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## Impact of the FIFA World Cup 2026

By Jibreel Jalloh

The FIFA World Cup has always been more than a soccer tournament.

For weeks every four years, the world pauses to celebrate something that transcends language, borders, politics and culture. Billions of people tune in. Families gather around televisions. Strangers become teammates. Entire nations unite behind a common dream.

This year's tournament is historic. Hosted across the United States, Canada and Mexico, the 2026 FIFA World Cup is the largest in history, featuring 48 nations, 104 matches and millions of fans traveling from every corner of the globe. Here in the New York-New Jersey region, MetLife Stadium has become one of the tournament's signature venues, helping generate an estimated \$4 billion in economic activity while showcasing our region to the world.

But the true legacy of the World Cup won't be measured in mere dollars. It will be measured in moments.

One of those moments happened on June 25th, when The Flossy Organization, with support from Airbnb, brought youth soccer players from across Canarsie to the Ecuador vs. Germany match at MetLife Stadium.

The excitement and joy on the faces of the young people was unlike anything we've seen. You could see it in their eyes from the moment they boarded the bus until the final whistle. They weren't just watching a soccer match — they were witnessing the unbounded energy of the FIFA World Cup.

They saw thousands of fans proudly representing their coun-



tries. They heard foreign languages spoken in the stands. They experienced firsthand how sports can unite people across cultures, backgrounds and beliefs. Those are lessons that stay with you long after the score is forgotten.

As a grassroots nonprofit serving Southeast Brooklyn, we were especially honored to be among the select organizations chosen for this opportunity. We're grateful to Airbnb for recognizing that major global events should not only benefit tourists or those who can afford a ticket — they should also create opportunities for the young people who call the surrounding communities home.

At The Flossy Organization, we believe exposure to new experiences can change lives. Sometimes leadership is developed in a classroom or a community meeting. Other times, it begins with a single moment that expands a young person's view of what is possible.

The World Cup will eventually

crowns a champion. The fans will return home. The stadium lights will dim.

But if this tournament leaves behind a generation of young people who dream a little bigger, appreciate other cultures a little more and believe they belong on the world's biggest stages, then its greatest victory won't have happened on the field.

It will have happened in communities like ours. And that's a legacy worth celebrating.

*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.*

## Letter To The Editor

### VA Student Thanks the Canarsie Courier for Helping with School Project on New York

**Editor's Note:**

*Third-grade students from McLean, Virginia were assigned a project to teach others about the United States. Anvitha from The Langley School was assigned the state of New York. She contacted the Canarsie Courier to gather information about New York and also requested souvenirs and postcards (see "Help a Virginia Student Learn About New York, Canarsie Courier, February 19, 2026"). Below is her thank you letter to the Courier and the people of New York.*

Dear People of the Great State of New York:

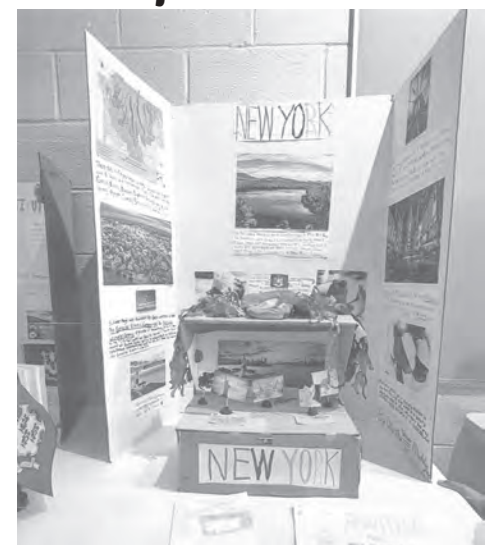
Thank you so much for responding

to my letter to the people of New York. I appreciate you sending me newspapers, letters, magnets and souvenirs. My favorite items were the letters because they told me fast facts about New York. The most unique fact I learned about New York was about Schenectady. It's the city that lights and hauls the world.

On May 21st, our entire grade displayed our floats at the State Fair. I've included a picture of my float. I hope I made you proud!

I really appreciate that you took the time to send me items and information about New York.

*Sincerely,  
Anvitha*



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# Mail Carrier's Quick Actions Help Save Man Trapped Beneath BMW in Canarsie

By Bristol Hendrix

What began as a routine afternoon of car repairs quickly turned into a frightening rescue after a young man was trapped beneath his BMW on East 100th Street on Wednesday, July 1st.

The accident occurred sometime between 4 and 8 p.m., leaving the man pinned underneath the vehicle until a passing mail carrier spotted him and immediately called 911.

Within minutes, firefighters, EMS crews and officers from the 69th Precinct rushed to the scene. Emergency responders worked together to safely lift the vehicle and free the injured man before transporting him to Brookdale Hospital for treatment.

Authorities said the victim is expected to recover.

It remains unclear what repairs the man was making when the BMW suddenly fell. Officials have not released

his identity, and the incident remains under investigation.

Neighbors who witnessed the aftermath described the scene as alarming. "It was scary because at first we didn't know what had happened," one resident said. "Then all of a sudden the fire trucks, ambulances and police started showing up. We're just thankful someone found him when they did."

Another neighbor said the mail carrier's quick response may have saved the man's life. "If the mailman hadn't seen him, who knows how long he would have been trapped under there," the neighbor said. "It could have ended much differently."

The incident serves as an important reminder for anyone performing vehicle maintenance to use properly rated jack stands and other safety equipment rather than relying solely on a hydraulic jack when working underneath a car.



## Spring Creek

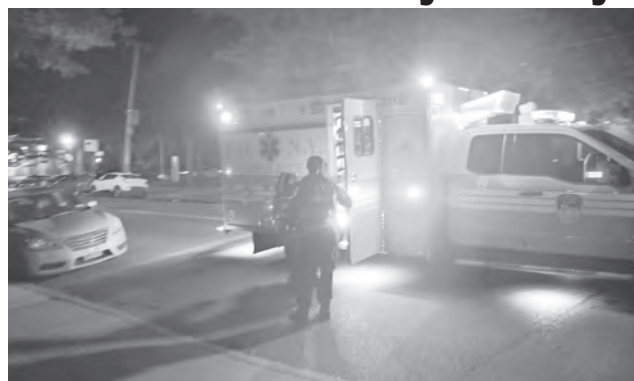
### Residents Impacted by Blackout on the 4th of July Holiday

By Lloyd Mitchell

A record-breaking heat wave, with temperatures reaching 100 degrees last week, caused blackouts across the city, and Starrett City was no exception.

The lights went out in multiple buildings across the sprawling complex around 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 4th.

Over 100 firefighters responded to various buildings, searching stairwells and elevators for trapped residents. Power was restored around 8:30 p.m., and emergency responders had everything under control by about 8:55 p.m.



## East New York

### Police Searching for Homicide Suspect



By Linda Steinmuller

A 52-year-old male who was punched in the face in the vicinity of Pitkin and Van Sicken Avenues did not survive his injuries.

The incident occurred around 8:20 p.m. on Thursday, July 2nd. Police from the 75th Precinct/PSA2 responded to the scene where they found the victim unconscious. They were informed that Kemal Karakatal, of East New York, was punched in the face and then fell to the ground. He was taken by EMS to Brookdale Hospital where he was pronounced dead, police said.

There are no arrests, and an investigation is ongoing.

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

Photo by Baqir Ahmad

## East New York

### Man Shot on Street in Broad Daylight

By Lloyd Mitchell

Detectives are investigating the shooting of a 30-year-old man in the afternoon of Sunday, July 5th.

Officers from the 75th Precinct responded to 114 Cozine Avenue, between Pennsylvania and New Jersey Avenues, around 3:20 p.m. where they found the victim with a gunshot wound to the left torso.

Paramedics rushed him to Brookdale Hospital in stable condition, police said.

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

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By day, I'm a full-time critical care nurse dedicated to caring for patients and their families. Then, in the evenings and on weekends, you'll find me in the kitchen creating the cookies, brownies and other classic desserts that have become the heart of Brown Butter Confectionery.

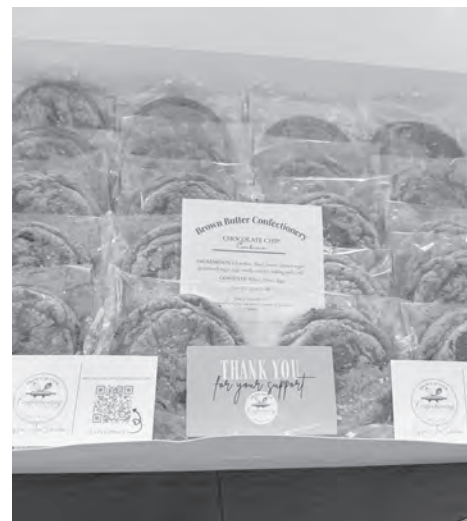
Since my childhood, I have always been passionate about all things cooking and baking. This love of culinary

arts has only grown over the years and manifested into my very own home bakery. Every recipe is thoughtfully developed, tested and perfected to deliver the rich flavors, comforting nostalgia and homemade quality that customers have come to love.

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# Happy 250th Birthday, America!



Photo by Arthur De Gaeta

By Linda Steinmuller

America celebrated its 250th birthday with grand celebrations all over the city, including the Sail4th 250 Parade of Tall Ships right here in Brooklyn.

On July 3rd, Class B tall ships from all over the world made their way from Hell Gate Bridge in Queens, along the East River to Gravesend Bay in Brooklyn, where they anchored overnight.

On July 4th, the International Parade of Tall Ships thrilled spectators who viewed the event from the beginning of the bike path near Caesar's Bay, stretching along the shoreline all the way to Bay Ridge, where viewers got a front row seat of the ships sailing underneath the majestic Verrazzano Bridge on their way to the Hudson River. The show included a flyover by the U.S. Navy Blue Angels.

Later that night, the spectacular Macy's fireworks show celebrated its 50th anniversary with the largest display in the show's history, launched from three locations – the lower Hudson and East Rivers (near the South Street Seaport) and the iconic Brooklyn Bridge. The dazzling display featured 85,000 shells, along with a laser light show at the iconic bridge, synchronized with the fireworks.

A lottery provided 100,000 lucky winners with free tickets to viewing areas at various locations along the Brooklyn and Manhattan waterfronts.

The tall ships and fireworks are truly beautiful, but let's not forget what this holiday, Independence Day, is all about – freedom and liberty. We are so fortunate to live in this great country. Let's also pause to reflect on our military heroes who fought for our freedom, many of those who lost their lives fighting for the freedoms we enjoy today.

God Bless America! Happy 250th Anniversary and Happy 4th of July!



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# Community Says Goodbye (of Sorts) to Beloved Reverend

By Brenda Cox

A host of congregants and other members of the Canarsie community said goodbye to The Very Reverend Edward R. P. Kane during a special mass held in honor of his retirement from Holy Family Church, located at 9719 Flatlands Avenue. For almost 30 years, the Canarsie community, and especially Holy Family Church, have been blessed with the presence, leadership and wisdom of the esteemed priest who conducted his final homily on Sunday, June 28th.

In attendance were a number of elected officials including Congressman Hakeem Jeffries; Assemblywomen Jaime Williams, Nikki Lucas and Monique Chandler-Waterman; and Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse. Each thanked Kane for his faithfulness and devotion not only to the Canarsie community, but to the entire Nation. Kane, a U.S. Army veteran, was lauded for his extensive military service to the country and was also praised profusely for his work as a chaplain, community leader and advocate.

"It's a pleasure to be before you at this Sunday mass. We thank you for serving this great Nation. We thank you for being a chaplain to so many, and we thank you for all the work that you've done," Williams stated to the beloved cleric.

Kane acknowledged that although he is retiring from Holy Family, he will still be a vital presence in the community and at St. Laurence Church where he's been elevated to the status of Senior Priest.

"I don't think you know how to say no because every time I come to you, you say yes. We appreciate you. We love you. We honor you. You'll be missed," Chandler-Waterman stated. The assem-



Assemblywomen Monique Chandler-Waterman and Jaime Williams hold NYS Assembly citations presented to Father Kane, Also pictured are Assemblywoman Nikki Lucas and Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse.

blywoman also thanked everyone who turned out to show support for Father Kane who was presented with citations from the NYS Assembly.

"Rev. Kane, this is a glorious day, and it's a little bittersweet," Lucas, who made the presentation, said to him, expressing the mixed emotions of many congregants. "We appreciate and thank you for being a guiding light and just want to make sure you're appreciated," she added.

Narcisse spoke about working with Kane over the years and joked about his outspokenness. She also mentioned his caring and compassionate side as well as his passion for service, whether to the veterans or seniors who needed an advocate or young people who needed some place to be.

The reverend was also presented with a Congressional citation from Jeffries. "We're thank-

ful for Father Kane. We know that he is a good man, an honorable man, a patriotic man, a community man, a caring man, a courageous man, a praying man, a prophetic man and a mighty man of God," the congressman announced, as he too extolled the merits of the priest he got to know over the years.

Jeffries read part of the citation which chronicled the reverend's life "that has been defined by faith, service, sacrifice and an unwavering commitment to God, country and community." The citation mentioned Kane's service in Vietnam and his "distinguished leadership and immeasurable contributions to our community."

One of Father Kane's many legacies to the Canarsie community is the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program which he co-established in 2003.

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## Addressing the Elephant in the Room – Canarsie Park

By Linda Steinmuler

The 69th Precinct Community Council held its final meeting before the summer break on Tuesday, June 30th, at the Hebrew Educational Society (H.E.S.), located at 9502 Seaview Avenue.

Gardy Brazela, president of the 69th Precinct Community Council, said he hopes to see all of the evening's attendees at the annual National Night Out Against Crime on Tuesday, August 4th, in Canarsie Park, where there will be free food, fun, giveaways and music.

Brazela said that two weeks ago, on a Sunday, about 50 to 100 tickets were issued in Canarsie Park, where there are ongoing problems once the weather gets hot. Brazela said many of the visitors don't even live in the area. "We don't have a problem with any organization using our park, but

it's the way they use it – parking cars all over the place," he said.

He spoke to Captain Sashanna Wynter who said she's putting a task force together to start cracking down on the issue. "Let's see what happens this week," Brazela said.

With temperatures nearing 100 degrees, State Senator Roxanne Persaud reminded residents that there are cooling centers available in Canarsie. If you're not sure where the closest center is, call 311.

Qualifying students can receive \$120 toward food over the summer for use when they're not in school. Persaud reminded parents to make sure that they received notification for the summer EBT program, which costs about \$240 million for kids across New York State. "If you don't use it, the money goes to waste," she said.



Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, who won the Democratic primary on June 23rd, thanked all those who voted for her and then gave several updates.

Together with Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman, they provided free swim lessons for area youth at the H.E.S. She was able to secure another round of funding to include swim lessons for seniors and youth with special needs. Williams said she also secured money for the food pantry at the H.E.S.

E.N.O.U.G.H., an anti-gun violence office on East 80th Street, just celebrated its one-year anniversary. Williams said they want to expand their program, and there's been a dramatic decrease in fatal shootings. "Students from Bildersee and South Shore now have a space they can go to and not be idle in our community driveways," she said.

As Captain Wynter, the precinct's commanding officer, had a prior engagement, Lieutenant Jonathan Metelus, the operations coordinator for the 69th Precinct, attended the meeting in her absence. His first order of business was tackling Canarsie Park -- the "elephant in the room" as he described it. "We are aware of the complaint that was mentioned earlier," he said. "The precinct has an influx of new officers recently assigned to the 69th Precinct. My office is in charge of deployment and making day-to-day plans, so I'm going to try my best to make a plan that involves these new officers, being on the street when they double park, writing tickets all summer long on the weekends."

He then presented the Cop of the Month award to Officer Estherlin Garcia, who has been with the precinct for about four years and works the day shift.

Metelus explained that Garcia was recently on patrol when he received a call for a carjacking with a firearm in the area of Glenwood Road and East 101st Street.

He was given a good description of the vehicle and immediately responded to the scene where he saw the stolen vehicle. The quick-acting officer turned on his lights, and the stolen vehicle crashed, causing it to be disabled. The driver exited the car and ran away, but Garcia chased him on foot for approximately four blocks. He called for additional help on the radio; the driver was apprehended and arrested, and the vehicle was retrieved.

Metelus said Garcia "had a sharp eye" and did "an extraordinary job."

There were two people with the carjacker who escaped, but Metelus said he believes the 69th Precinct Detective Squad will ID them and arrest them soon as "they are really good at what they do."

There were three firearms recovered in the vehicle. "So, the best part of the story is that three firearms will not hurt somebody. He made a good arrest," Metelus said.

Meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month and will resume in September.

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# Fans Get a Sneak Peek of Gravesend Season 3 at Special Premiere Event

By Robert Pearl

Fans of the hit streaming Brooklyn-based 1980s crime drama, *Gravesend*, got an exclusive first look at Season 3 during a special premiere event held on Wednesday, June 10th, at the Bellmore Movies & The Showplace in Long Island.

Cast members, crew, investors and supporters gathered to watch Episodes 1 and 2 on the big screen before the season's upcoming release. Many of the actors took to the red carpet premiere to discuss the popular series, their character roles and the interaction with their exuberant fans.

Show creator and star William DeMeo, who plays the main character "Benny Z" Zerletta of the Colezzo crime family, thanked fans and supporters. He called it "a blessing" to tell stories inspired by the Brooklyn neighborhood where he grew up. Addressing everyone's question – what took so long? – DeMeo said, "Tonight, we see two hours of the first two episodes of Season 3, after which 10 more episodes follow – that's the equivalent of six movies" – expressing appreciation for his fans' patience.

The new season features an impressive cast, including Armand Assante, Vince Curatola, Chuck Zito, Bo Dietl and retired NBA legend Shaquille O'Neal, who joins the series as Mustafa, the boss of Bed-Stuy. Veteran actress Talia Shire also makes a notable appearance.

Producer Michele Frantzeskos took the stage prior to the screening, thanking fans as well, discussing the hard work to bring Season 3 to final production. She urged attendees not to film or record and to keep the details of the highly anticipated new season under wraps until its release to streaming on *Amazon Prime*. *Gravesend Season 3* is scheduled to premiere this summer.

Fans received special *Gravesend* merchandise and joined cast members for photos following the screening. A second preview event was held on Wednesday, June 24th, at Atrium Stadium Cinemas in Staten Island, as anticipation continues to build for the long-awaited third season.



Creator/Main Character William DeMeo ("Benny Z") gives red carpet interview at the Bellmore Movies.



Fans line up outside the Bellmore Movies for the pre-screening of the *Gravesend* Season 3 premiere.

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Marine Park

# JHS 278 Celebrates Perfect Soccer Season with a 13-0 Win



By Melissa Billie Clark

There is nothing more rewarding than holding a championship trophy in your hands, surrounded by teammates and hearing cheers from family, friends and coaches.

This was the scene on Thursday, June 25th, when Marine Park JHS 278 celebrated its historic Middle School Athletic League (MSAL) soccer championship at the school, located at 1925 Stuart Street.

Only three years after the program was established, the team captured the city title by defeating Simon Baruch Middle School on June 14th at Rocco Comisso Soccer Stadium in Manhattan. The win completed a perfect 13-0 season and made JHS 278 the first team from the Brooklyn South Division to win an MSAL city soccer championship.

During the celebration, each player received a certificate of recognition, and coaches Jason Goldberg and Matthew Amato praised the team for their dedication, teamwork and "never give up" attitude. "I am so happy today," one player told the *Canarsie Courier*. "It feels really good to win and end the school year this way."

The championship represents more than a winning season. According to the National Federation of State High School Associations, participation in school athletics helps students build leadership, teamwork, self-discipline and time-management skills, qualities that benefit them in high school and beyond.

As these student-athletes prepare for the next chapter of their academic and athletic journeys, they leave a lasting legacy as the first Brooklyn South middle school soccer team to earn a city championship, inspiring future generations.



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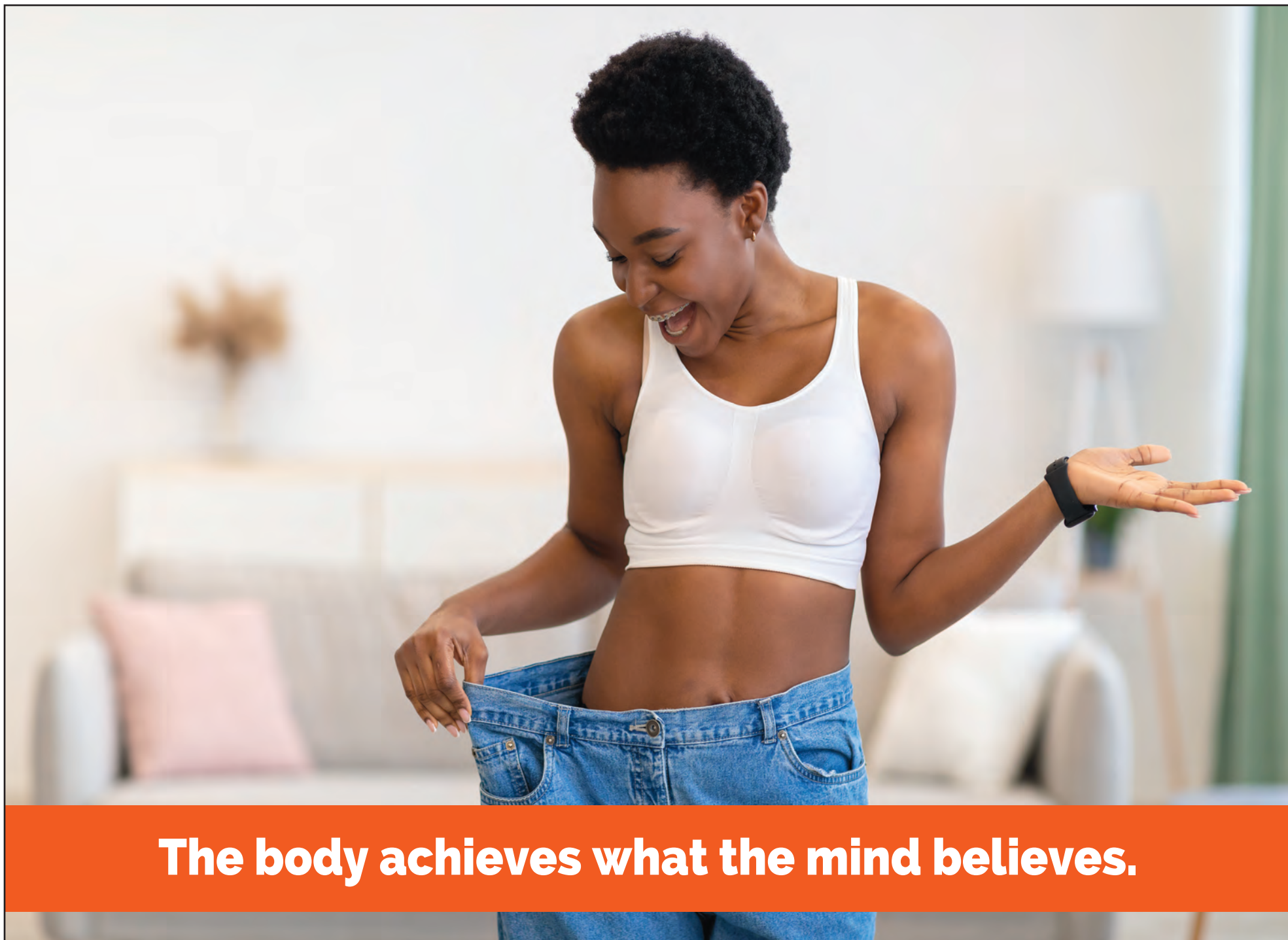
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### Marine Park

## Film Shoot near Salt Marsh Nature Center

By Angela G. Nannetti

The comedy-mystery film August, directed by Nick Borenstein, is currently in production in New York and was being filmed behind the Marine Park Salt Marsh Nature Center, located at 3301 Avenue U, on Monday, June 10th. The film crew set up their tent just beside the Nature Center and brought their gear to the nature trail to film scenes. The film follows a New Yorker investigating the suspicious death of his therapist. While an official release date is not yet available, a late 2026 or 2027 premiere is likely.



Cameraman tries different angles while filming for August, set to premiere in late 2026 or 2027.



Filming for an upcoming comedy-mystery movie on the nature trail near the Salt Marsh Nature Center.

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3000 Fillmore Avenue  
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

## SUN. JULY 12TH

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## FRI. JULY 10TH

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## MON. JULY 13TH

Assemblywoman Jaime Williams: Yoga in the Park  
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6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

## TUES. JULY 14TH

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Shirley Chisholm State Park - Hendrix Creek Patio  
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10 to 11:30 a.m.

## SAT. JULY 11TH

Marine Park Alliance: Intro to Birding Salt Marsh Nature Center  
3301 Avenue U  
9 to 10:30 a.m.

## SAT. JULY 11TH

Tree Stewards  
Shirley Chisholm State Park  
1750 Granville Payne Avenue  
9 to 11 a.m.  
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## NHS Housing Fair Connects Brooklyn Residents with Vital Resources

By Bristol Hendrix

Hundreds of local residents gathered at Brooklyn College on Saturday, June 6th, for the annual Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) Housing Fair. The bustling event served as a critical hub for tenants, prospective buyers, homeowners and those seeking affordable housing, pairing them directly with industry experts, government agencies and nonprofit organizations.

Hosted by the Neighborhood Housing Services of Brooklyn CDC, Inc. (NHS Brooklyn), in tandem with the Flatbush Development Corporation (FDC) and the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), the fair offered a comprehensive mix of educational workshops, one-on-one counseling and an expansive exhibit hall.

"Our Housing Resource Fair really started last year, and we have this event every year," Angela Davidson, director of corporations at NHS Brooklyn, said. "It takes a lot of planning, but we start as early as January because we want to make sure we're providing much-needed resources to the community."

One of the day's most sought-after features was the private counseling area. Here, residents sat down for confidential, one-on-one sessions to tackle complex financial and housing issues, including property taxes, foreclosure prevention, landlord-tenant disputes and affordable housing lotteries.

Educating future homeowners remains a cornerstone of NHS Brooklyn's mission, a point Davidson emphasized when discussing the financial backing available to qualified attendees.

"One of the resources we had today was our First-Time Homebuyer Program, where we educate people on the process of becoming a first-time homebuyer," Davidson noted. "We also talk about grants that they may qualify for — up to \$100,000 — plus additional funding available through our lending partners."

Beyond individual counseling, the fair hosted a packed schedule of free, special-

ized seminars designed to arm Brooklyn families with the knowledge needed to protect their assets and navigate the modern housing market.

The workshops were divided into several key focus areas:

- Homeownership and Finance: First-time homebuyer orientations, mortgage and grant acquisition, and strategies for lowering monthly household expenses.

- Tenant and Landlord Rights: Navigating the legal responsibilities of property management, maintaining rental units and understanding tenant protections.

- Senior Support and Advocacy: Resources specifically tailored for seniors and caregivers, alongside critical anti-fraud education to help vulnerable residents avoid scams.

- Estate Planning: A crucial seminar tackling generational wealth preservation.

"We provided information on affordable housing for seniors, resources on lowering utility bills and ways residents can protect themselves from scams," Davidson explained. "Our estate planning workshop covered important topics such as powers of attorney, wills, trusts, living trusts and advance directives, including healthcare proxies."

While the annual fair serves as a major flagship event, representatives reminded attendees that NHS Brooklyn's resources are available year-round. The organization provides continuous financial coaching, credit counseling, down payment assistance guidance and neighborhood revitalization initiatives to ensure long-term community stability.

With housing affordability remaining a top-of-mind challenge for New Yorkers across the borough, events like the NHS Housing Fair bridge the gap between systemic housing hurdles and real, actionable solutions. By equipping residents with professional tools and financial education, NHS Brooklyn and its city partners continue to build a blueprint for long-term financial security, one household at a time.





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# Record Crowds, Unprecedented Security Mark 2026 Israel Day Parade



By Robert Pearl

Fifth Avenue in Manhattan was awash in blue and white on Sunday, May 31st, as tens of thousands of marchers and spectators gathered for the 2026 Israel Day Parade, celebrating Israel's 78th anniversary under the theme, "Proud Americans, Proud Zionists."

Marching from East 62nd Street to East 74th Street, the annual event drew one of the largest turnouts in its history. For more than six decades, since its beginnings as a youth salute to Israel in 1964, the parade has served as a public celebration of Jewish identity, Zionist pride and the enduring ties between Israel and the United States.

Among the numerous elected officials participating were Governor Kathy Hochul; NYS Attorney General Letitia James; City Comptroller Mark Levine; City Council Speaker Julie Menin (the first Jewish speaker); Assemblymembers Jaime Williams, Michael Novakhov and Lester Chang; and Councilmembers Inna Vernikov and Eric Dinowitz, who serve as co-chairs of the council's antisemitism task force.

Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman led a large Long Island contingent, while former New York City Mayors Eric Adams and Michael Bloomberg also joined the march.

Mark Treyger, the chief executive officer of the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York, and former city councilman, served as the lead organizer for the annual "Israel Day on Fifth" Parade.

The parade also featured a prominent Israeli delegation that included Knesset Speaker and former UN Ambassador Amir Ohana, Magen David Adom Global President Gilad Erdan, and Jerusalem Mayor Moshe Lion, along with 26 Israeli elected officials visiting New York for the occasion.

One of the day's strongest themes was unity across faiths and cultures. Muslim and Jewish participants marched side by side in a visible demonstration of friendship and cooperation. Community leaders included Anila Ali, Sheikh Musa Drammeh and Rabbi Mark Wildes, founder and director of Manhattan Jewish Experience.

Speakers emphasized that combating antisemitism requires support from all communities and that hatred directed at one group ultimately threatens all groups.

The event unfolded under what officials described as the most extensive security operation ever assembled for the annual parade.

NYPD Commissioner Jessica Tisch, who served as the parade's honorary grand marshal, had vowed to make the event the safest in its history. Days before the parade, when asked about Mayor Zohran Mamdani's decision not to participate, Tisch delivered a widely shared response: "It is the mayor's decision not to march, and it is my decision to march proudly."

Thousands of participants carried American and Israeli flags as schools, synagogues, civic organizations, first responders and community groups filled Fifth Avenue with music, banners and expressions of solidarity. Chants of "Am Yisrael Chai" — "The Nation of Israel Lives" — echoed throughout the day.

While political debates surrounding Israel and the war in Gaza continue to generate strong opinions, the atmosphere along Fifth Avenue was overwhelmingly one of celebration. More than a demonstration of political support, the parade reflected the story of New York itself: a city built by immigrants and shaped by countless cultures, faiths and ethnicities living side by side.

For many participants, the day was ultimately a celebration of heritage and identity — Jewish, American and New Yorker alike. In a city often described as the world's greatest melting pot, the parade stood as a reminder that people of different backgrounds can celebrate their own traditions while respecting those of their neighbors, strengthening the bonds that unite New York's diverse communities.

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# Skating into Summer with a BBQ and Skate Night

By Kari Lleras

Skaters of all ages and abilities attended the free Family Skate Night and BBQ on Friday, June 26th, at the John Malone Community Center (JMCC) located at 2331 Bergen Avenue, presented by Community Board 18 ("CB18").

Families, friends, community members and skate enthusiasts rolled into summer with two skating sessions, a DJ, soccer clinic, barbecue and refreshments. Millennium Development mastered the grill while Blue Skate fit skaters with skates and protective pads, starting at 5 p.m. Kiwanis and NYC Parks ushered registered participants in and helped to prepare any last-minute skaters.

Everyone was encouraged to bring their own equipment, but Blue Skate provided skaters with helmets, knee and elbow pads, and a pair of skates. Once skaters were fitted with safety equipment, they made their way to the hockey rink and maneuvered themselves onto the rink.

There was a free soccer clinic offered for any children who might've preferred taking an easier soccer fall than falling from a standing or rolling position. Other members of the community who also preferred to remain on solid ground came out to enjoy hot dogs and hamburgers grilled by Millennium Development.

CB18, in collaboration with Millennium Development, Kiwanis and NYC Parks, partnered with local elected officials to make this memorable experience possible.

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