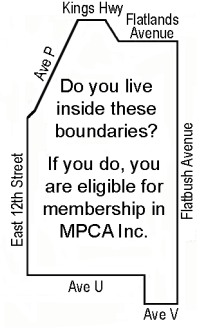


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President's Message

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We had a great meeting last month and I want to thank everyone for their continued support. It is impressive to see how well attended our meetings have been.

As many of you know it is our tradition to give away turkeys at our November meeting donated by local elected officials and local merchants. Thank you to Assemblywoman Jamie Williams, Councilmember Farah Louis, Councilmember Mercedes Narcisse and Bob Tracey of Tracey Real Estate for their generous donations.

We are now looking forward to the most festive time of the year. As the Holiday Season approaches, if possible, please be charitable. Remember that there are people in our Community who may not get to enjoy the holidays. Please help out whenever possible.

Our next meeting is the Holiday Meeting. We will have light refreshments and some holiday music at the meeting. Additionally, there will be two raffles. The first is the TV raffle. The TV is donated by Bob Tracey and all proceeds go toward Flatlands Volunteer Ambulance. We will also be doing a 50/50. We are going to do 50/50 raffles at our meetings so that we can raise money for an AED Device since the City will not provide one for our meetings. If you can, please participate in both raffles.

Lastly, the City of Yes was approved by a vote of 31-20. We are going to get the list of who voted yes and make the list available. For those City Officials collecting their pay in Bitcoin and the Developers, it was a great day. For the City and its residents, this bill is the start of the complete destruction of this City. I am so disappointed at the influence of money and developers on our elected officials. These developers do not live in our Communities but yet they have the biggest influence on how we live. We would have expected our City officials to protect our Communities but they have wholly failed. For the first time in my life I have a feeling of hopelessness for this City that I was always so proud of.

However, we will keep fighting. We need to get people to the polls and vote out the developers and their puppets in the roles of elected officials. It is time that the City unite. This City of Yes received No votes in so many Community Boards but yet wins the majority. It is time for change to come to our City so we can take it back.

On behalf of myself and the Marine Park Community Association, we would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Healthy New Year.

Please stay safe and be strong.

Rob Mazzuchin
President, MPCA

GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday,
December 17th
7:00 pm
Annual
Holiday Party

*At the Carmine Carro Community Center
3000 Fillmore Avenue
(between Madison Place and Marine Parkway)*



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Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month
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MARINE PARK EVENTS

Saturday, December 8, 2024

Festival of Lights - Santa in the Park!

11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Location: Carmine Carro Community Center
(in Marine Park)

Category: Arts & Crafts, Best for Kids,
Visit Santa **Free!**

Saturday, December 8, 2024

Festival of Lights - Chanukah

3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Location: Carmine Carro Community Center
(in Marine Park) **Category:** Holiday Lightings **Free!**

Friday, December 13, 2024

Meteor Showers

7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Location: Seba Playground (in Marine Park)
Category: Astronomy

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Holiday Origami Ornament Making

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Location: Salt Marsh Nature Center
(in Marine Park)

Category: Arts & Crafts, Nature, Urban Park Rangers,
Winter Holidays

Sunday, December 15, 2024

NYRR Open Run: Marine Park

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Location: Carmine Carro Community Center
(in Marine Park)

Category: Sports, Running/Jogging, Walking **Free!**

Saturday, December 21, 2024

Astronomy: The Winter Solstice

5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Location: Seba Playground (in Marine Park)
Category: Urban Park Rangers, Astronomy



Fall Events At the Lott House

Dec 6: Tree Lighting w/Sinterklaas

Attention Homeowners: Save on Your Property Taxes

Council Member Narcisse is hosting two special workshops designed to help you navigate property tax savings and exemptions. Don't miss these opportunities to learn, apply, and save. Please share with your neighbors.



Workshop 1: Property Tax Savings for Co-op/Condo Owners

Senior & Disability Exemption Workshop

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 | 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

@ Community Office of Council Member Narcisse,
5827 Flatlands Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11234

Learn how seniors and people with disabilities living in co-ops or condos can apply for valuable property tax exemptions, including programs for veterans and clergy. NYC Finance will walk you through eligibility requirements and the application process for SCHE and DHE exemptions.

Workshop 2: Property Tax Savings for Homeowners

Review Your Notice of Property Values (NOPV)

Explore Property Tax Exemptions

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 | 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

@ Community Office of Council Member Narcisse,
5827 Flatlands Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11234

We'll help you review your Notice of Property Values (NOPV) to ensure accuracy and explore various property tax exemptions, including those for seniors and people with disabilities.

Both workshops provide a unique opportunity to get guidance from NYC Finance professionals and maximize your property tax savings.

Register today by calling, (718) 241-9330 and provide your block and lot number if available.

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Marine Park Community Association, I would like to invite you to our Annual Holiday Party.

This is our 98th year as a volunteer organization working together with our elected officials, community leaders, merchants, civic associations, police, fire, sanitation, parks departments and volunteers. Without your support in the form of grants, presence at community events and monthly meetings and donating your time, the MPCA would not be as successful an organization as it is today.

The Holiday Season is now here to remind us to be thankful for the things that matter to us most – family, friends and good health. We hope you will be able to join us to share in the holiday spirit.

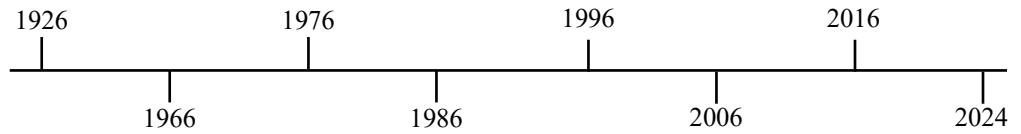
Our Holiday Party will take place on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 7:00pm.

*It will be held at: The Carmine Carro Community Center
3000 Fillmore Avenue*

*Season's Greetings to All,
Rob Mazzuchin
President, MPCA*

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Our Neighborhood – Happy Holidays!

The mild November weather was such a nice treat raking leaves was barely a bother. And now yes, it's that time of year again. There's a chill in the air and homes are lit up to help us all celebrate the Season. The local festivities will start with the Tree Lighting at the Lott House on December 6 followed by Festival of Lights celebrations around the neighborhood. Check all the flyers here for the details.

This year we decided to start our Christmas tree shopping early. I still like a fresh tree, though they seem to get smaller each year to save my back and a couple of bucks.

I like to shop at one of the outdoor tree markets set up around the neighborhood. Most of these temporary showcases also offer an assortment of Christmas decorations.

So one recent morning I parked on Avenue V and walked over to JJ Christmas Trees on Knapp Street just to take a look.

I spoke with a young man who was twisting Christmas wreathes by hand right there on the sidewalk. He excused himself to showcase a few trees for a potential customer who had pulled over to peruse the many different Christmas tree options. As I watched him bang and spin the trees on the sidewalk Bill, who runs the operation, came over to see if I needed anything. I told him I was just looking, and he was nice enough to show me around.

As I checked out all the various pine branch creations, resisting the urge to buy one of each, Bill explained that each piece is handmade on site by the locals who work there during the Season. My interest piqued, I asked a few questions and learned how most of these trees are trucked down from a Canadian Christmas tree farm just before Thanksgiving. He also said the majority of the young workers were from the neighborhood.

There was the usual assortment of wreathes, all decorated very nicely with bows, bells and pinecones. But the creativity also extended to tabletop decorations and ornaments.

My favorites are the small reindeer cobbled together with nothing but pine branches and twigs.

Unable to choose just one, and resisting the urge to buy one of each, I thanked and told Bill I'll be back. Hopefully on a cold calm night with light snow falling.

Merry Christmas.
December '24.



Emergency Weather Survival Kit

Keep these items in your vehicle or have them with you when driving:

1. Weather-resistant outerwear appropriate to season, such as rain poncho and boots
2. Warning triangles to place around vehicle
3. Colored cloth to put on antenna or hang from window if you get stuck
4. Booster/jumper cables, plus goggles to wear when jump-starting battery
5. Tow strap or chain
6. Container of windshield washer fluid
7. Cloth towel or roll of paper towels
8. Fully charged cell phone, with adapter and cord to recharge
9. Functional spare tire
10. Basic automotive tool kit including electrical or duct tape and flexible wire
11. Basic first-aid kit
12. Multipurpose dry chemical fire extinguisher
13. List of emergency phone numbers, including your insurer and towing company
14. High-energy food, such as granola bars, trail mix, dried fruit, or nuts
15. Water (do not store in vehicle)
16. Flashlight with extra batteries
17. Candles and matches
18. Map
19. Paper and pen or pencil
20. Blanket or sleeping bag






Especially for winter weather driving:

1. Extra cold-weather clothing: hat, scarf, gloves, coat, socks, boots
2. Tire chains
3. Bag of abrasive material, such as sand or road salt
4. Small snow shovel
5. Traction mats
6. Snow brush and ice scraper
7. Container of antifreeze
8. Lock de-icer (do not store in vehicle)



Winter Weather Driving Myth Buster

Know the facts for safe winter driving—be prepared

Myth:		Fact:
When pouring boiling water on windows, it will clear ice and snow from frozen windows. By using a hairdryer, I can thaw door locks.		Never pour hot water over icy windows to clear them. The rapid temperature change can cause glass to crack or shatter. High heat of a hairdryer could result in damaged lock sensors.
If I drive fast enough, the wind will clear the snow off my car.		Not clearing ice and snow from your vehicles is dangerous. Take time to properly clear windows, mirrors and lights.
My four-wheel and all-wheel drive vehicle is safest in winter weather. I don't need to slow down.		Best for everyone to go slow, when it comes to steering and braking in the winter weather.
I live in the south, we don't have to worry about snow and ice!		Warmer climates can experience snow or black ice when temperatures dip or melted mountain snow refreezes.
If I hit an icy patch, steering away from it will help me regain control.		Turn the front wheels in the direction you want the car to go, and as it begins to move in the correct direction, be prepared to counter steer if necessary.

Home Safety Tips for Holiday Travels Planning a holiday getaway? Before you head off to spend time with family and friends, take a few simple steps to keep your home safe and sound while you're away. These easy precautions will give you peace of mind, so you can focus on celebrating the season—not worrying about your empty nest back home.

1. **Set Your Lights on Timers:** Keep your home looking lively while you're away by setting indoor and outdoor lights on timers.
2. **Pause Deliveries:** A stack of packages on the porch can be a tell-tale sign you're away. Hold mail and deliveries, or ask a neighbor to bring them in.
3. **Unplug Small Appliances:** Unplugging your coffee maker, toaster, and other small gadgets is an easy way to protect your home and save on energy.

Winter-Ready Home Prep

Winter is coming! As we settle into colder weather, now's the perfect time to make sure your home is prepped to handle whatever winter storms come your way. A few preventative steps can save you from dealing with unexpected (and chilly) surprises this season.

1. **Inspect & Clean Gutters:** Clear gutters can prevent icicles and ice dams, protecting your roof.
2. **Check Heating Systems:** Change out filters and schedule a quick HVAC checkup to make sure your heating system is in tip-top shape.
3. **Wrap Pipes:** Insulate pipes in colder areas like basements and garages to avoid freezing or bursting pipes.

Must-Have Kitchen Gadgets for Holiday Meals The holidays usually means more time spent in the kitchen preparing delicious meals. Whether you're cooking for a small gathering or a big bash, these gadgets are sure to save you time, make you look like a pro, and add a touch of fun to your holiday cooking!

1. **Electric Carving Knife:** Slice that holiday roast or turkey like a pro!
2. **Instant Pot:** Ideal for whipping up anything from mashed potatoes to holiday stews—quick and stress-free!
3. **Digital Thermometer:** Make sure every dish is perfectly cooked and holiday guests leave happy.

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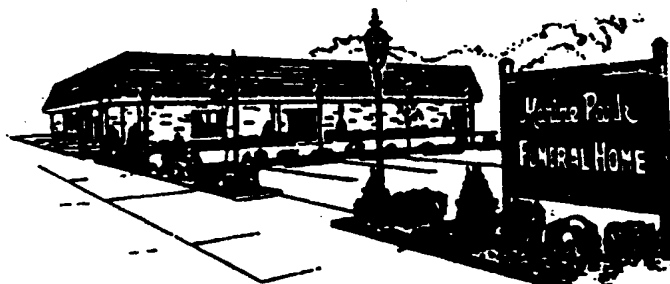
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