



## NORTHEAST BRONX · COMMUNITY STORIES · APRIL 2026

*Stay connected to stories shaping the Bronx*

### A NOTE FROM THE FOUNDER

## Celebrating Our Community

April is a time to recognize the people and businesses who continue to support and strengthen the community.

Across the Northeast Bronx, small businesses are creating spaces where people gather, celebrate milestones, and share everyday moments. These places often grow through word of mouth and community support. They become part of the culture of the neighborhood — and that’s worth recognizing.

This month we’re highlighting some of those stories — from a Bronx baker reaching a national audience, to local partnerships between businesses creating new spaces for conversation and creativity.

Each issue of StraitConnect is a chance to pause and take note of the people building something meaningful in our community. Is there a neighbor or a local business on your block we should know about? Send an email to [straitleap@gmail.com](mailto:straitleap@gmail.com) - *Deardire*

*“These stories are part of a growing network of people building, creating, and showing up across the Bronx.”*

### BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

## Cupcake Me — From the Bronx to the TODAY Show

Bronx-based bakery Cupcake Me continues to grow, with founder Britney Moss recently featured on the TODAY Show during Women’s History Month. Known for custom cakes, cake jars, and event dessert displays, the brand reflects what it looks like to build locally and expand outward.



**Cupcake Me NYC**

**Order:** [cupcakemenc.com](http://cupcakemenc.com)

**Instagram:** [@cupcakemenc](https://www.instagram.com/cupcakemenc)

### COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

## New York City Black Women-Owned Bookstore Crawl

During Women’s History Month, visitors who participated in the bookstore crawl to support Black women-owned bookstores earned discounts and rewards at participating Bronx locations. Participants can redeem their incentives through June 30, 2026. It’s encouraging to see that the community continues to support these bookstores.

**Bronx Locations:** Nefer Bookcáfé — 694 E. 241st St · The Lit. Bar — 131 Alexander Ave

*Discounts valid through June 30, 2026*

## FEATURED MOMENT

### The Power of Her

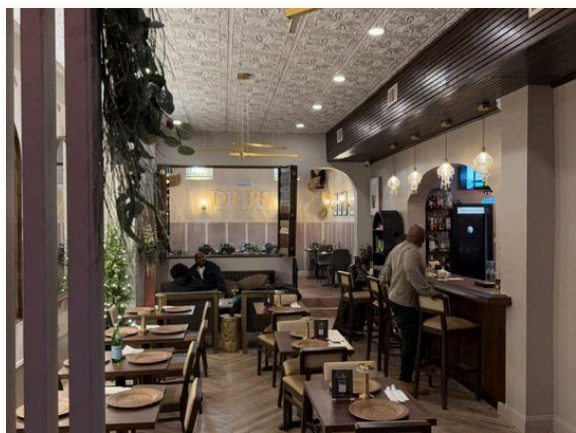
On March 26, 2026, "The Power of Her," hosted by Krave, brought together entrepreneurs, creatives, and professionals from across the Northeast Bronx and Westchester for an evening of connection and conversation. What began as a networking event quickly became engaged dialogue, shared ideas, and a momentum that carried throughout the evening.

*"Growth takes shape when people come together with intention."*

## COMMUNITY IN ACTION

### Wakefield Spotlight: The E. 241st St Collaboration

Drips Restaurant & Lounge and Nefer Bookcafé came together to host a book signing centered on literature, identity, and community. Both located on E. 241st Street — a growing hub for culture in the Northeast Bronx. Beyond events, Drips continues to provide great food and themed events. Nefer has become a hub for book enthusiasts, coffee lovers, and anyone looking to connect through workshops, book clubs, and cultural events.



**Drips Restaurant & Lounge**  
684 E. 241st St, Bronx  
<https://www.dripsnyc.com/>  
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**Nefer Bookcafé**  
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### April Community Highlights

Additional events and opportunities are shared in the Events Calendar web page on [www.straitleapbx.com/home](http://www.straitleapbx.com/home)

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| <b>APR 1 &amp; 8</b>     | <b>Free Tax Preparation — District 12</b><br>Co-op City District Office · 135 Einstein Loop, Rm 44 · 10:00am        |
| <b>APR 3 &amp; 10</b>    | <b>Free Tax Preparation — District 12</b><br>Gun Hill Road District Office · 940 East Gun Hill Rd · 10:00am         |
| <b>APR 1, 8 &amp; 15</b> | <b>Free Tax Preparation &amp; Filing Services</b><br>959 East 233rd Street, Bronx NY 10466 · 10:00am                |
| <b>APR 11</b>            | <b>Radiant Rebels: Read Alouds for Brave Kids</b><br>Nefer Bookcafé · 694 E. 241st St · 10:00am                     |
| <b>APR 26</b>            | <b>Bronx Community Board 12 — Regular Meeting</b><br>Follow <a href="#">@bxcb12connect</a> on Instagram for details |



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