Candidate Forum on Preservation and Development

The Lefferts Manor Association, as part of a Coalition of Concerned Preservation Voters in our City Council District is co-sponsoring a forum organized by the Historic Districts Council. Set for Thursday, February 8, from 7:00-9:00pm, this forum is an opportunity to hear candidates in the February 20th special City Council election present their perspectives on preservation and development concerns. All questions presented to the candidates will be focusing on these issues, including questions of landmark designation, community rezonings, and building codes within the district. The forum will be held at Public School 217, 1100 Newkirk Avenue, between Coney Island Avenue and Westminster Road. Continued on p. 6

Fun For All at LMA's Annual Holiday Party

The December 9th party, held at the Church of the Evangel featured a pot luck dinner, a chance for neighbors to get together and events for the youngest Manorites.

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POLICE BLOTTER
by Bill Griffin with thanks to Community Affairs P.O. Vinnie Martines

Thankfully, with crime in the 71st Precinct down 8% year-to-date, there are more holiday community service activities than crimes to report in and around Lefferts Manor.

Another Successful Halloween Walk The 71st Precinct would like to thank those in Lefferts Manor who contributed to another successful Halloween Walk. The generosity of the neighborhood in handing out candy and displaying Halloween decorations helped create a tremendous spirit of community and a great experience for the more than 1,000 area kids who participated this year. The precinct has acknowledged, however, the neighborhood’s concerns that with the overwhelming growth in the number of kids, it has become unrealistic for many of us to provide sufficient candy, and that there is somewhat of a safety issue with the jostling crowds on our stoops. The precinct welcomes the neighborhood’s ideas for improving the process and will be working with the LMA to encourage more generous candy/snack donations from companies and local politicians who use the event as a public relations opportunity.

Turkey Drive In partnership with HealthPlus, the 71st Precinct contributed to a happy Thanksgiving for many by giving away 50 turkeys to area families in need.

Winter Holidays Party On December 17th, officers from the Precinct hosted a Winter Holidays Party for area kids at the public school across the street from the police station on Empire Boulevard. Festivities included gifts, games, and a visit from Santa Claus to help celebrate the season.

String of Robberies at Chinese-owned Establishments There have been three recent robberies of Chinese-owned establishments along the Flatbush commercial district in our neighborhood. Although all three were at gunpoint, it is not clear whether they involve the same perpetrators as the methods of entry have all been different. The robberies are currently under investigation.

Increased Police Patrols As a result of a meeting between LMA President Ben Edwards and 71st Precinct Commander Frank Vega the holiday season saw an increase in evening shift officers patrolling Flatbush Avenue and Ocean Avenue with a patrol car in the area giving priority to Lincoln Road subway traffic, a priority.
Second Saturday Litter Pick-up

Paul M. Morin

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those people who participated in the Second Saturday Litter Pick-up program. Over the last 2 years, several volunteers have donated their time on Saturday mornings to pick up litter around the neighborhood in effort to keep Lefferts Manor cleaner. I would also like to extend a thank you to all those who were not able to join the group on Saturday mornings but who made valiant efforts to clean up in front of their homes and surroundings.

I look forward to working with all of you again next year. Thanks to:
Mary Miller, Martin Friedman, John Musco, Cheryl Francis, Juanita Johnson, Evelyn Guzman, William Griffin Jr, ohn Wayne, Leon Hosada, Ben Williams, Joan Kelley, John, Lydia, & Aidan Esposito, Andy, Joanna, & Hank Her, Pam, Andy, Madeleine, Linnea, & Colin Hamington, Lucia, David, Ellor, & Eugenie Haring, Rob, Siobhan, & Raphael O’Neil-Adler, Vincent & Gigi Lisi.

Lefferts Manor Greenstreet Space Gets a Lift

Paul M. Morin

Our Greenstreet space at the intersection of Lincoln Road and Flatbush Avenue has been largely neglected for a long time. Occasionally neighbors who care about the space, and who are trying to make it more vibrant, have planted impatiens, black-eyed susan and butterfly plants. Periodically, people have cleaned up the litter and have tried to make the triangle more attractive. In the last couple of months, volunteers have been spending a significant amount of time in that area preparing it for next year. What is not yet noticeable are the dozens of bulbs that have been recently planted in that space. We are very grateful for the help we received from the Parks Dept., Prospect Park Alliance and Partnerships for Parks. They have donated several dozen bulbs including tulips (Tulipa “Beauty of Appledorn”), daffodils (Narcissus “Thalia”), Crocus vernus (“Grand Maitre” and “Pickwick”), & Scilla Siberica (“Siberian Squill”). They have also allowed us to use their tools and have provided a couple truckloads of mulch. We greatly appreciate the assistance we received from the 3 organizations’ employees who have worked with us and guided us with the planting: Yvette Castro, Eddie Canales, Tannise Palmer, and their supervisors. Thank you for all your help and support with our neighborhood projects! Many thanks to the Lefferts Manor volunteers who also spent an enormous amount of time working in the Greenstreet space: Mary Miller, Joan Kelley, Martin Friedman, Evelyn Guzman, Cheryl Francis, William Griffin & Jay Rasin-Waters. Last but not least, thanks to those unknown neighbors who have donated their time over the years in cleaning up the area. Hopefully throughout next spring and summer we will see our Greenstreet space filled with colorful flowers and plants for the entire neighborhood to enjoy. [Note. Our Greenstreet has a newly planted tree in the center. We are not sure what kind it is or where it came from, but if someone knows who planted it, please let us know so we can recognize the group or individual.]

Do you have old photographs of Lefferts Manor? We are putting together a pictorial book consisting of old photographs of the neighborhood. If you have any photos you would like to share for the book, please contact Paul M. Morin (email: pmmorin163@verizon.net or call (718) 826-1202). Thank you.
Excerpts from The Social History of Flatbush, by Gertrude Lefferts Vanderbilt

Gertrude Lefferts Vanderbilt (d. 1902) grew up in the Lefferts Homestead [now known as the Lefferts Historic House], which stood on Flatbush Avenue between Maple and Midwood Streets, prior to being moved to Prospect Park in 1918. She recorded the history of her family, her community, and her landmark home in The Social History of Flatbush and Manners and Customs of the Dutch Settlers in Kings County New York, published in 1881. Your editor searched for a copy of this book, on and off, for thirty years and was pleased to obtain a reprint of the 1909 edition, put out recently by Heritage Books [www.heritagebooks.com]. Coincidentally, at the last LMA board meeting, Mary Miller [who has an original copy] suggested that we run a regular feature of excerpts from this most interesting book. With apologies to Mary, I have jumped the gun with this account of the Flatbush woods. No doubt in future Mary will choose even more appropriate selections.

...The woods which formerly encircled Flatbush consisted chiefly of hickory, gum, chestnut, and oak trees; hickory-trees predominated as to numbers. There was a long belt of woodland southward, the last remnant of which now lies just beyond the boundary line between Flatbush and Flatlands. To the west it extended from the line between Flatbush and New Utrecht, and took in the high ground in Greenwood, and the hill in Prospect Park, then known as Vanderbilt's Hill. It bounded the road for the distance between Mr. Willink's house and the hill on the Polhemus farm upon the old road. On the east side of the old turnpike, the woods, untouched by the woodman's axe, extended from the point opposite Mr. Willink's house both northward and eastward. The road known as the Clove road followed along the southerly side of the woods, parallel to where the Penitentiary [editor's note: does anyone know about this penitentiary?] now stands, to a point at which it was intersected by a road which led to Canarsie, and then continued in an unbroken line toward the north and east to the limit of the village.

Thus Flatbush was pleasantly and picturesquely encircled with woods, its little group of houses surrounded by gardens and farms, its chimney-tops and roofs projecting from among the trees, and the spire of its church forming the central object in the view, it presented a beautiful picture of rural life, of peace, quiet, and comfort.

Looking down from the height of Vanderbilt Hill, or farther northward to what was to be Prospect Hill, but a few years ago it might still have been entitled to the first name given it by the old Dutch settlers—Midwood.

There were formerly beautiful walks about the village. The wood at the north had fine, large trees with a brook running through, and was without underbrush. The same might be said of the wood north of Mr. Willink's, now in the Prospect Park. There was no underbrush, and the grass was thick and soft. The most attractive walk was that upon the high hill, Vanderbilt's Hill, as it was called. The farm lane led round what is now the Plaza, near the restaurant, and gradually mounted the hill known now as Breeze Hill [now called Lookout Hill, the second highest spot in Brooklyn]. From this spot an extent of country could be seen that could scarcely be excelled as a calm picture of pleasant farm-life. To the north extended unbroken woods; eastward, at the foot of the spectator, was a stretch of level and beautifully cultivated farms; here were fields of waving grain; there the red clover wafted its perfume from acres ripening fo hay, cattle were grazing in pasture-fields; horses stood under the trees along the fences, switching away the flies, now stooping to eat, now raising their heads and pointing forward their ears as the farmer's dog chased up the birds from the hedges, or the farmer held out to them some oats to decoy them within reach of the bridle. [pp. 296-297]

Winter Events at Lefferts Historic House in Prospect Park

At Lefferts Historic House, cold weather brings the past to life. Open for regular hours (weekends, 12 - 4 p.m.) all winter long for the first time in years, Park visitors can warm up like Brooklynites did in Dutch colonial times, with old-time arts and crafts and historic games. Freedom Quilts, held during Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend explored the use of quilting as an information tool by enslaved Africans escaping along the underground railroad. Visitors could even start their own quilts

Coming in from the Cold will give visitors the experience of weathering Brooklyn winters in the 19th century, complete with handmade old-fashioned games and toys. Both programs are free and open to the public.

...And at the Audubon Center

The landmark Audubon Center at the Boathouse will also be open 12 - 4 p.m. on weekends and school holidays throughout the winter. As the Park's trailhead for the newly-completed Prospect Park Nature Trails, the Boathouse is the perfect spot to start a hike through Prospect Park's winter wonderland. And with delicious fresh pastries now being served, along with hot chocolate and organic coffee, at the Songbird Cafe, the Audubon Center is also a great place to get away from the cold. When schools let out for the mid-winter break, the Center will host its annual Children's Film Fest, upstairs at the Con Edison Discover Nature Theater. Featuring all kinds of movies, from Hollywood blockbusters to thought-provoking nature documentaries, the Children's Film Fest will feature three films each day along with arts and crafts activities. This event is a great way to beat cabin fever on a cold day, and it's
ArtMart 11225 a Big Hit

By Alex Ely, with photographs by Robert Marvin

On October 21st, Lincoln Rd. was transformed into a bustling market with ArtMart 11225, an event co-sponsored by two local community groups, Prospect Lefferts United for Services (PLUS) and PLG Arts. Conceived as an outdoor arts and crafts market, ArtMart 11225 gave neighborhood residents an opportunity to both sell and purchase handcrafted items right in our very own neighborhood. By all accounts, ArtMart 11225 was a huge success. With over 30 vendors setting up tables, all vendors reported sales with merchandise ranging in price from $3 to $300. Top items included trendy knit hats, hip silk screened kids clothes, elegant handmade jewelry and custom hand made magnets. Other vendors sold art for art’s sake - original paintings, prints and etchings. ArtMart 11225 also coincided with a huge tag sale and cape making workshop hosted by the Maple Street School. The not yet opened Enduro Cafe also had a preview, with a free queso sale.

All of this activity made Lincoln Road the place to be this one Saturday afternoon. PLUS and PLG Arts took care to make sure that the event had something for everyone. The Door (www.door.org) a youth drop-in center, conducted outreach on site about available services. Another group, Healium, raised funds for a program fighting against child abuse. PLUS is working to help make a outdoor market similar to ArtMart a more permanent and frequent fixture on Lincoln Rd.

PLUS is considering hosting a series of one day markets on Saturdays during the warmer months. If you are interested in becoming involved in organizing the market or the next ArtMart 11225, please contact Alex Ely (alexander.ely@gmail.com).

PLG Arts Art Auction

Watch for a fund-raising art auction to be held by PLG Arts at K-Dog in April. Visual artists wishing to donate work may contact Bob Marvin, who, when he's not editing this publication, serves as PLG Arts' art exhibition co-ordinator at bmarvin@plgarhs.org.
As of January 17, the following candidates have been invited to participate: Anthony Alexis, Victor Babb, Irshad Choudhry, Mathieu Eugene, Jesse Hamilton, Gerry Hopkins, Jennifer James, Zenobia McNally, Moe Razvi, Harry Schiffman, Wellington Sharpe, Joel Toney and Leithland Tulloch. As candidates are confirmed they will be listed on HDC’s website, www.hdc.org.

The Coalition of Concerned Preservation Voters in the 40th District is a group of eleven neighborhood and civic organizations that are interested in preserving the unique character of our community. The Coalition believes we must reach out to elected officials and candidates and begin a dialogue about preserving the neighborhoods’ cultural, architectural and historical heritage. Members of the coalition are the Historic Districts Council, Beverly Square West Association, Caton Park Neighborhood Association, Ditmas Park Association, Ditmas Park West Neighborhood Association, Fiske Terrace Association, Flatbush Development Corporation, Lefferts Manor Association, Midwood Park Homeowners Association, Prospect Park South Association and West Midwood Community Association. This coalition is non-partisan and does not endorse a specific candidate for office. For more information on this forum, contact the Historic Districts Council at 212-514-9107 or ffolbert@hdc.org.

As this issue of the Echo was being prepared for press another more general candidates’ forum was announced for Tuesday, February 13th at the Church of the Evangel, 1950 Bedford Avenue (corner of Hawthorne St.). The exact time of the event has not been determined and will be circulated shortly. The Lefferts Manor Association, PLUS, PLG Arts, Ocean by the Park and PLGNA will co-sponsor this event.

Meet me at PLG Dinner Club

PLG Dinner Club, a dinner series organized by Prospect Lefferts United for Services (PLUS), kicked off its inaugural event at Ali’s Roti Shop (589 Flatbush Ave. b/w Midwood St. and Rutland Rd.) on Wednesday November 15th. Ali’s served up a family style traditional Trinidadian dinner for ten local residents. The meal featured Trim Barbecue chicken, lentils, rice and peas, curried chicken, curried beef, curried goat, doubles, and the never to be missed macaroni pie.

The group spoke with Neisha and Dwayne, who acted as both hosts and chefs on this night, about what went into the meal. All of the baking and cooking is done on premises, so everything on the menu is hot and fresh. Prospect Lefferts Gardens is home to some of the best Caribbean food in New York City.

The goal of PLG Dinner Club is to introduce residents and restaurant owners to each other. For residents it is an opportunity to try something new, learn more about what goes into preparing the meal and to meet the people behind the delicious offerings. For restaurant owners it is a chance to make a slow night a busy night, to expand their customer base and learn more about their customers. PLUS hopes to make this a frequent event in the neighborhood.

If you are interested in attending the next PLG Dinner Club which is tentatively set for January or would like to help organize the next dinner, please contact Mark Dicus (m or 347-244-2763).

Announcing the Prospect Lefferts Gardens Baby-sitting Cooperative

What is a Baby-sitting Coop? We are a group of parents who baby-sit for each other. We sit for each other using “Coop Dollars” instead of finding and paying for baby-sitters. We started up in May with a handful of offshores. As we grow, the pool of baby-sitters will grow, as will the opportunities to baby-sit for each other! Baby-sitting requests can be made to the group, or can be made to specific families with whom you have a relationship. To ensure the longevity of the Coop, members agree to be active with the Coop and attend the biannual meetings and social events.

Who can join the Coop? Members must reside in Prospect Lefferts Gardens, although exceptions will be made on a case by case basis. Members also need to have an email address that they check frequently. How do I join the Coop and begin to exchange baby-sitting with other parents? All you need to do is email eliz.hoyt@gmail.com and give us your name and the email address you want us to use. Then you just need to meet with a current member in your home to review the Bylaws, and attend our next meeting! Dues are currently $5/year to cover printing costs.

So far, there have been many exchanges, and it has been a rewarding beginning. If you like meeting and working with other parents, and would be interested in exchanging baby-sitting with other families, please contact us. We welcome interest and your questions.
Carolings in PLG

On three nights in December, including Christmas Eve, carolers from PLG Arts could be seen and heard on several blocks in Lefferts Manor and throughout PLG. This promises to be the start of a new holiday tradition in our neighborhood.

Jazz at the Inkwell

PLG Arts has started a new series of second Wednesday Jazz nights at the Inkwell Cafe; 408 Rogers Avenue, bet. Lefferts and Sterling. The first group to perform was the Nick Moran Trio on Jan 10, consisting of Nick Moran — guitar, Daniel Kelly- organ, and Chris Michael- drums. Other performances scheduled so far include the Ocean Ave Jazz Project, February 14; PLG Arts has started a new series of second Wednesday Jazz nights at the Inkwell Cafe; 408 Rogers Avenue, bet. Lefferts and Sterling. The first group to perform was the Nick Moran Trio on Jan 10, consisting of Nick Moran — guitar, Daniel Kelly- organ, and Chris Michael- drums. Other performances include the Ocean Ave Jazz Project, February 14; Steve Bernstein Duo, March 14; and the Adrian Mira Group, April 11. All performances start at 8 PM and cost $5. March 14. All performances start at 8 PM and cost $5.
Birth Notice

Bill Griffin and Evelyn Guzman, of Midwood II, were recently thrilled to announce that their new babies arrived Saturday morning, December 2nd. Their daughter, Laila Simone was born at 9:39 AM, weighed 5 lbs 3 oz and was 18 inches long. Her slightly younger brother, Diego Thomas, was born at 11:46 AM, weighed 5 lb 2 oz and was 18.5 inches long.

Evelyn is an LMA Board member. She gamely attended our Fall membership meeting two weeks before the birth of her twins.

Bill is the author of our popular Police Blotter feature.

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Death Notices

**Thomas Paisley** of 36 Rutland Road passed on September 16, 2006 at age 76. He was a Korean War veteran who moved to the neighborhood 33 years ago. Tom's passion was music. His primary instrument was the clarinet though saxophone, piccolo, and flute were not beyond his abilities. He toured the country with Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians, played in the Metropolitan Offstage Orchestra and performed at Carnegie Hall a couple of times. He taught music at PS 76 in Harlem for many years, inspiring students with his music. In retirement he continued to play and perform with various bands and taught bands throughout the Catholic Diocese. His wife Clara remains a resident of Rutland Road.

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**Doris Corrine Raman** of 65 Rutland Road passed on December 23rd, 2006 at age 77. Doris was born and raised in Brooklyn during the Depression. As a young girl she was a talented ballet and tap dancer who at age 10 was invited to perform at the 1939 World's Fair. Doris married Ray Raman in 1960 and they had two sons, Michael and Kevin, who turned into wonderful men. Doris' ultimate passion was teaching. She positively impacted hundreds upon hundreds of inner city children in the New York City Public School System. She received a citation for perfect attendance and was unwilling to retire even at the age of 77, a testament to her love of teaching and her students. Doris and her husband Ray are long time residents of Lefferts Manor and her funeral service was held in the neighborhood at the Church of the Evangel where Ray & Doris were married 46 years ago. (In memory of Doris, friends and neighbors are invited to make a donation to the Church of the Evangel for their upcoming parsonage renovation which can be noted on the memo line of a check.)
Lefferts Manor Association General Membership Meeting, October 14, 2006

Location: Church of the Evangel

Began approx.: 10:30 AM  Adjourned approx.: 12:12 PM

Welcome: Ben Edwards called the meeting to order. No new neighbors in attendance, but one person attending his first meeting. Ben encourages people to sign up for committee/interest group board members.

Treasurer's Report: Membership fees do not cover our expenses. $18.34/member is our cost, but we only charge $15/member. Starting in April we will raise membership dues to $20, but retain the $10 senior membership fee. We do receive donations. The house tour also generates a great deal of money but we are saving it in the bank. Year to date we have spent $10 K and taken in $12 K

Membership: Evelyn Osterman asks people to fill out the survey to help us meet the needs of our members. We are currently at 238 members – 600 households in the Manor. Must join by Dec 1 to get a wreath this year. We have a new welcome packet so we would like to deliver to new neighbors.

Newsletter: Rob Marvin's goal is 5 issues a year. An issue coming out this month [editor's note: this turned out to be wishful thinking]. In addition, to distributing to everyone in the Manor we are also asking volunteers on other blocks in P-Q to distribute to their blocks. Send an email to info@echomin.com.

Safety: Dan Stackler attends precinct meetings each month and tries to keep communication open. All crime trends are down and neighborhood continues to improve slowly.

Sanitation: Second Saturday litter pickup each month (May-September). To date we've done every block in the neighborhood. Lowe's donated safety vests - you would like to borrow them let Paul Morris know. The Greenstreets triangle at Lincoln and Flatbush was cleaned several weeks ago. The Parks Dept. is donating flowers and plants and helping us keep it clean. We've asked the Sanitation Dept. to put a trash basket there soon. Sanitation will pick up leaves in appropriate bags on certain days. Some blocks are having group leaf pickups – Home Depot has donated the designated bags in the past. You can also get free bags from the Botanical Garden next week.

Flower Barrels and Wreaths: Wreath distribution will be on Sat, Dec 2–for members only. Membership deadline is Dec 1. The flower barrel project is not for members only – it is for all barrels lining the sidewalk. Last year we planted all sorts of pots on stoops and volunteers felt it was too much and awkward. Some residents were not happy that we cut back this year, but it is expensive and a lot of work for volunteers. We are going to encourage people to acquire barrels by having a raffle for 10 barrels in March.

Special Events: We will have a holiday party here on Dec 9 – potluck. We had a block party this summer on Rutland 1 – we are taking suggestions for changes for social events.

Elections: LMA has 15 board members that serve for 3-year terms. Ben Edwards, Jerry Bennett, Paul Morris and Martin Friedman stand for re-election. Steven McGriff is standing for election – has served in the past as President. No nominations from the floor. Vote pass unanimously. We do this annually and encourage volunteers for the board – we are particularly interested in getting people from Lincoln and Fenimore.

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The 71st Precinct Community Council

meets on the third Thursday of each month, except for July and August, at the 71st Precinct, 421 Empire Blvd, at New York Avenue. All concerned residents of our neighborhood are urged to attend.

the remaining schedule for this year is as follows:

Thursday, February 15, 2007
Thursday, March 15, 2007
Thursday, April 19, 2007
Thursday, May 17, 2007
Thursday, June 21, 2007
Thursday, September 20, 2007
Thursday, October, 18, 2007
Thursday November 15, 2007
Thursday December 20, 2007

Concerned About Your Well Being? The 71st Precinct Is!

You can keep yourself and your family protected

§ Keep con artists and intruders away from your home and property
§ Learn how to protect your auto from vandalism and theft
§ Participate in your precinct's crime prevention programs
§ Come speak to your precinct commanding officer at the monthly precinct community council meetings
§ To learn more about these and other crime prevention techniques contact your precinct's Crime Prevention Officer for tips and a FREE crime prevention survey

71 Precinct  (718)735-0511
Crime Prevention  (718) 735-0528
Community Affairs  (718)735-0527
Detective Unit  (718) 735-0500
Emergency Situations  911
Quality of Life  311
Conditions

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Frustrated by having your car blocked by double parked cars?

There's no magic solution, but a little courtesy goes a long way. For many years the Police have "tolerated" double parking during the "alternate side" street cleaning hours (yes, you can get a ticket, but usually will not). The common practice is to leave a card on your dashboard with your address or phone number in case a neighbor needs to contact you so they can move their car. Recently, we've noticed that many people do not leave this information in their cars when double parking. Perhaps this card, which can be cut out or copied will help:

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Parking Aide

Sorry if I'm blocking your car.
I'm at:

Address OR Phone Number
Art at K-Dog

K-Dog and Dunnebuggy Cafe at 43 Lincoln Road, has had a series of monthly art shows since shortly after their opening last March. Since the shows mentioned in the last issue of the Echo, K-Dog has had shows of Paintings by Karl McIntosh, baby portraits by Tami Cohn, for BABYFACE Portraits (www.babyfacepainting.com), and a two-artist show of paintings by Rachel Ostrow (whose previous show was K-Dog’s first) and photographs by Steffie Kinglake.

The current show, hung as this issue of the Echo was going to press, consists of paintings by Barthlenny Atsin. A 2002 graduate of Marymount Manhattan College with a BA in Theatre Arts and Studio Arts, Atsin has had several previous art exhibitions in Manhattan and Brooklyn including participation in the Black Cactus Corporation Art Show 2003 at the Marriott Marquis Times Square. Atsin’s website is, batsin.com.

Other Events at K-Dog

PLG Adult Book Club
Come and join our lively book discussion @ K-Dog. All discussions meet the third weekend of every month. January: Maya Angelo. To learn more please contact: Debbie Hamilton at dph207@msn.com.

PLG Teen Book Club
Ages 14-17Group meets in January to discuss books chosen by Judi Brown. First group discussion in February @ K-Dog.
Contact Debbie Hamilton: dph207@msn.com. Parents e-mail Ms. Hamilton and inquire about her motivation behind this project.
Authors to explore: Toni Morrison, Edgar Allen Poe, Julio Cortazar, Franz Kafka, Mark Twain, Daniel Defoe, Martin Luther King, Jr., Virginia Woolf, Homer, E.T.A. HoffmanJoin, learn and share individual perspectives of each reader about each author.
Maple Street School Plants Spring Bulbs
photographs by R. Marvin

The Maple Street School obtained daffodil bulbs from the same Parks Department source as those planted by LMA (article, p. 3). On November 10th the children planted them in Prospect Park, near the Lincoln Road entrance.