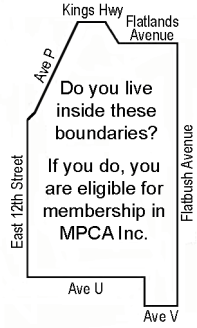


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President's Message

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. It was a great season in our Community with multiple holiday events throughout our Community. Thank you to all our volunteers who took the time to support the events. Most of all, thank you to everyone who takes the time to attend these events and our meetings.

We will start with the good news. As I am writing this message, there are less than ten families in Floyd Bennett Field, and it is scheduled to fully close on January 15th. Thank you to Assemblywoman Jaime Williams for keeping the focus on Floyd Bennett Field and for following through until it is finally closed.

As many of you know, despite strong opposition from the majority of the Community Boards across the City of New York, our City Council passed the City of Yes. The only beneficiaries of the City of Yes are the developers who can now buy up properties and build mutli-family homes and then return to their mansions outside the City.

However, even though the legislation was passed, we have not given up the fight. MPCA recently joined a coalition with other community boards, and we contributed to a legal fund to fight the City of Yes in court. We will work with the coalition and lawyers to challenge the legality of this law that allows for uniform upzoning in the City without regard to environmental or infrastructure concerns. Within the next two months, litigation will be commenced to fight the City of Yes. We will provide details of the fight at our next meeting. In the interim, there is a GoFundMe account for those who want to donate to the legal fight. I will provide the information for the GoFundMe on the Marine Park pages.

Please note that our February meeting, which is scheduled for February 18, 2025, IS CANCELLED. This meeting is scheduled the day after Presidents Day during the school vacation. In our experience, attendance at this meeting is very low. Combining that with the fact that it is usually the coldest meeting of the year, the Board decided it was best to cancel this meeting.

Thank you for all of your support.

Stay warm and stay safe.

Rob Mazzuchin
President, MPCA

GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

**Tuesday,
January 21st
7:00 pm**

Discuss neighborhood issues and events

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



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MARINE PARK EVENTS

Saturday, January 11, 2025
It's My Park at Marine Park

10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Location: Salt Marsh Nature Center (in Marine Park)
Category: Volunteer, It's My Park - **Free!**

Sunday, January 12, 2025
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, January 18, 2025
Outdoor Skills: Winter Wilderness Survival

1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m.
Location: Salt Marsh Nature Center (in Marine Park)
Category: Urban Park Rangers - **Free!**

Sunday, January 19, 2025
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!**

Sunday, January 26, 2025
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!**

Sunday, February 2, 2025
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!**

Sunday, February 9, 2025
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!**

Sunday, February 16, 2025
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!**



Dear Friends,

As we bid farewell to 2024 and welcome 2025, I'm reminded that the arrival of each new year brings with it a sense of renewal and hope for the future. Holiday lights will dim, and the delicious aroma of freshly baked cookies will fade as we reflect and anticipate what will be in the year to come.

For many, the New Year marks a moment to share warm wishes and heartfelt messages with loved ones at home. For others, celebrating at a lively New Year's party, exchanging "Happy New Year" greetings has become their cherished tradition. Regardless of how you choose to spend this New Year, I wish that yours is filled with laughter and love- filled with fresh starts, new beginnings, big dreams and endless possibilities!

May this New Year be your best one yet!

Sincerely,

Jaime Williams



Retail theft is a serious problem in our community, and I'm doing something about it. I helped pass a new state law creating the crime of fostering the sale of stolen goods to crack down on organized retail theft (Ch. 55 of 2024). I have zero tolerance for those who threaten our small businesses and our families' safety.

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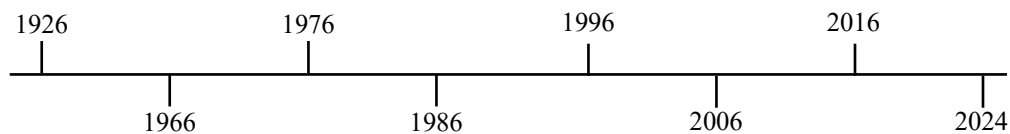
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Our Neighborhood – Happy New Year!

Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday and we all have a healthy Happy 2025!

Here at home we closed out the old year untrimming the tree and the living room as usual. Taking down the stockings and putting everything in a box, then the box in the attic. Now ready to resume our indoor routine in more familiar surroundings.

My outdoor routine this time of year is any excuse to get out and get some fresh air. Take a walk to run an errand, or just stroll around the park. This winter's weather has been fairly cooperative so I've been getting away with just a good winter coat, no scarf or earmuffs yet required. On a really cold day I look for indoor options. Places to spend time, get a little exercise out of the house but not out in the cold.

Like, while (very late) Holiday shopping at Kings Plaza, walking around the mall I realized this was a good way to get a few steps in. Just get out and get the blood circulating. So if it's too cold outside I can take a short ride and walk a couple of miles pretending to window shop. Maybe stop for a double cheeseburger and fries at Shake Shack.

A guys gotta eat.

Of course over at the Marine Park Senior Center there's many opportunities to meet up and move. A chance to dance, Zumba, ping pong, yoga, and more. Check the monthly event calendar right here in the MPCA Newsletter.

Then there's places we can go inside and just relax.

Places like the Regal UA Sheepshead Bay Movie theater. The Mystery Movie promo on Mondays is a good deal.

Some days I make my way over to the local diner, maybe meet a neighbor while enjoying a late breakfast special, coffee refills complimentary.

Speaking of coffee, a while back, walking to the Deli on Ave S I stopped for a quiet cup at Marine Park Coffee. It's now become an at-least-once-a-week default detour.

Thinking about the nice places I can go to spend part of a short, cold January day helps me lose some of those winter blues. Just knowing they're there.

And then I remember there's still February to deal with and, if I'm being honest, I get an urge to head south for a while, come back around St Paddy's day.

Maybe next year.

January '25



Marine Park Civic Association
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January 2025

Dear Marine Park Residents:

The Marine Park Civic Association was founded in 1926 to promote the mutual and general welfare of the community by securing the united action of all residents and merchants with matters pertaining to civic improvement. We are a non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-profit organization.

We conduct ten monthly membership meetings per year (July and August excluded) at our "home" in the Carmine Carro Community Center, offering refreshments and door prizes. Two of these meetings are party style with food and entertainment where you can get to know your fellow members. These meetings are usually attended by various elected and government agency officials who address issues of concern and try to answer any questions you may have. With your membership, you will receive ten monthly newsletters (**either via email for a faster, enviro-friendly delivery** or a hardcopy – you can decide below) to keep you informed of events in our neighborhood. Additionally, you can reach us on our website with any issues or concerns you may have.

While we sponsor many events throughout the year, we are best known for our legendary Fall Festival, the Thanksgiving "Great Turkey Giveaway" and Santa in the Park. If you are not familiar with these events, you don't know what you are missing.

So that we may continue to serve you and work for the betterment of our neighborhood, we need your support. The cost to become a member or renew your membership is **\$20 per year**. We have been one of the few organizations who kept our membership dues as low as possible through the years. The cost of printing and mailing the newsletter, coffee and cake at our meetings, holiday and end of year party, sponsorship of our annual events and working in partnership with other organizations requires funding. Although we have been fortunate to obtain grants from our elected officials, at times the grants do not cover all the expenses.

If you are not yet a member, we urge you to return the attached membership form along with your check. Of course, any additional donations are greatly appreciated. To those of you who are already members and plan to renew your membership, we sincerely thank you for your continued support. We ask everyone to help get the word out to your neighbors and try to **bring in a new member**. Remember... there is strength in numbers. **We can't do it without you!**

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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
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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
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8. Lock de-icer (do not store in vehicle)



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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.
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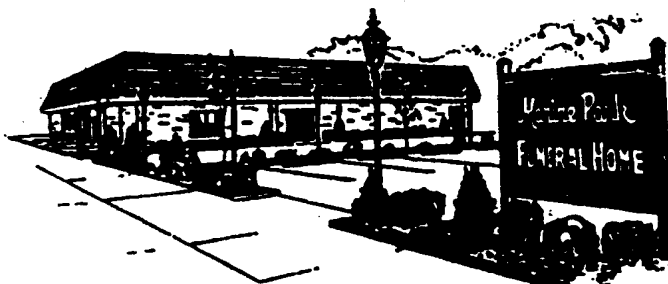
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