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Brooklyn, on the move.

Flatbush buses. Brancusi’s studio. Big jazz in the Village.



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BROOKLYN / SPACE FOR THE BUS

Flatbush Avenue’s redesign: what the city says is complete, and what comes next.

TONIGHT / BIG JAZZ IN THE VILLAGE

Dance Clarinets at Greenwich House. Free with RSVP, according to the organiser.

THE LEAD / A new lane for Flatbush Avenue

City Hall announced the completion of a Flatbush Avenue redesign on November 17, reporting 1.9 miles of physically protected, centre-running bus lanes and six concrete boarding islands. The administration describes the work as an initial step toward a fuller bus rapid transit corridor by 2030.

The immediate story is the space given to buses and passengers. The release also lists pedestrian improvements, seating, bike racks and loading arrangements. DOT says it will monitor how the new street patterns work and make adjustments where needed.

Those are the city’s account of the completed works and its expectations for service. This edition has not independently measured post-project journey times or safety outcomes. The longer-term rapid-transit ambition should not be confused with a claim that every planned element is already operating.

Our editorial view: the everyday test is the passenger’s trip, from reaching the stop to arriving at work. Street design becomes meaningful through that experience. We will distinguish the opening announcement from the evidence that follows.

NYC Mayor’s Office, Flatbush Avenue redesign announcement, published November 17, 2026. Completion announced November 17; future BRT ambition for 2030. Checked November 18.

Source / full details

WORK & CITY LIFE / A carriage-worker transition

The city published a framework on November 17 to support carriage drivers, stable hands and medallion owners as the horse-drawn carriage industry is phased out. It includes proposed financial assistance, career training and educational support, with a programme intended to help approximately 200 workers.

A full transition plan is due by April 2027, according to the release. The city also proposes a feasibility study of possible electric alternatives. A study is not an authorisation to introduce those vehicles, and the framework is not the final detailed plan.

NYC Mayor’s Office, framework published November 17, 2026. Full plan expected by April 2027. Checked November 18.

Source / full details

LOCAL BRIEF / Produce closer to home

NYC Aging’s Pop-Up Produce initiative is expanding from ten to twenty participating sites across the five boroughs, City Hall announced on November 17. The programme brings free fruit and vegetables to New Yorkers aged 60 and over, with distributions during November and December.

The release directs residents to NYC Aging or Aging Connect, 212-244-6469, for dates, times and locations. This is an expansion announcement, not a claim that every site is distributing today. Check the schedule before travelling.

NYC Mayor’s Office, published November 17, 2026. Distribution period: November-December 2026. Checked November 18.

Source / full details

ART / Brancusi’s studio, reconsidered

Brancusi: The Artist and His Studio is listed at MoMA through February 27, 2027, on Floor 6. The exhibition approaches the sculptor through his Paris working environment, bringing sculpture into conversation with photographs, film, furniture, pedestals, tools and archival material.

This is a continuing exhibition, not a new opening today. Check MoMA’s current visiting and admission information before setting out.

Our editorial suggestion: look at the spaces between objects as well as the objects themselves. A studio can be a way of thinking about relationships, scale and movement, not simply a room where finished works happen to stand.

MoMA exhibition page; publication date not displayed. Listed closing date February 27, 2027. Checked November 18, 2026.

Source / full details

BY GEORGE / LOOK CLOSER

Our editorial question: what makes a daily journey better? Think about reaching the stop, waiting comfortably and arriving where you need to be.

YOUR WEDNESDAY IN THE CITY.

November 18 / New York local time (EST) / Programme subject to change

7:30 P.M.

Dance Clarinets / Big Jazz in the Village

Greenwich House Music School

TONIGHT / Big jazz in the Village

Greenwich House Music School lists Dance Clarinets tonight, November 18, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at 46 Barrow Street. The venue describes the concert as free with RSVP.

The programme includes music by Oliver Lake, Horace Silver, Carla Bley and other big-band composers. Isaiah Richardson Jr. is listed as the featured soloist in Cry of Hunger, by John Stubblefield and James “Jabbo” Ware; the concert is presented in Ware’s memory.

Use the venue’s registration link to confirm space and entry arrangements. An advertised free concert still needs planning: the RSVP requirement matters.

Greenwich House Music School event page; publication date not displayed. Concert: November 18, 2026, 7:30-9:30 p.m. EST. Checked November 18.

Source / full details

CIVIC CALENDAR / Transport on the agenda

Manhattan Community Board 4 lists its Transportation Planning Committee for November 18, 6:30-9:30 p.m. The calendar describes a hybrid meeting, with in-person attendance at the MCB4 office, 630 Ninth Avenue, Suite 208, and online access through the event listing.

This is tonight’s scheduled meeting, not a report of decisions already made. Read the linked agenda and joining instructions before attending; this edition has not inferred any particular outcome.

Manhattan Community Board 4 November calendar; publication date not displayed. Meeting: November 18, 2026, 6:30-9:30 p.m. EST. Checked November 18.

Source / full details

SPORT / Islanders’ winning night

Islanders beat Columbus 5-1 on November 17. Matthew Schaefer scored a hat trick.

At the bar: which makes a better shared evening, a live game or live music? Tell the room what you would put on next.

NHL.com, Stefen Rosner, published November 18, 2026. Game: November 17. Checked November 18.

Source / full details

ČESKY / RANNÍ SOUHRN

Město včera oznámilo dokončení úprav Flatbush Avenue s chráněnými autobusovými pruhy; skutečné dopady na cestování bude potřeba dál měřit. Rozšiřuje se program ovoce a zeleniny pro lidi od 60 let a vznikl rámec podpory pro pracovníky koňských povozů. Dnes večer: dopravní výbor Manhattan CB4 od 18:30 a Dance Clarinets v Greenwich House od 19:30, zdarma s RSVP podle pořadatele. MoMA dál uvádí Brancusiho výstavu. Islanders včera vyhráli 5:1. Časy jsou newyorské.

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