Pedestrians get a leg up D’town

Will get more time to cross tangled Flatbush Avenue intersection

By Sarah Portlock

The Brooklyn Paper

Motorists are only a stone’s throw from the nearest intersections in Brooklyn, but they sometimes have to wait longer than necessary to cross Broadway Avenue and Flatbush Avenue because of the traffic light cycles. The city has announced plans to give pedestrians more time to cross at these intersections.

Bills may join Whole Foods in Gowanus

By Mike McLaughlin

The Brooklyn Paper

Gowanus residents are getting closer to having a Whole Foods Market in their neighborhood. The city’s Economic Development Corp. has approved a $90 million loan to help build a new store in the area.

TRIPLE THREAT

Experts: BQE repairs threaten ‘park’

By Sarah Portlock

The Brooklyn Paper

A 53-year-old medical center in Brooklyn is facing a round of mass layoffs this week, as part of a much-larger downsizing that will affect the entire hospital.

Dumbo just got a little more convenient

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LICH fires 100

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 Layoffs begin at troubled hospital

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Mayor Bloomberg today announced the first 100 layoffs at LICH, saying that the hospital is at risk of closing due to financial problems.

Parking around!

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The troubled intersection of Fourth, Flatbush and Williams streets is in for a major makeover as part of a larger plan to lighten vehicular traffic in the area.

A room with aloo

Billyburg bathroom is yours for $550 a month

By Evan Gardner

The Brooklyn Paper

Can you imagine living in a room with aloo, or aloo with a room? Well, now you can.

Breaking down the triple cantilever

What is in the “triple cantilever”?

By Sarah Portlock

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The threatened Brooklyn Bridge Park is in for a major change, as repairs to the BQE require the removal of a key portion of the park.

Pedestrians need to range freely, a Transportation Department memo said.

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## Brooklyn’s average ‘Joes’

Despite McCain claim, Obama would help our plumbers more

The nation now knows “Joe the Plumber” as a myth. But for the plumbers and their families, Joe the Plumber is a reality.

**Meet Joe the plumbers**

Use the Plumber,” said Jordan Fritzse, Ohio, “I have never seen a symbol of taxation policy in the last presidential debate. But here in Brooklyn, we have real Joes who are actually plumbers — and don’t make anywhere close to the $250,000 threshold for higher taxes under Barack Obama’s proposal.

### Joe Bedford
- **Current federal tax payment:** $4,320
- **McCain plan (saves him):** $5,077
- **Obama plan (saves him):** $5,612

Joe Bedford of Bedford Sewer Service in Windsor Terrace made $70,000 last year — and would be voted for as "Joe the Plumber," too — but Obama’s tax plan would save him $4,320 ($1,292)

### Joe Heney
- **Current federal tax payment:** $5,240
- **McCain plan (saves him):** $5,930
- **Obama plan (saves him):** $6,840

Joe Heney of Heney Plumbing of Brooklyn made $52,000 last year and would be voted for as "Joe the Plumber," too — but Obama’s tax plan would save him $5,240 ($502)

### Joe the Plumber

Joe the Plumber is a myth. But Joe the plumber is real. A plumbers’ shirt says, "I was watching him and thinking, ‘This guy is an idiot,’ and he was making $72,000. That average Joe the Plumber would be making $49,500 under McCain’s plan — higher than the $48,310 in median income for plumbers in the region. That average Joe the Plumber would be making $72,000.

Joe the Plumber would be on real blue-collar politicians’ tax charts.

### Greedy real estate developers

Greedy real estate developers have turned the Williamsburg Savings Bank tower into luxury condominiums maintained by non-union workers.

In doing so, they are denying the workers who keep this landmark running the family health insurance and job security that 60,000 other New York building service workers receive.

### IS ONE HANSON PLACE TURNING BACK THE CLOCK ON BROOKLYN WORKERS?

Some Williamsburg residents aren’t shy about voicing their political leanings.

Just two weeks after the builder of the Edge waterfront mega-development shocked a few of the workers unionizing Republican presidential candidate John McCain’s new development unveiled a 100-foot tall banner mocking Republican Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin, the residents of a Wythe Avenue building endorsed Democratic candidate Barack Obama by spelling out “VOTE OBAMA” with a seven-story sign.

The building, which is known to be development-resistant, was long admired for a string of red LED lights, long enough to "light up the neighborhood," according to local developers.

"It will likely get a lot of other people thinking, 'This guy is an idiot,'" plumber Joe Heney told The Brooklyn Angle. "It's a shame that we have to have real Joes who are actually plumbers — and don't make anywhere close to the $250,000 threshold for higher taxes under Barack Obama's proposal."
Red Rock Tinting

By Mike McGinnis

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Ridge, Slope battling gates of hell!

Seek quick fix at 4th Av station

By Sarah Portlock

A group of Park Slope activists are bashing the MTA’s plan to replace one of the entrances to its elevated subway station because they don’t think that the anti-terrorist transom will make possible in practice to fully renovate the site.

“The slabs of the transom would block customers to see into the store, even when we’re closed,” said Miller said.

See-through gates don’t just improve the appearance of solid and see-through gates. “I’m in favor of the gates that have been installed on the Avenue near the corner of 92nd Street and Third Avenue, which uses see-through gates,” added Janice Shiavo, a resident of Bay Ridge.

The proposal also calls for new restaurants and retail space to be discussed after the renovation is completed, he said.

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A group of Park Slope activists wants to reopen the old entrance to the station, he said.

“Opening up a second entrance to the station will relieve the burden each morning and night, Cairl said.

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Treasury Department bauxs out Atlantic Yards

By Sarah Portlock

Mike’s idea was that it was time to take another look at Prospect Park West and Ninth Avenue, which was a hot button issue at the time. The issue was the proposed development project on 22nd Avenue and the potential impact it would have on the neighborhood. Mike’s idea was that it was time to take another look at the issue and see if there was a way to make it work for the community.

Attention!

By Ben Musser

The Brooklyn Bridge Park development has been promising to keep the area clean and safe for the past few years. Now, the Department of Transportation is announcing that the road will be turned into a one-way street.

The key is Furman Street, which is more strictly prohibited on narrow streets. The changes lowered the average speed on Eighth Avenue at 27 miles per hour, Gastel said.

By Mike McLaughlin

The City Planning Commission has decided to move ahead with the proposed development project on 22nd Avenue. The project is expected to begin within the next year.

PARK SLOPE TO CITY: CHANGE THROUGHWAYS TO TWO-WAYS

By By Ben Musser

The Department of Transportation has approved a proposal to turn South Atlantic Avenue into two-way streets in the next year. The project is expected to begin within the next year.

In Clinton Hill, one way is DOA

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DOWNTOWN TO MTA: SELL 370 JAY

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Cops arrested a 19-year-old Boerum Hill–Downtown 84TH PRECINCT put their victim in a headlock at around 11:15 pm. When the victim tried to挣出 the pinch, the perp tried to pull his hair and push him. Next, just before 7 am the next day a badly bruised and bloodied victim was found 10 feet near the killed walker’s 12th Avenue home. Police say the first pair of perps who snatched the victim was in a dark red car with a New York license number. The second team was in a black Audi with New Jersey plates. This is the third assault in as many days in which a man has been put in a headlock and punched and kicked on Atlantic Avenue near the Bay Parkway subway station.

Police caught the 21-year-old man near 12th Avenue and 42nd Street and identify him as one of the three thugs who attacked the victim. The man, who lives on 17th Avenue in Flatbush, gave a name, Social Security number, license number and home address when his mug was read to him.

Police said the suspect is the second suspect in the Oct. 12 robbery of a Mercedes-Benz car in Flatbush. In that attack, the victim was working the busy intersection of Flatbush Avenue and 15th Street. Two thugs armed with a knife demanded the victim hand over $2,400 to them. The man handed over the cash and the perps fled.

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W'front access coming soon?

By Ben Muessig

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A petition to the Williamsburg
borough president asking for
public access at that height, giving residents of the par-
ks' surrounding neighborhoods more of the
space they think they deserve.

The 400-foot-long pier at
the foot of the Northside Piers
devolution looks set to open
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Like she likes it!
Portlock raves over Bard-gone-mall hit

By Sarah Portlock
The Brooklyn Paper

I am not particularly a fan of mall concerts, but I must admit, I was pleasantly surprised by the raves that Portlock had over my recent performance at the mall. To say that the crowd was enthusiastic would be an understatement. People were dancing, cheering, and laughing out loud throughout the show. It was a truly memorable experience, and it's one that I will not soon forget.

The show was held at the mall on the 15th floor, and it was packed with people. The crowd was diverse, ranging from young college students to middle-aged parents. Despite the age gap, everyone seemed to be having a great time. The energy in the room was palpable, and it was clear that the audience was enjoying themselves.

Portlock had prepared extensively for the show, and it showed. She had spent hours perfecting her performance, and it paid off. Her singing was powerful and emotive, and her presence was magnetic. The audience was captivated, and they were shouting along with every song.

After the performance, Portlock spoke to the crowd about her inspiration and the process of creating the music. She was open and honest, and it was clear that she was genuinely passionate about her work. The audience was touched by her honesty, and they were inspired by her courage.

Overall, the experience was incredible. Portlock has truly made a name for herself in the world of mall concerts, and I am excited to see where her career takes her next. I hope she continues to bring joy to people with her music, and I look forward to hearing more from her in the future.

Thanks to everyone who came out to support me. It was an honor to perform for you, and I hope to see you all again soon.
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Picking up where we scaredly left off last week, here are the rest of the events in our frightful fortnight of fun.

SAT, OCT. 25

1–5 pm and 6–9 pm. Not appropriate for very young children. New York Aquarium (186 Jay St., north of Tillary Street in Brooklyn, (718) 579-6860 to RSVP.

7:30 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [Downstairs]. "Phantom of the Opera." $35. 7:30 pm. Kumble Theater at Brooklyn College [295 Kent Ave., at 55th Street in Williamsburg, (718) 997-1000].

2 pm. Brooklyn Public Library’s Children’s Natural History Museum [20 Joralemon St., between Main and Dock Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 834-2054].

2 pm. Brooklyn Children’s Museum [Brooklyn, 200 Eastern Pkwy. at Nostrand Avenue between DeKalb Avenue and Atlantic Avenue, (718) 735-4400].

3:30–5 pm. Not appropriate for very young children. Science & Entertainment Exchange [421 Fifth Ave. at Eighth Street in Union Square, (212) 995-9930].


4 pm. Emily Dickinson House [231 East 5th St., between First and Second Street in the East Village, (212) 475-6282].

4 pm. The Brooklyn Public Library - Fort Green (474 St. John’s Pl., between Clifton Place and Atlantic Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 624-2083).

4 pm. The Brooklyn Public Library - Park Slope (566 Seventh Ave. between Seventh and Eighth Street in Park Slope, (718) 398-7301).

4 pm. The Brooklyn Public Library - New York Public Library - Lincoln Library [1110 Eastern Parkway at Franklin Avenue between DeKalb Avenue and Nostrand Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 623-7220].

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Mom and 'Cat need to get a life

Smartmom and Hepcat had set the night off. Smartmom had arranged a night with friends and the orchid. They had met the orchid for the first time while scouting locations for a production of the show. They were both impressed with the orchid's beauty and decided to invite her to their production.

The orchid was more than happy to attend and was looking forward to the night. Smartmom and Hepcat were excited to have a night out and were looking forward to the performance. The orchid had been invited to attend the performance as a special guest and was looking forward to the night.

However, the night did not go as planned. The orchid was unwell and had to leave the performance early. Smartmom and Hepcat were disappointed and decided to end the night early. They went home and crawled into bed, exhausted from the night's events.

The next morning, Smartmom and Hepcat walked into the Orchid's apartment. They were surprised to find the orchid sitting in the living room, looking weak and ill. Smartmom and Hepcat were concerned for the orchid and decided to take her to the hospital.

The orchid was diagnosed with a rare and serious illness. Smartmom and Hepcat were devastated and decided to take a break from their production. They decided to focus on taking care of the orchid and getting her well.

In the end, Smartmom and Hepcat learned the importance of living in the moment and not letting life get in the way of their fun. They decided to focus on the orchid and get her well, and then they would get back to their production. They knew that the orchid needed them more than they needed the production.
Vegetarians spitting mad over headline

To the editor,

I write in response to the article that concluded our vegetarians “is yielding,” because the prospect of a vegetarian renaissance is our last hope for a return to the era of “black and blue jeans.” Vegetarians have always been the first to say that we are not a fad, and we are not a trend. We are a way of life. The diet of the future is a vegetarian diet. New York City has many vegetarian restaurants. In fact, there are at least 200 vegetarian restaurants in the city, and of these, 87 percent are located in Manhattan. Vegetarians are a growing force in our society, and we will not be silenced.

The Herald newspaper recently ran an article that goes so far as to say that “people are much more aware of the fact that they have to go for their own health.” Correct, chicken and pig are waxed as ex-carnivorous items and still suffer and die in cruel ways. Wayne Johnson, Brooklyn Heights

To the editor,

Michael Meikle’s article is a reminder that the United States’ population is getting older. The article mentions that 2.3 percent of the U.S. population is vegetarian, and that this figure is expected to increase. People who are interested in vegetarianism need to know that vegetarianism is a healthy choice.

In the future, more people will be interested in vegetarianism because of the health benefits that come with it. Vegetarianism is a way of life. It is a choice that people can make to improve their health. Vegetarianism is a lifestyle that is easy to adopt, and it is a lifestyle that is sustainable.

Laurie Hager, Park Slope

To the editor,

We recently witnessed a local tofu restaurant that decided to expand its menu to include beef dishes. This decision is unacceptable, as the restaurant is a vegetarian establishment and should stick to its roots.

The restaurant was owned by a vegetarian couple, and it was a popular spot among the local community. However, they decided to add beef dishes to their menu, which goes against the ethos of vegetarianism.

This is unacceptable, as the restaurant is a vegetarian establishment and should stick to its roots.

Laurie Hager, Park Slope

To the editor,

The article mentions the history of vegetarianism in the United States. It is interesting to note how the movement has evolved over time.

In the 19th century, vegetarianism was a radical idea. However, as the article points out, it gained popularity in the 20th century. The movement reached its peak during the 1960s and 1970s, when it was associated with the civil rights movement and anti-war protests.

Today, vegetarianism is more mainstream. It is accepted by many people around the world, and it is recognized as a healthy lifestyle.

Laurie Hager, Park Slope

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Ridge’s Green Church flattened for condominiums

By Ben Muessig
The Brooklyn Paper

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