

Brooklyn Community Board #4 Regular Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, November 20, 2019  
Hope Gardens Multi Service Center  
195 Linden Street  
Brooklyn, New York 11221  
6:00PM

Chairperson, Mr. Robert Camacho  
District Manager Ms. Celestina Leon

Board Members in Attendance:

Grace Aytes, Jo-Ena Bennett, Bridgette Blood, Joshua Brown, Martha Brown, Robert Camacho, Felix Ceballos, Gardea Caphart, Louisa Chan, Daniella Davi, Elvena Davis, Denisse Reyna-Dolin, Carlos Feliciano, Freddy Fowler, Egaudy Gomez, Christopher Graham, Anne Guiney, Migdalia Gutierrez, Tanesha Honeygan, Barbara Jackson, Kristen Jock, Cheryl Jones, Austin Martinez, Desmonde Monroe, Samy Nemir, Zulma Novoa, Luisa Jose-Olea, Raul Rubio, Eliseo Ruiz, Julio Salinas, Barbara Smith, Annette Spellin, Jerry Valentin, James Wiseman and Odolph Wright.

Board Members Excused:

Melissa Carrera, Victoria Fernandez, James Fitzgerald, Jose R. Guzman, Virgie Jones, Mary McClellan, Acire Polight, Gladys Puglla, Vernedeaner Shell, Dustin Sonneborn, and Peter Tam

Board Members Absent: Sufia Chowdhry, Julie Dent, and Michelle Hilliard

The District Manger opened the monthly Community Board #4 meeting at 6:05PM

- Public Hearing Item -

1. Cas Stachelberg, Historic Preservation Consultant, Higgins Quasebarth and Partners, Jordan Rogove, DXA Studio and Property Owner, Ulmer Brewery (81 Beaver Street): The project team is seeking a recommendation for approval of a Landmarks Preservation Commission Certificate of Appropriateness application, for work at a portion of the landmarked William Ulmer Brewery (71 Beaver Street – Block 3135, Lot 27).

Mr. Shane Filan presenting:

Johan Rogove – one of the principles from DXZ Studio, Sarah Keen  
Travis Stabler, from ownership.

81 Beaver Street is located on the corner of Beaver and Belvidere Street in Bushwick. The building was built back in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Many of the brewery buildings were lost over time. This building was designated by LPC in 2010.

Photos of the building was shown of existing conditions:

Outdated fire escape, facades showed several brick-openings particularly along the street façade on the bottom. There are several non-original windows throughout and non-historic openings also throughout.

Site: William Ulmer Brewery, Individual Landmark, 1 of 3 designated Buildings

- A) Main Brew House and Connected Engine and Machine House, 71-83 Beaver Street (Lot 27) (1872 & 1881) To be renovated
- B) Office, 31 Belvidere Street (Lot 34) (1880) - Under separate ownership and not part of scope
- C) Stable and Storage Building, 26-28 Locust Street (Lot 16) (1890) – Under separate ownership and not part of scope
- D) 1 Story Building, 38 Locust Street (Lots 20 & 25) (1924) Former courtyard for Brewery Complex but not part of Landmark Site – Under Separate ownership and not part of scope

There is a lot of paint and graffiti existing on the building, that has been built up over time.

A 1920 picture of the building was shown. The picture showed the tower and the chimney that existed at the time, and the windows showing all their original arched openings.

The building was sold in the 1920's after it was closed down due to prohibition and then shortly after it was converted to light manufacturing and during this period it then went under significant change.

#### Proposed Scope

Mr. Jordan Rogove: Showed pictures of what the building will look like.

Grffiti that has been built up over the years will be gone. They will take all the boarded windows and bring them back to their original historic profile. DXA Studio have been having conversations with both the Landmarks Preservation Commission and the State Historic Preservation Office. In having such it has always been agreed that there are two periods of significance in this building's history, there is the initial construction that happened in 1872 and in 1923 following the prohibition it was changed over to a manufacturing building and that point there were a series of alterations made. Their client is going the extra mile in restoring the building back to its original historic status.

Belvidere Street side: In 1923 there was a conversion, a powerhouse was built along with two garages were added. However, in converting the building now there is an obligation to make the building accessible to both handicap and to provide a series of life safety measures in the code requirements. One of the code requirements is to provide loading docks for future use of the building. The doors will stay as they were, and we are proposing a foldable store front so that the space can be activated. They will also bring back an old painted brewery sign of WmULMER Brewery.

The top of the building there is a small minimally visible penthouse. Working with Landmarks Preservation Commission they are setting the penthouse back so that you will not really seeing it over the primary façade. Mechanical fences will surround the area.

New screened mechanical area, New double hung window, New awning window, New Panel signage, New wall sconce at plasters, New bracket signage, Restored inswing door, lowered sill for new entrance, New Penthouse, New Metal guardrail, New storefronts, New elevator bulkhead and New metal stair access.

Windows will be restored to the 1872 standards. They are proposing stairs with a handicap ramp to connect at the western end of Beaver Street.

The penthouse will be pushed back in order to reduce the amount of sound and visibility.

2. Del Sledge, Community Outreach Coordinator, and Angelina Dreem, Co-founder, POWRPLNT:

POWRPLNT is an artist led Brooklyn-based organization established to provide digital art education, technology access and inspiration for underserved youth, artists and the Brooklyn community. We host classes for teens and adults on professional creative software with the goal of increasing diversity in the worlds of art and technology. We support the ideals and creativity and inspire the next generation of innovators.

Additionally, POWRPLNY has a plant-filled community space open to the public with access to computers, free WiFi and co-working resources. Our model of a community driven open access educational space addresses the digital divide by providing equal access to technology and digital skills.

Community Lab Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 3:00pm-6:00pm  
Saturday: 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Access to Co-working Space, Digital Arts Workshops, Print & Scan Documents, Software (Adobe Suite, Microsoft Office, Ableton Live), Job search information, students can complete homework & assignments.

- All digital Arts Workshops are free to teens /donation based for adults
- POWRPLNT space is available for rental (event, gatherings, pop-ups, and meetings)
- The computer lab is available to everyone

For more information contact, [hello@powrplnt.org](mailto:hello@powrplnt.org)  
562 Evergreen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221, 347-927-8661  
Website: [www.POWRPLNT.org](http://www.POWRPLNT.org)

The District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon called the first roll call:

**First Roll Call:** – 33 members present this does constitute a quorum.

The acceptance of the agenda was made by Ms. Elvena Davis and second by Mr. James Wiseman. All board members present were in favor. Motion moved.

The acceptance of last month's minutes was made by Ms. Barbara Jackson and second by Mr. Freddy Fowler. All members present were in favor. Motion moved.

**Chairperson's Report:**

Welcome to the November 20, 2019 meeting. Mr. Camacho thanked the everyone for attending the meeting and he thanked the board members for having a quorum.

Chairperson Camacho attended several meetings since the last full board meeting.

Thursday, October 17 – Staff meeting with the staff at Community Board 4, attended a fundraiser for Community Resist at from 6-10pm.

Monday, October 21 – attended along with the District Manager a meeting at 3pm with both council person regarding the BCP (Bushwick Community Plan).

Attended the YEC meeting at 6pm and at 7pm attended the EPTS Committee meeting both meetings held at the Community Board's Office.

Tuesday, October 22 – attended a youth summit at the Public library at 3pm.; Meeting with Scott Short from Riseboro at 6pm, regarding some of the complaints we have been receiving about

some of his buildings. At 6:30pm attended a meeting at 55 Goodwin Place, Neighborhood Advisory Board.

Wednesday, October 23 – 1424 Gates Avenue, at 6pm attended a tenant forum with Assemblywoman Maritza Davila.

Thursday, October 24 – attended PLC Committee (Permits & Licenses) meeting.

Wednesday, November 6 - attended the Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 13 – attended a press conference on Wyckoff Avenue at 11:30am, regarding some Latinos getting arrested for selling churros at the Broadway Junction train station.

We will get the EDC (Economic Development Committee) to find out about what is happening with the building on Myrtle and Gates Avenues. The building is empty, we need to find out why that is and why more businesses are not coming in here.

Thursday, November 14 – attended the PRC (Parks and Recreation Committee) meeting at 6pm.

Attended Council member Reynoso's Participatory Budgeting Assembly at IS 383, 1300 Greene Avenue, 6pm to 8pm. Attended the NCO Sector D meeting starting at 6:30 to 8pm, 411 Troutman Street.

Saturday, November 16 – CB4 hosted the Bushwick Planning Forum, 11am -1pm., 422 Central Avenue.

Monday, November 18 – UNO Town Hall, United Revival Mennonite Church, 390 Melrose Street, 6pm to 8pm. The meeting was regarding tenants' rights.

Tuesday, November 19 – Bushwick Community Partnership, DeKalb Public Library, 10am – 12pm.

83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Community Council Meeting, 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 20 – Clergy Council Meeting, 10am – 12pm.

The Elected Officials and / or their representatives that was present at the meeting.

- 1) Jonathan Pomboza, Representing Brooklyn District Attorney, Eric Gonzalez, 350 Jay Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Action Center: 718-250-2340. Mr. Pomboza's #: 718-250-2817
- 2) Ramon Pebenito, Representing Senator Julia Salazar, office at present is at the Bushwick Public Library. New office will be opening on December 2, 212 Bushwick Avenue
- 3) Paula Melendez, Representing Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, 249 Wilson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 718-443-1205
- 4) Julio Salazar, Representing Congressmember Nydia Velazquez, 266 Broadway, Brooklyn, NY 11211, 718-599-3658
- 5) Marcus Harris, Representing Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-802-3700 or directly at 718-802-3909
- 6) Karen Cherry Representing 54<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, Assembly Member Erik Martin Dilan, 718-386-4576, 366 Cornelia Street Brooklyn, NY 11237
- 7) Fatima Elmansy, Representing Councilmember Antonio Reynoso, 34<sup>th</sup> Council District, 244 Union Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211, 718-963-3141
- 8) Darma Diaz, Female District Leader, Cell # 646-303-9934

Federal, State or City Agencies

- 1) Ben Colombo, Department of Buildings, 210 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor. 718-802-3726
- 2) Ian Hanson, NYC Census 2020, 347-320-4066

3) Family Freedom Alliance, 718-635-1182

**83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct**

Sergeant Anna Serrano, in charge of the NCO program: Holidays are coming up. During the holiday's packages tend to disappear and apartments tend to be broken into when you are at work.

When you shop online make sure that you are home when your packages are going to be delivered or you notify FED-EX, USPS or UPS as to where they can deliver your package, whether it is inside your lobby or to a neighbor's apartment.

Christmas trees signals to onlookers that there will be presents inside your home. Try not to advertise what you might have in your home.

Inside your vehicles please do not leave visible, money, bags or packages. Put them in the truck of your car.

Mr. Joshua Brown: Can you tell us about the shooting that occurred on Eldert Street and Wilson Avenue? Can you tell us if the suspect was apprehended and I believe someone died?

Sergeant Serrano: This matter is still under investigation and currently we are close to having a suspect. No one has been apprehended at this moment.

Is this something that was gang related, is this something that is going to continue to happen or retaliation for? No.

Crimes that we are having in Bushwick are not as high as they were last month. We are not high in Grand Larceny, etc. We are high in assaults; however, these assaults are domestic.

CB4 Parks and Recreation Committee chair member Ms. Annette Spellman: Thank you for putting lights at Halsey Street and Wilson Avenue, and for having a police unit go around the park in order to make sure that those persons that should not be there in the park are not there. Thank you for that and please let everyone know at the 83<sup>rd</sup> that we thank them.

Sergeant Serrano: If there are any problems or concerns please feel free to contact her. She left her business cards with her contact information available for persons to take. She stated that if she does not answer when you call, she will get back in contact with you if you please leave a message.

**District Manager's Report:**

The District Manager, Ms. Celestina Leon: Happy belated veterans' day and she thanked all the service members living in Bushwick.

As this year head towards it's end, the districts office has been consistently busy responding to district issues, handling administrative tasks and addressing sensitive project issues such as the recent expansion of Citi Bike and the ongoing planning process.

It is evident each passing day that Bushwick continues to experience unprecedented change that affects everyone and certainly our most vulnerable neighbors. At a planning forum this past weekend we heard from community leaders, stakeholders and residents about what Bushwick means to them. It means resiliency, opportunity, home, culture, community, etc. It remains important to hear and support one another as the change in Bushwick and in the city at large

persists. Community leaders, past, present and future despite their differences speak of the dedication of those that choose and are often forced by circumstance to become more involved in the neighborhood. And even if we disagree it is about how we move forward together as one community.

It is not easy to find the time, to make sense of injustice, to choose to seek the truth instead of becoming more isolated or allowing rumors to distract us from what is most important, which is advocating for the greatest needs of Bushwick.

Some of Meetings that the District Manager attended:

Thursday, October 24 – Bushwick Community Partnership Governance Meeting: Met with leaders from the Coalition of Hispanic Family Services and other providers for a debrief on the Youth World Café event and to discuss next steps for their strategic planning process. The meeting was well attended.

NYC Department of Social Services, Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 95 Evergreen Avenue: attended with Mr. Camacho as we joined DSS Commissioner Steven Banks, CM Antonio Reynoso and other local leaders for the ribbon cutting and for a tour of the new facility.

Monday, October 28 & Tuesday October 29 – NYC Technology Forum at the New York Marriott, downtown Brooklyn near the Brooklyn Bridge. Attended two workshops and met with various officials and tech-related contacts during this year's forum.

Wednesday, October 30 – Phone call with Connor Luni and Georgia Richter from Salesforce. I was able to see a preview of a potential CRM software for the community boards. The office continues to explore all opportunities to ensure we have the technology needed I to better serve the neighborhood.

Friday, November 15 – Call with Diego Robayo from the Historic Districts Council. We spoke briefly about historic preservation goals in Bushwick. I recommended that he connect with the historic preservation working group that branched off the Bushwick Community Plan process, as well as re-engage with the board's Housing and Land Use Committee.

Saturday, November 16 - Bushwick Planning Forum – The board's office coordinated the forum for board members and Bushwick Community Plan Steering Committee members with a purpose and goal in mind: team/community building and an overview of technical zoning information. No new information was shared, and no decisions were made. The future of Bushwick remains to be decided by all who live, work, or otherwise have vested interest in the neighborhood.

Chairperson, Camacho: Ms. Celeste Leon works for the Community Board. She does not work for any other organizations. She does not work for the CBO's, the BCP's, WABC, the NBA, or any other organization other than the Community Board. She represents the board. Anyone that would like to meet with her, she will let me know and then it will go through the committee, depending on what it is that you want. There will be no closed doors meetings and then you come back saying that she said something. Celeste cannot vote, she is an employee. Come to the Community Board, the board makes the decisions.

District Manager Leon:

Sunday, November 17 – Bushwick Wellness Fair at St. Martin of Tours Church: The board's office was invited to table by the Churches United for Fair Housing, the event's host. As a result of the board is currently exploring options for translating the monthly newsletter and translation services for the full board meeting.

Monday, November 18 – Attended a PASSPort Training at 2 Lafayette Street: attended a mandatory training in preparation for the implementation of PASSPort, an online portal designed for agencies to process requirement contracts.

(Sharon Fludd also attended this meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>.)

In addition to all the related district related business that cover this office must follow administrative protocol and often that means that we must attend training in terms of managing the office. They are making a lot of changes within the city, which takes time to implement, especially when you have a same office.

Tuesday, November 19 – DCP Community Board Leadership Forum: Joined fellow colleagues and board members for several informational presentations on recent studies and tools created by the Department of City Planning. One of those tools included the Zoning Application Portal (ZAP) designed to provide a digital guide to land use application citywide. They hope to launch that in early December.

USPS Customer Advisory Council Meeting was attended by Sharon Fludd, Community Board 4's Principle Administration Associate.

Community Education Council 32 meeting, Thursday, November 21, 2019, 6PM, P.S. 376 Auditorium- 194 Harman Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237. Guest School: PS 86

American Red Cross – Greater New York

Volunteer Position available as a Community Relations Ambassador

Location: New York City Charter

Purpose of this position is to serve as a Red Cross Ambassador promoting the programs, services and activities provided to communities within the Greater New York Region.

If any board member is interested please let the District manager know.

IS 291 PTA & Beacon Invite you to their Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Friday, November 22, 2019, from 5-7pm. 231 Palmetto Street.

SLT Training: Thursday, December 5, 2019, 6-8pm, I.S. 383, 1300 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237.

Roles and responsibilities of SLT members. Decision made during SLT meetings. How to align a school budget with its CEP.

Congresswoman Nydia M. Velazquez along with the Community Education Council (CEC) 32: Census 2020 Job Fair. December 6<sup>th</sup>, 4-7pm, 1300 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, NY  
For more information, please call Julio Salazar at 718-599-3658  
PT & FT positions, excellent pay up to \$25 per hour.

Sanitation – Snow Removal: Your Responsibilities:

Prepare by getting the necessary equipment, including a good snow shovel and ice melt or material to help with traction.

If snow stops falling between:

- 7:00am and 4:59pm – You must clear within four hours
- 5:00pm and 8:59pm – You must clear within 14 hours
- 9:00pm and 6:59pm – You must clear by 11:00am the next day

For Example: If the snow stops falling at 7:00pm, the owner, lessee, tenant, occupant or other person in charge of any lot or building has until 9:00am the following morning to clear the snow.

Family Services Network of New York (FSNNY) December 10-18, 2019, 10am to 12pm,

Tuesdays thru Thursdays. Health Relationships Workshop

Registration: 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422.

Contact: Ms. Romaine Joseph, HIV Prevention Education & Outreach Coordinator. 718-455-6010 ext. 6128 or email: [RJoseph@FSNNY.org](mailto:RJoseph@FSNNY.org)

MTA- New York City Transit

MTA would like to inform you that MTA New York City Transit is planning to revise evening schedules on the M line to accommodate the installation of Communication – Based Train Control (CBTC) and other construction and maintenance work along the Queens Boulevard line. The proposing changes will take effect Spring 2020, after the completion of the L Project.

**Committee Reports:**

**Economic Development Committee (EDC)**, Committee Chairperson Mr. Desmonde Monroe

Meeting: Thursday, November 14, 2019

Location: 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Board Members in Attendance: Desmonde Monroe, EDC Committee Chairperson; Gardea Caphart, and Anne Guiney

Others in Attendance: Willie Morales, Community Board 4 Community Associate; Ramon Pedenito, Community Affairs Liaison, Office of Senator Julia Salazar

Board Member not in Attendance: Michelle Hilliard, Samy Nemir, Julio Salinas and Odolph Wright  
Meeting was called to order by the EDC Committee Chairperson, Mr. Desmonde Monroe at 7:13PM

Ramone Pimento,: Presentation on the tools for consumer Debt Relief was made to those in attendance of his proposal to speak before the entire board about your money and debts in January 2020.

Those who have a ton of debt usually you feel ashamed, he stated, and they don't want to talk about it.

He would like to discuss the steps to resolve debts problems. He believes that many in the community are indebted and many have limited education and different access to resources. He would like to make sure that no matter how much money a person may make, that they know that they can see a lawyer and know that there are certain tactics that predatory debt collectors use against them in their collection of a bill.



For example, most people do not know that if a debt collector calls you one day, they cannot call you the next day. There is a waiting legal period. Mr. Penenito would like to set up a workshop in January. Facts sheets will be available in different languages, with the addresses of different financial aid attorneys, so that a specialist can meet with you.

Old Business:

Commercial Corridor Survey(s) – Tabled for the next EDC committee meeting.

New Business: Anne Guiney spoke about the information she attained from the Brooklyn Borough Meeting about a public bank for New York City. She also invited people from the New Economy Project to come to a future committee meeting.

Committee Recommendation: The committee didn't have a quorum.

Mr. Ramon Pebenito, Community Affairs Liaison, Office of Senator Julia Salazar came with the hope of being approved to come to the December or January Community Board 4 Monthly Meeting. He would like to appear before the full board at the Public Hearing.

Desmonde Monroe motioned to tell the District Manager, Ms. Celeste Leon about putting Ramon Pebenito on the agenda to come and present to the full board about consumer debt relief. The motion was second by Anne Guiney.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Desmonde Monroe and second by Gardea Caphart.  
Meeting Adjourned: 7:46 P.M.

**Environmental, Protection, Transportation & Sanitation Committee Meeting (EPTS),**

Committee Chairperson, Mr. Raul Rubio

Meeting: Monday, October 21, 2019, 7:00PM

Location: Community Board #4, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members in Attendance: Mr. Jose Guzman and Mr. Dustin Sonneborn

Members not in Attendance: Mr. Raul Rubio and Ms. Martha Brown

- 1) John White, Community Affairs Manager, Revel – presented an update/overview of Revel, a Brooklyn-based company that has brought shared electric Mopeds to New York, including Bushwick. Revel started in 2018 in Bushwick and Williamsburg.

Mr. John White – Revel Mopeds is an all-electric moped ridershare built to make getting around fast, affordable and fun.

The Concept: How Revel works

- Sign up! You will need a driver's license and a picture of yourself if signing up via app. You must be 21 years of age or over.
- Locate nearest Revel
- Reserve and ride wherever you need to go!

Response has been incredible

With support from local leaders, Revel has expanded their fleet of 68 vehicles in three neighborhoods to a fleet of 1,000 across approximately 20 communities in June of 2019.

In just the first month, tens of thousands of new users signed up, with vehicles averaging 7 plus trips per day.

Revel is all about access

Transportation is a public good and Revel want to make sure cost is not a barrier to using them. That is why they launched an Equitable Access Program in June, which offers riders on public assistance with a 40% discount off standard pricing.

Almost 5% of Revel riders are signed up for the Access Program to date.  
Revel cost \$1.00 – per person to unlock; \$.25 a minute to ride and \$.10 a minute to pause your ride.

Revel is a local employer:

Revel offers benefits & on-the-job training in Electric Vehicle technology and they pay well above NYS mandatory minimum wage for hourly employees.

Revel is a company that cares about safety:

- ✓ Two helmets are provided with each Revel and are mandatory
- ✓ Revel offer lessons 7 days a week at their Gowanus Headquarters
- ✓ Revel offer lessons in communities around Brooklyn and Queens on the weekends

Revel: Responsible and Responsive

As motor vehicles, Revel travel with traffic.

- ✓ Speed is throttled at 30mph
- ✓ Revel screen every user. Must be 21+, have a valid driver's license and a clean driving history
- ✓ Revel fine and /or suspend users who violate their rules (like riding without a helmet, in the park or on a sidewalk).
- ✓ Revel provide the maximum 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Liability insurance permitted by NYS Board of Insurance.
- ✓ Revel can be parked on the street in any legal parking space.
- ✓ You must end your ride within the designated service area outlined in the app.

Revel since their opening has had over 800,000 riders. 99.9% end without a problem. No fatalities. There were some fender benders.

For more information you can call or email Revel anytime with questions, concern or if you would like to take a test ride!

Website: [www.GoRevel.com/New-York](http://www.GoRevel.com/New-York)

Customer Support number: 1-855-690-9180

Customer Support Email: [Support@gorevel.com](mailto:Support@gorevel.com)

Lauren Vriens, General Manager, NYC, [lauren.vriens@gorevel.com](mailto:lauren.vriens@gorevel.com)

For a complete copy of the EPTS meeting report please contact the Community Board's office at [BK04@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:BK04@cb.nyc.gov)

#### Old Business:

Ms. Leon: Pending Study request from a consultant named Mr. Ron Roth.

Since there was not a quorum going forward, this information will be shared with the HLU committee, stated Ms. Leon.

Mr. Camacho would like to have a coat drive so that they came help give to shelters in the neighborhood.

#### New Business:

Mr. Dustin Sonneborn would like to see data on what the M train ridership has been? He would like to see the M train as a full line on the weekends. The M train should not be a shuttle train at nighttime when so many people are riding it.

The M train should go the full distance to 96 Street and not end at Essex Street/Delancey Street. Regarding alternate street parking, Mr. Sonneborn would like to see a data case on why some streets have alternate side street parking 4 days a week other have 2, or less.

Ms. Leon stated that they spoke to the superintendent recently and he mentioned that he would be willing to support potentially a pilot program to reduce alternate side parking IF people would guarantee that they would clean 18 inches into the street.

Ms. Janice Biggs: Lives on Linden between Broadway and Bushwick Avenue. Ms. Biggs concern/complaint is that trucks travel down her block between the hours of 9am to 10:30am almost every day. She would like to request that trucks not be allowed to do so.

District Manager, Ms. Leon: Trucks can travel down residential blocks only if they are making a delivery.

Mr. Camacho suggested that Ms. Biggs call 311, take a picture and send it to Celeste with the complaint number and she will follow up.

Mr. Guzman suggested that Ms. Biggs attend an NCO meeting, give them the location and time and they will follow-up

Ms. Biggs was also concerned about the community garden on Broadway and Linden Street. There is a lot of garbage there and she would like to know who is getting the tickets for not keeping it clean.

Ms. Leon will let sanitation know that the area needs to be maintained better. She will also check to see if the Dept. of Buildings have any permits that are active or pending, and she will also reach out to whoever they have on file as their representative

A Bushwick resident, Mr. Taj Ali would like Broadway to be clean like Knickerbocker Avenue.

District Manager, Ms. Leon mentioned that more people will need to be involved.

Mr. Camacho: We are still pushing to have more lighting on Broadway. In our budget we have put in a lot of request for Broadway to have more lights, ever since 1977.

The EPTS Committee did not have a quorum.

Meeting adjourned: 7:56PM

**Housing and Land Use (HLU)**, Committee Chairperson, Ms. Martha Brown

**Meeting:** Tuesday, October 29, 2019, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

**Members in Attendance:** Joshua Brown, Anne Guiney, Brigette Blood, Felix Ceballos, Louisa Chan, Freddy Fowler, Jose R. Guzman, Kristen Jock, Desmonde Monroe and James Wiseman.

**Others in Attendance:** Celestina Leon, Community Board 4 District Manager; Greg Louis, Communities Resist; Sarah Keane, Jordon Rogove and Shane Phelan, DXA Studio; Robert Dorster, Surtsey Realty, Co.; Travis Stabler, Rivington Co.; and Edwin Delgado and Tyler Fisher, Bushwick Residents.

**Members Excused:** Robert Camacho, Community Board 4 Chairperson; and Martha Brown, HLU Committee Chairperson.

**Members not in Attendance:** Michelle Hilliard

Item Discussed:

Ulmer Brewery (81 Beaver Street) Landmarks Preservation Commission Application

Mr. Joshua Brown:

They are requesting a letter of support for their preservation status. The committee essentially agreed, however with a few stipulations.

They have the right to do as they please and we appreciate them coming before the committee and the board. They are committed to be a community partner and we hope that they follow through.

Old Business -

1601 Dekalb Avenue Update

A totally affordable site in Bushwick. RiseBorough sent a representative who did not have too much information. Hopefully they will come to our next HLU committee meeting with a further detailed report.

CB4 Responsible Development Policy Update

CB4 hope that any developer moving forward here in Bushwick will be a responsible community development partner. We are still working on a framework for a plan as well as for expert councils so that we can move forward with our rezoning and things that will impact Bushwick.

New Business -

Deed Fraud is a serious business in Bushwick. Homeowners are being robbed of the property.

November 21, 2019 there will be a Homeowner Deed Fraud Workshop from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

Location: Brooklyn Commons – 7 Marcus Garvey Boulevard, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.

District Manager Ms. Leon, there is no guarantee that Bushwick rezoning is going to move forward, she has yet to hear back from City Planning since the public scoping meeting on June 27, 2019. That is a conversation that both of our councilmembers must have with City Planning in order for us to get a better sense of what's going to happen and so what is really important I think the point of the forum that we had on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November for our board members and for the steering committee members was for us to be prepared regardless because whether or not City Planning chooses to support Bushwick during a time of extreme change or not we have to be prepared to plan and that is the reality that we are facing right now. We have this conversation moving forward.

Mr. Joshua Brown: When it comes to rezoning, we need expert counseling. The New York City clearly has an interest and Bushwick has an interest, so our approach is key on how we affect the rezoning. We all have the same common interest of preserving Bushwick and keeping housing affordable, but we must understand the reality of where we live. New York City is a place that is focused on generating revenue. So, keep in mind that our approach is the key, because if we show up and say no, we will get nothing. If we show up and say yes and be very specific, we can have a larger hand in the process. This is an emotional process so we must be careful of our language.

**Parks and Recreation Committee (PRC)**, Committee Chairperson, Ms. Annette Spellen

Meeting: Thursday, November 14, 2019, 6pm

Location: 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Members in Attendance: Ms. Annette Spellen, Ms. Barbara Jackson and Ms. Denisse Reyna-Dolin

Others in Attendance: Robert Camacho – CB4 Chairperson, Celestina Leon – CB4 District Manager, Willie Morales – CB4 Community Associate, Charlie Reynoso, Debra Rivas, Gary Dearborn, Kevin Duggan, Lucy Robson.

Members not in Attendance: Carlos Feliciano

Members Excused: Louisa Chan, Gladys Puglia

Items Discussed:

Debra Rivas – Handball Court Mural Proposal at the Maria Hernandez Park.

Presented on “Awareness Art” Handball Court Mural at Maria Hernandez Park. Bheardd Media has developed a project to continue the beautification of public space. The proposed mural on the handball court of Maria Hernandez Park would be in collaboration with the Clean Bushwick Initiative. The Clean Bushwick Initiative is a grassroots organization that hosts frequent community cleanups at Maria Hernandez Park and the surrounding areas. With Bushwick quickly increasing in population, there continues to be a massive litter and rodent problem. The mural they propose will send a message regarding the current state of waste, with a catchy, short phrase that sticks.

Ms. Spellen: We have been advised by the Brooklyn Parks Commissioner that they no longer approve new murals on handball court walls. After talking to her the committee has decide to work with her on finding an alternate spot. The committee will put the matter on hold until they could get more information.

There was no quorum at the meeting, the “Awareness Art” project was tabled for another meeting. Also note that they were not on the agenda for this meeting to speak.

#1 –Charlie Reynoso, New York Restoration Project (NYRP) – Presenting an update on the Aberdeen Community Garden redesign project.

- Over the summer organization had three (3) meeting with residents whom make up the “Friends of Rudd Park”
- Project funded through a state grant
- Park size is 50 X 200
- Project plans divided in three (3) parts

Annette Spellen – Parks Committee Chair –

1. Asked about the shutdown of the park?
  - Project still going through the approval process.
2. Time frame of project?
  - Hoping to be in construction by the fall of 2020.

#2 – Lucy Robson, AICP, Director of Research & Policy and Jessica Saab, Communications and Administration Associate, New Yorkers for Parks (NY4P)

Organization help people advocate for their open spaces throughout the five (5) boroughs

- Their latest studies were done in the neighborhoods of Bay Street Corridor Staten Island, Long Island City, Queens and Bushwick, Brooklyn.

For each Open Space Goal in the index, NY4P staff gathered data from publicly available sources to answer the question, “Does Bushwick meet this goal?” Please see the attachments provide, but to put it in a nutshell Bushwick didn’t meet the goals in the findings.

#3 – Recommendations – The committee didn’t meet quorum; however, the New York Restoration Project came to the meeting seeking support.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made Ms. Barbara Jackson and second by Ms. Annette Spellen. All members in favor. Meeting Adjourned: 6:56 pm

**Permits and Licenses Committee, (PLC)**, Committee Chairperson, Melissa Carrera

Meeting: Thursday, October 24, 2019 6:00 PM, 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, NY 11207-1422

Committee Members in Attendance: Melissa Carrera – PLC Chairperson, Daniella Davi, Egaudy Gomez, Austen Martinez, Jerry Valentin, James Wiseman

Others in Attendance: Robert Camacho, Community Board 4 Chairperson; Celeste Leon, Community Board 4 District Manager; Willie Morales, Community Board 4 Community Associate; Gabriel Check, Myles Atherton – The Three Diamond Door, R. Callahan – Gemello & Little Starr, Dan Wilby – Brooklan, Gavin Compton & Mike Fadem – Unclegrandpa.

1) Liquor License Applications for Review

i. The Three Diamond Door – 211 Knickerbocker Avenue Between Troutman & Jefferson Streets

Method of Operation Change and these changes are to expand:

- The back area and include use of a DJ, dancing.
- Hire a professional security team.
- This business has had only 1 311 complaint lodged against them due to a speaker turned the wrong way to wish it has been rectified a long time now.
- They also did not agree with the 12-midnight rules.

This establishment seeks approval for their hours of operation to be from Monday thru Sunday 2:00 PM to 4:00 A.M.

Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sale of liquor after midnight on Sunday, outside DJ in the backyard only until 3:00 A.M. on Saturday, no DJ on Sunday.

Jaime Wiseman – move and second by Melissa Carrera

ii. Gemello – 321 Starr Street Store K Between Cypress & St. Nicholas Avenues – Corporate Change Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider restaurant/bar.

- Corporate change is really that a new ownership is taking over and currently making modification to location for their opening day.

Establishment seeks approval for their hours of operation to be from Monday thru Friday from 5:00 PM to 4:00 AM, Saturday, 11:00 AM to 4:00 AM, and Sunday from 11:00 AM to 12 midnight. They also agree with the 12-midnight rules.

Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sale of liquor after midnight on Sunday.

Melissa Carrera – move and second by Jerry Valentin

- iii. Teo – 321 Starr Street Retail D - Between Cypress & St. Nicholas Avenues - Corporate Change Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider restaurant/bar.
- Corporate change is really that a new ownership is taking over and currently making modification to location for their opening day. Establishment seeks approval for their hours of operation to be from Monday thru Friday 5:00 PM to 4:00 AM, Saturday, 11:00 AM to 4:00 AM, and Sunday from 11:00 AM to 12 midnight.
  - They also agree with the 12-midnight rule.

Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sale of liquor after midnight on Sunday.

Melissa Carrera – move and second by Jerry Valentin

- iv. Brooklan – (Formerly D. Wilby on Behalf of Entity to be determined) 45 Irving Avenue Corner Troutman Street – New Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider license applicant in E-sports/gaming venue & American Pub.

Establishment targeted age range is from 24 to 35 but knowing the venue that it's going to be and a first in the district of Bushwick (E-sports/gaming location) this more than likely will also attract a much younger crowd, this very concern has raised eye brows among the Permits & Licenses committee members,

- “When will the program end and the liquor starts being served?” the establishment goal is to start serving from 11:00 AM.
- Hours of operation not clear yet.
- Establishment targeted opening date is set for either in February or March of 2020

Committee Recommendation: Approve with no sale of liquor after midnight on Sunday.

Jaime Wiseman – move and the entire committee second

- v. Unclegrandpa – 346 Himrod Street Between Wyckoff & Irving Avenue

Committee Recommendation: Out of the respect to the CB 4, this business came in but was not required to come in because their Sidewalk Café renewal to the SLA was sent by the SLA as a new request when this business has already been operating with their sidewalk café for a few years now.

#### Old Business

- Celeste Leon – CB 4 District Manager – Stated that by the end of the year a list is going to be made where Bushwick is going to be broken down into sections, just like the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct does with their NCO Police Officers. Vitalized the different sections where it would be mapped off area where certain hours would be more appropriate based on the contacts that around them.
- Austen Martinez – Issued a concern for food trucks on Wyckoff Avenue.

- Jaime Wiseman stated that people are often at any location illegally and the important question is if they are following the law? Are the generators too loud?
- Robert Camacho – CB 4 Chairperson asked if people are getting sick or are these people adhering by their licenses.

Announcements

- Celeste Leon – CB 4 District Manager informed everyone at this meeting that the monthly regular board meeting will be back at its usual meeting location at 195 Linden Street corner Wilson Avenue.

Meeting adjourned: 7:20pm

**Youth and Education Committee (YEC)**, Committee Chairperson, Ms. Virgie Jones

Meeting: Monday, October 21, 2019

Location: 1420 Bushwick Avenue, Suite 370, Brooklyn, New York, NY 11207-1422

Board Members in Attendance: Ms. Virgie Jones, YEC Committee Chairperson, Mr. Christopher Graham, Ms. Tanesha Honeygan and Mr. Peter Tam

Others in Attendance: Mr. Robert Camacho, Community Board 4 Chairperson; Ms. Celestina Leon, Community Board 4 District Manager; Mrs. Sharon Fludd, Community Board 4 Principle Administrative Associate; Ms. Jelysa Roberts, Dept. of Education; Ms. Del Sledge, Community Outreach Coordinator for Powrplnt.

Members Excused: Gardea Caphart, Samy Nemir, and Acire Polight

Board Member not in Attendance: Ms. Sufia Chowdhry; Mr. Raul Rubio and Ms. Martha Brown

Items Discussed:

- 1) Del Sledge, Community Youth Outreach Coordinator, POWRPLNT – Introducing and presented on POWRPLNT, a free community computer lab and resources. POWRPLNT is a nonprofit organization located in Bushwick Brooklyn. *POWRPLNT* was born out of the desire to create an art space where people from all ages and backgrounds could access the opportunities of the future. *POWRPLNT* is a space where the digital arts community engages the next generation of creators. It functions as gallery space, community computer lab and an environment where people from all backgrounds may learn the skills necessary to express themselves creatively in today's networks. They also offer digital arts workshops that are donation based for adults and free for high school students.

*POWRPLNT* offers teens interest-driven workshops in subjects like music, digital art and fashion. *POWRPLNT* is a Brooklyn-based computer lab and co-working space which offers digital art education, workshops and resources to community members. All workshops are free for teen. They are committed to fostering a creative space to support positive youth development. They advocate that access to technology is a right, not a privilege.

Libraries only allow 20 minutes to use their computers. At their shop students can use the computers much longer.

Printing for students is free and 25 cents per page for adults. Scanning is free.

Youth can enjoy benefits at POWRPLNT for FREE!

- Access to Youth Co-working Space
- Digital Arts Workshops
- Print & Scan Documents
- Software



- College and Career Readiness
- Job Search Information
- Research and Writing Resources
- Online Tutoring & Test Prep
- Assistance with Academic Assignments

Location: 562 Evergreen Avenue, corner of Putnam Avenue and Evergreen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221, Phone #: 347-927-8661

Open Computer Lab Hours: Tuesday - Thursday: 3pm to 6pm Workshops are held 6pm to 8pm in the evening.

POWRPLT relies on the generous support of donors and volunteers to keep their community computer lab open and their workshop running.

Ms. Jones feels that the program is one of the best things that has happened in Bushwick.

Ms. Sledge is asking for the Community Board's support.

Space is also available to rent - Go to website: [www.powrplnt.org](http://www.powrplnt.org)

Mr. Camacho asked how big the space is. The space is small. Ms. Sledge will get back to him on the size.

Ms. Tanesha Honeygan: Are you extending the hours?

Ms. Sledge: Right now, the hours are 3-6pm. They are waiting to see what the community's response will be. They are thinking about Friday and /or Saturday. Will know more in the future.

Mr. Camacho: How many kids attend now?

Ms. Del Sledge: It varies from week to week, I see from as low as 7 to a high of 12 in a room at a time.

Ms. Jones: Are you more geared towards H.S., Middle School or Elementary students?

Ms. Sledge: Looking more for H.S and middle school students. We are not really set up to take 1<sup>st</sup> graders, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders students to manage that group. However, they have been encouraging parents to come in and work with their children. They would like to see more High School students take the media arts workshop and middle school students.

Ms. Leon: Are their certificates offered?

Ms. Sledge: At present, no. However, that is something that is being talked about giving certificates after the workshop in the future.

At present we are doing a monthly drawing. So, if you come in during the month you get a ticket and the ticket goes in the valid box. There is a drawing and a prize is given for coming in and being part of the community lab. Games, T shirts and gift cards are given out as a prize. If you bring a friend who has never been there before they get another ticket.

Ms. Jones mentioned that Mr. Philip Thomas Jr., from Prep for Prep who is one the agenda is not present for his presentation.

Ms. Jelysa Roberts from the Department of Education is present, and Ms. Jones asked if she would give a brief presentation.

Ms. Roberts is with student enrollment at the Dept. of Education with Pre-K (3-year-old) and 3-K (4-year-old).

Ms. Roberts started working at DOE in August 2019.

Both programs are FREE for kids. For families with children born in 2017 they can apply to 3-K starting in February 2020. For families with children born in 2016 it is not too late however they can visit MYSchools to learn more about the program and to see if seats are still available. 3-K and Pre-K are not mandated.

Ms. Jones: Percentage wise can you tell us how many kids approximately are enrolled in district 32 Pre-K?

Ms. Roberts: No, but I can get that information to you.

Ms. Jones is trying to see how many parents are taking advantage of Pre-K.

Ms. Leon: How many seats are full? Broken down in schools.

Ms. Roberts: Seats are very low because parents need it and because you don't have to live in the district to get a seat. Parents will travel so that their child can get a seat.

Parents can register their children online at [www.nyc.gov/prek](http://www.nyc.gov/prek) or [www.nyc.gov/3k](http://www.nyc.gov/3k) or call 311, or text "3k" to 877-877 or text "PreK" to 877-877

#### Old Business:

October 31, the updated CEC list of schools and contact information in District 32 should be available.

#### New Business:

Board Member Yearbook

Next meeting – Monday, December 23, 2019, 6pm

#### Recommendation:

Motion made by Ms. Virgie Jones to have Ms. Del Sledge, POWRPLNT to come before the full board November 20, 2019, 6PM to present.

Motion second by Mr. Christopher Graham.

#### Announcements:

The Association of Black Educators of New York had their general membership meeting on Sunday, October 20, 2019. Topic: Civic Engagement, Political Knowledge and Action"

Their fall conference will be held Saturday, November 9, 2019, 9am to 3pm. Topic: Cultivating Voices of Empowerment, Advocacy and Social Justice in Education.

The Honorable Senator Brain A. Benjamin will be the Keynote Speaker.

Ms. Virgie Jones motion to adjourn the meeting and was second by Ms. Tanesha Honeygan

Meeting adjourned: 7:01PM

#### Recommendations:

- 1) Chairperson, Robert Camacho received an anonymous letter asking what is happening to the affordable house at the Rheingold site, that the Community Board along with Diana Reyna gave two CBO's (Community Based Organizations) approximately 5 years ago? After receiving the letter Mr. Camacho did research and found out that the two CBO's are under litigation. The Community Board approved of 83 deeply affordable housing units for seniors. The chairperson would like for the HLU committee to call in the two CBO's to find out what has happened. The two Community Based Organizations can be called in together or separately.
- 2) HLU (Housing and Land Use Committee) recommendation to approve the Ulmer Brewery proposal, with the following conditions/stipulations.
  - The property owner and development team create and implement community engagement plan to inform the neighborhood of the proposed work.
  - They conduct a meaningful workforce development process and hire locally

- They adhere to MWBE compliance, and
- In good faith commit to bringing in non-profit tenants

Approve - 27 board members

Opposed – 2 board members

Abstained – 4 board members

Recused – 1 board member

3) PLC (Permit and Licenses Committee) recommendations

a) Three Diamond Door – 211 Knickerbocker Avenue: The Three Diamond Door asked for a change to their method of operation. Approve with no sale of liquor after midnight on Sunday, no outside DJ in backyard and no DJ on Sundays. The establishment did not agree to the committee’s recommendations. Mr. Robert Camacho motioned not to give them the board’s approval, the motion was second by Ms. Martha Brown. Motion moved. All board members were in favor.

b) Gemello - 321 Starr Street, Store K and Teo – 321 Starr Street, Retail D: corporate change liquor, wine, beer and cedar. Seek approval for their hours of operation to be from Monday thru Friday from 5:00 PM to 4:00 AM, Saturday, 11:00 AM to 4:00 AM, and Sunday from 11:00 AM to 12 midnight. They also agree with the 12-midnight rules. Committee Recommendation for both: Approve with no sale of liquor after midnight on Sunday.

Motion to put both establishments together for a vote was made by Tanesha Honeygan and second by Egaudy Gomez. All members were in favor.

Motion to support the committee’s recommendation was made by Tanesha Honeygan and second by Joshua Brown.

District Manager: Roll call vote: 14 yes, 8 no, 9 abstain, 1 recused. Motion does not carry. This vote says that the committee’s yes with stipulations was not approved, therefore, they can continue to operate with the current license that they already had when they registered for their license. The board can weigh in again when they come up for renewal.

Mr. James Wiseman: You guys just voted my place out. I do not know why we did this. For the record, by not withstanding the vote these establishment will comply with the stipulations, both K and D, I know this because I control it. So even though I am not mandated to do so, I am letting you know in this forum that I will do that, and when I come up for renewal, maybe the board will vote for me.

Tanesha Honeygan: Since there was so much confusion, the next time can we just have what the current hours are, and then what the new hours are, and just an explanation that the license still stays and what the changes are?

Ms. Jo-Ena Bennett: In the future can you put what the cross streets are in the report so that we can know if the establishment is in a residential area? This information would affect my vote, because I want to think about my neighbors.

c) Brooklan (formerly D. Wilby on behalf of Entity) 45 Irving Avenue, corner of Troutman Street. Converting from manufacturing to commercial. Requesting new liquor, wine, beer and cider license applicant in e-sport/gaming venue & American Pub type establishment.

The District Manager request that the board table this application until next month due to the report does not reflect what was discussed at the PLC meeting. Motion was made by Martha Brown second by Ms. Annette Spellens.

**Old Business:**

Robert Camacho – A gentleman that volunteered for 9 years at Wyckoff Height Hospital and he has been given a permanent position at the hospital for doing the same work. The hospital has hired others but has not hired him. He is 61 years of age. The job is pastoral care. Mr. Camacho would like for the District manager to call the CEO of Wyckoff Hospital to find out what is going on.

**New Business:**

Samy Nemir Olivares: East Harlem Community Board is putting out a resolution in support of strengthen Universal relationship between the police and street vendors, and the Community Board supporting new guidelines in how to treat street vendors as well as immigrants.

**Announcements:**

Karen Cherry: "PULSE" Darma V. Diaz along with Assembly Member Erik M. Dilan, Sisterhood Breast Cancer Awareness. FREE Mammogram. No need for insurance. Join us Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00am to 5:00pm. At YMCA 570 Jamaica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208 You must register to assure a time slot. Call 929-324-0609 / 718-386-4576 Mammogram services provided by American-Italian Cancer Foundation.

Assembly Member Erik Martin Dilan: FREE Civil Legal Services Coming to you! December 3, 2019, 10:00am to 3:00pm. 366 Cornelia Street, Brooklyn, NY 11237.

The Mobile Legal Help Center provides free civil (non-criminal) legal services for people who cannot afford an attorney. The van brings lawyers to your neighborhood, where you can meet confidentially with a lawyer in private meeting rooms. To make an appointment call your Assembly Member's office at 718-386-4576 (Erik M. Dilan)

Toni Diggs, Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:00pm to 9:00pm - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Give Back Dinner. FREE! Broadway and Kosciusko Street

Come spend Martin Luther King (MLK) Day with AHRC NYC & other community members working to combat hunger. An opportunity to help those in need, give back to the community and get involved with other organizations working to make a difference. January 20, 2020, 10am to 2pm, 522 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. All families are welcomed! RSVP to: [MLKday@ahrcnyc.org](mailto:MLKday@ahrcnyc.org)

Ramon Pebenito, Representing Senator Julia Salazar: Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, informational workshop on a new law that will take effect December 15, which is the "Green Light Bill". This bill says that no matter what your immigration status is, you have the right to apply for a New York Driver's License. This bill will have the support from the Mexican and Ecuadorian Consulate. This workshop will let you know what you need to apply. Latinos Americanos Unidos, 218 Wyckoff Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237, 6:00pm. Call for more information at 833-457-2121.

North Brooklyn Coalition: Supporting victims of domestic violence and sexual violence with Case Management, Legal and criminal justice advocacy, support groups, therapy, community outreach and educational services

Anyone can be a victim of domestic violence and it is not always physical.

Sexual Violence: Have you experienced a non-consensual sexual encounter or attempt, or unwanted sexual contact or threats?

If you answer yes to any of these questions you are not alone. For help please call 718-302-4073 or email [help@northbrooklyncoalition.org](mailto:help@northbrooklyncoalition.org)

NYC Department of Buildings: Construction in my Neighborhood – The DOB has several resources that allow you to track construction in your neighborhood:

- Building on my block
- Real – Time major construction map
- Building information System (BIS)
- Zoning Diagrams

You can report illegal /unsafe construction work and improper building use by calling 311 or visiting 311ONLINE

Phone – Call 311. For the hearing impaired, the TTY number is 212-504-4115

Online: 311ONLINE ([nyc.gov/311](http://nyc.gov/311))

After obtaining a complaint number, share the complaint number with your local Community Board and/or City Council Member. To find your local Community Board contact the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit ([nyc.gov/consumers](http://nyc.gov/consumers)). To contact your City Council member, visit the New York City Council Member page ([council.nyc.gov](http://council.nyc.gov)).

After you file a complaint and receive a service complaint number by calling 311 or using 311ONLINE, you will be able to check the status of these complaints' using the SR number through 311ONLINE.

To get more information go to [nyc.gov/buildings](http://nyc.gov/buildings)

NYC Buildings – Homeowners Night every Tuesday, 4:00pm to 4:00pm.

If you are a homeowner, tenant, small business owner or building manager, you are encouraged to visit your local borough office.

Brooklyn Borough Office, 280 Joralemon Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

Learn how to plan for a home renovation or construction project, address an open violation on your property, obtain more info and records about a property and Use their online resources including DOB NOW and the Buildings Information System (BIS)

No appointment is needed.

Fire Safety Essentials: Protect your home, protect your family and protect one Brooklyn:

- ✓ Smoke Alarm - Install smoke alarms on every floor and within 15 feet of all sleeping areas.
- ✓ Cooking - Stay in the kitchen while cooking and limit distractions
- ✓ Candles – Never leave burning candles unattended; extinguish them before leaving the room
- ✓ Electrical – Protect electrical cords from damage. Do NOT use appliances with damaged or frayed electrical cords
- ✓ Safety Plan – Make a fire escape plan and practice it; make sure the plan includes two means of exit, not including an elevator. Close door when leaving, call 911 from a safe location and do NOT attempt to fight a fire alone.

Joshua Brown: Homeowner Deed Fraud Workshop – Protect your home, protect our senior citizens, valuable information on fraudulent speculators. November 21, 2019, 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

RSVP at 917-410-2861. Eventbrite.com; [puchforwardrealty@gmail.com](mailto:puchforwardrealty@gmail.com)  
Brooklyn Commons, 7 Marcus Garvey Boulevard, 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

You are cordially invited to join The Office of the Brooklyn Borough President for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Wednesday, December 11, 2019, 5:30pm to 6:00pm. Brooklyn Borough Hall Plaza, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Musical Entertainment. For more information, please call 718-802-3700, [www.Brooklyn-usa.org](http://www.Brooklyn-usa.org)

Capital Funding – Non-Profit Organization to learn how to apply for fiscal year 2021 Capital Funding. Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 2pm to 4pm. Brooklyn Borough Hall, Community Room. Learn about project eligibility and the application process.  
RSVP: [www.Brooklyn-USA.org/nonprofitcapital](http://www.Brooklyn-USA.org/nonprofitcapital)

Eric L. Adams, Brooklyn Borough President: Tree of Angels Inc., 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tree of Angels Tree Lighting Ceremony. Thursday, December 5, 2019, 6:00pm to 9:00pm, Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. For more information contact: 718-812-5919 or email: [hthtreeofangels1@gmail.com](mailto:hthtreeofangels1@gmail.com)

BP Eric L. Adams invites you to meet, “The Doctor who saved my life”. Do you have heart disease, pre-diabetic, or type 2 diabetes? Monday, December 16, 2019, 6pm. Brooklyn Borough Hall, Courtroom.

December 23, 2019 - Power / Politics: Ask Eric Adams, Brooklyn Borough President, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month. 5:30 -6:30pm, 718-861-6827, NEWS 12

Don't Be a Victim! Never Leave Your Personal Property Unattended. Assertive police strategies have cut crime dramatically making New York the safest large city in the nation. You can help the NYPD keep New York City safe by following these simple tips:

- ✚ Be alert and aware of your surroundings always. Criminals often target people who are distracted.
- ✚ When in a bar or restaurant, don not leave your handbag over the back of your chair, on a stool or on the floor.
- ✚ White headsets are a dead giveaway. Protect your musical device by keeping it out of sight and changing the headset color.
- ✚ Hold on to your cell phone and keep it secured out of sight when not in use.
- ✚ Carry your wallet in the breast pocket of your jacket or in your side pocket of your jacket or in your side pants pocket. NEVER in the rear pants pocket which is one of the easiest to pick.
- ✚ Carry your purse close to your body. NEVER wrap the strap around your body.
- ✚ Don't leave belongings such as bags and laptops computer unattended.
- ✚ Carry only the amount of cash or number of credit cards necessary to make purchased for the day.

- ✚ Place items out of sight in the truck of your vehicle prior to reaching your destination. Never leave packages on the passenger area of the vehicle.
- ✚ Be wary of distractions. Sometimes one perp diverts your attention while another picks your pocket or steals your belongings.
- ✚ Follow your instincts. Remember, "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is".

Emergency situations call 911. Non-emergencies call 311. Report and suspicious activity to: 1-888-NYC-SAFE

Ms. Barbara Smith, 83<sup>rd</sup> Community Council President: 83<sup>rd</sup> Community Council Fundraiser Christmas Party –

Community Board 4 2019 Honorees are: Ms. Barbara Jackson and Ms. Melissa Carrera, Clergy Members Pastor Lillian Torres and Rev. Migdalia Gutierrez, members of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct and others will be honored at the event.

Date: December 5, 2019, 7:00PM to 11:00PM

Location: At Latinos Americanos Unidos, 218 Wyckoff Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

Dress: Casual Attire; 18 years of age and older

83<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Community Council Annual Toy Giveaway – Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 10am to 1pm. At New Jerusalem Methodist Church, 484 Knickerbocker Avenue, corner of Menahan Street. Info: Community Affairs 718-574-1697. If you wish to donate, please contact Ms. Barbara Smith at [BarbaraSmith948@gmail.com](mailto:BarbaraSmith948@gmail.com)

Second Roll Call.

Meeting Adjourned: 33 Members Present, at 8:18PM.

Motion made by Ms. Elvena Davis and second by Ms. Annette Spellman.