



Journal

NYCHA Residents Meet With Congress In Washington, D.C. *Modernization and Drug Elimination Cuts, Community Service, Pets Are The Issues*

By Eileen Elliott

On May 24th, 231 New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) residents braved a six-hour bus ride to Capitol Hill to express their concerns over the proposed budget cuts, as well as the Community Service requirement and the law allowing pets into public housing.

Congressman Barney Frank of Massachusetts, Ranking Minority Member in the House Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, joined New York City Representatives in unanimously urging NYCHA residents to fight for their issues by organizing, registering more voters from public housing, and making their votes felt in every level of government. "Our weapon is the vote," Frank said. "We need to get everyone registered and voting so we can turn this around."

Congressman Charles Rangel, who grew up in Harlem River Houses and represents the Harlem community, drove the message home when he told the residents, "There's no point in being 700,000 strong if you can't help somebody."

One group of public housing and Section 8 leaders brought their concerns to the office of the House Appropriations Subcom-

mittee Chairman James Walsh.

The lobbying effort was spearheaded by the nine-member Council Of Presidents (COP) which serves a liaison function between the tenant associations and NYCHA, and the 41-member Resident Advisory Board (RAB), which advises NYCHA in the creation of the Annual Plan. COP Citywide Chair Gerri Lamb served as moderator.

"Most of the people here are concerned with Community Service," said Edmond Barry, Tenant Association President of South Beach Houses in Staten Island. "But the budget cuts are the big thing."

Under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) proposed budget cuts, NYCHA would stand to lose approximately \$105 million in modernization funding and \$35 million in drug elimination assistance.

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DOG DAYS AHEAD? Resident Advisory Board Member Juanita Stokes of Highbridge Gardens asked Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney about pet policy. Congressional members who spoke with NYCHA's residents on May 24 are (clockwise from top) Barney Frank, Carolyn Maloney, Charles Rangel, Gregory Meeks, Nydia Velázquez, Eliot Engel, José Serrano, Anthony Weiner, Jerrold Nadler and Major Owens.

Thirty-first Annual Talent Competition

By Deborah Williams

NYCHA's 31st Annual Talent Search Competition was, as it always is, an eventful night filled with talent, hope and dreams. On May 12th those dreams were set to the sweet sound of Ray Chew and the Crew, which accompanied the performances at the Fashion Institute of Technology Auditorium in Manhattan. NYCHA's ranking executives were among the enthusiastic audience — Chairman Tino Hernandez, Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr., Department of Community Operations Deputy General Manager Hugh Spence, and Director of Citywide Programs Deidra Gilliard.

The show opened with Ms. La Rose Jackson, an employee of Haber Houses, Brooklyn, superbly singing the National Anthem, followed by Master of Ceremonies Doug E. Fresh making his way on stage shouting, "We are going to make it hot tonight." And hot it was.

In the words of Ms. Gilliard, "For over 31 years, NYCHA's

Talent Shows have been delighting audiences and launching the careers of up-and-coming new stars who reside in public housing." Auditions for this year's show began in January 2001, at which time over 22 acts were chosen from 100 auditions. As always, those chosen were subjected to a demanding rehearsal schedule.

Chairman Tino Hernandez spoke for everyone when he said, "Every participant shined. Wherever their talent takes them, I know they will remember NYCHA's 31st Annual Talent Search Competition as a night when we shared a very special experience." *See page 9 for a list of the winners.*



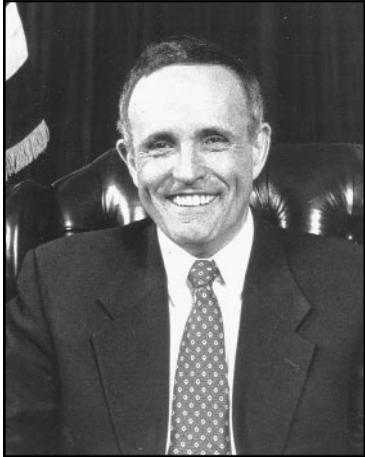
FUTURE FLAVORS That's the name of this winning dance troupe from Sackwern Houses. Also shown here are (left to right) NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez and COP Chairs Gerri Lamb and Barbara G. Barber.

Happy Independence Day!

Message From The Mayor

Prevention is the Key to a Mosquito-Proof New York City

Now that Spring is here, New York City has announced its comprehensive West Nile Virus prevention and control plan for 2001. The plan is preventive in orientation and emphasizes tracking the virus, eliminating mosquito breeding grounds and educating the public.



In less than two years, New York City has developed a state-of-the-art program to protect the city from West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne diseases. Since the first appearance of the Virus here in 1999, the City's Health Department has worked closely with Federal, State and other City agencies to effectively monitor and control this disease.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) praised the City on its activities last spring, even before the recurrence of the

West Nile Virus. Through our preventive measures, the CDC believes that we kept down the number of people who were infected with the Virus last year. This year, the City will continue and even enhance the preventive work it carried out last year and will again emphasize the importance of breeding site reduction and treating areas of standing water with larvicides.

The Health Department will collaborate with elected officials, other agencies and large property owners to eliminate standing water in empty lots, tire piles and other containers. This will be augmented by applying larvicide to potential breeding sites where water cannot be eliminated, including waste water treatment plants, parks, sewers and 150,000 catch basins across the City.

With 346 developments on more than 2,521 acres of land, the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) plays an important role in preventing the West Nile Virus. Working with the Department of Health, the Housing Authority began treating its 5,000 catch basins with larvicide last month, and will continue to add more larvicide to each catch basin every 30 days until West Nile is no longer a threat.

A large-scale public information campaign (*Mosquito-Proof NYC*) will urge residents to reduce mosquito breeding sites around homes and businesses, and to report major potential breeding sites. Unclogging roof gutters, emptying unused swimming pools, discarding old tires, buckets and other containers that hold water, and changing bird baths at least once a week will significantly help the City's efforts.

We are also going to vigorously enforce a resolution adopted by the City Board of Health last year that makes water accumulations a public health nuisance subject to immediate abatement and fines from \$200 to \$2,000.

When infected birds are detected this year, rapid response teams will move in to take all preventive and reduction measures, such as spreading larvicide and removing pools of water.

If we find that the virus is continuing to intensify despite all our preventive efforts, pesticide spraying will begin in targeted green areas, such as parks and golf courses, where mosquitoes are likely to breed. Last year, pesticides were used to cover a two-mile radius, about as far as a mosquito can fly. But new data indicates that a one-mile spraying radius is sufficient. The public will be notified of spray schedules in advance, which should allow sufficient time to take any necessary precautions to reduce pesticide exposure.

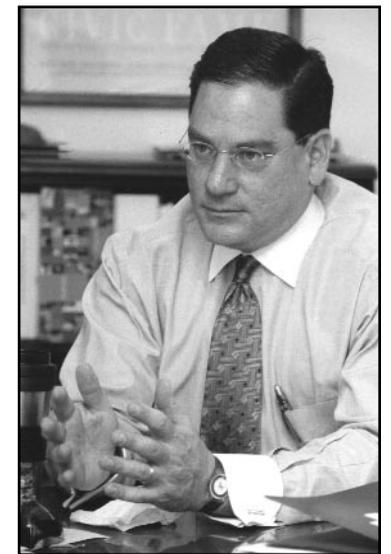
We know that all these preventive measures make a very important difference. And we really have to not look to spraying as a panacea, but look to prevention as the way to minimize the need to spray. Prevention will have the greatest impact. **To help eliminate mosquito breeding sites and to report standing water, New Yorkers should call the automated West Nile Virus Information Line (1-877-WNV-4NYC).** The information line will be regularly updated, and live operators are available weekdays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Updated West Nile information can also be found on the Health Department's website at nyc.gov/health.

Rudy Giuliani

NYCHA's New General Manager Douglas Apple

By Allan Leicht

Douglas Apple has been appointed by the Board of NYCHA to serve as the new General Manager. Mr. Apple has significant leadership experience in City government extending over 16 years. His most recent position was as the Deputy Commissioner of Operations and Detention at the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), where he provided policy direction to the operations of the Department's 17 detention facilities.



General Manager Douglas Apple

"This is a tremendously talented organization and I'm very proud to have been given this opportunity," Mr. Apple stated. "I am very impressed with the executives here. They're veterans. And I mean at every level — there is a great depth of talent from the executives through to the superintendents at the developments."

Asked how his experience at the DJJ will compare to his new duties at NYCHA, Mr. Apple said, "Juvenile Justice is smaller and, of course, different, but like NYCHA it's a Citywide agency — and quite complex. Also, as we do here at NYCHA, we built and maintained facilities, so my experience in the construction area should transfer very well. I'm a manager. I respect the expertise of the people around me and help make it possible for them to do their jobs as best they can."

Mr. Apple also described his entry into public service in his native Pittsburgh with the Pittsburgh Public Housing Authority. "That was right after college at Boston University," he said. He then attended the Wagner School of Public Administration at New York University. He was drawn to New York by the opportunity as well as by a Brooklynite, who became his wife. Both kept him in town and made him a New Yorker. He still lives in Flatbush with his wife and children.

Prior to Juvenile Justice, Mr. Apple served as Deputy Director of the Mayor's Office of Operations, where he was responsible for overseeing all Public Safety agencies that reported to the Mayor. Public safety remains one of his priorities. "I believe my background in criminal justice can be of real help at NYCHA. I want to bring operations at the Authority closer to the NYPD Housing Bureau. I'm very concerned with the safety of our residents." Along those same lines Mr. Apple served as an advisor to the Deputy Mayor for Operations on policy issues focusing on emergency response time for the Police and Fire Departments.

Priorities for NYCHA's new General Manager include filling staff vacancies and keeping the level of talent he described. "I want to fill those jobs and bring more resources to the field. I also want to find ways to be more

efficient at the development level.

"I am very much aware of the vital role NYCHA plays in the lives of people."

Mr. Apple said he will also keep a wary eye on the effect of federal budget issues on NYCHA. "It's too early to tell, but there could be changes in Washington and we must work closely with the affected agencies — with our friends in the Capitol. The national economy is slowing down; it's not the same game anymore and it's my job to be concerned — not worried, just concerned."

But Douglas Apple sees his most immediate task as bringing stability to the office of General Manager and working closely with NYCHA's executive staff in

determining policy. His early experience with the departments of Police, Correction, Probation, Juvenile Justice, the City's District Attorneys' Office and the Court System will undoubtedly be of practical benefit to NYCHA.

The Journal is beginning a new policy of printing letters from its readers. All letters must be signed and include the writer's name, address and a daytime telephone number. Names will be withheld on request. The Journal reserves the right to edit letters for style and space considerations. Write to: Eileen Elliott, Editor, The Housing Authority Journal, 250 Broadway, 12th Floor, New York, New York 10007.

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Message From The Chairman

How NYCHA Can Help You Find A Job...

As a New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) resident, you are probably aware that the Housing Authority's mission is to provide decent, safe and affordable housing to low-income New Yorkers. And it has been doing just that for the past 67 years. But did you know that NYCHA has another not-quite-as-official mission that can have an enormous impact on the quality of your life? That is to help our residents obtain the education, training, and skills they need to find gainful employment and achieve economic self-sufficiency.



Most of our efforts in this regard are directed through a wide range of programs run by the Department of Economic and Business Initiatives (DEBI). *Journal* readers may recall the front-page article in last month's paper about the new DEBI satellite office that recently opened at Randolph Houses in Harlem, or the many articles about the department's Economic Development and Supportive Services (EDSS) Computer Literacy and Computer Repair Program graduations.

If you do remember them, then you know that EDSS programs have changed lives by giving residents the opportunity to learn job skills that are in demand and helping them find jobs. These programs are available to NYCHA residents living in the 42 developments in the Manhattan North Empowerment Zone. In addition to computer literacy and repair, EDSS also offers environmental remediation training (asbestos removal) and job placement services, as well as other vocational and educational referrals. EDSS's main office is located at Drew Hamilton Houses in Harlem.

The Family Investment Center (FIC), located at Carver Houses, also in Harlem, is open to all NYCHA residents, who have a high school diploma or GED, and work experience within the past six months. It also offers computer training classes, along with job-readiness training that includes resumé preparation and job search assistance utilizing the Internet.

Resident Uplift for Economic Development (RUED) was designed to create neighborhood-based initiatives to help families move from welfare to work over a three-year period. It operates from two sites, one at Red Hook Houses in South Brooklyn and another in downtown Brooklyn. RUED offers many of the same services as the FIC and is open to NYCHA residents living in the following Brooklyn developments: Red Hook East, Red Hook West, Gowanus, Wyckoff Gardens, Atlantic Terminal and 572 Warren Street.

DEBI also collaborates with the Board of Education on the Alternative High School Program, which gives residents between the ages 17 and 20, the opportunity to earn their high school diplomas or GED's. Alternative high schools are currently located at 22 sites in the five boroughs.

Maybe you want to start your own business? DEBI can help out with that too, providing business start-up assistance, access to financing and procurement opportunities, and business training, counseling and mentoring. In addition, NYCHA's Section 3 Employment program provides work opportunities for eligible NYCHA residents with contractors who do work for the Housing Authority. This program was developed in accordance with a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirement that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD funding be directed to public housing residents and other low-income persons.

Sound good? Then why not give DEBI's Recruitment Section a call for a preliminary assessment. All services are free. And please keep in mind that DEBI also offers referrals to other job training and placement programs. DEBI will do its best to match you with the program that will be most beneficial for you. **For more information, call DEBI's 24-hour hotline at (212) 306-3800 and let NYCHA work for you.**

Tino Hernandez

HUD To Survey NYCHA Residents/Inspect Apartments

Approximately 300 residents living in NYCHA's 305 federally funded developments will soon be asked to participate in a survey distributed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC).

The three-page Resident Satisfaction Assessment Subsystem (RASS) survey is scheduled to be sent out in early July. It is one component of HUD's annual program to assess the performance of public housing authorities nationwide called the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS).

Residents participating in the RASS survey are asked to answer all questions and return the completed forms by September 6. The results will be analyzed by a private company and will provide an overall impression of residents' opinions about maintenance, communications, safety, services and neighborhood appearance.

Participants in the survey are chosen randomly by computer and will remain completely anonymous. The surveys will not be addressed to residents by name but only by apartment number to further ensure anonymity. Any questions about the surveys can be addressed by REAC at 1-888-245-4860. (Calls are toll-free.)

Another component of PHAS, called the Physical Inspection Assessment Subsystem (PASS) began in May and is expected to be completed in August. As the name indicates, PASS involves the physical inspection of NYCHA's apartments, buildings and grounds.

Inspectors will examine 27 randomly chosen apartments in each of the 305 developments affected. All residents of a particular development will receive a letter in advance of any inspection, indicating the day the inspectors are scheduled to arrive. Residents are asked to keep in mind that the condition of their apartments can adversely affect the overall score of their development, and in turn, this score can affect future funding provided by HUD for improvements and upgrades.

Please cooperate by making sure that all rooms are accessible on the day of the inspection, that smoke detectors are properly installed and operating and that access to windows and fire escapes is not blocked.

There are many other things the inspectors will check for. In

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Deborah's Diary

By Deborah Williams

Watch out! The Road Runner is at it again! You may remember reading in the April 2000 edition of *The Housing Authority Journal* about Franklin Dominquez, Jr. of the Issac-Holmes Houses in Manhattan. Well Franklin is still running faster than a speeding locomotive. This year he competed in the Alpha Green Competition twice, The Coogan L.S. Competition, and the Nikethon Run for This Park held at Central Park on April 22, 2001. And we can all guess the outcome of those races. Yes, Franklin won all four races! But that's not all. Franklin Dominquez, Jr. was unanimously nominated by the National Puerto Rican Day Parade Committee to serve as the Grand Marshall of the Children's Contingent for the National Puerto Rican Day Parade on Sunday, June 10, 2001. Maria Roman, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, National Puerto Rican Day Parade, stated in a letter to the family, that the position held by Franklin represents all of the best qualities and achievements of our Puerto Rican youth. Well, Franklin I think you are a remarkably gifted runner and I commend you on all of your achievements. **In the words of the infamous Speedy Gonzalez, "Andele! Andele! Arriba! Arriba!" before you bite Franklin's dust.**

They are called the "Magnificent Dozen" — twelve women of courage, vision and dedication to their communities. Senator Velmanette Montgomery honored them during Women's History month at a reception co-sponsored by KeySpan on March 16, at the Dibner Auditorium of the Polytechnic University. Senator Montgomery said the honorees were chosen from a wide range of women whose lives and work exemplify both courage and vision and who serve as role models to all of us. I am proud to announce that among the Magnificent Dozen is Loretta McDonald of Wyckoff Gardens in Brooklyn. Ms. McDonald taught for 34 years at Public School 20 before retiring. "Here in Brooklyn there are many women whose energy, thought and spirit help to build the community I am proud to call home," said Senator Montgomery in the April edition of the *Park Slope Courier*. **Ms. McDonald, Ms. Harriett Hughes and the Advisory Board of Wyckoff Gardens wanted to share your accomplishment with the rest of the Housing Community. They are proud that one of their fellow "NYCHAN's" was chosen for this honor, and we here at NYCHA are also proud. I congratulate you!**

Going Abroad — Justin Stout of Parkside Houses in the Bronx will be heading abroad this summer with the assistance of the American Forum for Global Education. Justin has been selected along with 15 other students citywide from public and private schools to study at Beijing University in China. Justin, a tenth-grade honor roll student at Evander Childs High School was the winner of a scholarship that will cover tuition fees in China, travel costs, and room and board during his stay from July 19 to August 9, 2001. Evander Childs High School was so pleased with Justin's academic achievement and elated that one of their students would soon be visiting China that they presented him with \$500 for his trip. "I've always wanted to go someplace foreign," Justin said. "I really want to see the Forbidden City." **Well, Justin, if this is the reward for being on the honor roll, then add my name because I would like to take an all-expense-paid trip to China, too! But enough about what I think. There is someone who thinks the world of you, and is so proud of you that she sent me this inspirational message to share with our readers. This is from your mom, Denise Fredericks, who loves you deeply and wants you to know that you are her inspiration. "I have been a resident of Parkside houses for the past 25 years, and I am proud to say that there's nothing wrong with raising your children in 'the projects.' If you instill in them morals and stress the importance of education they will succeed no matter where they live. So often project folks are looked down on but we should all look up and beyond." Congratulations and enjoy the trip!**

VISIT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S WEB SITE:

www.nyc.gov/nycha

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. Listing the proscribed persons is part of the effort to keep residents informed of NYCHA's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers in public housing and to allow the peaceful and safe use of our facilities. Here follows a list of the people excluded after hearings were held on **April 26, 2000, May 3 and 31, 2000, and June 7 and 14, 2000. REMEMBER, IF YOU SEE ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ON HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTY, PLEASE CALL YOUR MANAGEMENT OFFICE OR THE POLICE! THIS LIST IS PROVIDED TO ALL POLICE SERVICE AREAS.**

Prohibited as of April 26, 2000

Jeremy Burgess Case 1666/00 formerly associated with the seventeenth floor of 315 Sutter Avenue, Langston Hughes Houses, Brooklyn.

Jose Abreu Case 2566/00 formerly associated with the second floor of 37 Centre Mall, Red Hook East Houses, Brooklyn.

Prohibited as of May 3, 2000

Elgin Wright Case 672/00 formerly associated with the twenty-first floor of 1270 Webster Avenue, Morrisania Air Rights, the Bronx.

Darnell Orr Case 1534/00 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 40-11 Vernon Blvd., Queensbridge North Houses, Queens.

Carmen Seise Case 1639/00 formerly associated with the third floor of 1680 Randall Avenue, Soundview Houses, the Bronx.

Cynthia McCoy Case 1647/00 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 841 Gates Avenue, Stuyvesant Gardens Houses, Brooklyn.

Prohibited as of May 31, 2000

Damien Wright Case 2042/00 formerly associated with the thirteenth floor of 2370 Second Avenue, Wagner Houses, Manhattan.

Jay Faulkner Case 2041/00 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 810 Henderson Avenue, West Brighton Houses, Staten Island.

Ian Stokes Case 2042/00 formerly associated with the thirteenth floor of 2370 Second Avenue, Wagner Houses, Manhattan.

Prohibited as of June 7, 2000

Khaliq Clark Case 2092/00 formerly associated with the first floor of 1-25 Astoria Blvd., Astoria Houses, Long Island City.

Robert C. Santiago Case 2134/00 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 1734 Madison Avenue, Taft Houses, Manhattan.

Felix Crespo Case 2160/00 formerly associated with the second floor of 130 Humboldt Street, Borinquen Plaza Houses, Brooklyn.

Rhamel Matthews Case 596/00 formerly associated with the fourteenth floor of 423 East 168th Street, Webster Houses, the Bronx.

Prohibited as of June 14, 2000

Philip Sabatino Case 2178/00 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 45 Seaver Avenue, Berry Houses, Staten Island.

HUD Surveys/ Inspections

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the kitchen they will look for grease buildup in the oven and on the stove, which creates the danger of fire and gas leaks and can attract bugs and rodents. Refrigerators should not have an excessive accumulation of ice and the seal around the door should be clean and intact. In the bathroom inspectors will check to see that the pull cord for call-for-aid systems hangs freely to the floor; that the call-for-aid mechanism hasn't been painted over; that there is no accumulation of mold and mildew; and that basin and bathtub stoppers are on hand. In both rooms they will check for leaky faucets.

They will check to make sure that switches, switch plates and outlets haven't been painted over; that gates to fire escapes work properly and aren't locked; that fuse boxes and circuit breaker boxes aren't blocked; and that there are no flammable or combustible liquids such as gasoline or paint thinners in the apartment. **Please call your management office promptly for any repairs.**

NYCHA would like to thank in advance all those residents who participate in either aspect of PHAS. Please keep in mind that your cooperation will help NYCHA and HUD work toward an improved quality of life for all of our public housing residents.

From The Chief's Corner

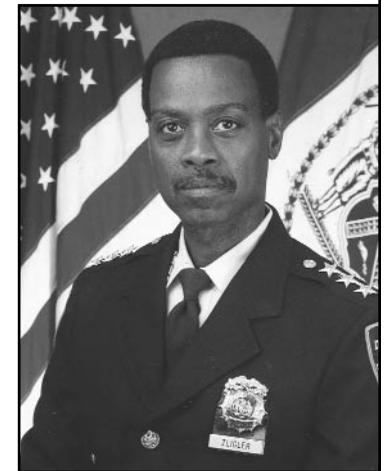
Have A Safe Fourth Of July!

The NYPD Housing Bureau and the New York City Housing Authority are planning on a beautiful and peaceful summer this year. In order for us to accomplish this, all residents need to participate in some form or fashion.

During the summer, the Fourth of July is the big holiday. All over the country, people like to celebrate by using and watching fireworks. In New York City, only those entities with permits may use fireworks under strict guidelines.

Due to the large population, fireworks cannot be allowed if we are to keep serious accidents from occurring. Fireworks are extremely dangerous and potentially deadly explosives that have caused the loss of eyes, fingers, and hands.

We need your help to save innocent children from being horribly injured, or even killed by illegal fireworks.



Housing Bureau Police Chief Douglas Zeigler

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1-800-FIRE-TIPS
1-800-347-3847**

Stapleton Houses' Urban Angels



GUARDIAN ANGELS founder Curtis Sliwa announces the Urban Angels program at Stapleton Houses. Joining Mr. Sliwa (from left to right) are S.I. Borough President Guy Molinari, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, Jim Simpson, owner of Victory Van Lines, and NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez. Mr. Simpson donated a van to the program.

By Eileen Elliott

Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani joined Staten Island Borough President Guy V. Molinari, New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Chairman Tino Hernandez and Guardian Angel founder Curtis Sliwa at Stapleton Houses on May 31 to announce the expansion of the Urban Angels teen mentoring program to the borough.

NYCHA has been funding the Urban Angels program at Adams Houses in the Bronx for three years. Now, it is also providing funding for one year, along with a room at 31 Warren Street, in the Stapleton Houses development.

The program is sponsored by the 22-year-old Guardian Angels, Inc., which now operates not only nationally, but also in other countries. Mr. Sliwa said he decided to start the Urban Angels when west coast gangs began coming to the east coast to recruit younger children into a life of crime.

Unlike the older Guardian Angels, however, the children and teens between the ages of 8 and 18 who participate in the Urban Angels after-school program will not be exposed to any danger. Instead they will learn about drugs, gangs, violence and community service.

"Urban Angels is an important program that will help keep our city youth off the streets and away from a life of crime," said Mayor Giuliani.

Awards were presented to Guardian Angels Thomas Hunt of Chicago, and John Ayala of Washington, D.C. Mr. Hunt and Mr. Ayala both became Guardian Angels while living in Park Hill, a private housing development near Stapleton Houses.

NOTICE

New York City Housing Authority Agency Plan 2002

In accordance with Section 5A of the Housing Act of 1937 as amended, the New York City Housing Authority ("NYCHA") has developed a draft agency plan for the year 2002. The draft plan was developed following weeks of meetings and discussions with the 41 members of the citywide Resident Advisory Board.

Availability of Plans for Public Inspection

The public is advised that the proposed plans will be available for public inspection at NYCHA's principal office, located at 250 Broadway, 12th Floor, Reception Area, New York, New York, starting on June 29, 2001, between the hours of 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. The Plan will also be available at the following locations:

- On NYCHA's webpage, which can be located at <http://www.nyc.gov/nyccha>
- At the Management Office of each NYCHA public housing development during regular business hours.
- At the Community Centers listed below during the hours of 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM:

Campos Plaza Community Center 611 East 13 th Street New York, New York	Moore Community Center 515 Jackson Avenue Bronx, New York	Atlantic Terminal Community Center 501 Carlton Avenue Brooklyn, New York
Manhattanville Community Center 530 West 133 rd Street New York, New York	Bland Community Center 133-36 Roosevelt Avenue Flushing, New York	Brooklyn Community Center 715 East 105 th Street Brooklyn, New York
Gun Hill Road Community Center 744 East Gun Hill Road Bronx, New York	Arverne/Edgemere Community Center 57-10 Beach Channel Drive Far Rockaway, New York	West Brighton Community Center 230 Broadway Staten Island, New York

Public Comment

NYCHA will hold five Town Hall meetings at which the public is invited to raise questions regarding the draft plan to senior NYCHA officials. These meetings will be held between 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM at the dates and locations shown below:

<i>Wednesday, July 11, 2001</i>		<i>Monday, July 16, 2001</i>	
Manhattan New York State Office Building 163 West 125 th Street between Adam Clayton Powell & Malcom X Boulevards New York, New York		Queens Electchester Industries Center 67-35 Parsons Boulevard at Jewel Avenue Flushing, New York	
<i>Wednesday, July 18, 2001</i>	<i>Tuesday, July 24, 2001</i>	<i>Wednesday, August 1, 2001</i>	
Brooklyn Atlantic Terminal Houses 501 Carlton Avenue at Atlantic Avenue Brooklyn, New York	Staten Island I S 49 Dreyfus Intermediate School 101 Warren Street at Gordon Street Staten Island, New York	Bronx Forest Houses South East Neighborhood Center 995 Tinton Avenue at 163 rd Street Bronx, New York	

NYCHA also invites public comment on the proposed plans at a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2001, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at

**The Marriott Hotel
333 Adams Street
(between Fulton and Tillary Streets)
Brooklyn, New York**

Each location listed above is both handicapped accessible and can be reached using public transportation.

Written comments regarding the draft plan are encouraged. To be considered **submissions must be received not later than August 21, 2001**. Comments may be sent either through the internet address set out above or via ordinary mail (fax submissions will not be accepted) to the address set forth below:

New York City Housing Authority
Public Housing Agency Plan Comments
Church Street Station
P.O. Box 3422
New York, New York 10008-3422

Rudolph W. Giuliani, Mayor

Tino Hernandez, Chairman

**Places to Apply
for Jobs!**

The Civil Service Chief-Leader provides valuable information on where to apply for and pick up employment/examination applications. Using their material as well as information from the NYC Green Book, here is a list of some important places where examination and/or job applications may be obtained. We also list phone numbers where you can obtain further details about exams, vacancies and the application process. **Please note the new address for mailing requests for City applications, in bold below.**

City: In person 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, Department of Citywide Administrative Services, Application Section, 18 Washington St., (212) 487-JOBS. **Mail requests for applications must be received at DCAS Application Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007, with self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope, no later than seven days before the filing deadline.** Applications must be returned by mail post-marked on or before the filing deadline. Filing fees range from \$30 to \$80, and are payable by money order only.

CUNY: At the personnel office of any CUNY college, unless otherwise specified in the exam announcement. The filing fees range from \$13 to \$30.

State: In person, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, New York State Civil Service Department Community Outreach Center, 163 West 125th St., Manhattan, (212) 961-4326 as well as at Labor Department Community Service Centers. Mail requests to: Examination Information, New York State Civil Service Department, Building 1, State Office Building Campus, Albany, N.Y. 12239, (518) 457-6216. The filing fees range from \$15 to \$35.

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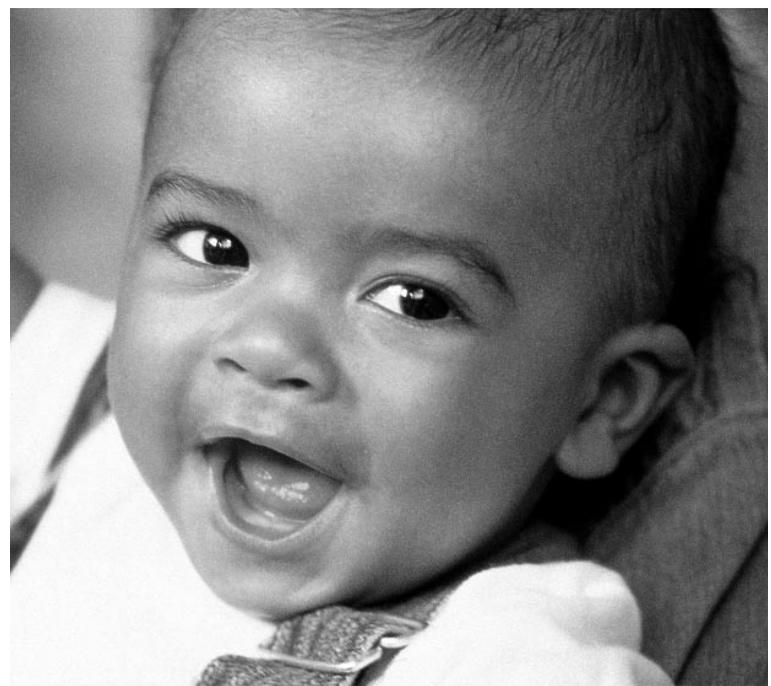
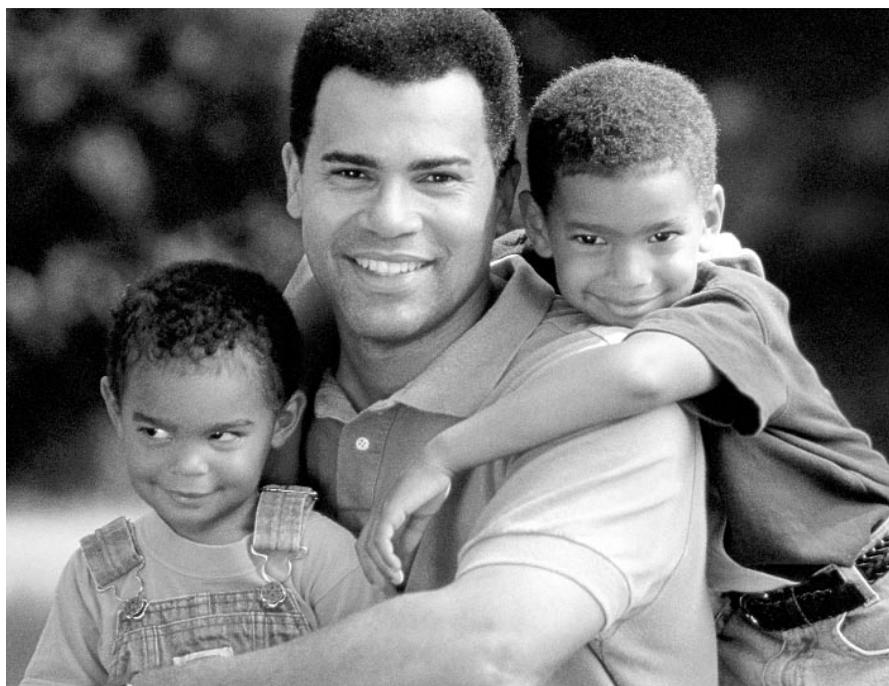
Barbara G. Barber Installation



After a three-year hiatus, Barbara G. Barber of Drew Hamilton Houses was re-elected as Chairwoman of the Manhattan North Council of Presidents, a position which she had previously held for 14 years. Ms. Barber's installation ceremony took place on the evening of May 11 at Manhattanville Houses in Manhattan, and was well attended, with approximately 250 guests. **Here, Ms. Barber (center) poses for a photo with former NYCHA Board Member Myrtle Whitmore and NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez.** Also present were Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr., Community Operations Deputy General Manager Hugh B. Spence, and the NYCHA Youth Chorus.



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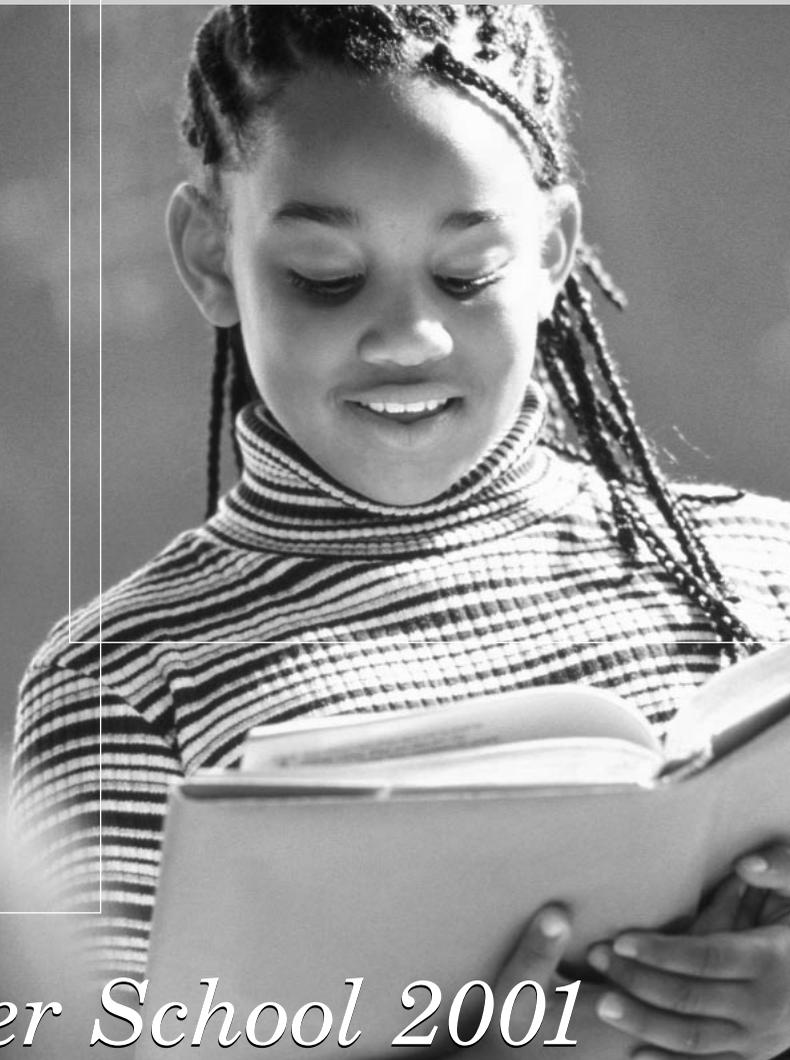
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Residents In Washington D.C.

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"The numbers aren't there for them to cut taxes and at the same time provide for the needs of the people. This is an uphill battle," said Representative Nydia Velázquez of Brooklyn. "You can't talk about compassionate conservatism with these HUD budget cuts."

Many of the speakers echoed the residents' objections to the Community Service requirement, a 1998 amendment to the Housing Act of 1937. The requirement, which is to go into effect later this year, requires some residents of public housing to provide eight hours of community service, or participate in eight hours of economic self-sufficiency training, each month as a condition for keeping their lease. Most residents are expected to qualify for an exemption from this requirement.

NYCHA residents also attempted to have the legislation allowing dogs into public housing repealed. Representative Carolyn Maloney, who supports pets in public housing, spoke briefly, saying that she was working on a Dangerous Dog bill, which would allow for the expulsion of animals that are not properly cared for in addition to animals that are dangerous. NYCHA's lease was revised this year to allow pet ownership.

All of the representatives expressed their support for the goals of NYCHA residents. Congressman Anthony D. Weiner, a former New York City Councilman, told the group, "I will never forget all the effort that you put into public housing that allows me to fight the good fight. You are the unsung heroes of public housing in New York City."

And Representative José Serrano, who grew up in Millbrook Houses in the South Bronx, congratulated NYCHA's residents on being the first to come to the Capitol to lobby. "You can't get tired. We will fight this and we will win because it is right. Go home with the understanding that this New York delegation is behind you all the way."

In closing, Ms. Lamb urged residents to take action by registering people to vote, and promised to compile a list of places where people can register. At the end of the two-hour session, Ms. Lamb told the group, "There's an aura in the room that change is coming."

The Representatives who attended, followed by their Congressional District were: Gregory W. Meeks (D) (N.Y. 6), Jerrold L. Nadler (D-L) (N.Y. 8), Anthony D. Weiner (D) (N.Y. 9), Major R. Owens (D) (N.Y. 11), Nydia M. Velázquez (D) (N.Y. 12), Carolyn B. Maloney (D) (N.Y. 14), Charles B. Rangel (D-L) (N.Y. 15), José E. Serrano (D-L) (N.Y. 16), Eliot L. Engel (D-L) (N.Y. 17), and Barney Frank of Massachusetts, Ranking Minority Member of the House Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity. The residents were also addressed by Scott Olson, Minority Staff Director, House Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity.

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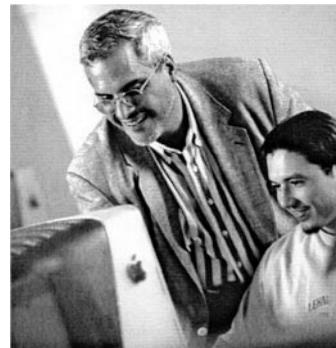
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Happy Father's Day, June 17th

**NYCHA
COMMUNITY OPERATIONS
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

July

5th Wednesday

Summer Day Camp Program Starts @ Community Centers
9AM – 5PM Schedule

6th Thursday

Summer Lunch Program Begins
Free lunches & snacks are available at the following NYCHA developments through August 24, 2001 for 18 years old and younger as follows: **Bronx Borough:** Boston Secor, Castle Hill, Eastchester, Edenwald, Gunhill, Marble Hill, Murphy, Segdwick, Throggs Neck, Bronxchester, Butler, Claremont Consolidated 1195 Clay Avenue, 1100 Teller Avenue, 1128 Findley, Forest, Highbridge, Jackson, Melrose, McKinley, Mitchell, Morris, Mott Haven, Moore, Morrisania Air Rights, Union Avenue Consolidated Claremont/Franklin, Union Avenue Consolidated Caldwell (402), Davidson, Webster/ Morrisania. **Manhattan Borough:** Clinton, Dyckman, Frederick Samuels, Grant, Jackie Robinson, Douglas, Jefferson, Johnson, King Towers, St. Nicholas, Taft, Wagner, Bracetti Plaza, Campos Plaza, Carver, Fulton, Jacob Riis, Seward Park Extension, Washington, Wise. **Brooklyn Borough:** Atlantic Terminal, Bushwick/Hylan, Cooper Park, Ingersoll, Louis Armstrong, Marcy, Stuyvesant Gardens, 303 Vernon, Tompkins, Taylor-Wythe, Berry, Williamsburg, Jonathon Williams, Boulevard, Brownsville, Fiorentino Plaza, Hope Gardens, Howard Avenue, Langston Hughes, Kingsborough, Linden, Long Island Baptist, Marcus Garvey, Ocean Hill, Park Rock Consolidated, Pink, Prospect Plaza, Tapscott Reid, Unity Plaza, Tilden, Bruekelen, Red Hook East & West, Penn Wortman, Surfside Gardens. **Staten Island Borough:** Berry Homes, Mariners Harbor, Markham Gardens, Richmond Terrace, Stapleton. **Queens Borough:** Astoria, Beach 41st, Carleton Manor, Edgemere/Arverne, Hammel, Queensbridge, Woodside, Pomonok, Ravenswood and South Jamaica.

12th Thursday

10:00am to 3:00pm Queens Borough Track & Field
The Track & Field program hosts approximately 3,500 youth ages 6-18 who compete for the citywide championship. Queens Borough Track & Field is scheduled to take place at Roy Wilkins Park, Queens.

16th Monday

10:00am to 3:00pm Brooklyn East Track & Field
Location: Boys and Girls High School, 1700 Fulton Street, Brooklyn.

17th Tuesday

10:00am to 3:00pm Brooklyn West and South Track & Field
Location: Boys and Girls High School, 1700 Fulton Street, Brooklyn.

19th Thursday

10:00am to 3:00pm Staten Island Borough Track & Field
Location: Cpl. Thompson Park, Broadway between Richmond Terrace and Henderson, Staten Island.

24th Tuesday

10:00am to 3:00pm Bronx Borough Track & Field
Location: Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx

11:00am – 3:00pm Queens Borough Harmony Day
The Harmony Day is a collaborative effort between Queens Borough Community Centers and NYPD Queens Borough. Location: Baisley Park, 150th and Belt Parkway, Services Road, Queens.

**Events subject to change:
Contact Xiomara Carcamo at (212) 306-7901.**

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6 –12 Age Category

1st Place: Future Flavors, Dancers, Sackwern Houses
2nd Place: Rockafellas, Dancers, Johnson Houses
3rd Place: Christine Collazo, Vocalist, McKinley Houses

13 –17 Age Category

1st Place: Diane Roa, Vocalist, Jacob Riis Houses
2nd Place: Deep Impact, Dancers, Edenwald Houses
3rd Place: Anthony Moore, Vocalist, Fiorentino Plaza

18 And Up

1st Place: Richard Figueroa, Rapper, Queensbridge Houses
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