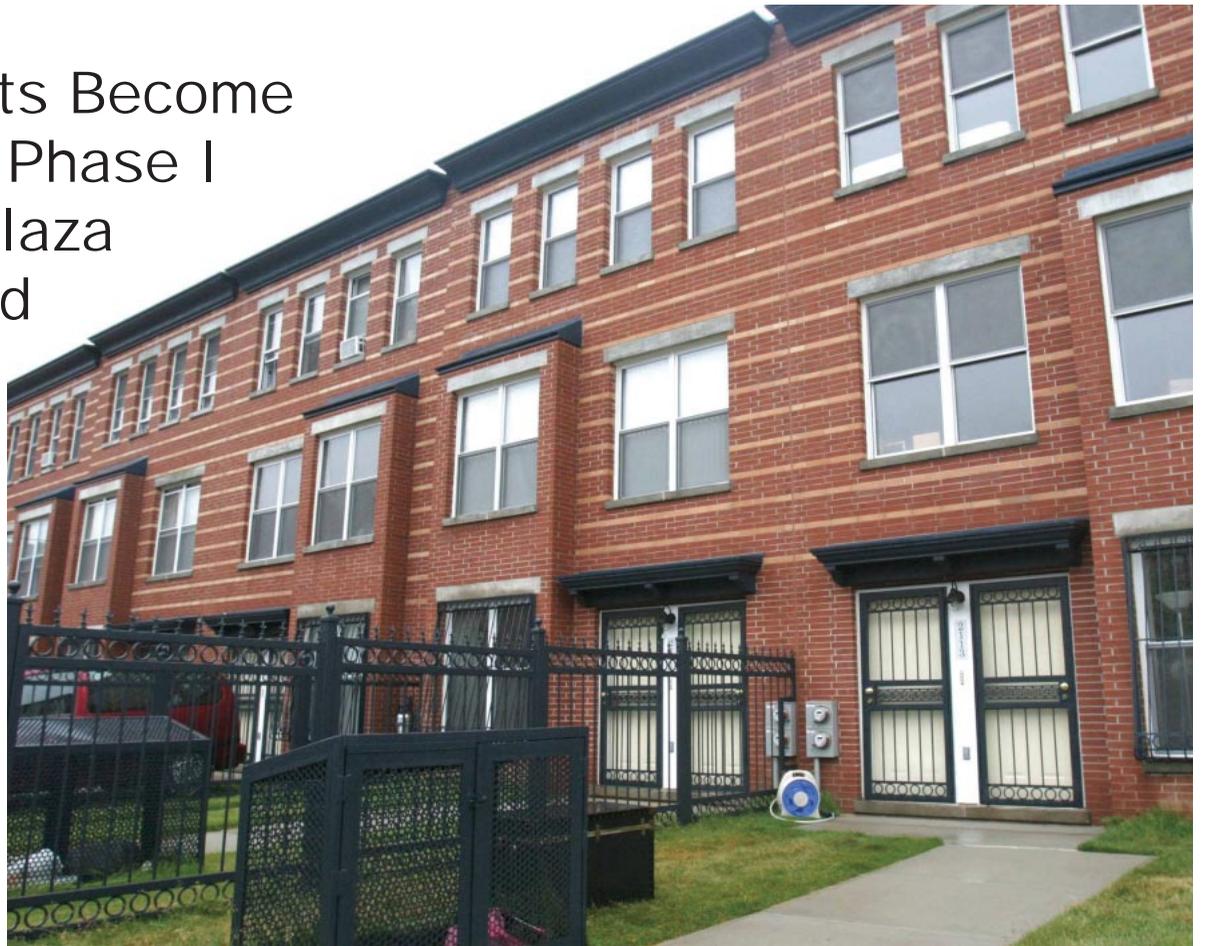


A Bite of The Apple...A Piece of The Rock

Thirty-two NYCHA Residents Become First-time Homeowners as Phase I of the HOPE VI Prospect Plaza Revitalization Is Completed



BETTER HOMES NYCHA Board Member JoAnna Aniello, HUD Regional Director Sean Moss, Washington Mutual Bank Loan Consultant Miriam Perez, Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr., Assembly Member William Boyland, Jr., HPD Commissioner Shaun Donovan, City Council Member Tracy Boyland, Settlement Housing Fund Executive Director Carol Lamberg, Richard Bearak representing Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, and NYCHA General Manager Douglas Apple cut the symbolic ribbon for 37 new Prospect Plaza Townhouses.

By Eileen Elliott

A BITE OF THE APPLE, A PIECE OF THE ROCK...CALL IT WHAT YOU WILL—OWNING YOUR OWN HOME IS A GOOD THING. Especially for 32 former residents of New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) public housing developments, who are at this very moment settling into their new townhouses in the Ocean Hill-Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn. Not only are these former residents first-time homeowners, they are also landlords—because in addition to a duplex for the owner, each townhouse also includes a rental apartment on the ground floor. Altogether, 37 new townhouses were completed during Phase I of NYCHA's HOPE VI Prospect Plaza Revitalization and as of April, all have been sold. To commemorate the completion of Phase I and congratulate the new homeowners, the many partners, including NYCHA, the non-profit Settlement Housing Fund (the developer for the project), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), elected officials representing the area, the homeowners and their neighbors gathered beneath a tent on Dean Street on a rainy June 27th to say a few words and share some goodwill.

"I think we are becoming the anchor that is going to make the neighborhood grow and expand," said NYCHA Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr. as he looked out over the crowd flanked by the neat, brick-faced townhouses stretching from Saratoga to Howard Avenues. Addressing the homeowners he added, "Seven years from now, maybe someone will be knocking at your door saying, 'Can I buy your home?'"

In 1999 HUD awarded NYCHA \$21.4 million in HOPE VI funds for the revitalization of Prospect Plaza, which at the time it was built (1974), consisted of 368 units in four towers. The goal of



OPEN HOUSE Prospect Plaza Townhouse owner Dina Adames in the living room of her new home, where she lives with her three sons. The former Astoria Houses resident said she was "surprised, happy" when she found out she'd been selected to become a homeowner. She had lived in the Queens development for 16 years.

the revitalization is not only to improve the physical environment but also to provide a full array of community and supportive services for residents.

As Master of Ceremonies for the evening, NYCHA General Manager Douglas Apple welcomed everyone, introducing the many partners who were present. They included HUD Regional Director Sean Moss, State Senator Velmanette Montgomery, former Assembly Member Frank Boyland, Assembly Member William F. Boyland, Jr., City Council Member Tracy Boyland, Settlement Housing Fund Executive Director Carol Lamberg, Housing Preservation and Development Commissioner Shaun Donovan, Washington Mutual Bank Representative Jane Silverman, and Prospect Plaza Resident Association President Milton Bolton. NYCHA Board Member JoAnna Aniello was also present.

"This is the culmination of what has been a very long process—37 new two-family homes on a lot that has been vacant for many years," Mr. Apple said. "This is just a small part of what we're doing here in Brownsville, a small part of what the city is doing." The General Manager made a point of commending the homeowners for their investment in the neighborhood.

Former Prospect Plaza residents were given first priority for the new homes; NYCHA residents who live in the area were given second priority; and NYCHA residents residing outside of the neighborhood received third priority. All prospective buyers were required to complete homeownership training provided through NYCHA to educate them about mortgage financing and landlord responsibilities.

"This is a win/win for HUD," said the federal agency's new

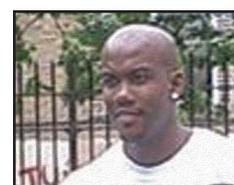
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Investing In The Future



I'm pleased to say that this summer the City Council and I reached an agreement on a City budget for the new fiscal year, which will run from June of this year through next July. This marked the fourth year in a row that we've reached a fair and balanced budget on time. And that's a tribute to all of our city's elected officials who are working together for the sake of every New Yorker.

This year's approximately \$50 billion spending plan reflects the priorities of our Administration, and will help us keep our streets safe and clean, continue to improve our schools, create jobs and improve our quality of life in all five boroughs. It includes \$500 million in tax relief for hard-working New Yorkers and their families. Once again, homeowners will receive a \$400 property tax rebate for reaching into their pockets and helping pull our city out of our fiscal crisis. We are also eliminating the City sales tax on clothing and footwear priced under \$110. This will help more New Yorkers make ends meet, and curb the loss of shopping dollars to neighboring cities and states. The sales tax exemption will take effect September 1st, just in time for that last minute back-to-school shopping.

We are also making the significant and necessary investments in our future with more than \$14 billion in the budget for education — a nearly \$750 million increase from the previous year. We took a monumental step forward this past year in our effort to reform our public schools and give every child the education they need and deserve. We began to see clear signs of progress after students in all grade levels achieved record increases in test scores. Now we are going to build on these gains by opening new schools, decreasing class size, making schools safer and expanding teacher mentoring programs.

The fact that the new budget increases funding for education and offers all New Yorkers tax relief — while protecting our city's core services — underscores just how far New York has come over the past four years. We still need to continue to be fiscally responsible and restrain spending wherever possible, but the fiscal crisis that followed 9/11 is behind us and our economy is growing again. In fact, New York City's economic growth is outpacing the nation's for the first time since before the recession began in 2001. Unemployment hasn't been this low since before 9/11. Crime is down nearly 20% from four years ago. Our streets are cleaner than they've been in 30 years. And with new parks and open spaces being developed in all five boroughs, our quality of life has never been stronger.

Michael R. Bloomberg



NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez (center, in hat) joined Senator Rubén Díaz (left) and residents at the McKinley Houses Family Day in the Bronx on July 23rd.

Senior Volunteers Honored at Annual Luncheon

By Allan Leicht

Nine hundred New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) seniors and staff celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Annual Senior Volunteer Floor Captain Recognition Luncheon under the crystal chandeliers of Leonard's of Great Neck on June 23rd. NYCHA Vice Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr. and Director of Social Services Nora Reissig-Lazzaro led expressions of praise and gratitude for the hundreds of volunteers who help to improve the quality of life, monitor the independent living, and meet the special needs of elderly and non-elderly disabled residents of NYCHA.

After Community Operations Deputy Director Patricia Paisley opened the program with the National Anthem, Ms. Reissig-Lazzaro, serving as mistress-of-ceremonies, likened the senior volunteers to avid hummingbirds doing what they do because they can and because they care. Vice Chairman Andrews expressed thanks on behalf of Chairman Hernandez and, citing the social services provided by NYCHA as among the best in the country, presented a proclamation from Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg declaring June 23rd, "Senior Volunteer Recognition Day."

Then Ms. Reissig-Lazzaro and her Deputy Directors Marlene Martinez and Jenelle Mitchell awarded 26 certificates to the Senior Volunteers gathered from the five boroughs, culminating in awards to four special honorees who have served for 25 years: Eliza Mack and Eugene Mack of Red Hook West Houses, Brooklyn, and Carmela Jacone and Laura McQueen of Meltzer Houses, Manhattan.

The programs themselves — the Senior Resident Advisor/Service Coordinator Program, the Elderly Safe at Home Program, the Senior Network Program, and the Saratoga Square Congregate Housing Services program — provide the structure but the volunteers are the heart and soul of these services.

The presentation of awards was, therefore, the focus of the afternoon's proceedings, encompassed by an elegant full-course luncheon. It was not long, however, before the gathering brought by a fleet of 19 buses from all corners of the city, made the move from formal ceremony to spirited song and dance.

The NYCHA Senior Chorus under the direction of Coordinator Carrie Payne launched the day's music with a rousing "Nobody But You, Lord," followed by the debut of the Throggs Neck Senior Chorus from the Bronx, a solo "God Bless America" sung by Angelina



SPECIAL RECOGNITION was bestowed on (left to right) residents Eliza Mack (and her husband Eugene, not shown) of Red Hook West Houses in Brooklyn, and Carmela Jacone and Laura McQueen of Meltzer Houses in Manhattan for 25 years of service as Senior Volunteer Floor Captains.

Pompei of New Lane Shores Houses, Staten Island, and the Saratoga Square Senior Chorus, who made a joyful noise with "Rough Side of the Mountain." Then, as has become the tradition dancing broke out all over the hall, weaving through the tables to the dance floor on this "Senior Volunteer Recognition Day."

NYCHA Board Member JoAnna Aniello, Assistant Deputy General Manager for Support Services Peter Cantillo, and the Borough Management Directors Gloria Finkelman, Victor Edwards, Carolyn Jasper and Michael Cornelius, for Brooklyn, the Bronx, Manhattan and Queens, respectively, joined in the celebration.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

HELP TO STRENGTHEN YOUR COMMUNITY DURING NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME



Twenty-two years ago, a small organization located in Pennsylvania called National Town Watch created National Night Out Against Crime. Traditionally held on the first Tuesday of August, 10,000 communities throughout the United States and Canada came out to participate last year. The purpose—to “take back the streets,” and show criminals that we’re not afraid.

The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) celebrated the 21st National Night Out Against Crime last year in a big way in communities all around the city and we’re doing it again!

Each of the nine Housing Bureau Police Service Areas is planning a special night on August 2nd and we want you to be there. You’ll be in good company: Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, and Housing Bureau Police Chief Joanne Jaffe will be visiting sites around town. You’ll get a chance to chat with your local police officers and will probably be joined by your Resident Association President and other community leaders.

On the surface the event looks like a lot of fun: there are burgers, balloons, face painting and rides for the children, and McGruff the Crime Dog manages to drop in at a fair number of locations. (Word has it that McGruff now has his own patrol car.) For adults there is a wealth of information on crime fighting initiatives and various services and resources in the community. But the message National Night Out sends to criminals is not so lighthearted.

When you join with your community to celebrate National Night Out Against Crime, you are letting criminals know that your neighborhood is organized; that you care and are ready to fight back. In short, you are sending the message that crime will not be tolerated.

This is a message that criminals seem to be hearing. New York City’s crime rate reached new historic lows in 2004, dropping 15% from the end of calendar year 2001 to the end of calendar year 2004. In NYCHA developments it dropped 13% in the same time period. New initiatives such as Operation Safe Housing which targets drug dealers and sex offenders on NYCHA property promises to bring crime down even further.

Since the events of September 11th, and more recently with the bombings in the London underground, the role of the community in helping to fight crime and spot potential terrorists is more important than ever. The police need your help. So, please heed the NYPD’s advice and if you see something that looks suspicious, report it by calling the toll-free Terrorism Hotline at anytime at: 1-800-NYC-SAFE, or 1-888-692-7233. All calls will be kept confidential.

Before I run out of space I just want to send a word of thanks to all of the NYCHA residents out there who sit tenant patrol, serve as auxiliary police officers, or otherwise work with the Housing Bureau to help fight crime every day. Please know that your dedication to your community is deeply appreciated.

To find out where your friends and neighbors are celebrating National Night Out Against Crime, please check the list on page 10 of this *Journal*. I hope to see you there!

Tino Hernandez



PAINTING PARTY NYCHA, the Harlem Children’s Zone and the residents of St. Nicholas Houses collaborated on a mural painting beautification project at the Harlem development on June 4th during St. Nicholas Fun Day. The event was designed to promote intergenerational activities and community pride.

Homeowners

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regional director Sean Moss, who pointed out that June was homeownership month. Addressing the homeowners he noted, “You now have a piece of the rock.”

Settlement Housing Fund Executive Director Carol Lamberg commented, “It’s great that people can live in public housing, use it as a resource, and then move to places like this.” She also noted that the local construction of the townhouses at the Brooklyn Navy Yard helped to keep costs down.

The city-owned land on which the homes were built was purchased from HPD for a nominal fee, as HPD Commissioner Shaun Donovan pointed out in his remarks. “We didn’t give the land away. We got \$1.00, and you know what? We got a good deal.”

In introducing Council Member Boyland who contributed \$600,000 in funding, Mr. Apple called her “truly amazing for her dedication to the community.”

“This has really been a labor of love for everyone involved,” Ms. Boyland said. “When I was elected eight years ago, my dad [former Assembly Member William F. Boyland, Sr.] had already begun the process. ...I’m proud to see what this neighborhood is becoming.”

And the Former Assembly Member who was also present predicted, “You’re going to see a drop in crime, a drop in graffiti, a rise in education. People should understand they’re getting a little bite of the apple.”

Senator Montgomery added her thanks and congratulations before Ms. Dina Adames, a first-time homeowner, came up to the microphone to thank everyone. Afterwards, Ms. Adames led a tour of the new townhouse where she has lived with her three sons since April.

Fittingly, the event closed with a heartfelt, a cappella performance of “Bless This House” by Settlement Housing Fund’s Sheila R. Carpenter.

When all four phases of the project are complete, there will be 685 new dwelling units, 323 public housing rental units, and 325 non-public housing rental units, along with the 37 townhouses. There will also be a 40,000-square-foot multi-purpose facility. The total estimated cost is \$247 million.

Special features of the townhouses include bay windows, oak flooring, wall-to-wall carpet, private backyards and private off-street parking spaces. The homeowners’ apartments consist

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DEBORAH'S DIARY

By Deborah Williams



Update on Susie Mushatt Jones—If you are regular reader of the *NYCHA Journal*, you might remember that back in August 1999 I wrote an article about Brooklyn’s Vandalia Houses centenarian Susie Mushatt Jones. Well, here we are six years later and last month Ms. Jones turned 106 years young. It was my pleasure to send her a birthday greeting in my *Journal* column. Upon reflection, I realize that turning 106 deserves more than just a greeting, so I am taking this opportunity to tell you more about Ms. Jones.

Early Years And Education

Susie Mushatt was born on July 6, 1899, in Lowndes County, Alabama, to Mary and Callie Mushatt. Her father was a sharecropper who picked cotton to support his wife and ten children. As a youth, Ms. Jones attended the Calhoun Colored School in Calhoun, Alabama, which was founded in 1892. She is proud of the fact that the famous Booker T. Washington was an original member of the school’s Board of Trustees.



As a graduate of the Calhoun Colored School, Ms. Jones applied to Tuskegee University, also in Alabama, and was accepted, but unfortunately her parents couldn’t afford the tuition. Ms. Jones said that this missed opportunity is the reason she places such an importance on college education.

One of Ms. Jones’ many achievements include the work she and her fellow classmates, who founded the “Calhoun Club,” have done helping to provide financially disadvantaged children with scholarships or loans to help pay for their college educations. Ms. Jones, who was once the club’s president, is still a contributing member.

In 1922, Ms. Jones left Alabama and headed north, settling first in New Jersey before moving to New York City in 1923 where she found employment as a live-in housekeeper and childcare provider.

Historic Events

Ms. Jones lived through many historic events, including the Civil Rights Movement. “I remember when I met Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,” she said. “It was during his book signing tour at the Blumstein’s store.” Indeed, Martin Luther King, Jr. stopped at the Blumstein’s department store, formerly located on West 125th in Harlem, to promote his book entitled, “Stride Toward Freedom.” Ms. Jones also witnessed the Harlem Renaissance (approximately 1920 to 1930), and the women’s struggle for the right to vote, granted in 1920. Not to mention that she lived through two World Wars, the Great Depression, the Gulf War, and the events of September 11th.

Helping Others

According to Valerie Price, Ms. Jones’ goddaughter and niece who works in NYCHA’s Manhattan Housing Applications Office, “Susie has sponsored relatives and friends in their quest to find a better life by helping them migrate from the South to New York City.”

In addition to her work with the Calhoun Club, Ms. Jones promised herself that she would send the first girl born into her own family to college. True to her word, on the meager salary of \$50 a week she made as a housekeeper and childcare provider, Ms. Jones financed her niece Lavilla Watson’s college education.

Lavilla, who today is known as Dr. Lavilla Watson, is just one of the three nieces that Suzie has put through college. And she still finds the time for her 13 godchildren. Gestures like these only confirm the altruistic personality of Ms. Jones, or “Tee,” as most who know her call her.

The Key

Ms. Jones has been a resident of the same apartment at Vandalia Houses for the past 21 years, where she is also a member of the Vandalia Houses Tenant Patrol. Even though she lost her eyesight at the age of 100, she still insists on participating. “I have been a member of the Tenant Patrol for the past 15 years and I go down twice a day: once in the morning and again in the afternoon. It’s important to me and that’s why I never miss a day!”

When I asked Ms. Jones what her most pleasant memory is she said, “It was the time I spent living with Lavilla helping her to raise her children.” She waits faithfully on Mondays and Sundays for Lavilla’s children, Audrey and Russell Watson, to place their weekly call to her.

On July 3, 2005 Ms. Jones’ friends and family gathered at the Bronx home of her nephew, Callie III, to celebrate her birthday. According to Ms. Price, “We all had a really great time and Tee was very happy.” Ms. Jones attributes her longevity to good health and loving relationships. “I never drink or smoke,” she said. “I surround myself with love and positive energy. That’s the key to long life and happiness.”

The NYCHA "Not Wanted" List

In this issue we continue our editorial policy of publishing the names of individuals who have been permanently excluded from our public housing developments. This list is part of NYCHA's effort to keep residents informed of the Housing Authority's ongoing effort to improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers in public housing and to allow for the peaceful and safe use of our facilities. Here follows a list of the people excluded after hearings were held on March 10, 17 and 24, 2004. **REMEMBER, IF YOU SEE ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ON HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTY, PLEASE CALL YOUR MANAGEMENT OFFICE OR THE POLICE! THIS LISTING IS PROVIDED TO ALL POLICE SERVICE AREAS.**

Prohibited as of March 10, 2004

Michelle Wellington	Case 1839/04 formerly associated with the first floor of 27-10 Eighth Street, Astoria Houses, Long Island City.
Jamel Phillips	Case 1850/04 formerly associated with the third floor of 305 Fountain Avenue, Cypress Hills Houses, Brooklyn.
Victor Porter Joe Craig	Case 9707/03 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 543 East 108th Street, Breukelen Houses, Brooklyn.

Prohibited as of March 17, 2004

Tucker David	Case 7541/03 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 159-14 Harlem River Drive, Rangel Houses, Manhattan.
Dwight Marshall	Case 4669/03 formerly associated with the fifth floor of Kingsborough Houses, Brooklyn.
Roman L. Rivas	Case 2099/04 formerly associated with the first floor of 320 East 156th Street, Melrose Houses, the Bronx.
Dyrell Farmer	Case 2101/04 formerly associated with the 12th floor of 2430 Seventh Avenue, Drew Hamilton Houses, Manhattan.
Leonardo Lugo	Case 2086/04 formerly associated with the second floor of 2280 Randall Avenue, Castle Hill Houses, the Bronx.
Labarr Lofton	Case 2043/04 formerly associated with the third floor of 476 Richmond Avenue, Richmond Terrace Houses, Staten Island.
Jose Marte	Case 156/04 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 334 Madison Street, Vladeck Houses, Manhattan.
William Machuca	Case 2230/04 formerly associated with the second floor of 325 Classon Avenue, Lafayette Gardens Houses, Brooklyn.
Shamecca Gibson	Case 2229/04 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 41-03 10th Street, Queensbridge South Houses, Long Island City.
Kenneth Moore	Case 2281/01 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 5901 Glenwood Road, Glenwood Houses, Brooklyn.
Phillip Dennis	Case 4232/03 formerly associated with the third floor of 40-12 10th Street, Queensbridge North Houses, Long Island City.
Angel Tejada	Case 2041/04 formerly associated with the eleventh floor of 645 Westchester Avenue, Saint Mary's Park Houses, the Bronx.

Prohibited as of March 24, 2004

Leshan Evans	Case 2249/04 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 1711 Lacombe Avenue, Soundview Houses, the Bronx.
Claude Grant	Case 285/03 formerly associated with the tenth floor of 80 Dwight Street, Red Hook West Houses, Brooklyn
Terrence Martin	Case 1088/03 formerly associated with the second floor of 346 East 156th Street, Melrose Houses, the Bronx.
Corey Watson	Case 2263/04 formerly associated with the twelfth floor of 1191 Park Place, Albany Houses, Brooklyn.
Antwain Wilson	Case 2375/04 formerly associated with the eighth floor of 265 Livonia Avenue, Tilden Houses, Brooklyn.

Barbershop Brings New Life to Red Hook Community

— By Deborah Williams —

When a neighborhood loses a local business, especially, one that had become a kind of landmark where traditions were shared and neighbors came not just to have their hair cut but also to discuss politics, current events, relationships, and even to gossip a little, the loss is felt in the community. Such was the case with the Red Hook Barbershop in Brooklyn's Red Hook community.

"I can't remember exactly the day the barbershop opened but I do remember going to the barbershop to have my hair cut and I know it was around for many years," said Leroy Bush, a resident of Red Hook Houses.

After standing abandoned and lifeless for three years, the building that once housed the Red Hook barbershop started to become an eyesore. It was Ceclephus Bush, cousin of Leroy Bush, who had the idea to resurrect the business and bring back the spirit and the essence of the people whose patronage made the Red Hook Barbershop more than just a barbershop.

"This community needed a barbershop not just because we missed it but because we have a genuine need for it. The nearest barbershop was located across major traffic leading to the Hamilton Avenue Expressway, the Battery Tunnel, the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, and the Belt Parkway, and crossing those streets was dangerous for children. That's what prompted me to re-open the barbershop," said Leroy Bush.

With knowledge of some New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) initiatives he acquired during 20 years as a resident of Red Hook Houses—a time during which he and his wife Priscilla raised four sons—Mr. Bush reached out to Red Hook East Tenant Association President Dorothy Shields for guidance.

Ms. Shields directed Mr. Bush to the Housing Authority, where he learned of a program to assist residents starting their own businesses, in the department now called Resident Employment Services or RES.

Working with NYCHA's Office of Facility Planning and Administration, and RES, Mr. Bush was able to secure a lease for his barbershop. But getting the business up and running wasn't as easy as getting a clean-cut; there were problems along the way.

In 2001, before the lease agreement was finalized, Mr. Bush applied for a bank loan which was approved. However,



Now that's a haircut! Barber Kevin White at work at the Red Hook Barber & Beauty Salon.

the events of September 11th caused delays.

It was RES Chief Ernst Louis, along with former RES staff who shaved off the rough edges between Mr. Bush and the bank, and once again the loan was secured. RES also referred Mr. Bush to Cephas Suber, another resident who owned his business, Top Choice Painting and Tiles, who performed the necessary renovations to the shop. On May 27, 2002, the work began which would transform the space that was once called the Red Hook Barber Shop into the Red Hook Barber & Beauty Salon.

Saturday, July 27, 2002 was a day all would remember. The sky was sunny and bright; spring had come and gone and summer was bringing with it new life, not only from the ground, but also with the opening of the Red Hook Barber & Beauty Salon. Although it was three days before the scheduled official opening date of July 30, 2002, Mr. Bush, as a first-time business owner held a grand-opening cookout celebration.

"There was food, music and lots of fun. I must say, everyone was very receptive and my friends were proud of me, especially Ceclephus who I have made a partner in the business," said Mr. Bush. "You see, I am not a barber. I work for the New York City Transit Department driving a bus; Ceclephus, he's the master barber. As a matter of fact he works in his father's barbershop called the Fort Greene Barbershop on Myrtle Avenue, in Brooklyn." Ceclephus, along with four other

barbers were at the Red Hook Barber & Beauty Salon on July 30th and began cutting, clipping and shaving the community.

Today the barbershop is doing just fine with four barbers — Teddrick Codd who is nicknamed D.Dot, John Cruz who is nicknamed Box, Derrick Dash and Kevin White, all of whom have barbers' licenses and with the exception of D.Dot have roots in Red Hook Houses. Ceclephus Bush, although he is still a partner, has returned to the Fort Greene Barbershop to help out his father.

Kevin White and John Cruz are the main barbers now and oversee the shop. "Together they can handle any problems that may arise but the barbershop usually runs itself," said Mr. Bush.

John Cruz is also the historian at the barbershop because he worked there under two of its former owners, Mr. Byrd and Mr. Scott. Dewayne Bush, Leroy's son, helps out when Leroy is on vacation or out of town, and Mr. Bush's wife Priscilla performs the cleaning services. "It's sort of a family business. The family pitches in when needed and when the time comes I will pass the business on to Ceclephus as I promised," said Mr. Bush.

The Red Hook Barber & Beauty Salon is located at 594 Clinton Street, Brooklyn and operates from 6:30AM–6:00PM, Tuesday–Saturday. If you happen to walk past the shop you will see an old barber's chair in the window as a tribute to the former owners and barbers of The Red Hook Barbershop. (The telephone number is: (718) 923-1027.)

Homeowners

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of three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a dining room, family room, and laundry. The ground floor rental units all have two bedrooms. The development cost of each townhouse was \$312,000.

Financial assistance to buyers was provided by NYCHA, Council Member Tracy Boyland, the Brooklyn Borough President's Office, the Federal Home Loan Bank, and the State Division of Housing and Community Renewal in HOME funds. Financing for construction costs, as well as permanent financing was provided by Washington Mutual Bank.



Stephon Marbury Hosts "Basketball Classic" at Brooklyn's Surfside Houses



Sixteen NYCHA Residents Graduate HPD Building Maintenance Course

Sixteen NYCHA residents, ages 18 through 24, were among the 51 graduates of the Building Maintenance for Youth program in ceremonies at the headquarters of New York City's Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) in Manhattan on June 24th.

The graduates received certificates for the successful completion of training courses offered by HPD's Housing Education Program (HEP). In keeping with Mayor Bloomberg's New Housing Marketplace plan to create or preserve over 68,000 units of affordable housing, the courses are designed to equip a workforce with the skills and technical expertise needed to preserve the city's aging housing stock. The courses are for property owners, managers, housing professionals, superintendents and tenants.

NYCHA's Department of Resident Employment Services (RES) made arrangements with HEP for the participation of public housing residents who were selected by RES through the assessment and orientation process that is conducted when residents enroll with RES.

The 16 residents who completed the Building Maintenance for Youth program were Amanda Benitez, Paul Fisher, Kenneth Graham, Rafael Liriano, Daniel Martin, Francisco Morales and Harold Sutton in the Class of February 2005; and Ronald Allen, Bruce Glen Burke, Louie R. Claudio, Tyrone Coleman, Cliff Crespo, Saul Garcia, Walter W. Nieves, Jerome Oliver and Marshall Y. Terrell in the Class of April 2005. They concentrated on introduction to property management, building systems, maintenance goals and the roles of maintenance staff as well as the use and maintenance of construction tools. The program is geared to provide NYCHA residents with the skills and experience leading to job opportunities as maintenance workers and assistant superintendents.

NYCHA RES Director Sonia Torruella was introduced as a special guest on the program by Pete Velasquez, HEP Managing Director of Maintenance Education. Ms. Torruella told the NYCHA graduates that NYCHA was exceedingly pleased and very proud of their accomplishments. "You are the epitome of what RES represents," said Ms. Torruella, who extended her congratulations to all the graduates and their families and thanked the HEP and HPD staffs for providing designated slots in the Building Maintenance for Youth program for NYCHA residents.

New York Knick and former O'Dwyer Gardens resident Stephon Marbury returned to Coney Island's Surfside Houses to host the Team Marbury Charitable Foundation's Annual Basketball Classic on June 18th. Thanks to a partnership between NYCHA and the foundation established by the hoop star in 1996, approximately 6,000 young residents between the ages of 6 and 18 have participated in the games.

Teams play in four divisions: the youngest players, juniors, high school boys and high school girls. After six intensive weeks of games, all of which will be held at the courts at O'Dwyer Gardens, the tournament will culminate in a citywide final play-off on August 14th.

Mr. Marbury's generosity isn't limited to his time or his skill in instruction: all participants at the opening event received free basketball jerseys, Stephon Marbury sneakers, and a lot of great food. Mr. Marbury is shown here next to a portrait painted by NYCHA resident Abdul Khaalia, which was presented to him at the event. Marbury established the Classic in honor of his former high school teammate and friend Jason "Juice" Sowell. Mr. Sowell died in his senior year.



NYCHA Graduates of HPD's Housing Education Program shown here with RES Director Sonia Torruella, are, front row, left to right: Louie Claudio of Castle Hill Houses in the Bronx, Amanda Benitez of Ocean Bay Houses in Queens, and Rafael Liriano of Woodside Houses, also in Queens; and in the back row, left to right: Ronald Allen of Pelham Parkway in the Bronx, Paul Fisher of East River Houses in Manhattan, and Daniel Martin and Francisco Morales of Riis Houses, also in Manhattan.



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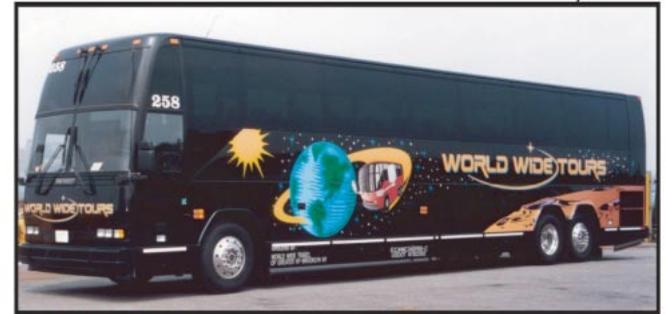
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Tuesday July 26, 2005
@ Van Cortlandt Park
(242nd Street & Broadway)

Wednesday August 3, 2005
@ Van Cortlandt Park
(258th Street)

BROOKLYN EAST

Thursday July 21, 2005
@ Prospect Park
(Nethermead)



Wednesday July 13, 2005
@ Red Hook Park
(Bay St. Bet. Columbia & Clinton St.)



Tuesday July 19, 2005
@ Prospect Park
(Parkside & Ocean Avenue)

BROOKLYN SOUTH/WEST

Thursday July 21, 2005
@ Prospect Park
(Nethermead)



Thursday July 14, 2005
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MANHATTAN

Tuesday August 9, 2005
@ Central Park
(E. 97th Street & 5th Avenue)

Thursday July 28, 2005
@ Riverbank State Park
(W.145th Street & Riverside Dr.)

Tuesday August 2, 2005
@ Central Park
(E. 107th Street & 5th Avenue)

QUEENS

Wednesday August 10, 2005
@ Baisley Park
(150 St. Bet. Rockaway & Conduit)

Friday July 15, 2005
@ Baisley Park
(150th Street & Rockaway)



Friday August 19, 2005
@ Baisley Park
(150th St & Rockaway Blvd)

STATEN ISLAND

Friday July 22, 2005
@ Clove Lake Park
(Clove Lake Road)



Wednesday July 27, 2005
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