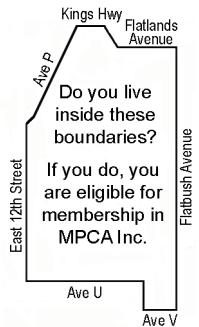


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President's Message

As many of you know it is our tradition to give away turkeys at our November meeting. The turkeys are donated by some of our elected officials and local merchants. The tradition continued this year, and I would like to thank Assemblywoman Jamie Williams, Councilmember Farah Louis and Bob Tracey of Tracey Real Estate for their generous donations.

As the Holiday Season approaches, please keep in mind that this is a very happy time for the majority of people. I love the Holiday Season. I love how people are more generous and kinder towards one another. I wish it would extend to the remaining eleven months of the year. However, there are people in our Community who are struggling. The holiday season should always be joyous. Please keep these families and people in your thoughts and prayers. To the best of your abilities, please do what you can to pay it forward so that others can experience the joy of the Holiday season.

As we end this year, I would like to thank our Board Members for making my job easy. Unless you are involved, it is difficult to know how much time is involved. The Board meets at least two times a month and we also volunteer and attend events in the Community. I have spent a large part of my life volunteering in different organizations, and I have to say this Board is the best that I have ever seen. Everyone contributes despite personal health issues, health issues of family members and whatever else they have ongoing in their personal lives. The Marine Park Community is the best and if you want to know why, look to the Board that leads it. Thank you all for all the hard work that you have done.

I would also like to thank the members of the Community. Our meetings are some of the most well attended Community meetings in South Brooklyn. A great Community is founded on members of the Community who care for it. Thank you for all of your support. Please keep coming to the meetings and encourage your neighbors to attend as well.

Lastly, I want to thank Assemblywoman Jamie Williams for her support this year. Jamie is a friend to Marine Park. Her ideas and values line up with those in our Community. A lot of what happens, happens with the assistance of Jamie Williams. From the Easter egg hunt, to the Concerts in the Park, to our Fall Festival. These events are the glue that holds the Community together and they are made possible with the assistance of Assemblywoman Jamie Williams. Thank you for your support.

With all the good, there is always room for improvement. As we move into the New Year let's do our best to improve our Community. Please do your part. Look out for your family, look out for your friends and look out for your neighbors.

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

***on Tuesday,
December 16th
7:00 p.m.***

Annual Holiday Party

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



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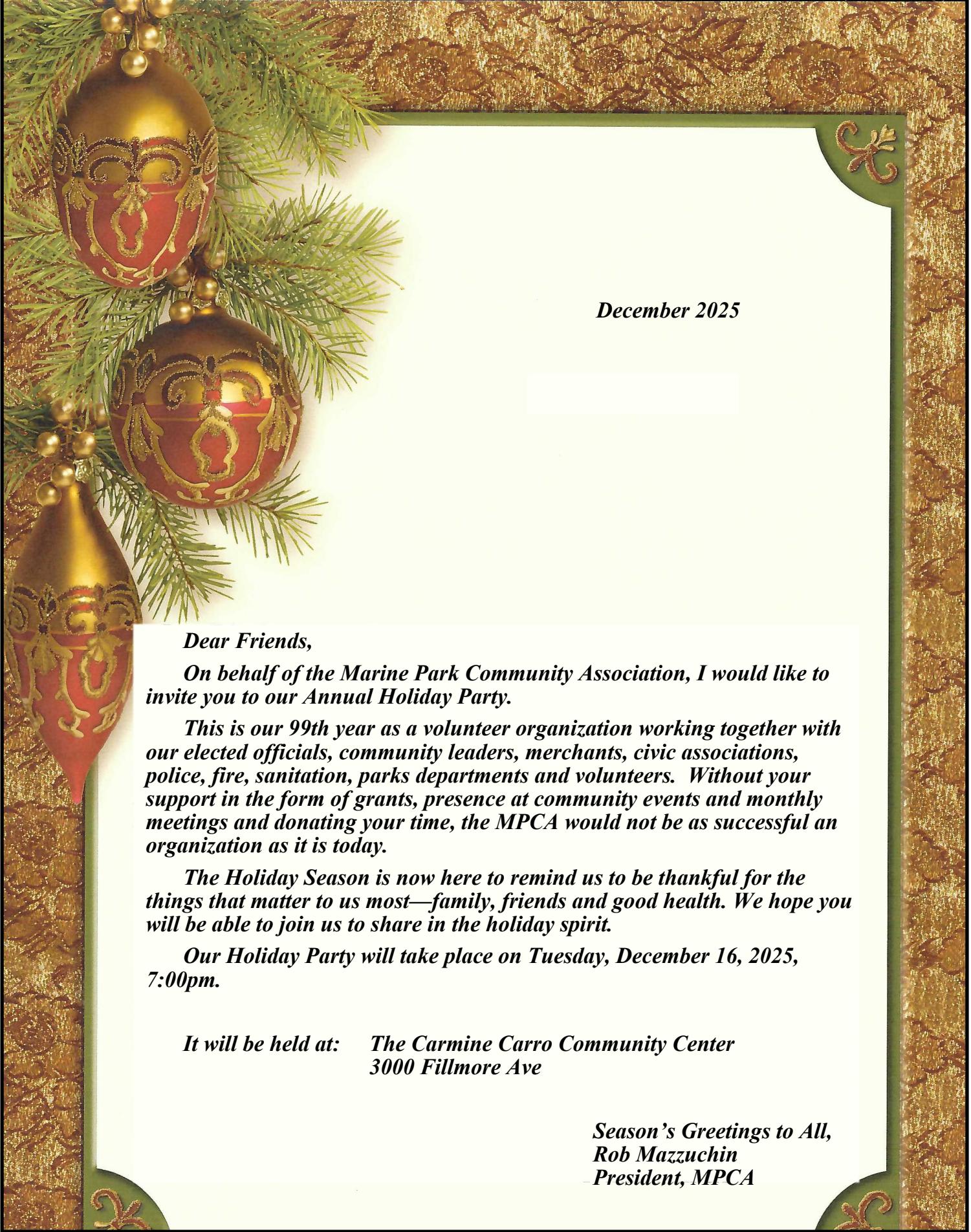
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December 2025

Dear Friends,

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

This is our 99th 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 16, 2025, 7:00pm.

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

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

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Registration

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- Two original forms of ID, plus copies
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Get paid to clear snow and ice from bus stops, cross walks, fire hydrants, and other public areas.



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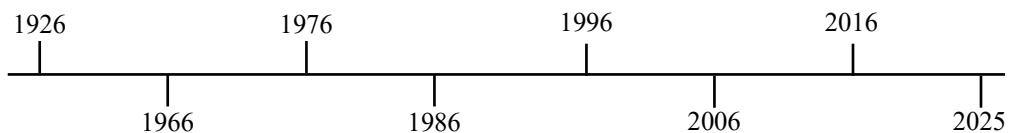
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Larry's Timeline



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Our Neighborhood –

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 wreaths, 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 '25.

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:

When pouring boiling water on windows, it will clear ice and snow from frozen windows. By using a hairdryer, I can thaw door locks.



Fact:

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.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the civic's food drive, either with food or money donation. The civic could not have made it a success without the help of our generous community. We were able to bring over two car loads of food, plus people who gave back with turkey's, gift cards. The money collected is used to buy other food that the pantry needs.

A big thank you to our local mom and pop stores who every year support us with letting us put boxes in their stores. Please support them now during the holiday season.

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Also a special thank you Councilwoman Narcisse for giving us cases of canned food. Assemblyman Yeger for a donation.



Also to the heartfelt generosity of PS 225K The Eileen Zaglin school for running a food drive and giving the food to us. Erica Koyfman Community Liaison from Councilwoman Vernikov for connecting us with the school.

Thank you all again and I hope everyone has a happy and healthy holiday season.
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Assemblymember Jaime Williams' Holiday Message

Dear Neighbor,

As we celebrate this holiday season, let us be mindful of our blessings and the sacrifices made by the men and women serving in our armed forces, NYPD, FDNY, Merchant Marines, and first responders, as well as all who work in government agencies, who work directly on behalf of the people.



If you're facing the holidays with the loss of a loved one, I pray that you have comfort and peace.

I am forever grateful to be your representative, representing the JEWEL of Southeast Brooklyn — our 59th Assembly District — encompassing Canarsie, Georgetown, Flatlands, Mill Basin, Mill Island, Bergen Beach, Marine Park and Gerritsen Beach.

If there is anything our office can do for you, remember we are just an email, phone call or visit away.

Sincerely,



Assemblymember Jaime Williams



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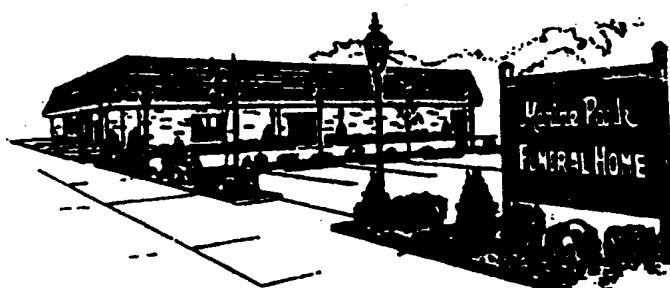
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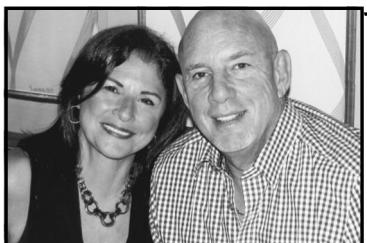
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