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Brooklyn digs big snowfall

By Jaime DeJesus

Brooklyn dug out of the heaviest snowfall it has seen in years.

The winter storm began early Jan. 25 and continued into the evening hours. According to the National Weather Service, 10.2 inches of snow accumulated in Bay Ridge.

New York Public schools were closed on Jan. 26. However, students attended school remotely. Catholic schools Xaverian and Fontbonne Hall Academy were closed and had a traditional snow day.

“This day will be observed as a traditional ‘Snow Day,’ and no classes will take place. All afterschool programs and athletic activities are canceled,” Xaverian posted on Facebook. “As always, Clippers are encouraged to use this time to help parents, neighbors or others in need of assistance in any way they are able, living out the spirit of service that defines our community.”

Food delivery apps DoorDash and Grubhub suspended service in New York City due to the winter storm.

Alternate side parking was suspended at least until Tuesday, Jan. 27. Shoveling continued into the day following the snowfall.

To help seniors or others in need of help with the storm’s aftermath, locals created a Facebook group called Bay Ridge Shoveling Connection.

“It’s a big help that there are people out there looking to shovel and help neighbors,” said resident Ramon D. “I try to do it myself, but it’s good to know the option is out there and people come together.”

The Department of Sanitation announced it started issuing summonses for failure to remove snow and ice from sidewalks at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 26.

Residents embraced fun snow activities, as well. Snowmen were seen built around the neighborhood, including one outside of Piccante Restaurant, 7410 Third Ave., and droid BB-8 from “Star Wars.” People were also sledding at Owl’s Head Park.



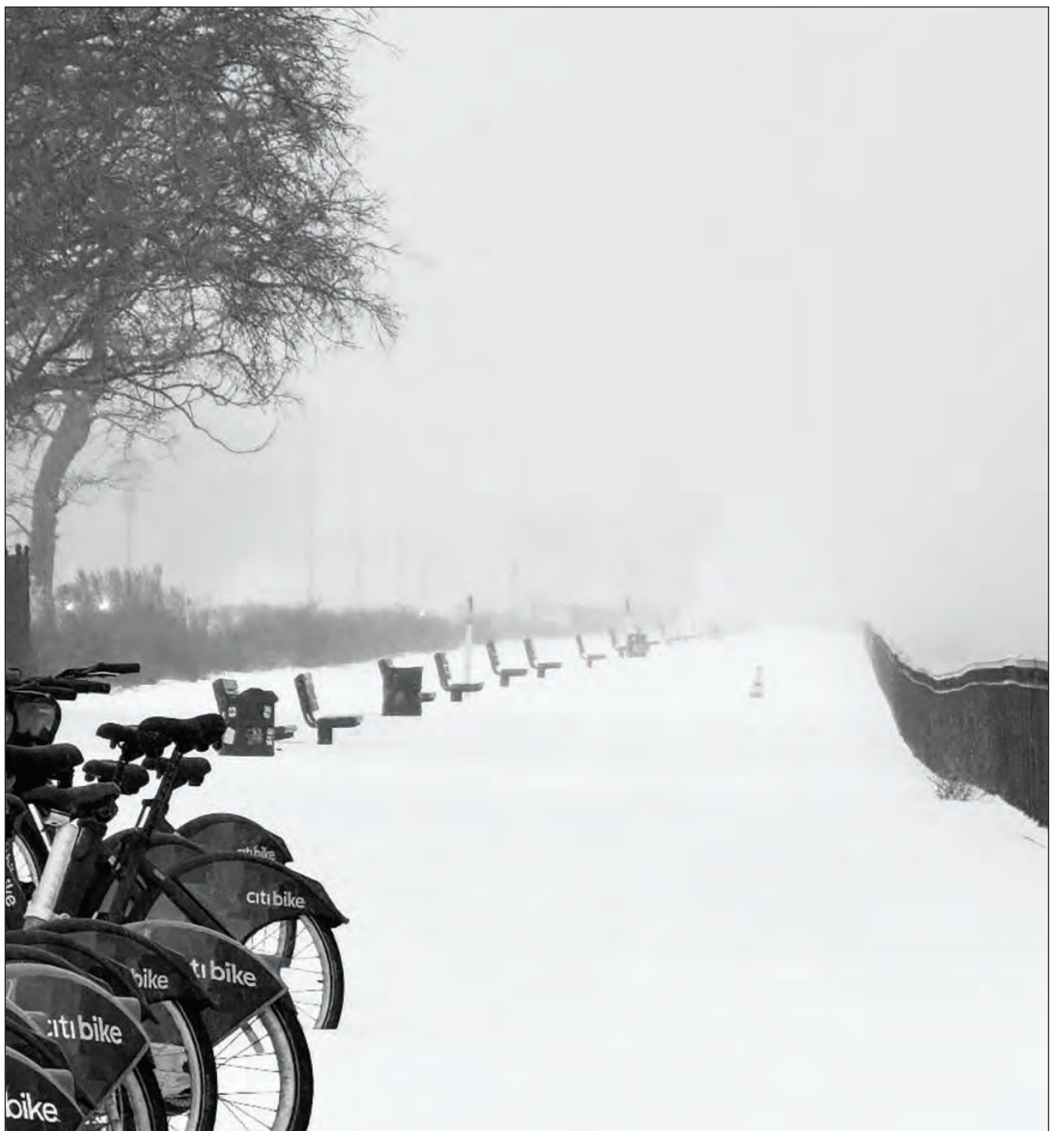
Bay Ridge residents shovel snow.

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Locals built snowmen.

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Snow covers the bike path at the shoreline.

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Bus driver honored for helping woman give birth



Bus operator Christopher Accettulli at the Jackie Gleason Depot describes how he assisted a rider who went into labor aboard his B37 bus on Friday, Jan 23. Photos: Marc A. Hermann/MTA

By Jaime DeJesus

An MTA bus operator helped deliver a baby while driving the B37 in Gowanus on Friday, Jan. 23.

The driver, 20-year MTA veteran Christopher Accettulli, was honored by Chair and CEO Janno Lieber and New York City Transit President Demetrius Crichlow during a conference at the Jackie Gleason Depot, 871 Fifth Ave.

At around 9:55 a.m. Accettulli was driving the bus to Third Avenue and Ninth Street when he heard a female straphanger yelling, 'hospital.' He stopped driving, called the Bus Command Center and 911 for help, and went to the woman who was in labor.

Accettulli then helped deliver the baby on the bus with assistance from emergency responders on the phone. He then wrapped the baby girl in his coat until EMS arrived.

"This is an iconic bus location for New Yorkers, and this story is straight out of 'The Honymooners' with Jackie Gleason playing Ralph Kramden, and then there's something heroic that I don't even think Jackie Gleason would've done," said Lieber. "Amazing human story. We are thrilled there was a happy ending for the

mother and the baby was reported to be in good health."

Lieber continued, "We're talking about what Chris did today, but it is also representative of something bigger, which is what MTA employees do every day. MTA workers rise to the occasion no matter what is coming their way. Whether it's snow or even a baby, our transit workers always step up for New Yorkers. Our workforce is the heart and soul of the MTA. We're proud to celebrate Christopher Accettulli."

EMS transported the baby and mother to New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, both in good condition.

"The baby was crying, and the EMT came, and the baby is good," said Accettulli. "That's all I thought about was making sure the baby was okay. Everything else was secondary for me."

"Christopher came here and literally delivered a baby," Crichlow said. "How often does that happen? And when you talk about the humility of this guy after delivering the baby, saying, 'What's my next bus out?' That is a dedicated employee, and that is representative of the people that we have that run this organization."





The Leif closed in January.

Photos courtesy of Bill Walsh

Customers say goodbye to Bay Ridge pub The Leif

By Jaime DeJesus

It was the last call for a popular Irish pub as The Leif, 6725 Fifth Ave., closed earlier this month.

Co-owner Mike Gallagher made the official announcement in a post Jan. 16.

"This era has been filled with countless memories and experiences that I will cherish forever," he said. "I want to express my gratitude to each and every band that has performed, our customers, and the staff over the years. Together, we've created a community, a live musical sanctum, and those cherished moments will always hold a special place in my heart."

He also said he is keeping the Leif website nycleif.com up, which features photos, music and stories from the bar.

"Thank you for being a vital part of this incredible adventure," he said.

The bar originally opened in 1967 and closed in 2012. It reopened two years later, with Gallagher and Kenny Graham as co-owners.

Dedicated customers were saddened to find out the bar had closed and saw a sign that stated the building is for sale.

"The Leif was always there through good times and bad," said Eddie Diamond. "Whether you went there to hang out with all of our many

friends or to just sit alone with a beer. If those walls could talk. If only we could rewind those times like watching a movie. The memories that are held within those walls are our lives, gathered together in one place, now to be scattered in the breezes down Fifth Avenue."

The bar featured live performances from local bands.

Shea Gloann recalled when Gallagher was starting as a bartender at the establishment.

"What followed were so many years of laughter, late-night shenanigans, and unforgettable memories," he wrote on Facebook. "The girls' softball team BBQs during the week were absolutely the best. Great friends, good times, and moments that will never be forgotten. You always looked out for us, and that meant more than you probably knew."

"I will never forget the friends I grew up with, and you will always be a special part of those memories."

"The Leif will always live in our memories as a place that brought immense happiness during some of the best times of our lives," said Steve Karatzas. "It was a place that brought all of our friends together, and the moment you walked in, you felt truly welcome. Thank you, and best of luck in all future endeavors."

Fort Hamilton completes new Hall of Fame wall

By Jaime DeJesus

A Bay Ridge school is honoring many of its alumni in a big way.

This month, the Fort Hamilton High School Alumni Association completed its new Hall of Fame wall.

The new display is 48 feet long and is located on the first floor of the building.

"We had a Hall of Fame display on the second floor of Fort Hamilton in the old cases, and it was very archaic," said Joseph Estrella, president of the alumni association. "When we had our different musicals and events, no one could even view it besides the students. No one else knew it was there. I wanted to do something on the first floor where people have access to it. That's where the idea came from."

The official launch of the Hall of Fame will be on April 25 with a ceremony and inductees, old and new.

The new wall is dedicated to David Whitebook, the founder of the Fort Hamilton High School Alumni Association, and former principal Dr. Alice Farkouh, who died Jan. 1.

Estrella believes the wall is going to inspire students.

"Kids are going to see the Hall of Fame inductees on the wall and now they have something to work towards," he said. "I told them who [the members] are and that one day, if you work really hard, your picture might be memorialized. It's permanent signage on the wall."

"I think for the kids, it's going to bring a high in school spirit for us and let people know

there is an active alumni association that is doing great things to bring back some of our great success stories, give them their flowers and let them know that we recognized the great service that they did for the community and in their professional endeavors."

The Fort Hamilton High School Alumni Association is a network of former students, faculty, and friends.

"We're united by shared memories, lifelong friendships, and a deep appreciation for the school that shaped who we are," its website said.

With the help of former Councilmember Justin Brannan and the New York City School Construction Authority, Estrada said the wall came to fruition.

"When you see the rendering compared to

what is done, it looks almost exactly how we wanted to do it," he said. "We had to make some minor adjustments, but for the most part, it came out exactly how we drew it up. Every two years, we have a Hall of Fame, so we want to always be able to add people so there's more space to add as the years go on and we still have another 50-foot wall that we could use."

Estrada's goal for the future is to use the extra wall space to honor all the veterans who graduated from the school.

Other hall of fame members include Lana Parrilla, Fred Samara, Albert and Bernard King, Frank Layden and Bruce "C.C. DeVille" Johannesson.

New members will include former baseball player Julio Lugo, who died in 2021.



The new Fort Hamilton Hall of Fame has been completed.

Photo by Joseph Estrella

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Boom, Bust, and Beyond: Why the AI Bubble Is Necessary

Adam Penenberg speaking with Laura Trevelyan at a recent Brooklyn Eagle seminar hosted by the Brooklyn Dining Club. Penenberg's new column begins on page 2.

Brooklyn Eagle photo by John McCarten

Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company celebrates Lunar New Year



The dancers create a silk ribbon tunnel around them. • The Lion Dance is a symbol of peace and harmony.

Brooklyn Eagle photos by Loretta Chin



Boom, Bust, and Beyond: Why the AI Bubble Is Necessary

You've probably seen the headlines. We're in the middle of an AI bubble, with hundreds of billions of dollars flowing into the sector in just a few short years. Artificial-intelligence startups now capture roughly half of all venture capital investment, an extraordinary concentration of speculative capital by any historical measure. Economists estimate that AI-related spending on chips, data centers, software, and research has contributed as much as 1.3 percentage points to recent U.S. GDP growth, a meaningful share of an economy that typically grows only 2 to 3 percent a year.

To many people, that's cause for alarm. Bubbles are supposed to be bad — symbols of excess, "irrational exuberance" (thank you Alan Greenspan), and capital misallocation. They conjure memories of Dutch tulips in the 17th century and the dot-com crash of 2000, with lost fortunes and painful recessions left in their wake. But history suggests something more complicated. For more than two centuries, technological bubbles haven't been economic mistakes so much as a necessary phase of progress. They're how societies absorb radical new technologies, even if the process is messy, downright wasteful, and occasionally painful.

From canals and railroads to electricity, automobiles, aviation, the microprocessor, the personal computer, and the Internet, every transformational technology has followed the same arc — boom, bust, and quiet integration. Artificial intelligence is simply the latest entry in a very long list.

That pattern isn't theoretical. It's the recurring story of modern economic life. Again and again, new technologies arrive before society knows what to do with them, and capital rushes in anyway. In the early 19th century, investors poured money into canals — grand infrastructure projects that promised to remake commerce. Many failed, fortunes were lost, and the bubble burst. Yet the waterways that survived dramatically lowered transportation costs, expanded trade, and helped ignite America's first wave of industrial growth.

Railroads magnified the process. Speculation exploded as investors raced to finance new lines, far outpacing immediate demand. The crash was brutal. Bankruptcies surged and bonds defaulted. By the time the dust settled, however, the country had been laced together with tens of thousands of miles of track. That excess capacity made national markets possible and turned a continental experiment into a functioning economy.

What followed was a familiar rhythm for grand disruptive technologies. Electricity arrived slowly and expensively, overbuilt long before its payoff was clear. For decades, productivity gains were modest. Then, almost suddenly, electricity transformed factories, cities, and homes. The automobile compressed the cycle further. Hundreds of carmakers sprang up and disappeared, wiping out investors while quietly financing highways, gas stations, repair networks, and suburban sprawl — reshaping not just how Americans traveled, but where they lived.

The Internet replayed the pattern at digital speed. The dot-com crash vaporized trillions of dollars in paper value, yet it also paid for fiber-optic cables, data centers, and broadband networks that now underpin nearly every sector of the economy. As with electricity, the real transformation didn't occur during the boom, but after it — once entrepreneurs learned what to do with all that excess capacity.

Seen this way, bubbles don't signal collective insanity. They're how societies front-load investment in technologies whose full value can't yet be measured. The waste is real. So is the progress.

Artificial intelligence fits this pattern almost perfectly.

Right now, capital is racing ahead of proven business models. Many AI startups will fail, and some already are. That doesn't mean the investment is wasted. What today's bubble is really buying is capacity: massive computing power, specialized chips, global data centers, new software frameworks, and a workforce trained to collaborate with machines. These are not short-term assets. They're the railroads and electrical grids of the AI era.

After the bust — and there will be one — the real sorting begins. Companies built around AI from the start will have an advantage. Fast adapters will follow. Institutions whose identities are bound up in pre-AI ways of working will struggle, particularly in media, education, and professional services. Jobs will disappear before new ones fully materialize. Privacy will erode before safeguards catch up. That, too, is part of the pattern.

Bubbles feel destabilizing because they are. But they're also how societies learn, at scale, what to do with powerful new tools. If the past is any guide, the AI bubble won't be remembered for its hype or excess. It will be remembered for the foundations it quietly laid. And what comes after will look less dramatic, more ordinary, and far more consequential.

That's when the cool stuff happens.

Adam L. Penenberg is a journalism professor at New York University and co-founder of The Persuasion Engine, an AI communications firm.



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Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company celebrates Lunar New Year with inaugural performance in Marine Park

Article and Brooklyn Eagle photos by Loretta Chin

MARINE PARK — The Marine Park Alliance (MPA), Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company and Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) held a Lunar New Year event with a series of interactive performances on Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Carmine Carro Community Center, 3000 Fillmore Ave.

The event highlighted the art of Chinese dance and celebrated the Year of the Horse.

“Goodbye to the Year of the Snake 2025 and welcome to the Year of the Horse 2026,” Marine Park Alliance Executive Director Scott

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The children catch on quickly and perform the ribbon dance.



LEFT: The music changes and the hip hop style lion emerges in a lively dance with Sarah Botero. • **MIDDLE:** A high flying leap. • **RIGHT:** Dancers hold unfurled ribbons in their hands.



ABOVE: A final pose in the Mongolian Harvest Dance.
• RIGHT: The Long Spear Dance is a blend of Chinese opera and martial arts forms.

The dancers from left to right: **Greta Campo, Madeleine Lee, Lorenzo Guerrini, Sarah Botero, YaoZhong “Michael” Zhang and Tianyu Wang.**

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Middleton said. He thanked the Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company for coming to Marine Park for the first time and welcomed the many guests.

Middleton introduced Assemblymember Jaime Williams, D-59, who spoke about the importance of cultural events.

“This is the year of the horse, and in so many cultures, the horse is very, very important,” Williams said. “It brings good luck, and many cultures may have a portrait of the horse in their homes. In my home, there is a portrait of seven horses.”

Graceful dancers attired in dazzling costumes and using various props performed light acrobatics to musical selections.

The dancers hailed from places as far as China, Italy, Thailand and Mongolia, and others came from New Jersey and California. They spoke about the various traditions in Chinese culture before performing the related dances.

This year’s program introduced a new hip hop lion dance, blending old tradition with modern movement.

Performances included the Ribbon Dance, Long Spear Dance, Fan Dance, Peacock Dance, Mongolian Harvest Dance and Lion in the City Dance. The event concluded with a special horse head fiddle performance and a lively Mongolian dance inspired by horsemanship and grassland culture that evoked the spirit of the horse’s energy.

It was especially fun for children who joined the dancers in an interactive activity on stage to learn the ribbon dance, one of the oldest and well-known forms of Chinese folk dance.

The audience saw a demonstration of exercises such as the one-leg stretch; front, side, fan, fly and butterfly kick; and turning torso. They also participated by learning hand gestures used in the dance like the tiger hand and orchid flower hand.

The children were invited to participate in arts and crafts after the performances and took

home goody bags. Middleton gave special thanks to the MPA volunteers and the BPL.

Emcee and Nai-Ni Chen Artistic Director Greta Campo introduced Bayarjargal (Baagii) Chogsom, who is from Mongolia, to play the horse head fiddle. He played a piece called “Horse Head Fiddle Melody,” creating sounds that mimic horse movement while communicating the story of how the instrument was created.

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Jason and Brenda Hang pose for pictures with their children.



Assemblymember **Jaime Williams, D-59,** gives lunar new year greetings.



Emcee and Nai-Ni Chen Artistic Director **Greta Campo.**



Farah Rahaman and her son, **Khalid Davenport.**

MARINE PARK



Note Belt Parkway at bottom of map, and Flatbush Avenue running along the edge of Marine Park.
 Map credit: Marine Park Alliance

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From Left: MPA Volunteer Coordinator **Carri Knorr**, MPA Executive Director **Scott Middleton**, Representative for Senator **Roxanne Persaud** **Jennifer Viechweg-Horsford**, and MPA Board Members **Karen Eichel**, **Yamin Krumm**, **Scott Lichtman** and **Kristy DiCario**.

The folk legend behind the instrument is from around the 15th century. The legend tells the story of a man whose beloved horse passed away. He created a wooden sound box decorated with a horse head on top, and he used the bones of the horse to create the instrument's neck and the tail of the horse to make the strings and bow.

"This is our third time seeing them perform," said Farah Raham, who attended with her 9-year-old son, Khalid Davenport. She added that they have seen Nai-Ni Chen every year for the past three years at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

"I think that it was fun and that they really pay attention towards younger kids," Davenport said. "I go to these shows often and learned that there's a lot of culture in Chinese dancing."

Jimmy Hong, a retiree from Douglaston, said that he saw a news channel promoting Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company in Brooklyn. "I attend at least one every year, but this one is free," he said, adding that the event is different each year and always extraordinary.

Middleton announced an upcoming fundraiser that helps support similar programs.

"Marine Park Alliance is excited to host Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company at the Carmine Carro Community Center as part of our annual Lunar New Year celebration," Middleton told the Brooklyn Eagle. "As the nonprofit partner of Brooklyn's largest park, we're proud to serve a vibrant, multicultural community and to

build cultural curiosity by connecting park users to the arts through this impressive, interactive dance experience."



Sarah Botero performs the Peacock Dance.

Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company and the Year of the Horse

The Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company was named after its co-founder, Nai-Ni Chen, who, according to a PBS documentary about her life, was one of the world's most celebrated Asian American choreographers.

Chen's cross-cultural choreography blends traditional and contemporary dance, highlighting themes about the immigrant journey, along with issues about identity, authenticity and equality. The company has toured worldwide and has received critically acclaimed recognition in the arts world. It has also performed extensively in the New York City school systems.

Chen is survived by her husband, Andy Chiang, who is the executive director of the dance company. He shared his thoughts



Children dressed in Lunar New Year outfits talk to and pet the lion after the show.

about their work and the Year of the Horse with the Brooklyn Eagle.

Chiang said that each year is different but always has a lion dance. The dance company collaborated with two hip hop choreographers in the Bronx to create this year's hip hop lion dance.

"Everybody loves it and it really tells everybody who we are," he said. "It shows how these celebrations can change from old-fashioned traditional Chinese to contemporary Americanized styles that people can understand."

Chiang said that the dance company wants to spread positivity.

"We know that when horses run together, hundreds of horses running together are more powerful than anything. It's really about coming together as a community and empowering each other," Chiang said. "Hopefully, the dance will give you that idea. The Mongolian dance, for example, is a group dance so people feel the energy and bring that home and then understand that there is an energy when we come together as a community."

Although the horse is very lucky and powerful, Chiang cautioned that "as the fortune teller would say, 'don't overdo it,' because that can create negative things."

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MPA volunteers with board members **Karen Eichel**, **Todd Lichtman** and Nai-Ni Chen Artistic Director **Greta Campo**.

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JANUARY 26, 1925

Paul Newman's birthday. Blue-eyed actor, director, race car driver and philanthropist born in Cleveland, OH. Appeared in 65 films, including "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid", "The Sting", "Hud and Cool Hand Luke". Received a Best Actor Oscar for "The Color of Money" (1986). Newman was also a successful entrepreneur, establishing in 1982 Newman's Own, a specialty foods company whose proceeds were donated to charity. He died on Sept. 26, 2008 in Westport, CT.

JANUARY 26, 1880

Douglas MacArthur's birthday. U.S. general and supreme commander of Allied forces in the Southwest Pacific during WWII. Born in Little Rock, AR, he served as commander of the Rainbow Division's 84th Infantry Brigade in WWI, leading it in the St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and Sedan offensives. Remembered for his "I shall return" prediction when forced out of the Philippines by the Japanese during WWII, a promise he fulfilled. Relieved of Far Eastern command by President Harry Truman on Apr. 11, 1951, during the Korean War. MacArthur died in Washington, DC on Apr. 5, 1964.



General of the Army Douglas MacArthur smoking his corncob pipe, probably at Manila, Philippine Islands, 2 August 1945. Source: Naval Historical Center; Direct link. Photo #: USA C-2413 (Color), Photograph from the Army Signal Corps Collection in the U.S. National Archives'

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JANUARY 27, 1945

Auschwitz liberated. The Soviet army liberated about 6,000 prisoners of the Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz. It is estimated that 1.5 million inmates were killed at Auschwitz between 1941 and liberation — 95 percent of them were Jewish.

JANUARY 27, 1973

Vietnam Peace Agreement Signed. The U.S. and North Vietnam, along with South Vietnam and the Viet Cong, signed an “Agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in Vietnam.” Signed in Paris, France, to take effect Jan. 28 at 8 AM, Saigon time, thus ending the U.S. combat role in a war that had involved American personnel stationed in Vietnam since defeated French forces departed under terms of the Geneva Accords in 1954. This was the longest war in US history, with more than one million combat deaths (US: 47,366). However, within weeks of the departure of American troops, the war between North and South Vietnam resumed. For the Vietnamese, the war didn’t end until Apr. 30, 1975, when Saigon fell to Communist forces.

JANUARY 28, 1813

“Pride and Prejudice” published. Jane Austen’s second novel was published on this date by Thomas Egerton, in London, England. The author was 37 years old. Of her six published novels, “Pride and Prejudice” became her most famous and beloved. Its opening line is often quoted: “It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.” The novel was an immediate success, selling out its first printing before autumn.

JANUARY 28, 1782

Great Seal of the U.S. Congress resolved that the secretary of the Congress should “keep the public seal, and cause the same to be affixed to every act, ordinance or paper, which Congress shall direct...” Although the Great Seal did not exist yet, the Congress recognized the need for it.

JANUARY 29, 1929

The Seeing Eye Established, 1929. The Seeing Eye, North America’s first guide dog school, was incorporated at Nashville, TN, and the first Seeing Eye dog was Buddy, a German shepherd.

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JANUARY 29, 1845

“The Raven” published. One of the most famous poems in American literature was published on this date in New York’s “Evening Mirror” newspaper. The author was anonymous, but the poem was such a sensation (it would be reprinted at least 16 times in various periodicals and books that year) that soon the author was revealed as literary critic and author Edgar Allan Poe. Despite the celebrity status Poe enjoyed as a result of “The Raven,” it did not relieve his poverty: Poe received \$15 for the poem. The classic lines “Once upon a midnight dreary” and “Quoth the Raven, ‘Nevermore’” resound in countless anthologies and dramatic readings as well as in parodies.

JANUARY 30, 1969

The Beatles’ last concert. On this day The Beatles performed together in public for the last time. The show took place on the roof of their Apple Studios in London, England, but it was interrupted by police after they received complaints from the neighbors about the noise.

JANUARY 30, 1948

Gandhi assassinated. The Indian religious and political leader was assassinated in a garden in New Delhi, India. The assassin was a Hindu extremist. India and the world were plunged into grief. Gandhi’s funeral procession was five miles long and attended by more than a million people.

JANUARY 31, 2020

Brexit: United Kingdom leaves the European Union. The adoption of “Brexit” (“British” + “Exit”) resulted from an arduous, years-long process of roiling political agitation, power shifts within

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British parliament, "Leave"-or-"Stay" public referendums (often ending in slim, nearly 50/50 margins) and shifting cultural attitudes in Britain and Europe toward immigration and economic participation. A June 23, 2016, UK referendum first showed a slim majority support for exit. After numerous extensions on a final decision and Boris Johnson's becoming prime minister in July 2019, the UK parliament introduced a bill to ratify withdrawal from the European Union, which passed in the House of Commons Dec 20, 2019, by a 358-to-254 vote. The act was then approved by the governing bodies of the European Union, and on Jan. 29, 2020, the European parliament voted in favor of ratification, 621 to 49. On Jan. 31, 2020, the United Kingdom's participation in the European Union ended, 47 years after it joined.

JANUARY 31, 1919

Jackie Robinson's birthday. Jack Roosevelt Robinson, athlete and business executive, first African-American player to enter professional major league baseball (Brooklyn Dodgers, 1947-56). Voted National League's Most Valuable Player in 1949 and elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962. Born in Cairo, GA, Jackson died in Stamford, CT on Oct. 24, 1972.

FEBRUARY 1, 1865

Freedom Day. Anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's approval of the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (abolishing slavery): "1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction. 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation." The amendment had been proposed by Congress on Jan. 31, 1865; ratification was completed on Dec. 6, 1865.

FEBRUARY 1, 1902

Langston Hughes' birthday. African-American poet and author, Langston Hughes, was born in Joplin, MO. Among his works are the poetry collection "Montage of a Dream Deferred", plays, a novel, memoirs and short stories. He wrote, "My soul has grown deep like the rivers," and asked, "What happens to a dream deferred?" Hughes died on May 22, 1967 in New York, NY.

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All Maritime Vision Recasts Brooklyn Marine Terminal As Freight, Climate and Emergency Infrastructure

Highlights: Moving Goods By Water, Strengthening Emergency Readiness And Modernizing Industrial Infrastructure

Special from Resilient Red Hook

RED HOOK — As New York City weighs the future of the Brooklyn Marine Terminal (BMT), a new plan argues that one of the city’s last publicly owned ports, strategically located in the harbor, should be preserved as essential industrial infrastructure — moving goods by water, relieving street and roadway congestion, supporting job development, and strengthening emergency readiness during climate events, system failures, and citywide disruptions.

New York City relies on a limited network of bridges and tunnels to move nearly everything it consumes. Shifting freight from trucks to vessels would also ease congestion, which costs the New York region’s economy \$20 billion a year, reduce strain on bridges and tunnels, and improve air quality, particularly in communities that bear a disproportionate share of truck traffic and its health impacts.

As climate threats intensify and supply chains face increasing strain from weather, power outages, fuel disruptions, and transportation failures, the proposal outlines an all maritime approach to restoring and modernizing BMT as a fully functioning, all electric climate ready working port.

“This is about how New York actually works,” said Victoria Alexander, Chair of Resilient Red Hook. “We have a publicly owned port, and at a moment of increasing risk and disruption, it should be doing the job it was designed to do — moving goods, supporting jobs, and keeping the city connected when other systems fail.”

The plan focuses on shifting freight from trucks to vessels, using existing maritime infrastructure to support daily waterborne freight movement on a Blue Highway, with the ability to operate independently during emergencies, including power outages, fuel shortages, and transportation disruptions.

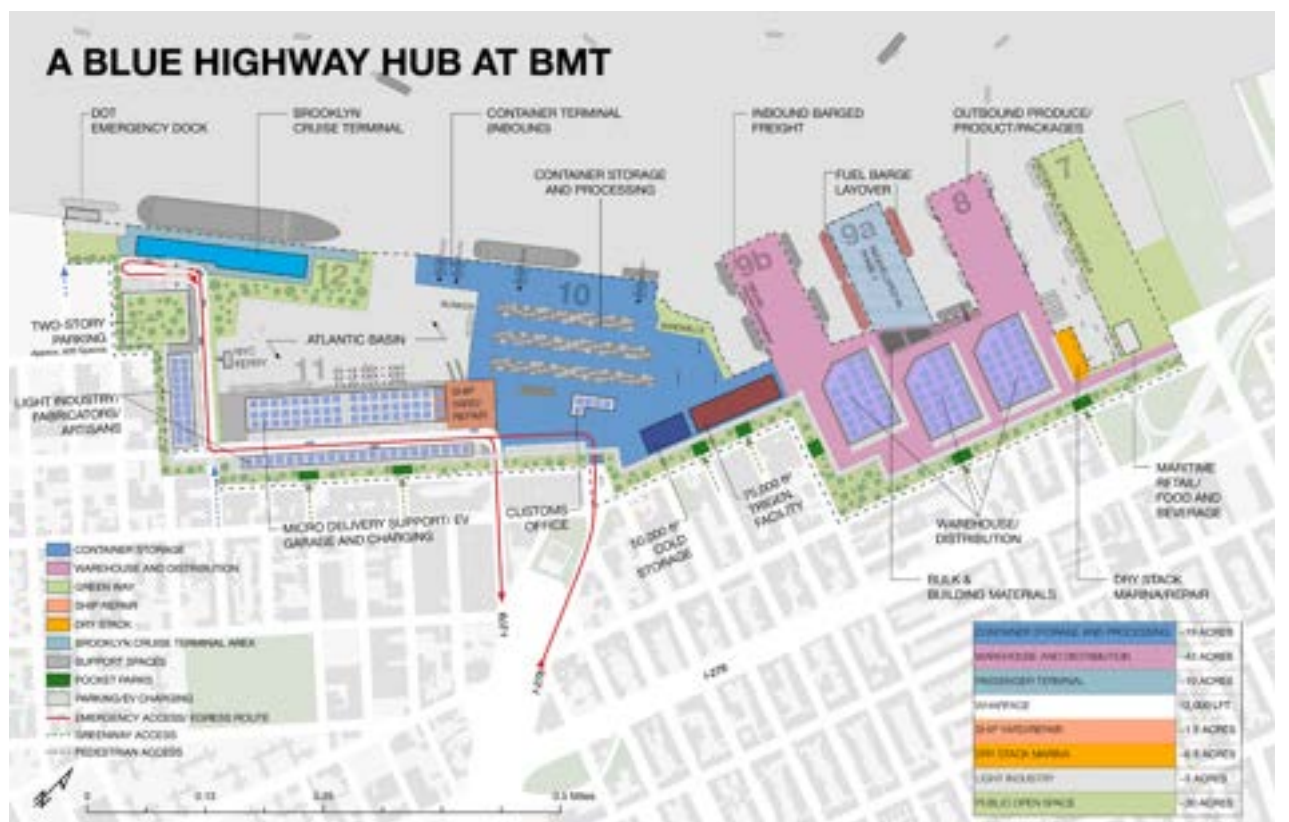
Nearly 90% of all goods entering the city currently arrive on 40,000 trucks each day, crossing aging and congested infrastructure that is increasingly vulnerable to failure. The proposal envisions BMT as a Blue Highway Hub: a modern working port that moves food, packages, and building materials by water while also functioning as a self contained emergency asset when roads, bridges, or power systems are compromised.

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The 122-acre Brooklyn Marine Terminal.

Photo: NYCEDC



Blue Highway Hub Vision.

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All Maritime Vision Recasts Brooklyn Marine Terminal As Freight, Climate and Emergency Infrastructure

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Key elements of the all-maritime plan include:

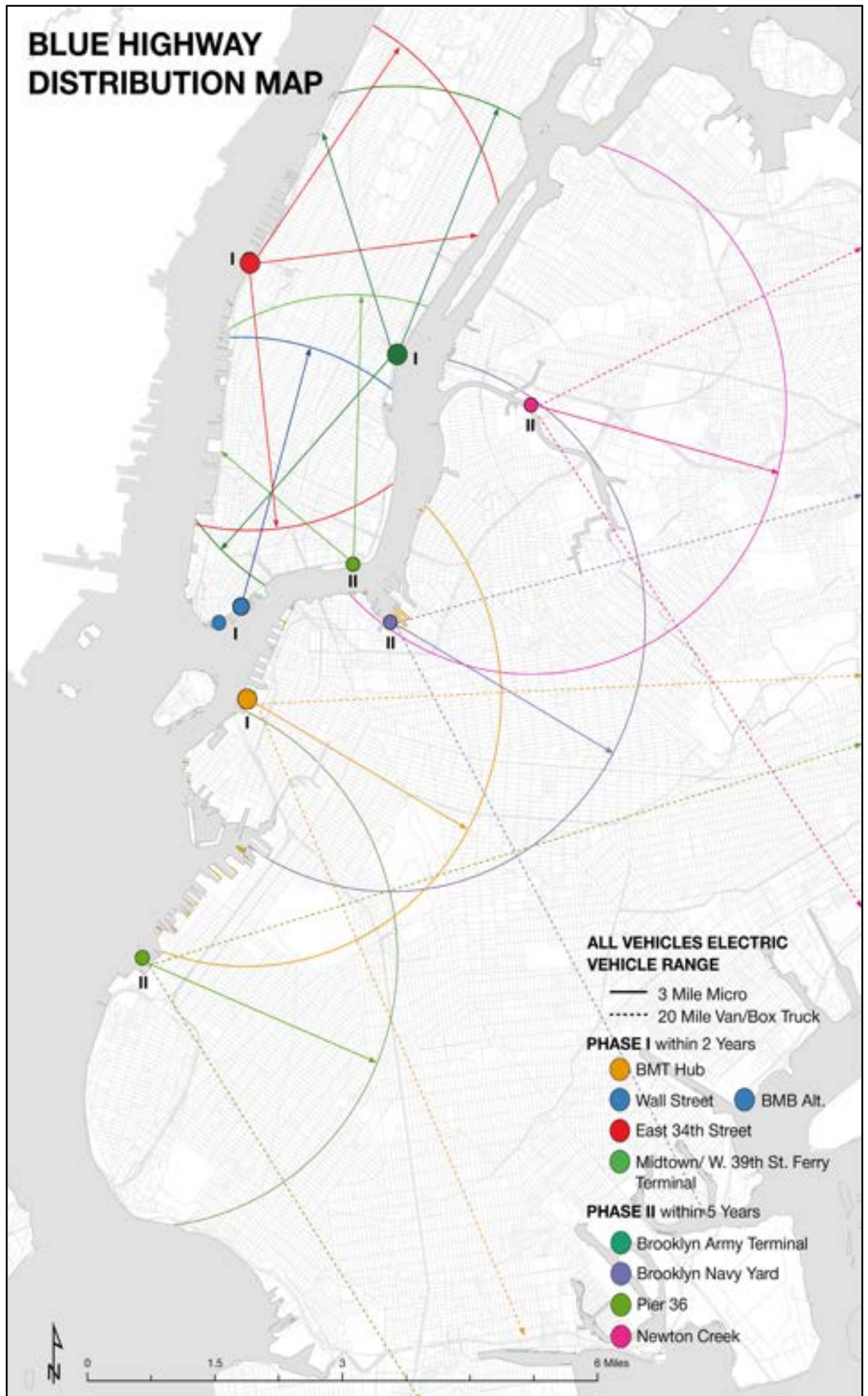
- Modernization of the port to support a citywide Blue Highway system
- Cost conscious redevelopment of BMT largely “as is,” requiring approximately \$1 billion dollars in public investment
- Avoiding landfill or platforming in the Buttermilk Channel and creating opportunities for private maritime, engineering, and logistics investment
- Preservation of Red Hook’s industrial identity without large-scale residential upzoning in a high-risk area
- Nearly 30 acres of public open space, including waterfront parks on Pier 7 and Pier 12
- Expanded green infrastructure and emergency preparedness systems designed for continuous operation
- More than two miles of active wharfage supporting regional freight movement and emergency operations
- Maritime, engineering, and technical job pathways, including port and vessel operations and maintenance, electrical and mechanical systems, logistics and transport, and management, supported by training and apprenticeships

“This proposal reconnects New York City to an economic engine that predates its bridges and highways,” said Tom Fox, a trustee of the City Club of New York who coordinated the effort. “A modern working port strengthens supply chains, supports good jobs, and helps make the city’s Blue Highway commitments real.”

Supporters say the approach is feasible and cost conscious, minimizing public investment while building on waterborne freight initiatives already underway in the city.

“BMT should be a working port, not a speculative redevelopment,” said Layla Law-Gisiko, President of the City Club of New York. “It is a critical part of NYC infrastructure that must remain functional during both everyday operations and emergency conditions, especially as the city faces a major transportation and climate change challenge.”

The proposal is calling for transparent public evaluation of the all-maritime alternative as discussions continue about the Brooklyn Marine Terminal’s future.



Blue Highway Distribution Map.

Photo: Chris Hauserman

Maria Regina makes big comeback against Fontbonne

By Jim Dolan

In another meeting of the division's top teams, 7-1 Fontbonne hosted the 7-0 Maria Regina Tigers from Hartsdale. With Maria Regina in second place by percentage points over third place Fontbonne, the winner of this contest would clearly own second place, while Cardinal Spellman sits atop the division with a 10-0 record.

Fontbonne's Maryann Polanco was off to another high-scoring game (20 points) as she led the Bonnies to a 14-11 first quarter lead over the Tigers. Polanco's teammate Summer Duffy (17 points) continued to keep Fontbonne in the mix as she led the Bonnies to a 29-22 half-time lead.

The third quarter was the turning point as Maria Regina adjusted to Fontbonne's zone defense to go on a 26-11 run by draining six 3-point baskets by three different players. Instead of attempting to penetrate Fontbonne's perimeter, Emma Yankers-Talz (18 points) sank three 3-pointers, Emma Carey (17 points) sank two and Brielle Boggio (13 points) sank one to give Maria Regina a 48-39 third quarter lead.

Down by nine points to start the fourth quarter, Lucy Kuhlmann (11 points) made it close for the Bonnies with a free throw to narrow the deficit to 56-53 with 1:52 left. With the clock ticking down, the Tiger defense proved to be very effective to limit the Bonnies to just three more points to close out the game 62-56. With the win, 8-0 Maria Regina gains control of second place, while 7-2 Fontbonne remains in third.



Along with Maria Regina's Brielle Boggio (#21), Kiera Higgins drives the ball up to the perimeter of the Fontbonne defense headed by Summer Duffy (#42) alongside Sam Spyliopoulos (#12) and Lucy Kuhlmann (#5).
Photos by Jim Dolan



In the third quarter, Olivia Teich looks to inbound the ball against Abby Carey.



Fontbonne's high scorer Maryann Polanco, left, wins the game's opening tipoff against Maria Regina's Bridget Berane.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BARAKAH BURGER LLC. ARTS. OF ORG. FILED WITH NY DEPT. OF STATE: 1/12/26. OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SEC. OF STATE DESIGNATED AGENT OF LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED AND SHALL MAIL PROCESS TO: 2015 STILLWELL AVE., BROOKLYN, NY 11223, PRINCIPAL BUSINESS ADDRESS. PURPOSE: ALL LAWFUL PURPOSES.

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12207 ARTENON LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: ARTENON LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 12/5/2025. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS ZENBUSINESS INC. 41 STATE STREET, SUITE 112 ALBANY, NY, 12207. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

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ANOTHER NEW YORK MUSE LLC

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JUJU AND MEIMEI BROOKLYN LLC

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ARTIST COMMONS LLC

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#236940

THE QUIET CAR LLC

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THE CANTINERY LLC

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC). NAME: THE CANTINERY LLC. ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE OF NEW YORK (SSNY) ON 1/20/2026. NY OFFICE LOCATION: KINGS COUNTY. SSNY HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AGENT OF THE LLC UPON WHOM PROCESS AGAINST IT MAY BE SERVED. THE POST OFFICE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE SSNY SHALL MAIL A COPY OF ANY PROCESS AGAINST THE LLC SERVED UPON HIM/HER IS ZENBUSINESS INC. 41 STATE STREET, SUITE 112 ALBANY, NY, 12207. PURPOSE/CHARACTER OF LLC: ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.

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MELLOWTRADES LLC

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CB 10 approves 11-story building on Fourth Avenue

By Jaime DeJesus

Community Board 10 voted in favor of the proposed rezoning for an 11-story, 129,035 square foot building at 9201 Fourth Ave. during a meeting on Jan. 20.

The mixed-use development proposal includes roughly 110,000 square feet for 97 housing units and 18,000 square feet for commercial use.

The plan includes 19 one-bedrooms, 62 two-bedrooms, and 16 three-bedrooms. Of the 97 units, 24 would be affordable.

For commercial use, the applicant, 9201 LLC, has plans to build a supermarket to occupy the space. There would also be parking for 52 spaces underground in the existing cellar.

The motion was carried following a vote by board members at Dyker Beach Golf Course, 1030 86th Street.

“The Zoning and Land Use Committee reiterated that it approaches all upzoning requests with caution, particularly because rezoning applies to the property regardless of ownership and may allow future development that differs materially from what is presented if the site is sold or transferred,” said Stephanie Simone-Mahaney, the committee’s chairperson. “The committee specifically noted past experiences for zoning approval were followed by changes in ownership and substantially different outcomes. These concerns were explicitly weighed as part of the committee’s deliberation.”

In past meetings, committee members asked whether the project could provide more than 25 percent affordable units.

“The applicant said the affordable units are largely family-sized, consisting of five one-bedrooms, 15 two-bedrooms and four three-bedrooms,” she said. “The team explained that increasing the affordable share would require

smaller unit sizes and would undermine the project’s financial feasibility. They emphasized a strong unmet demand for two-bedroom units and a scarcity of larger affordable apartments in the district.”

The committee reiterated its concern that a rezoning applies to the property regardless of ownership and that a future owner could pursue a materially different project.

“This is probably the number one concern for the committee,” said Simone-Mahaney.

They also raised potential issues with sewer capacity and flooding.

“The team stated that residential sewer demand would be comparable to and, in some cases, less than a fully utilized commercial or medical building,” she said.

Traffic, pedestrian safety concerns, and the presence of a school, bus routes and a firehouse at the intersection have also been presented to the applicant.

“The team stated that the intersection is fully signalized with pedestrian intervals and is not designated as a Vision Zero high crash location,” Simone-Mahaney said. “They noted residential use generally generates fewer vehicle trips than a fully tenanted commercial building and emphasized transit access nearby. They also explained that new construction requires sidewalk, crosswalk, ADA ramp and drainage improvements.”

“Notwithstanding these concerns, the committee concluded that this application presents a distinct and limited circumstance that merits different consideration from typical zoning requests based on the following factors,” she said.

Some factors included a long-term vacancy and deteriorated condition of the current building, the unusual size and configuration of the site, and proximity to transit.



The proposed 11-story building would house 97 housing units and commercial space. Rendering by Fontan Architecture

The current space at 9201 Fourth Ave. Photo courtesy of Community Board 10





GENERALLY SPEAKING

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BY THEODORE GENERAL

Three St. Pat's parades are coming your way

Erin Go Bragh! The 51st annual Brooklyn St. Patrick's Parade will take place on Sunday, March 15 at 1 p.m. PIX11 TV reporter Magee Hickey is the grand marshal. The parade route starts at Bartel-Pritchard Square, goes down 15th Street to and along Seventh Avenue, then up Garfield Field Place to Prospect Park West and back to Bartel-Pritchard Square.

On Saturday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m., the Brooklyn Parade Committee will hold its annual fund-raising dance and sashing at St. Patrick's Church Parish Hall, Fourth Avenue and 97th Street. Tickets are \$50 per person. Checks should be mailed to Brooklyn St. Patrick's Parade, Inc., PO Box 180127, Brooklyn, NY 11218.

Over in Manhattan, the 265th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, on Tuesday, March 17, starts at 11 a.m. and proceeds along Fifth Avenue from 44th to 79th Street. Robert J. McCann, president of the Irish Arts Center's board of directors, is the grand marshal. Sean Lane is the parade chairman.

The St. Patrick's Day Foundation holds its annual gala celebration in support of the parade on Wednesday, March 11 at 6 p.m. at the Marriott Marquis, 1535 Broadway. Individual tickets are premium \$1,000 and \$750. For more info contact: gala@stpatricksfoundation.org.

The 31st annual Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Parade will be held on Sunday, March 22 and kicks off at 1 p.m. from Marine Avenue, proceeding along Third Avenue to 67th Street. Father Kevin Abels, pastor of Our Lady of Angels, St. Anslem's and St. Andrew the Apostle churches is the grand marshal. Richie O'Mara is the parade president.

The Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Parade Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. at the El Caribe Country Club, 5945 Strickland Ave. Tickets are \$175 per person and may be purchased online by contacting the parade committee at Bayridgeparade.com

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The Cathedral Club of Brooklyn will hold its 126th anniversary dinner on Thursday evening, Feb. 5, at the El Caribe Country Club.



On the march at Bay Ridge's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Brooklyn Eagle file photo

Harry D'Onofrio is the president of the prestigious Catholic lay organization, which was founded in 1900.

This auspicious event will honor Vincent Theurer, marketing director for the Approved Oil Company; Anthony J. Santo, CPA with Hen-

ry F. Malarkey and Company; and Nicole Macca, project director, Cushman and Wakefield.

Bishop Robert Brennan, head of the Brooklyn Catholic Diocese, is the club's spiritual leader and Father Michael Falce, pastor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, is the

club chaplain. Other club officers are Vice President Craig Eaton, Treasurer Richie Re, and Recording Secretary Brian Long.

Individual tickets are \$300 and VIP tables of 10 are \$5,000. To pay online, visit cathedralclub.org

HOCHUL AND HER HENCHMAN

It should come as no surprise that a state judge who was formerly Gov. Kathy Hochul's chief of staff and legal counsel ruled that the 11th Congressional District that encompasses Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, Bath Beach, much of Bensonhurst and some of Gravesend and all of Staten Island was unconstitutional.

Rigging an election is what Gov. Hochul and her band of election-rigging judges and Democratic legislators do when they cannot beat Conservative-Republicans at the ballot box. They change the rules of the game entirely by changing the lines of the district. In

this case, Nicole Malliotakis' district.

This is the Democratic Party's third reapportionment attempt in the past four years. Reapportionment should be done only once every 10 years with the census if your intent is to put the citizens first. If politics is your focus, then you keep on trying to change the district's makeup until you get it the way you want it. If the continuity of government emanating from a for-certain representation is your goal, you fight the reapportionment battle once every 10 years.

Despite having a very

heavy minority makeup, including one of the state's largest Asian populations. And regardless of being a clear majority Democratic in enrollment as well as Nicole being Hispanic, the district was electing a conservative Republican. In fact, it re-elected Nicole in a landslide. This was unacceptable to Hochul, who makes her own rules. Fortunately, she cannot make her own laws.

The 11th Congressional District needs to remain the same. Malliotakis' legal team is on very solid ground as it perfects its appeals and legal actions over the next few



COMMON SENSE

BY JERRY KASSAR

with national implications inasmuch as it could strike down a section of the Voting Rights Act that buttresses partisan racial politics.

Numerous editorial boards, including the Daily News, Newsday and the New York Post, have weighed in denouncing the decision as being nothing more than a political move by the Democratic governor and Jefferies. They emphasize that there is no merit to the arguments and the

case should never have been brought. They chastise the judge for ignoring the facts in what appears to be a decision that was written before the arguments were made.

Considering how this case was handled and the distress the decision is causing among the many affected Democratic incumbents concerned about petitions, the DSA and primaries, it is no wonder that Hakeem Jeffries is having a lot of explaining to do.

weeks. The biggest fear of Democrats and Hakeem Jeffries is the U.S. Supreme Court taking up the case in which the 11th Congressional District could affect how states conduct reapportionments going forward.

This fear has most likely been exasperated as the Supreme Court is poised to issue a decision in a Louisiana case

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