



Journal

NYCHA AND YOUTHWEEK 2002 SOWING THE SEEDS OF THE FUTURE



FLOWER POWER The New York City Housing Authority's (NYCHA's) Department of Community Operations Garden Program Coordinator Howard Hemmings shows young residents from Whitman Houses in Brooklyn how to till the soil during YouthWeek 2002. Mr. Hemmings and the children planted a combination of annuals and perennials in this flower box, including daylilies, dusty miller, begonias and a small pine tree. YouthWeek is a New York City Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) initiative designed to engage the city's youth in constructive, educational and *fun* activities. All city agencies that provide services for youth are asked to participate. NYCHA focused on gardening this year at the Lincoln West Community Center in Manhattan, the Whitman Community Center in Brooklyn and the Betances Community Center in the Bronx.

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Chairman Hernandez Opens NAHRO Conference GM Douglas Apple Discusses NYCHA's Response to September 11



WELCOME TO NEW YORK NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez (left) welcomed delegates to the Opening General Session of NAHRO's 2002 Summer Conference on July 12, at the New York Hilton. Guest Speaker NYC Deputy Mayor for Policy Dennis M. Walcott (right) thanked HUD for its financial support, and the rest of the country for its moral support, after the 9/11 attacks.



the Opening General Session on July 12, Chairman Hernandez described the city's recovery from the events of September 11. "These extraordinary times have produced extraordinary achievements," he said. "There is a 'cando' spirit in the city... a real sense of pride on the sidewalks of New York."

The Chairman called the support New York City received from across the country after September 11, "deeply gratifying" and expressed NYCHA's gratitude to Washington, D.C., the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and HUD Secretary Mel Martinez in particular. He also thanked HUD Assistant Secretary Michael Liu and Deputy Secretary Alfonso Jackson.

Mr. Hernandez introduced guest speaker, New York City Deputy Mayor for Policy Dennis M. Walcott, calling him, "one of the leading advocates for the

Who better than the Chairman of the country's largest public housing authority—Tino Hernandez—to welcome more than 1,000 guests to the New York Hilton for the 2002 Summer Conference of the country's largest association of professional housing officials—the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO)?

The focus of NAHRO's four-day conference, which began on July 11, was, "Uniting Communities...Resources to Get the Job Done." It was a particularly apt theme for the New York City venue, as noted by NAHRO President Kurt Creager, a city which "after the tragedy of 9/11, provided us with such excellent examples of how a community can unite and become stronger."

This theme—uniting communities—was addressed in panel discussions and speeches on a variety of topics over the course of the conference. Topics included Section 3 resident hiring and job training opportunities, and the recent "One Strike And You're Out" Supreme Court ruling, whereby local housing authorities

can use their discretion to evict the family members of those who are found guilty of criminal drug activity.

In his welcoming remarks to

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HUD ASS'T SECRETARY VISITS NYCHA



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Assistant Secretary Michael Liu (center) sits in on NYCHA's July 11 Authority Productivity Tracking meeting in the Central Office Board Room. Mr. Liu met with Chairman Tino Hernandez, Board Members Earl Andrews, Jr. and JoAnna Aniello, and General Manager Douglas Apple just before the meeting to discuss the federal budget and HOPE VI. He was in town for the NAHRO Conference at the New York Hilton.

Have A Great 2002-03 School Year!

Message From The Mayor

Join The Anti-Graffiti Effort and Improve The Quality of Life For All New Yorkers



New York City is in the midst of a multi-agency graffiti cleanup, led by the City's Anti-Graffiti Task Force. This strategic effort, which began last month, enlists the coordinated efforts of community groups and City agencies to remove graffiti as soon as it appears, and punish those who are responsible. The Task Force has already cleaned over 638 locations throughout the City this year.

Graffiti is not just an eyesore, it is an invitation to criminals and a message to citizens that we don't care. Coordinated by the City's Community Assistance Unit (CAU), the Task Force will continue to show that we do care by attacking graffiti throughout the five boroughs, focusing on the Grand Concourse in the Bronx; Borough Park, Bay Ridge, Williamsburg, Greenpoint, and Bushwick in Brooklyn; Inwood, Turtle Bay, and Harlem in Manhattan; Astoria, Sunnyside, and Woodside in Queens; and New Dorp, Port Richmond, and West Brighton in Staten Island.

As an active member of the Mayor's Anti-Graffiti Task Force, the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) relies on strong partnerships to reduce the occurrence of graffiti in its developments. This year, NYCHA's Citywide Anti-Graffiti Program has expanded to include 300 buildings in 67 developments. Quarterly Borough Anti-Graffiti Meetings are held with NYCHA managers, police and resident leaders to discuss education, prevention, and alternatives to graffiti.

The Housing Authority's 2002 Anti-Graffiti Mural Project provides youth with a constructive alternative to graffiti in the form of mural painting. Entitled, "Tomorrow's Vision Through Youthful Eyes" the initiative includes an educational component which stresses that there is a place in the world for art but not for defacing property. This project is taking place in 20 community centers around the City. Twelve murals will be selected for a 2003 calendar.

From January to June of this year, 1,500 community service workers have been assigned to remove graffiti in NYCHA developments, through the Alternative Sentencing Program. This collaboration between NYCHA and the District Attorneys' offices in each borough allows first-time quality-of-life offenders to clean up graffiti as a form of community service, instead of serving time in jail.

The NYPD will continue to provide the resources for extensive investigations into graffiti crimes and serve as the enforcement arm of the Citywide Task Force which includes representatives from the Department of Buildings, the Department of Business Services, the Department of Consumer Affairs, the Department of Cultural Affairs, the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, the Fire Department, the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, the Human Resources Administration, the Landmarks Preservation Commission, the Department of Probation, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Youth and Community Development.

The Department of Sanitation will operate two power washers and two paint trucks. The Department of Parks and Recreation will operate power washers, paint and spray rigs to remove graffiti, and expand its inspections to look for graffiti in the City's large parks and small playgrounds. The Economic Development Corporation will operate a fleet of ten trucks to eliminate graffiti in the City's industrial, commercial and maritime areas.

In addition to regular patrols that target this form of vandalism, the Police Department will continue to use tips to find and arrest individuals who commit graffiti crimes. **To report graffiti vandalism, citizens can call the NYPD's 24-hour quality of life hotline at (888) 677-LIFE (5433).**

Michael R. Bloomberg

East Side House Settlement Reopens At Mitchel Houses In the South Bronx



OFFICIALLY OPEN (left to right) Deputy General Manager for Community Operations Hugh B. Spence, Assemblywoman Carmen Arroyo, NYCHA Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr., NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez, East Side House Settlement Executive Director John Sanchez and City Councilman Jose Serrano, Jr. snip the ribbon to the entrance of East Side House Settlement, marking the community center's opening.

By Eileen Elliott

East Side House Settlement, operating at the New York City Housing Authority's (NYCHA's) John P. Mitchel Houses in the South Bronx, celebrated the official opening of its newly renovated community center on a hot and sunny July 16.

NYCHA and East Side House staff and officials, local politicians and community residents sat on folding chairs beneath a blue tarpaulin, while the parties involved each gave the new facility their blessings. The \$2.1 million renovation includes new computer and game rooms, as well as a "college library" stocked full of catalogues from colleges all around the country, its walls decorated with brightly colored banners.

In addition to an enormous gymnasium (pre-existing, except for the new hardwood floor, as attested to by NYCHA's Department of Community Operations Bronx Borough Director Deidra Gilliard who confessed that she used to attend dances there as a teenager), there is a large lobby, which can be entered through the relocated main entrance, now on 137th Street. (It used to be around the corner on Alexander Avenue.)

"The lobby serves as the heart of the center," said Moses Ros, the NYCHA architect who designed the renovation under Project Administrator Glenn Brown. The polished cinder block walls, brushed steel reception area and natural light falling from skylights high in the ceiling, all add warmth and style to the facility.

Two elected officials attended — Assemblywoman Carmen Arroyo, the first Hispanic woman to be elected to the New York State

Assembly, and City Councilman Jose Serrano, Jr. "It's a great pleasure to be here in the heart of my district," Ms. Arroyo told the audience. "This is proof that taxpayers' money is being used the proper way."

NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez characterized the reopening as "cause for celebration" and urged residents, especially young people to make good use of the facility. Mr. Hernandez, was joined by Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr., Board Member JoAnna Aniello, General Manager Douglas Apple, Department of Community

Operations Deputy General Manager Hugh B Spence, Capital Projects Deputy General Manager Joseph Farro, Department of Design and Capital Improvement Director David Burney, and Department of Construction Director Robert Yauch.

East Side House Settlement Executive Director John Sanchez served as moderator.

"It's a great place," said Mitchel Houses Resident Association Vice President Isabelle Johnson, addressing the dais. "We thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

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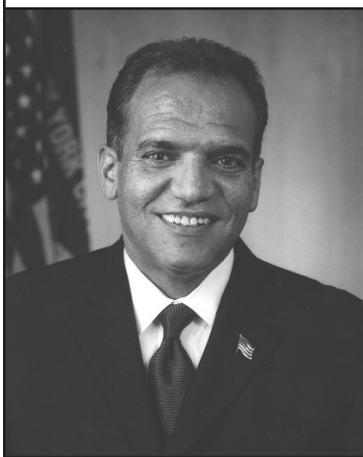
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Message From The Chairman**Take Advantage Of NYCHA's Educational Opportunities**

It's hard to believe that summer is nearly over! Mine was a busy summer, filled with Family Days, tours and visits with residents and staff in all five boroughs. Since becoming Chairman I have visited over 100 developments and I look forward to visiting many more. It is truly one of the most enjoyable aspects of the job. I'm happy to find that community spirit is so strong in NYCHA developments, and I hope that each of you shares that spirit with your neighbors.

For many families the end of summer means a return to school, if not for you then for your children. To those 70 college students who worked at NYCHA through the Summer Lottery Program, I wish you every success as you continue your education and I trust that your experience with us was meaningful. I also wish success to all young NYCHA residents who will begin their college careers next month.

But perhaps circumstances prevented you from completing high school. It may not be too late to pick up the ball again! This past June, 65 NYCHA residents did just that—they completed their high school educations by obtaining equivalency diplomas through the Alternative High School Program. The Alternative High School Program is a joint effort of NYCHA and the Board of Education that provides an opportunity for individuals between 17 and 20 years of age to pursue a General Equivalency Diploma (GED) in a non-traditional setting. In other words, if you don't go back to regular high school, you can take special classes in which you will get individual attention from Board of Education certified teachers who will help you to find out what your best academic strengths are, work to improve them and get up to speed on other subjects where you may need special help. It is really worth looking into.

The Alternative High School Program begins on Thursday, September 5th and will be offered at 20 NYCHA locations in all five boroughs. There is bound to be one not far from you. The classes take place in community centers and other facilities in and around NYCHA developments. They run from 9 AM to 12:50 PM Monday through Friday and offer instruction in Writing, Social Studies, Science, Interpreting Literature and the Arts, and Mathematics. Enrollment is open all year round, which means that you can enroll at any time, but of course the sooner you begin the closer you will be to your GED. **For a listing of Alternative High School sites or more information, please call NYCHA's Department of Economic and Business Initiatives (DEBI) Education Unit at (718) 246-6519, or call the DEBI hotline at (212) 306-3800.**

And there is another program worth investigating. The Urban Technology Center (UTC) will be offering after-school computer training in three 18-week cycles at 25 NYCHA community centers, beginning on September 23. *Journal* readers know how successful UTC computer courses have been in the past, and how they have helped many residents get into the world of computer technology and even find employment. Teachers from the UTC give two 75-minute classes each week on computer fundamentals, word processing, Web publishing, spreadsheets, PowerPoint and the Internet (where available). **For more on this program, contact Ukah Busgith at (212) 427-6648.**

Education is one of the most important keys to a better life. Learning should never stop. Take advantage of the educational programs that are available to you now so that you and your children will have even more opportunities in the future.

Tino Hernandez

HOUSING CONFERENCE

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citizens of the city."

Mr. Walcott thanked NAHRO for showing its support by holding the conference in New York City and emphasized that challenges also bring opportunities. He commended the many city agencies and departments that worked together following the attacks, including the Police Department, Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management, and the city's three major housing agencies—NYCHA, the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) and the Housing Development Corporation. He also thanked HUD for its financial support.

The Deputy Mayor encouraged those attending the conference to take the NYCHA bus tour and the HPD bus tour being offered the following day. The buses drove past Ground Zero on the way to their destinations.

NYCHA General Manager Douglas Apple joined representatives from two other city agencies that lost access to their offices in lower Manhattan after the attacks, for a special session at the conference entitled, "How New York Responded to 9/11—Lessons Learned for Your Community." Also on the panel were HPD Commissioner Jerilyn Perine, and New York City Economic Development Corporation, Financing Initiatives Vice President Valerie Rutstein, and Business Attraction Senior Vice President Ann Kayman.

Mr. Apple highlighted NYCHA's swift and heroic response to the disaster, describing how the Housing Authority provided staff and 150 trucks within hours to assist with the removal of debris and deliver supplies to the site.

And what lessons were learned from September 11th? Ultimately, that although it is essential to have an emergency plan in place and well-rehearsed, the plan must be flexible enough to be modified in the event of an actual emergency.

NYCHA Department of Economic and Business Initiatives (DEBI) Director Margaret Ruiz spoke about Section 3 hiring and NYCHA's job training efforts at a workshop entitled, "Making the Match: Section 3 Hiring."

**Deborah's Diary**

By Deborah Williams

Fine Wine Is Not The Only Thing That Gets Better With Age On August 8, 1942, in Elton, Maryland, a union took place that by today's standards would probably be considered rare. The union I am referring to is that of Leila and Richard Clark. On August 8, 2002, they celebrated their 60th Anniversary—60 years of marital bliss. The couple met in high school and it was love at first sight. "It's honesty, trust, and communication that bonds and builds a strong marriage," said Leila Clark. "It wasn't easy being a young bride with my husband away at war and it was very hard to find a place to live, so I turned to the New York City Housing Authority." On September 28, 1946, 51 years ago, Richard and Leila Clark moved into one of the first of eight buildings that make up Melrose Houses in the Bronx. Melrose Houses is just ten years behind the Clarks, and this month celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Mrs. Leila Clark is a housewife and mother and Mr. Richard Clark is a retired postal worker. They have one son, Lloyd. *I would like to extend my congratulations to you and your husband on a very loving and successful marriage. I hope you had a very Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary!*

Congratulations to Roman Jackson of St. Nicholas Houses in Manhattan for more than successfully completing his high school education. Roman graduated from Rice High School in May of 2002. He also received a scholarship to attend Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, where he plans to major in mathematics and minor in education. During his senior year, Roman received the following awards: the Harlem Children's Zone Youth Community Services Award, the Harlem Children's Zone Academic Excellence Award, a National Honors Society Metal, a Rice High School Honor Roll Trophy and a Rice High School Student Achievement Metal. In addition, he was listed in "Who's Who Among High School Students." *Mr. Jackson, you should be very proud of yourself—your achievements are outstanding. I only expect to hear more good things about you in the future. Keep up the good work!*

Up-and-Coming Musicians Music is offered at the Monterey Community Center every Friday, from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM, at no charge, through the Monterey Community Center Music Program. For many who come to listen, music has become more than a hobby. The program, which is designed to encourage music appreciation, has been taught at Monterey by professional musicians for the past 12 years. Free instruments are provided to qualified students. Students are also given an opportunity to perform and record in a professional recording studio. As a matter of fact, the participants of the Music Program are in the process of recording their first CD. There are currently eight students involved in the program, five of whom reside in Monterey Houses. They have put in many hours of practice and their hard work is beginning to pay off. They are: Alexander Velez, guitar; Frances McDonald, bass; Calvin Lopez, bass; Devon Richardson, guitar; Javeen Plata, guitar; Christina Prangel, vocals; Atiano Hawkins, vocals; and Norman Edwards, drums. They have formed a band and can be heard playing jazz written by musicians such as Herbie Hancock and Carlos Santana. There is a saying, "With a little hard work and dedication good things will come your way." *Well, you guys sure have proven that statement to be correct and I am very proud. I wish you continued success with your music. For all of those other musically inclined youngsters out there who don't live in the Bronx, Van Dyke Community Center in Brooklyn offers music instruction every Monday from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM. If you're interested, stop by and register at the center.*

Who's Who? Christina Fisher of the Brownsville Houses, in Brooklyn, has been awarded a place in the 36th edition of "Who's Who Among High School Students, 2001-2002." Being listed in the book is an honor that only 5% of our nation's high school students receive each year. Christina has not only excelled in education, she has also been actively involved in community-based functions at Brownsville Houses. Her grandparents are residents of Fiorentino Plaza Houses, also in Brooklyn, where Christina has performed in many community-organized presentations sponsored by her grandmother Juanita Fisher, TA President. *Christina, to excel is to achieve and you have done both. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors—you are indeed outstanding—Congratulations!*

SPEAK OUT AGAINST FRAUD AND CORRUPTION!

If you or anyone in your family is aware of any fraud or corruption committed against the New York City Housing Authority ("NYCHA") by any NYCHA employee, contractor, vendor, or resident, we urge you to call the NYCHA Inspector General ("IG") at 212-306-3355 or the Department of Investigation ("DOI") at 212-3-NYC-DOI or 212-825-5959. The IG and DOI rely on NYCHA employees, residents, and people who do business with NYCHA and the public at large to report fraudulent and corrupt activity they see or hear.

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 4, 2001. **Remember, if you see any of these persons 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 4, 2001

Michael Negron	Case 1075/01 formerly associated with the third floor of 2181 Pitkin Avenue, Fiorentino Plaza, Brooklyn.
Luis Perez	Case 1076/01 formerly associated with the second floor of 480 East 143rd Street, Betances Houses, the Bronx.
Ira Grier	Case 1077/01 formerly associated with the second floor of 333 Georgia Avenue, Unity Plaza, Brooklyn.
Jose Pagan Julio Pagan	Case 1079/01 formerly associated with the ninth floor of 1505 Park Avenue, Clinton Houses, New York.
Ismail Fleming	Case 1080/01 formerly associated with the ninth floor of 159-26 Harlem River Drive, Rangel Houses, New York.
Ronald Calderon	Case 1109/01 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 1839 Lexington Avenue, Johnson Houses, New York.
Anthony Johnson	Case 1112/01 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 3112/01 Bayview Avenue, Gravesend Houses, Brooklyn.
Marche Pattiasina	Case 1113/01 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 635 East 12th Street, Campos Plaza Houses, New York.
Keith Huff	Case 1115/01 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 290 East Fourth Street, Bracetti Plaza Houses, New York.
Jason Bradshaw	Case 1122/01 formerly associated with the third floor of 605 Park Avenue, Marcy Houses, Brooklyn.
Pierre Holmes	Case 1125/01 formerly associated with the thirteenth floor of 1270 Webster Avenue, Webster Houses, Bronx.
Dontrell Clark	Case 1126/01 formerly associated with the third floor of 9910 Seaview Avenue, Bayview Houses, Brooklyn.
Edwin Ortiz	Case 1147/01 formerly associated with the eighth floor of 1420 Bronx River Avenue, Bronx River Houses, the Bronx.
Daisy Betances	Case 1148/01 formerly associated with the fourteenth floor of 875 Columbus Avenue, Douglass Houses, New York.
Nashon Jowers	Case 1149/01 formerly associated with the third floor of 30 Bush Street, Red Hook West Houses, Brooklyn.
Jonathan Shaw	Case 1176/01 formerly associated with the second floor of 40 Glenmore Avenue, Howard Houses, Brooklyn.

KID'S WALK 2002 Walking The Walk in Prospect Park

A bright green Volkswagen Beetle set the pace for over 1,200 New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) youth between the ages of 6 and 12 as they walked their way towards fitness at the Housing Authority's very first children's walk-a-thon, Kid's Walk 2002. But before they began they got a pep talk and some warm-up exercises from NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez.

Fuelled by sensible, low-calorie breakfasts of fruit, juice and water, the children carried colorful banners with the names of their community centers as they began their three-mile hike in Brooklyn's Prospect Park on July 25.

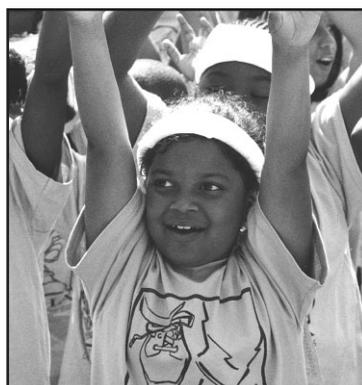
“Good health should never be taken for granted,” Chairman Hernandez told the crowd who gathered around a stage set up at the southwest end of the park. “NYCHA is committed to the health and well being of our residents.”

Mr. Hernandez thanked the Department of Community Operations, including Citywide Programs Director Denise Lara and Brooklyn Senior Program Manager Lisa Davis, who came up with the idea for the walk, before introducing Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz.

Mr. Markowitz, who recently completed his own borough-wide get-in-shape program, gave the kids another boost before the walk began. “Start exercising now,” he said. “Eat fattening foods in moderation and exercise all of your life. You'll look better, and you'll feel better about yourself. I want all of you to live happy and healthy lives for many years to come.”

Board Member JoAnna Aniello, General Manager Douglas Apple, and Community Operations Deputy General Manager Hugh B. Spence were all on hand to provide their support and whip up enthusiasm.

The event was sponsored by Brookdale Hospital Medical Center, Con-Edison, Coca-Cola, JP Morgan Chase Bank, the New York Knicks, and Verizon, among others.



What's Happening In... Brooklyn?

In an effort to keep NYCHA's residents informed about improvements in their developments, the Journal now includes a monthly column on recently awarded modernization contracts, focusing on a different borough each month.

Williams Plaza Houses Slated For Renovation

The exterior brickwork of Williams Plaza Houses in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, will be repaired under a recently awarded \$2.3 million contract awarded to Sumrart Restoration Corp. of Bellerose, N.Y. The work is expected to take about a year to complete once it begins.

“This is major renovation work that not only includes the replacement of brickwork, but new horizontal expansion joints, rebuilding the existing vertical expansion joints and cleaning the facades of the buildings,” said NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez.

Williams Plaza Houses has five buildings, 14 and 21-stories tall with 577 apartments housing approximately 1,674 people. Completed in April 1964, the 5.58-acre site is bordered by Roebling Street, Broadway, Division and Marcy Avenues.

Albany Houses To Get New Closet Doors

All 1,220 apartments at Albany Houses I and II in Brooklyn will get new plastic laminated closet doors under a \$1.6 million contract. The contract was awarded to Fulton Building Company, Inc. and should take about one year to complete once work starts.

“This is part of our continuing effort to improve the quality of life for our residents by periodically making improvements and other renovations to their apartments,” said NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez.

The contract calls for replacing 5,521 closet doors of various sizes with 3,628 new swing doors and 652 new sliding doors. Albany Houses I, completed in 1950, has 824 apartments in six buildings bounded by Albany, St. Marks and Troy Place. The adjacent Albany II Houses, completed in 1957, has 396 apartments in three buildings.

New Electrical Supply System For Wyckoff Gardens

Wyckoff Gardens Houses in Brooklyn will be getting a new electrical supply system running from the power lines in the street to each of its 528 apartments under a \$1.2 million contract. The contract was awarded to Inter-Connection Electric, Inc., and is expected to take one year to complete once work begins.

New underground cables to all three 21-story buildings will be installed leading to meter rooms in each building. In addition, new wiring will be installed going to each apartment where fuse boxes will be replaced with circuit breakers. Each apartment will also get new lighting fixtures, smoke detectors and additional outlets.

“An electrical upgrade of this sort not only provides additional convenience, but also offers additional safety,” NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez said.

The 5.81-acre complex, completed December 31, 1966, houses some 1,226 people. It is bordered by Third Avenue, Nevins, Wyckoff and Baltic Streets.

\$Million Roof Drainage Upgrade At Red Hook Houses

Red Hook Houses, the largest public housing development in Brooklyn, will be getting new roof drains installed in all 30 buildings under a \$1.1 million contract. The contract was awarded to Skountzos Plumbing & Heating Corp. and is expected to take a year to complete, once work begins.

The contract calls for installing 224 new roof drains with leaders that will funnel rainwater and melted snow into basement drains. The same contract will include replacing 88 existing drains in the 30 buildings at the 39-acre development.

“This is vital modernization that will ultimately prevent major structural damage that too often results from water seeping into brickwork, roof structures and foundations,” NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez said. “This is a classic case of using an ounce of prevention to eliminate the later need for a pound of cure.”

Red Hook Houses consists of 2,873 apartments housing an estimated 6,518 residents. It has two, three, six and 14-story buildings. Twenty-seven buildings were completed on November 20, 1939, and the remaining three were completed May 31, 1955. Dwight, Clinton, West Ninth, Lorraine, Richards, and Walcott Streets, and Red Hook Park border the complex.

Mitchel Houses *(Cont'd. from page 2)*



SONG AND DANCE These children from the community center provided the morning's entertainment.

After the ribbon was snipped, guests retired to the multi-purpose room decorated with blue and white streamers, for a luncheon.

Established in 1891, the East Side House Settlement is one of the oldest settlement houses in New York. It was originally located on East 76th Street (hence its name), before moving to Alexander Avenue and 137th Street in 1963. Today, East Side House serves approximately 9,000 people a year from 15 different locations, offering computer technology, educational, youth leadership and recreational programs. It is one of NYCHA's 48 sponsored community centers.

John P. Mitchel Houses is named after John Purroy Mitchel (1879-1918), the youngest man ever to be elected Mayor of New York City. (He was 35.) The development was completed in February 1966. It provides homes for approximately 3,800 residents.



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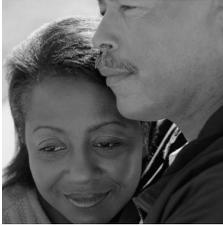
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POMONOK ANNIVERSARY!

Ridgewood-Bushwick Picnic At Sunken Meadow Park



HALF-A-CENTURY New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Chairman Tino Hernandez (right) joined Pomonok Houses Manager Brenda Wells (left) and Resident Association President Theresa Alleva for the development's 50th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, July 13. Located in the heart of Queens between Fresh Meadows and Kew Gardens Hills, the development provides homes for over 4,200 residents. Chairman Hernandez presented an anniversary plaque to the development and a proclamation from Mayor Bloomberg naming July 13 Pomonok Houses Day in New York City. The 52 acres on which Pomonok Houses was built began as farmland during the 1700s. In the early 1800s it became a horse ranch and in the early 1930s it became the Pomonok Country Club, where the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) Championship was played in 1939. Pomonok Houses opened officially on June 30, 1952. The highlight of the 50th Anniversary celebration was the presentation of a quilt depicting life at the development, made by the Pomonok Quilting Guild, led by Thadine Wormly-Herdon and Stacey Becco. Many NYCHA residents and staff joined the celebration, including Queens Borough Director of Community Operations Anthony Richburg and Queens Borough Management Director Thomas O'Brien. State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky and City Council Member James F. Gennaro also attended, along with representatives for State Assembly Members Nettie Mayersohn and Brian M. McLaughlin.

A DAY IN THE PARK (Top photo) NYCHA staff joined Brooklyn Assemblyman Vito Lopez (center) at Sunken Meadow Park in Kings Park, Long Island for the 30th Annual Ridgewood-Bushwick Senior Citizens' Council picnic on July 18. Seniors from all over the city came for the free steak lunch, including over 1,000 seniors from New York City Housing Authority developments, like those pictured above (bottom photo). Mr. Lopez, who Chairs the New York State Assembly Housing Committee, hosted the picnic.

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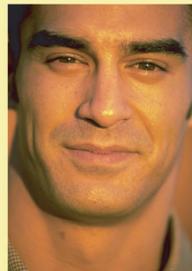
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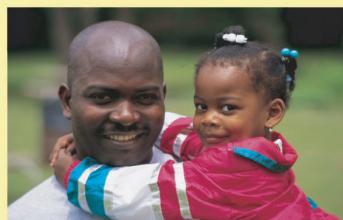
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