

FRIENDS OF HISTORIC NEW UTRECHT

Presents

How Bay Ridge Became Bay Ridge

A Lecture by Author/Historian Henry Stewart

At the New Utrecht Reformed Church

Editors: We invite your coverage Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House at the New Utrecht Reformed Church, 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. and 84<sup>th</sup> St. in Bensonhurst. Contacts: [mail@historicnewutrecht.org](mailto:mail@historicnewutrecht.org) and 718-256-7173.

PHOTO ATTACHED: Cover of Mr. Stewart's book, "How Bay Ridge Became Bay Ridge"

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BROOKLYN: Author and local historian, Henry Stewart, will speak about his new book "How Bay Ridge Became Bay Ridge" in a lecture on Thursday evening, March 12, 2020, at 7:30PM in the Parish House of the New Utrecht Reformed Church, 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 84<sup>th</sup> Street in Bensonhurst. The event, sponsored by the Friends of Historic New Utrecht, is free to the public.

A life-long Bay Ridgite, Henry Stewart is a journalist and local historian. He is deputy editor of "Opera News" magazine and author of "How Bay Ridge Became Bay Ridge" and "True Crime Bay Ridge." He was previously the culture editor at Northside Media, publisher of The L Magazine, BAMbill and more. His writing has also appeared on numerous sites including Gothamist, Lit Hub, BKLYNR, and Hey Ridge as well as in Brooklyn Magazine and The Brooklyn Eagle. He is a graduate of the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism and Brooklyn College.

The 1892 Parish House is part of the landmarked campus of the New Utrecht Reformed Church, home to a congregation organized by Dutch settlers in 1677, which also includes the 1827 Church, now undergoing interior repairs and restoration, and the 1783 New Utrecht Liberty Pole. The Parish House is at 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 84<sup>th</sup> Street in Bensonhurst, with bus (B8, B1) and subway (D train) lines nearby.

Mr. Stewart's lecture is one in a series of free concerts and history-related events offered each year by the Friends of Historic New Utrecht. Persons interested in learning more about the lecture and other Friends activities about New Utrecht's landmarks and its history are invited to contact 718-256-7173 or [mail@historicnewutrecht.org](mailto:mail@historicnewutrecht.org), and to visit [www.historicnewutrecht.org](http://www.historicnewutrecht.org) or on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/FriendsofHistoricNewUtrecht](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofHistoricNewUtrecht).

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