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 Subcommittee 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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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.

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Happy Independence Day!
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 Department 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.

“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 a quite complex one. 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 and was drawn to New York by the opportunity as well as a Brooklynite, who became his wife. Both kept 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. I am 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, N.Y. 10007.
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-so-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 résumé 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

A pproximately 300 residents living in NYCHA’s 305 federally funded developments will soon be asked to partici- pate 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 the name indicates, the survey is a well-known wide- spread in the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS). Residents participating in the RASS survey are asked to answer all questions and return the completed assessment 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 survey can be addressed by REAC at 1-800-245-4868 (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 inspection. 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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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.

Martino Bowmen Case 256/00 formerly associated with the second floor of 37 Centre Mall, Red Hook East Houses, Brooklyn.

Jose Abreu Case 2157/00 formerly associated with the second floor of 3 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, Morissania Air Rights, the Bronx.

Darnell Orr Case 1493/00 formerly associated with the third 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.

Stapleton Houses’ Urban Angels

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.

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.

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
Places to Apply for Jobs!

The Civil Service Chief-Leader provides valuable information on where to apply for 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 postmarked 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.

Federal: To inquire about vacancies and where to apply, contact the Office of Personnel Management, 600 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19106, (215) 861-3070. Information is also available at 26 Federal Plaza in Manhattan.

Postal Service: Applications for exams in Manhattan or The Bronx may be obtained only when tests have been ordered, at the Main Post Office, 380 West 33rd St., (212) 330-2851. For exams in Queens, Brooklyn and Staten Island, please contact the Post Office’s Triborough District Annex, located at 78-02 Liberty Ave., Queens, (718) 529-7000.

Good luck, keep on persevering and keep on using this paper as an aid to finding a job!

**State Exams Open Continuously**

20-551/20-552
Actuary Trainee and Assistant Actuary
$28,794, $30,488

20-526
Addictions Counselor I
$35,292

20-527
Addictions Counselor I (Spanish Language)
$35,292

20-552
Assistant Actuary
$30,488

20-725 to 20-739
Bilingual Education Teacher
$29,802 — $37,313

20-531
Dental Hygienist
$27,912

20-485
Developmental Aide Trainee
$22,234

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**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:

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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:

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

Rudolph W. Giuliani, Mayor
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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, Miss 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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**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/nycha
- 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:
  - Campo Plaza Community Center
  - Moore Community Center
  - Atlantic Terminal Community Center
  - Bronx, New York
  - Manhattanville Community Center
  - Bland Community Center
  - Bertrand Community Center
  - 330 West 133rd Street
  - 133-36 Roosevelt Avenue
  - 715 East 105th Street
  - New York, New York
  - Gun Hill Road Community Center
  - Arverne/Edgemere Community Center
  - West Brighton Community Center
  - 744 East Gun Hill Road
  - 57-10 Beach Channel Drive
  - 230 Broadway
  - Bronx, New York
  - New York, New York
  - Fur Rockaway, New York
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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.
Happy Father’s Day, June 17th
31st Annual NYCHA Talent Competition Awards

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
2nd Place: Black Diamond, Dancers, Patterson Houses
3rd Place: Jose Gill, Vocalist, Wald Houses

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

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: Bailey Park, 150th and Belt Parkway, Services Road, Queens.

Events subject to change:
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