



WELCOME Chair John B. Rhea (center) presents a gift bag to HUD Deputy Secretary Ron Sims at Lower East Side II, with Vice-Chair Earl Andrews, Jr. and Board Member Margarita López.

HUD DEPUTY SECRETARY VISITS LOWER EAST SIDE

ON JUNE 19TH, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) DEPUTY SECRETARY RON SIMS MADE HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO NEW YORK CITY, WHERE HE ACCOMPANIED NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY (NYCHA) CHAIR JOHN B. RHEA, VICE-CHAIR EARL ANDREWS, JR., AND MEMBER MARGARITA LÓPEZ FOR A TOUR OF LOWER EAST SIDE II HOUSES (LES II), A SCATTERED SITE DEVELOPMENT IN MANHATTAN. The Deputy Secretary got a firsthand look at the development, which is slated for a \$1.4 million roof replacement, funded by stimulus and other federal funds. In addition to preserving affordable housing, the project will create six jobs, at least two of which will go to NYCHA residents.

The group also visited nearby Lillian Wald Houses, a traditional high-rise development, which is more representative of NYCHA's conventional public housing. Joining the group were State Senator Daniel Squadron and State Assembly Member Brian P. Kavanagh.

NYCHA was awarded \$423 million in federal stimulus funding which will be used to supplement and accelerate 70 shovel-ready capital projects. These projects will include the replacement and upgrade of elevators, boiler replacements, roof and brickwork and energy efficiency projects in 122 NYCHA developments throughout the five boroughs.

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NYCHA Partners with School Construction Authority for New School in Harlem Generating \$5.2 Million for Housing Authority

THE BOARD OF THE NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY (NYCHA) HAS APPROVED THE TRANSFER OF A 16,653-SQUARE-FOOT PARCEL OF LAND ADJACENT TO THURGOOD MARSHALL PLAZA, A 13-STORY, SENIORS-ONLY BUILDING IN HARLEM, TO THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (SCA) FOR A MIXED-USE PROJECT THAT WILL INCLUDE A COMBINED MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL. The building will house a new 572-seat facility for the Community Health Academy of the Heights, as well as a community health clinic. Construction will begin by fall 2009 and is projected to finish in time for the start of the 2012-13 school year.

"This is a win-win situation for everyone," said NYCHA Chair John B. Rhea. "Everyone is on board for this project: the residents of Marshall Plaza, the community, NYCHA and the School Construction Authority, and the 572 children who will benefit from a new environment conducive to learning. This approval is consistent with NYCHA's commitment to use our properties to serve the community and get the most value for our developments," he added.

The Marshall Plaza site, located between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenues and 157th to 158th Streets, will serve as a new facility for the Community Health Academy of the Heights, which will be moving into the space from a smaller, temporary facility. The building will also house the Community Health League Health Center, a clinic that will be operated by the non-profit Community Healthcare Network. The facility will include a top-floor gymnasium.

"We're very pleased that we've been able to reach an agreement with NYCHA that will help to bring a brand new school building to Upper Manhattan," School Construction Authority President Sharon Greenberger said. "This is part of our work across New York City to construct new school buildings, and ensure that students are learning in facilities that are state-of-the-art."

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GREEN COLLAR JOBS Six New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) residents were among the 25 recent graduates of the very first MillionTreesNYC Training Program class. The seven-month program provides on-the-job career training and education with the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation to a select group of New Yorkers who wish to build careers in urban forestry management, ecological restoration and urban landscaping. The program is made possible through a collaboration between NYCHA's Environmental and Sustainability Committee, the Parks Department and the non-profit New York Restoration Project, with the support of the Mayor's Fund to Advance NYC, the NYC Center for Economic Opportunity, the Altman Foundation, and David Rockefeller and Bloomberg Philanthropies. The six NYCHA residents are: Ketsia Fervilus, Joseph Jackson, Giovanni Pacheco, Ernesto Rivera, Luis Tavarez, Quinel Kendricks, and Nadine McGregor. The graduation took place on May 29th at the Parks' Arsenal Building in Central Park.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

**'Best Buy' Is A New Partner in GreenNYC's
'Be Cool & Smart' Campaign to Promote
Energy-Efficient Air Conditioner Use**



BEST BUY CO., INC. HAS BECOME A PARTNER IN THE CITY'S NEWEST GREENNYC CAMPAIGN AIMED AT REDUCING AIR CONDITIONING-RELATED ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION. The campaign, "Be Cool & Smart," is part of the GreeNYC initiative that provides New Yorkers simple steps for energy efficiency and is one of the 127 initiatives in PlaNYC, the City's long-term plan for a greener, greater New York. Efforts to reduce energy consumption, such as this

GreeNYC campaign related to summer air conditioning use, will help the City meet the aggressive PlaNYC goal of reducing the City's carbon emissions by 30 percent by the year 2030.

With over 178,000 families, the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) is a big consumer of energy. In fact, NYCHA spent over \$7 million in utilities in 2008, and at the development that utilized the most water and energy per household, Castle Hill Houses in the Bronx, this breaks down to \$289 per household per month which is \$51 higher than the average NYCHA unit. It makes sense that NYCHA is playing a big role in PlaNYC with a multi-pronged initiative to help reduce energy consumption at all 338 public housing developments.

As we enter the summer months we must remember that air conditioning accounts for the largest percentage of residential energy consumption nationwide. With Best Buy's support, we are encouraging people to purchase energy-efficient air conditioners, reduce energy usage, and lower electricity bills, which is good for the environment and our finances.

GreeNYC is launching a multi-faceted awareness campaign via bus, subway, billboard, online, and radio public service announcements highlighting ways New Yorkers can use air conditioners efficiently, emphasizing both economic savings and environmental benefits. Best Buy is supporting the program with a donation of \$175,000. In addition to the donation, Best Buy will support GreeNYC by encouraging consumers to purchase properly sized, energy-efficient ENERGY STAR® air conditioning units.

Common Sense Solutions to Reducing Energy Consumption

The use of air conditioning in the summer can often account for over half of a household's energy use. The "Be Cool & Smart" campaign emphasizes some common sense solutions to reducing energy consumption. The more than 13,000 NYCHA families who pay for their own electricity will notice a marked decrease in their bills. These tips include:

—Don't cool an empty room. If you're away for eight hours a day, turning off your air conditioner can help save at least a third on cooling costs. When you are home, don't air condition an empty room.

—Turn up your thermostat. Set your air conditioner to 78 degrees and save. For every degree you raise the thermostat on your air conditioner you can cut your electricity bill by 3 percent or more.

—Clean your air conditioner filters. Dirty filters make your air conditioner work harder and use more electricity. Wash, air dry and reinstall your filter to conserve energy and save money.

—Close drapes and draw blinds. The sun's rays heat your home even when the air conditioner is on, making your unit work harder and increasing your energy costs.

NYCHA residents who wish to purchase air conditioners must request permission from their Management Office and complete the appropriate forms prior to the air conditioner's installation. All air conditioners must be safely installed, properly braced and conform to the manufacturer's installation specifications. NYCHA residents who see improperly installed air conditioners should call NYCHA's Customer Contact Center at: (718)707-7771. See the "TIPS" flyer on page 10 of this *Journal*.

Michael R. Bloomberg

NYCHA Honors 761 Senior Resident Volunteers at the 29th Annual Floor Captain Recognition Ceremony



YOU ARE APPRECIATED Senior Volunteer Floor Captains held up their Certificates of Appreciation for this photo with NYCHA Chair John B. Rhea (center, back row), Vice-Chair Earl Andrews, Jr., (back row, right), and NYCHA executive staff at the annual luncheon.

By Eileen Elliott

FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS, 89-YEAR OLD LUCILLE SWAIN HAS BEEN CHECKING IN ON HER NEIGHBORS EACH AFTERNOON AT PALMETTO GARDENS, A SENIOR BUILDING IN THE BUSHWICK NEIGHBORHOOD OF BROOKLYN. "I knock on the doors on my floor to see everyone is okay," said Ms. Swain. "If someone doesn't feel well I keep checking on them." Ms. Swain is one of 761 New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) senior resident volunteers who were honored at the Housing Authority's 29th Annual Senior Volunteer Floor Captain Recognition Luncheon, held this year on June 25th at the Villa Barone Manor in the Throggs Neck neighborhood of the Bronx. NYCHA's new Chair, John B. Rhea, joined Vice-Chair Earl Andrews, Jr. to commend the seniors for serving as the eyes and ears of NYCHA's Social Services staff, enabling their neighbors to live independently for as long as possible through their invaluable assistance.

Referring to President Barack Obama's call for volunteerism and New York City's response to that call with the creation of NYC Service, the Chair commented that NYCHA seems to be ahead of the curve. "With 761 senior volunteers, there appears to be nothing new about service and volunteerism here at NYCHA," he said. The goal of NYC Service is to make this the easiest city in the world in which to volunteer.

Social Services Department Director Nora Reissig-Lazzaro served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the luncheon. "The goal of our Social Services staff and the senior volunteers," she remarked amidst the clinking dinnerware, "is to change the life of one person at a time. This can have an enormous impact."

Ms. Reissig-Lazzaro thanked all of the senior volunteers emphatically, noting that their hard work and dedication greatly enhanced the quality of service provided by NYCHA's Social Services staff.

Approximately one-third of NYCHA's 403,000 residents are seniors, age 62 or above. The Senior Volunteer Floor Captains work with NYCHA's staff to provide their services through one of three programs. In the Senior Resident Advisor/Service Coordinator Program, senior volunteers serve as Floor Captains and "buddies" for their fellow elderly neighbors in 53 NYCHA developments Citywide. Assistance includes helping to access public entitlements, serving as advocates, and monitoring the health and well-being of the seniors

through home visits and telephone check-ups. Volunteers with the Senior Companion Program are assigned by the Henry Street Settlement and provide friendly home visits and companionship to frail and socially isolated elderly residents in a number of NYCHA developments through-out the City. Senior volunteers who participate in The Elderly Safe At Home Program provide comprehensive crime prevention services and crime victim assistance for elderly and non-elderly disabled residents in the South Bronx.

After the meal, Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to each Senior Resident Advisor site by Ms. Reissig-Lazzaro. Then the party really started when the seniors took to the dance floor, moving to the strains of Blenman Steel Sounds from Crown Heights, whose members are also seniors.

And how did Ms. Swain feel about the event? "I enjoyed it very much," she said. Bronx South Council of Presidents (COP) Chair John Johnson and Bronx North COP Chair Herma Williams also attended.

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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Thanks for Coming Out, We Heard What You Had to Say...



FEW EXPERIENCES CAN HELP A NEW CHAIR OF A LARGE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS OF ITS RESIDENTS AS EFFECTIVELY AND DIRECTLY AS ATTENDING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AGENCY'S U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)-MANDATED, ANNUAL AGENCY PLAN. Together with Vice-Chair Earl Andrews, Jr., Member Margarita López, and Housing Bureau Police Chief Joanne Jaffe, as well as key executive staff, I had that experience at the Manhattan Center on the evening of June 23rd. And at that

time I made a commitment to use what I heard there in a pro-active way. My first and most immediate impression is that New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) residents care deeply about their homes and communities, as do the elected officials who came out to be heard. I was moved by your passion and eloquence and your commitment to improving conditions at NYCHA's 338 public housing developments.

I am equally moved by the dedication of NYCHA's staff. At the end of the day, collectively, our goal is to understand how we can better serve you. Transparency is a big part of that process.

As many of you probably already know, the draft Agency Annual Plan was published 45 days before the Public Hearing, and it was created with the input and recommendations of a Resident Advisory Board, comprising resident leaders from all five boroughs. So, in addition to taking in residents' comments about the Plan which were made at the Town Halls and Public Hearing, residents have been involved in the creation of the Plan, right from the start.

Highlights of the Plan include uses for the \$423 million in federal "stimulus" funding NYCHA will receive for capital projects; the Authority's Fiscal Year 2009 Operating Budget and Four Year Financial Plan; NYCHA's support of legislative reforms to the Section 8 program; the transition of City- and State-built developments to Section 8 funding; the proposed targeted rent initiative; improving customer service; increasing NYCHA's stock of affordable housing; improving elevators; public safety and the use of Closed Circuit Television Systems; the revised rent hardship policy; community programs; resident employment opportunities; and NYCHA's "green" agenda. The draft Agency Annual Plan can still be viewed on NYCHA's website at nyc.gov/nycha.

NYCHA's domestic violence and dog policies, along with maintenance issues, capital improvements, safety, community centers, job opportunities for our residents, the need for full federal funding as well as City and State funding, are all topics that dominated the hearing.

Rest assured that the NYCHA Board and NYCHA staff heard what you had to say. Suggestions are incorporated into the final Agency Annual Plan before it is submitted to HUD, which must be done by October 17th of this year. HUD then has 75 days to get back to us regarding any changes; if we don't hear from HUD within that time, the Plan is considered approved.

I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone who came out to our public hearing including residents, advocates, elected officials — City Council Members Rosie Mendez, Gale Brewer and Leticia James — and those who sent representatives. My job is to advocate for NYCHA and for public housing here in New York City, in Albany and in Washington. With the new administration in Washington, the tide has turned in our favor and the President has promised full funding.

Together, I know we're going to change the tide of public opinion about public housing into something that is overwhelmingly positive. I look forward to working with you toward that new future.

John B. Rhea

School in Harlem

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The property is currently a playground, a parking area for six cars, and a portion of the landscaped grounds serving the housing development. The SCA is slated to purchase the property from NYCHA for \$5.2 million, the fully appraised value of the land. None of the development's six existing parking spaces will be lost; they will be relocated and maintained as part of the facility by SCA under an agreement for the benefit of NYCHA residents.

Coney Island Preparatory School at Carey Gardens

Earlier this summer, NYCHA again demonstrated its commitment to education when plans for the location of Coney Island Preparatory School at NYCHA's Carey Gardens Community Center moved forward. The charter school will be the first in the City to open in a public housing development. It will utilize the second floor of the Community Center, with access to the gym and a computer room as well as some shared space used by an after-school program.

"When we have a piece of land that can be developed as either affordable housing or for educational purposes and we get fair-market value for our property, then we have scored a major victory," Chair Rhea said. "The seniors at Marshall Plaza got on board early with the concept of the use of the land for an educational and health-care facility and worked with NYCHA, local elected officials and other stakeholders to make it happen," the Chair added.

NYCHA has a significant positive impact on the City's economy. On average NYCHA attracts over \$3 billion annually in federal funds to be spent locally in operating programs and maintaining properties. Of these federal funds, \$817 million are paid directly to approximately 30,000 local landlords participating in the Section 8 program.



DEBORAH'S DIARY

By Deborah Williams



Woman of Distinction — On June 2, 2009, friends and family members joined NYCHA resident Charlotte Miles and Senator Daniel Squadron at the well of the Legislative Office Building in Albany, New York to pay tribute to Ms. Miles for her outstanding record of service to the community. "In recognition of Charlotte's

outstanding community work I hereby present her with the New York State's Women of Distinction Award," the Senator said to thunderous applause. Charlotte Miles is a true advocate for residents of Manhattan's Lower East Side. In 1949, her family moved into the Lillian Wald Houses when she was two years old and has lived there ever since. Charlotte learned how to advocate for the community by watching her mother perform community services for the church. Twenty years have gone by since Charlotte began her work and today she is the Police Service Area #4 Community Council President and the Lillian Wald Tenant Association President. She has served as president of both organizations for the past 12 years. Ms. Miles devotes herself to promoting vital services for her community, including senior activities, child care, and health awareness. Her understanding of NYCHA, the local community, and the needs of her neighbors make her an invaluable resource. **On behalf of NYCHA, thank you Ms. Miles for all the work you do to help the residents of Lillian Wald Houses. Congratulations!**



Charlotte Miles, her son Gordon Miles (right) and Senator Daniel Squadron.

Proud Moments — Ms. Sonya Brannon of Woodside Houses in Queens is so proud of her daughter, Lanette Marie Brannon, that when I requested stories about resident graduates she excitedly called me to share her daughter's good news. On May 17, 2009, Lanette Marie Brannon, a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., graduated from the Old Westbury College, located in Old Westbury New York, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. But the good news doesn't end there because Sonya Brannon has something else to boast about. "My daughter encouraged me to go back to school," she said. So in September, Ms. Sonya Brannon will be attending LaGuardia Community College to complete her college education. **Congratulations, ladies! I wish you continued success and special thanks to you Ms. Sonya Brannon for sharing your good news with me!**

A Barber's Dream Fades — Remember your friendly neighborhood barbershop? You know, the place where patrons hang out to discuss politics, current events, relationships, and gossip a little? Maybe you're even familiar with the one called Red Hook Barber & Beauty Salon that's located at 594 Clinton Street in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn. Well they have job openings. But unfortunately, it hasn't been so easy to fill the positions. Owner Leroy Bush of NYCHA's Red Hook East Houses, is worried that like the popular "fade" haircut which is shorter on the bottom and longer on the top, his barbershop might fade away and not because he's short on customers. "It's because I need licensed barbers," said Mr. Bush. It would be a shame to see the barbershop go because it's a service that's needed in the community, but it's in trouble. "There are many guys out there that are really good at cutting hair but they don't have a license and I can't give them a job unless they have a Barber's License," said a disheartened Leroy Bush. **So if you are a licensed barber or hair stylist in need of a job, call Leroy Bush at (917)701-9902 or (718)797-0144. Don't snip the life out of the Red Hook Barber and Beauty Salon by letting this opportunity pass you by.**

THE NYCHA NOT WANTED LIST

In this issue we continue publishing the names of individuals who have been permanently excluded from our public housing developments. The purpose of this list is to keep residents informed of the Housing Authority's ongoing efforts 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. What follows is a partial list of the people excluded after hearings were held on April 8, 14, 22, 29 and May 6, 2009. For a full list of the "Not Wanted" visit NYCHA's website at nyc.gov/residentscorner. Please note: These exclusions are based on NYCHA's Administrative Hearing Process and should not be confused with the Trespass Notice Program under Mayor Bloomberg's Operation Safe Housing Initiative.

**REMEMBER,
IF YOU SEE ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ON
HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTY, PLEASE CALL
YOUR MANAGEMENT OFFICE OR NYCHA'S
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT AT (212) 306-8595.**

Prohibited as of April 8, 2009

Tyrell Brown	Case 2333/09 formerly associated with the fifth floor of Erick Vergara 129 Norway Avenue, South Beach Houses, Staten Island.
Joseph Kennedy	Case 312/09 formerly associated with the fourteenth floor of 11 Bridge Street, Farragut Houses, Brooklyn.
Jonathan Lugo	Case 2057/09 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 556 Marcy Avenue, Marcy Houses, Brooklyn.

Prohibited as of April 14, 2009

James Terry	Case 2102/09 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 7 Saint James Place, Smith Houses, Manhattan.
Kassim Caballero	Case 2071/09 formerly associated with the third floor of 67-35 Kissena Blvd., Pomonok Houses, Queens.
Prince Fahie	Case 2334/09 formerly associated with the fourteenth floor of 1805 Crotona Avenue, Murphy Houses, Bronx.
Angel Rodriguez	Case 2458/09 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 1428-1430 Webster Avenue, Butler Houses, Bronx.
William Fleming	Case 2467/09 formerly associated with the first floor of 230 Osborn Street, Brownsville Houses, Brooklyn.
Tony Stanton	Case 2462/09 formerly associated with the third floor of 181 Gordon Street, Stapleton Houses, Staten Island.
Jamel Jackson	Case 2462/09 formerly associated with the fourteenth floor of 372 Blake Avenue, Van Dyke I Houses, Brooklyn.

Prohibited as of April 22, 2009

Allen Bell	Case 2611/09 formerly associated with the third floor of 427 West 17th Street, Fulton Houses, Manhattan.
Paul Morrison Tenisha Acevedo	Case 2585/09 formerly associated with the twelfth floor of 1460 Bronx River Avenue, Bronx River Houses, Bronx.
Raheem Mack	Case 2595/09 formerly associated with the eighth floor of 1390 Fifth Avenue, King Towers Houses, Manhattan
Michael Pineyro David Myvett	Case 2643/09 formerly associated with the eighth floor of 215-217 Alexander Avenue, Mitchel Houses, Bronx.
Melic Bradford Denzel Gary	Case 1185/09 formerly associated with the eighth floor of 215-217 Alexander Avenue, Mitchel Houses, Bronx.
Randy Pugh	Case 2679/09 formerly associated with the first floor of 691 FDR Drive, Lillian Wald Houses, Manhattan.
Darnell Johnson	Case 6358/08 formerly associated with the third floor of 1476 Beach Channel Dr., Redfern Houses, Far Rockaway.

Prohibited as of April 29, 2009

Malik Williams	Case 2707/09 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 543 Flushing Avenue, Marcy Houses, Brooklyn.
Michael Temple	Case 2900/09 formerly associated with the first floor of 1420 Bronx River Avenue, Bronx River Houses, Bronx.
Leonard Jones	Case 1193/09 formerly associated with the first floor of 169 Cypress Avenue, Mill Brook Houses, Bronx.

Prohibited as of May 6, 2009

Ernesto Trossi Ernesto Rivera	Case 2932/09 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 411 Lafayette Avenue, Lafayette Gardens, Brooklyn.
Natasha Young	Case 3043/09 formerly associated with the first floor of 1760 Lexington Avenue, Clinton Houses, Manhattan.

For a full list of the "Not Wanted" visit NYCHA's website at nyc.gov/residentscorner.

NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY Board Meeting Schedule

Notice is hereby given that the New York City Housing Authority's Board Meetings take place every other Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. (unless otherwise noted) in the Board Room on the 12th Floor of 250 Broadway, New York, New York. The meetings for the remainder of the Calendar Year 2009 are as follows:

August 5, 2009
August 19, 2009
September 2, 2009
September 16, 2009
September 30, 2009
October 14, 2009
October 28, 2009
November 10, 2009
(Tuesday)
November 25, 2009
December 9, 2009
December 23, 2009

Please note that these dates are subject to change. Any changes to the schedule above will be posted on NYCHA's Website at nyc.gov/nycha and in the NYCHA Journal to the extent practicable at a reasonable time before the meeting. These meetings are open to the public. Pre-registration of speakers is required. Those who wish to register must do so at least forty-five (45) minutes before the scheduled Board Meeting. Comments are limited to the items on the agenda. Speakers will be heard in the order of registration. Speaking time will be limited to three (3) minutes. The public comment period will conclude upon all speakers being heard or at the expiration of thirty (30) minutes allotted by law for public comment, whichever occurs first. For Board Meeting dates and times, and/or additional information, please visit our Website at nyc.gov/nycha or contact us at (212) 306-6088. Copies of the agenda can be picked up at the Office of the Secretary at 250 Broadway, 12th floor, New York, New York, no earlier than 3 P.M. on the Friday before the upcoming Wednesday Board Meeting. Any person requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the Board Meeting should contact the Office of the Secretary at (212) 306-6088 no later than five (5) business days before the Board Meeting.

Apartments Available at The GrandParent Family Apartments



The GrandParent Family Apartments located at 951 Prospect Avenue in the Bronx has available apartments. The 50 apartments built in 2005 are exclusively for grandparents, or elderly caregivers 62 years or older, who care for minor grandchildren (under the age of 18) or other relatives. A family relationship such as adoptive parent or legal guardian is required. A comprehensive program of supportive services provided by Presbyterian Senior Services (PSS) and the West Side Federation for Senior Support Housing (WSFSSH) is available on site.

If you are a NYCHA resident and interested in this unique opportunity, just ask your Development's Management Office for a "Tenant Request to Move "PSS/GFA" – NYCHA form 040.050G. Complete the form and return it to your Housing Assistant for further processing.

If you know of someone who is not a NYCHA resident who may be interested, he/she may request an application by writing to: NYCHA-GFA, Post Office Box 1342, Church Street Station, New York, NY 10008.

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Brooklyn, NY 11217
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CHAIR ADDRESSES NEW POLICE OFFICERS



New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Chair John B. Rhea addressed the most recent class of NYPD Housing Bureau graduates during the first of a two-day orientation held at the Manhattan Borough Command Center in Upper Manhattan on July 6th. After providing a brief overview of the Housing Authority, NYCHA's 21st Chair emphasized the importance of positive relationships based on mutual respect between the police and NYCHA residents. "When you're out there, I ask you to keep in mind that the majority of NYCHA residents are fine, upstanding citizens," the Chair said. "You don't need me to tell you. You'll find out for yourself as you patrol our developments and attend Community Council and Resident Association meetings." The Chair also encouraged the officers to attend the upcoming "Night Out Against Crime" events to be held in each borough in early August. Housing Bureau Police Chief Joanne Jaffe and Queens Council of Presidents Chair Ann Cotton Morris also spoke at the orientation. The 27 new Housing Bureau officers graduated on July 2, as part of a larger class of 256 new police officers, at the WAMU Theater located at Madison Square Garden. Officers from the Housing Bureau work in close coordination with resident patrols, development managers and community groups to reduce crime and aggressively target violations and other conditions that detract from the quality of life for residents in and around New York City Housing Authority developments. Services are delivered by officers deployed from nine Police Service Areas, or PSAs, around the City.



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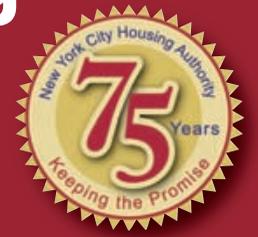
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Celebrating 75 Years of Public Housing



As the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) celebrates its 75th year, we take special note of development anniversaries. Gowanus Houses in Brooklyn and Woodside Houses in Queens recently celebrated their 60th anniversaries. The historical photos and captions below are courtesy of the LaGuardia and Wagner Archives.

Gowanus Houses' 60th Anniversary

The Gowanus Houses in the Boerum Hill section of Brooklyn, celebrated its 60th Anniversary on June 24, 2009. Gowanus Houses consists of 1,137 apartments in 14 buildings that are 4-, 6-, 9-, 13- and 14-stories high. The development sits on nearly 13 acres and is bound by Wyckoff, Douglass, Bond and Hoyt Streets. It is home to 2,857 residents. Presumably the development was named for its close proximity to the Gowanus Canal and Gowanus Expressway, which opened in 1941.

The Gowanus Houses received a Closed Circuit TV System (CCTV) in 2007. The development is also playing a role in NYCHA's green initiative, conserving energy through the use of instantaneous hot water heaters, which were installed in the fall of 2007. Thirty-five new trees were planted at the development recently through the The MillionTrees NYC initiative, a collaboration between the Mayor's Office, the New York Restoration Project and NYCHA.

Gowanus Houses has a Senior Center that is sponsored by The Spanish Speaking Elderly Council (RAICES). The Council's mission is to respond to the unmet needs of Hispanic, African-American, and low-income families seeking to improve their quality of life through advocacy and the direct provision of targeted services with a particular emphasis on the needs of older adults.



Warren and Bond Streets, January 1943. Future site of Gowanus Houses.



Reunion of children from Gowanus Houses in Brooklyn who were away for the summer on 2-week Herald-Tribune Fresh Air Fund vacations, 1953.



From left, Brooklyn Management Administrator Earl Roberts, Brooklyn Management Deputy Director Kevin Norman, Gowanus Houses Resident Association President Marguerite Scott, Gowanus Manager Miriam Torres and Superintendent David Rios gather to commemorate the development's 50th anniversary with a proclamation issued by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg.

Woodside Houses' 60th Anniversary

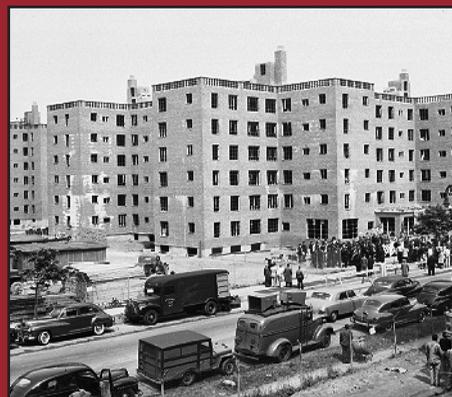
Woodside Houses in the Woodside neighborhood of Queens was completed on December 30, 1949 and celebrated its 60th Anniversary a little early, at its Family Day Celebration on June 27th. Woodside Houses consists of 1,355 apartments in 20 buildings that are six stories high. It sits on 22 acres and is bound by 49th and 51st Streets and 31st Avenue and Newton Road. It is home to 3,218 residents.

Woodside Houses has an active Community Center with an exercise program for adults and summer camp for youth. In 2007, NYCHA, the non-profits Homework Helpers and the East River Development Alliance partnered to provide new computers and a renovated lab offering internet access for the Woodside Houses Community Center.

A \$1.7 million renovation of the Woodside Senior Center resulted in a state-of-the-art facility, nearly three times as large as the original 1,500-square-foot space. It is run by Samaritan Village.

Residents have had a strong presence in NYCHA's Annual Garden and Greening Competition and the Children's Garden won first place Citywide in 2006.

Five of the buildings are in the process of getting new roofs and another five are slated for new roofs. The development also received external compactors a few years ago.



Woodside Houses nearing completion, May 1949.



Member of Maintenance staff hammers in a plaque at an Arbor Day Celebration, May 1953.



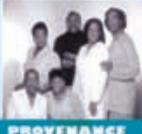
From left, Queens Borough Deputy Director Derek Powell, Superintendent Jimmy Santana, Borough Director Carolyn Jasper, Resident Association President Ann Cotton Morris, NYCHA Vice Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr., Woodside Manager Donna Jones and Administrator Kevin McNerney with a proclamation from Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg commemorating the development's anniversary.



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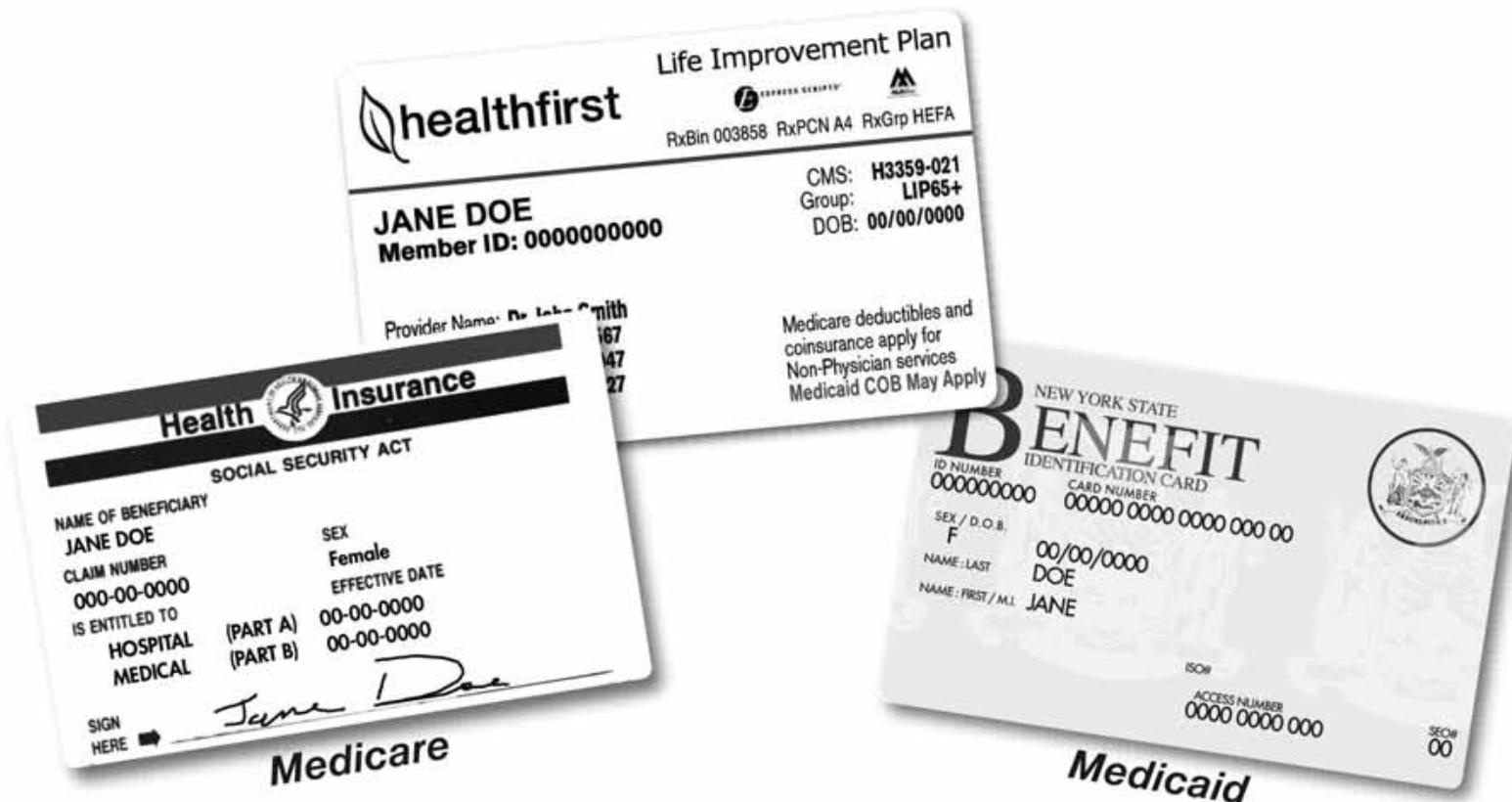
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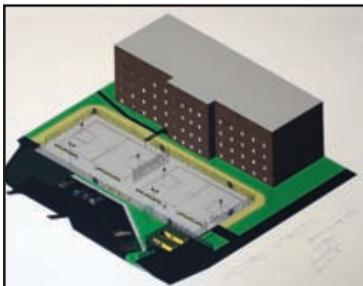
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Groundbreaking Ceremony for Baseball Field and Basketball Court at Bushwick



Thanks to an allocation of \$1.4 million from City Council Member Diana Reyna, augmented with over \$200,000 in Federal dollars, the residents of Bushwick Houses and the surrounding community in the Bushwick neighborhood of Brooklyn, are getting a new baseball field and basketball court, with a scheduled completion time of just under six months. A groundbreaking ceremony was held at the development on the morning of July 14th to commemorate the project. **NYCHA Vice-Chair Earl Andrews, Jr., (fifth from right) joined Council Member Reyna (center, blue hat), NYCHA execs and the Resident Association Presidents for Hylan Houses Yvonne Lee (center, flowered dress) and Bushwick Houses Gloria Bonilla (third from right).** The work consists of the removal of the existing basketball court area and construction of a new basketball court complete with asphalt pavement; new backboards and hoops, team benches, fencing and new concrete pavement for spectators. The new baseball field will include covered dugouts for the players. There will also be a new running track around the circumference of the baseball field. The work will be done by William Gross Construction Associates, Inc. **Renderings of the basketball court and baseball field are shown below.**



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Window guards save children's lives. By law NYCHA must provide, install and maintain window guards in all residential apartment and public hallway windows. Because the safety of children is of utmost importance, NYCHA strictly enforces the City's window guard law. If you have children age ten or younger living in your apartment, you must have window guards installed.



To further ensure the safety of young children NYCHA has expanded its policy to install and maintain window guards in **every** apartment even in those apartments where window guards are not required under City law. NYCHA will install the guards at no cost to you.

PLEASE CALL THE CENTRALIZED CALL CENTER AT (718) 707-7771 TO REQUEST IMMEDIATE INSTALLATION OR REPAIR OF WINDOW GUARDS

- NYCHA requires that every window in an apartment have a window guard, with the exception of windows that open onto fire escapes.
- If an air conditioner is being removed from a window, residents must notify Management prior to its removal so an appointment can be made to immediately install a window guard.
- During your annual apartment inspection, NYCHA staff are required to determine if all required window guards are properly installed. This includes a check of any air-conditioner to determine if the installation is permanent and the window is secured. If the air conditioner is not installed correctly, the **resident** must install the air conditioner according to the manufacturer's installation specifications or remove the air conditioner. Staff will install a window guard after the removal.
- Window guards are required no matter what floor you live on. A child can be seriously injured falling from a first floor window.
- Screens are not a substitute for window guards; they are only for keeping insects out. They will not protect your child.

CONTACT THE CENTRALIZED CALL CENTER AT (718) 707-7771 IMMEDIATELY IF:

- A window guard is not fully secure.
- A window guard is loose – it could fall out when a child leans against it or climbs on it.
- If the L-shaped stops that keep the bottom windows from being opened too high are not there. It's against the law to take the L-shaped stops out.
- If a five inch ball can fit through any window opening, the window guard has not been installed properly. When the L-shaped stops are properly installed, there should be no opening large enough for a baby's head to fit through.



AIR CONDITIONERS:

- All air conditioners must be safely installed, properly braced and conform to the manufacturer's installation specifications. Do not use bricks, wood, cans, telephone books or any other object to support or level the air conditioner unit.
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