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WEST BRIGHTON

Hundreds line Forest Avenue to salute the fallen



Hundreds of spectators lined Forest Avenue on Monday to honor the fallen at the 107th annual Staten Island Memorial Day Parade. The parade, which began at noon at the intersection of Forest Avenue and Hart Boulevard in West Brighton, is one of the borough's most cherished traditions. It honored those who sacrificed their lives in the country's armed forces. The parade lineup included the NYPD Marching Band, Staten Island Pipes and Drums, Rolling Thunder, the Boy Scouts, the 369th Harlem Hellfighters, various marching units, elected officials and many others. Top left, U.S. Marine Corps veteran Michael V. Sulsona, in the wheelchair, gets his own escort. *Text by Annalise Knudson; photos by Steve White, Advance/SILive.com*

MIDLAND BEACH

Neighbors: Teens at house party also engaged in reckless driving

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Terrified Midland Beach residents say their quiet neighborhood was thrown into chaos Friday night as a swarm of teenagers on motorcycles and scooters tore through the streets.

At 9:27 p.m., in the vicinity of Midland Avenue and Freeborn Street, police responded to multiple 911 calls regarding a disorderly group of teenagers, an NYPD spokesperson said.

Upon arrival, the police observed a house party that included underage drinking, according to the NYPD. Police then issued multiple summonses for underage consumption of alcohol and for providing alcohol to minors.

According to a source familiar with the incident, the situation began when about 70 teenagers gathered at the house party, which quickly spiraled out of control.

"We became aware, what was told to us, of a house party in Midland Beach that got totally out of control and led to a lot of the attendees after they were dispersed to basically wreak havoc in the neighborhood, and using their dirt bikes and motorcycles," said Borough President Vito Fossella. "It was uncalled for, unacceptable, and just not good."

One outraged resident told the Advance/SILive.com that the teens were engaging in drag racing and reckless driving of motorcycles. The resident also said teens entered private properties and "trashed" the area.

Fossella also shared that he remains very concerned in general about young people on motorcycles and e-bikes terrorizing neighborhoods and drivers.

"The incident, which seems to be a party that got out of control, was again unacceptable. But we also have this other **SEE MIDLAND BEACH, A2**

MARINERS HARBOR

Firefighters recovering after deadly shipyard explosion

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Two FDNY members wounded in a deadly Mariners Harbor fire and shipyard explosion are recovering from critical injuries sustained during the rescue effort Friday. The investigation into the cause of blast continues, the FDNY told the Advance/SILive.com Sunday.

Fire Marshal Christopher Cuccaro, 46, of the K-9 unit, and Firefighter Vincent Delgado, 36, of Ladder 80 in Port Richmond, both critically injured in the explosion at May Ship Repair on Richmond Terrace, remain in stable condition, according to the FDNY.

The person who died in the incident has been identified as 57-year-old father and husband Xiaoyuan Li from Flushing,

Queens, according to the New York Post.

In addition to the fatality, there were a total of 40 people injured: one civilian in critical condition, and 39 members of the FDNY, according to a spokesperson for the FDNY.

An FDNY spokesperson said Sunday that the investigation remains active and ongoing. Investigators are examining whether the explosion may have been linked to industrial equipment, fuel sources or other hazardous materials present at the shipyard.

HOW THE EXPLOSION UNFOLDED

According to previous reporting by the Advance/SILive.com, the blaze was reported at 3075 Richmond Terr., between Mersereau and Andros avenues, at 3:27 p.m.

on Friday.

The initial report was for workers trapped in a confined space at the dock. Firefighters responding to the scene found the blaze in the double bottom of a 150-by-150-foot floating dry dock in the rear of shipping docks, the FDNY said.

While firefighters were battling the blaze, a "major explosion" was reported at the location at 4:19 p.m.

The site was secured following the incident, and operations at the facility were suspended as fire marshals and other agencies continued to comb through evidence.

Mayor Zohran Mamdani, who held a news conference on Friday at Northwell Staten Island University Hospital, Ocean Breeze, praised first responders for **SEE MARINERS HARBOR, A2**



Fire trucks remain at the Richmond Industrial Complex as investigation into the deadly explosion continues.

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