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# City set to install more speed cameras

## New law allowing expansion takes effect July 11

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The new state law allowing the city to install speed cameras in as many as 750 school zones takes effect July 11 and the de Blasio administration is prepar-

ing for a massive expansion of the street safety program.

Mayor Bill de Blasio announced on Friday that the Department of Transportation will start installing new cameras at a rate of about 40 per month through the end of this

year. The pace of installations will rapidly escalate in 2020, when 60 cameras will be installed per month.

The city is expected to reach the maximum of 750 school zones by June of 2020.

"Our streets are about to get

a lot safer for our children. We fought to expand our speed camera program and we won in Albany. Now it's time to rapidly scale up our program to save lives and keep our kids safe," de Blasio said in a statement.

"With this law change, we will on July 11 double the number of hours cameras are operable — and in the months ahead, we will install new cameras at an unprecedented rate," said DOT Commissioner Polly Trottenberg stated.

The expansion of the speed camera program fits in with the mayor's Vision Zero initiative, according to Trottenberg.

Launched by de Blasio in 2014, Vision Zero is a street safety program aimed at reducing the number of car crash fatalities.

The mayor also announced on Friday that a public awareness campaign is set to begin during the week of June 9 to warn drivers that the cameras are coming. The campaign will include bulk mailings, newspaper notices, online ads and LinkNYC displays. Also on June 9, DOT will begin a 30-day countdown on social media.

Once they're up and running, the cameras will be operational from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and will be working during the summer and during school vacation periods.

The new law also allows the city to extend the camera zones to a ¼ mile radius from a school.

A 2013 state law allowed the city to install 140 speed cameras. The law expired in 2018.

State Sen. Andrew Gounardes and Assemblymember Deborah Glick sponsored legislation to renew the law until 2022 and expand the number of cameras. The legislation was approved in March. Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed it on May 12.

"Renewing and expanding speed cameras in school zones is a major victory in the fight for street safety," said Gounardes, a Democrat representing Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and several other neighborhoods in Southwest Brooklyn.

Amy Cohen, founding member of Families for Safe Streets, whose son Sammy Eckstein was struck by a car and killed in Brooklyn in 2013, said she is pleased to see the city's action plan.

"We have been fighting for years to protect more New Yorkers from reckless driving, and we are happy to finally see this dramatic expansion of the life-saving speed safety camera program. This is for my son, Sammy, and for the countless others we have lost; and today is for the unknown thousands of families who will be spared senseless loss and heartache from reckless speeding in New York City," Cohen said.

Speed cameras "quite literally save lives," Schools Chancellor Richard Carranza said.



Mayor Bill de Blasio chats with Bay Ridge traffic safety advocate Maureen Landers at a Vision Zero press conference at McKinley Intermediate School earlier this year. State Sen. Andrew Gounardes and Assemblymember Mathylde Frontus also spoke at the press conference.

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# High school students lead pedestrian safety group

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Leila Mullarkey's family knows first-hand the dangers pedestrians face when they cross the street in Bay Ridge. "My mother got hit by a car 10 years ago, she told this newspaper. "My brother got hit by a car last year," she added.

Her mother and brother survived their ordeals, but the two incidents made Leila, a student at Bay Ridge Prep, eager to get involved in the community and work toward making streets safer.

"I want to be able to cross the street with my friends and not worry about getting killed," she said.

Leila is one of several local

students who have joined a new task force organized by state Sen. Andrew Gounardes to focus on street safety for children and teenagers.

The Youth Pedestrian Task Force is an outgrowth of another group, the Southern Brooklyn Pedestrian Safety Task Force, a panel of adults Gounardes brought together earlier this year in reaction a spate of car crashes in the Bay Ridge-Dyker Heights area.

Gounardes, a Democrat, represents Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and several other Southwest Brooklyn neighborhoods. There were 3,312 car crashes in the area between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2018. Even more shocking, there were 17 car

crashes in the area in the course of a single day, Jan. 14, 2019.

Like their adult counterparts, members of the youth task force will be asked to develop recommendations to increase education about street safety in an ongoing effort to create safer roadways, but with a Gen Z twist.

"No child should be forced to dodge cars while walking to school," Gounardes said in a statement. "The Youth Pedestrian Task Force will bring the voices of our most vulnerable citizens to the table on the issue of pedestrian safety."

Bay Ridge Prep student Ava Elfont, a task force member, said it's important for young people to be involved. "Kids are more likely to listen to their peers than their parents. We hope to find solutions that can keep us safe and share them with our generation," she stated.

The task force is already brimming with energy and ideas.

Preston Ferraiuolo, a Bay Ridge resident who attends Regis High School, said he'd like to launch an education campaign on social media to urge young people to pay attention to their surroundings while crossing the street.

"We live in a world of technology. Social media is a great way for us to get our message across," he told this newspaper.

Young people are often distracted by their electronic devices, Preston said. "We should be targeting these kids and telling them not to wear ear phones when they're crossing the street," he said.

The campaign would also

include warnings to drivers. "I think people should stay off the phone while driving. Phones are great, but I just don't think drivers should be on them when they're behind the wheel," he said.

Enforcement is also important, he said, adding that drivers should receive summonses when they disobey traffic regulations.

Preston would also like to see the city install countdown clocks at additional intersections to let pedestrians know how much time they have to get across the street.

Leila called for the construction of pedestrian islands in the middle of wide roadways to give people a shorter distance to cross the street and to give motorists less room. "At 86th Street and Fourth Avenue, a lot of drivers speed. I think a concrete island will make them slow down," she said.

She also wants the city to install more stop signs and speed cameras on streets, and not just in school zones. Under a new state law based on a bill sponsored by Gounardes, the city will be

able to increase the number of speed cameras in school zones to 750.

Now is a good time to rethink transportation issues, Preston said.

"Things are changing. Drivers have to share the streets not just with pedestrians but bike riders. Uber and Lyft are changing public transportation," he said. "I'm just afraid that when my generation learns how to drive, we will be snapping selfies of ourselves behind the wheel instead of paying attention to the road."



Leila Mullarkey (center) pictured with fellow task force members Ava Elfont and Preston Ferraiuolo on the busy corner of Fourth Avenue and 86th Street, said she wants to be able to cross the street without having to worry about getting hit by a car.

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Sonia Valentin (rear left) and the members of the Friends of the New Utrecht Library are planning to use the CCNYC grant to establish an arts workshop for LGBTQ+ young people.

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file photo by Jaime DeJesus

# Friends of New Utrecht Library wins grant to help LGBTQ+ youth

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LGBTQ+ teenagers in Bensonhurst and Bath Beach will be able to find a support system and receive encouragement for their artistic ambitions at the New Utrecht Library once a unique program being organized by a library support group gets off the ground.

The Friends of New Utrecht Library has been awarded a \$1,690 grant by the Citizens Committee for New York City as part of the committee's Neighborhood Grants program.

The Friends group was one of 298 organizations around the city to be awarded grants. The CCNYC handed out a total of \$665,217 in grants this year. The grants, which go up to \$3,000 each, are given to grass-roots groups working to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods.

More than 100 of the grants were given to Brooklyn-based organizations.

Located at 1743 86th St. in Bensonhurst, the New Utrecht Library is one of the most popular and well-used facilities in the Brooklyn Public Library system, according to BPL officials.

Sonia Valentin, leader of the Friends of New Utrecht Library, said she applied for a CCNYC grant to help LGBTQ+ teens because she believes they are an underserved group. "I remember having a discussion one time with a supervisor in the library and she told me there are LGBTQ+ kids who use the library. They come in after school. We want to help them by giving them confidence," she told this newspaper.

Valentin said she feels sympathy for LGBTQ+ youth, who are often targeted by bullies and shunned by their families.

Valentin and the Friends group plan to start an arts workshop to draw out the artistic side of the teens. "We're going to buy cameras and paint supplies. We would like eventually to

take field trips and ask the kids to take pictures or paint what they see. We could frame their work and put it on display," she said.

The neighborhood grants were officially presented to the winners at the CCNYC's Grantee Mixer, which recently took place at St. Ignatius Church on the Upper East Side and included a grant orientation session.

"These organizations are doing incredible work to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods across the five boroughs and we are proud to

support their efforts. We're very excited to see these projects take shape and to witness the positive impact they will have on countless New Yorkers," CCNYC's CEO Peter Kostmayer said in a statement.

The Brooklyn grant winners are using the funds for a variety of projects.

The Pakistani American Youth Society is revitalizing the Newkirk Community Garden. Flatbush Enterprise is organizing wellness workshops for senior citizens and LifeCycle Biking is promoting mental health through meditation and

group bike rides.

"This Citizens Committee grant enables us to add raised beds for food growing, allowing the old and the young to experience and share the joy of growing their own vegetables, herbs and flowers. Newkirk Community Garden is a space for all of us to slow down and appreciate nature — and each other — in a community that has some of the least amount of green space in the entire city," Mandy Strenz of the Pakistani American Youth Society stated.

Here's a sampling of other groups and their projects:

- Bay View Green Committee (Sunset Park): Organizing a community cleanup day, a native plant day, and a monthly Green Team volunteer day to support plant care and sidewalk garden maintenance.

- Brooklyn Herb Club (Bedford-Stuyvesant): Expanding its capacity to create herbal products for its members while expanding its ability to respond to calls it receives from social justice organizations for basic herbal medicine.

- Carroll Gardens Nanny Association (Carroll Gardens):

Organizing domestic workers to receive training on labor rights, CPR and first aid and child nutrition. Nanny members are also connected to legal resources and referrals.

- Holocaust Memorial Committee (Manhattan Beach-Sheepshead Bay): Organizing programming for the Holocaust Memorial and the surrounding park area in response to a nationwide resurgence of bigotry and local reports of vandalism. The group is also planning inter-generational park clean-ups to connect Holocaust survivors with young people.

# Push to memorialize Coney Island firefighter beaten to death on Belt Pkwy

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The street corner of a Coney Island firehouse may soon bear the name of a fallen member.

Community Board 13 voted Wednesday to support an application to co-name the corner of West Eighth Street and Surf Avenue, just outside Engine 245, "Firefighter Faizal Coto Way." Faizal Coto, then 33, was beaten to death on the Belt Parkway in December, following a road-rage dispute with then-29-year-old Joseph Desmond.

Desmond, of Staten Island, is accused of fatally beating Coto, 33, with a blunt object after the pair got into a minor accident. Coto was found dead next to his 2008 Ford Mustang on the right shoulder of the Bay Eighth Street and Shore Parkway exit. His death was "almost instant," according to the DA's Office.

Desmond, who fled the scene, was apprehended three days later at a motel in New Jersey. A crowd of firefighters awaited his walkout at the 62nd Precinct in Bensonhurst, where, instead of

jeers, Desmond was met by heavy silence.

He pleaded not guilty to a murder charge later that month. His next court appearance is on July 12. He faces up to 25 years in prison if convicted.

Desmond was on parole for a 2012 assault-as-a-hate-crime.

Coto, who was also an aspiring rapper, was off-duty when he was killed.

The application for the co-naming was introduced to the City Council by Councilmember Chaim Deutsch, who contends that the co-naming would mean something not just to Engine 245 but to southern Brooklyn as a whole.

"Coto devoted his life to helping others, working at one of the most dangerous jobs in the city," Deutsch said in a statement. His legacy is one of service, of compassion and of deep commitment to his hometown, and a street co-naming in his honor would ensure that his memory will live on."

At his wake in Sunset Park, family, friends and colleagues remembered Coto as someone who "lifted people up," both as a firefighter and a musician.



Firefighters embrace outside the wake for Faizal Coto.

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Firefighter Joseph Romeo, Coto's closest friend in the Coney Island firehouse, said he and Coto entered the Fire Department in the same class three years ago.

"He was my best friend, and he was everybody's best friend," Romeo said. "He

would find the goodness in everyone."

He was also "the hardest worker in the firehouse," the friend said.

CB13 District Manager Eddie Mark called the effort a noble one.

"We thought it was a wor-

thy cause," he said of the board's vote.

Deutsch's office expects a decision on the co-naming in the coming months.

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ABOVE: A Jeep overturned on Third Avenue in Sunset Park on Memorial Day. AT RIGHT: The scene in Dyker Heights where a car flipped over after a crash.

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## Vehicles overturned in Sunset Park, Dyker Hts. on Memorial Day almost simultaneously

BY JAIME DEJESUS

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Cars flipped over in collisions in both Sunset Park and Dyker Heights on Memorial Day, at just about the same time.

Authorities say that at around 4:55 p.m., a 2011 Hyundai driven by a 30-year-old man was travelling southbound on Third Avenue when he collided with 2017 Jeep driven by a 24-year-old old man travelling westbound on 48th Street who was making a

left turn.

The impact caused the Jeep to overturn, striking two unoccupied parked vehicles, a Chrysler Sedan and a Honda SUV. The operator of the Hyundai was treated on the scene and the operator of the Jeep was taken to NYU Langone Hospital-Brooklyn, where he was in stable condition.

Also, at around 4:45 p.m., there was a crash at the intersection of 83rd Street and 11th Avenue, where two cars collided and a parked, unoccupied vehicle was also struck. Minor injuries were sustained.



Compiled by Jaime DeJesus

### 68<sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT

**The 68th Precinct serves Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and Fort Hamilton.**

**LATE NIGHT ROBBERY:** Two crooks robbed a candy store and attacked an employee on Third Avenue between 73rd Street and Bay Ridge Parkway on May 24 at around 2:45 a.m. Cops say that the men, dressed all in black, entered the store, at which time, one of the crooks held down and punched a victim who was inside the shop while the other broke open a cash register and grabbed money. The two then fled northbound on Third Avenue by foot. No arrests have been made.

**BROKEN WINDOWS:** Cops say a 25-year-old man had his vehicle broken into by

a crook who stole around \$1,600 worth of cash and electronics on May 26 at around 10:50 a.m. According to authorities, the man parked his car at 65th Street and Eighth Avenue and, when he returned to the vehicle, the rear left window was broken and his iPhone and \$800 were stolen. No arrests have been made.

**WALLET SNATCHER:** A 34-year-old woman had her wallet snatched by a crook while shopping inside a department store near 86th Street and Fifth Avenue on May 25 at around 5:45 p.m., according to authorities. Cops say that the woman had her wallet at the bottom of her baby stroller when she noticed it was taken. After calling her credit card company, she was told the unknown perp made a \$326 charge at a nearby video game store. No arrests have been made.

**LOST AND FOUND:** An unknown crook drove away with a vehicle owned by a business on the southeast corner of Fifth Avenue and 86th Street on May 24 at around 3:57 a.m. Reports claim that the man left the vehicle parked with the keys in the ignition and the doors unlocked. The crook then entered the vehicle and drove away. The car contained cash, electronics, a wallet and a passport. The vehicle was later found near Neptune Avenue and West 19th Street. No arrests have been made.

**BUS BUST:** A 19-year-old man was arrested for allegedly stealing an iPhone from a 63-year-old straphanger while he was sleeping aboard a bus near the northeast corner of 92nd Street and the Brooklyn Queens Expressway on May 23. Cops say the victim fell asleep on the X4 bus from Staten Island to Manhattan. He woke up just

passed the Verrazzano Bridge on the BQE at around 8:30 p.m., at which time he noticed that the phone, which was inside a case attached to his hip, had been nabbed. He suspected a fellow passenger, alerted the bus driver and the bus was stopped. Responding officers removed the alleged crook from the bus and found that he had the phone as well as a black BB gun inside his backpack.

### 62<sup>ND</sup> PRECINCT

**The 62nd Precinct serves Bensonhurst, Bath Beach and Gravesend.**

**SIX AGAINST ONE:** A 26-year-old man was allegedly attacked and robbed by six unknown crooks while walking at 63rd Street and New Utrecht Avenue at around 3 a.m. on May 20. Cops say that, as the man was walking home from

work, the gang of crooks assaulted him. One of the perps allegedly struck the victim with a baseball bat while another pointed a knife at him. The crooks then took his wallet, containing \$200, and fled in an unknown direction. The victim suffered a dislocated shoulder. No arrests have been made.

**BOX THROWER:** Authorities say a male attacker threw a box at a 35-year-old man near 86th Street and 17th Avenue on May 26 at around 10 a.m. Cops say that the victim was outside when the man threw a box at his face, resulting in cuts to the left eyebrow. He was taken to NYU Langone Hospital-Brooklyn. No arrests have been made.

**WHILE YOU WERE WORSHIPPING:** A 42-year-old woman had her apartment near 18th Avenue and 86th Street burglarized by an

unknown crook on May 26 at around 10 a.m., while she was at church. Cops say that, while she was out worshipping, the perp used an object to break the doorknob to the front door of the apartment. Once inside, the perp stole several items. The victim believes her boyfriend was the perp as his passport was also missing from the room. No arrests have been made.

**CROOK ON SHOPPING SPREE:** Cops say an unknown crook broke into a car parked at Bay 16th Street and 85th Street and stole several items on May 25 at around 2:40 a.m. Cops say the victim, a 34-year-old woman, parked the car there at around 2:30 a.m. When she returned, she saw that a perp had broken in and ransacked the vehicle, taking \$40 and a credit card. The perp allegedly used the stolen card at a sporting goods store in Manhattan. No arrests have been made.



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# Brooklyn Memorial Day Parade brings out borough's patriotism



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Pride, patriotism, and plenty of smiles were on display at the 152nd Annual Kings County Memorial Day Parade on Monday as marchers and spectators alike waved American flags to celebrate the big event.

The parade, which takes place in Bay Ridge each year, is held to pay tribute to U.S. service members killed in this nation's wars.

Marching bands, schoolchildren, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, representatives of civic organizations and, of course, veterans' groups like the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars proudly



marched along the parade route. The parade route, which began on Third Avenue, wound up inside John Paul Jones Park on Fourth Avenue, located

outside the Fort Hamilton Army Base, where a post-parade ceremony was held.

The Brooklyn march — one of the oldest, continuously held Memorial Day parades in the country — is sponsored by the United Military Veterans of Kings



Scenes from the 152nd Annual Kings County Memorial Day Parade.



County.

"The crowd along the parade route was the largest since I've been involved with the parade. We had more veterans on the floats and marching in the parade then we have had in many years," Parade Chairperson Raymond Aalbue told this newspaper in an email. "The lead band in the parade, 369th Experience, recreating the music of the Harlem Hellfighters from World War I, was a wonderful addition to the line of march. The committee thanks everyone who marched, who came out to applaud the veterans, and remember all those who died in selfless service to our country."

Parade Grand Marshal Marty Golden said he was deeply moved by the experience.

"There was a tremendous outpouring of support for our veterans. That was a

wonderful thing to see. And to see people marching with our flag was tremendous," Golden, a former state senator, told this newspaper.

Among those marching in the parade were Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Borough President Eric Adams, U.S. Rep. Max Rose, state Sen. Andrew Gounardes, Assembly Members Mathilde Frontus and Nicole Malliotakis and Councilmember Justin Brannan.

Golden, who served in the U.S. Army National Guard

several years ago, said he was honored to be marching at the head of the parade. "It was one of the best days I've ever had. It was a great crowd and to have my wife and sons with me was very special," he said.

Golden's wife Colleen and their two sons, Michael and Patrick, attended the parade ceremonies with him.

Col. Andrew Zieseniss, the commanding officer of Fort Hamilton, was one of the speakers at the ceremony in John Paul Jones Park.

The ceremony included a wreath laying, the playing of "Taps" and a 21 gun-salute by the Veteran Corps of Artillery, the oldest military organization in New York State. The group dates back to the Revolutionary War.

Golden admitted that his thoughts on the day of the parade frequently turned to the plight of military veterans who are having a tough time adjusting to civilian life.

"A large number of our veterans are having a hard time assimilating. Some of these folks have done two, three tours of combat duty. Our prayers go out to them," he said.





# BROOKLYNITES CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY



GREEN-WOOD CEMETERY HOSTED ITS 21ST ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CONCERT ON MONDAY. ebrooklyn media / Photos by Corazón Aguirre



**By Alex Williamson**  
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On Monday, Brooklyn residents flocked to the 21st annual Memorial Day concert at Green-Wood Cemetery featuring the New York City Symphonic Band.

Hundreds of concertgoers sat in folding chairs or on the shady hillside while the band, led by Conductor Paul Corn, played under Green-Wood’s landmarked gothic arch. The program featured patriotic standards like “Battle Cry of Freedom” and “America the Beautiful,” as well as music composed by some of the cemetery’s permanent residents, including Leonard Bernstein, Claudio Grafulla and James Weldon Johnson.

Broadway star Caesar Samayoa and jazz vocalist Renée Manning were the concert’s featured soloists. U.S. Rep. Nydia Velázquez and Assemblymember Felix Ortiz were in attendance, and both delivered remarks honoring New York’s veterans before the start of the show.

“New York and Brooklyn have a long history of service to our nation and sacrifice in defense of our freedoms. There are more than 190,000 veterans from all our nation’s wars living throughout the five boroughs, and we owe them a debt of profound gratitude,” said Velázquez.

This was Green-Wood’s 21st annual Memorial Day concert. The first was conceived to honor Louis Moreau Gottschalk, a 19th-century composer who entertained troops during the Civil War and is buried at the cemetery along with an estimated 5,000 Civil War veterans.

The cemetery has a long history of being used for recreation as much as a burial ground, and Green-Wood President Richard Moylan said hosting concerts on the grounds is in line with that tradition.

“As we become less and less of an active burial site we’ve started thinking, this is 478 acres of beautiful landscape that people need to see and know about,” said Moylan. “Between the programming and the attention we’ve paid in the last 10 years to the horticulture and the trees, it’s a reason to come here just to walk around these days.”

Fort Greene resident Laura Fiesel sat on the hillside surrounded by tombstones and enjoyed the music on Monday afternoon.

“It makes a different kind of atmosphere than a concert at Prospect Park,” she said. “I feel like everybody here has respect for the dead, and that feeling of respect extends to the music and to the holiday.”



# WITH CONCERT AT GREEN-WOOD CEMETERY



Conductors Paul and Rocco Corn closed the concert with a memorable touch.



Composer Michael Markowski and Director Brandon Tesh enjoyed the concert.



Aleksandr Z. got his watercolors out, while he listened the spectacular concert.



The iconic gothic facade of Green-Wood Cemetery was the perfect background for the concert's music tent.



Faith McCormick and Joseph Selvidio found a great place to enjoy the concert.



The magnificent concert attracted a great crowd to the iconic cemetery.

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# Civic leaders and organizations honored at 41st annual Rotary Club of Verrazano dinner dance

BY JOHN ALEXANDER

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It was a night to recognize civic leaders as The Brooklyn Rotary Club of Verrazano celebrated its 41st anniversary on Friday, May 17 at Gargiulo's Restaurant in Coney Island.

Dr. Joseph Caruana served as master of ceremonies. The St. John's University ROTC Color Guard presented the colors and performed the national anthem.

This year's Humanitarians Award was presented to the Van Westerhout Cittadini Molesi Social Club and Club Carinese d'America, two prominent Italian-American social clubs that, along with the Rotary Club, helped sponsor three children from Kosovo to come to the United States for open heart surgery. The children received the life-saving surgery, and went home with suitcases full of toys and other essentials provided these organizations.

The Women and Children Award recipients were Camille Loccisano and Cathy Campanella. Loccisano founded "Frankie's Mission," a nonprofit charitable foundation established in her son's name and memory, to assist and support the families of children with pediatric cancer.

"I want to thank the Rotary for this honor and I will say that I am not the only person who has lost a child," said Loccisano. "And I know they will agree with me when I say when this happens you don't know how to go on but you have to go on. You have to remain as a caring parent to your remaining children and you want to memorialize your child," she continued.

"The Rotary has a long and wonderful list of things they do and included in that list

**Incoming Rotary Club President Bill Sobolow dancing with his daughter Theresa Marie.**

is the support that they give to people like me, people who want to move on and make a difference in their child's name."

Campanella is a community leader and assistant principal who helped establish an engineering and STEM program PS/IS 192. The award recognized the two women for their efforts on behalf of children and their support of the Rotary Club and its community outreach.

The Paul Harris Fellow Award, named in honor of the man who founded the

Rotary Club with three business associates in Chicago in 1905, was presented to individuals who have demonstrated the true spirit of Rotary by their hard work and dedication to humanitarian efforts.

"This year's Paul Harris recipients, Salvator Fodera, Nino Russo, Aldo Adamo, Bruno Frustaci and Joseph Speziale, are being recognized for their support of our Homeless Veterans' program, for their support of our Gift of Life New York program and for their service to our club," said Caruana.

"By accepting this pin you

will join a family of well over 950,000 Paul Harris Fellows worldwide," Caruana went on. "Besides several members of our club, you stand with notables such as Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela, Kofi Annan, Prince Charles, Gandhi, Luciano Pavarotti, King Hussein of Jordan and Pope Paul II."

A highlight of the evening was when incoming President Bill Sobolow explained that in order to attend the dinner dance he had to miss the first father-daughter dance at his daughter Theresa Marie's school. He then escorted her out onto the dance floor for their first

dance as everyone clapped and cheered.

The evening included a silent auction with proceeds supporting Gift of Life of NY, a nonprofit organization working to obtain life-saving heart surgeries for children in distress. Truncali explained the Rotary Club's motto is "Service Above Self."

The Rotary Club of Verrazano is one of more than 30,000 rotary clubs in 160 countries worldwide. They work to help feed the hungry, procure open heart surgeries for children overseas and support a variety of local projects.



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Rotary Club of Verrazano members and award winners.

## NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island employee receives Sloan Public Service Award

BY JOHN ALEXANDER

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NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island's Joseph Marcellino, MPH, CHE, associate director of emergency management, received the prestigious Sloan Public Service Award for his helping lead emergency hospital services during both Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy. The award is given to those who have shown extraordinary service and dedication in upholding the public interest.

Marcellino was presented with a check for \$10,000 at an afternoon reception held on Thursday, May 23 in the hospital's Kane Auditorium. He received the award at an evening ceremony held in the Great Hall at Cooper Union in New York City.

Marcellino was selected from among 250,000 New York City workers



Photos courtesy of NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island

**Stuart Rosenhaus, Dr. Terence Brady, Andrew Campbell, William Brown, Joseph Marcellino, Mei Kong, Dr. Mark Kindschuh and Jonathan Nover.**

to receive the honor. He is one of six recipients of this esteemed award for extraordinary work and commitment to the public.

During Hurricane Irene and Superstorm Sandy, he organized and coordinated the successful evacuation, closure and reopening of the hospital. Marcellino is a nationally recognized expert in both public health emergency management and agency preparedness and response.

"Although we are in a time when the unforeseen

looms and we expect the unexpected, I am encouraged by having a consummate professional such as Joe leading our emergency preparedness and response," said William Brown, MBA, FACHE, CEO, NYC Health + Hospitals/Coney Island.

"Thanks to Joe's leadership, our employees in every line of work are ready to act immediately when needed. Because of his expertise during disasters such as Superstorm Sandy, precious lives were saved," added Brown.

Marcellino was humbled by the recognition. "I am passionate about my profession and I love what I do, so receiving the Sloan Public Service Award is an incredible honor," said Marcellino.

"However, this award is not only about me. I'm standing here accepting this award today because of the dedication, professionalism and compassion of all of my coworkers and individual team members who have enabled me to bring ideas into reality."

Marcellino serves on the Board of Directors and as chairperson of the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City. He is also an assistant professor at St. John's University, where he teaches health policy. During his career, he has also served on numerous local, state and federal emergency management committees and commissions.

Prior to joining NYC Health + Hospitals, Marcellino held positions directing emergency health and medical preparedness activities for the New York City Office of Emergency Management and also at New York City Emergency Medical Services, developing the emergency management action plans for the city. In addition to strategic preparedness, he has demonstrated organizational and operational leadership during significant catastrophic events throughout the city.

For 45 years, the Fund for the City has bestowed the New York Sloan Public Service Award annually upon six outstanding civil servants. It is considered the Nobel Prize of city government. The fund has recognized city employees at all ranks and levels of government who have shown extraordinary service and dedication to upholding the public interest.

The other 2019 honorees are Keith Herman, chief fleet officer, deputy commissioner, NYC DCAS; Renee Parham, director, Emergency Services Bureau Office of Enforcement and Neighborhood Services, New York City Housing Preservation & Development; Gesille Dixon, borough director, Bronx Neighborhood Library Networks, New York Public Library; Candy Rodriguez, school safety agent, Joan of Arc Public School Complex, NYPD; and John Gallagher, deputy warden in command, Department of Correction.



# Gone but not forgotten: McKinley students celebrate Memorial Day

BY JOHN ALEXANDER

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William McKinley I.S. 259 hosted a Memorial Day ceremony on Friday, May 24 to pay homage to military personnel who lost their lives defending the country.

Principal Janice Geary welcomed guests including veterans, community leaders, McKinley students and their families for the purpose of teaching students the true meaning of Memorial Day.

Geary discussed the significance of the poppy worn to commemorate the fallen heroes on Memorial Day. According to Geary, "The poppy flower is worn to remember the fallen, to honor those who have died in battle, in commemoration of the ultimate sacrifice made by men and women during combat."

English Language Arts teacher Jessica Amato coordinated the event and her students presented a moving skit portraying five friends who grew up together during the 1960s in Flatbush and ended up fighting in the Vietnam War. All five young men were killed in action.

The emotional story engaged the audience of middle school students and adults alike, as it was revealed that these five men had their lives cut short as they wielded weapons through elephant grass, amidst swampy lands in



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Students gathered with Maj. Juan Diaz.



Elisa Luo performs the national anthem.

the jungles of Vietnam. Amato noted that one of the boys in the skit acted the part of her uncle, Joseph Charles Russo, who was killed 50 years ago in Vietnam. Amato stated, "Freedom is priceless, but comes at the price of lives lost: the ultimate sacrifice."

The McKinley band performed at the ceremony and the national anthem was sung by student Elisa Luo. Student Leo Zhao played Taps. Among those attending the event were District 20 Community Superintendent Karina Costantino and Deputy Superintendent Dr. Joe O'Brien.

In her remarks, Geary explained the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day — that Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans while Memorial Day pays tribute to those who died while serving — before inviting the veterans to speak about their



McKinley students proudly wave the flag at Memorial Day celebration.

individual experiences while serving in the military.

The guest speakers included Herb Morales, John Cullen, Ed Pankowski, Maj. Juan Diaz and Ray Aalbue, chairperson of Brooklyn's 152nd Memorial Day Parade.

"The staff at McKinley do such a great job teaching their students about Memorial Day and Veterans Day," Aalbue told this paper. "I've been to quite a few

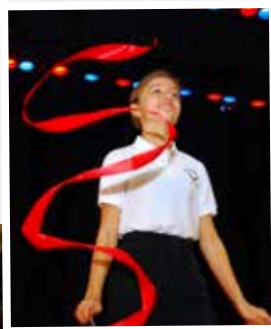
of these celebrations and they are well-thought-out by the staff and executed by the students who are very enthusiastic. When you enter the building, children meet you at the door saying, 'Thank you for your service,' Aalbue went on.

Aalbue was impressed that the auditorium was

lined with the school's cheerleaders who warmly greeted the guests and helped escort them to their seats. The veterans were seated up on the stage as the color guard presented the colors.

"Everyone encouraged the children to study

hard and make a difference in the world," said Aalbue, who spoke about Memorial Day and urged the approximately 400 children in the auditorium to "remember all those who died in selfless service to our country."



Red and blue ribbons swirled during the performance.



McKinley students hold the poster they designed in honor of Memorial Day.

## GOWANUS REPOWERING PROJECT

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Case 18-F-0758

Notice of Public Comment Period and Availability of Intervenor Funds

Under rules of the New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (the Siting Board), Astoria Generating Company, L.P. is seeking to repower its existing Gowanus Generating Facility, located on the Sunset Park waterfront in Brooklyn, with new, more efficient generating units and to retire its existing Narrows Generating Facility, also located on the Sunset Park waterfront (Gowanus Repowering Project). **On May 15, 2019, Astoria Generating filed with the Siting Board a Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) in connection with the Project**, discussing the nature and scope of the studies Astoria Generating will undertake to identify and evaluate the potential impacts of the Project on the environment and the community. With the PSS, Astoria Generating submitted the required intervenor fee of \$200,000 available to eligible municipal and local parties during the pre-application phase of the proceedings.

**On May 17, 2019, the Siting Board issued two Notices:**

**(1) a Notice of Filing of Preliminary Scoping Statement and Deadline for Submitting Comments**, which states that any person, agency or municipality who wishes to comment on the PSS must submit comments to the Siting Board **by no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 5, 2019;** and **(2) a Notice of Availability of Pre-Application Intervenor Funds and Deadline for Submitting Funding Requests** which states that municipal and local parties intending to request pre-application intervenor funding must apply for such funding **by no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 14, 2019.**

The PSS and the Siting Board's Notices (with directions on how to file comments and funding requests), are available on the Siting Board website at <http://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterCaseNo=18-f-0758&submit=Search> and on Astoria Generating's website at [www.repoweringbrooklyn.com](http://www.repoweringbrooklyn.com).

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# New healthy food pantry debuts in Sunset Park

BY JAIME DEJESUS

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There's a new purveyor of healthy foods in Sunset Park, one that can benefit those in need in the neighborhood.

The Table, a new Sunset Park food pantry developed by Family Health Centers at NYU Langone, opened to the public on April 5 at 6025 Sixth Avenue.

A little over a month later, the pantry — which includes fresh produce items available as well as some fresh protein items available such as eggs — was open to the media so that staffers could show off its comprehensive program to provide new nutritional resources that NYU Langone hopes will help improve the health of Sunset Park families, who utilize the resource on an appointment basis.

"Everything is reservation-based as opposed to just showing up and getting a bag of food," said Katie Barth, the community



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## Gathering for a group photo.

health education and outreach coordinator at the Family Health Centers at NYU Langone. "We like to do things a bit differently. Eating healthy is a top priority for us, especially as a health center, so we are doing nutrition education and cooking demos, explaining why we should eat brown rice instead of white rice. We are trying to have folks change their eating habits."

"I have seen this community change and become more robust and I also see the challenges aren't going away for lots of the

residents here," noted Barth, who said she grew up a mere 10 blocks away from where the food pantry is located. "This is a service that hasn't been provided in this specific neighborhood before."

In addition, said Barth, because of the way the pantry works, "People are comfortable coming here. We don't have a long process for documentation to get entry to the pantry. People are able to come to a one-stop shop as I like to call it and we have services available as well as community based programming."

"This is important for Sunset Park because you have a large population of people who would normally slip through the cracks," noted Adams. "What I mean by that is that they won't have access

to information that will help them prevent disease. When they come here, they find out what they can do about their diabetes. Government should be having an open mind, not a blind eye, to things that people need in their lives to make them whole."

The media open house included a cooking demonstration, led by Debbie Rivera, health educator at Family Health Center at NYU Langone, who showed Adams how to make brown rice and beans with sauteed broccoli and peppers. She also discussed the importance of eating healthy.

"We eat in order to live. We don't live in order to eat," she said. "You have to enjoy what you eat, but

you also have to be aware of what you're eating, how you're eating it and what time you're eating it. The other important thing is to know what your family history is. You can prevent a lot by researching what your family's diseases have."

"Whoever states that eating healthy means you have to stay hungry is wrong," said Adams. "It's about enjoying your food and at the same time giving your body the right nutrients."

Barth said that the food pantry came about after the organization was "approached by the New York City Food Assistance Collaborative a few years ago because there's a high level of food insecurity in Sunset Park compared to the rest of the city. They said, 'How do you feel about opening a food pantry?'"

Support for the venture was obtained from the United Way as well as through the city Department of Health's Hunger Prevention and Nutrition Assistance Program.



## Debbie Rivera showed Borough President Eric Adams how to make brown rice and beans with sauteed broccoli and peppers.

Among those on hand for the media open house on May 10 was Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, who has made the issue of healthy eating a priority for his administration.

# Sunset Park Kids help beautify the neighborhood

BY JAIME DEJESUS

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What began as a large group of kids wearing Sunset Park t-shirts has become a group dedicated to beautifying the neighborhood.

Around 18 kids belong to the group which has dedicated several summers and falls to cleaning the streets and tree pits, planting flowers in the park and trees on the street, eventually turning a simple series of good deeds into a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, Sunset Park Kids.

Sunset Park resident Paul Edelstein explained that it all began with his extended family, many of whom live in the area.

"We had a group of 12 cousins all around the same age who are from Sunset Park," the lifelong Brooklynite explained. Like all kids, they want to go to amusement parks, so in 2010 we printed t-shirts so we could keep track of them. The shirts said Sunset Park Kids and had all the



## Sunset Park Kids are working to beautify the neighborhood.

kids' names."

It quickly became a tradition; each year, the kids designed a new logo for the shirts. Then, the children's camaraderie combined with their Sunset Park pride gave Edelstein the idea.

"I thought, since we live in Sunset Park, let's try and make the neighborhood better," he explained. "When [then Mayor] Michael Bloomberg had his million tree project, we got some trees planted in the area because our block was desolate. We cleaned up the tree wells and planted

flowers." and we went to the gardener in Sunset Park itself which is such a beautiful park and undervalued."

Then, Edelstein recounted, the kids went to the gardener in Sunset Park at Fifth Avenue and 44th Street, and asked if the kids could plant tulips for her.

"For \$500, I bought 1,000 tulips and I would go out with my band of Sunset Park Kids and we would wear our t-shirts and plant," he said, adding that it started to catch on. "People would come up to us and ask if they could help. People really liked it."



Photos courtesy of Paul Edelstein

## The mural.

Two years ago, Edelstein, an attorney, did the paperwork to make Sunset Park Kids a 501(c)(3) charity, and its mission broadened, as members of the group also wanted to beautify the neighborhood with murals.

"I thought it would be an amazing idea, so we raised

money for it," he explained. "I turned 50 a year ago. Instead of people giving me gifts, I told everyone, make a donation for a street mural."

The group raised about \$6,000 and then went to local businesses looking for a place to put up the mural,

and they hit pay dirt at 46th Street and Fifth Avenue, where the business owner and tenants in the corner building agreed.

Edelstein and the kids got two artists, one of whom is from Sunset Park, to create the mural, which is around 90 percent complete.

And the group has continued to expand. Local businesses, said Edelstein, have contributed money to buy an additional 50 tulips to plant in the park. "Locals, kids, business owners have come together to say, 'I'll help and allow you to do things that will have a transformative effect on the neighborhood,'" Edelstein said. "It started really small. It's just a bunch of kids that had a nickname that has gotten a bit larger. We want to do more."

As time has passed, other kids have joined in on the efforts.

"When we've been out on the street, when we were planting in the park, kids would come up with their parents and ask what we were doing and if they could help," Edelstein said. "We said sure."



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### ON SITE 2019

Trestle Gallery's annual group exhibition featuring artwork by our current studio members, artists-in-residence, and staff. This year's exhibition will be curated by curatorial collective 3walls.  
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### RACE AND REVOLUTION: REIMAGINING MONUMENTS

The show questions the relationship between historical memory and historical monuments and what the underlying implications are for those histories that remain absent. Seventeen artists were asked to envision monuments that add depth and truth to New York's compelling

history. Exhibiting artists include Alexis Callender, Ayasha Guerin, Chip Thomas, Damien Davis, Emmaline Payette, Kamau Ware, Kimberly Becoat, Lyra Monteiro, Maureen Conner, Maureen McNeil, Marilyn Nance, Rose Desiano, Sal Munoz, Studio Darn, Zaq Landsberg and Jennifer Mack Watkins.  
*When: Fridays through June 14th, 3 – 6 p.m.*  
*Where: Park Slope/Old Stone House (336 3rd Street)*

### THIS IS NO.628 OF EVERYMAN'S LIBRARY

Jeff Wallace: This is No.628 of Everyman's Library, which explores the relationship between time and memory as it relates to objects and ephemera that we save throughout our lives. Through a process of literary archeology, he uncovers and reassembles buried content and fragments – both literal and conceptual – to create new



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narratives that reference the past and, often, the journey of the original source material.

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### 13 COLORS

A new installation of work by Hanno Otten. Based on his Farbenlehre, Colorblocks, and Lichtbilder series, this extraordinary installation is a new development of Otten's work. Pure vivid color is Otten's language.  
*When: Tuesdays-Saturdays through June 30th, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.,*  
*Where: DUMBO/Janet Borden, Inc. (91 Water Street)*

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Solo exhibition of the latest collage works by Audrey Anastasi  
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Provenance is Neckles' newest print series that features a liminal figure maneuvering through space with a house structure worn

as a mask or headdress. The house structure is a replication of her maternal family home in Grenada that dates back to the turn of the 19th century, and the house, for the artist, stands in for a confrontation with past and present colonialism.  
*When: Thursdays-Sundays through July 7th, 1 – 6 p.m.*  
*Where: Crown Heights/FiveMyles (558 St. Johns Place)*

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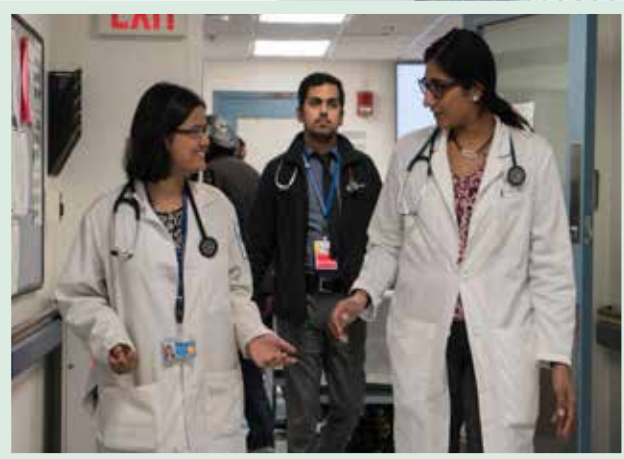


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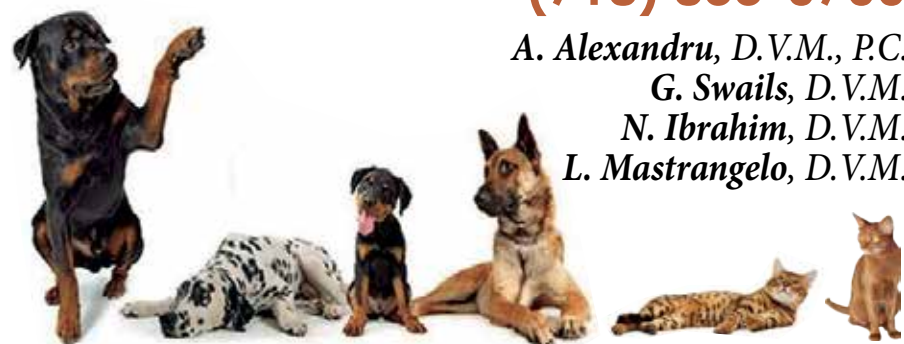


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The building on the left is the Lidgerwood foundry — or what's left of it, as seen from Valentino Pier. *INBrooklyn photos by Lore Croghan*

## Floating museums and 19th-century storehouses: Here's the Red Hook I cherish RIP LIDGERWOOD BUILDING



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**By Lore Croghan**

*INBrooklyn*

This could be your last chance to see the Lidgerwood Building. Take a good, long look.

On the Friday of Memorial Day weekend, when many Brooklyn residents were headed out of town, UPS started tearing down the former foundry at 202 Coffey St.

The package-delivery giant decided to bulldoze the 1880s red-painted brick factory without speaking to community activists who wanted to discuss ways to save the building facade closest to Louis Valentino Jr. Park and Pier.

The maritime machinery that Lidgerwood Manufacturing Company made was used in the construction of the Panama Canal and the Croton Falls Reservoir's main dam. In recent years, TV shows and movies were made in the Lidgerwood Building.

On Saturday, May 25, I took these photos of the parts of the building that were still standing after a day of demolition.

Even with a construction fence surrounding it, the Lidgerwood Building looked beautiful from the corner of Coffey and Ferris streets.

When framed by flowers in Valentino Park, the foundry seemed serene and untouchable. That illusion was comforting, if only for a moment.

I also took snapshots of the rubble and gaping walls on the north side of the Lidgerwood Building. But I can't bring myself to include them in this column. *See brooklyn eagle.com for stories that are peppered with my demolition pictures.* Oy vey.

### A WEATHER-BEATEN PENINSULA

I cherish Red Hook.

The weather-beaten peninsula is weighing so heavily on my mind because of the Lidgerwood Building that it's hard to focus on other neighborhoods. As a momentary diversion, let me show you some of the eye-catching things you can find in Red Hook.

I cherish Valentino Park, which is named for a heroic Brooklyn firefighter who died too, too young. You can see the Statue of Liberty from the pier.

I cherish the fact that there's still lots of industry in Red Hook — and lots of 19th-century industrial real estate.

I cherish the presence of magnificent cruise ships like the Queen Mary 2 that make Red Hook a port of call. You can spot them from a couple blocks away.

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The views on NYC Ferry's Red Hook route are inspiring.

# Floating museums and 19th-century storehouses: Here's the Red Hook I cherish



Here's a flower-filled view of the Merchant Stores.

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## SHIP AHOY

I love that there are not one, but two, floating museums in this shoreline neighborhood.

The Mary A. Whalen is a decommissioned oil tanker that activist Carolina Salguero has transformed into a museum and floating cultural center.

Waterway-centric nonprofit PortSide New York operates it. The tanker is easy to find — NYC Ferry built a dock right alongside it.

The other floating cultural institution is the Waterfront Museum, aka the Lehigh Valley Railroad Barge #79.

The red-painted wooden barge is about a century old. It's tied up on the shoreline beside Fairway Supermarket, which is located in one of my favorite Red Hook buildings.

I cherish the neighborhood's iconic storehouses that were built to handle goods transported on the Erie Canal. Fairway Market is located in the one called the Red Hook Stores.

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This pathway runs through the Pier 44 Waterfront Garden.

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# It was the perfect day for a community feast at St. Mary's Food Festival

BY JOHN ALEXANDER

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If you cook it, they will come, and come they did to St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church's first food festival. The Bay Ridge community poured into the intersection of 81st Street and Ridge Boulevard on Sunday, May 19 for an afternoon of great food, friendship and cultural activities.

There was music, dancing in the street and entertainment for the kids including games, face painting and a bouncy house. The Very Rev. Father Michael Elias offered tours of the newly renovated Antiochian church that has been at its current location since 1950. Two years ago, its church hall was refurbished and this past year the church itself was completely renovated.

The event was spearheaded by parishioner Chris Athineos, along with Parish Council President



City Councilmember Justin Brannan, the Very Rev. Father Michael Elias, State Sen. Andrew Gounardes and festival organizer Chris Athineos.

Daria Mayrose. The food was prepared by Majdeline Elkoury, Nahla Fattouh and dozens of cooks and volunteers who worked for an entire week in anticipation of the event.

The traditional Middle Eastern food included abundant amounts of grape leaves, kafta, kibbe,

falafel, hummus and baba-ganoush, and a dessert table overflowing with delicacies such as baklava, babousa and maamoul. They even served Lebanese wine and beer if anyone was thirsty.

"I think the festival was a huge success," said Athineos. "It was a day for everyone to celebrate Middle Eastern

It was a beautiful day for St. Mary's first food festival.

culture which included our faith, our cuisine, music and some great dance moves."

St. Mary's roots reach back to 1917 when the Assumption of the Theotokos Cathedral, now known as St. Mary's Church, came into existence in Downtown Brooklyn. Elias is only the second pastor of the church at its current location, following the Very Rev. Paul Schneirla, who served from the church's inception to 2002 when Elias took over.

"Fresh off a spectacular restoration, it was a day for our parish to share St. Mary's with the rest of the

community," explained Athineos.

Major sponsors for the event included Vincent Rohan and the Mae Ellen & Gerald Ritter Foundation, Bob Sabbagh, Charlie, Audrey and Bob Sahadi, and John Abi Habib.

Among those stopping by were state Sen. Andrew Gounardes, City Councilmember Justin Brannan, former Councilmember Vincent Gentile and former Salaam Club President Pierre Dabagh.

"This is awesome and we're gonna make this a tradition," said Brannan.

"This is what Brooklyn is all about, spending a Sunday afternoon, hanging out outside the church and enjoying food, family and friends. This is what makes our community so, so special. This is what makes Bay Ridge the small town in the big city that everyone has come to love."

Gounardes also expressed his delight with the festival. He spoke to the crowd about his close ties to St. Mary's.

"I grew up at the church down the block, the Holy Cross Church, and we are sister parishes," said Gounardes. "So to be able to come out here and celebrate this festival today is really, really special for me because we have the same traditions in my church."

"So thank you for being such stalwarts in our neighborhood," Gounardes added. "The presence of this community, the strength of this community helps build the fabric of Bay Ridge and all of Southern Brooklyn."

## Coney Island set for a sensational summer!

BY PAULA KATINAS

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The Memorial Day Weekend is over but the fun is just getting started in Coney Island, as the "People's Playground" gears up for a summer of fun and thrills.

"We are thrilled to welcome beachgoers back to our amazing Boardwalk and amusement district for the 2019 season," said Alexandra Silversmith, executive director of the Alliance for Coney Island.

The 96-year-old Riegelmann Boardwalk was declared an official New York City landmark last year. The beach is expected to attract large crowds of sun worshipers this summer. And the Cyclone, Deno's Wonder Wheel and other rides are awaiting thrill-seekers. Deno's Wonder Wheel is celebrating its 99th anniversary this year.

Two of the biggest events coming up are the Coney Island USA Annual Mermaid Parade on Saturday,

June 22, and the Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating Contest on Thursday, July 4.

Featuring marchers wearing kooky, over-the-top, risqué costumes, the Mermaid Parade is one of the largest artistic parades in the country. Now celebrating its 37th year, the parade's popularity has seen tremendous growth over the years, according to the Alliance for Coney Island.

Singer-songwriter Arlo Guthrie and his sister Nora Guthrie, a writer, have been named King Neptune and Queen Mermaid and will lead the parade. Their late father, folk music legend Woody Guthrie (1912-1967), lived for a time in Coney Island.

Alliance officials are urging spectators to come back and visit Coney Island after the parade is over to take in many of the other recreation opportunities the community has to offer, including the Coney Island Circus Sideshow, Burlesque

at the Beach and magic shows every Sunday by Magic at Coney.

The Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest, which has been held for more than 40 years, has become a nationally-known and beloved Coney Island tradition.

The contest, which features men and women eating as many hot dogs as they can in a short space of time, gets under way at 10 a.m. The fun-filled foodie war is just the start of a day of fun in Coney Island that will be capped off by the annual Fourth of July Fireworks Spectacular at 9:50 p.m. The fireworks show is sponsored by the Alliance for Coney Island.

It's shaping up to be a memorable summer season, according to Silversmith, whose organization promotes Coney Island as a tourist destination and works to improve the quality of life for neighborhood residents.

"Our landmark classics and newer rides along with



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The Mermaid Parade is one of the most popular events in the neighborhood, according to the Alliance for Coney Island.

renowned food options and attractions are ready and waiting for everyone to make new memories and take a stroll through history," Silversmith told this newspaper in an email.

Councilmember Mark Treyger, a Democrat who represents Coney Island, said he's excited about the summer season.

"Coney Island is the go-to

summer destination for city residents and tourists alike. I hope everyone has a chance to take a stroll and enjoy the Coney Island Boardwalk, which was designated as a scenic landmark on its 95th birthday last year, following years of community-driven advocacy. I welcome everyone to join in on the fun and exciting events planned for a

fantastic summer," Treyger told this newspaper.

Treyger led the effort for landmark status for the Boardwalk.

The Coney Island History Project will celebrate History Day on Sunday, June 9. There will be performances by musicians and dancers representing the cultures of all of the countries from which people have immigrated to Coney Island.

The Brooklyn Cyclones, the minor league baseball team that plays its home games in MCU Park, opens its 2019 season on Friday, June 14, with a game against their crosstown rivals, the Staten Island Yankees.

Other upcoming events include the Coney Island Music Festival on Saturday, July 20; the Coney Island Talent Show on Saturday, July 27; and the Coney Island Sand Sculpting Competition on Saturday, August 17.

For more information on Coney Island happenings, visit: [www.ConeyIsland-FunGuide.com](http://www.ConeyIsland-FunGuide.com).



# Regina Opera presents “Il Trovatore”

BY THOMAS LENIHAN

GIUSEPPE VERDI'S “IL TROVATORE” CONCLUDED REGINA OPERA'S SEASON.

The convoluted story is based on the rather morbid “El Trovador” by Spaniard Antonio Garcia Guitierrez. The Count Di Luna is in pursuit of Leonora who does not reciprocate; she loves his rival, Manrico, who serenades Leonora.

The count hates the gypsy Azucena who put a curse on his family after his father had had Azucena's mother burned at the stake. Azucena had then abducted the count's brother (in fact, Manrico!) and by mistake had thrown her own baby into the fire and raised Manrico as her own son.

This transitional opera has the format of the older bel canto style which has a slow cavatina or aria followed by a cabaletta, a fast piece which is decorated with trills etc. The cast has very strong voices and yet was easily able to perform the very decorated sections of the work.

The role of the troubadour was ably portrayed by tenor Gerardo Gaytan who rose to heights in “di Quella Pira” in which he promises to save his gypsy mother,



Manrico, the Troubadour (Gerardo Gaytan left) and his mother Azucena (Galina Ivannikova, right) pledge to kill Count DiLuna.

Azucena, from the flames of the stake; a clarion “to arms” ended the piece.

Dilara Unsal, his beloved Leonora, has a large voice that miraculously was able to navigate successfully the many intricate trills and decorations of the role.

Galina Ivannikova played Azucena. She has a stupendous voice that similarly was flexible at the same time; she went from thrilling top notes to deep chest tones with ease. Ivannikova excelled in the famous “Stride la Vampa”

in which she recalls her mother burning at the stake.

Geeseop Kim has a beautiful voice and served as Captain of the Guard. Both Ivannikova and Kim need work in diction.

Robert Garner played Count DiLuna; his rendition of “Il Balen del Duo Sorriso” (the flashing of her smile) did in fact, “shine more than a star.” His polished technique was the high-point of the performance. Garner's vocal technique was superb and totally in keeping with the style of the era.

Also in the cast was Monica Camafreita as Ines. Fabrizio Doria served as Manrico's lieutenant. Charles Gray played an old gypsy while the role of the messenger was spiritedly managed by Wayne Olsen.

The orchestra sounded magnificent under the able leadership of maestro Gregory Ortega. The chorus also gave a spectacular performance, especially during the famous “Anvil Chorus.” Stage Director Linda Lehr did the best she could given the complicated plot. The



Photos by Shweta Bist

The secret lovers, Leonora (Dilara Unsal, left) and Manrico, the troubadour (Gerardo Gaytan, right).

dramatic flow would have been much better with two intermissions instead of three. The opera was enhanced by the various fight scenes designed by

choreographer Robert Aronowitz; the scenes accompanied stirring choral and orchestral sections.

Brooklyn is so lucky to have Regina Opera. Bravi!

## Molloy's Carr drives Fontbonne out of the playoffs

BY JIM DOLAN

In the semi-final round of the 2019 GCHSAA playoffs, Eastern Division number 1 seeded Molloy hosted Western Division number 2 seeded Fontbonne in Queens at Cunningham Park.

Fontbonne had lost its last game of the regular season to Molloy two weeks earlier by a score of 4-1 as the Stanners' top player Kelsey Carr struck out 18 Bonnies. This playoff meeting would be no different for Carr and the Stanners as the Seton Hall-bound junior pitcher struck out 16 Bonnie batters.

### MOLLOY 3 FONTBONNE 0

For five innings, Fontbonne sophomore hurler Anna Bolino held power-house Molloy scoreless as she pitched out of trouble in the fourth and fifth innings with runners in scoring position. Starting the sixth



Photo by Jim Dolan

For the 2019 season, the Fontbonne Varsity Softball Team finished with a 9-3 record to earn a number 2 seed in the playoffs where they were eliminated by Molloy by a score of 3-0 in the semi-final round.

inning, Bolino could no longer hold back the Stanners' offense that put up a four-hit, three-run rally.

Leading off the sixth inning, Riley O'Connor singled; that was followed by a Kelsey Carr double. Regan Goger sent home both runners with a shot up the middle of the infield and then scored herself on an Angie Rami single for the score of 3-0 that would eventually stand up for the semi-final win.

As well as being dominant on the mound, Carr was impressive offensively, going three for three, with three doubles.

“We played them well up until the sixth inning,” stated Fontbonne Coach Frank Marinello. “It just ended too soon for us!”

Moving on in the playoffs, Molloy advanced to the final round where the Stanners beat the Eastern Division number 1 seeded Clippers of Xaverian for the championship title.



# Bay Ridge Greenmarket ribbon-cutting celebrates 12th anniversary

BY JOHN ALEXANDER

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On Saturday, May 25, the Bay Ridge Grow NYC Greenmarket celebrated its 12th season grand opening with a fun day that included music, free raffles, prizes and an appropriately green-colored ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Councilmember Justin Brannan, who represents Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights and Bensonhurst, helped host the event spotlighting one of the few places in the community — in the parking lot of Walgreens on 94th Street and Third Avenue — where residents can find fruits and vegetables fresh from the farm, as well as fresh seafood and baked breads from regional purveyors.

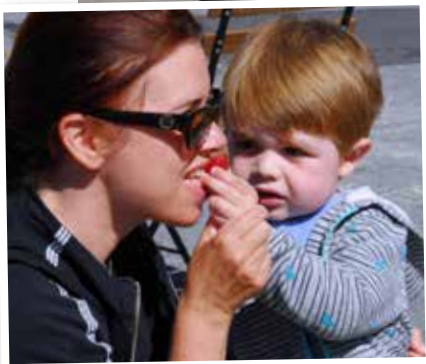
The Greenmarket, dubbed by some “Bay Ridge’s Town Square,” is a place where residents shop, share recipes and catch up with their neighbors while finding some of the freshest fruits and vegetables in the borough. In fact, it is the place to go on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Brannan welcomed the crowd and offered a brief history of how the Greenmarket came to the neighborhood. It all started when he and former City Councilmember Vincent Gentile learned that a number of local supermarkets — including the Key Food located where Walgreens is today — were closing their doors. They came up with the idea of introducing Grow NYC’s Greenmarket to Bay Ridge.



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City Councilmember Justin Brannan prepares to cut the ribbon at the Greenmarket.



Rebecca Rock getting a taste of a fresh strawberry from little Declan.

“We thought that this parking lot would be an ideal spot,” said Brannan.

Gentile’s team had to approach Walgreens and ask for permission to allow the Greenmarket to set up. “Walgreens wanted to be a good neighbor,” said Gentile, “and agreed to let us partner with them and come into their parking lot every Saturday from May to November.”

This year, Brannan is especially pleased to have a new composting site at the Greenmarket. “Composting is back,” said Brannan. “Stop by and pick up a free bag of organic mulch thanks to Grow NYC and DSNY. Makes a great stocking stuffer,” he added. Brannan also happily posed with

Scrapy the compost container.

The vendors who make up the Greenmarket include American Pride Seafood from Suffolk County,

New York; Bread Alone from Ulster County, New York; Goodale Farms, which provides dairy, meat and vegetables; Jersey Farms with fruit and vegetables from Hunterdon County, New Jersey; Toigo Orchards from Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; and Wager’s Cider Mill from Yates County, New York.

“This started out because the supermarkets were closing down in the neighborhood,” Brannan told this paper. “We fought



Barbara Nitto and her mom Joann shopping at the Greenmarket.

to get a Greenmarket and it just stuck. It became a neighborhood tradition and now it’s our little town square where people come every weekend to catch up and hang out.

“This is the only place in the neighborhood where you can get food direct from farmers from around the Tri-State area. So it’s just a very special tradition,” added Brannan.



Shoppers check out the beautiful flowers.

## Sunset Park’s NYU Langone Hospital-Brooklyn to receive program to reduce opioid deaths

BY JAIME DEJESUS

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Sunset Park’s NYU Langone Hospital-Brooklyn is one of two hospitals in the city selected by the New York City Department of Health to receive an opioid overdose program called Relay, which is part of HealingNYC, an effort to reduce opioid overdose deaths.

The program focuses on people who have survived an opioid overdose and therefore are at increased risk of fatal overdose. In the hours after an overdose event, a Relay “wellness advocate” — a trained peer advocate with firsthand experience of substance use — meets the patient in the emergency department to offer overdose risk reduction counseling, opioid overdose rescue training, and a naloxone kit.

NYU Langone-Brooklyn is now one of the 10 hospitals citywide to offer the program.

“The Relay program meets New Yorkers at very high risk of overdose death at a critical time of need,” said



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Health Commissioner Dr. Oxiris Barbot. “By offering overdose education and naloxone, referring patients to effective treatment with buprenorphine or methadone, and making connections to harm reduction programs and other social services, wellness advocates are keeping people who use drugs safe and preventing future overdose. We are pleased to have the NYU Langone network, which has an impressive history of treating people who use drugs.”

Participating hospitals contact Relay 24/7 to dispatch a wellness

advocate to meet the patient. Wellness advocates stay in contact with patients for up to 90 days and connect them to appropriate support services, including overdose prevention, harm reduction, substance use disorder treatment, and social services such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and emergency housing.

“An expanded Relay program will help those people who have survived an opioid overdose but are still at risk of overdosing in the future,” added Assemblymember Felix Ortiz. “Trained peer advocates can help patients avoid future abuse problems. I welcome this new effort at the NYU Langone Hospital in Brooklyn. Every measure we can take to help save lives makes a difference.”

Relay launched in June 2017, and had distributed 1,308 naloxone kits and engaged 851 participants as of April, 2019.

According to the Department of Health, the city’s goal is to address the opioid epidemic and save as many as 400 lives by 2022.



Councilmember Justin Brannan happily poses with Scrapy the compost container.



# BROOKLYN KIDS HONOR WWI VETS

## AT GREEN-WOOD CEMETERY



LOCAL SCOUTS HELPED PLACE FLAGS ON THE GRAVES OF 285 WWI VETERANS AT GREEN-WOOD CEMETERY ON SATURDAY. ebrooklyn media / Photos by Corazón Aguirre

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In recognition of Memorial Day, dozens of young people gathered at Green-Wood Cemetery Saturday morning to place flags on the graves of 285 World War I veterans. The volunteers came from Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops across Brooklyn, and were led by Jeff Richman, Green-Wood’s resident historian.

After brief remarks from Richman highlighting a few of the vets whose graves would be decorated, the kids broke into small groups and set off across the cemetery with maps, lists of names and small American flags.

“The good news is we did 3,000 flags in 2007 for Civil War veterans, and we got that done,” Richman told the crowd. “We’re doing a little under 300 today, so this should be no problem.”

Richman and a group of volunteers began searching historical records in 2017 to identify WWI vets buried at Green-Wood ahead of the 100-year anniversary of Armistice Day. They located 285 graves, and have published detailed biographies of each WWI veteran on the cemetery’s website. <https://www.green-wood.com/2017/biographies-of-world-war-i-veterans-part-one/>

Richman estimates there are at least 10,000 veterans buried at the cemetery, and that around 5,000 of those interred fought in the Civil War.

Phillip Lehpamer, a former insurance actuary who has volunteered with the cemetery for 20 years and previously helped to identify its Civil War graves, says Green-Wood’s extensive archives are a wellspring of historical and genealogical data.

“The amount of material on historic New York is absolutely amazing. If you have a passion for history or New York City, this is the best place,” Lehpamer said.

Even with extensive records, actually locating a grave among the roughly 600,000 in the 478-acre cemetery isn’t always easy, given that many of the older tombstones are illegible, or long ago sank into the ground.

Scout Leader Joselyn Aviles scanned the provided maps with her two sons and her niece on Saturday morning, wandering up and down rows of weathered tombstones and searching for the names on her list.

Though locating some of the graves was tricky, Aviles said she was glad they came.

“Everybody always barbecues and hangs out, but this way the kids get to really see what this is all about,” said Aviles. “They can actually see the tombs of people and get an understanding of the contributions people made to our country.”



Green-Wood resident historian Jeff Richman assigns sections and maps to the audience.





Boy Scouts placed a flag in memory of WWI veteran Gerard T. Oberle Sr.



Boy Scouts placed a flag in memory of WWI veteran Samuel Caldwell.



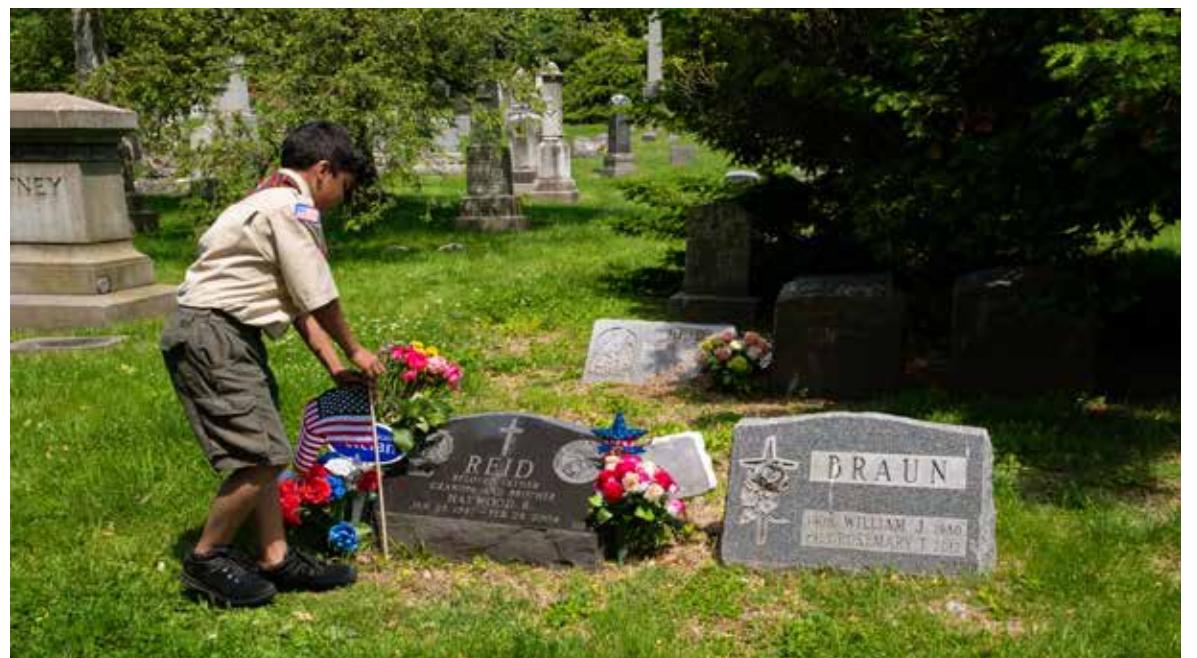
Boy Scouts read the inscription of the tombstone of WWI veteran Howard Arlington Church.



Boy Scout Varun Persad places a flag in memory of WWI veteran Fred Rusch.



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Boy Scout Rhoma Persad places a flag in memory of WWI veteran Haywood Reid.



# Ezra Jack Keats Bookmaking Competition winners are from Brooklyn

BY JOHN ALEXANDER

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Young Brooklyn writers and illustrators were well-represented in the prestigious 33rd annual Ezra Jack Keats Bookmaking Competition. In fact, two of the three top city awardees this year are from the borough.

The awards are presented by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, in partnership with the New York City Department of Education. Students in grades three to 12 are eligible to compete.

At the award ceremony, held on Friday, May 17 at the central branch of the Brooklyn Public Library, the city and borough winners and honorable mention recipients were given medals.

In addition, the city winners received \$500, and the borough winners, \$100. Each team of educators who assisted the winners received a certificate and a collection of children's books contributed by Penguin Random House, the publisher of the books of Ezra Jack Keats.

"For the eighth year, Brooklyn Public Library is proud to showcase the beautifully innovative books made by our city's talented young writers and illustrators," said Kimberly Grad, coordinator of School Age Services at Brooklyn Public Library and one of the judges of the competition.

"The students who participated in this year's EJKB Bookmaking Competition



Photos by Gregg Richards

City, borough and honorable mention students who were recognized in the Ezra Jack Keats Bookmaking Competition.



City winner Annie Li with English teacher Monica Rowley.



City winner Sofia Kudelina working on her project.

which is my main goal."

She went on to explain that the theme of her book, letting go of one's clutter, can be beneficial to finding purpose in life. "This book was a perfect opportunity for exploration, and winning the award serves as a milestone," she said, adding, "I will use the prize money to visit my grandmother in Russia."

Li also viewed the award as a validation of something she loves to do. "I live in Borough Park. Winning the Ezra Jack Keats Bookmaking Competition really means a lot to me because it



City winner Annie Li working on her book.

recognition for his talent, inspiring him to pursue his dreams. We are proud to support today's public schools, to help inspire the Ezra Jack Keatses of tomorrow."

Tenth grader Annie Li from Brooklyn Technical High School earned top honors for her work "A Magical Place." Eighth grader Sofia Kudelina from Brooklyn's I.S. 98 Bay Academy for Arts & Sciences won for her book "Clutter." Fifth graders Dasha Villalba and Mariana Ramos from P.S. 63 in Queens were awarded for their book "The Day that Changed the World Forever."

Kudelina, who lives in Coney Island, was thrilled to receive the award. "Winning the Ezra Jack Keats Bookmaking Competition means that I've grown and improved as an artist," said Kudelina. "It also shows me that my artwork can reach people in a special way

gives me the motivation to draw more and is proof that art can really get me places," Li told this paper.

The selection panel was composed of librarians, artists, teachers and others involved in promoting diversity in children's literature, with the main focus on the quality of writing, illustrations and presentation.

Pope said she was proud of everyone who entered the competition. "The students, educators and families who dedicate themselves to creating these books are proof of the success possible in our public schools," said Pope.

"The quality of the books they create are proof of the wealth of talent and resolve to be found throughout our public school student body. I am so proud to be part of this program because it provides a platform on which our children can shine."

truly embody the spirit of Ezra Jack Keats, who inspired so many readers and writers with his groundbreaking work," Grad went on.

The Ezra Jack Keats Bookmaking Competition is divided into three levels: Grades three to five, six to eight and nine to 12.

"Imaginative young writers and illustrators from public schools in each borough have spent months creating and polishing these stunning books," says Deborah Pope, executive director of the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation.

"It was in public school that Ezra first received





Honorees Rivolye Alex, Marilyn Brown, Patricia Gregory, Ruth Cohen, Marcia Headley, Ng So Sim and Shirley Luck with, from left, Maria Alvarez, Nan Blackshear and Jacqueline Kennedy-Sadler in the back row.

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## Brooklyn-Wide Interagency Council on Aging stages ninth annual Outstanding Senior Service Awards

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The theme of this year's Older Americans Month was "Connect, create and contribute." In keeping with those imperatives, Brooklyn Borough Hall hosted the Brooklyn-wide Interagency Council on Aging's ninth annual Outstanding Senior Service Awards. BWICA singled out seniors who have applied energy, creativity and compassion to making the lives of those around them easier and more fulfilling.

BWICA's process permits people involved in senior organizations to nominate volunteers whose efforts reflect exceptional commitment and effort on behalf of New York State's largest senior community.

Ruth Cohen, president of the Jewish Association for Services for the Aged at the Hebrew Educational Society, was one of seven honorees singled out for their exceptional contributions. Also honored were Rivolye Alex, Marilyn Brown, Patricia Gregory Marcia Headley, Shirley Luck and Ng So Sim.

Sue Ann Partnow, program director of the JASA Senior Center at the HES, said, "This was a wonderful opportunity to honor one of our hard working volunteers. I sent in Ruth's bio and wasn't surprised when she was selected to receive this special recognition."

"Ruth is the center's Energizer Bunny," said Partnow, as she spoke about Cohen's dedication to the center and the members of JASA. "She's involved in every aspect of the center, making my life so much easier. There's no job too big or too small."

"Volunteering is what gets me out of bed in the morning," said Cohen. "It gives me something to get dressed for and someplace to go. The center is my home away from home."

Ng So Sim, 90, is from China. After receiving her award based on her work at Homecrest Community Services, Ng immediately returned to her seat, not realizing the audience expected her to comment. Ng spoke in Chinese, her comments then translated by presenter Karen Zhou.

In keeping with the theme of volunteering, the audience was invited to work on behalf of both

their peers in the elder community and the wider Brooklyn community.

"Many of you have gifts," said BWICA Outreach Specialist Leslie Sierra. "I want to talk to you about volunteering for SMP, Senior Medicare Patrol, that helps seniors prevent, detect and report instances of Medicare fraud. Most of you have good street smarts and good street cred. You know what you're doing. You can help."

Sierra went on to outline how potential volunteers might offer their time and effort. "When you volunteer," she continued, "that means you can give me say two hours next Tuesday—we might be able to use you. We know you care," she concluded, "because you're here."

Borough Hall Community Affairs Director Nan Blackshear apologized for the borough president's absence: "You know Eric Adams has been all over," she said, "but I'm here to continue our celebration with proclamations for each honoree."

New York City Department for the Aging Brooklyn Community Outreach

Director Charise Lawrence, presented awards on behalf of the department's commissioner, Lorraine Cortez-Vazquez.

"I'm always so happy to come here and see what I see," said Lawrence. "I know the selection process was made with a lot of integrity and consideration. We thank you from the Department for the Aging for what you do each and every day."

BWICA Executive Director Maria Alvarez outlined some of the organization's recent and forthcoming activities. "We just came back from Albany to lobby for a state-wide standard on nurse-patient staffing ratios," she said. "And also the New York Health Act, which would bring single payer to our state. We had maybe two buses for seniors from the other boroughs, but four buses just for Brooklyn residents."

In the fall, BWICA will hold a Health Care Summit explaining how to sign up for Medicare once open enrollment season begins. This will take place on Wednesday, October 23 from 9:45 a.m. to noon at Borough Hall, and is free and open to the public.



Sue Ann Partnow with honoree Ruth Cohen.



Borough Hall Community Affairs Director Nan Blackshear presents proclamation to Patricia Gregory.





# IN PUBLIC SERVICE

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## GOUNARDES PASSES HISTORIC VETERAN BENEFITS LEGISLATION

The New York State Senate has passed State Sen. Andrew Gounardes' credit expansion for civil service appointments as part of a historic veteran benefits package.

The bill, introduced and sponsored by Gounardes, allows anyone who served in the armed forces to receive credits for civil service appointments and promotions. Currently, the state only provides additional credits for veterans who served during wartime. Gounardes' bill would provide parity among all armed forces veterans.

"We must honor all the brave men and women who served in our military and choose to continue their public service by working in government," said Gounardes, whose district includes Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, Bensonhurst, Gravesend and Marine Park.

"Passing this constitutional amendment will eliminate the barriers that

help some veterans but hold others back. We should reward their service and give them every opportunity and benefit we can to help them succeed when they come home. I'm proud to be the lead sponsor of this measure, and I'll be even more proud when we finally enact this measure," Gounardes added.

In addition to the credit expansion, Gounardes voted for a host of other veteran benefits bills as part of his commitment to the men and women in uniform who perform a heroic service by making the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

The legislation was passed on Tuesday, May 14, the annual 10th Mountain Division and Fort Drum Day, which highlights the contributions to the region and state made by the men and women of the North Country's military installation. —JA

## HOUSE APPROVES VELÁZQUEZ AMENDMENT

The House recently approved an amendment proposed by U.S. Rep. Nydia Velázquez to reinstitute disclosure requirements for home mortgage loans companies.

The amendment is part of the Consumers First Act, a bill designed to strengthen the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Velázquez's amendment would mean that disclosure requirements meant to prevent discrimination in home lending would be restored.

Specifically, Velázquez's amendment would reinstate a requirement put in place by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act that any bank or credit union that makes more than 25 mortgage loans or 100 equity lines of credit per year report in detail the loan characteristics.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street

Reform and Consumer Protection Act, commonly known as Dodd-Frank, is a federal law enacted in 2010 in reaction to the financial collapse of 2008 that made significant changes to the country's entire financial regulatory system.

"If we are going to root out and prevent home loan discrimination, we need an accurate picture of the lending markets," Velázquez said in a statement. "Dodd-Frank instituted important requirements in this regard, but in the last Congress, legislation was passed exempting 85 percent of banks and credit unions from loan reporting requirements. My amendment would put these requirements back in place, helping prevent lending discrimination."

Velázquez, a Democrat, represents several neighborhoods in Brooklyn and Manhattan. —PK

## ORTIZ WANTS DRIVER'S LICENSES FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

Assemblymember Felix Ortiz said New York State should allow undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses.

"Anyone living in New York should be able to obtain a driver's license. Withholding driver's licenses from people without a Social Security card is not the safest thing to do and it's morally not the right thing to do," said Ortiz, a Democrat representing Sunset Park and parts of Bay Ridge. "These people live in our communities and should be able to get a library card, open a bank account, identify themselves in an emergency and take care of

the needs of their family without additional stress."

Ortiz contended that allowing undocumented workers to obtain driver's licenses will make streets safer.

"Anyone who legally drives in New York needs to take a driver's exam and obtain insurance, making the roads safer in New York than they are now. Even though it's against the law, some people are driving without a license so they can get to their job, take care of their children or participate in community activities," he said.

In other news, Ortiz announced that he has opened a new district office at 4907 Fourth Ave. —PK

## ROSE SECURES SUPPORT FROM EVERY FRESHMAN DEMOCRAT FOR 9/11 VICTIM COMPENSATION FUND



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**U.S. Rep. Max Rose at a recent new recruit swearing in ceremony at Fort Hamilton Army Base.**

U.S. Rep. Max Rose, an Army combat veteran who is leading a bipartisan effort to build support from new members to renew and fund the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) permanently, has secured every freshman Democrat as a co-sponsor of the "Never Forget the Heroes: Permanent Authorization of the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Act."

Rose also secured the endorsement of the legislation by the bipartisan Problem

Solvers Caucus. The legislation, of which Rose is an original co-sponsor, has now eclipsed 290 co-sponsors, guaranteeing it will receive a vote on the House floor this Congress.

"The message we're sending is loud and clear: we must permanently renew and fully fund the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund," said Rose, who represents Bay Ridge, Southwest Brooklyn and Staten Island.

"I'm proud to see such unanimous support from the entire class of freshman Democrats, as well as growing bipartisan support for this effort, because never forgetting needs to be backed up by actions. Every day, first responders and their families are living with the consequences of their service to our city and our country. We need to be fighting for them every single day as well."

In addition to fighting to renew and fund the 9/11 VCF permanently, Rose has helped secure \$170,000 in VCF benefits for constituents who were experiencing trouble or delays in receiving the benefits they earned and deserved from their service on 9/11 and in the days following. —JA

## MYRIE PRESENTS VETERANS' HALL OF FAME AWARD

State Sen. Zellnor Myrie presented a New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame Award to Gerard Placide, a singer, community leader and a military veteran.

Placide, a native of Trinidad and Tobago, served as a soldier in the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry Division and has been called upon to sing at numerous events.

During his career, Placide has had the opportunity to perform for Queen Elizabeth of England, former Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama, former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and late Sen. John McCain.

"While Mr. Placide lifts the spirit with the gift of music, he also lifts up his people with his participation in cross-cultural engagement and service to our immigrants. We are proud to have Mr. Placide as a member of our community," Myrie said in a statement.

"Being honored by the very government I serve is indeed an honor," Placide stated. "This award, though I am humbled by it, really is for all of us who have served. Being a part of not just



Photo courtesy of State Sen. Zellnor Myrie

**Gerard Placide accepts the prestigious New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame Award from State Sen. Zellnor Myrie during a ceremony in Albany.**

the greatest arsenal in the world, I see my role as a brick in a wall where each brick functions as a catalyst towards the mission."

Myrie, a Democrat who represents Crown Heights and parts of Park Slope and Sunset Park, presented the award in Albany on May 21. —PK

## CITY COUNCIL CALLS FOR INCREASED FUNDING TO SUPPORT HOMELESS STUDENTS

City Councilmember Mark Treyger joined Christine Quinn, president and CEO of WIN (formerly Women in Need); Executive Director of the Citizens' Committee for Children Jennifer March; and Executive Director of Advocates for Children of New York Kim Sweet at a press conference calling on City Hall to fund 100 social workers in schools with the highest concentration of students living in shelters — an important increase at a time when city schools have a record number of students who are homeless.

According to statement from Treyger, there were 114,000 homeless children in New York City public schools during the 2017-2018 school year, about one in every 10 students. As the final city budget is negotiated, advocates and elected officials are asking for funding for at least 100 "Bridging the Gap" social workers to address the needs of students experiencing homelessness.

The press conference was held on Tuesday, May 28 on the steps of City Hall. —JA



## OPINION

### YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

We had a wonderful Memorial Day in Bay Ridge. A day dedicated to remembering and honoring those members of the military who gave their lives in defense of our country and its freedoms enjoyed near-perfect weather.

For me, the day began with the Brooklyn Conservative Party's annual POW/MIA flag presentation ceremony at Look Out Point, 81st Street and Shore Road. This ceremony has taken place every year since 1982. For the past 15 years, St. Anselm's Boy Scout Troop 13 has joined in and participated in the ceremony.

Last September, Frances Vella-Marrone became the new chairperson of the Brooklyn party, succeeding me. This was the first ceremony that Fran chaired and

she did great.

The large gathering heard Fran discuss the many thousands who remain missing in action, unaccounted-for, on foreign land.

Each year through the efforts of the United States government and the National League of POW/MIA families, a small number of the missing are located, identified through military forensic efforts and laid to rest with full honors in their hometowns or at Arlington.

There are currently 1,598 Americans now listed by the Department of Defense as missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War. One hundred and four are from New York State. Since last Memorial Day, four Americans missing in action from Laos and Vietnam have been identified, the last being Lt. Richard

Lannon, USNR, on September 25, 2018.

Mike Long, the former state chairperson of the Conservative Party and the individual who started this tradition in Bay Ridge in 1982, was present and spoke. So did former State Sen. Marty Golden who was the grand marshal of the Memorial Day Parade. Assemblymembers Nicole Malliotakis and Simcha Eichenstein also gave remarks.

We pledge each year "Never to Forget." In my opinion, the best way never to forget is to remember through events such as ceremonies like this one and the parade that followed.

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Brooklyn's Memorial Day Committee chaired by Ray Aalbue did an outstanding job organizing this 152nd annual event — the oldest



#### COMMON SENSE

BY JERRY KASSAR

**We pledge each year "Never to Forget." In my opinion, the best way never to forget is to remember through events such as ceremonies like this one and the parade that followed.**

Memorial Day Parade in the nation, first held in 1867. Former Sen. Golden, the grand marshal, and the American Legion — which is celebrating its 100th anniversary — shared honors.

The weather was great, helping this parade to enjoy along its Third Avenue route one of the largest crowds

in recent years. I marched from 76th Street to the reviewing stand at John Paul Jones Park. There were many blocks where the crowd was three and four deep, and hardly a block did not have a full house.

There were marching bands, numerous veterans groups, and active military and reserve groups. The NYPD and FDNY were well-represented as were the auxiliary police. Political groups like the Brooklyn Conservative Party and Verrazano Republican Club marched behind their banners.

Assemblymember Nicole Malliotakis also marched with a large contingent behind her banner. State Sen.

Andrew Gounardes could be seen along the sidelines and Rep. Max Rose was hopping all around. I did not see Councilmember Brannan, but understand he was marching too.

There was a very large group of Vietnam veterans gathered near the reviewing stand waiting to hear from the Fort Hamilton Army garrison commander and other officials as well as for the presentation of honors to former Sen. Golden and the American Legion.

Bay Ridge, and its many organizations and elected officials showed that they know the meaning of Memorial Day. We should be proud that we live in such a community.

### MARCH TO A DIFFERENT BEAT

This past Monday, Bay Ridge once again hosted the oldest, continuously running Memorial Day parade in the country.

In addition to Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, high schools, and veterans representing different branches of the armed forces, the parade again featured various political entities. Elected officials marching included Rep. Max Rose, State Sen. Andrew Gounardes, Assemblymembers Mathilde Frontus and Nicole Malliotakis, Borough President Eric Adams, Public Advocate Jumaane Williams and Councilmember Justin Brannan.

Political groups like the Kings County Conservative Party and the Bay Ridge Democrats marched behind their banners as well.

I had planned to march with one of the political

groups but, as is often the case, as a father of two young boys, unexpected parenting responsibilities forced me to alter my plans at the last moment.

After hearing from others who participated that they faced heckling along the route, I thought of my sons, who I want to enjoy the parade in years to come, and of how the tenor of anything remotely political is becoming increasingly mean-spirited.

I understand that politicians and political groups, by definition, debate ideas and those with opposing views will let them be known, especially in Brooklyn. But is a family event dedicated to remembering those who have lost their lives in service to our country the appropriate venue to air those disagreements, as taunts, no less?

Whether Democrats or

Republicans, those who took part in the parade did so in honor of the fallen and out of a sense of community.

This heckling was indicative of an ever-increasing lack of civility in our political discourse. And though this tone cannot be attributed to one person, in recent years it has certainly emanated from the top.

**Whether Democrats or Republicans, those who took part in the parade did so in honor of the fallen and out of a sense of community.**

Just a day and a half earlier, the president dismissed aggressive missile tests by North Korea because, in his own words, he "smiled when [Kim Jong Un] called Swampman Joe Biden [sic] a low IQ individual." When you are so in favor of a political opponent being



#### MATTER OF FACT

BY JAY BROWN

insulted that you defend a dictator who tortured an American to death, something has truly broken down.

Donald Trump's remarks, which he later deleted on Twitter, again led me to think of my sons. Though they often fight with each other, they each always defend their brother from anyone outside our family who does them wrong.

It's not to say that there aren't politicians who do make this distinction. Though I seldom agree with GOP Rep Peter King (NY-2), he deserves credit for saying that it is "Never right to side with [a] murderous dictator vs. [a] fellow American."

Locally, as Brooklyn's Muslim community has been observing the holy month of Ramadan the past few weeks, we have seen this political incivility manifest itself in forms of intolerance which, just a few years ago, people didn't seem comfortable outwardly sharing.

On May 29, Cocoa Grinder held an Iftar dinner, free to all members of the community, as did the Beit El-Maqdis Islamic Center two days later. On May 11, several local representatives sponsored an Iftar dinner.

Though opportunities to gather with our neighbors in goodwill should be embraced, social media posts about the event sponsored by local legislators were rife with gripes that

politicians shouldn't be sponsoring events tied to religious holidays.

Given the long-standing tradition of Christmas tree and menorah lightings and Easter egg hunts being hosted by elected officials, the Iftar was not as much special treatment as it was an attempt at more equal treatment. The fact that the dialogue online devolved into ignorant, Islamophobic comments was as expected is it was distressing.

I'm hoping more people take cues from kids like my sons: To pull together when attacked from outside, and to welcome the differences that make our community great. When it comes to our political discourse, it is really time to put away childish things.



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## OPINION

Focus on  
Bay Ridge

By Charles F. Otey

Why do they keep honoring  
former Sen. Marty Golden?*Many recognize civic deeds as vital leadership qualifier*

When Our Lady of Grace Parish holds its Communion breakfast on Sunday, June 9, one of the day's honorees will be former state Sen. **Marty Golden**. Sharing the honors, we should note, are OLG parishioners **Sue Fortunato** and **Esher Soscia**.

Credit is certainly due to the parishioners, but it's hard not to notice that over the past year former Sen. Golden has been honored at parades, breakfasts, luncheons, dinners and all sorts of celebrations.

Just this past Monday he was grand marshal of the Brooklyn Memorial Day Parade — the nation's oldest, which ended appropriately at John Paul Jones Park, adjacent to our own Fort Hamilton Army Base.

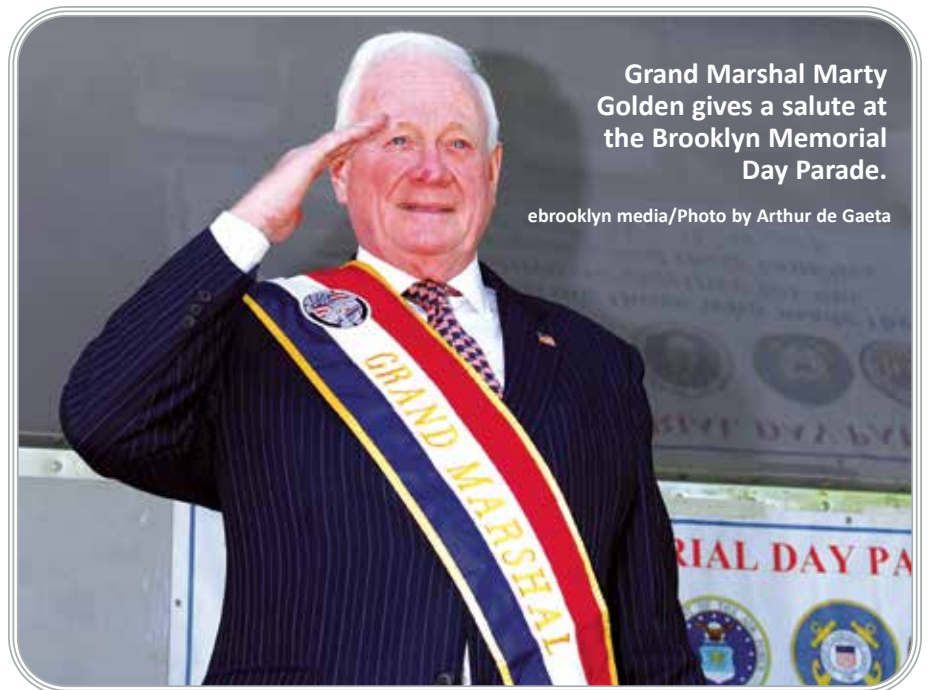
Clearly his eight terms in Albany, in addition to service in the City Council, have

stirred a flow of appreciation from the communities he formerly served.

**An established leader  
before he sought office**

Also making a difference here is that the former lawmaker had spent several years becoming a civic and business leader before he was first elected to the City Council. For instance, he spearheaded the rejuvenation of the Fifth Avenue Board of Trade, which had struggled for decades following the devastating economic losses brought on by the destruction of thousands of dwellings to make way for the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge approaches.

He had a lot of help in those days from leaders like **Jim Clark**, **Mike Long**, **Basil**



Grand Marshal Marty Golden gives a salute at the Brooklyn Memorial Day Parade.

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**Capetanakis, Bob Howe, Pat Condren, John Logue, Sandy Vallas, Larry Morrish, and Peter and Pat Killen.**

For this and other volunteer endeavors, such as launching the vaunted Greater Bay Ridge Clean-Up Campaign with the late **Mike Behlen**, the aforementioned Morrish and Howe, the name Marty Golden was a household word in these southwestern Brooklyn neighborhoods long before he sent out his first piece of campaign literature.

Much of what we say here these days is part of an effort to show why true volunteer leaders like Golden, who had the ability and the means to bring out hundreds of concerned Ridgeites to wield brooms and join in marches to save Fort Hamilton, will find their tasks much more difficult in the depersonalizing arrival of the internet age.

No column or message dealing with outstanding volunteerism would be complete unless we cited a woman who devoted hundreds of hours and days to sustaining and leading the treasured Ragamuffin Parade Committee while simultaneously serving as the active and imaginative partner in Golden's many contributions: **Colleen Golden**, mother of two talented and true sons.

A few years back, she relinquished the Ragamuffin reins and the committee is now run by the very able and affable **Rose Gangi**.

Colleen never ran for office, but it goes without saying that if it weren't for her drive and understanding we wouldn't be wondering why so many want to honor and single out her husband, who otherwise might still be running the Bay Ridge Manor with brother Patrick.

We no longer can get hundreds to show up for just about anything because so many feel

they're fulfilling their civic responsibilities by sitting at home "attending" meetings on Skype, getting hits on their iPhones and achieving the "going viral" jackpot.

**In Golden's civic background,  
a cast of thousands**

Since hardly anybody is the same person they seem to be on Facebook and other virtual venues, it's often hard to distinguish the doers and thinkers from the negativists and the tinkers.

What's different about Golden — and this is in no way intended to slight Sen. **Andrew Gounardes** or Councilmember **Justin Brannan** — is that he met, talked and worked with literally thousands of people in this part of Brooklyn strictly as a volunteer civic leader.

So, at least to partially understand why he has been the most sought-after honoree here in recent years, newcomers and many others who see all public activity through a partisan political lens should understand that he was more than a politician when he first entered politics.

**Is true volunteerism  
over in internet age?**

Golden's election, as millennials might say, was "organic" in the sense that he established his civic and business leadership well before he ran for City Council and won back in 1997.

Former Councilmember **Vincent Gentile**, you should know, was an active volunteer, especially through his work on behalf of the Bay Ridge Community Council. His service earned him the BRCC's Civic Award. Then-citizen Golden was also a Civic Award honoree.

Though the digital age has taken a terrible toll on volunteerism here and just about everywhere else, the spirit of civic endeavor is alive and mainly well here through the dedication of leaders such as **Ralph Succar**, president of the BRCC, which is holding its annual dinner dance on June 4 at the Rex Manor.

The BRCC, despite the modern-day challenges it faces in luring members and spectators out to meetings and events, perseveres in its main role — highlighting the civic good that is done here through individuals and organizations.

Winners of the 2019 Civic Award to be recognized that night are **Marianne Nicolosi**, who runs the Bay Ridge Center, and **Brian Chin**, vice president of Northfield Bank, whose career here proves the adage that if you have a big task, give it to a busy person.

In closing: There are those who sincerely believe that internet activism is every bit as valuable and important as actually showing up at events. If I had to sum up with a brief response to any cybernaut opposing human, in-person participation as being conclusively far more desirable, worthwhile and long-lasting than internetting, my response would simply be four words: Marty and Colleen Golden.



Former Sen. Marty Golden (third from left) received the Kings County Conservative Party's Ronald Reagan Americanism Award at a brunch last month. He is pictured with New York State Conservative Party Chair Jerry Kassar, Kings County Conservative Party Chair Fran Vella-Marrone and former New York State Conservative Party Chair Mike Long (left to right).

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Colleen Golden

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Former Councilmember Vincent Gentile

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Councilmember Justin Brannan

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# OPINION



## GENERALLY SPEAKING

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BY THEODORE GENERAL

# Remembering D-Day 75 years ago



Military color guard at the Memorial Day Parade.



Girl scouts on parade.



Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams and Public Advocate Jumaane Williams.



The 369 Experience Band.



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D-day landing at Omaha Beach in Normandy, France.



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Fort Hamilton High School marching band members playing TAPS at the post parade ceremony.

June 6, 2019 marks the 75th anniversary of the landing of U.S. armed forces at Omaha Beach in Normandy, France during World War II. Known as Operation Overlord, the allied invasion of Europe resulted in the largest amphibious attack in military history and the eventual defeat of the Nazi forces. \*\*\*

Bay Ridge once again hosted Brooklyn's annual

Memorial Day Parade. It was the 152nd year this parade has taken place. It started back in 1867 when Brooklyn was an independent city and the third largest in America.

This year's grand marshal was former New York State Sen. **Marty Golden**, an Army veteran, former city councilmember and decorated NYPD officer.

In commemoration of its founding of the American

Legion, America's first veterans service organization, the group was designated as the "deputy grand marshal." This marked the first time a group as a whole has been so designated. It was no doubt an outstanding parade, the largest and longest Memorial Parade in New York City and Long Island. \*\*\*

Brooklyn Borough Historian **Ron Schweiger** will

be the main speaker at the June 6 monthly meeting of the Society of Old Brooklynites, at 6:30 p.m., at Brooklyn Borough Hall.

His presentation will be on the historic, horrendous Malbone Street train wreck which took place in Brooklyn over 100 years ago, and still remains the worst subway accident in New York City history. In

addition to society members, the program is open to the public.

## OP-ED

# Next steps to fix New York's archaic election laws

New York State has the dubious honor of having one of the worst voting rates in the entire country. During the last presidential primary in 2016, a measly 22 percent of eligible voters cast their ballot. According to FairVote, New York ranked 44th out of 50 states for turnout in the November 2018 election.

But there is a bright spot. We are finally making progress, and we are making it quickly. With Democrats gaining control of the State Senate last November, the legislature has already passed several historic election reform bills this session that have languished in the Senate for years.

This includes common-sense bills to allow for early voting, online voter registration and the consolidation of federal and state primaries. The legislature also passed constitutional amendments to enact same-day voter registration and no-excuse absentee voting, which will need to be passed again in the next legislative session and then approved by a statewide public referendum.

With less than five weeks remaining in the legislative session, there is more work to do to fix our election laws and make it easier to vote. We must move the deadline for registered voters to enroll in or change their party affiliation.

New York State's deadline to change party enrollment is the most restrictive deadline in the entire country. Under current law, registered voters seeking to change

their party enrollment need to do so up to eight months before the primary election. This is long before many people have even started thinking about voting and is often long before we know who is running for office.

Nearly three million New Yorkers are not enrolled in a major party. Those voters are, in many parts of the state including New York City, effectively disenfranchised by the current deadline. For example, if an unaffiliated voter wanted to vote in a June primary, they would have had to enroll in a party in October of the preceding year in order to vote! That just doesn't make sense.

You might be asking, "Why does this matter?"

It matters because in many areas — as is true in New York City for example — the key decisions are made in the more competitive primaries rather than in the general election.

In New York, voters' voices have the most impact in a primary election. We ought to ensure that voters can more easily participate in all steps of the electoral process, including the candidate selection process.

Senator Brian Kavanagh and I sponsor a bill (A1423), which would allow currently registered voters to change their party affiliation or to enroll in a party up to 25



BY ASSEMBLYMEMBER JO ANNE SIMON

days before a primary election, the same deadline as new voter registration.

This is a fair and feasible path forward since the Board of Elections already must process new registrations at that time. It would also put New York on par with the average deadline for party enrollment across the country.

I also sponsored a bill that would bring Instant-Runoff Voting (IRV) — also called ranked choice voting — to citywide elections in New York City: the races for the mayor, comptroller and public advocate.

IRV would allow voters to rank their candidates by preference order, as opposed to only voting for one candidate, thus avoiding costly run-offs and ensuring that the winner is getting a majority of votes.

According to Common Cause NY, in New York City between 2009 and 2017 more than 60 percent of primary elections with more than two candidates were won with support of less than half of the voters, with some candidates winning with less than 30 percent of the vote!

IRV would prevent any candidate from winning without garnering at least some amount of support from 50 percent of voters. It would improve the way that candidates campaign, requiring them to build consensus and to work for every

vote, instead of targeting just the small number of voters that they need in order to win.

If successfully implemented for the citywide elections, I would like to bring IRV to City Council elections as well, when there are often between five and nine candidates for an open seat.

However, none of these reforms will do much for New York's pitiful voter turnout rates if eligible voters aren't registered. That is why New York must also enact an automatic voter registration program so that individuals are automatically registered to vote any time they have contact with certain state agencies, unless they choose to opt out.

We should also codify the governor's executive order into law and pass a bill to add thousands of new voters to the rolls simply by allowing people on parole — who have already paid their debt to society — to register to vote.

The time is now. We have solutions and momentum through our new Senate partners and a broad coalition of voting rights activists who support these efforts. Our democracy is at its best when all eligible people can exercise their fundamental right to vote.

Let's do it!  
Assemblymember Jo Anne Simon represents the 52<sup>nd</sup> A.D. in Brooklyn Heights, Carroll Gardens, Park Slope, Gowanus and Vinegar Hill.



## OBITUARIES



**SULLIVAN, William D.** — Passed away on May 21. Bill was the youngest of six children. He was born on June 23, 1933 in Brooklyn to Daniel Sullivan and Margaret (Dolly) Murphy Sullivan. He was a lifelong resident of Bay Ridge and a dedicated parishioner of Our Lady of Angels parish where he served as a eucharistic minister. Bill was an avid reader who could tell you everything you needed to know whether about sports, the Catholic church, history, theatre or the origin of words. He was the world's greatest Yankees fan and rarely missed a game on television. He could figure out every riddle ever told and was great at laughing at his own jokes (which were not always very funny). Bill Sullivan lived by what he referred to as "The Three F's" — family, faith and friends.

He was a loving husband to the joy of his life, Kitty; father (the best!); uncle and in-law; and a true friend to those who were lucky enough to know him. Bill was a wonderful Poppy to his grandchildren and was the first person they called when they needed help with homework or an explanation of something they did not understand. Bill attended St. Michael's High School where he forged lifelong friendships. He graduated from St. John's University before joining the U.S. Navy where he served until 1960. Bill married his childhood sweetheart and love of his life, Kitty, in June of 1956 and together they raised five children. Bill was employed by IBM for over 30 years until his retirement. He loved spending summers at Gravelly in Highlands and holds the record for longest manager of the weekly 50-50 drawings. Bill was pre-deceased by his daughter Susan, sister Grace Atwood (Walter), and brothers Daniel (Geraldine), Eugene (Jackie), Kenneth (Helen) and Mickey (Helen). He is

survived by his wife Kitty (Catherine Larkin) to whom he was married for almost 63 years and his children Daniel Atwood (Deborah), Kevin (Anja), Grace, William (Heidi) and Karen Baratta (Tim). Proud grandfather of Graham, Zachary, Chloe, Sean, Danny, Kyra, Michael, Kiera, Bridget, Colin, Quinn, Annie, Connor, Owen and Erin as well as great-grandfather to Amelia and Austin. He will be missed by his brothers and sisters-in-law with whom he shared lifelong friendships — Mary and Jim Larkin, Pat and Jenny Larkin, Agnes Larkin and Gerry Sullivan, as well as his many nieces and nephews with whom he shared a special bond. All services arranged by Clavin Funeral Home.



**STEYERT, Walter** — On May 16. Walter is survived by his loving wife Margaret Mary Naughton of 68 years and his children Christine Platt (John), Walter A. Steyert, Jr. (Mary), Peggyann Gallagher (Michael) and Adam C. Steyert (Marjorie). Predeceased by his son Brian Steyert and his daughter-in-law Miriam. Survived by his grandchildren Chrissy, Sean and Heather Ann (Ken) and great grandchildren Ryan, Victoria, Grace and Harlow. Walter served as a UDT specialist in the U.S. Navy during WW II. He was a proud member of the FDNY for 23 years. Walter Steyert was a perfect example of the greatest generation. All services arranged by Clavin Funeral Home.

**VALENTI, Joseph** — On May 16. Born in Midwood on November 14, 1949. Loving husband to Cecelia Kash-Valenti and devoted brother to Maria Valenti. He was pre-deceased by his parents Peter and Josephine, and his brother, Alfred Valenti. He was also pre-deceased by his favorite cousin, Joe Pizzi. Joey also

has an extended family of aunts, uncles and beloved cousins in Riposto, Sicily who he enjoyed visiting with Maria and Cecelia. Joe was a proud member of the FDNY and retired in 2003 from the Highway Ladder 156 in Midwood. He retired from the Army National Guard after 24 plus years of service in the medical unit in Sea Girt, New Jersey. When Joe was preparing for retirement from the FDNY, he went to nursing school and became an RN. He spent his first two years at Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York City and then went to work for Staten Island University Hospital where he retired. A special thank-you to the care team/managers at Sunrise Mill Basin where Joe was loved and treated like family for the last two years. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation to the FDNY Fire Family Transport Foundation, PO Box 340949, Brooklyn, New York 11234, which was instrumental in helping Joe get to his doctor appointments and outings over the last two years. All services arranged by Clavin Funeral Home.



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### Margo passed away on Saturday, May 11th 2019.

She was born in Prospect Park, Brooklyn on October 8, 1927. She moved to Bay Ridge around 1972 and became a staple in the community. Margo volunteered for the Lutheran Medical Auxiliary for over 25 years. She was on the vestry of St Johns episcopal church till it closed and move onto Christ Church (where she was originally married) to become part of their congregation

Margo worked at Chase Manhattan bank as a loan officer and once retired continued to work at an accounting firm

Margo graduated from NYU with her masters later in life

Margo was a loving and devoted wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend and will be dearly missed by all. She is survived by her husband Rudolph (Rudy) Mayer for whom she was married to for 64 years; Her children Frank and Ginny, their spouses Patricia Mayer and Tom Reyer. And her very loved grand children David, Chelsea, Michelle and Cara

A celebration of Margo's life will be held this Saturday, June 1, 2019 at 12:00pm at Christ Church, 7301 Ridge Blvd, Bklyn, NY 11209. Brunch will follow in the church Hall all are welcomed.

The family requests that lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution be made in Margo's memory to : Christ Church

## PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail) O, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, Splendor of Heaven Blessed Mother, of the Son of God. Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O, Star of the Sea help me and show me, herein you are my mother. O, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. (Make Request) There are none that can withstand your power. O, show me herein you are my mother. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3X). O Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands (3X). Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3X). Thank you for your mercy to me and mine. Amen. This prayer must be said for three days and after three days your request will be granted and the prayer must be published. Grateful thanks.

**B.C..**



# 2ND DEPARTMENT/PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICES

## NOTICE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK CIVIL ACTION NO.: 19-CV-02338 IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT -OF- JAMES J. MCMANUS AND LES RAFTIS, AS OWNERS OF A 1982, 28-FOOT CHRIS CRAFT RECREATIONAL VESSEL, FOR EXONERATION FROM OR LIMITATION OF LIABILITY, PETITIONERS. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT JAMES J. MCMANUS, AS OWNER OF A 1982, 28-FOOT CHRIS CRAFT RECREATIONAL VESSEL, PURSUANT TO 46 U.S.C. SEC. SEC. 30501 ET SEQ., INVOLVING ADMIRALTY AND MARITIME CLAIMS WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 9(H) OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE AND RULE F OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES FOR ADMIRALTY OR MARITIME CLAIMS AND ASSET FORFEITURE ACTIONS OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, CONCERNING ANY CLAIMS FOR LOSS, DAMAGE AND/OR INJURY ARISING OR RESULTING FROM AN ALLEGED INCIDENT, WHICH IS CLAIMED TO HAVE OCCURRED ON OR ABOUT MAY 29, 2016, WHILE PETITIONERS' VESSEL WAS AT A MARINA SITUATED ON THE NAVIGABLE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT; AND PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT ALL PERSONS, FIRMS, ENTITIES OR CORPORATIONS, HAVING ANY CLAIM OR SUIT AGAINST THE PETITIONERS OR THEIR VESSEL ARISING OR RESULTING FROM THE ALLEGED INCIDENT MUST FILE A CLAIM AS PROVIDED IN RULE F OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES FOR ADMIRALTY OR MARITIME CLAIMS AND ASSET FORFEITURE ACTIONS OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT, AT THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, 225 CADMAN PLAZA EAST, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, AND MUST DELIVER OR MAIL TO THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE PETITIONERS, JAMES E. MERCANTE, ESQ., RUBIN, FIORELLA, FRIEDMAN & MERCANTE LLP, 630 THIRD AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017, A COPY ON OR BEFORE THE 7 DAY OF JUNE, 2019 OR BE DEFAULTED. PERSONAL ATTENDANCE IS NOT REQUIRED. FURTHER, ANY CLAIMANT DESIRING TO CONTEST PETITIONERS' RIGHT EITHER TO EXONERATION FROM OR LIMITATION OF LIABILITY SHALL FILE AN ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT ON OR BEFORE THE AFORESAID DATE AS REQUIRED BY SUPPLEMENTAL RULE F OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES FOR ADMIRALTY OR MARITIME CLAIMS AND ASSET FORFEITURE ACTIONS OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, AND DELIVER OR MAIL A COPY TO THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE PETITIONERS, OR BE DEFAULTED. DATED: 5/8/2019

#170239

## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSION TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSION IN INTEREST TO LASALLE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2004-FR3 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-FR-3, PLAINTIFF AGAINST PATRICIA TEEL, ET AL DEFENDANTS ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF(S) FEIN, SUCH & CRANE, LLP, 28 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1800, ROCHESTER, NY 14614 ATTORNEY (S) FOR PLAINTIFF (S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED NOVEMBER 16, 2018, I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AT ROOM 224 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, 11201 ON JUNE 27, 2019 AT 2:30 PM. PREMISES KNOWN AS 1796 EAST 53RD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11234. BLOCK 8513 LOT 43. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE,

LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$696,287.60 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX NO 15622-08. SIMON SHAMOUN, ESQ., REFEREE SPSJC067

#170455

## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS MEADOWWOOD AT GATEWAY CONDOMINIUM, BY ITS BOARD OF MANAGERS, PLAINTIFF -AGAINST- ANDREW MASCOLL AND HSBC MORTGAGE CORPORATION, ET AL DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DATED JULY 11, 2017 AND ENTERED ON APRIL 24, 2018, AND UPON THE ORDER OF HON. MARK PARTNOW DATE APRIL 3, 2019 AND ENTERED ON APRIL 15, 2019, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE 360 ADAMS STREET, ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY ON JUNE 20, 2019 AT 2:30 P.M. PREMISES SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEWYORK IN THE CONDOMINIUM UNIT KNOWN AS UNIT NO. 5.6H IN THE CONDOMINIUM KNOWN AS "MEADOWWOOD AT GATEWAY CONDOMINIUM". TOGETHER WITH AN UNDIVIDED 0.1050% INTEREST IN THE COMMON ELEMENTS. BLOCK: 4415 LOT: 1064. SAID PREMISES KNOWN AS 1065 VERMONT STREET, UNIT 5 6H, BROOKLYN, NY APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF LIEN \$146,583.79 PLUS INTEREST & COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT AND TERMS OF SALE. INDEX NUMBER 26853/2011. WINSOME RUHDD, ESQ., REFEREE ROSENBERG & PITTSINSKY, LLP ATTORNEY(S) FOR PLAINTIFF 232 MADISON AVENUE, SUITE 906, NEW YORK, NY 10016

#170474

## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., PLAINTIFF AGAINST MARC TALLEGRAND; PAULA TALLEGRAND; ET AL, DEFENDANT(S) PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY DATED AUGUST 2, 2017, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201 ON JUNE 27, 2019 AT 2:30PM, PREMISES KNOWN AS 4614 AVENUE I, BROOKLYN, NY 11234-1402. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NY, BLOCK 7772 LOT 46. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT \$405,339.80 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX# 26066/09. BRUNO F. CODISPOTI, ESQ., REFEREE SHAPIRO, DICARO & BARAK, LLC ATTORNEY(S) FOR THE PLAINTIFF 175 MILE CROSSING BOULEVARD ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14624 (877) 430-4792 DATED: MAY 14, 2019 63175

#170486

## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY. LGF HOLDINGS, LLC, PLTF. VS. SHARI N. DURDEN, ET AL, DEFTS. INDEX #5155/2014. PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DATED JUNE 13, 2018, I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION IN ROOM 224 OF THE KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS ST., BROOKLYN, NY ON JUNE 27, 2019 AT 2:30 P.M. PREM. K/A 518 THOMAS BOYLAND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY A/K/A BLOCK 3518, LOT 57. SAID PROPERTY BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WESTERLY SIDE OF HOPKINSON AVENUE, DISTANT 383.92 FT. NORTHERLY OF THE CORNER FORMED BY THE INTERSECTION OF THE WESTERLY SIDE OF HOP-

KINSON AVENUE AND THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SUTTER AVE., BEING A PLOT 99.96 FT. X 28 FT. APPROX. AMT. OF JUDGMENT IS \$708,605.16 PLUS COSTS AND INTEREST. SOLD SUBJECT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT AND TERMS OF SALE AND THE RIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO REDEEM WITHIN 120 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SALE AS PROVIDED BY LAW. DOMINICK J. MINGIONE, REFEREE. THE MARGOLIN & WEINREB LAW GROUP, LLP, ATTYs. FOR PLTF., 165 EILEEN WAY, STE. 101, SYOSSET, NY. #97020

#170318

## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, ELECTRICAL SAFETY INSPECTION, INC., PLAINTIFF, VS. DANIEL AUGUSTIN, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE WITH BILL OF COST DULY FILED ON OCTOBER 23, 2018, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, ROOM 224, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NY ON JUNE 13, 2019 AT 2:30 P.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 2319 BEDFORD AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11226. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 5127 AND LOT 76. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$1,180,335.34 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX # 22618/07. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE DEPOSIT PAID. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGEE, THE MORTGAGEE'S ATTORNEY, OR THE REFEREE. ALICE FISHER RUBIN, ESQ., REFEREE ROACH & LIN, P.C. FKA PETER T. ROACH & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 6901 JERICHO TURNPIKE, SUITE 240, SYOSSET, NEW YORK 11791, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

#170062

## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, PLAINTIFF AGAINST VISHNU BANDHU A/K/A VISHNO BANDHU, ET AL DEFENDANTS ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF(S) KNUCKLES, KOMOSINSKI & MANFRO, LLP, 565 TAXTER ROAD, SUITE 590, ELMSFORD, NY 10523 ATTORNEY (S) FOR PLAINTIFF (S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED SEPTEMBER 28, 2017, I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AT ROOM 224 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, 11201 ON JUNE 27, 2019 AT 2:30 PM. PREMISES KNOWN AS 343 MILLER AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. BLOCK 4009 LOT 19 & 20. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$900,081.21 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX NO 22697/2009. CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE SALE. LEE MICHAEL HUETTNER, ESQ., REFEREE 2267-001104

#170436

## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY. THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON ON TRUSTEE FOR THE CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1, PLTF. VS. LAVERN DANIEL, ET AL, DEFTS. INDEX #11501/11. PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED MAY 15, 2017, I WILL SELL

AT PUBLIC AUCTION IN ROOM 224 OF THE KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS ST., BROOKLYN, NY ON THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019 AT 2:30 P.M. PREM. K/A 4510 CLARENDON ROAD, BROOKLYN, NY A/K/A BLOCK 4962, LOT 4. SAID PROPERTY BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF CLARENDON RD., DISTANT 60 FT. EASTERLY FROM THE CORNER FORMED BY THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF CLARENDON ROAD WITH THE EASTERLY SIDE OF EAST 45TH ST., BEING A PLOT 100 FT. X 20 FT. APPROX. AMT. OF JUDGMENT IS \$507,844.12 PLUS COSTS AND INTEREST. SOLD SUBJECT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT AND TERMS OF SALE. FOR SALE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT AUCTION.COM AT WWW.AUCTION.COM OR CALL (800) 280-2832. SOL NEEDLE, REFEREE. COHN & ROTH, AT-TYS. FOR PLTF., 100 EAST OLD COUNTRY RD., MINEOLA, NY. #96999

#170150

## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. FATAMA LATIEF, IF LIVING , AND IF SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY FILED ON MARCH 25, 2019, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, ROOM 224, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NY ON JUNE 20, 2019 AT 2:30 P.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 733 EAST 51ST STREET, BROOKLYN, NY. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 4772 AND LOT 62. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX # 19187/09. BERNARD ALTER, ESQ., REFEREE BERKMAN, HENOCHE, PETERSON, PEDDY & FENCHEL, P.C., 100 GARDEN CITY PLAZA, GARDEN CITY, NY 11530, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

#169818

## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY. NYCTL 2017-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, PLTF. VS. ORAZIO J. PETITO A/K/A ORAZIO PETITO, ET AL, DEFTS. INDEX #505212/18. PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE ENTERED APR. 22, 2019, I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION IN ROOM 224 OF THE KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS ST., BROOKLYN, NY ON JUNE 20, 2019 AT 2:30 P.M. PREM. K/A 1948 83RD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY A/K/A BLOCK 06328, LOT 0028. APPROX. AMT. OF JUDGMENT IS \$6,900.66 PLUS COSTS AND INTEREST. SOLD SUBJECT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT AND TERMS OF SALE AND THE RIGHT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO REDEEM WITHIN 120 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SALE AS PROVIDED BY LAW. JOHN DALLI, REFEREE. THE DELLO-IACONO LAW GROUP, P.C. F/K/A THE LAW OFFICE OF JOHN D. DELLO-IACONO, AT-TYS. FOR PLTF., 312 LARKFIELD RD., LOWER LEVEL, EAST NORTHPORT, NY. FILE NO. 18-000097 - #97004

#170164

## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS COL-LATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, PLAINTIFF, VS. THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF KINGS COUNTY AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF SHAMS UDDIN, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DATED APRIL 17, 2019 AND ENTERED ON APRIL 29, 2019, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE KINGS COUN-

TY SUPREME COURT, ROOM 224, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NY ON JUNE 27, 2019 AT 2:30 P.M., ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 3472 AND LOT 30. SAID PREMISES MAY ALSO BE KNOWN AS 2072 EASTERN PARKWAY EXT, BROOKLYN, NY. APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF JUDGMENT IS \$15,196.59 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS ON THE 2009 TAX LIEN AND \$3,659.38 PLUS INTEREST AND COSTS ON THE 2011 TAX LIEN. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT AND TERMS OF SALE.

INDEX # 11205/2014. MICHAEL D. BENJAMIN, ESQ., REFEREE THE LAW OFFICE OF THOMAS P. MALONE, PLLC, 60 EAST 42ND STREET, SUITE 553, NEWYORK, NEWYORK 10165, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

#170381

## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, BAINBRIDGE EQUITY PARTNERS LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. COLETTE WALLACE A/K/A COLETTE E. WALLACE A/K/A COLLETTE WALLACE, ET AL., DEFENDANT(S). PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE DULY FILED ON NOVEMBER 23, 2018, I, THE UNDERSIGNED REFEREE WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, ROOM 224, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NY ON JUNE 27, 2019 AT 2:30 P.M., PREMISES KNOWN AS 73 BAINBRIDGE STREET, BROOKLYN, NY. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK, BLOCK 1680 AND LOT 79. PREMISES WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF FILED JUDGMENT INDEX # 502058/2017. MICHAEL D. BENJAMIN, ESQ., REFEREE LAW OFFICES OF ALAN J. WAINTRAUB PLLC, 125-10 QUEENS BOULEVARD, SUITE 311, KEW GARDENS, NEW YORK 11415, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

#169830

## SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

INDEX NO. 520818/2017 STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, PLAINTIFF, -VS- THE HEIRS AT LARGE OF EDNA M. DEJESUS, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS WHO ARE HUSBANDS, WIDOWS, GRANTEES, MORTGAGEES, LIENORS, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTUTES, SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF SUCH OF THEM AS MAY BE DEAD, AND THEIR HUSBANDS AND WIVES, HEIRS, DEVISEES, DISTRIBUTUTES AND SUCCESSORS OF INTEREST OF ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES AND PLACES ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF; EDNA I. GARCIA; LUIS A. GARCIA; PARKVIEW FINANCIAL CENTER, INC.; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LORING ESTATES HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" SAID NAMES BEING FICTITIOUS, IT BEING THE INTENTION OF PLAINTIFF TO DESIGNATE ANY AND ALL OCCUPANTS OF PREMISES BEING FORECLOSED HEREIN, DEFENDANTS. MORTGAGED PREMISES: 449 AMBER STREET, BROOKLYN NY 11208 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ANSWER THE COMPLAINT IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED ACTION AND TO SERVE A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER ON THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS OF THE SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE DAY OF SERVICE, OR WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THE SAME IS COMPLETE WHERE SERVICE IS MADE IN ANY MANNER OTHER THAN BY PERSONAL DELIVERY WITHIN THE STATE. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IF DESIGNATED AS A DEFENDANT IN THIS ACTION, MAY ANSWER OR APPEAR WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS OF SERVICE HEREOF. YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR OR ANSWER WILL RESULT IN A JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU BY DEFAULT FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDIED IN

THE COMPLAINT. IN THE EVENT THAT A DEFICIENCY BALANCE REMAINS FROM THE SALE PROCEEDS, A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU, UNLESS THE DEFENDANT OBTAINED A BANKRUPTCY DISCHARGE AND SUCH OTHER OR FURTHER RELIEF AS MAY BE JUST AND EQUITABLE. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER TO THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. THESE PLEADINGS ARE BEING AMENDED TO INCLUDE EDNA I. GARCIA AND LUIS A. GARCIA AS POSSIBLE HEIRS TO THE ESTATE OF EDNA M. GARCIA, DECEASED. KINGS COUNTY IS DESIGNATED AS THE PLACE OF TRIAL. THE BASIS OF VENUE IS THE LOCATION OF THE MORTGAGED PREMISES. DATED: JANUARY 15, 2018 MARK K. BROYLES, ESQ. FEIN SUCH & CRANE, LLP ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF OFFICE AND P.O. ADDRESS 28 EAST MAIN STREET, SUITE 1800 ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14614 TELEPHONE NO. (585) 232-7400 BLOCK: 4519 LOT: 135 NATURE AND OBJECT OF ACTION THE OBJECT OF THE ABOVE ACTION IS TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE HELD BY THE PLAINTIFF RECORDED IN THE COUNTY OF KINGS, STATE OF NEW YORK AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN. TO THE DEFENDANT, THE PLAINTIFF MAKES NO PERSONAL CLAIM AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: THE FOREGOING SUMMONS IS SERVED UPON YOU BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF HON. MARK I. PARTNOW, JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, DATED MARCH 15, 2018 AND FILED ALONG WITH THE SUPPORTING PAPERS IN THE KINGS COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE. THIS IS AN ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK AND MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF AMBER STREET, DISTANT 94 FEET NORTHERLY FROM THE CORNER FORMED BY THE INTERSECTION OF THE EASTERLY SIDE OF AMBER STREET WITH THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF STANLEY AVENUE; RUNNING THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE EASTERLY SIDE OF AMBER STREET, 34 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE EASTERLY PARALLEL WITH STANLEY AVENUE, 100 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE SOUTHERLY PARALLEL WITH AMBER STREET, 34 FEET TO A POINT, THENCE WESTERLY PARALLEL WITH STANLEY AVENUE, 100 FEET TO THE POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING. MORTGAGED PREMISES: 449 AMBER STREET, BROOKLYN NY 11208 TAX MAP/PARCEL ID NO.: BLOCK: 4519 LOT: 135 OF THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, NY 11208

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# Target Margin Theater closes out season with Arabian Nights-inspired “News of the Strange Lab”

BY JOHN ALEXANDER  
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For 28 years, Target Margin Theater has been showcasing critically-acclaimed interpretations of classic texts, lesser-known works and new plays inspired by existing source material.

From June 6 to 23, Target Margin Theater’s the Doxsee at 232 52nd Street will close out its current season with “News of the Strange Lab,” a three-week performance festival exploring rare tales from “The One Thousand and One Nights,” along with early Medieval Arab fantasies.

The festival features commissioned new works by composer and choreographer Leyya Mona Tawil, experimental theater company the Million Underscores and Target Margin Theater Associate Artistic Director Moe Yousuf.

“The news sure is strange and it gets stranger,” said Target Margin Theater Founding Director David

Herskovits. “Target Margin’s Lab artists fight back by digging deep into tales from the early Arabic tradition, tales of women, adventurers from south of the border and sheer weirdos. This season’s lab celebrates strangers at a time when they need a little love!”

Since 1995, TMT Labs, curated by Herskovits and Yousuf, has been an essential program of Target Margin supporting over 1,000 emerging artists in the creation of new works in New York City.

At the helm of each production is a lead artist who can be a director, actor, writer, designer, puppeteer or manager and who is commissioned to adapt an existing source or create a new work in keeping with the season’s theme.

“The Lab Festival coming up in June revolves around ‘The Thousand and One Nights,’” Yusef told this paper. “And there’s also a collection of stories called ‘News of the Strange’ which are medieval Arab fantasies that even predate the ‘The



Photo by Maria Baranova, courtesy of Target Margin Theater

## Moe Yousuf created and performs in “News of the Strange.”

Thousand and One Nights.”

Yousef went on to explain how the program works. “One of the unique things that we do in this lab is highlight a different artist each week,” Yusef explained. “Each artist has their own particular point of view and their own aesthetic. And together, the full three weeks, is what we really think the lab is. You can come to one

production and see one thing, but it’s really seeing this articulation from three different perspectives and three different types of storytelling that adds so much to it.”

Yousef was pleased with the depth of the project. “‘The Thousand and One Nights’ comes from an oral storytelling tradition with tales that were transmitted

over hundreds and hundreds of years. Now we are asking some of these artists to reclaim some of these stories for themselves,” he said.

Tawil’s “All We Could Give,” being performed from June 6 to 9, is a woman-driven response to the resistance strategies and power manipulations of Scheherazade in the legendary “Alf layla wa layla.” The work is situated in the field of Arab Experimentalism which narrates and speculates on culture through transgressive art.

“1001SUR,” written by Nicolas Noreña and Timothy Scott, directed by Nicolas Noreña and produced by the Million Underscores, will be presented from June 13 to 16. The work is a reimaging of “The One Thousand and One Nights” as told in a roadside bordello on the frontier of two undisclosed South American countries.

The Million Underscores is an experimental theater company based in Brooklyn led by Noreña and Scott. It was founded in the summer

of 2013 and has developed through experimental performances, abstract composition and collaborative writing.

The third and final program is “News of the Strange,” which runs from June 20 to 23. Created by Yousuf, “News of the Strange” is a medieval Arab fantasy suite in the western disco cookout tradition.

Yousef, a Pakistani-American, is a resident of Sunset Park who says he’s proud to have the Target Margin Theater located in his community. Almost all of the artists in the program are Brooklyn natives or Brooklyn-based.

“Sunset Park is such a diverse community, it’s like 10 different types of communities,” said Yusef, “so what we are really trying to do is partner with and find new artists who can bring that wealth and depth of diversity in the space.”

The next season’s programs will be announced in August, with September being the start of the new season.

## 2ND DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICES

### SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE INDEX NO. 506934/2017 BOROUGH: BROOKLYN BLOCK: 4953 LOT: 73 NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN, PLAINTIFFS, VS. THE HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, SUCCESSORS-IN-INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING UNDER, BY OR THROUGH HIMLER PIERRE-LOUIS, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE OF ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, AND ALL

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JUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; BROOKLYN KODOSH LLC; GARY PIERRE LOUIS, AS PURPORTED HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF HIMLER PIERRE-LOUIS AND “JOHN DOE #3” THROUGH “JOHN DOE #100,” THE NAMES OF THE LAST 97 DEFENDANTS BEING FICTITIOUS, THE TRUE NAMES OF SAID DEFENDANTS BEING UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFFS, IT BEING INTENDED TO DESIGNATE FEE OWNERS, TENANTS OR OCCUPANTS OF THE LIENED PREMISES AND/OR PERSONS OR PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON THE LIENED PREMISES, IF THE AFORESAID INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS ARE LIVING, AND IF ANY OR ALL OF SAID INDIVIDUAL DE-

FENDANTS BE DEAD, THEIR HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, AND THE ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST OF THEM, AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING UNDER, BY, THROUGH, OR AGAINST THE SAID DEFENDANTS NAMED AS A CLASS, OF ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN, DEFENDANTS. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ANSWER THE SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED FORECLOSURE ACTION, AND TO SERVE A COPY OF YOUR ANSWER ON PLAINTIFFS’ ATTORNEY WITHIN THIR-

TY (30) DAYS AFTER THE SERVICE OF THIS SUMMONS, EXCLUSIVE OF THE DAY OF SERVICE OR WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER COMPLETION OF SERVICE WHERE SERVICE IS MADE IN ANY OTHER MANNER THAN BY PERSONAL SERVICE WITHIN THE STATE. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IF DESIGNATED AS A DEFENDANT IN THIS ACTION, MAY ANSWER OR APPEAR WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS OF SERVICE HEREOF. IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR OR ANSWER, JUDGMENT WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU BY DEFAULT FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT. KINGS COUNTY IS DESIGNATED AS THE PLACE OF TRIAL. THE BASIS OF VENUE IS THE LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT PREMISES. DATED: JANUARY 30, 2019 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: THE FOREGOING SUMMONS IS SERVED UPON YOU BY PUBLICATION, PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF HONORABLE MARK I. PARTNOW, A JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, DATED APRIL 10, 2019, AND FILED WITH SUPPORTING PAPERS IN THE KINGS COUNTY

CLERK’S OFFICE. THIS IS AN ACTION TO FORECLOSE A TAX LIEN COVERING THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 1245 BROOKLYN AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK AND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 4953, LOT 73 (THE “TAX PARCEL”). THE RELIEF SOUGHT IS THE SALE OF THE TAX PARCEL AT PUBLIC AUCTION IN SATISFACTION OF THE TAX LIEN. IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR, JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU IN THE SUM OF \$11,574.83, TOGETHER WITH INTEREST, COSTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND ATTORNEYS’ FEES OF THIS ACTION, AND DIRECTING THE PUBLIC SALE OF THE TAX PARCEL. PHILLIPS LYTLE LLP ANTHONY J. IACCHETTA ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS NYCTL 1998-2 TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN 28 EAST MAIN STREET SUITE 1400 ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14614 TELEPHONE NO. (585) 758-2110 AIACCHETTA@PHILLIPSLYTLE.COM

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## 2ND DEPARTMENT / New Business Formations

### 11205 LA LEGION LLC

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#169670

### 11213 ZURRA, LLC

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#170184

### CALABRIJE’S MARGARITAS AND TACOS IP LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION CALABRIJE’S MARGARITAS AND TACOS IP LLC ARTS OF ORG. FILED WITH SECY. OF STATE OF NY 1/14/2019. OFC LOC: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY SHALL MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC, 1248 DEKALB AVE APT 1, BROOKLYN, NY 11221 PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACTIVITY.

#169644

### ATRIUS HADASA NY, LLC

ATRIUS HADASA NY, LLC FILED ARTS. OF ORG. WITH THE SECT’Y OF STATE OF NY (SSNY) ON 4/8/19. OFFICE:

KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED AND SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: THE LLC, 2955 SHELL RD., #1P, BROOKLYN, NY 11224. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACT.

#169955

### 634 CENTRAL LLC

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### SMJ ST. ANN’S LLC

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### 86 KAL LLC

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#170652



# Transit prez fields straphangers' concerns at Bay Ridge Q&A

BY MEAGHAN MCGOLDRICK

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Transit head Andy Byford rode the R train to Bay Ridge Tuesday night for a heated question-and-answer session with Ridge residents who have long grappled with problems arising from their sole subway line.

Byford, the president of MTA New York City Transit, trekked to Holy Angels Catholic Academy, 7320 Fourth Avenue, to discuss the MTA's Fast Forward Plan and field queries from straphangers.

Councilmember Justin Brannan, who had long-promised to get Byford to Bay Ridge for a tell-all, also addressed audience members about getting southern Brooklyn transit back on track.

"It was good to see the MTA president take the R train to the dark side of the moon and take questions directly from commuters. Southern Brooklyn is tired of being ignored when it comes to our subways and buses," the pol told Brooklyn Reporter. "Having Andy at the helm of the MTA is refreshing because not only is he willing to admit the entire system needs a lobotomy but he has a plan to fix it."

The bottom line, Brannan said is that "right now people who live in different states can get to Manhattan quicker than we can and that is just unacceptable."

"Whether you live in Bay



Ridge, Dyker Heights, Bath Beach or Bensonhurst, no New Yorker should have to travel more than an hour to get to work and I will do everything in my power to make that a reality."

Doors opened at 5:30 p.m., with guests welcome to speak one-on-one with a room full of MTA representatives before Byford took the stage. The prez's program began at 6:30, and led off with a 30-minute presentation focused on Fast Forward, a five to 10-year plan to overhaul — and modernize — the subway system in its entirety.

Byford said he hopes that R train woes will be mitigated by a coming signal replacement included in the plan. In addition, he addressed other issues raised by riders from station accessibility to excruciating wait times during rush hour.

He also assured audience members that tunnel work relevant to the R line would be completed this summer.

"This was a great event where my chief customer officer, my accessibility advisor and I got to hear directly from the people of Bay Ridge, and tell them about everything we're doing to improve their commutes including speeding up service and making the system more accessible," Byford said in a statement.

His appearance was, for the most part, well-received.

One audience member tweeted his thanks at the MTA for sending Byford to Bay Ridge. "Fellow seems like a decent, humble and genuine guy," the user wrote. "I hope he makes a difference."

Some users, however, felt that a later meeting would have better suited straphangers.

When State Sen. Andrew Gounardes shared photos of a dangerously crowded R train platform at 59th Street around the start of the program, one Twitter user replied that Byford should have heard from those commuters, "but his event in Bay Ridge started at 5:30 and none of them could get home that early."

## 2ND DEPARTMENT / New Business Formations

### 11215 THE RISTRETTO GROUP LLC

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### 11231 CINTRON SKINCARE, LLC

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### LONICERA LIVINGSTON DEVELOPER, LLC

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#169624

### MONTAGUE WAX LLC

MONTAGUE WAX LLC ART. OF ORG. FILED SEC. OF STATE OF NY 3/4/2019. OFF. LOC.: KINGS CO. SSNY DESIGNATED AS AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. SSNY TO MAIL COPY OF PROCESS TO THE LLC, 12 WEST ASPEN WAY, ABERDEEN, NJ 07747. PURPOSE: ANY LAWFUL ACT OR ACTIVITY.

#169867

### GTABC0957 LLC

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#170149

### COCCARO LLC

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#170651

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### 11423 143 WOODBINE LLC

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