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Youth Career Development Day

By Jibreel Jalloh

Every internship, first job, mentorship or career opportunity begins with a connection. Yet too many young people never have the chance to meet professionals who can help them see what's possible. When those opportunities don't happen organically, our community has a responsibility to create them.

That belief is what inspired Youth Career Development Day, hosted by The Flossy Organization on Wednesday, August 5th, at the historic Wyckoff House Museum. The goal is simple: bring young people and experienced professionals into the same room and create the kind of conversations that can shape a future.

From 12 to 2 p.m., students and young professionals will receive complimentary professional headshots for LinkedIn profiles, resumes, internship applications and scholarship opportunities. The afternoon continues with a career panel featuring professionals from a variety of industries who will share not only their accomplishments, but also the setbacks, detours and lessons that helped define their careers. Just as importantly, attendees will have the opportunity to ask

questions, build relationships and expand their professional networks.

Last year, our panel featured leaders in entrepreneurship, law, social justice and corporate governance. No two career paths looked alike. Some found their calling early, while others discovered it through unexpected opportunities and difficult challenges. Their stories reminded students that careers are built one decision, one relationship and one opportunity at a time. Success is rarely linear, and that's exactly what made their experiences so meaningful.

Teachers, healthcare workers, entrepreneurs, electricians, artists, public servants, small business owners and corporate professionals all have something young people need: perspective. They don't need polished success stories or perfect role models. They need honest conversations with people willing to share what they've learned, explain the obstacles they faced and offer guidance that can't be found in a textbook or on social media. Sometimes the most valuable advice is simply helping someone believe they belong in a room they never imagined themselves entering.

We hope students leave with new con-

nections, greater confidence and a clearer vision for their future. We hope professionals leave knowing they helped someone see new possibilities. If both happen, then we've accomplished exactly what we set out to do.

Youth Career Development Day will take place on Wednesday, August 5th, from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Wyckoff House Museum, 5816 Clarendon Road. Admission is free.

One conversation can open a door. Join us and help make sure that door is open for the next generation. Readers, encourage a young person to attend. Step outside their comfort zone — they'll never know where one conversation might lead. Join us for a free professional headshot, career advice and meaningful connections.

Jibreel Jalloh is an award-winning organizer and the Founder and Executive Director of The Flossy Organization, a non-profit 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.

Spring Creek

Turning Trash into Art: Jamaica Bay Cyanotype Workshop

By Melissa Billie Clark

A hands-on art event called "Sun Print Art in the Park" connected creativity with environmental awareness. The event, held at Shirley Chisholm State Park, was one of over 40 free events around Jamaica Bay on Saturday, July 25th — City of Water Day.

Artist, architect and educator Camila Morales facilitated the event, and participants created cyanotype prints using pieces of trash and natural materials collected during a cleanup along Jamaica Bay.

The activity encouraged visitors to look

closely at the objects found along the shoreline and consider how waste affects the local ecosystem. Cyanotype is a type of photography that uses a light-sensitive solution on fabric or paper. Participants placed litter, leaves and other items on the prepared surface and exposed it to sunlight. The objects blocked the sunlight, leaving white shapes, while the rest turned deep blue after being rinsed with water.

Each print was different, showing both the beauty of nature and the problem of pollution in Jamaica Bay. Visitors took part

in the whole creative process, from choosing and arranging materials to watching the image appear.

The project offered children and adults a memorable opportunity to learn about conservation while creating meaningful art. Participants were encouraged to consider sustainability, coastal protection and the importance of keeping Jamaica Bay clean.

The Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy hosted over 40 events on City of Water Day.

Nature Center Lecture Tells the Story of Marine Park

By Amanda Salazar

What do a 125,000-seat football stadium, neoclassical boathouse and major shipping port all have in common? They were all once planned to be built in Marine Park, before the neighborhood and salt marsh became what they are today.

This history and more was shared at the "Celebrate Marine Park's History" lecture, hosted by the Salt Marsh Alliance at the Salt Marsh Nature Center, at 3301 Avenue U, on City of Water Day (Saturday, July 25th).

NYC Parks Department historian-in-residence and Marine Park native Thomas Campanella recounted the coastal community's history from the Mesolithic era when the Laurentide ice sheet was retreating all the way to present day.

"You look out here at the park and it strikes you as a largely natural place and it is, more so than when I was growing up here, but it's also a cultural landscape and

it's changed dramatically over the centuries," Campanella said at the outset of his lesson. "In fact, the history here is extraordinarily rich and deep and long."

The lecture packed the main hall of the center, with locals, history buffs and nature enthusiasts alike filling the seats, leaving standing room only.

As Campanella explained, the landscape of the city was shaped by the melting and retreating of glaciers 10,000 years ago. The Lenape, an Algonquian-speaking indigenous tribe, lived in the area well before colonization, though originally only relied on Brooklyn as a summer home.

Once the Dutch settled the area in the early 1600s, they began to trade with the Lenape, leading them to live in the area year-round.

By the mid-1600s, the British claimed New York, but remnants of the Dutch still remain in the area, including wooden posts scattered in the salt marsh waters from the

Dutch tidal mill and dam that once presided over the waves.

Into the 1800s, the area was still undeveloped, with a smattering of farms and homes. In the early 1900s, city planners started mapping out streets and a park for the area. One planner wanted to host a massive Washington Bicentennial Celebration larger than the Columbian Exposition in Marine Park. Another architect wanted to create a mammoth neoclassical landscaped park along the water, including a football stadium twice the size of Yankee Stadium and a yacht harbor. Neither happened.

By the mid-1900s, influential planner Robert Moses did create a park here but left the salt marsh natural and undeveloped. The Parks Department has led a series of restoration projects to improve the health of the marsh in the modern day.

Campanella is the author of *Brooklyn: The Once and Future City* and a Cornell University professor.

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Brownsville**Teen Arrested in Van Dyke Houses Homicide**

By Linda Steinmuller

A 17-year-old male was arrested and charged in connection to the homicide of a Brownsville teen on Wednesday, July 22nd.

The suspect, a minor, was charged with murder, assault, criminal possession of a weapon and reckless endangerment.

Quahmir Cruz, 18, was shot in the chest at 375 Blake Avenue, at the Van Dyke Houses, on Sunday, May 10th. He was pronounced dead at Brookdale Hospital (see "Teen Fatally Shot in Chest," *Canarsie Courier*, May 21, 2026).

Photo by Baqir Ahmad

**Sheepshead Bay****Cop Injured During Drag Racing Stunt**

By Linda Steinmuller

Reckless drag racing in the early morning hours of Saturday, July 18th, resulted in the injury of a police officer and a damaged NYPD vehicle.

Residents called 911 to report the wild scene, in the vicinity of Knapp Street and Avenue W, around 3 a.m.

When officers from the 61st Precinct arrived, they witnessed multiple vehicles driving in a reckless fashion and "doing donuts." While attempting to make an arrest, the drivers fled the scene, but one of the vehicles struck the back of a marked NYPD patrol vehicle.

Police said that an individual slashed the tires of a patrol car, and that same brazen individual jumped on the hood of the police car and smashed the windshield.

One of the officers was injured and was taken by EMS to Mount Sinai Brooklyn in stable condition.

There are no arrests, and an investigation is ongoing.

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

Photos by Baqir Ahmad

**East New York****Two Shot, Three Wounded at McDonald's on Pennsylvania Ave**

By Linda Steinmuller

Just before midnight on Monday, July 20th, shots rang out at a McDonald's on Pennsylvania Avenue, striking two teens.

Police from the 75th Precinct responded to a 911 call of multiple people shot outside the fast food restaurant, located at 853 Pennsylvania Avenue, between Stanley Avenue and Linden Blvd.

A 17-year-old female sustained multiple gunshot wounds to the body, and a 19-year-old male was shot in the face, police said. An 18-year-old male sustained a minor laceration to his face after he fell and hit his head.

Several shell casings were found at the site, covered with plastic McDonald's cups.

All three victims were taken to Brookdale Hospital by EMS in stable condition.

There are no arrests, and an investigation is ongoing.

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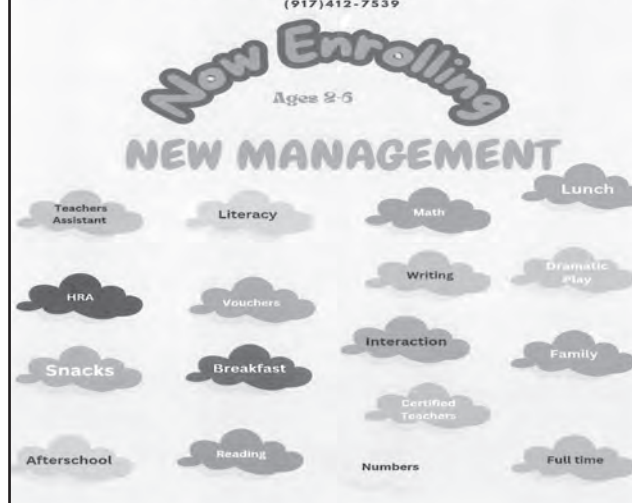
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Marine Park

Regina Opera Company Had Concertgoers Spellbound

By Kari Lleras

Marine Park was alive with the sound of opera and Broadway tunes on the evening of Wednesday, July 22nd, as the Regina Opera Company mesmerized concertgoers at the sixth concert in a series of Marine Park summer concerts sponsored by Assemblywoman Jaime Williams.

This concert started like all the others – with families and concertgoers gathering on the lawn across from the bocce courts with the normal hubbub of excited conversation.

The moment violinist Mikhail Parkhomovsky started playing “Meditation” from the opera *Thais* and soprano Rachel Hippert hit high notes from Puccini’s “Mi chiamano Mimi,” the park grew still, and every-

one watched intently, including bikers and walkers that took their headphones off, stopped and appreciated the amazing artistry.

The Regina Opera Company has performed for the Marine Park Summer Concert Series for several years, converting rigid music/art lovers into fans of the opera with their musical and intriguing storytelling.

Regina Opera President Francine Garber-Cohen eloquently introduced the operatic and instrumental selections as well as the musical artist(s) performing. They performed excerpts from famous operas like *Pirates of Penzance*, *Carmen*, *Ragtime* and *Don Giovanni*.

Mezzo-soprano Shanelle Woods captivated the crowd with her impressive vocal techniques while performing “Poor Wand’ ring One” from *Pirates of*

Penzance. The crowd happily sang along to the song “Impossible Dream” from *Man of La Mancha* with baritone Eliam Ramos. He also had concertgoers clapping in rhythm with Bizet’s “Toreador Song.”

Pianist Victoria Ulanovskaya had the audience grooving in their seats as she played Lara’s “Granada” while tenor José Heredia sang deep down from his heart and soul.

It was like being the fly on the wall, watching a private, dramatic quarrel between Hippert and Ramos as they sang “Oh! Il signore vi manda” from the opera *Cavalleria Rusticana*. Ramos was quite expressive in the way that he looked at Hippert, how he shook his head and put his hands up toward her, showing great emotion.

A piano finale of Broadway show tunes by Ulanovskaya brought the spellbinding evening to a close with lots of emotions, reminding the crowd of her exceptional talent.

These amazing concerts are free and open to the public. Williams along with sponsors Marine Park Alliance, Kings Plaza, Chrysalis Archeological Consultants, Marine Park Hardware, Sotheby’s International Realty and others in partnership with NYC Parks, Millennium Development and the Marine Park Community Association make these favorite summer concerts possible.

Plastic Soul will be playing on Wednesday, August 5th, at 6:30 p.m.

The concerts are held in Marine Park every Wednesday night (with a rain date of Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. on the lawn near the bocce court. Bring your friends, family, a chair, blanket and a camera to record the memories! For more information, call 718-252-2124.



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Shoot for the Stars Foundation and Canarsie Celebrate Pop Smoke's Birthday!



Elected officials and representatives stand with Audrey Jackson after being presented with a City Council citation.

By Kari Lleras

The Canarsie community gathered on a picture-perfect summer day to celebrate the late Pop Smoke's 27th birthday. The festivities started with a parade that ended in a celebration of life and legacy in Canarsie Park, at Seaview Avenue and East 93rd Street, on Monday, July 20th.

Pop Smoke (Bashar Jackson) was a beloved Canarsie resident and a talented rap artist that was taken from the world too soon – in 2020. Audrey "Mah Smoke" Jackson's mission has been to continue the legacy her son started building before his passing. She founded Shoot for the Stars Foundation to provide opportunities, inspiration and tools for success for young people and the community that Pop Smoke grew up in and loved.

Mah Smoke and so many others have worked to continue to make his dreams a reality, and it is only getting better. Some of Jackson's goals for this year's event was to have more community involvement, more sports and a bigger parade. They did not disappoint, and the celebrations crushed expectations.

The number of merchants, organizations and associations that have become involved in the celebration since last year has increased. Tents, tables, booths and vendors filled the park's entryway up to the basketball courts. Sporting activities like volleyball, football and cornhole were set up around the park, and there were opportunities for everyone to participate in activities such as yoga, Mommy and Me sessions and a train ride around the park. There were also fantastic performances during the parade and in the park, which was an addition to this year's events.

Jackson explained that the foundation's connection with a business startup consultant and people that sought her out that wanted to be a part of Shoot for the Star's impact helped to make Pop Smoke's birthday celebration and the community contributions successful throughout the past year.

Several elected officials attended the festivities and spoke about how important Jackson and her foundation is to Canarsie and inspiring youth.

Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse presented Jackson with a City Council citation for addressing the needs of the Canarsie community. "To all of the youth listening, I want you to understand that you have a talent that you can offer to the world, just like Pop Smoke, maybe not in music, maybe in mathematics, basketball, soccer, art, engineering, whatever it may be, that is why Mah is standing here offering scholarships, giving you hope for the future. We want you to reach for the stars," Narcisse said.

There are many ways to get involved with Shoot for the Stars Foundation. Volunteer, donation and event information can be found online at Shoot-ForTheStars.org.

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Pop Smoke's birthday celebration started with a prayer and a breathing activity.

Sheepshead Bay**Community Says 'NO' to Planned Men's Shelter Conversion****By Robert Pearl**

Despite poor air quality, hundreds of residents gathered on Thursday evening, July 16th, outside the Gold Star Inn, at 3218 Emmons Avenue, to protest the city's planned conversion of a family shelter into a facility for approximately 150 single adult men.

The demonstration, organized by Councilwoman Inna Vernikov, drew a bipartisan coalition of elected officials and community leaders, including Assemblymen Kalman Yeger and Michael Novakhov, Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse, Bay Improvement Group President Steve Barrison, and representatives for State Senator Sam Sutton and Councilwoman Susan Zhuang.

Holding signs reading "The Community Says: NO," speakers accused the Department of Social Services (DSS) and Mayor Zohran Mamdani's administration of moving forward without meaningful community consultation while displacing more than 50 families currently housed at the Sheepshead Bay shelter.

"We want the homeless to be housed," Vernikov told the crowd. "Unlike the current administration and previous mayoral administrations, we support the homeless being housed. We don't want people living on the streets, freezing to death."

Referencing more than 19 homeless individuals who reportedly died during last winter's severe cold, Vernikov argued that opponents were not rejecting homeless services but objecting to what they called an inappropriate location for an unvetted adult male shelter in the heart of a residential neighborhood.

Standing just across from Lou Fidler Park, Vernikov pointed to the nearby playground, schools and senior housing, questioning whether the site was appropriate for a men's shelter whose residents, she said, would not undergo criminal background checks.

"The community is not against homeless shelters," she emphasized. "We want the homeless to be housed in proper locations that don't negatively impact our community and don't create an unsafe environment for our seniors and our children."

Yeger criticized the city for what he described as a secretive process that gave residents virtually no opportunity for input before families were relocated and the conversion began.

"This was made in secret, hidden from the community," Yeger said. "By the time we were told about it, it was already a done deal."

Yeger also noted that another former hotel at 5244 Kings Highway is simultaneously being converted into a men's shelter just two miles away, arguing that southern Brooklyn neighborhoods are bearing a disproportionate share of such facilities (see *"Residents Rally Against Planned Men's Shelter Conversion, Canarsie Courier, July 23, 2026"*).

Novakhov sharply criticized remarks he attributed to Mamdani suggesting every neighborhood should "share the pain" of homeless shelter placements.

"We should not feel the pain," Novakhov said. "We care for homeless people, but single men's shelters belong in commercial or industrial areas with access to transportation — not in quiet residential neighborhoods."

Residents repeatedly expressed concerns that the facility would house unvetted adult men, raising fears about public safety and the potential presence of individuals with criminal histories near homes, schools and parks.

Ron Canterino, president of New Yorkers First, was also there. "This is about protecting neighborhoods. We oppose placing unvetted single men's shelters in the heart of residential communities, next to schools, playgrounds, senior housing and rehabilitation centers."

Another focal point of the protest involved the shel-

ter operator, which several speakers noted is facing federal criminal proceedings involving senior executives. Vernikov said she has asked the City Comptroller to audit the organization's contracts and has submitted legislation requiring community notification and public input before future shelter conversions.

Community leaders vowed to pursue every available legal and legislative avenue to halt the project.

The DSS and the Mayor's Office have maintained that the city will continue converting available facilities as necessary to meet New York City's legal "right to shelter" obligation. City officials have also said Community Advisory Boards will be established to facilitate communication between shelter operators and affected neighborhoods.



People from the neighborhood and surrounding communities gather for the protest at the Gold Star Inn on July 16th.

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Marine Park

Children Enjoy Reptile Show at Carro Center

Families flocked to the Carmine Carro Community Center, located at 3000 Fillmore Avenue, on Saturday, July 18th, to see Uncle Tony's Reptile Show, a "Just for Kids" event sponsored by Marine Park Alliance. Kids had the opportunity to meet a number of reptiles up close and personal, including a python, an iguana, a bearded dragon and a boa constrictor. After learning some interesting facts about where each reptile lives in the wild, their lifespans, diets and interesting abilities, the children were invited to touch each of the animals and feel their rough, smooth or scaly textures. They were also introduced to a ferret, a red-legged milipede and a tarantula. Rachel, the presenter, explained that tarantulas can feel very tiny vibrations on the ground with the hairs on their body, a defense mechanism that prevents them from being stomped on. She told the group that tarantulas like the one on display are also able to kick barbed hairs off their bodies onto would-be predators that cause intense itching. In the end, one very brave adult volunteer agreed to let the tarantula sit on his head, while he stood as still as a statue. Drinks and snacks for the kids were generously provided by Target Kings Plaza. To learn about future events, visit <https://www.marineparkalliance.org/events/>.



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Marine Park

Gyotaku Printmaking Demo Celebrates Japanese Tradition

By Angela G. Nannetti

The Marine Park Alliance brought the time-honored Japanese tradition of Gyotaku Printmaking to life on Sunday afternoon, July 19th.

Visitors to the Salt Marsh Nature Center, located at 3302 Avenue U, gathered under the trees for a fascinating demonstration of what can only be described as a natural fusion between art and marine biology.

The group had the opportunity to examine three fresh fish specimens and gain an understanding of their anatomy, before delving into the art of printmaking itself. Visitors learned that the tradition originated in the mid-1800s, prior to the invention of photography, when competitive Japanese fisherman and feudal samurai lords sought a way to re-

cord the size and species of their trophy catch.

By painting their catch with black Cuttlefish ink and creating an impression on rice paper, they discovered they could keep an accurate life-sized record. Since the ink was entirely food-safe, the fisherman could easily rinse off the ink and prepare and eat the fish afterward.

Presenters demonstrated the method on a Red Snapper and a Branzino, first rolling the ink onto each fish and then covering each with rice paper and applying even pressure. Guests were invited to create their own prints and enjoyed taking part in such a unique cultural experience.

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City of Water Day Activity Inspires Artists of All Abilities

By Kari Lleras

It was an exquisite day to “Sketch and Stroll” at Floyd Bennett Field (FBF), one of the many events inspired by the Jamaica Bay Festival, hosted by the Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy on City of Water Day (Saturday, July 25th).

Artists of all abilities started their stroll in front of The Nest, at 135 Aviation Road, arriving at Floyd Bennett Beach via a path that is often overlooked – located behind the parking lot to the right of the entrance to FBF.

Megan Elevado, an artist, historian and curator, led the “Jamaica Bay Sketch and Stroll.” She provided everyone with a spiral-bound sketch pad, some tracing paper and a variety of sharp-colored pencils and crayons.

Elevado taught the students how to make leaf/plant

rubblings, being sure not to rip the leaves off the plant but asking its permission to take the rubbing. She warned the artists to watch out for plants with three leaves and suggested using an app to identify plants before touching.

While it was serene and quiet, individuals could be overheard asking for permission to take a leaf rubbing. “It really does seem to make them stay still, when you ask!” an excited pupil said.

Blind contouring, drawing while looking at the image, not the canvas; and value drawing, drawing forms and depths according to the lightness or darkness of the object, were difficult lessons to learn but sketching on the beach on a beautiful Saturday morning made up for the challenge. The culminating activity was using colored pencils, paintbrushes and the ocean water to create watercolor canvases.

Students became artists for the last part of the two-hour session. They found the perfect spot to fuel their creativity – whether it was on the plant and tree-led path, standing next to the water or a seat on the sand – and applied the newly acquired artistic skills to their first masterpiece.

Marine Park

Waterbird Walk Welcomes Feathered Friends



By Amanda Salazar

With bright blue skies, a light breeze and a briny smell to the air, the Marine Park Alliance (MPA) and Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy (JBRPC) hosted a Waterbird Walk, with the help of the NYC Bird Alliance, at the Marine Park Salt Marsh to kick off City of Water Day on Saturday, July 25th.

“I think it’s important because not a lot of people realize how special the water is in New York City,” MPA Program and Communications Manager Elliot Ma said. “A lot of people think the water’s kind of like a dead place, polluted, and that is just not the case.”

Dozens of birders, photographers and naturalists gathered to see, hear and learn about the many bird species that call the salt marsh home or drop by during migration. The walk was led by nature educator Ryan Mandelbaum, who helped attendees identify animals and plants along the way.

“New York City is an incredibly ecologically biodiverse place,” Mandelbaum said. “What’s really beautiful about this area is that this is a really pristine piece of salt marsh habitat.”

Armed with binoculars, the group tackled the trail from the nature center to the lookout point, encountering great egrets, double-crested cormorants, laughing gulls, downy woodpeckers, crowned night herons, black skimmers and more.

“If you come down to south Brooklyn and the Rockaways, you can experience wildlife, biodiversity, natural areas that’s really unique and probably not available in this vast space anywhere else in New York City,” JBRPC Director of Development and Capital Projects Anastasia Yankopoulos said.



Artists using blind contouring technique taught by Megan Elevado at Jamaica Bay Festival on City of Water Day.

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Paddles Up: Neighbors Beat the Heat at Sebago Canoe Club's Open House

By Bristol Hendrix

Paerdegat Basin came alive on Saturday, July 25th, as local residents swapped the summer heat for life jackets and paddles at Sebago Canoe Club's annual free open house. Located at 1400 Paerdegat Avenue North, the club opened its doors as part of the ninth annual City of Water Day, a regional movement highlighting climate resilience and equitable waterfront access.

Visitors explored the historic grounds, met with veteran paddlers and took to the water on guided kayak, canoe and rowing trips across the basin.

For several attendees, the event served as an introduction to local water sports. Thirteen-year-old Louis, a participant in The Explorers program, tried kayaking for the first time and declared the experience an absolute win. After a morning of dodging splashes and gliding through the water with friends, he noted he would "100%" do it again.

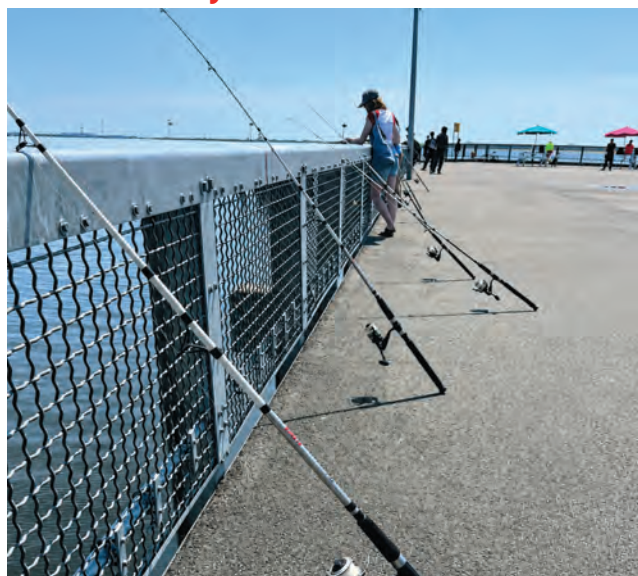
The open house attracted a mix of neighborhood regulars and curious newcomers. One longtime Brooklynite found the gathering on Eventbrite while searching for water activities close to home, hoping to build on beginner kayak sessions she had recently taken at Shirley Chisholm State Park. Another attendee, a Prospect Park South resident who first visited during last year's City of Water Day, returned this summer as an official club volunteer. Calling Sebago "a gem," she pointed out one of its biggest perks: members don't need to own their own gear, as the club provides boats and equipment following standard orientation and safety training.

For more than 80 years, Sebago Canoe Club in Canarsie has served as a sanctuary for NYC's human-powered boating community, continuing its mission to keep Brooklyn's blue spaces accessible to all.



Spring Creek

Hooked on Learning: Family Fishing at Shirley Chisholm State Park



By Melissa Billie Clark

Families and outdoor enthusiasts learned the basics of fishing during an educational program hosted by the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the Jamaica Bay-Rockaway Parks Conservancy at Shirley Chisholm State Park on Saturday, July 25th, in celebration of City of Water Day.

The program introduced participants to the types of fish found in Jamaica Bay while offering an overview of the surrounding ecosystem. Instructors explained how fish live, feed and interact with their environment, helping attendees better understand the waters surrounding the park.

Attendees also learned how to use a fishing rod, select bait, cast a line and handle fish safely. Instructors emphasized the importance of patience, following fishing regulations and protecting the environment by properly disposing of fishing lines, hooks and other equipment.

Designed with beginners in mind, the event allowed children and adults to learn together. Fishing can be an enjoyable family activity that encourages people to spend time outdoors, connect with nature and create lasting memories.

Programs such as this also encourage New Yorkers to explore their local parks while developing a new skill. At Shirley Chisholm State Park, fishing becomes more than a recreational activity; it offers a hands-on lesson in wildlife, conservation and the natural beauty of Jamaica Bay.

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An amended petition and an amended account having been duly filed by Public Administrator Kings County, who is located at 360 Adams Street Room 144, Brooklyn, New York 11201.

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[X] Further relief sought (if any):

(a) Why the Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his commissions in the amount of \$10,691.12 as set forth in Schedule I of the Account, or such other amount as the Court may fix and determine;

(b) Why the Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his administrative expenses in the amount of \$2,422.78 as set forth in Schedule J of the Account, or such other amount as the Court may fix and determine;

(c) Why the Court should not fix, determine and approve the legal fees of Charles G. Fiore, P.C. counsel to Petitioner, in the amount of \$14,536.69 as shown in Schedule J of the Account, or such other amount as the Court may fix and determine;

(d) Why the claim of the New York State Department of Taxation, if any, should not be fixed and determined or if not so fixed and determined, deemed rejected;

(e) Why the claim of the New York City Human Resources Administration, if any, should not be fixed and determined, or if not so fixed and determined, deemed rejected;

(f) Why the Petitioner should not be permitted to distribute the net estate to the decedent's distributee(s), as now known or hereafter determined, as their interests may appear, and to deposit any amount not so distributed with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York to be held for the benefit of decedent's unknown distributees or for the benefit of any distributees of the decedent who are under disability for whom no guardian of the property has been appointed;

(g) Why Process should not be issued to all necessary parties who have not appeared to show cause why the relief requested should not be granted; and that an order be granted directing the service of process pursuant to the provisions of SCPA Article 3 upon such persons named in Paragraph (6) whose names or whereabouts are unknown and cannot be ascertained or who may be persons on whom service by personal delivery cannot be made.

(h) Why the Petitioner, upon fully complying with the Decree to be made in this proceeding, should not be released and discharged of and from any and all liability, responsibility and accountability with respect to the Petitioner's acts and proceedings as Administrator as set forth and embraced in said account and the Court grant such other and further relief as it deems just and proper.

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(j) Why Permanent Letters of Administration should not be issue to the Public Administrator and the temporary Letters of Administration previously issued to the Public Administrator be revoked.

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Schedule A Principal Received 241,819.80
Schedule A-1 Realized Increases in Principal 0.00
Schedule A-2 Income Collected 458.32
Total Charges \$242,278.12 \$242,278.12

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Schedule B Realized Decreases in Principal 0.00
Schedule C Funeral and Administration Expenses 16,010.47
Schedule D Creditor's Claims Actually Paid 0.00
Schedule E Distributions of Principal 0.00
Total Credits \$16,010.47 \$16,010.47

Charges Minus Credits \$226,267.65
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Schedule G Principal balance on hand \$226,267.65

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Black Smoke Debuts 'Disruption' Clothing Line at Pop Smoke Fashion Gala

By Kari Lleras

Models "Disrupted" the runway with the Black Smoke collection at the annual Pop Smoke Fashion Gala on the evening of Tuesday, July 21st (the day after the late Pop Smoke's birthday celebration), at the Brooklyn Museum, located at 200 Eastern Parkway.

Bashar Barakah Jackson, also known as Pop Smoke, was a beloved Canarsie resident and a talented rap artist that was taken from the world in 2020. Besides rapping, he had an eye for fashion and combining his style with designer brands.

Audrey "Mah Smoke" Jackson, along with creative director Javier Valencia, is keeping her talented late son's love of fashion and culture, as well as his legacy, alive through Black Smoke fashion, a part of the Shoot for the Stars Foundation.

This year's gala was hosted in a gorgeous section of the Brooklyn Museum, beginning with a cocktail and hors d'oeuvre reception starting at 6 p.m. in the glass pavilion area facing Eastern Parkway. The runway was set up behind it in the section of the museum that contains exposed brick foundation piers that were excavated and restored from the original design.

SiriusXM's Swaggy Sie, who interviewed Pop Smoke several times, hosted the event, and DJ AK created a vibe that had the crowd moving with his musical tracks. There were live performances from Mah Smoke's other son and Pop Smoke's brother, Obasi Jackson, as well as Suckarie and Carlton Terrance Taylor.

The show featured several handbag, jewelry/accessory and clothing designers, including Karl Kani, Maria Mootoo, Noni Styles, Gangwani Collection, EMVE, Hellen Sarmiento and Scohe.

Disruption, the title of the Black Smoke collection, stunned the crowd. The style was urban culture, which Black Smoke's other lines exude, meets elevated street wear. Models wore bright colors with eye-catching patterns, designs and textiles. Several pieces had 07 20 incorporated to represent Pop Smoke's birthday. The crowd oohed, ahed and applauded at the ensembles featured on the runway.

Throughout the evening, Swaggy Sie, Mah Smoke, partners and collaborators talked about the impact of Shoot for the Stars and how Pop Smoke's legacy and culture continues to live on, every day, in all of the events, programs and fashion.

The foundation continues to grow and develop, and their contributions do as well. Shoot for the Stars has provided thousands of families with fresh produce, household goods and holiday experiences, served over 2,000 students through their youth programs and provided 3,500 young athletes with basketball training.

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