

Mayor's jail 'sell'

Plan to enlarge House of D includes retail

BY JULIANNE CUBA

He's really selling this plan!

Mayor DeBlasio wants to dedicate about half a football field's worth of space to potential retailers interested in opening up shop inside a massive new jail that would replace Atlantic Avenue's House of Detention as part of his scheme to close Rikers Island within the next decade.

Hizzoner called for razing the House of D to make way for a new facility that can hold hundreds more inmates, and with space roughly the size of the Williamsburg Whole Foods for retail or community use.

DeBlasio chose Boerum Hill's 815-bed House of D as one of four city-owned sites in as many boroughs where he intends to build "safer" cells to accommodate some of the roughly 5,000 inmates he wants relocated from the notoriously violent jails on the East River island over the next de-

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DAIRY KINGS



PUNCHING UP: Eamon Rockey will whip up a batch of his Rocky's Milk Punch at the Martha Stewart Food and Wine Experience in Prospect Park on Sept. 8.
Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Try milk punch at Martha Stewart's food, wine fest

BY JULIANNE CUBA

Got milk punch?

A Brooklyn cook and cocktail expert will mix up a batch of his favorite beverage for an audience of high-class wine aficionados, at the Martha Stewart Wine and Food Experience coming to Prospect Park on Sept. 8.

Chef Eamon Rockey started making and bottling his own version of an ancient alcoholic drink called milk punch — made with clarified milk, sugar, and a touch of liquor — from a Brooklyn distillery about a month ago, and now sells his branded Rocky's Milk Punch, flavored with black and green tea, neutral grain, or citrus, at a handful of liquor stores throughout the borough.

"It's my own brand, [but] it's been around for 400 years," said Rockey, who lives in Williamsburg. "What I wanted to with my career and life was launch my

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Flatbush plaza opens to public

BY KEVIN DUGGAN

Two years in the making, a new pedestrian plaza in Flatbush is giving locals a place to take a moment.

The section of Hil- lel Place between Flat-

bush Avenue and Campus Road has been closed off to cars and will now offer a refreshing space to pause for the many people passing through from the

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Photo by Zoe Freilich

TEN GREAT YEARS: Bell House owner Jim Carden and music Booker Michael Jaworski outside the venue.

Bell House turns 10

BY KEVIN DUGGAN

The Bell will be ringing!

Gowanus residents will celebrate the neighborhood near the canal with an afternoon of entertainment, games, and food early next month. The Gowanus Block Party on Sept. 8 will show off the best that the 'hood

has to offer, according to the owner of watering hole and music venue the Bell House, which celebrates its 10-year anniversary that week with a five-night series of shows.

"It's really a chance for the people in the area to come together and celebrate the uniqueness of the neigh-

borhood, and the Bell House is happy to be a part of that as part of its 10-year anniversary," said Jim Carden.

The day will have grub galore served from food trucks run by local favorites, including Fletcher's Brooklyn Barbecue, Am-

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Slice of heaven

Paulie Gee to open second pizza spot

BY BEN VERDE

We'll finally get our piece of the pie!

After two years of hype and delays, the second Brooklyn outpost of beloved Greenpoint pizza shop Paulie Gee's is set to open at the end of the month, according to the chain's owner and chief pizzaioi. Paulie Giannone first announced Paulie Gee's Slice Shop in 2016, but construction delays kept the parlor under wraps until an as-yet-unspecified date at the end of August, said the pizza master, who downplayed a previously-announced opening date of Aug. 29.

"There's lots of stuff still to be done and I had to hire people to do it, but we could open tomorrow," Giannone said on Sunday. The spot did not open on Monday.

The original Paulie Gee's on Greenpoint Avenue focuses on wood-fired Neapolitan-inspired pies with unorthodox toppings — and it does not offer takeout. In contrast, the new location is a take on the classic New York slice joint, and will sling cheese slices for \$3.50 a pop, to eat in or take out.

"I decided to make it an homage to the kind of places you'd go 50 years ago for a slice," Giannone said. "The kind of place I grew up on."

The new space will also

**PIECE OF THE PIE:** Paulie Gee's new joint will sling by the slice.

Photo by Caroline Ourso

offer a handful of off-beat slices, including a variation on Paulie's famous Hellboy slice made with pepperoni and Mike's hot honey, and four vegan slice options, along with dessert icees from Spumoni Gardens in Bensonhurst.

The slice shop, located less than 10 blocks away from the original location, will feature classic pizzeria decor, including bright orange booths, wood paneling and vintage Coca-Cola signs. The rear of the space features a bar serving beer and wine, decorated solely with Yankee memorabilia. Giannone's allegiance to the Bronx Bombers is so strict that he banned blue recycling bins from the shop, because they could combine with the orange booths to suggest the colors of the New York Mets, he said.

In keeping with old-school standards, Giannone

bought old-fashioned pizza ovens instead of opting for newer technology, which he acknowledged was a risky move.

"I may regret that, but that's what I did," he said.

Giannone has also compiled a playlist of almost 2000 songs to play at the shop, with an emphasis on the 1960s pop that would have played in the pizza parlors he plans to emulate.

Day-to-day operations at the shop will be handled by Andrew Brown, a longtime Paulie Gee's staffer, who Giannone said was more motivated to pursue the Slice Joint than he was.

Paulie Gee's first debuted at 60 Greenpoint Ave. in 2010. Since then, it has opened locations around the country, with outposts in Miami, Baltimore, and Chicago, but there has only been one New York City location until now. Giannone said that he is amazed to see how his empire has grown over the years.

"I can't believe what I created," Giannone said. "It's what I dreamed of creating and more."

Paulie Gee's Slice Joint (110 Franklin St. at Noble Street in Greenpoint, www.pauliegee.com/slice-shop). Sun-Thu, 11 am-midnight; Fri-Sat, 11 am-2 am. Opening this month.

BELL HOUSE

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ple Hills Creamery ice cream, and pies from Four and Twenty Blackbirds. The day will also feature street games, with a life-size Rock'em Sock'em Robots ring and a giant plinko board, along with workshops teaching watercolor painting and birdhouse building. Proceeds from the games will benefit the Gowanus Canal Conservancy.

The rich array on offer reflects the dramatic change that the neighborhood alongside Brooklyn's Nautical Purgatory has undergone in the last 10 years,

said Carden. For instance, a host of artists have established themselves in the neighborhood — and many of them will show off their photos and paintings at the block party. As these creators moved in, the neighborhood blossomed from a grimy industrial streetscape into a family-friendly oasis of creativity, according to Carden.

"There are definitely fewer prostitutes on the street from when we first got here," he said. "Now you have people walking down the streets with strollers and bags of groceries on their way home and it's no longer a scary place to be."

The block party will also

offer plenty for grown-up Gowanusurs. The Bell House will host a beer garden in the street during the day, and a dance party will kick off inside at 6 pm.

The concert venue will also put on a five-night series of shows from Sept. 6 to 10, bringing some of its favorite acts back on stage, including storytelling podcast the Moth on Sept. 6, Washington D.C. rock band Ex Hex on Sept. 7, and indie project Waxahatchee on Sept. 9.

"They're folks who've played here before, we're huge fans of theirs and we're excited to have them come and help us celebrate 10 great years," Carden said.



BIRDS OF A FEATHER: Anastasia Page, left, gazed adoringly at her Polish Bantam chicken Pom Pom after recovering the escaped bird with help from a so-called animal-rights activist and her roommate Tom Wilson, right.
Community News Group / Colin Mixson

Beak where she belongs

Hen returned after flying coop

BY COLIN MIXSON

It's her clucky day!

The owner of a lost chicken was reunited with her missing bird on Aug. 15 with help from a so-called animal-rights activist, who returned the fowl to its Ditmas Park home and the care of its hen mother — only after conducting a tour of the place to ensure it was no poultry plant.

"It was weird, because people were in the house asking questions to make sure I'm not a murderer," said Anastasia Page, whose hen Pom Pom flew the coop early last week. "But Pom Pom's back."

Page's pet — a Polish Bantam chicken she keeps in a coop on the roof of her Flatbush Avenue home between Lenox Road and Caton Avenue — escaped from her digs on Aug. 12 after strong winds broke open the shelter, according to the guy tasked with watching the birds while their owner was out of town that weekend.

"The coop was damaged in a storm, she got down from the rooftop, couldn't get back up, and wound up on the street," said Page's roommate Tom Wilson.

Thus began Pom Pom's excellent adventure, a chicken run that quickly went viral on social media after a neighbor posted pictures of the fabulous fowl with a mop of white feathers on its head strutting down the sidewalk, relaxing beneath

a bush, and roosting atop a green cooler for e-grocer Amazon Fresh.

Wilson shared his and Page's information on Facebook after discovering Pom Pom's sudden internet fame, and the activist reached out two days after she escaped, telling Page he found the pet and left her in the care of a bird specialist, who gave the little chicken a once-over after its days on the lam.

Submitting to an inspection in order to reunite with her beloved bird did not thrill Page, she said.

But the rescuer and specialist left awed by the home she built for Pom Pom and her two other chickens, an Easter Egger named Kesha and a favaucana dubbed Tyrone, all of whom Page said she raised since they emerged from their eggs.

"He said he and this person are coming to my house to make sure I'm not crazy," Page said. "They were pretty stoic, but by and large they seemed impressed."

And although roosters, which can be nasty fighters, are among the animals outlawed as pets in New York City, chickens are perfectly legal, and are excellent companions — not least because they help in the kitchen from time to time, according to Wilson.

"They're much beloved, and not just for the free eggs," he said.

POLL POSITION

Survey: Most Golden constituents want to preserve, expand expired school-zone speed-camera program

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

Call them camera ready.

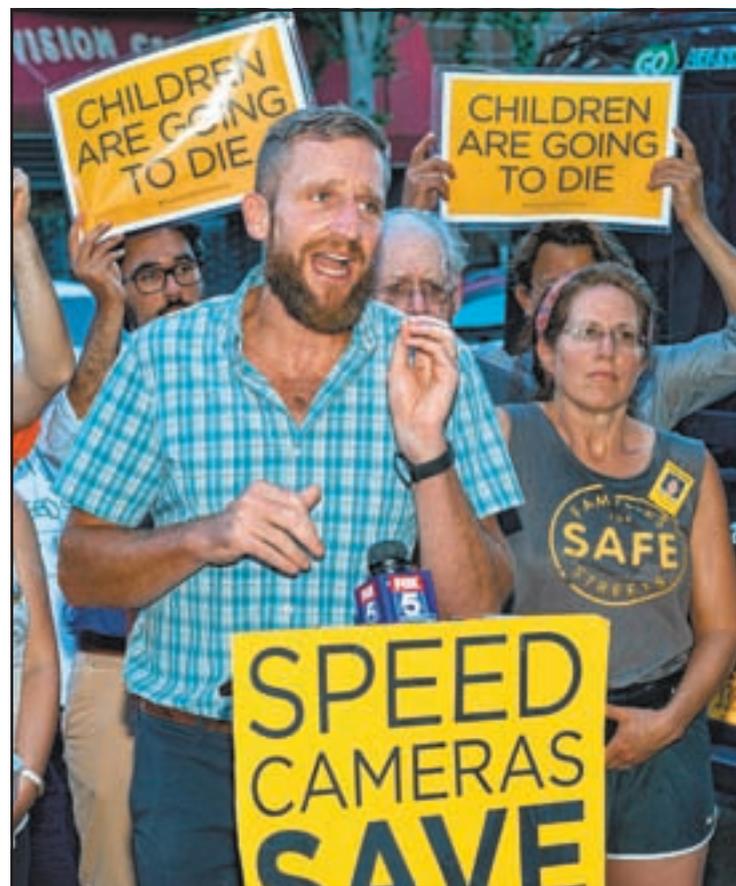
A new poll shows that the majority of state Sen. Marty Golden's constituents support preserving and expanding the city's school-zone speed-camera program that expired on July 25. The results prove that most locals consider the cameras to be lifesavers that Golden should pressure Senate Republicans to re-activate before the city's more than 1.1 million schoolchildren head back to class in September, according to a spokesman for Transportation Alternatives, the organization that commissioned the poll from polling firm Public Policy Polling.

"This poll further reinforces what we've already heard from local volunteers that have been knocking on thousands of doors and speaking at numerous senior centers in [Golden's] Senate District 22: residents of the district overwhelmingly support the speed safety camera program because they know it saves lives," said Jack Davies. "As the beginning of the school year rapidly approaches, these residents are more anxious than ever to get the cameras back on."

Public Policy Polling surveyed 515 random registered voters in Golden's district — which encompasses Bay Ridge, Dyker Heights, Fort Hamilton, Marine Park, Manhattan Beach, Gerritsen Beach, and parts of Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, Mapleton, Gravesend, Midwood, and Sheepshead Bay — via automated phone calls during a three-day period beginning two days after the cameras stopped ticketing drivers, from July 27 until July 29.

The firm found that 82 percent of the respondents support the speed camera program, and 65 percent also want to see it expanded. Support for the cameras is even stronger among senior citizens, with 84 percent of the 133 respondents more than 65 years old supporting the cameras, and 69 percent of them wanting to see the program expanded.

The firm called a list of registered voters in the district sev-



NOT ALONE: A majority of the people in state Sen. Marty Golden's district support expanding the number of school-zone speed cameras, according to a poll commissioned by Transportation Alternatives — whose executive director, Paul Steely White, is shown here addressing a recent rally on the subject.

Photo by Trey Pentecost

eral times over the three days, according to a polling analyst at the firm, who said that the breakdown of respondents based on neighborhood and party affiliation mirrored that of the district, which has more than 76,000 registered Democrats and about 33,000 registered Republicans, according to the most recent data from the New York State Board of Elections.

State Sen. Simcha Felder (D-Midwood) blocked the bill from exiting the Cities Committee, which he chairs, to go to the floor for a vote while the upper chamber was still in session. But since the session ended on June 20, protesters have demanded Golden do more to pressure Majority Leader John Flanagan (R-Long Island) to bring the bill to a floor for a vote.

Statistics prove that the cameras — which photograph drivers' license plates and automatically issue \$50 fines to speeders — do slow drivers down and improve safety. There were more than 60-percent fewer speeding violations in school zones with speed cameras in the two years after they were first installed in 2014, and a nearly 15-percent reduction in injuries in school zones with the cameras, according to a transportation agency report published last year.

A Park Slope mom who protested Golden's lack of action on the speed cameras this summer said she was not at all surprised to hear that the vast majority of Golden's constituents support the cameras, because they're a common-sense way to save lives and make pedestrians — children and seniors especially — safer on the streets.

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A big day in Little Haiti

BY ALEXANDRA SIMON

Members of Brooklyn's Haitian community cheered officials as they unveiled a new street sign in honor of a native forefather at the corner of Rogers and Newkirk avenues on Saturday.

The newly co-named Jean-Jacques Dessalines Boulevard — which includes some 30 blocks of Rogers Avenue between Farragut Road and Eastern Parkway — is a fitting tribute to the former slave

who rose to lead his country to victory in the Haitian Revolution and then serve as the first ruler of an independent Haiti, according to a local Haitian-American who attended the ceremony.

"I'm happy to see Jean-Jacques Dessalines honored in this way," said Jeffrey Pluviose. "People will see his name and research him to find out who he was. This is a very powerful moment."

The sign's unveiling

came weeks after the city formally designated parts of Ditmas Park, Flatbush, East Flatbush, and Midwood — including some blocks of the newly co-named street — as the Little Haiti Cultural and Business District, and months after another nearby road, Nostrand Avenue between Newkirk and Flatbush avenues as Toussaint L'Ouverture Boulevard, was jointly named for another prominent Haitian

revolutionary, Toussaint L'Ouverture,

Some critics objected to Council's decision to dedicate the Central Brooklyn street to Dessalines, claiming a tribute to the military officer turned emperor — who notoriously ordered the beheading of all French people remaining in Haiti after its native population overthrew the colonial power in 1804 — contradicts efforts to remove monuments that celebrated other controver-

HAITI IN BROOKLYN: Brooklynites, including Assemblywoman Rodneyse Bichotte (center) cheered the unveiling of a sign co-naming the southwest corner of Rogers and Newkirk avenues in Flatbush after Haitian emperor Jean-Jacques Dessalines on Aug. 18. (Left) Jeffrey Pluviose displays the first Haitian flag created after the country won independence. Photos by Caroline Ourso

sial historical figures.

But those detractors are simply attempting to diminish Dessalines's reputation as a Haitian who fought against slavery and colonization, Pluviose argued.

"It's not comparable," he said. "He had the courage to stand up to the evils of humanity at that time, and to be the man to free his people from enslavement. I don't see how you can be against that."

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Two-months late and a ramp short

BPL's Pacific branch reopens without incline

BY JULIANNE CUBA

This ramp is overdue!

Book-lenders reopened Brooklyn Public Library's Pacific branch on Aug. 13, roughly two months behind their expected deadline — and without the ramp they promised stroller-pushing parents and disabled residents they'd install to ease access to the stacks as part of a recent makeover.

A library spokeswoman told this newspaper in March that workers would install a temporary ramp before the branch's project finished, but bigwigs changed their minds mid-renovation, according to another rep, who said they chose to postpone the ramp work until they completed

the rest of the job, and will now put the incline in sometime this fall.

"A custom, temporary ramp will be installed this fall," said Fritzi Bodenheimer.

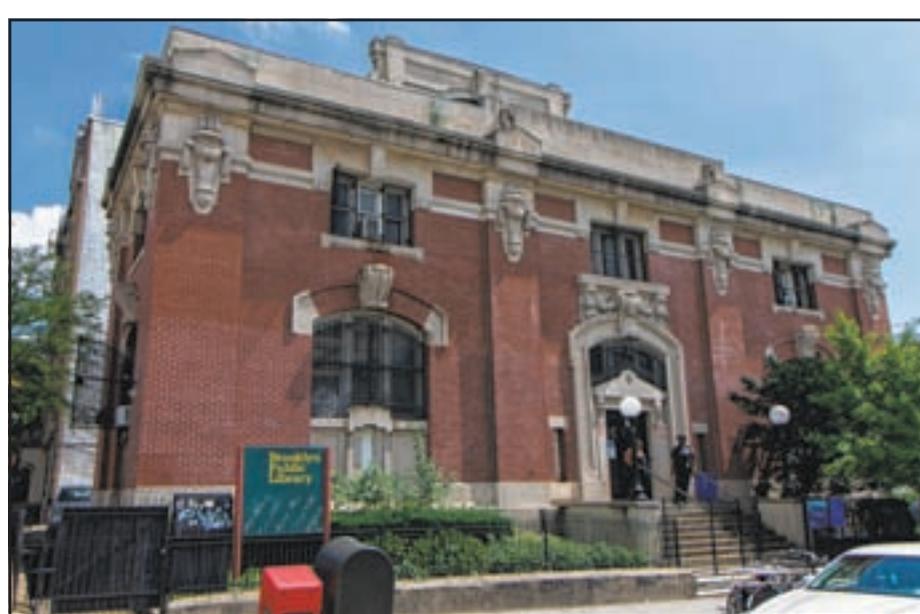
The rest of the Fourth Avenue branch on the border of Park Slope and Boerum Hill, however, now looks almost as good as it did back when it opened in 1904 with funds from steel magnate Andrew Carnegie, according to a longtime patron who popped by after the touch-ups.

"It looked the same to tell you the truth," said Flatbush resident Wilcky Lascaze, who stopped by the Pacific branch for a meeting last week, and

used to peruse its shelves as a high-schooler about a decade ago. "It looked decent."

Library honchos spent just under \$600,000 on the renovations, which included updating the floor and ceiling of its auditorium and applying fresh coats of paint, as well as installing new air-conditioning and projection systems, lighting, signs, and outlets, according to Bodenheimer, who said the job's cost ballooned from an originally estimated \$250,000 due to unplanned repairs, such as the fixes to the auditorium ceiling that she said was near collapse.

Book-lenders still don't have the millions of dol-



CHECK OUT A BOOK: Library bigwigs opened the Pacific branch on Fourth Avenue on Aug. 13.

Photo by Caleb Caldwell

lars Bodenheimer said are necessary to install a permanent ramp or to fully overhaul the ancient stacks — which the Brooklyn Paper helped save from the wrecking ball in 2013 after officials floated plans to sell the building to a developer and relocate the branch to a more-modern facility.

But library leaders will

conduct an assessment of the branch now that the minor renovations are complete to determine how much cash they need to execute the more-comprehensive updates, and when they can be made, according to Bodenheimer, who did not specify a budget or timeline for the improvements.

Last year, however, a reading-room rep told this newspaper that bigwigs collected around \$3.5 million for permanent accessibility improvements at the Pacific branch, but still needed to secure some \$10 million for unmet capital needs, and couldn't say how long it would take to raise those funds.



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The golden ticket!

Sideshow by Sea sells 1-millionth ducat to couple from Germany

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

That's the ticket!

A couple of German tourists were granted lifetime passes to the Coney Island Circus Sideshow after one of them bought the one-millionth ticket to one of the city's longest-running off-Broadway shows.

The tourist who scored the ticket said he didn't realize his luck until he bought the ticket and balloons and confetti suddenly fell from the ceiling.

"We really didn't realize that they are searching for a winner — we came to buy the tickets and suddenly it was happening," said Karsten Wulf, who traveled from Hamburg to the Big Apple with his girlfriend, Elke Hess, for a week-long trip to celebrate his 50th birthday.

Sideshow founder Dick Zigun said the couple was the perfect pair to win the prize because they were similar to other devoted attendees who love music, the arts, and everything the city has to offer.

"We couldn't have asked for a better couple that represents our audience. They were sort of German hipsters — he was wearing a Ramones shirt — and they were wonderful," Zigun said. "They seemed very pleased — they were totally into New York culture, so the man in particular kept on yelling out, 'We love New York City!'"

Plus, Zigun said Wulf and Hess were the ideal winners because their foreign status means they



SIDESHOW-STOPPER: (Above) When Karsten Wulf bought the one-millionth ticket to the Coney Island Sideshow, confetti and balloons dropped to mark the occasion. (Left) Zigun shows off the winning ticket.

Photos by Trey Pentecost

may not take advantage of their lifetime passes the way locals might.

"Since they're from Germany, who knows if we're ever going to have to honor them?"

But Wulf said the pair loved the show so much that they intend to return on their next vacation.

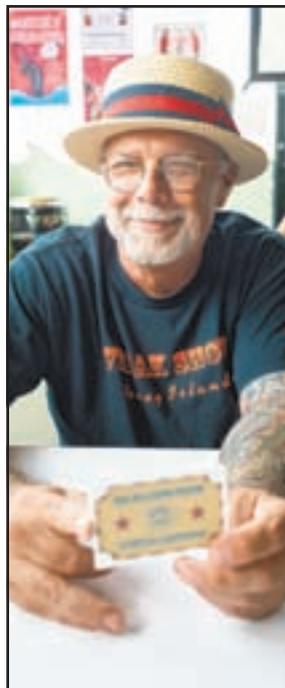
"Of course we'll come back at the next holiday," he said.

"We are excited, and it was a great show and very friendly people, cool bar, good music."

The Sideshow has given a stage to sword swallow-

ers, fire-eaters, and other off-beat acts since it debuted in 1985. Zigun said he's been proud to use the Sideshow to give all kinds of performers — including some who are usually cast in "freak shows" — a chance to be themselves and entertain on their own terms.

"For 35 years it's been my privilege to not only maintain sideshow history but also tinker with it, and let women and minorities and the disabled speak for themselves and be outspoken instead of being exploited," he said.



IT DOES A BODY GOOD: Eamon Rockey blends and bottles Rockey's Milk Punch at the New York Distilling Company in Williamsburg.

Photo by Stefano Giovanni

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own company, make milk punch."

The surprisingly clear beverage was likely first made by playwright Aphra Behn (author of "The Rover," now playing in Prospect Park) about 400 years ago, and Rockey said he fell in love with a friend's century-old recipe and started experimenting with the booze to create his own about 12 years ago.

At the USA Today-sponsored festival, Rockey and mixologist Joaquin Simo, the owner of fancy cocktail spot Pouring Ribbons in the distant borough of Manhattan, will lead a seminar about the beverage, showing guests how to make the delicious beverage with a splash of cognac in it, he said.

"We're teaming up to do a Milk Punch seminar, and then making one for the audience and serving it as well," said Rockey. "It's a fun interactive, historic, dynamic, and entertaining presentation."

The drink goes well with any spirit, he said — even tequila.

"Traditionally it goes with brandy, rum, whiskey," said Rockey. "It can be made with anything, that's the beauty of Milk Punch."

Rockey is excited to bring his beverage to the event, which will also feature lifestyle guru and celebrity Martha Stewart — who once spent years five months behind bars after being convicted for lying to investigators about stock trading — because he has always admired her craft.

"The way she approaches food, and taking a high-level, high-quality approach to dining is really important to me," said Rockey. "It's gonna be amazing, it's an honor to be a part of it."

Try Rockey's Milk Punch at the Martha Stewart Food and Wine Festival at LeFrak Center at Lakeside (171 East Dr. in Prospect Park, enter at Ocean Avenue at Parkside Avenue in Prospect Lefferts Gardens, wineand-food.usatoday.com). Sept. 8; 1-4 pm. \$65-\$250.



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It is his mission to give back to the community

BY CAMILLE SPERRAZZA

Brooklynites packed the 61st Precinct station house on Aug. 7 for a party featuring food, music, and a chance for the community to interact with the police officers who serve them.

It was all part of National Night Out, a nation-wide annual event held on the first Tuesday of August, designed to promote community police awareness.

This year marked the 35th celebration, and was hosted by the precinct, in conjunction with the 61st Precinct Community Council and the Be Proud Foundation.

Raisa Chernina was pleased to meet a new generation of participants — including the Tete-a-Tete Cafe owner Oleg Novikov, who barbecued 1,200 free hot dogs for the hungry crowd of civilians and officers. Desserts and special delicacies were also served, complimentary to all in attendance. Police provided information on crime prevention and community happenings — all intended to prove that police officers are essential to a healthy and safe community.

When Novikov heard about the opportunity to participate, he responded immediately, and with great enthusiasm. That's because in Russia, his native country, people usually fear the police.

"For many Russians, a police officer is a boogiemanager to scare misbehaving kids, or someone who causes injustice, rather than protecting justice." He believes that people who emigrate from Russia often bring these fears with them. "I want to show the entire Russian-speaking community of Brooklyn, and even greater New York, that police can be trusted and thought of as supporters of local people, rather than the enemy."

Novikov emigrated from Moscow with the dream of becoming an American, and he has assimilated into the American culture. When he purchased the Tete-a-Tete Café, his extroverted, fun-loving personality helped to make it a place where life is celebrated every day. Patrons, many who also emigrated from Russia, gather here to eat, drink, be merry, and learn about life in America from each other.

Novikov feels fortunate to be here, and says it is his mission to give back to his new community. The café hosts live jazz concerts, and Novikov donates the proceeds to charities. He has also made contributions to the neighborhood library branch. It's all part of being a good citizen.

"We could all do with a little



more love and happiness in our lives," he says.

Raisa Chernina is the founder and Executive Director of the Be Proud Foundation. She holds a special place in her heart for police officers because decades ago, when she was assimilating to this country from the Soviet Union, the police were summoned to her home when her mother died. After the chaos faded, and the haunting sound of silence prevailed,

one police officer stayed behind. When Chernina inquired as to why he remained, he said, "How can I leave you? Your mother just died." He waited until her husband and kids came home so she wouldn't be alone. Though it was a long time ago, the memory of that kindness remains with Chernina today.

Be Proud often partners with police, schools, and community businesses to better neighbor-

hoods and improve quality of life. The not-for-profit organization works with families and the community to promote acceptance and understanding throughout the borough, and National Night Out exemplifies this goal. The foundation has been actively engaged with this event for nine years, and it has attracted an increasing number of participants each time, such as Oleg Novikov.

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It's a done deal

Sale of Angel Guardian home official, developer says



SOLD! Developer Scott Barone finally closed the deal on Dyker Heights's Angel Guardian Home. File photo by Caleb Caldwell

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE
They finally closed the deal.

A private builder is now the official owner of Dyker Heights's sprawling Angel Guardian home after he and the Sisters of Mercy closed the \$37.5-million deal on the property on Aug. 15, he said.

Developer Scott Barone told this newspaper that he stands by his plans to build market-rate, affordable, and senior housing on the property, along with a school, which he said will help make the century-old orphanage a cornerstone of the community again.

"I think it has the potential to have a greater impact on the community than it has had in nearly a generation. There haven't been orphans in there for years. Everybody knows what it was and where it is, but it really hasn't had an active role for anybody in that community for a very long time," said Barone, the founder and president of his eponymous management company, which

has previously developed hotels, luxury apartments, and office and commercial buildings across the city. "It's going to breathe a lot of fresh life into the property, and it's going to give a lot of people in the neighborhood the chance to have something to do with that property."

Barone said more than half of the city block-sized property — bound by 63rd and 64th streets and 12th and 13th avenues — will feature about 115 market-rate studio, one-, and two-bedroom condos, along with private outdoor space for residents. A small portion of the property will feature about 35 so-called affordable rental units, subsidized through the state's Affordable New York Housing Program.

The remainder of the property will include a school with up to 800 seats, and between 120 and 150 assisted-living units in a skilled nursing-care facility — which Barone termed "luxury

senior living." He also pledged to build an underground parking lot for residents, with about 100 spaces.

The developer will not need any zoning change to carry out his plans, since the site is zoned for three-story row houses and mixed used buildings.

Barone also promised to heed locals' concerns by keeping the main building — and all of the green space in front of it — which residents had previously pushed the city to landmark in a bid to save it from demolition. He added that he wanted to preserve at least part of the property's impressive, historic architecture, saying that it would make a good home for either the school or the senior-housing component.

"We are still keeping that building, 100 percent," Barone said. "It's a beautiful building, and it's in really good shape. There's detailed crown molding inside, you've got 14-foot ceilings

on the ground floor, the former chapel has 25-foot ceilings, the brickwork on the exterior of the building is old-world masonry — you can't duplicate that anymore."

And Barone added that he has offered the Catholic Charities Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens a 10-year-lease for the Narrows Senior Center — which remained on the property until this past spring — so that the seniors could return to their old stomping grounds.

Catholic Charities did not respond to a request for comment by press time.

The nuns first put the property up for sale in 2016, and found a buyer last December. Barone finally revealed his plans for the property with this paper in April, when his confidentiality agreement with the nuns loosened enough for him to discuss details about his intentions for the site. But the months of se-

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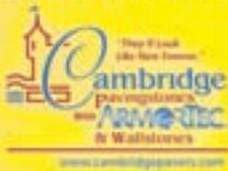
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Not taking chances

Heightened security returns for J'Ouvert parade

BY ALEXANDRA SIMON

The city this Labor Day will reprise the strict safety measures it implemented at last year's early-morning J'Ouvert parade after the tight security prevented fatalities at the event where multiple people were killed in previous years.

The changes — which included delaying the parade's start time from 4 to 6 am, so it could unfold in sunlight instead of darkness, and staging cops at entry checkpoints around the route — resulted in a largely peaceful parade that Borough President Adams and other local leaders said they'd like to recreate during an Aug. 16 roundtable discussion at Borough Hall ahead of the Sept. 3 celebration, which precedes the annual West Indian Day Parade.

"I don't think we can point to one area in particular that allowed it to be a success," the beep said. "It was a combination of things that we did leading up to J'Ouvert and on that day."

In addition to the new start time and checkpoints, the Police

Department last year set up more than 300 floodlights along the route — which runs along Flatbush Avenue and onto Empire Boulevard before curving onto Nostrand Avenue, where it ends at Midwood Street — and sent about 10-percent more cops than the 3,400 dispatched to the parade in 2016.

Police, elected officials, and faith leaders also staged anti-violence events and conducted outreach among known gang members ahead of the celebration — an effort they are continuing this year due to J'Ouvert's history of drawing individuals who want to stir up trouble with their rivals during the early-hour festivities, Adams said.

"The route of the parade has seen an extremely large amount of gang activity, because in the past, many have used that day as an opportunity to settle old beef," the beep said.

Cops also confiscated booze, along with weapons and large bags, from revelers at the check-

points last year — another effective measure they will repeat this year, according to Adams.

The crackdown on J'Ouvert — which celebrates Caribbean cultural resistance — drew criticism from some regulars who said the heightened security stifled its festive atmosphere of years past, but the head of the parade's organizing body stood by the changes, and said many other participants appreciated them, too.

"We are going keep the checkpoints and the new time," said Yvette Rennie, who runs J'Ouvert City International. "Now that we start at 6 am, the bands are happier because people can see their costumes in the daylight. And we're asking people to be patient with us, because everything has changes in life."

Last year's safety precautions — which organizers called the strictest since the annual J'Ouvert parade began in 1984 — followed two-straight years of deadly festivities.

In 2015, an aide to Gov. Cuomo



STAYING THE COURSE: The city is imposing strict security measures at the Sept. 3 J'Ouvert parade similar to those restrictions that helped prevent fatalities at last year's celebration.

File photo by Jon Farina

was shot and killed amid the celebrations, and last month, a Supreme Court jury convicted three men of crimes including manslaughter for the fatal incident.

And in 2016, separate shooters killed 22-year-old East New Yorker

Tiarah Poyau and 17-year-old Flatbush resident Tyreke Borel during the parade. Cops later arrested a 20-year-old who prosecutors charged with second-degree murder for Poyau's death, but no suspects have been identified in Borel's killing.

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WELCOME SPACE: The Flatbush Nostrand Business Improvement District pushed for the new plaza saying that it will boost local businesses and provide a hangout spot for students and residents.

PLAZA

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Flatbush and Nostrand Avenue junction to the schools and businesses in the area, according to one local business leader.

“Because of the way people come and go between the transportation hub and the different schools, there is really no place to pause and look around you and give you the strength to explore the surrounding area,” said Kenneth Mbonu, executive director of the Flatbush Nostrand Junction Business Improvement District.

The new plaza was closed to cars at the beginning of the month with traffic barriers rerouting cars onto Kenilworth Place, and filled with chairs and tables as well as flowerpots.

The idea of creating a pedestrian plaza came from seeing the community enjoy the space when the city closed the street for special events, according to Mbonu.

“Every time we had an event, at the end people would come out of their homes and apartments with strollers and children playing on the street,

which really gave the area a neighborhood feel,” he said.

The business group submitted plans to the Department of Transportation in 2016 with the support of more than 90 percent of the local businesses, and the city supported the idea because of the lack of public space in the area.

But Community Board 14 had some concerns about the large number of students that converge from the surrounding schools and colleges, such as Brooklyn College and Midwood High School. In response, the business group revised the plan to include a security guard to supervise the plaza when school days end Monday to Fridays from 1 to 5 pm, according to Mbonu. The plan was finally approved in early March.

The new plaza has proved to be a challenge to some delivery drivers. One truck recently got stuck on its approach to Hillel Place because it could not fit around the left turn onto Kenilworth Place. Instead, it had to reverse back out onto Campus Road.

To alleviate this, Mbonu said that loading zones have been created

at three locations — on Flatbush Avenue in front of the Pretty Girl clothing store, on Nostrand Avenue by the Dallas BBQ, and on Campus Road by Far Better Printing — and local businesses just have to let their delivery drivers know about them, he said.

The plaza provides an enhancement for the new entrance to Brooklyn College on Campus Road, as well as a spot of rest for theater-goers before or after shows at the Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts, Mbonu said.

And drivers will be glad to know that no parking spaces were harmed in the making of this plaza — quite the opposite, in fact. The nine spots that were on that section of Hillel Place were replaced by 15 new spaces on Campus Road, opposite Brooklyn College.

The new public space will be officially opened at the end of August, and the city will conduct surveys and evaluate the success of the project over the next year but Mbonu said the feedback so far has been good.

“We are testing the waters to see how the community takes it, and so far the response has been phenomenal,” he said.

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Lights, camera, action in S'Park

City aims to bring TV, film production to nabe

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

Sunset Park is about to go Hollywood.

The city is seeking proposals to develop nearly three-and-a-half football fields' worth of waterfront property into a film and television production facility at the forthcoming Made in New York Campus at Bush Terminal in Sunset Park, the Economic Development Corporation and the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment announced on Aug. 1.

Councilman Carlos Menchaca (D-Sunset Park) said the development — which officials said will create a third of the 1,500 total jobs they predict the campus will bring beginning

in 2020 — will be a boon to the local economy and community.

"By providing 500 good-paying jobs and beautifying the surrounding streetscape and plazas, this facility will not only establish Bush Terminal as a creative hub, but also provide a place local residents can benefit from economically and recreationally," Menchaca said.

Reps for the Economic Development Corporation — a quasi-governmental agency tasked with growing the city's economy — said officials will prioritize proposals that focus on hiring locals and advancing gender equity, diversity, and inclusion within the media, adding that they envision using

the space for film, television, video, and photo shoots as well as augmented- and virtual-reality production.

Applicants must have experience as both a developer and operator of film, television, sound-recording, or media-production facilities, and officials at the Economic Development Corporation will select a developer based on factors including the quality of the proposal, experience of the staff and subcontractors identified in the proposal, and the proposed fee, according to the request for proposals.

Last year, the city announced its plan to invest \$136 million to build the film- and television-production building next to



COMING SOON: The Economic Development Corporation and the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment are seeking proposals to turn three-and-a-half football fields worth of space at Sunset Park's forthcoming Made in New York campus into film and television production studios.

Economic Development Corporation

Bush Terminal Piers Park and turn a pair of dilapidated 42nd Street buildings, near First Avenue, into garment manufacturing centers. But proposals that "minimize or exclude" city funding will be given "strong preference" in the selection process, accord-

ing to the Economic Development Corporation's senior vice president of asset management, Julie Stein, who added that the respondent will be required to participate in the agency's HireNYC program to ensure that jobs go to locals.

Proposals are due by 4

pm on Nov. 2, and the agency expects to announce a decision next year, Stein said.

The head of the Economic Development Corporation said the campus' new jobs and focus on prioritizing diversity within media will make it a welcome ad-

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crecy surrounding the deal drove rumors and led locals to fear the worst, prompting protests and outrage that surprised the nuns and influenced Barone's plans for the site, he said, adding that he had not thought about adding senior housing before reading that residents wanted it.

"The reality of it is if the community hadn't spoken out the way they did, I think it would've been a bunch of residential [units]. We would not have done as much homework if the neighborhood hadn't spoken up," Barone said. "I had never considered [senior housing], but the community pointed out that it was needed, we took a very hard look at it, and the community was right: there is an aging population in certain sections of the neighborhood that wants to stay within the neighborhood that they've lived."

But an organizer of one of the outspoken community groups, the Guardians of the Guardian, pointed out

that locals were specifically asking for affordable senior housing, not the "luxury senior living" Barone envisioned.

"We want senior housing that would be available for everyone — some affordable and some for those that are middle-income people," said Fran Vella-Marrone.

She added that her group wishes Barone would nix the school in favor of affordable senior housing.

"It's not that we're against schools, but we felt that a school at that location wasn't appropriate," she said. "The school is not something that we were looking to have there because we wanted to maximize the space for senior housing."

But Barone said the school district — which is the city's most overcrowded — badly needs another school, and that seniors could apply to live in the affordable housing component, but that it would lack the amenities that the units specifically set aside for seniors would offer.

"There is nothing they need there more than school. It's the most overtaxed school district in New York City," he

said. "A person who's spry in their 70s could by all means live in an affordable apartment under the Affordable New York Housing Program, but that's not going to have any of the stepped-up level of services that people going into senior housing are going to need."

A spokeswoman for the Department of Education said the agency works "with families, community members, and elected officials to identify suitable locations for new school buildings and seats," but did not respond to an inquiry about whether or not the city's School Construction Authority was considering building a new school on the site.

Barone said crews will start "selective demolition" of various small buildings and garages on the property by the end of this year, and that the development will likely be finished in about three years, though he wishes it would be sooner.

"If it was up to me, I'd break ground tomorrow," he said.

The Sisters of Mercy did not respond to a request for comment by press time.

CAMERAS

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"It's not a surprise, because the bill is really a no-brainer," said Amy Cohen, whose 12-year-old son Samuel Cohen Eckstein was killed by a speeding driver near his Prospect Park West home in 2013. "We've spent a lot of time in his community, and everyone is supportive. We've heard from a lot of seniors and they expressed that they feel really in danger just crossing the street."

A spokesman for Golden, James McClelland, said the pol was "not surprised that the majority of his constituents agree with him regarding the speed camera issue," pointing to both Golden's call for Flanagan to reconvene the Senate to address speed cameras his co-sponsoring the bill that would preserve and double the number of speed cameras citywide over the next four years.

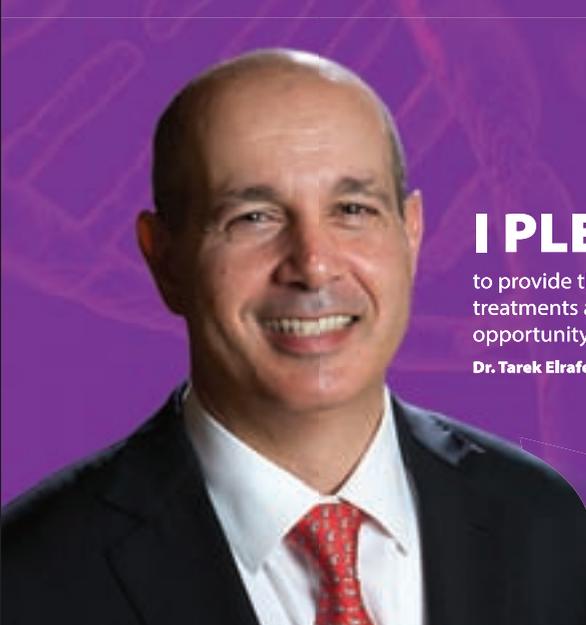
But a month after Golden announced his support for the speed-cam expansion bill, he co-sponsored a different bill that wouldn't expand the program, would extend the current speed camera program only for another six months, and require the city to install signs notifying drivers where the cameras are, leading critics to charge that Golden was purposefully undermining efforts to preserve and expand the program.

Davies at TransAlt said that showed Golden didn't actually want to get the original speed camera bill passed, and that he was backtracking on a personal promise Cohen said he made to her that he would leverage his power as the most senior Republican in the state Senate to pressure Flanagan to reconvene the Senate to vote on the bill.

"Sen. Marty Golden made a promise to his constituents that he would use his senior leadership position with Republicans to pass this legislation and protect NYC kids. He has failed to live up to that promise. In fact, there's no sign he's even made any real effort," Davies said.

The city's 140 cameras stopped doling out tickets on July 25, when the original 2013 authorization expired, but a spokesman at the mayor's office said the city planned to keep the cameras on to collect speed data, which it would compile and make available in a report in the coming weeks.

The mayor's office announced on Aug. 13 that the cameras caught 132,253 drivers speeding through school zones citywide during school hours between July 26 and Aug. 10 — and 67 percent of those were in 42 school zones across Brooklyn, according to a spokesman from the mayor's office, which comes out to an average of 5,570 speeding drivers in Kings County during school hours each day during the 16-day period.



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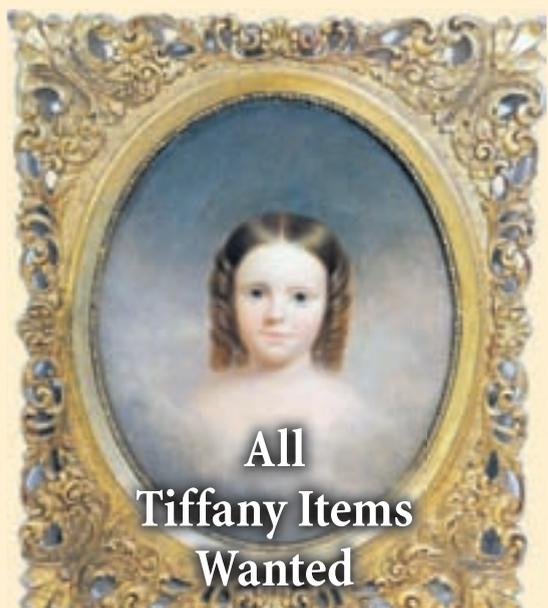
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Writing wrongs

Bookseller focuses on forgotten female authors

BY JULIANNE MCSHANE

She's seeking equal pay for equal words.

A Kings Countian-turned-Londoner will return to the borough to shine a light on forgotten female scribes, at the Brooklyn Antiquarian Book Fair in Greenpoint on Sept. 9. Author and rare book collector Allison Devers hopes that her talk "Feminize Your Bookshelves!" will bring more attention to women writers, and help to level the playing field for women in the literary world.

"Women have to fight for our space in the world and on bookshelves," said Devers, who lived in Carroll Gardens before decamping for the United Kingdom. "Even though women buy and read more books than men, we're still not getting equal treatment in literature, and the literary canon seems to suggest that it's because our work is not as good, and I just don't believe that at all."

At her talk, Devers plans to

discuss the works of a few late local women writers, including two who lived in a Brooklyn Heights artist commune called the February House: novelist, playwright, and poet Carson McCullers, and burlesque performer and playwright Gypsy Rose Lee. She will also discuss well-known wordsmiths — including novelist Gertrude Stein — whose works are undervalued at the cash register due to their gender, she said.

"Her books are not very expensive [to collect], yet she's the mother of modernism," Devers said of Stein. "I just think that if she were a man and the 'father of modernism,' her books would be astronomically expensive."

The book fair will also highlight the work of another woman writer: Mary Shelley, in honor of the 200th anniversary of her novel "Frankenstein." Two curators from the Morgan Library in Manhattan will preview their upcoming exhibit on the mad sci-

entist tome, in a talk titled "It's Alive! Frankenstein at 200" on Sept. 8 at 5 pm.

But even Mary Shelley, arguably the founder of the science-fiction genre, was dismissed by naysayers who believed that her husband, the poet Percy Shelley, actually wrote the classic horror story, said Devers.

"It's a classic way that women are devalued in the literary canon, to say, 'You couldn't possibly have written this,'" she said. "[Shelley is] sort of great evidence of the inequality of women writers."

The Brooklyn Antiquarian Book Fair at the Brooklyn Expo Center (72 Noble St. at Franklin Street in Greenpoint, www.brooklynbookfair.com). Sept. 8-9; Sat, noon-7 pm; Sun, 11 am-4 pm. \$10-\$15 (\$5-\$10 in advance).

"It's Alive" Frankenstein talk on Sept. 8 at 5 pm. "Feminize Your Bookshelves" with Allison Devers on Sept. 9 at 2:30 pm.



TURNING THE PAGE: Author and rare-book collector Allison Devers will give a talk on gender inequality in the literary canon at the Brooklyn Antiquarian Book Fair in Greenpoint on Sept. 9. Jo Emmerson

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JAIL

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cade, he said.

"We're taking a big step forward in the process of closing Rikers Island and creating a modern, community-based jail system that is smaller and fairer," DeBlasio said. "Now we can move full-steam ahead on the engagement and planning for our new facilities, so we can close Rikers as fast as possible."

Boerum Hillers feared the hundreds of detainees who've been convicted or are awaiting trial at the local jail would wreak havoc in the community when it reopened in 2012 after shuttering nine years before that because of budget cuts.

But complaints have been few and far between over the past six years, according to the neighborhood's councilman, who said expanding the facility on the border of bustling Downtown would be seamless, and improve the lives of inmates.

"Rikers must close," said Councilman Stephen Levin (D-Boerum Hill), who threw his support behind DeBlasio's scheme last year, before the mayor named the House of Detention site as part of the plan. "We have an opportunity to create more-just, better-integrated, and safer facilities close to courts, community services, and transportation. I look forward to robust engagement with the Administration and the community to reimagine 21st century facilities in Downtown Brooklyn."

Officials want to build a detention space with the square footage of roughly 24 football fields — about eight times the size of the current detention space



SELLING JUSTICE: A rendering of the proposed commercial space as part of the jail's expansion. Mayor's Office

— to pack a total of 1,150 inmates who will have access to an on-site support center offering educational and recreational programming, as well as therapy, medical, and mental-health services.

But before breaking ground, the city must first sign off on a rezoning of the Atlantic Avenue lot and its three companion sites as part of a collective Uniform Land Use Review Procedure that will unfold in each borough the facilities would be located in, which could kick off as early as the end of this year, according to Community Board 2 District Manager Robert Perris, who returned to his post on the panel in July after a one-month suspension.

If officials vote to proceed with the scheme, detainees currently locked up in the House of D will be relocated to Rikers Island or outer-borough jails to accommodate construction, a rep for DeBlasio said.

In addition to the detention and retail-community space, plans for the new Boerum Hill facility call for 277 accessory-parking spots to accommodate its employees and some 250 expected daily visitors — about a hundred more than visit each day now.

The scheme will also bring more jobs to the area, upping the number of jail employees to 290 from 115, with an additional 90 workers expected to fill the retail-community space, according to the city, which estimates construction would wrap in 2027.

And it's not the first time officials proposed packing more inmates in the local jail. Earlier this decade, the Department of Correction pushed a similar expansion plan — which also included adding retail space — in an effort to phase out its use of Rikers Island as it prepared to reopen the House of D, but the agency ultimately dropped the controversial scheme, ironically choosing to expand a jail on the island instead.

Correction Department officials will hold a public meeting on the latest project in Boerum Hill on Sept. 20, and are accepting written comments until Oct. 15.

Meeting on the House of Detention expansion at PS 133 (610 Baltic St. near Fourth Avenue in Boerum Hill) Sept. 20 at 6 pm.

Written comments can be submitted to Howard Fiedler at 75-20 Astoria Blvd., Suite 160, East Elmhurst, NY 11370, or e-mailed to boroughplan@doc.nyc.gov.

HOLLYWOOD

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dition to the neighborhood.

"Through this effort, we will create quality jobs, help advance gender equity, diversity and inclusion in the media production industry, and strengthen the local Sunset Park community," said James Patchett, the agency's president and

chief executive officer.

Of course, if it's actually going to keep locals employed and stimulate the neighborhood's economy, the production facility will need to attract enough filmmakers and producers. Gov. Andrew Cuomo promised that a movie studio that the state built outside Syracuse for \$15 million would create "at least 350 new high-tech jobs," but the space was

rarely used and the state sold it for \$1 in June.

But the Sunset Park facility could be buoyed by the fact that more filmmakers have been flocking to Kings County in recent years: 32.5 percent of the 8,222 film permits the city issued last year were for shoots in Brooklyn, up from 28.8 percent of 6,910 total permits in 2012, according to the New York Post.

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