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Room for a new chapter.

Brooklyn homes. Clay in the Village. Music after dark.



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BROOKLYN / A PLACE TO BEGIN

A housing project starts a new chapter. The story is construction, not an offer to move in today.

TODAY / CLAY, THEN LIVE MUSIC

A pottery exhibition opens in the Village. Two concerts offer different ways to end the day.

REAL ESTATE BY GEORGE / A Brooklyn restart

A Brooklyn address left vacant after a 2012 fire is moving into a new phase. City Hall says partners broke ground on November 18 at 665 New York Avenue for a development of 134 homes, including 90 affordable apartments. Eighteen apartments are intended for formerly displaced tenants and fourteen for formerly homeless New Yorkers.

The project is the first use of the city’s Subordinate Market Rate Revolving Term loan. This financing is designed to send project revenue back into public investment in mixed-income housing. Construction is expected to finish in 2028.

Our editorial view: a groundbreaking matters, but the next chapter is delivery. This is a construction announcement, not a listing of homes available to buy or rent today.

NYC Mayor’s Office. Published November 18, 2026; groundbreaking November 18; expected completion 2028. Checked November 19.

Source / full details

CONNECTED CITY / A draft for getting online

New York’s technology office has shared a draft Get Online NYC internet affordability and adoption plan, inviting residents’ feedback before a final version next year, StateScoop reported on November 18. The report dates the draft’s presentation to Tuesday, November 17.

The proposals address affordable service, community networks, access to devices and digital skills. These are plans under discussion, rather than proof that every household can already use a new service.

Our editorial question: when you need to connect, is the bigger obstacle the bill, the device or the confidence to use it?

StateScoop, Keely Quinlan. Published November 18, 2026; draft shared November 17, according to the report. Checked November 19.

Source / full details

LOCAL BRIEF / Meals that respect faith

Executive Order 25, signed on November 18, directs city agencies to strengthen religious inclusivity in publicly funded meal programmes. The Mayor’s Office of Food Policy will develop guidance within the next year, including best practices for halal and kosher certification, clearer labelling and feedback from people using the services.

This is a policy instruction with further work ahead. It should not be read as a claim that every city meal programme changed its menu overnight.

NYC Mayor’s Office. Published and order signed November 18, 2026. Guidance to follow within the next year. Checked November 19.

Source / full details

ART / A community, expressed in clay

The GHP Artists Exhibition opens today at Jane Hartsook Gallery, 16 Jones Street. Greenwich House lists an opening reception on November 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. and an exhibition running through December 13.

The show brings together small ceramic works by the pottery’s students, members, faculty and staff, from functional objects to sculpture.

Our editorial suggestion: look for an object that makes you slow down. A small work can hold your attention without trying to fill the whole room.

Greenwich House exhibition page; publication date not displayed. Reception November 19, 2026, 5-7 p.m. EST; exhibition November 19-December 13. Checked November 19.

Source / full details

BY GEORGE / LOOK CLOSER

Our editorial question: what makes a neighbourhood welcoming? Think about a door you can enter, a place to sit and people with whom you can share the day.

YOUR THURSDAY IN THE CITY.

November 19 / New York local time (EST) / Programme subject to change

5 / 7:30 / 8 P.M. An exhibition opening. Two concerts. Choose your Thursday evening.

TONIGHT / Stevie Wonder at the Garden

Madison Square Garden lists Stevie Wonder’s Songs In The Key of Life Performances 50th Anniversary Tour for Thursday, November 19, at 8 p.m., with doors at 7 p.m. The venue is at 4 Penn Plaza.

This is the advertised concert schedule, not a performance review. Use the official event page for tickets and entry instructions; check your ticket’s suggested entrance before heading out. We have not inferred a set list or available seats.

Madison Square Garden event page; publication date not displayed. Concert November 19, 2026, 8 p.m.; doors 7 p.m. EST. Checked November 19.

Source / full details

MUSIC / An improvising trio in the Village

For a smaller-room evening, Greenwich House Music School lists the BFA Trio CD Release tonight, November 19, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at 46 Barrow Street. The programme features music from Hurtling Between.

The organiser presents the album through the interplay of pulse, abstraction and spontaneous exchange. It is an invitation to listen to musicians respond to one another in real time. Follow the venue’s ticket link for current entry arrangements; this edition does not promise availability.

Greenwich House Music School event page; publication date not displayed. Concert November 19, 2026, 7:30-9:30 p.m. EST. Checked November 19.

Source / full details

SPORT / Brooklyn’s Wednesday result

Chicago beat Brooklyn 137-107 on November 18. The NBA’s recap records fifteen first-half three-pointers for the Bulls, a franchise record.

At the bar: live music or a game on the screen tonight? Tell the room what you would choose.

NBA.com game recap, dated November 18, 2026. Game November 18; checked November 19.

Source / full details

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V Brooklynu včera začala obnova adresy 665 New York Avenue: plán počítá se 134 byty, z toho 90 dostupnými; dokončení se očekává v roce 2028. Město chystá nové pokyny pro nábožensky inkluzivní stravování a diskutuje návrh dostupnějšího internetu. Dnes: vernisáž keramické výstavy od 17:00, BFA Trio od 19:30 a Stevie Wonder v Madison Square Garden od 20:00. Brooklyn včera podlehl Chicagu 107:137. Všechny časy jsou newyorské; odkazy a data jsou u jednotlivých zpráv.

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