable condition, according to police.

A 26-year-old woman was also stabbed in the back and buttocks, police said. She was taken to Kings County Hospital in stable condition.

A representative with the NYPD's Department of Public Information Office stated that all three victims were highly uncooperative.

Detectives are looking for a man in a brown shirt and blue jeans that fled onto Van Sinderen Avenue in an unknown direction. No arrests have been made, and an investigation is ongoing.

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King Henry Performs Magic at Gerritsen Beach Library

By Angela G. Nannetti

Guy Zoda, aka "King Henry," the on-field entertainer and community ambassador for the Brooklyn Cyclones baseball team, performed his magic show at the Gerritsen Beach Library, located at 2808 Gerritsen Avenue, on Thursday, March 26th.

More than 75 children from P.S. 193 Gil Hodges, located at 2515 Avenue L, exited their school buses and bounced right on into the library, eager to meet the man in the red suit. Sitting on the carpet, criss-cross-applesauce, the kids were absolutely rapt, as Zoda read the story, *Pete the Cat Show-and-Tell*, with great gusto.

Afterward, he explained the significance of the story, which centers around Pete's family heirloom baseball glove and how the memories it holds makes it more valuable than some of the other, more flashy things his friends bring to school for show-

and-tell.

Zoda also shared that he struggles with dyslexia, explained the condition and discussed how reading a book over several times before doing a read-aloud is a technique that always helps him. He went on to encourage the students to keep up with their reading even if it feels difficult at times.

As much as the children loved his reading, they equally loved Zoda's comedic magical performance. With the help of several students from the audience, King Henry did silly tricks with balloons, flowers, kerchiefs and, to the kids' great delight, even a pair of underpants on one occasion. He cracked them up, answered questions, posed for photos and finally advised kids to visit https://www.milb.com/brooklyn/forms/2024_home_run_readers, with their parents, to get a free ticket to a Cyclones game in exchange for reading four books.



King Henry reads a story aloud to more than 75 local elementary school students.

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Neighborhood Pride: Bergen Beach's Hometown Kid Heads to West Point



Principal Allison McGuinness poses with West Point appointee and St. Edmund's student James Friscia.



NYS Assembly Citation presented to James Friscia by Assemblywoman Jaime Williams.

Assemblywoman Jaime Williams made a special surprise visit on Sunday, March 15th, to a hometown standout, James Friscia, presenting him with a New York State Assembly Citation in recognition of his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

The intimate gathering was held at his family's home in Bergen Beach and included Allison McGinnis, principal of St. Edmund Preparatory High School, along with Friscia's parents, Richard and Kelly; Uncle Billy; and family friend, Ron Canterino, all of whom welcomed the honor with pride and emotion.

Williams, who marked "West Point Day" in the State Assembly, emphasized the significance of military service and took time before heading to Albany to recognize Friscia personally. "It was a pleasure to meet James and his family," Williams said. "We wish him all the best as he begins this journey on June 29, 2026, and know he will make his community proud."

Friscia's appointment follows a rigorous and highly competitive process. Nominated by Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, he earned one of the Nation's most selective placements, securing his spot at West Point early in the admissions cycle.

His journey began last year when he was accepted into summer leadership programs at both West Point and the United States Naval Academy. Those experiences helped solidify his commitment to military service. Over the following months, he balanced academics, intensive physical training, and a demanding application process that included interviews, essays and the Candidate Fitness Assessment.

At just 17 years old, Friscia is among the youngest candidates to receive an early appointment to West Point this year — an achievement that underscores both his academic strength and physical readiness, maintaining a perfect 4.0 GPA with intense preparation for the academy's fitness standards.

"I always wanted to serve," Friscia said during the visit, noting that while he has family members who served in the military, he aims to become the first commissioned officer in his family. "I also wanted to advance my education — and West Point was my top choice."

McGinnis praised Friscia's drive and character, describing him as a student who consistently seized every opportunity available. "He's never said no to a challenge," she said, highlighting his academic excellence, leadership and involvement in activities ranging from music to advanced coursework. "That readiness is exactly what prepares someone for a place like West Point."

Friscia's family echoed that sentiment, crediting his self-motivation and well-rounded pursuits — including academics, athletics and extracurricular activities — for helping him reach this milestone. "We never had to push him — he's always been self-motivated. Whatever he sets his mind to, he goes all in. This has been his goal, and he earned it," his mother said. Further, his proud papa was elated, stating, "We just tried to support him every step of the way. He put in the work — late nights, training, everything it takes — and we couldn't be prouder."

The achievement also marks a historic first for St. Edmund Prep, as Friscia becomes the first student in the school's history to receive a nomination and accept an appointment to West Point.

Set to report on June 29, 2026, as part of the Class of 2030, Friscia now carries with him the pride of Bergen Beach and the promise of a future in service. As neighbors and educators alike made clear, his journey is just beginning — but his impact is already being felt at home.

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Marine Park

Assemblywoman Williams Hosts Free Easter Bonnet and Egg Hunt

By Angela G. Nannetti

Assemblywoman Jaime Williams hosted her annual "Some-Bunny Loves You" Easter Bonnet and Egg Hunt in Marine Park on Sunday afternoon, March 29th, which drew an unbelievable crowd. Local families came in droves to join in the festivities, which included face painting, temporary tattoos, a bubble station, giant lawn games like Jenga and Connect Four, pictures with the Easter Bunny and, of course, the traditional Easter Egg Hunt. The event was sponsored by Marine Park Alliance and Millennium Development, among others.



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Positive News at the 63rd Precinct Community Council Meeting

By Kari Lleras



63rd Precinct Community Council members and elected officials' representatives acknowledge Cop of the Month recipients.

Everyone was excited to see one another at the first meeting of the year since inclement weather canceled the January and February meetings of the 63rd Precinct Community Council. Captain James Tomasulo made up for lost time by honoring several Cops of the Month at the March 25th meeting, held at the John Malone Community Center, located at 2331 Bergen Avenue.

Police Officer Nicholas Setaro was presented with December's Cop of the Month award for his exceptional arrest on December 13th. Setaro and his partner responded to a robbery in progress; a pursuit ensued and four individuals were arrested at Fillmore Avenue and Marine Parkway. These individuals were also wanted for other robberies.

January's Cop of the Month also stopped a robbery in progress. Youth Officer Romae Morgan-Ashraf was honored due to her excellent arrest on January 14th, around 4 p.m., on Flatbush Avenue and Avenue N, when she and her partner apprehended individuals who had stolen a Moose Knuckles jacket.

Police Officer Marcus Kabigting, February's Cop of the Month, responded to a call for help on February 19th; the caller reported an individual was rummaging through vehicles on East 63rd Street and Strickland Avenue. Kabigting and his partner arrived at the location, saw the unauthorized person in the vehicle and efficiently made an arrest. The individual that Kabigting apprehended had 64 prior arrests.

Deputy Inspector Daniel Shouldis from Highway Patrol Unit 2 shared that focused enforcement and the efficacious partnership with the precinct is a factor in the positive trends, less collisions, the reduction of drag racing and donuts, and fewer uninsured and improperly registered/endorsed vehicles on the streets.

Kings County District Attorney Alexander Gurevich agreed with Shouldis that strong partnerships with the police departments and communities cause positive results. He reported that in 2025 there were significant decreases in gun violence and a decrease in murders, less than previous years in Brooklyn.

A meeting attendee and community member complimented the efforts of all local partnerships, especially the 63rd Precinct, for making the neighborhood safe. He explained that he'd accidentally left his car unlocked twice. One of the times the window was half-way open, and nothing was touched or stolen.

Tomasulo announced that there will be extra coverage from April 1st to April 9th at certain synagogues for Passover. "The precinct will be getting out and visiting," he said. "We'll all be out there." He suggested that if someone knows a certain location that has a need, they should contact the precinct, the Crime Prevention Office, Community Affairs Team and/or the Q-Team.

Please note the location change for the next meeting of the 63rd Precinct Community Council. It will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd, at Purpose Life Church, located at 1895 Flatbush Avenue, at 7 p.m. sharp.



Police Officer Romae Morgan-Ashraf (right) accepts the January Cop of the Month honor from Captain Tomasulo at the Community Council meeting held at the John Malone Community Center.

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Bergen Beach

St. Bernard Church Hosts Easter Egg Hunt

By Angela G. Nannetti

Eager children and their families lined up outside the garden at St. Bernard Catholic Church, located at 2055 East 69th Street, on Sunday, March 29th, for the parish's annual Easter Egg Hunt. Some were waiting in line more than an hour before it was set to begin. While the 11:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass was being celebrated, hunt organizers were busy scattering hundreds of eggs, filling tables with raffle prizes and setting up for photos with the Easter Bunny. When they finally opened the gate at 1 p.m., the children charged in and filled their baskets to the brim. One brother-sister duo really cleaned up, reporting that they counted 302 eggs between their two baskets alone.



Children working fast to fill their Easter baskets with eggs.



Hunt organizers ready with raffle prizes.



The Easter Bunny makes an appearance at the Egg Hunt.

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Ciao Bella! Marine Park Alliance Celebrates Italian-American Women for Women's History Month

By Loretta Chin



MPA Executive Director Scott Middleton, Francesca Milanato, Dee Pozzuoli, Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, Jane Carbonaro Arrabito, Josephine Gambino Politi, Danielle Mastrion and MPA Chair Maria Carro-D'Alessandro.

On Saturday, March 21st, The Marine Park Alliance (MPA), in partnership with Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, celebrated exceptional Italian and Italian-American women for Women's History Month at the Carmine Carro Center.

Colorful green, white and red Italian flags decorated the center at 3000 Fillmore Avenue and were given out to guests, along with "I Love Italia" souvenir bracelets, to set a festive tone. MPA Executive Director Scott Middleton welcomed attendees and introduced emcee and MPA board member Kristy Di Cario.

"This is the celebration of the 'Ciao Bella' (Hello Beautiful), and we're celebrating women with an Italian connection and to Italy," Di Cario said prior to her presentation about Italian and Italian-American women.

The program included live opera performances by Kayla Viviana and Melanie Spector from The Opera Next Door, (TOND) along with trivia games, prizes and a raffle.

In its 14th year, MPA has celebrated Women's History Month with a different theme each year. This year's honorees were chosen via social media nominations of inspiring Italian-American women who are admired and dedicated to community leadership.

Jane Carbonaro Arrabito was recognized by Aidan Cohen as someone who has shaped the Marine Park and the James Madison community through her father's football scholarships and other works to raise thousands of dollars for alumni.

"Jane represents everything this award stands for: service, compassion, leadership, family and the commitment to lifting others up," Cohen said.

Josephine Gambino Politi was recognized by Williams who described her as a "pillar in our community." Politi, a recently retired co-owner of Palermo Bakery on Avenue N, served the community for 50 years, donating cheesecakes and other baked goods to Mill Basin and neighborhood police meetings that she was also an active member of.

"Francesca Milanato is a devoted educator, healer and community leader whose life's work reflects the

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Aidan Cohen, MPA Executive Director Scott Middleton and Jane Carbonaro Arrabito.

strength and spirit of Italian-American community,” Helen Ufrete said. She said that Milanato has dedicated decades to supporting the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of others through her teaching and wellness programs. Her continuing work with active older adults at the Carro Center and years of service in healthcare settings as a patient advocate has enriched many lives.

Danielle Mastrion, a celebrated Brooklyn muralist, was recognized by Middleton. He said that her “vibrant public arts bring color, culture and community pride to neighborhoods and across New York City.” Mastrion’s works include painting the colorful Lenape Park in Marine Park (aka Snake Park), Shirley Chisholm State Park and numerous murals in Coney Island, among others around the world.

Dee Pozzuoli was recognized by Lauren Mason who said that Pozzuoli dedicated 33 years helping older adults through Millennium Development at the Carro Center. She is a devoted member of the Marine Park Community Association and volunteers at her church to give out meals. “Dee has a rare gift. She makes people feel seen, cared for and valued,” Mason said. “She goes above and beyond, not for recognition, but because that’s simply who she is.”

Special recognition was given to the late RoseMarie Carro, a dedicated volunteer and active community member who served on various committees, worked on events and more. She is recognized each year, but especially this year because she was an extraordinary woman of Italian descent. She was married to Carmine Carro, the namesake of the center, and there is a kitchen in the center named after her in her honor.

With overwhelming support from community nominations, the RoseMarie Carro award was presented to her daughter, Maria Carro-D’Alessandro.

“As the founding chair of the Marine Park Alliance, Maria has made a lasting impact on our community through her dedication, leadership and commitment to uplifting others,” Di Cario said. “Her work reflects the very spirit of Women’s History Month, celebrating strength, perseverance and the power of giving back.”

The finale included a brief presentation by Italian-American MPA Teen Leader Chloe Zagami and greetings from TOND founder Sasha Gutierrez who introduced the final opera duet performance. Refreshments were provided by Palermo Bakery, featuring an assortment of pastries, St. Joseph’s Day cakes and coffee.



MPA Chair Maria Carro-D’Alessandro, Jane Carbonaro Arrabito, Danielle Mastrion, Josephine Gambino Politi, Dee Pozzuoli, Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, Francesca Milanato and MPA Executive Director Scott Middleton.



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Canarsie is on the Map! — Sue Ann Partnow Says



Wandiesha Bell gives a presentation on the Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps and its proposal to expand to Canarsie and East Flatbush.

By Roger French

The March 18th Community Board 18 (CB18) meeting kicked off with much fervor. Greg Borruso, 1st Vice Chairperson, who hosted in lieu of absent Chairperson Naomi Hopkins, kept the meeting apace. The event returned to its hybrid in-person/Zoom mix after running fully virtually in the previous meeting due to last-minute snow blasts.

Following brief announcements, Borruso switched gears to the Public Hearing of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BSVAC), a nonprofit. The organization, which provides emergency medical services to the Bed-Stuy community, was founded in 1988 by James Robinson and Joe Perez. Antoine Robinson, the former's son, is its current president, and Wandiesha Bell spoke on behalf of the company.

In her presentation, Bell outlined BSVAC's volunteer

programs, public safety initiatives and a proposal to expand volunteer emergency medical services into Canarsie and East Flatbush. "There is no charge if one has no insurance. But if they have insurance, we will bill their credit card," she said.

Bell also cited BSVAC's high emergency call volumes and response times. "We're saving lives. Response times went from 11 to 3.5 minutes," she said. "We invest in people. All people." Bell also highlighted the organization's mentorship program, which she asserted helped to keep at-risk youth out of trouble. "Many are now nurses and doctors," she said.

Barbara Bieber, chairperson of the Social Services Committee, who had met previously with BSVAC, underscored much of Bell's presentation. Bieber clarified that in instances in which 911 were called, EMS, by law, must take a patient to the nearest city hospital. By contrast, a BSVAC patient may choose their own medical facility to attend. The board voted in favor of a letter of support for the organization.

By midpoint, CB18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow made mention of a flurry of events that occurred earlier in the district. "A fire broke out in a home on Conklin Avenue in Canarsie, spreading to two other structures," she said. "Several Department of Building summonses were given, including work without a permit." The incident saw six people injured, with the Red Cross relocating 10.

"Canarsie is on the map tonight," Partnow said, as the room seemed to take on a kinetic buzz. Partnow went on to cite that the Department of Education is proposing a merger of the Urban Action Academy with the High School for Medical Professions, located within the Canarsie Educational Campus.

CB18 Treasurer David Price announced that the board had remaining funds (\$18,500) available to multiple subcommittees. "If they're not allocated by the end of this year, it's returned to the city," Price said. The earmarks include: \$5,000 for a community baby shower, supporting new and expectant mothers; \$4,500 for a community family skate and barbecue night; \$4,000 for a senior citizens barbecue for residents aged 60 and over; \$3,000 for plants and seeds for District 22 schools; and \$2,000 for an end-of-year CB18 event.

Four co-naming of streets (in memoriam) were also put forth. They included 1) the northeast corner of East 68th Street and Avenue U as "Audrey Durst Way," 2) the northeast corner of Avenue N and Schenectady Avenue as "Fred P. Wilken Way," 3) the northeast corner of East 59th Street and Avenue N as "John Lindner 'Landi's' Way" and 4) the northeast corner of East 33rd Street and Quentin Road as "Gianna Gambino Way." While all were approved, a video montage tribute to Gambino, who attended P.S. 222 and succumbed to a brain tumor, proved to be the most heart-tugging. Bieber wiped away tears as she read a list of the child's accomplishments.

In the video, Gambino was showcased dancing to Beyonce's "Run the World (Girls)," presented playing a saxophone at a fun event and performing in an impromptu fashion show with nurses at the hospital that treated her through her chemotherapy trials.

Closing announcements were made on behalf of State Senator Roxanne Persaud, of the 19th District, by Jennifer Viechweg-Horsford, who spoke of Persaud's commitment of championing affordable healthcare in Albany. A representative for Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, of the 59th District, also touted Williams' pursuit of legislation to curb gun violence and mentioned the free swim classes for children that Williams is promoting in conjunction with Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman, of the 58th District.

Community announcements from Sesame Flyers, Canarsie Merchants Association and Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, among others, may be accessed at bk18@cb.nyc.gov.

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Tax Time Guide: Steps Taxpayers Can Take Now to Resolve Tax Issues and Stay on Track

Taxpayers who owe taxes or have not yet filed can benefit from acting early. Taking the steps outlined below can help limit penalties and interest, prevent delays and make it easier to resolve tax issues.

This Tax Time Guide focuses on what to do now.

Step 1: Prepare to file your return

Before filing, taxpayers should review their return to ensure all income is reported and deductions are claimed correctly, including any deductions reported on Schedule 1-A.

Taxpayers should keep records that support the amounts on their returns, such as pay statements or other documentation.

Step 2: Review your return before filing

Taxpayers who have not yet filed required returns should file as soon as possible, even if they cannot pay the full amount they owe. Filing allows taxpayers to:

- Claim available deductions and credits
- Reduce failure-to-file penalties
- Access payment and resolution options

Electronic filing remains the fastest and most accurate way to submit a return. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) encourages taxpayers to file electronically to ensure timely delivery of their returns.

Another reason to e-file is that taxpayers don't need to be concerned about whether their return is timely postmarked. A paper tax return is treated as filed on the date it is postmarked. The Postal Service reaffirmed through a recent announcement that the postmark might be later than the date that an item is dropped in a mailbox. Taxpayers who file a paper return on the deadline, however, can request a manual postmark at post offices during business hours.

Step 3: Make a payment, even if it is partial

Taxpayers who owe taxes are encouraged to pay as much as they can by the deadline. Paying even part of the balance can reduce penalties and interest. Electronic

payment options are available through IRS.gov.

Step 4: Set up a payment plan, if needed

Taxpayers who cannot pay their full balance may qualify for a payment plan. Many taxpayers can:

- Request an installment agreement online
- Choose a payment schedule that fits their situation

Setting up a payment plan early can help prevent balances from growing.

Step 5: Respond promptly to IRS notices

Taxpayers who receive an IRS notice should read it carefully and respond by the date listed. Notices may request:

- Payment
- Additional information
- Action to correct an issue

Responding promptly can help avoid further penalties or delays.

Step 6: Use online tools

IRS online tools allow taxpayers to securely manage tax matters without calling or visiting an IRS office. Helpful tools include:

- IRS Individual Online Account to view balances, make payments and manage payment plans.
- Where's My Refund? to check refund status.
- Direct Pay to make payments.
- IRS Document Upload Tool to securely and quickly send information in response to an IRS notice or letter, but not for submitting tax returns.

Using these tools can save time and provide faster answers.

Act early

Acting early gives taxpayers more options and flexibility. Waiting can lead to additional penalties, interest and delays.

More information and tools are available anytime on IRS.gov.

Courtesy of the Internal Revenue Service

IRS Announces Special Saturday Hours at Taxpayer Assistance Centers to Provide Face-to-Face Help

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced that special Saturday hours will be available over the next few months at select Taxpayer Assistance Centers (TAC) across the country. The special Saturday openings will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on select Saturdays through the end of June.

Offices in dozens of states will participate. The IRS encourages taxpayers to visit IRS.gov/SaturdayHours for a list of participating TAC locations and instruc-

tions to review before traveling to an office. During these Saturday hours, taxpayers can receive assistance with all services routinely offered at a TAC, except for making cash payments.

In addition to special Saturday hours, more than 200 IRS TACs nationwide are extending their weekday hours to give taxpayers more time to get the help they need during the filing season. The extended office hours will run through Thursday, April 30th. To see if a nearby TAC is offering extended hours, taxpayers can visit IRS.gov and use the "Contact your local office tool" to access the TAC Locator. The site lists the services offered, including extended hours, and provides directions to each office.

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Six Thousand Eggs Found at Senator Persaud's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

By Angela G. Nannetti

State Senator Roxanne Persaud hosted her annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28th, at Canarsie Park, and the biting cold did nothing to deter families from coming to enjoy the festivities.

Children were invited to take pictures with not one, but three very cheerful Easter bunnies, get their faces painted, munch on fresh popcorn, play outdoor games, dance, and do arts and crafts while they waited for the main event to begin.

Hundreds of kids lined up to enter the egg-hunting grounds, and once it began, it took a matter of minutes for the kids to pick up all 6,000 of the candy-filled eggs and load them into their overflowing baskets. A lucky few found the rare and elusive golden eggs, which they redeemed for big prizes, like a bicycle and gift cards.



State Senator Roxanne Persaud and the Easter bunnies pose with constituents.



Children who found golden eggs during the hunt claim their prizes, including a bike and gift cards.

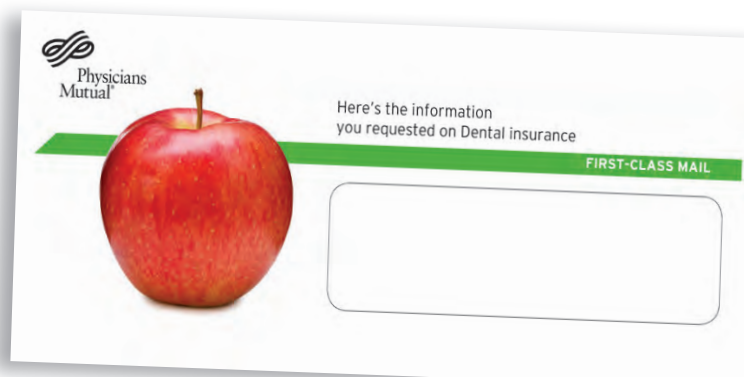
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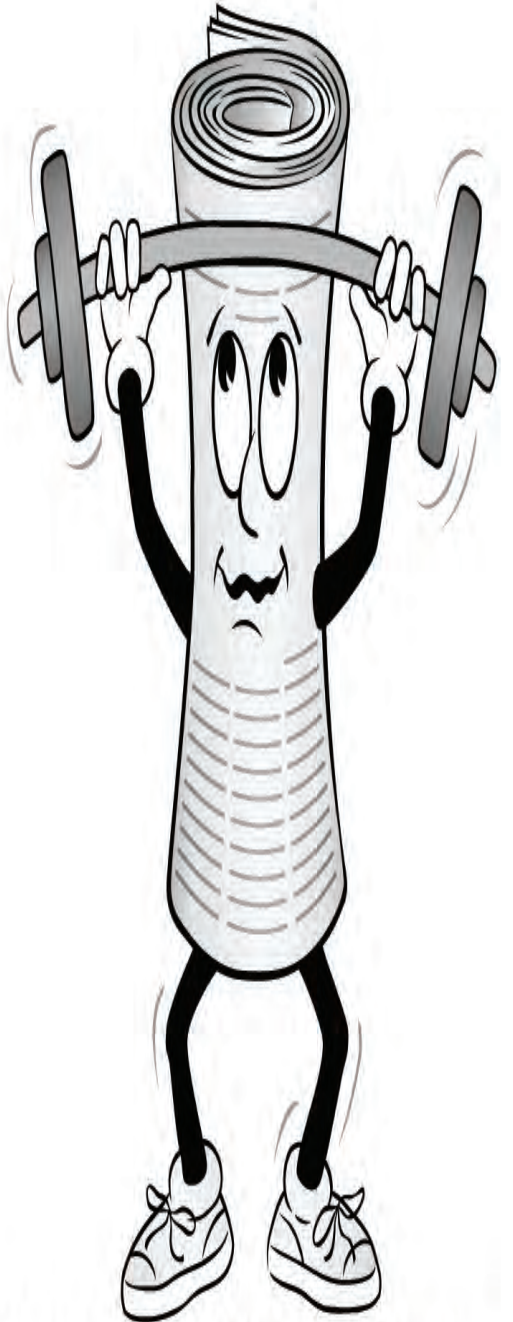
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Notice of formation of McNeil Tours, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/03/2024. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as an agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Secretary of State: 68 Livingston St 2C, Brooklyn NY, 11201. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of formation of Lamoni LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/10/2026. 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 Geana Francois: 150 Crown Street Apt. A1, Brooklyn. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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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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If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

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YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: February 24 th , 2026

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC

Attorney for Plaintiff

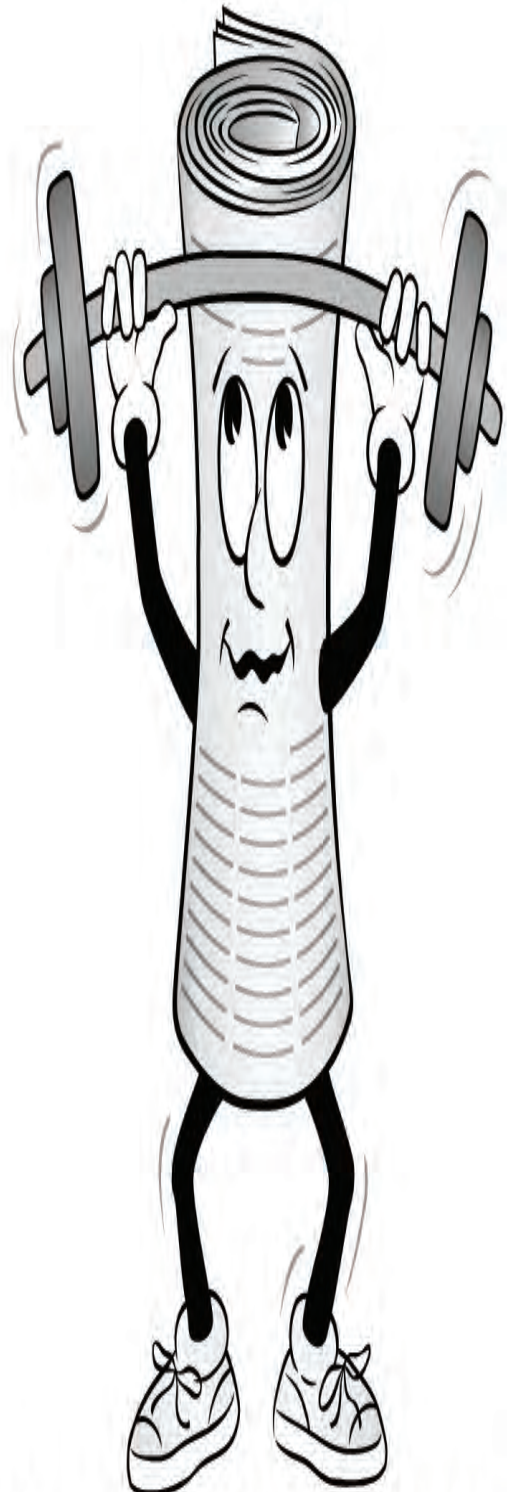
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