The revitalization is not only to improve the physical environment but also to provide a full array of community and supportive services for residents.

As Master of Ceremonies for the evening, NYCHA General Manager Douglas Apple welcomed everyone, introducing the many partners who were present. They included HUD Regional Director Sean Moss, State Senator Velmanette Montgomery, former Assembly Member Frank Boyland, Assembly Member William F. Boyland, Jr., City Council Member Tracy Boyland, Settlement Housing Fund Executive Director Carol Lamberg, Washington Mutual Bank Representative Jane Silverman, and Prospect Plaza Resident Association President Milton Bolton. NYCHA Board Member JoAnna Aniello was also present.

“This is the culmination of what has been a very long process—37 new two-family homes on a lot that has been vacant for many years,” Mr. Apple said. “This is just a small part of what we’re doing here in Brownsville, a small part of what the city is doing.” The General Manager made a point of commending the homeowners for their investment in the neighborhood.

Former Prospect Plaza residents were given first priority for the new homes; NYCHA residents who live in the area were given second priority; and NYCHA residents residing outside of the neighborhood received third priority. All prospective buyers were required to complete homeownership training provided through NYCHA to educate them about mortgage financing and landlord responsibilities.

“This is a win/win for HUD,” said the federal agency’s new
Investing In The Future

Michael R. Bloomberg

I am pleased to say that this summer the City Council and I reached an agreement on a City budget for the new fiscal year, which will run from June of this year through next July. This marked the fourth year in a row that we’ve reached a fair and balanced budget on time. And that’s a tribute to all of our city’s elected officials who are working together for the sake of every New Yorker.

This year’s approximately $50 billion spending plan reflects the priorities of our Administration, and will help us keep our streets safe and clean, continue to improve our schools, create jobs and improve our quality of life in all five boroughs. It includes $500 million in tax relief for hard-working New Yorkers and their families. Once again, homeowners will receive a $400 property tax rebate for reaching into their pockets and helping pull our city out of our fiscal crisis. We are also eliminating the City sales tax on clothing and footwear priced under $110. This will help more New Yorkers make ends meet, and curb the loss of shopping dollars to neighboring cities and states. The sales tax exemption will take effect September 1st, just in time for that last minute back-to-school shopping.

We are also making the significant and necessary investments in our future with more than $14 billion in the budget for education—a nearly $750 million increase from the previous year. We took a monumental step forward this past year in our effort to reform our public schools and give every child the education they need and deserve. We began to see clear signs of progress after students in all grade levels achieved record increases in test scores. Now we are going to build on these gains by opening new schools, decreasing class size, making schools safer and expanding teacher mentoring programs.

The fact that the new budget increases funding for education and offers all New Yorkers tax relief—while protecting our city’s core services—underscores just how far New York has come over the past four years. We still need to continue to be fiscally responsible and restrain spending wherever possible, but the fiscal crisis that followed 9/11 is behind us and our economy is growing again. In fact, New York City’s economic growth is outpacing the nation’s for the first time since before the recession began in 2001. Unemployment hasn’t been this low since before 9/11. Crime is down nearly 20% from four years ago. Our streets are cleaner than they’ve been in 30 years. And with new parks and open spaces being developed in all five boroughs, our quality of life has never been stronger.

Michael R. Bloomberg

Senior Volunteers Honored at Annual Luncheon

By Allan Leicht

Nine hundred New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) seniors and staff celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Annual Senior Volunteer Floor Captain Recognition Luncheon under the crystal chandeliers of Leonard’s of Great Neck on June 23rd. NYCHA Vice Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr. and Director of Social Services Nora Reissig-Lazzaro led expressions of praise and gratitude for the hundreds of volunteers who help to improve the quality of life, monitor the independent living and meet the special needs of elderly and non-elderly disabled residents of NYCHA.

After Community Operations Deputy Director Patricia Paisley opened the program with the National Anthem, Ms. Reissig-Lazzaro, serving as mistress-of-ceremonies, likened the senior volunteers to hummingbirds doing what they do because they can and because they care. Vice Chairman Andrews expressed thanks on behalf of Chairman Hernández and, citing the social services provided by NYCHA as among the best in the country, presented a proclamation from Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg declaring June 23rd, “Senior Volunteer Recognition Day.”

Then Ms. Reissig-Lazzaro and her Deputy Directors Marlene Martinez and Jenelle Mitchell awarded 26 certificates to the Senior Volunteers gathered from the five boroughs, culminating in awards to four special honorees who have served for 25 years: Eliza Mack and Eugene Mack of Red Hook West Houses, Brooklyn, and Carmela Jacone and Laura McQueen of Meltzer Houses, Manhattan. The programs themselves — the Senior Resident Advisor/Service Coordinator Program, the Elderly Safe at Home Program, the Senior Network Program, and the Saratoga Square Congregate Housing Services program — provide the structure but the volunteers are the heart and soul of these services.

The presentation of awards was, therefore, the focus of the afternoon’s proceedings, encompassed by an elegant full-course luncheon. It was not long, however, before the gathering brought by a fleet of 19 buses from all corners of the city, made the move from formal ceremony to spirited song and dance.

The NYCHA Senior Chorus under the direction of Coordinator Carrie Payne launched the day’s music with a rousing “Nobody But You, Lord,” followed by the debut of the Throgs Neck Senior Chorus from the Bronx, a solo “God Bless America” sung by Angelina
HELP TO STRENGTHEN YOUR COMMUNITY DURING NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

Twenty-two years ago, a small organization located in Pennsylvania called National Town Watch created National Night Out Against Crime. Traditionally held on the first Tuesday of August, 10,000 communities throughout the United States and Canada came out to participate last year. The purpose—to “take back the streets,” and show criminals that we’re not afraid.

The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) celebrated the 21st National Night Out Against Crime last year in a big way in communities all around the city and we’re doing it again! Each of the nine Housing Bureau Police Service Areas is planning a special night on August 2nd and we want you to be there. You’ll be in good company: Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, and Housing Bureau Police Chief Joanne Jaffe will be visiting sites around town. You’ll get a chance to chat with your local police officers and will probably be joined by your Resident Association President and other community leaders.

On the surface the event looks like a lot of fun: there are burgers, balloons, face painting and rides for the children, and McGruff the Crime Dog manages to drop in at a fair number of locations. (Word has it that McGruff now has his own patrol car.) For adults there is a wealth of information on crime fighting initiatives and various services and resources in the community. But the message National Night Out sends to criminals is not so lighthearted.

When you join with your community to celebrate National Night Out Against Crime, you are letting criminals know that your neighborhood is organized; that you care and are ready to fight back. In short, you are sending the message that crime will not be tolerated.

This is a message that criminals seem to be hearing. New York City’s crime rate reached new historic lows in 2004, dropping 15% from the end of calendar year 2001 to the end of calendar year 2004. In NYCHA developments it dropped 13% in the same time period. New initiatives such as Operation Safe Housing which targets drug dealers and sex offenders on NYCHA property promises to bring crime down even further.

Since the events of September 11th, and more recently with the bombings in the London underground, the role of the community in helping to fight crime and spot potential terrorists is more important than ever. The police need your help. So, please heed the NYPD’s call helping to fight crime and spot potential terrorists is more important than ever. The police need your help. So, please heed the NYPD’s call.

In introducing Council Member Boyland who contributed $600,000 in funding, Mr. Apple called her “truly amazing for her dedication to the community.”

“This has really been a labor of love for everyone involved,” Ms. Boyland said. “When I was elected eight years ago, my dad (former Council Member William F. Boyland, Sr.) had already begun the process. …I’m proud to see what this neighborhood is becoming.”

And the former Assembly Member who was also present predicted, “You’re going to see a drop in crime, a drop in graffiti, a rise in education. People should understand they’re getting a little bite of the apple.”

Senator Montgomery added her thanks and congratulations before Ms. Dina Adames, a first-time homeowner, came up to the microphone to thank everyone. Afterwards, Ms. Adames led a tour of the new townhouse where she has lived with her three sons since April.

Fittingly, the event closed with a heartfelt, a cappella performance of “Bless This House” by Settlement Housing Fund’s Sheila R. Carpenter.

When all four phases of the project are complete, there will be 685 new dwelling units, 323 public housing rental units, and 325 non-public housing rental units, along with the 37 townhouses. There will also be a 40,000-square-foot multi-purpose facility. The total estimated cost is $247 million.

Special features of the townhouses include bay windows, oak flooring, wall-to-wall carpet, private patios, and private off-street parking spaces. The homeowners’ apartments consist of...
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. This list is part of NYCHA’s effort to keep residents informed of the Housing Authority’s ongoing effort to improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers in public housing and to allow for the peaceful and safe use of our facilities. Here follows a list of the people excluded after hearings were held on March 10, 17 and 24, 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 March 10, 2004**

- Michelle Wellington  
  Case 1839/04 formerly associated with the first floor of 27-10 Eighth Street, Astoria  
  Houses, Long Island City.

- Jamel Phillips  
  Case 1850/04 formerly associated with the third floor of 305 Fountain Avenue, Cypress Hills Houses, Brooklyn.

- Victor Porter  
  Case 9707/03 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 543 East 108th Street, Breukelen Houses, Brooklyn.

**Prohibited as of March 17, 2004**

- Tucker David  
  Case 7541/03 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 159-14 Harlem River Drive, Rangel Houses, Manhattan.

- Dwight Marshall  
  Case 4669/03 formerly associated with the fifth floor of Kingsborough Houses, Brooklyn.

- Roman L. Rivas  
  Case 2099/04 formerly associated with the first floor of 320 East 156th Street, Melrose Houses, the Bronx.

- Dyllen Farmer  
  Case 2101/04 formerly associated with the 12th floor of 2430 Seventh Avenue, Drew Hamilton Houses, Manhattan.

- Leonardo Lugo  
  Case 2086/04 formerly associated with the second floor of 2280 Randall Avenue, Castle Hill Houses, the Bronx.

- Labarr Lofton  
  Case 2043/04 formerly associated with the third floor of 476 Richmond Avenue, Richmond Terrace Houses, Staten Island.

- Jose Marte  
  Case 156/04 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 334 Madison Street, Vladeck Houses, Manhattan.

- William Machuca  
  Case 2230/04 formerly associated with the second floor of 325 Classson Avenue, Lafayette Gardens Houses, Brooklyn.

- Shamice Gibson  
  Case 2229/04 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 41-03 10th Street, Queensbridge South Houses, Long Island City.

- Kenneth Moore  
  Case 2281/01 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 5901 Glenwood Road, Glenwood Houses, Brooklyn.

- Phillip Dennis  
  Case 4232/03 formerly associated with the third floor of 40-12 10th Street, Queensbridge North Houses, Long Island City.

- Angel Tejada  
  Case 2041/04 formerly associated with the eleventh floor of 654 Westchester Avenue, Saint Mary’s Park Houses, the Bronx.

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- Leshan Evans  
  Case 2249/04 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 1711 Lacombe Avenue, Soundview Houses, the Bronx.

- Claude Grant  
  Case 285/03 formerly associated with the tenth floor of 80 Dwight Street, Red Hook West Houses, Brooklyn.

- Terrence Martin  
  Case 1088/03 formerly associated with the second floor of 346 East 156th Street, Melrose Houses, the Bronx.

- Corey Watson  
  Case 2263/04 formerly associated with the twelfth floor of 1191 Park Place, Albany Houses, Brooklyn.

- Antwain Wilson  
  Case 2375/04 formerly associated with the eighth floor of 265 Livonia Avenue, Tilden Houses, Brooklyn.

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**Barbershop Brings New Life to Red Hook Community**

When a neighborhood loses a local business, especially one that had become a kind of landmark where traditions were shared and neighbors came not just to have their hair cut but also to discuss politics, current events, relationships, and even to gos-sip a little, the loss is felt in the community. Such was the case with the Red Hook Barbershop in Brooklyn’s Red Hook community.

“I can’t remember exactly the day the barbershop opened but I do remember going to the barbershop to have my hair cut and I know it was around for many years,” said Leroy Bush, a resident of Red Hook Houses.

After standing abandoned and lifeless for three years, the building that once housed the Red Hook barbershop started to become an eyesore. It was Ceclephus Bush, cousin of Leroy Bush, who had the idea to resurrect the business and bring back the spirit and the essence of the people whose patronage made the Red Hook Barbershop more than just a barbershop.

“This community needed a barbershop not just because we missed it but because we have a genuine need for it. The near-est barbershop was located across major traffic leading to the Hamilton Avenue Expressway, the Battery Tunnel, the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, and the Belt Parkway, and crossing those streets was dan-gerous for children. That’s what prompted me to re-open the barbershop,” said Leroy Bush.

With knowledge of some New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) initiatives he acquired through 20 years as a resident of (NYCHA) initiatives he acquired through 20 years as a resident of the Red Hook Houses—a time during which he and his wife Priscilla raised four sons—Mr. Bush reached out to Red Hook East Tenant Association President Dorothy Shields for guidance.

Ms. Shields directed Mr. Bush to the Housing Authority, where he learned of a program to assist residents start their own businesses, in the department now called Resident Employment Services or RES.

Working with NYCHA’s Office of Facility Planning and Administra-tion (RES, Mr. Bush was able to secure a lease for his barbershop. But getting the busi-ness up and running wasn’t as easy as getting a clean-cut; there were problems along the way.

In 2001, before the lease agreement was finalized, Mr. Bush applied for a bank loan which was approved. However, the events of September 11th caused delays.

It was RES Chief Ernest Louis, along with former RES staff who shaved off the rough edges between Mr. Bush and the bank, and once again the loan was secured. RES also referred Mr. Bush to Cephass Suber, another resident who owned his business, Top Choice Painting and Tiles, who performed the necessary renovations to the shop. On May 27, 2002, the work begun which would trans-form the space that was once called the Red Hook Barbershop into the Red Hook Barber & Beauty Salon.

Saturday, July 7, 2002 was a day all would remember. The sky was sunny and bright; spring was in the air. The community gathered, as it had for years,” said Leroy Bush, a resident of Red Hook Houses.

Now that’s a haircut! Barber Kevin White at work at the Red Hook Barber & Beauty Salon.
Homeowners (Continued from page 3)

of three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a dining room, family room, and laundry. The ground floor rental units all have two bedrooms. The development cost of each townhouse was $312,000.

Financial assistance to buyers was provided by NYCHA, Council Member Tracy Boyland, the Brooklyn Borough President’s Office, the Federal Home Loan Bank, and the State Division of Housing and Community Renewal in HOME funds. Financing for construction costs, as well as permanent financing was provided by Washington Mutual Bank.

Sixteen NYCHA Residents Graduate HPD Building Maintenance Course

Sixteen NYCHA residents, ages 18 through 24, were among the 51 graduates of the Building Maintenance for Youth program in ceremonies at the headquarters of New York City’s Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) in Manhattan on June 24th.

The graduates received certificates for the successful completion of training courses offered by HPD’s Housing Education Program (HEP). In keeping with Mayor Bloomberg’s New Housing Marketplace plan to create or preserve over 60,000 units of affordable housing, the courses are designed to equip a workforce with the skills and technical expertise needed to preserve the city’s aging housing stock. The courses are for property owners, managers, housing professionals, superintendents and tenants.

NYCHA’s Department of Resident Employment Services (RES) made arrangements with HEP for the participation of public housing residents who were selected by RES through the assessment and orientation process that is conducted when residents enroll with RES.

The 16 residents who completed the Building Maintenance for Youth program were Amanda Benitez, Paul Fisher, Kenneth Graham, Rafael Liriano, Daniel Martin, Francisco Morales and Harold Sutton in the Class of February 2005; and Ronald Allen, Bruce Glen Burke, Louie R. Claudio, Tyrone Coleman, Cliff Crespo, Saul Garcia, Walter W. Nieves, Jerome Oliver and Marshall Y. Terrell in the Class of April 2005. They concentrated on introduction to property management, building systems, maintenance goals and the roles of maintenance staff as well as the use and maintenance of construction tools. The program is geared to provide NYCHA residents with the skills and experience leading to job opportunities as maintenance workers and assistant superintendents.

NYCHA RES Director Sonia Torruella was introduced as a special guest on the program by Pete Velasquez, HEP Managing Director of Maintenance Education. Ms. Torruella told the NYCHA graduates that NYCHA was exceedingly pleased and very proud of their accomplishments. “You are the epitome of what RES represents,” said Ms. Torruella, who extended her congratulations to all the graduates and their families and thanked the HEP and HPD staffs for providing designated slots in the Building Maintenance for Youth program for NYCHA residents.

Stephon Marbury Hosts “Basketball Classic” at Brooklyn’s Surfside Houses

New York Knick and former O’Dwyer Gardens resident Stephon Marbury returned to Coney Island’s Surfside Houses to host the Team Marbury Charitable Foundation’s Annual Basketball Classic on June 18th. Thanks to a partnership between NYCHA and the foundation established by the hoop star in 1996, approximately 6,000 young residents between the ages of 6 and 18 have participated in the games.

Teams play in four divisions: the youngest players, juniors, high school boys and high school girls. After six intensive weeks of games, all of which will be held at the courts at O’Dwyer Gardens, the tournament will culminate in a citywide final play-off on August 14th.

Mr. Marbury’s generosity isn’t limited to his time or his skill in instruction: all participants at the opening event received free basketball jerseys, Stephon Marbury sneakers, and a lot of great food. Mr. Marbury is shown here next to a portrait painted by NYCHA resident Abdul Khalia, which was presented to him at the event. Marbury established the Classic in honor of his former high school teammate and friend Jason “Juice” Sowell. Mr. Sowell died in his senior year.
Harlem Summer Stage 2005

Each year NYCHA, Harlem’s 125th Street Business Improvement District (BID), the New York State Office of General Services and the Apollo Theater host the annual concert series on the plaza of the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building. This year promises lots of fun and live music from some of your favorite artists. Every Thursday during the months of July and August from 5:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. the day winds down with music that soothes the soul. So, keep these dates in mind: August 4, 11, 18 and 25. And don’t forget to join us for some unforgettable summer fun!
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