Third Annual Kids’ Walk in the Bronx

Kids’ Walk 2004, NYCHA’s third annual summer children’s walkathon to promote physical recreation and combat obesity for youth in public housing, gathered in the vast fields of Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx under a cloudless sky on August 17. Converging from all five boroughs, over 1,500 young people from summer camps at 35 community centers became role models demonstrating the benefits of exercise and good nutrition, or in the words of Guy Parkins, a seventh grader of Edenwald Houses in the Bronx and member of the summer camp illustrated the theme of the day: “Eat Right, Feel Tight!” “Keep in Shape! Exercise!” “Join the Carrot Club!” “Eat Feel Good in the Neighborhood!”

By Allan Leicht

Martin Luther King Towers Celebrates 50 Years!

New York City Housing Authority’s Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr. (left) joined Martin Luther King Towers Resident Association President Ruby Kitchen (center) and Manager Paul Levelie to celebrate the Harlem development’s 50th Anniversary on September 11th. Originally named Stephen Foster Houses after the American composer, King Towers was completed in 1954 during a period in which NYCHA built its greatest number of dwelling units as a result of the Housing Act of 1949. The development was renamed in honor of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1966.

By Eileen Elliott

One of NYCHA’s Largest Capital Improvement Projects

On August 13th, NYCHA’s Chairman Tino Hernandez joined residents and elected officials for a tour through Ingersoll Houses, highlighting four model apartments. Shown here (front row, left to right) are Whitman Houses Resident Association President Rosalind Williams, Ingersoll Relocation Vice-Chairwoman Gloria Collins, Ingersoll Relocation Committee Member Janie Williams, Ingersoll Relocation Committee Chairwoman Veronica Obie, and Ingersoll Houses Resident Association President Dorothy Berry. In the back row (left to right) are Tetra Tech Construction Managers Sal Panico and Antonio Figueroa, Council Member Letitia James, Chairman Tino Hernandez, and Whitman Relocation Committee Chairman Edward Carter. State Senator Velmanette Montgomery and Assembly Member Joseph Lentol also came to see the model apartments.

By Eileen Elliott

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Have a Happy Halloween!
Message From The Mayor

New York City Is Setting The Right Priorities

The recently released Mayor’s Management Report for Fiscal Year 2004 (July 2003 to June 2004) indicates that New Yorkers have much to be proud of when it comes to City services. The safest city in America continues to get safer; our streets are the cleanest they have been in 30 years; we have made progress in educating our children; fewer families entered homeless shelters for the first time in four years; traffic fatalities decreased and civilian fire fatalities remained at historic low levels. We have met New Yorkers’ most pressing needs and are operating government efficiently and responsibly despite the City’s fiscal crisis and $3 billion in budget reductions.

Crime and Safety

Major felony crimes decreased for the 13th consecutive fiscal year, dropping by 3% from 147,669 in Fiscal 2003 to 143,268 in Fiscal 2004. Homicides declined again: For the second consecutive fiscal year, there were fewer than 600 murders in New York City, declining from 599 in Fiscal 2003 to 566 in Fiscal 2004, the lowest since 1963.

Major crime at New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) developments has dropped by almost 16% in the last three fiscal years. The 15 NYCHA developments with over 3,100 closed circuit televisions (CCTVs), installed as part of an earlier initiative, experienced a 5.1% reduction in crime. These developments were chosen based on criteria that included a review of crime statistics and patterns.

Operation Impact was launched in January 2003 to reduce major felony crime in selected developments within Brooklyn and the Bronx. Statistics reflect a combined reduction in crime of almost 16% since Fiscal Year 2003 in these areas.

The New Housing Marketplace

The City’s five-year plan to create and preserve 65,000 units of affordable housing ended its first year with 10,201 units in construction. Under the Plan, NYCHA, working with the City’s Department of Housing Preservation and Development, and the Housing Development Corporation will make unused properties available for redevelopment, with the expectation of 1,000 units. Construction on the University Macombs Apartments in the Bronx, and Fabria Houses in Manhattan is expected to begin shortly. Meanwhile, 37 homeownership units at Brooklyn’s Prospect Plaza Houses will be available in December of this year.

Schools and Education

Summer school brought progress for third graders: The Department of Education ended social promotion for third graders scoring at the lowest level on achievement tests. Of those third graders who were required to attend summer school in 2004, 51% of those who attended for 10 or more days advanced to the next highest achievement level, compared to only 19% the previous summer.

Attendance rates were lower for high school students: While elementary and middle school attendance was flat at an average of 91.9%, high school attendance declined from 83.2% to 81.9%.

Reading and math scores improved in elementary schools: The percentage of students in grades 3-6 and 8 meeting English testing standards rose from 42.3% in the 2002-2003 school year to 42.7% in the 2003-2004 school year. Performance levels in mathematics for grades 3, 5, 6 and 7 rose from 37.5% to 42.5% over this period.

These are just some of the indicators from the Fiscal Year 2004 Management Report that show New York City is on track and setting the right priorities. To read more of the report and more about NYCHA initiatives over the past fiscal year, log on to www.nyc.gov. And rest assured that this administration will strive to continue this improvement for the people of New York City.

Michael R. Bloomberg

THREE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE GET CCTVs

By Eileen Elliott

Working together with the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), City Council Member Alan J. Gerson has responded to public housing residents’ requests for improved security on the Lower East Side by allocating $200,000 for the installation of small scale Closed Circuit Television Systems (CCTVs) in three NYCHA developments — Rutgers Houses, Two Bridges Houses, and 175 Eldridge Street of Lower East Side (LES). NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez joined the Council Member, Resident Association Presidents, staff and residents for a press conference at Rutgers Houses on August 19th to unveil the new system there. The state-of-the-art small scale CCTVs, which are installed in a total of four buildings in the three developments, record activity in every entrance and exit, in the lobby and in every elevator. They record 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week. When an incident is reported, the NYPD can then retrieve the images for follow-up investigations. But perhaps more importantly, the cameras have the effect of deterring criminals and increasing residents’ sense of safety.

“It’s great to be back here at Rutgers,” the Chairman said, referring to his visit a few weeks earlier for the development’s Famil Day celebration. “I want to thank Council Member Gerson for his commitment to the residents of his district, but mostly for his commitment to the people of public housing. I think this is a great thing. In these days of limited resources, it’s very important that we have people like Council Member Gerson to step up. He should be commended.”

The Council Member was beaming as he stood at the podium in front of the appreciative crowd that filled the TA Room. Applause erupted as he told the residents, “It’s the people of Rutgers, the people on the Lower East Side, and the people of all of our NYCHA developments who day in and day out make our community and our City the wonderful, special place that it is.

“This program presents a model as to how government should work and can work. What would you like us to do? What are your priorities?” we asked. You told us, “We need security cameras and we listened. We went to the Housing Authority’s great Chairman Tino Hernandez, who has a wonderfully responsive team; we worked with he police and we got it done.”

The Council Member assured the residents in the audience that they are getting “the best of the...
There are more working families living in NYCHA developments today than at any time in nearly 20 years. If you are not yet among them, or if you want to put yourself on a new career track, or train for a new job, you should take a good look into NYCHA’s Department of Resident Employment Services (RES). RES has recently been restructured and provides a great range of programs and services to help NYCHA residents unlock doors to success. RES will work with you to find the right job or training program, to help you start your own business, or provide technical assistance for existing businesses. There are placement services, literacy programs, and in learning how to use the Internet to find a job. RES will even help you find child care service while you are making your way into the world of work.

RES is tailored to NYCHA residents with a sensitive and trained staff who assess each individual’s potential and make referrals to educational, training, employment and business development opportunities — it is like an employment agency dedicated exclusively to NYCHA residents.

RES works with residents by way of three specialized divisions: the Career Development Division, the Job Development Division and the Training Management and Education Resources Division. The Career Development Division might be your first point of contact with RES as it is where orientation of clients for all programs takes place. This is the division that administers testing via the Assessment Unit and Manhattan Satellite Office. These two units operate from separate locations. The Assessment Unit is at our central office in Brooklyn at 350 Livingston Street and the Manhattan Satellite Office is at Carver Houses, 1475 Madison Avenue.

The Job Development Division will help you with direct job placements and will assist underemployed residents obtain employment suitable to their skill level. This unit also cultivates relationships with employers, external service providers, and outside employment services to provide job-ready residents with a variety of employment opportunities.

Right now, there are jobs available in department stores and restaurants, jobs for security guards, for home health aides and companions. There are positions open in financial institutions, airports, parking lots and in construction. The sports and newspaper industries have jobs listed with RES. And there are sales positions, computer and clerical positions waiting to be filled. There is work for NYCHA residents. You may very well qualify. I urge you to find out.

The Training Management and Education Resources Division focuses on work with Education Opportunity Centers to facilitate enrollment of residents in educational programs and to provide an array of educational and training workshops. The better your education and training the more opportunities open up. And so this division has professional staff trainers to respond to your educational and training needs in a personal and effective way possible. Training opportunities might very well include paid educational internships. And this division of the RES is the bridge to special training, education and employment programs funded by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, (HUD). In addition, RES is partnering with the City’s Department of Small Business Services to bring resources and employment opportunities to residents through Workforce1 Career Centers. Not only does NYCHA help residents find employment, NYCHA also has a long history of providing employment opportunities to residents. Newarily one-third of NYCHA employees are also residents. Over the past several years approximately 55% of all new NYCHA hires have been residents. Please have a look at the advertisement on page 7 and call the number, 718-250-5904. If you are not yet working or if you want to take your skills and opportunities to the next level, there is no time like right now. I strongly encourage you to make that call. You can make this your year.
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 June 18 and 25 and July 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2004.

REMEMBER, IF YOU SEE ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ON HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTY, PLEASE CALL YOUR MANAGEMENT OFFICE OR THE POLICE! THIS LISTING IS PROVIDED TO ALL POLICE SERVICE AREAS.

**Prohibited as of June 18, 2003**

- Damien Davis  
  Case 3476/03 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 1460 Bronx River Avenue, Bronx River Houses, the Bronx.

- David Torres  
  Case 3543/03 formerly associated with the first floor of 113 Ten Eyck Walk, Williamsburg Houses, Brooklyn.

- Norman Dunbar  
  Case 3630/03 formerly associated with the third floor of 3784 10th Avenue, Dyckman Houses, Manhattan.

**Prohibited as of June 25, 2003**

- Epifanio Santiago  
  Case 3717/03 formerly associated with the tenth floor of 446 West 26th Street, Chelsea Elliot Houses, Manhattan.

- William Santiago  
  Case 3748/03 formerly associated with the second floor of 1137 229th Drive North, Edenwald Houses, the Bronx.

- Lorinzo Dixon  
  Case 3669/03 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 629 Kings Sixth Walk, Kingsborough Houses, Brooklyn.

- Norman Wilson Jr.  
  Case 3779/03 formerly associated with the eighth floor of 40-20 Beach Channel Drive, Beach 41st Street Houses, Far Rockaway.

- Narcisa Ledesma  
  Case 3824/03 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 635 Castle Hill Avenue, Castle Hill Houses, the Bronx.

**Prohibited as of July 2, 2003**

- Jose Marquez  
  Case 3910/03 formerly associated with the thirteenth floor of 2400 Second Avenue, Wagner Houses, Manhattan.

- Robert Ramirez  
  Case 3200/03 formerly associated with the third floor of 5714 Farragut Road, Glenwood Houses, Brooklyn.

- Kaseem Stukes  
  Case 3919/03 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 2225 Lacombe Avenue, Castle Hill Houses, the Bronx.

- Barney McCrae  
  Case 1746/03 formerly associated with the first floor of 239 Jefferson Street, Berry Houses, Staten Island.

**Prohibited as of July 9, 2003**

- Julia Har  
  Case 4099/03 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 72 Governor Street, Vladeck Houses, Manhattan.

- Jamal Gordon  
  Case 4101/03 formerly associated with the third floor of 433 Beach 40th Street, Beach 41st Street Houses, Far Rockaway.

- Jaliek Hester-Bey  
  Case 4046/03 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 1061 Myrtle Avenue, Sumner Houses, Brooklyn.

**Prohibited as of July 16, 2003**

- Thomas Porter  
  Case 4235/03 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 2430 Seventh Avenue, Drew Hamilton Houses, Manhattan.

- Bruce Vanderveer  
  Case 4372/03 formerly associated with the sixteenth floor of 2007 Surf Avenue, Carey Gardens Houses, Brooklyn.

**Prohibited as of July 23, 2003**

- Nathaniel Frazier  
  Case 4537/03 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 40-04 Vernon Boulevard, Queenbridge North Houses, Long Island City.

- Daniel Reid  
  Case 1023/03 formerly associated with the first floor of 1175 East 229th Street, Edenwald Houses, the Bronx.

- Qwalliqua Mack  
  Case 4481/03 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 80 Dwight Street, Red Hook Houses, Brooklyn.

**NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMUNITY OPERATIONS SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:**

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE “THROUGH THE EYES OF CHILDREN”**

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**KIDS’ WALK**

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“Unlock your Body! Nutrition and Fitness is the Key!” Awards were given for the five banners judged best, one for each borough. Throggs Neck Community Center took the prize for the Bronx, Ithaca Community Center for Queens, DeWitt Clinton for Manhattan, Sumner for Brooklyn and Markham Gardens for Staten Island.

Charles Hart, a sixth grader of Berry Street Community Center had health advice for everyone in the bright Bronx sunlight: “Drink a lot of water.” Brianna Vickers, a Van Dyke fourth grader, chimed in with, “Eat vegetables.” While East River Community Center fourth grader Samantha Muniz emphasized, “Exercise, exercise.”

(Below) Young residents from Campos Plaza Community Center on the Lower East Side display their colorful banner.
Halloween can be a fun time for children and adults. The safety of all individuals participating in the holiday festivities is paramount. This year the NYPD Housing Bureau encourages all to be alert and careful. Here are some tips to be guided by and to share with your children:

— Escort your children and their friends trick-or-treating.
— Children should never go into buildings, houses, elevators or cars alone when trick-or-treating.
— Do not allow your children to eat any treats until you or another responsible adult has inspected the treats.
— Only go trick-or-treating in your own neighborhood to the homes of people you know, and stay close to home.
— Make sure children are wearing bright colored clothing or carry a flashlight at night.
— Masks should not block vision or breathing.
— Keep children out of the streets. Walk only on the sidewalks. Cross the streets at the corner and wait for the light.

DO HAVE FUN! STAY SAFE!
AND RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE’S PROPERTY!

Modernization Project at Whitman/Ingersoll

临时住房为布鲁克林海军造船厂的工人在二战期间使用，在战后，这些设施已大大低于现有标准。

有许多问题需要解决，包括足够的浴室空间和厨房空间。

NYCHA已建立了现代化委员会来回应居民的担忧。

NYCHA的现代化委员会由项目经理朱莉·德雷森领导。该委员会每月召开一次会议，讨论管理、搬迁等工作。

居民的首要关注是给他们一个“真实的空间”；这将是一个定期的项目。

“我们收到了许多很好的建议，”德雷森说。“该项目已经产生了真正鼓舞人心的委员会成员，他们一起努力。他们真的是居民的使者。”

工作计划包括更换电梯，并将电梯服务扩展到低层建筑的顶层。这将由纽约市公共住宅局新成立的CM Build项目来完成。该项目将为工作者提供培训机会。

居民在搬迁时有多种选择。他们可以选择在建筑物内搬家，或者搬到NYCHA的其他地方。
NYCHA is pleased to announce that it is working with two not-for-profit organizations, Presbyterian Senior Services (PSS) and the West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing (WSFSSH) to introduce a new housing development, the PSS GrandParent Family Apartments, located at 951 Prospect Avenue in the Bronx. The development will be available for occupancy in December 2004.

The 50 apartments in this new building will be exclusively for grandparents, or elderly caregivers, 62 or older, who care for minor grandchildren (under the age of 18) or other relatives. A family relationship such as grandparent-grandchild and a legal care relationship such as adoptive parent or guardian will be required. You may apply even if you do not currently have a legal care relationship with the minor child or children for whom you are caring.

PSS and WSFSSH will assist you regarding the legal care relationship during the period prior to occupancy. A comprehensive program of supportive services will be available on-site. If you are interested in this unique opportunity or know someone who is, just ask your Development’s Management Office for a “Tenant Request to Move PSS/GFA” — NYCHA form 040.050G. Complete the form and return it to your Housing Assistant for further processing.
Modernization Project at Whitman/Ingersoll

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development; or opt for a Section 8 Leased Housing voucher and move out of conventional public housing altogether.

NYCHA has set up a Relocation Assistance Unit (RAU) in Ingersoll Houses to implement and monitor the relocation plan and assist residents. The RAU is located at 99 North Portland Avenue, Suite #1B. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30AM to 4:30PM, and the telephone number is: (718) 522-0165.


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-SO 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.

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• recruitment and pre-screening of candidates
• design of training programs geared to an employer’s needs
• access to conference room space for job recruitment purposes
• technical assistance regarding new-hire tax credit incentives

For more information, please call (718) 250-5904.
Brooklyn Public Housing Residents Honored at Leadership Luncheon

Over 550 NYCHA residents who make special contributions to their communities and developments in the Ridgewood Bushwick neighborhoods of North Brooklyn were honored at the Second Annual Leadership Luncheon at the Jing Fong restaurant in Manhattan’s Chinatown on September 1. Welcomed by hosts New York State Assemblyman Vito Lopez and State Senator Martin M. Dilan, Chairman Tino Hernandez joined in honoring the residents for contributing time and energy to their tenant associations and tenant patrols.

“I could not do my job without Assemblyman Vito Lopez,” the Chairman said. “He stands with us, just the way Mayor Bloomberg stands with us, and Mayor Bloomberg is tremendously supportive of public housing. You know,” Mr. Hernandez told the residents, “the Mayor is committed to preserving 65,000 affordable apartments in New York City. Vito Lopez is also committed to the preservation of public housing and affordable housing.

Mr. Hernandez also thanked State Senator Dilan, not only for his work on behalf of housing in the state senate, but before that when Senator Dilan served as a member of the New York City Council. “Martin Malave Dilan worked to get a great deal of funding for NYCHA from the City Council,” said the Chairman.

Council Member Erik Dilan, who succeeded his father on the City Council, promised to carry on the tradition of support for public housing and gave a large measure of credit to Assemblyman Lopez for the well-being of public housing in their district.

Assemblyman Lopez shared that credit with members of his staff, in particular Allison Hirsh, who coordinated the luncheon. “But before we get to eat,” said the Assemblyman, “we want to give Tino an award,” and he, his fellow elected officials and residents presented Mr. Hernandez with an “Award of Thanks” from the North Brooklyn Public Housing Coalition. An abundant Chinese luncheon completed the late summer afternoon.

By Allan Leicht
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