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Your Vote, Your Voice: A Reminder as Early Voting Starts

By Jibreel Jalloh

Early Voting for New York's Primary Election begins this Saturday, June 13th, and continues through Sunday, June 21st. Election Day is Tuesday, June 23rd. Voters can visit www.nycvotes.org to find their polling site and view Early Voting dates and hours.

Elections are often discussed in terms of candidates and political parties, but they are centrally about the decisions that affect our daily lives. Voting gives residents an opportunity to help choose the leaders who will make decisions on issues that impact our communities, our city and our state.

This year's election includes races that will help determine the direction of the New York government. Voters will have the opportunity to select nominees for positions including State Assembly, State Senate, Governor and State Comptroller. These offices play important roles in shaping policies and budgets that affect New Yorkers every day.

For example, state leaders make decisions about education funding and policy. These decisions influence resources available to New York City's public schools and the City University of New York (CUNY) system. Funding levels can affect classroom support, afterschool programs and educational opportunities for

families across the city.

Transportation is another issue closely connected to the state government. The state budget includes funding for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), which serves millions of riders throughout the region. Budget and policy decisions can impact transit service, infrastructure investments and the reliability of the transportation network many residents rely on to get to work, school and other destinations.

State officials also help shape environmental and infrastructure policies. Decisions regarding climate resilience, flood prevention, emergency preparedness and clean energy investments can affect how communities respond to severe weather and long-term environmental challenges.

At the federal level, voters will also help determine representation in Congress. Their work can influence funding for transportation, housing, healthcare, education, public safety, infrastructure projects and immigration policy.

Primary elections are an important part of the electoral process because they determine which candidates will appear on the ballot in the General Election. To vote in a primary, voters must be registered with a political party.

Regardless of political affiliation or viewpoint, voting remains one of the



most direct ways residents can participate in civic life. Staying informed, understanding the issues and making your voice heard are important parts of a healthy democracy.

To find your polling location and learn more about Early Voting, visit www.nycvotes.org.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR - VOL. 106, NO. 24



FRI. JUNE 12TH Marine Park Alliance: World Cup Under the Stars Carmine Carro Community Center - Flagpole 3000 Fillmore Avenue 7 to 11 p.m.

MON. JUNE 15TH Canarsie Merchants Association: Free In Person 1:1 Business Counseling 1734 Rockaway Parkway Register at https://nysbdc.ecenterdirect.com/signup?centerid=31

SAT. JUNE 13TH Marine Park Alliance: Wildflowers of Marine Park Salt Marsh Nature Center 3301 Avenue U 9 to 10:30 a.m.

MON. JUNE 15TH Assemblywoman Jaime Williams: Yoga in the Park Side of Carmine Carro Center - 3000 Fillmore Avenue 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

SAT. JUNE 13TH Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy: Bike Tour Floyd Bennett Field 3159 Flatbush Avenue 12 to 3 p.m.

TUES. JUNE 16TH Tot Time Tuesdays (weekly, recommended ages 2 to 5) Shirley Chisholm State Park - Hendrix Creek Patio 1750 Granville Payne Avenue 10 to 11:30 a.m.

SUN. JUNE 14TH Marine Park Alliance: Just for Kids: PuppetMobile's Pinocchio - Carmine Carro Community Center - Lawn 3000 Fillmore Avenue 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

WED. JUNE 17TH Canarsie Merchants Association: Greening With H.E.S. - Avenue L 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Register at info@cmainc.org

WED. JUNE 17TH Councilwoman Mercedes Narasise: Roller Skating Canarsie Park 3 to 8 p.m.

WED. JUNE 17TH Assemblywoman Jaime Williams: Summer Concert Series: Caribbean Night Marine Park Lawn Near Bocce Court 6:30 p.m.

WED. JUNE 17TH Community Board 18 Meeting Community Board 18 Office 1097 Bergen Avenue 7 p.m.

WED. JUNE 17TH Pride Sunset Walk Shirley Chisholm State Park - Fountain Side 950 Fountain Avenue 7:30 to 9 p.m. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pride-sunset-walk-tickets-1990246475785?aff=ebdsoporgprofile

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Spring Creek

Woman Shot on Street in Starrett City

An arrest was made in connection to a shooting that took place in the vicinity of Pennsylvania and Vandalia Avenues on Saturday, June 6th.

Elijah Daniels, 22, a resident of Starrett City, was arrested and charged with assault, reckless endangerment and criminal possession of a weapon.

Police from the 75th Precinct responded to the scene around 2 p.m. where they found a 21-year-old female with a gunshot wound to her chest. The victim was taken to Brookdale Hospital by EMS in stable condition, according to police. The suspect was arrested the same day.

Photos by Baqir Ahmad



East Flatbush

One Dies in Double Stabbing

By Linda Steinmuller

A stabbing inside an East Flatbush apartment left one man dead and the other in stable condition.

On Friday, May 29th, around 11:10 p.m., police from the 67th Precinct responded to an assault in progress inside 3105 Avenue D. They found a 66-year-old male with a stab wound to his neck and a 34-year-old male with a stab wound to his left leg and lower back, according to police.

Both victims were taken by EMS to Kings County Hospital, police said. The 34-year-old victim, identified as Dan Costume, of Flatbush, did not survive his

injuries and was pronounced dead at the hospital. The 66-year-old victim was listed in stable condition.

There are no arrests, and an investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information regarding this stabbing 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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Brownsville

Homeless Man Arrested in Stabbing of Elderly Woman

By Linda Steinmuller

A 75-year-old woman was stabbed at the Glenmore Plaza Houses, and her alleged attacker was arrested about an hour after the frightening incident.

Police arrested Shawnee Moore, 36, an undomiciled man, and charged him with assault, criminal possession of a weapon and endangering the welfare of a vulnerable, elderly person.

Police from the 73rd Precinct/PSA 2 responded to the scene, at Glenmore and Christopher Avenues, around 11:25 a.m. on Sunday, May 31st, and found the female stabbed in the neck. The suspect fled the location northbound on Mother Gaston Blvd.

The victim was taken to Brookdale Hospital by EMS in stable condition.

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Community Members Honored at Mill Basin Civic Awards Ceremony

By Amanda Salazar

Excited families and neighbors filed into the Glen Terrace Catering Hall, at 5313 Avenue N, on Thursday, May 28th, for the Mill Basin Civic Association's (MBCA) annual Student Achievement Awards Ceremony, held to celebrate elementary and middle school students across District 22.

The ceremony saw three students receive awards, along with other active community members, as MBCA regulars and awardees' families proudly looked on.

The common thread among all of the honorees was their readiness to help their community, whether it be in school, on the job or a commitment to their neighbors. All of the award recipients showed a dedication to service, volunteerism and community mindedness, according to civic co-



Presidents Paul Curiale and Marilyn Vasquez, who led the proceedings.

"We always need your volunteerism," Curiale said. "Whatever you do, it goes a long, long way."

Vasquez began the ceremony by announcing the adult awardees, who received special plaques. The Antoinette Budani Service from the Heart Award was given to 63rd Precinct Detective Tricia Navarro-Caraballo, who tearfully accepted. Budani, the award's namesake, was a longtime MBCA volunteer.

"What you do, you go beyond what the badge tells you to do," Curiale said of Navarro-Caraballo.

Next, the Paula Whitney Community Service Award was given to Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, who was unable to accept the award in person due to being in Albany to work on the State budget. Staff members Donald Cranston, Sharon Long and Christina Phillips accepted the award on her behalf.

"On behalf of Jaime Williams and her team, we love what we do for the community," Long said. "We do get paid but a lot of the stuff that we do, we do from the heart. We're here extra hours, we're here on weekends and it's through her leadership that we're out here every day, every week, every year."

The next award was unique in that it went to an entire family that is active in the community. The Caputo family — consisting of MBCA Corresponding Secretary Christina Caputo, her husband Anthony and their children Alexandria and Nicholas — received the Mike and Josephine Buono Public-Spirited Family Award. Christina is a local teacher in addition to being a part of the civic association, while Anthony is a veteran and former NYPD officer who is studying to become a nurse. The Buono family, for whom the award is named, was very involved in the community and the MBCA, with Mike serving as its chair back when Curiale joined.

"It was such an easy decision for Paul and I when we started discussing this award," Vasquez said. "They're very outgoing people and for that we appreciate you all." About Christina herself, Vasquez added, "She's an amazing person; she really is a fireball."

The MBCA Terri Cadet-Donald Student Achievement Awards were presented next. The kids received paper certificates from the MBCA, along with certificates from the offices of Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, Assemblywoman Jaime Williams and Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse. Cadet-Donald is a late board member of the civic, who was also active within the Mary Queen of Heaven Church community.

Six students were selected by their schools for the honor: Julia Ibane from P.S. 312 Bergen Beach, Aiden Harris from P.S. 203 Floyd Bennett School, Rhys Ahearn from P.S. 236 Mill Basin, Gianna Calabro from P.S. 207 Elizabeth G. Leary, Faith Paillant from I.S. 78 Roy H. Mann and Paul Colella from St. Bernard Catholic Academy. Due to other commitments, only Ibane, Harris and Ahearn were able to attend.

The student awards were announced by the respective assistant principals and parent coordinators for the schools present.

"Young people, you're not just our future. You're our present, and we appreciate everything you do," Curiale said. "Work hard, study hard, love your family, love your country, love your community."

Event attendees dined on catered sandwiches and small plates, and cake was cut at the end of the proceedings. A DJ blasted music throughout the venue, creating a festive atmosphere for all in attendance.

The next MBCA meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9th, in the basement multi-purpose room of Mary Queen of Heaven Church, at 1304 East 57th Street, at 6:30 p.m.

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Celebrating Bike Month at Community Bike Ride

By Linda Steinmuller



Group shot of bikers with ride leaders and marshals at the Canarsie Pier.

May is National Bike Month, a month dedicated to encouraging more people to get out and ride their bikes for fun and fitness while promoting safe streets.

Participation can be as simple as riding your bike around your neighborhood, commuting to work or school, and joining organized events. Many communities, like Canarsie, host group rides, bike expos and advocacy events. About 25 neighborhood kids and their parents participated in a Community Bike Ride on Sunday, May 31st, an absolutely picture-perfect, sunny and warm day for a bike ride.

Community Board 18's (CB18) Park Committee organized the event, with the assistance of Millennium Development. The group met in the schoolyard of P.S. 276, located at 1070 East 83rd Street, at 8:30 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. departure time.

Dwayne from Kings Cycling graciously provided free bike checks for all the riders, and representatives from the DOT provided resources and free bike helmets.

After a group shot, and a briefing about biker safety by Paul Curiale, chairperson of the CB18 Parks Committee and executive director of Millennium, bikers of all ages, on every sort of bicycle, made their way along Avenue K – via a police escort by the 69th Precinct – to the bike path along Paerdegat Avenue North. Riders continued to Canarsie Park, where they rode along the greenway, under the Belt Parkway, to the Canarsie Pier, where the bikers were treated to snacks and refreshments.

After a few group photos at the pier, the bikers rode back to P.S. 276, where some of the kids got their faces painted.

Everyone who participated in the event said they had a great time and are looking forward to future community bike rides!

The event was supported by State Senator Roxanne Persaud, Assemblywoman Jaime Williams and Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse.



They're off!



Naomi Lehrer from the Kiwanis Club, CB18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow and CB18 Parks Committee Chairman Paul Curiale with some of the riders.

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FROM THE DESK OF ROBERT PEARL

An Open Letter To The Community

Dear Neighbor:

In the heat of a political primary, facts often become casualties of ambition. Labels are thrown around carelessly, narratives are manufactured, and long records of public service are suddenly reduced to slogans and smears. That is exactly what is happening in the Democratic primary against Jaime Williams.

Let me set the record straight, and not allow facts to be distorted, events to be manipulated and voters misled. Although I stay away from editorializing, as I was at almost each and every rally, community board and civic meeting, when the most pressing issues needed a voice and representation, and reported on same. Quite factually, Jaime was there; her primary opponent wasn't.

Williams is not a Republican in disguise. She is not a turncoat. She is not some rogue politician who abandoned her party. (In fact, it is my opinion that the party abandoned her and many other common-sense public servants.) She is, and always has been, a lifelong Democrat who overwhelmingly caucuses and votes with the Democratic majority in Albany.

But unlike many elected officials today, she is also willing to stand up and say "no" when policies pushed by the far-left wing of her party threaten the very neighborhoods she was elected to protect.

That is not weakness. That is leadership.

Williams has built a reputation as a common-sense Democrat — one supported not only by constituents, but by moderate Democrats, civic leaders, community voices and longtime Brooklyn Democratic figures who understand that governing requires independence, not blind ideological obedience.

Her opponents now seek to weaponize that independence.

Some attacks against Williams stem from her opposition to the disastrous handling of the Floyd Bennett Field migrant crisis. Yet those attacks deliberately ignore reality. Williams never opposed immigrants. She herself is an immigrant from Trinidad and Tobago. What she opposed was the reckless and inhumane decision to place migrant families in tents in a flood-zone federal site never intended for human housing.

She stood in the rain at Floyd Bennett Field while others issued statements from afar.

And, importantly, opposition to that shelter was bipartisan and broad-based. Community coalitions, civic groups, mutual-aid volunteers, environmental advocates and Democratic elected officials all raised alarms about the conditions and legality of the site. This was not some fringe position. It was a community uprising against failed policy.

Williams stood with her constituents when many others would not.

The same was true on issues like the "City of Yes" rezoning proposals and dangerous lithium-ion battery storage facilities proposed near residential neighborhoods. Residents were frightened, angry and desperate for representation. Williams showed up repeatedly and fought for her district in Albany and at home.

Where was her primary opponent during those fights? Nowhere.

Before deciding he wanted to represent this community, he was largely absent from the rallies, civic meetings, protests and neighborhood battles that consumed southeast Brooklyn. While residents packed community board meetings and fought for their neighborhoods, there was little public engagement, advocacy or leadership from someone who now claims he is ready to replace a senior Assembly member.

In addition, her opponent is selling himself as the "real Democrat" (whose definition is debatable these days). Although a talented contributing writer, columnist and colleague of this very newspaper, I do not recall him using his pen and platform to discuss these critical issues, comment on them nor take a stand in print, online or in person. I, on the other hand, have routinely and frequently covered and reported on these issues, and was present at every occasion — but I digress, this is not about me.

This is not a knock on youth or ambition nor a personal attack on this candidate or his character. Every generation deserves new voices. But experience matters. Relationships matter. Seniority matters. Influence matters.

Williams is a senior member of the Assembly with committee positions, institutional knowledge and access to resources that directly benefit District 59 — from schools and infrastructure to public safety and community programs. Replacing that with an inexperienced freshman aligned with activist elements of the far-left may satisfy ideological factions but risks weakening the district's voice in Albany.

Perhaps the most disturbing and largest attack on her is the dishonest effort to falsely portray Williams as endorsing Republican mayoral candidate Curtis Sliwa. SHE DID NOT! A published report claiming otherwise was formally retracted after review of the record and her remarks.

<< [Retraction from Vol. 105, Issue 39](#)

September 29, 2025, Vol. 105 No. 40 (<https://canarsiecourier.com/retraction-from-vol-105-issue-39/>)

In the September 25th edition of the *Canarsie Courier*, the article entitled "*Curtis Sliwa Opens Southeast Brooklyn Campaign Headquarters With Thunderous Support*" stated that Assemblywoman Jaime Williams offered an "official endorsement." Upon review of the event and her remarks, we wish to clarify that while Williams did not issue a formal endorsement, she did express strong appreciation for Sliwa's consistent presence in the community. She highlighted his efforts on issues of concern to her district and constituents, including the migrant tent city at Floyd Bennett Field, proposed lithium-ion battery storage sites and the "City of Yes" rezoning proposals. Her remarks were intended as recognition of shared priorities and advocacy, not as an official endorsement. We regret the error.>>

Acknowledging that Sliwa showed up repeatedly to community events and neighborhood rallies, when others did not, was not an endorsement. It was an observation of fact.

Finally, Williams did not simply speak out on community issues — she took action. She introduced and advocated for legislation aimed at restricting the placement of lithium-ion battery storage facilities near residential neighborhoods, schools and businesses, responding to serious community safety concerns over fire risks and lack of oversight. During the Floyd Bennett Field migrant crisis, she also joined bipartisan legal efforts challenging the shelter's placement at the federal park site, standing with local residents and community groups in opposition to what many viewed as an unsafe and inhumane policy.

Voters should reject smear tactics and manufactured labels. Judge Jaime Williams on her actual record: her advocacy, her accomplishments, her consistency and her willingness to stand up — when her constituents are threatened by bad policy.

This election should not be about rigid ideology or political purity tests. It should be about who has truly fought for this community — and who will continue to do so.



Respectfully,

Robert Pearl, Canarsie Courier

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P.S. 114 Hosts Annual Career Day

By Angela G. Nannetti, MS. Ed.

P.S. 114 Ryder Elementary, located at 1077 Remsen Avenue, was bustling with activity on Wednesday, May 20th, as the school celebrated "Imagine Your Future: College, Career and Trade Day."

Every year, professionals from across the community, in various fields and with entirely different skill sets come together to share their wisdom and passion with students who are eager to learn.

This year, students met a real-life beekeeper from the Canarsie Bee Company. They were truly fascinated by the little pollinators as they examined them up close, learned about their important agricultural role, observed a honeycomb and even tasted local honey.

Meanwhile, another excited group of students were experiencing a cuteness overload as they lined up to pet two very sweet, floppy-eared police officers from the NYPD's Counterterrorism K-9 Unit.

Their children got to talk to the canines' human partners, learned how well-suited Labrador Retrievers are at doing police work and how "Vapor Wake" dogs are trained to detect the thermal scents left behind by moving explosives and firearms.

Captivating a class of 5th-grade students was a representative from the Department of Environmental Protection, whose enthusiasm for stormwater management led to meaningful discussions on runoff, conservation and even flood prevention. Just across the hall, a real estate broker dazzled another 5th-grade class with a mock property sale and talked about the people skills that are vital to success in his field.

All in all, Career Day at P.S. 114 was a great success. The kids enjoyed learning about the endless possibilities that await them, and the professionals enjoyed sharing their passion for their careers with the next generation.



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SBS Touts Resources to Canarsiens at CB18 Meeting in Spite of Heavy Rains

By Roger French

On Wednesday, May 20th, heavy downpours delayed and prevented some guests and members of Community Board 18 (CB18) from attending its monthly meeting — but the gathering went on, nonetheless.

In addition to its regular agenda, there was a focus on getting information out to the neighborhood's small business owners. As such, the board's Public Hearing featured the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS).

Intergovernmental Affairs Liaison Rachel Morris, who spoke on behalf of the city agency, highlighted that SBS had available programs, resources and services that were designed to support and strengthen small businesses. This statutory Public Hearing was also duly advertised in the City Record.

Morris expressed that SBS held services and goals

that amounted to four primary tenets: 1) Help businesses start, operate and expand in New York City, 2) Meet talent demands of businesses by connecting New Yorkers to good jobs, 3) Provide financial support and technical assistance for New York City's commercial districts throughout the boroughs and 4) Help minority and women-owned businesses identify and compete for NYC contracts. Interested parties who would like additional information may contact SBS via its hotline at 888-727-4692 or by email at business@sbs.nyc.gov.


In regard to the board's regular agenda, a representative for State Senator Kevin Parker, 21st District, reported that Parker was successful in passing nine bills last month, including S1551 (Utility) and S1553 (Meter rollover), which were expected to address some of the pressing concerns of his constituents.

An announcement was also made that cited a joint



Rachel Morris, SBS Intergovernmental Affairs Liaison, pictured with Community Board 18 members.

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effort by Assemblywomen Jaime Williams, 59th District, and Monique Chandler-Waterman, 58th District, regarding a free swim program for students at the Hebrew Educational Society (H.E.S.), located at 9502 Seaview Avenue (718-241-3000).

SLA and Cannabis Committee Chair Jamaal Carryl also announced a list of renewal applications for alcoholic beverage licenses to be voted on during the evening. They included Embers Bklyn, Bull's Eye Sports Pub, Sons of Flatbush, New York Boat Cruises, Antojitos Acatlan, Mack Daddy's, Bellyfull LLC and Frank's Pizza, all of which were approved.

A request for a new application for an adult-use retail dispensary premises license for Pure Bliss Cannabis Solutions, located at 5010 Flatlands Avenue, was approved.

Two established cannabis dispensaries — Society House and Fireleaf — had their licenses renewed for two years.

During the meeting, Chairperson Naomi Hopkins also encouraged guests in attendance, as well as those listening via Zoom, to address their jury duty summonses with urgency. "People who care should be on those juries," she said, alluding to those who don't show up, as well as those who do show and fall asleep during court cases.

"CB18 is one of the toughest boards to get into," Hopkins added, suggesting that present and future board members should take attendance and community engagement seriously.

CB18 holds its meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 1097 Bergen Avenue and may be contacted at bk18@cb.nyc.gov.

The last meeting before the summer break will take place on June 17th at 7 p.m.

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Prayer Vigil Held Near Site of Tragic Stabbing Death

By Linda Steinmuller



69th Precinct Clergy Council President Rev. Cecil Moonsam



Rapper and singer Antony Austin ("Shammah") sings "Comin' Back"

The 69th Precinct Clergy Council held its monthly prayer vigil at Rockaway Parkway and Seaview Avenue on Monday, June 1st, at the site where a fatal stabbing took place last month.

"We don't want to lose another person," Clergy Council President Rev. Cecil Moonsam said. Candles and tributes for Isaiah Freeman were placed outside the Seaview Fresh Bitez Deli, not far from where the victim, a 34-year-old Bayview resident, was involved in a dispute that ended his life (see "Fatal Stabbing at Rockaway and Seaview," *Canarsie Courier*, June 4, 2026).

"All these candles here. It tells us that individual was a loving person," Rev. Moonsam said. Of the victim's killer, he said, "The Bible tells us that the heart of man is deceitful and desperately wicked. So, we're gonna pray tonight."

He explained that the Clergy Council is made up of a number of churches that meet together and partner with the NYPD, promoting peace and harmony. The Council holds monthly vigils at various sites in Canarsie, usually where violence has occurred.

Rev. Moonsam, Dr. Gale Forde and Sister Lesley, all members of the Council, offered up prayers for safety in the Canarsie community and that lives would be transformed, so violence can be stopped.

"We activate the blood of Jesus on this corner. We pray, God, that you will divinely come in and meet the needs of the people in this community," Dr. Forde prayed.

Sister Lesley prayed for peace "to descend in this community."

"We are asking, oh God, that the violence stop. We are asking that no more lives be lost. Asking for angels to protect us." She prayed for no more guns, no more gangs, no more drugs but that everyone should love one another. She also prayed for those who have already lost loved ones, that they may be comforted.

Some of the business owners joined the vigil, expressing their concern about the violence in Seaview Plaza. Prayers were offered for their peace and safety.

Auxiliary officers are always on hand at the monthly vigils. One of the officers, Pierre Louis, spoke to the community. "We are here today to stop the violence. When we lose one, it's too many," he said. Violence typically increases during the summer months, but the auxiliary volunteers are out there keeping Canarsie safe. Anyone interested in becoming an auxiliary officer can stop by the 69th Precinct for more information.

Local Christian rapper and singer Antony Austin ("Shammah") sang two uplifting songs: "Comin' Back" and "Who is He?"

Rev. Moonsam closed out the evening, stating that we need to come together as a family and show love. "Let each other know that God is the person that created us. And no one has the right to take anyone's life. Because God is the one that gives life, and God is the one that is able to take lives away."

"It's time to put the guns down. It's time to stop the evil. Can I get an Amen?" he concluded.



Candles in remembrance of Isaiah Freeman.

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Journalists From The Lamb Lantern Visit the Canarsie Courier

By Linda Steinmuller

Students from P.S./I.S. 206 The Joseph F. Lamb School paid a visit to the *Canarsie Courier* on Thursday, May 21st, and got to see how a 105-year-old newspaper operates.

The P.S./I.S. 206 Journalism Club has 22 students, made up of mostly 6th- and 7th-graders, with two graduating 8th-graders. Their online paper, *The Lamb Lantern*, was established last year, during the 2024-2025 school year, with the help of Press Pass NYC, and is published about every four to six weeks.

Press Pass is instrumental in helping schools establish their own newspapers – the organization launched over 40 student-led publications since its inception in 2021. Two teachers, Ms. Caputo and Ms. Bruno, lead the club and went through vigorous training as part of the Press Pass program. Ms. Caputo proudly told the *Canarsie Courier* that her school is the only District 22 school that is a member of Press Pass.

The club meets every Tuesday before the school day starts and on Wednesdays after school. They even have a *New York Times* editor help them with the editing of their stories!

Canarsie Courier Editor in Chief Linda Steinmuller and Baruch College journalism student and intern Roger French shared their varied paths into the world of journalism with the students. The young journalists asked lots of questions about the running of a print publication and shared stories about their love of writing.

In their newspaper, they write about school culture and news, including sporting events, the school band and construction projects, as well as a trip to see a Broadway show. The school even held an Election Day, complete with privacy booths, so students could participate in the Participatory Budget process and vote on how to allocate funds to improve their school.

When asked about their favorite projects, one student, Brandon K., shared that he en-

joyed working on a story about the “Wall Street Game,” a simulation of the real stock market where students get to buy and sell stocks with a starting balance of \$100,000. In addition to learning about the stock market, Brandon had a great time covering the progress of the game and interviewing students about their experiences.

All of the students really got a kick out of looking at old editions of the *Canarsie Courier*; our bound archives date back to 1960. Ms. Bruno even found a photo of herself from a 1980 issue!

P.S./I.S. 206 is located at 2200 Gravesend Neck Road in Sheepshead Bay. You can view their online paper at the lamblantern.com.

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CCDI Commemorates 10th Anniversary with Inaugural Awards Gala



CCDI Executive Director Harold Jones addresses guests at CCDI's 10th Anniversary Celebration.

By Brenda Cox

In commemoration of its 10th anniversary, CCDI (Canarsie Community Development Inc.) hosted a fundraising gala on Friday, May 22nd, at the Paerdegat Squadron Hall, 1330 Paerdegat Avenue North, and honored three scientists – Dr. Brett Branco, Dr. Michael Menser and Dr. William Solecki – who have made significant contributions to the field of environmental science and the preservation of urban communities.

The Canarsie Merchants Association (CMA), a collaborative organization focused on advocacy, economic development and neighborhood engagement, was also recognized for supporting local businesses, strengthening commercial corridors and promoting growth throughout Canarsie.

Fresh Creek Nature Association and Fresh Creek Civic Association, along with Founder and President Ma-

ria Garrett, were also honored for their commitment to maintaining and preserving Canarsie's Nature Preserve.

CCDI was founded after Superstorm Sandy ravaged the Canarsie community in 2012, leaving the unprepared residents devastated for years afterwards. Since its inception in May 2016, CCDI has focused on climate protection and community beautification, hosting Annual Plant Giveaways for homeowners who form block associations, so they could beautify their neighborhoods. "I just want everything to be green," Harold Jones, executive director of CCDI, stated.

In the pursuit of fulfilling its mission, CCDI, whose motto is "Stronger Together," has collaborated with numerous institutions such as the Science and Resilience Institute at Jamaica Bay (SRIJB), NYC Community Flood Watch Project and Canarsie Infrastructure Project, which provided them with vital resources including funding, educational support and an infrastructure survey that focused on flooding, as well as sinking homes in Canarsie.

Dr. Branco is an Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Brooklyn College and the CUNY Graduate Center, and the Executive Director of SRIJB. His research interests range broadly from water quality in urban estuaries and lakes to coastal climate adaptation.

He has partnered with other researchers, agencies and organizations to study, understand and address issues such as coastal flooding and sea level rise, the impacts of urbanization and climate change on water quality and the conservation and restoration of critical habitat such as the salt marshes of Jamaica Bay. He currently co-leads the FloodNet project, which aims to improve hyperlocal flood data collection in collaboration with New York City agencies and communities.

Dr. Menser, an Associate Professor in Philosophy and Urban Sustainability at Brooklyn College and an Associate Director of Public Engagement for SRIJB, is also co-Director of the NYC Climate Justice Hub.

He is a member of the Geography and Environmental Psychology programs in the Earth and Environmental Sciences at the CUNY Graduate Center and in the Community Ownership and Workplace Democracy Program at the CUNY School for Labor and Urban Studies.

Dr. Solecki is a Professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Science at Hunter College. His research focuses on urban environmental change, resilience and environmental transitions, generally, and urban climate vulnerability and adaptation, specifically.

He is currently serving as a coordinating lead author on the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Cities. Solecki is a co-founder of the Urban Climate Change Research Network (UCCRN) that now includes approximately 2,500 plus members and co-editor of the Network's Climate Change and Cities Assessment (ARC3) report.

The gala was marked by speeches from Jones and other Board of Directors members, including Dr. Lucina Clarke who also emceed the event and Garrett who assisted with the award presentations. Guests enjoyed special singing renditions by attendee Amoako Buachie, as well as dancing to great music provided by DJ Robbie. During the festivities, Dorothy Lee, a representative from Assemblywoman Jaime Williams' Office, presented CCDI with a citation on her behalf.

The group also drew numerous raffles, and winners received beautiful potted plants as prizes. They were also treated to a variety of libations from a well-stocked bar and served an exquisite dinner from Bev's Cuisine.

Jones told the *Canarsie Courier* that CCDI's inaugural gala exceeded his expectations and expressed gratitude to all who contributed to its success. "Their commitment demonstrates the importance of investing in community-based initiatives that strengthen the neighborhood we call home," he stated.

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

Notice of formation of EXPERTFLOW LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/11/2026. 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 Mariia Shumilina: 6812 13th Avenue, Apt.1R, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

KINGS COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of Dark Swan LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/28/2026. 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 Cassandra Glaser: 465 84th Street Apt E10, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

KINGS COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice is given that Articles of Organization for Putnam 1946 Realty, LLC were filed with the Secretary of State on January 12, 2026. The office of the LLC shall be located in Kings County, New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the limited liability company upon whom process against it may be served and the post office address within this state to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against it served upon him or her is: 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 210, Brooklyn, New York 11228. The purpose of this limited liability company is Asset Management.

KINGS COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of limited liability partnership (LLP). Name: FINE & PROBER LLP. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/6/2026. NY office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLP upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLP served upon him/her is 215 Adams Street, #17A, Brooklyn, NY, 11201. Purpose/character of LLP: Any Lawful Purpose.

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KRISTIN DENARDO NURSE PRACTITIONER IN FAMILY HEALTH PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/04/26. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 102 Just Court, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: For the practice of the profession of Nurse Practitioner in Family Health.

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Notice of formation of Gnosis Earth, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/07/2026. 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 Max Kitaj: 174 Rutland Rd., Brooklyn, NY 11225. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of T & S TARGET LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/07/2026. 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 Joshua Tiburcio: 78 Crescent St. Apt. 2B, Brooklyn NY 11208. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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LITTLENECK EDITORIAL, LLC. Filed with the SSNY on 4/16/26. Office: Albany County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail copy to 134 Douglass Street, Brooklyn, NY, 11217. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

KINGS COUNTY NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Notice of formation of GABY FLOWERS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/29/2026. 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 SSNY: 200 Pennsylvania Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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