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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Assistant Secretary Michael Liu (left) presents New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Chairman Tino Hernandez with a check for \$400,000, which will be used for the development and expansion of computer centers for NYCHA residents. The funding comes from HUD's Public Housing Neighborhood Networks Program and will help provide over 600 residents with technology-based educational activities. Mr. Liu presented Mr. Hernandez with the check during a press conference at the Wall Street investment firm M.R. Beal & Co. on April 15, 2005. The press conference marked HUD's official approval of NYCHA's \$600 million bond issuance plan to fund the accelerated construction and preservation of developments in all five boroughs.

Groundbreaking Ceremony For University Macombs In The Bronx



RENEWAL (left to right) NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez (fourth from left) joins (left to right) Housing Preservation and Development Commissioner Shaun Donovan, Housing Development Corporation President Emily Youssouf, Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion, Bronx Pro Real Estate President Peter Magistro, Banco Popular Executive Michelle Imbrasciani, Community Board #5 District Manager Xavier Rodriguez and Chairwoman Beverly Smith, and Enterprise New York Director Jim Himes break ground for the new University Macombs Apartment building (rendering at right).



By Eileen Elliott

Bright sunshine and chilly air filtered through the shimmering drapery that covered the long windows of a gutted commercial space at East 175th Street and University Avenue in the Bronx on the morning of April 12th. On this particular morning, the Commissioners from two of the City's big housing agencies and the President of the third — the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), and the Housing Development Corporation (HDC) — Tino Hernandez, Shaun Donovan and Emily Youssouf, respectively — joined Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion, Bronx Pro Real Estate Management President Peter Magistro, and a host of friends and supporters to celebrate the groundbreaking for the University Macombs Apartments, just down the street, at 1605 University Avenue.

The \$27 million apartment complex will consist of five buildings: a newly constructed, seven-story, 30 unit building at 1605 University Avenue, and four rehabilitated buildings on Macombs Road and University Avenue, to create another 180 apartments, for a total of 210. The rehabs are expected to be ready for tenants by August of this year, and the new apartment building should be completed by August 2006.

The project is NYCHA's first collaboration with the HPD and HDC in Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's New Housing Marketplace plan to create or preserve 68,000 units of affordable housing by 2008.

"This is a great day here in the Bronx," said the first speaker of the day, HPD Commissioner Shaun Donovan. "The Mayor has put together the most aggressive affordable housing plan the City has seen in three decades."

In introducing Chairman Hernandez, Commissioner Donovan said, "Tino's leadership has made NYCHA the most suc-

cessful, innovative housing authority in the country today."

"This is a tangible example of what City agencies can do when they work together in a time of limited resources," remarked Chairman Hernandez. The Chairman thanked NYCHA's Board, General Manager Doug Apple, and staff. He also thanked University Avenue Consolidated

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Basketball Championship Winners!



PATTERSON HOUSES' BANTAM CHAMPIONS The NYCHA Basketball League held its Interborough Championship Games at City College in Harlem on April 23rd. Over 2,000 NYCHA residents aged 18 and under competed from January to April on 192 teams in four different divisions — Senior, Junior, Bantam and Future — to make the final play-offs.

For the Senior Division, Bronx River Community Center played Patterson Houses and Bronx River won; for the Junior Division, Astoria Community Center played Fred Samuels Community (Continued on page 5)

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Record Gains Achieved On Fourth Grade English Language Arts Exam



I've always believed that if we set high academic standards for our City's students, and surround them with the right support and encouragement, they will achieve more than we can ever imagine. This is the guiding philosophy behind our ambitious efforts to reform our public school system. And last month, with the release of the results from this year's State English Language Arts exam, we have even more proof that it's working.

The number of fourth-graders in the City who are reading and writing at grade level has now reached a record high. Nearly 60% met or exceeded the State's standards — a 10% increase over last year when fewer than 50% did so. We won't be satisfied until we are closer to 100% — but the fact that we had the biggest one-year gain in reading scores ever is very heartening.

Perhaps most encouraging is the progress made by segments of the student population that have struggled the most in the past. For instance, the five regions that had the weakest performances last year were the same five that made the biggest improvements this year. And for the first time since the State began administering the test in 1999, more than half of the fourth-grade Hispanic and African-American students taking the English Language Arts exam, met or exceeded standards.

There are a number of factors behind our fourth graders' stunning improvement. One of the most significant is our decision early last spring, to finally end "social promotion" in the third grade — the practice of automatically promoting kids, regardless of whether they're ready for a higher level of work. For the remainder of that school year, we identified the third-graders who were in danger of being held back, and provided them with the intervention programs they needed, such as our Summer Success Academy. By the time the new school year began last September, we had promoted roughly the same number of kids to fourth grade as had been promoted the previous year. The difference was that, for the first time, every one of those students was ready to do fourth grade work. The fourth grade State scores confirm this; nearly 90% of third-graders who attended the Summer Success Academy passed the test.

The scores in eighth grade, however, also highlight how much more work still needs to be done. Fewer than one-third of eighth-graders met or exceeded the State literacy standards — down slightly from the previous year. This is, in part, because eighth-graders haven't had the benefit of our new intervention efforts which, by and large, we've concentrated on the lower grades. But that's about to change. We will soon invest \$40 million to improve performance in our middle schools through a number of initiatives, including an expanded summer program.

All New Yorkers should be happy — not because we can point to a positive figure on a page — but because we are laying a solid foundation for our kids to succeed later in life. Everyone is working harder — principals, parents, students, and, above all, our teachers.

When we ended social promotion in the third grade last year, it was a drastic but necessary change. It was imperative that we be honest about who was learning and who wasn't. These latest test scores remind us that we need to confront our problems, not cover them up. And when we do that, and focus our resources and our energy on our kids, great things can happen.

Michael R. Bloomberg



PATRIOTS Seniors from the LaGuardia Houses Senior Center sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," in Chinese, at a press conference to announce a donation of 5,000 carbon monoxide alarms on April 25th.

Kidde Donates CO Alarms To NYCHA



NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez, Deputy General Manager Natalie Rivers, Kidde's Suzanne Turner, FDNY Chief of Fire Prevention Patrick McNally, Deputy General Manager for Operations Robert Podmore, Manhattan Borough Director Carolyn Jasper and Board Member JoAnna Aniello with donated CO alarms at LaGuardia Houses Addition.

By Heidi Morales

Thanks to a generous donation from Kidde, a leader in fire and safety products, the New York City Housing Authority can more effectively and quickly achieve its goal of outfitting all 181,000 public housing units with carbon monoxide alarms. Kidde spokesperson Suzanne Turner presented NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez with the donation during a press conference held at LaGuardia Addition, on Manhattan's Lower East Side, on April 25th. "Added to the over 97,000 carbon monoxide alarms already installed in our developments, this donation will greatly extend protection for the 420,000-plus New Yorkers who reside in public housing," said Mr. Hernandez. "NYCHA has no higher priority than the safety of residents," he added.

In an effort to ensure the well-being of its residents, NYCHA has gone beyond what the recent carbon monoxide law, that went into effect in November of last year, requires. The law does not require landlords to install alarms in buildings like LaGuardia Addition where no boiler is present but NYCHA decided to go one step further and outfit all apartments, not just the 43,000 required under the law. "We have also installed alarms in all our community and senior centers. We wanted to make sure that everyone who uses a NYCHA facility is protected," said Mr. Hernandez.

And NYCHA residents do feel protected. Jesus Viera, a member of the neighboring LaGuardia Senior Center, said he couldn't be happier with NYCHA's efforts. "I think it's a good idea [installing carbon monoxide alarms], especially in senior citizen buildings. This kills people, this gas is dangerous especially for the elderly," he said.

Although everyone is susceptible to carbon monoxide, young children, pregnant women, people with heart or respiratory problems and senior citizens are especially vulnerable. According to Kidde, more than 2,000 people die every year and thousands are hospitalized due to CO poisoning. In fact, carbon monoxide is the number one cause of poisoning deaths in America.

To aid in the education efforts, Chief of Fire Prevention

Patrick McNally, of the New York City Fire Department, provided materials in multiple languages about carbon monoxide and fire safety. "Smoke alarms, CO alarms, fire education, these things work. We beg you to use them," said Chief McNally.

Nearly 100 Asian-American seniors from the LaGuardia Senior Center attended the event and delighted the crowd with a rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" in Chinese.

Alejandrina Soto, Otilia Lara and Cruz Rivera, residents of the LaGuardia Addition were also in attendance. They said they were very happy and thankful for NYCHA's recent efforts. "We have a 'nurse's call button', a fire alarm and now a carbon monoxide detector," said Ms. Soto. "This is all we were missing, now we have it all," she added.

The 'carbon monoxide law,' or Local Law 7, requires at least one carbon monoxide detecting device be installed 15 feet of the primary entrance of each bedroom.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, toxic gas that results from the incomplete burning of fossil fuels such as oil, natural gas, gasoline, wood and coal. Warning signs of poisoning are headaches, dizziness, tiredness, nausea, disorientation or confusion, fatigue or flu-like symptoms but with no fever.

Maintaining CO Alarms

- Test all carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.
 - Replace batteries twice a year, in the spring and in the fall when clocks are changed for daylight savings time.
 - Never paint over carbon monoxide alarms.
- If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning...**
- Evacuate everyone from the house and get fresh air immediately.
 - Go to an emergency room.
 - Call 911.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Take The Time For Some Summer Fun!



Finally! Summer has arrived but unfortunately it's only three short months. NYCHA's Department of Community Operations packs a lot of opportunities for fun and learning at our community centers into those three months.

Parents of children ages 6 to 12 will be interested to know that our Summer Camp begins on July 5th. The time to register your child for this eight-week program is now. Contact your Community

Operations Borough Management Office at the telephone numbers listed at the bottom of this page to find the nearest location.

Summer Camp means trips to museums, amusement parks and the botanical gardens. And when July and August roll around, children in Summer Camp will begin to enjoy the really exciting summer fun activities like the Citywide Carnival, Track and Field Day, Sports Education Field Day, the Citywide Olympics and Kids' Walk. In addition to fun, summer brings special educational opportunities for children of different ages.

Partners In Reading classes will begin in July and will be held twice a week for children ages 6, 7, and 8 (in the first, second and third grades). This collaboration works to improve literacy skills through a combination of classroom instruction, homework assistance, individual tutoring, use of interactive projects and outreach to parents. Check with your community center to find the location nearest to you.

Children between the ages of 7 and 12 who are enrolled in Summer Camp can participate in St. John University's After School All-Stars program. NYCHA will send a total of 1,000 children to the St. John's University campus in Queens and to City College in Harlem for a combination of educational and recreational activities for two weeks. Call (212) 306-3527 to find out more.

Parents should also keep in mind that their children between the ages of 6 and 12 can take advantage free wholesome meals at most community facilities year-round. In the months of July and August, youth who are 18 and under can also receive free lunches at a number of community facilities. Again, check your Borough Community Operations Management Offices, at the numbers listed below for the sites closest to you.

Summer Camp is just part of what NYCHA has to offer in the way of summer fun. NYCHA's Harborview Arts Program is hosting an exhibit of resident art work at the Rutgers Community Center on Manhattan's Lower East Side from June 6th through the 22nd. As always, competition to exhibit was stiff this year. NYCHA staff collected 40,000 pieces of artwork, from which judges narrowed it down to 2,000 and finally to the 300 that will be on display. Stop by and see how wonderfully talented your friends and neighbors are.

And then of course, there are Family Days. Not only do Family Days mean good music, good food, and good friends, they are also a resource, with information about various health and safety issues.

Speaking of Family Days, this summer seven NYCHA developments are slated to celebrate their 50th Anniversaries: Brevoort, Cypress Hills, Howard, Red Hook II and Van Dyke Houses in Brooklyn; Hammel Houses in Queens; and Bronxdale Houses in the Bronx. Queensbridge North and South, and South Jamaica Houses in Queens will celebrate their 65th Anniversaries.

Take advantage of everything that NYCHA has to offer, and have a great summer!

Tino Hernandez

NYCHA's Department Of Community Operations

- Borough Management Offices**
- Bronx (718) 402-1181**
- Brooklyn (718) 453-1296**
- Manhattan (212) 334-2505**
- Queens (718) 969-6240**
- Staten Island (718) 815-0149**

Groundbreaking

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Resident Association President Annette Jarvis and her Board, "for getting this project off the ground."

The four buildings which are going to be rehabbed were part of NYCHA's University Avenue Consolidated (UAC) development, and the new building is being constructed on a vacant lot that was owned by NYCHA. Fifty-two of the apartments will be for former NYCHA residents, or families on NYCHA's waiting list.

The developer for the project is UNIMAC, a subsidiary of Bronx Pro Real Estate, the host of the event. Bronx Pro President Peter Magistro introduced Borough President Carrion, as "a champion for affordable housing in the Bronx."

"This creative partnership is historic," said Mr. Carrion.

The rehabilitation and new construction will be financed through HDC's Low-income Affordable Marketplace Program (LAMP), which provides low-cost mortgages through the sale of tax-exempt bonds. The apartments will be affordable to households whose annual incomes are less than 60% of the area median (\$37,680 for a family of four).

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: July 7, 14, 21 and 28 and August 4, 11, 18 and 25. And don't forget to join us for some unforgettable summer fun!

DEBORAH'S DIARY

By Deborah Williams



Let the good times roll—Although Debbie Pitts, Danielle Thomas and Angela Greene grew up in different homes they all have something in common and that is they all grew up in Manhattanville Houses and share some very special memories. "We have been friends for a very long

time and have gone through ups and downs, marriages, and even death together. But, we are still going strong," said Debbie Pitts. With time we mature and become adults and eventually move on and so Debbie, Danielle and Angela moved out of Manhattanville but their parents remained in the development. Building 5-1470 Amsterdam Street has been home to Debbie's mom since 1975, Danielle's father since 1969 and Angela's mom since 1970 — that's a lot of years and a lot of memories. That's why Debbie, Danielle and Angela plan to celebrate the years by hosting the "1470 Friendship Reunion - 25 Years Later." On August 6, 2005, past and present residents of the 4th, 13th, 14th and 15th floors of 1470 Amsterdam will enjoy an evening of fun filled with food, games, music, friends and family. "Our childhood friends that have moved to places like Oakland, California (Kayla Higgins), Jacksonville, North Carolina (Taunya White), and South Carolina (Boo Boo) will return for this auspicious occasion and everyone is so excited," Debbie added. "I remember how the adults looked after us making sure we went to school and stayed away from drugs—you know it takes a village to raise a child. But all in all we turned out to be pretty great adults!" *It's always great when friends and family get together to reminisce about good old days and share those special memories. And more importantly, I'm glad to hear that you have not forgotten the place you grew up in because it's important for the young to know where their parents came from and what better place to learn about that than at a reunion. So Debbie, Danielle and Angela I congratulate you and hope your reunion turns out to be a terrific one!*

Busy Bees—the girls at the Atlantic Terminal Community Center in Brooklyn were busy bees preparing for the Quilter's Guild of Brooklyn 2005 Block Party. It's an annual quilt show that was held this year on April 9th and 10th, at Pratt Institute, in Brooklyn. Only the finest quilts are placed on exhibit so, when Sharonda Davis, Jovanne Taylor, Cherokee Morrison, Ariel Lyons, Mercedes Smith, Tajameeka Storey, Danaysha Thomas, Shanice Gordon, Shaquay Reyes and Alijah Houston Chapman—all members of the Atlantic Terminal Girls Club Quilting Bee had their quilt placed on display they were thrilled and honored. The Atlantic Terminal Community Center Quilt program started in September 2002, and was open to girls ranging in age from 6 to 12 years old. Even though the program has been suspended due to planned Community Center renovations, the girls have quilted two full-sized quilts, and five pillow covers. Now, you might think this was the girls' very first exhibit but it was not. The girls have had their quilts shown at the Lefferts Historic House Museum Quilt Show, at the Office of State Senator Velmanette Montgomery, and in the display window of the Melting Pot Store—a store specializing in children's clothes. In addition, during a walking tour with Atlantic Terminal area merchants and Senator Montgomery, the girls were introduced to retail merchandising and the workings of local entrepreneurs. They learned how small businesses are run and explored such issues as pricing, financing and marketing, which became essential information for them since local community merchants expressed an interest in purchasing their quilts. So, if you hear that buzzzzzzing sound around your ears, don't fret! It's not a yellow bee; it's the sound of the Atlantic Terminal Girls Club Quilting Bee being busy. *Wow, this is really fantastic girls! It takes great talent to pique the interest and curiosity of others. And it obvious that your work not only represents creativity and skill it represents a mastered craft. Not every quilter has had the opportunity to have had their quilts chosen for exhibits, placed in display windows and even better have merchants interested in purchasing. Girls, you did great! Congratulations and keep up on quilting!*



Shanice Gordon



Alijah Houston Chapman

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 January 21 and 28, and February 4, 11, and 18, 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 January 21, 2004

Samuel Roman	Case 10020/03 formerly associated with the seventh floor of 2125 Randall Avenue, Castle Hill Houses, the Bronx.
Vera Davis	Case 10109/03 formerly associated with the first floor of 333 Georgia Avenue, Unity Plaza, Brooklyn.
Terence Martin	Case 10088/03 formerly associated with the second floor of 246 East 156th Street, Melrose Houses, the Bronx.
Brian Patterson	Case 10058/03 formerly associated with the seventh floor of 40-20 Beach Channel Drive, Beach 41st Street Houses, Far Rockaway.
Dareem Walker	Case 9039/03 formerly associated with the fifteenth floor of 365 Sackman Street, Seth Low Houses, Brooklyn.

Prohibited as of January 28, 2004

Damon Harris	Case 5636/02 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 2798 Randall Avenue, Throggs Neck Houses, the Bronx.
Wade Spurgeon	Case 176/04 formerly associated with the second floor of 85-02 Rockaway Beach Blvd., Hammel Houses, Far Rockaway.
Efrain Burgess	Case 8630/03 formerly associated with the second floor of 41-09 Vernon Blvd., Queensbridge Houses, Long Island City.

Prohibited as of February 4, 2004

Purnell Nimmons	Case 328/04 formerly associated with the twentieth floor of 65 Pike Street, Rutgers Houses, Manhattan.
Nelson Guillet	Case 6477/04 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 1686 Randall Avenue, Soundview Houses, the Bronx.
John Clarke	Case 242/04 formerly associated with the second floor of 1685 Randall Avenue, Soundview Houses, the Bronx.
Corey Chatman	Case 307/04 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 5802 Farragut Road, Glenwood Houses, Brooklyn.
Jermaine Campbell	Case 338/04 formerly associated with the eleventh floor of 3050 Park Avenue, Jackson Houses, the Bronx.
Jerome Cobb	Case 393/04 formerly associated with the fifteenth floor of 2250 West 11th Street, Marlboro Houses, Brooklyn.

Prohibited as of February 11, 2004

Wilson Torres	Case 632/04 formerly associated with the twelfth floor of 1505 Park Avenue, Clinton Houses, Manhattan.
Anthony Desselle Jules Desselle	Case 8278/03 formerly associated with the first floor of 159-06 109th Avenue, South Jamaica Houses, Queens.

Prohibited as of February 18, 2004

Walter Johnson	Case 934/04 formerly associated with the tenth floor of 730 East 165th Street, ForestHouses, the Bronx.
Angel Velez	Case 362/04 formerly associated with the sixteenth floor of 30 Avenue V, Marlboro Houses, Brooklyn.
Oswaldo Berrios	Case 771/04 formerly associated with the thirteenth floor of 674 East 149th Street, Moore Houses, the Bronx.

New Scholarship Program for Residents

Have you ever noticed film crews shooting scenes for movies at your NYCHA development? For years shows like "Law and Order," "Third Watch" and "NYPD Blue" have featured our developments in their shows and made donations to NYCHA in return. Those donations are now being put to good use with a new scholarship program that will provide up to 40 NYCHA residents with \$1,000 each to continue their educations at a City University of New York College.

In order to be eligible, applicants must be authorized NYCHA residents, and must be enrolled full-time in an Associate's or Bachelor's degree program, majoring in the arts, with a grade point average of 3.0 or above. In addition, the applicant must be able to demonstrate financial need. (See the advertisement on the facing page for full details.)

"The scholarship is for students studying film, broadcasting, dance, basically anything in the arts," said Public and Community Relations Deputy Director Millie Molina. "We're happy to help residents further their educations."

THE CHIEF'S CORNER

Have A Happy And Safe Fourth of July

Hello again! It's that time of year when we come together to celebrate our nation's independence. We encourage all residents to fully enjoy the festivities and celebrations associated with our national birthday.

However, it is also important to recognize the danger posed to our communities through the unsafe handling of illegal fireworks.

Unfortunately, every year at this time a number of individuals, often young people, who play with fireworks become injured, many seriously so. Injuries have included severe burns, permanent disfigurement, and even the loss of eyes, fingers and hands.

If you are aware of any information regarding the sale, delivery, or storage of illegal explosives or fireworks, I urge you to call 311.

As always, we rely on our strong partnership with the residents of New York City's public housing to help us fight crime, address quality of life concerns and enhance public safety. Your assistance in this matter can help save a child or an adult from being seriously injured this holiday.

Let's leave the fireworks demonstrations to the professionals.

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July!



Housing Bureau Police Chief Joanne Jaffe

Window Guards Are Required By Law: Make Sure Yours Are Installed Properly!

The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), like all landlords in New York City, is required by law to install window guards in every window of every NYCHA apartment where residents 10 years old or younger reside. Why? The reason is simple — window guards save lives! Window guards are especially important now that the warmer weather is here.

If you want or need window guards just contact your Management Office. Requests for window guard installation receive an emergency priority and installation is required within 24 hours.

You don't have to have a child aged 10 or under to have window guards installed, either. In fact, it's a good idea to have them installed if children even visit your apartment.

New York City's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

provides the following guidelines for the proper installation of window guards.

Window guards must be installed permanently in the lower half of the outside track of a double-hung window, 4 1/2 inches or less above the window sill, with four one-way screws and two "L" brackets. Stops must be screwed into each side of the upper window track with one way screws. When the lower window is stopped from being raised more than 4 1/2 inches above the top bar of the guard, your child cannot fall out.

The two illustrations here show examples of window guards that are properly installed, lower left, and improperly installed, upper right.

And if you have an air conditioner, or are thinking of getting one, please make sure that it is installed properly. If you have any doubts, check with your Management Office.

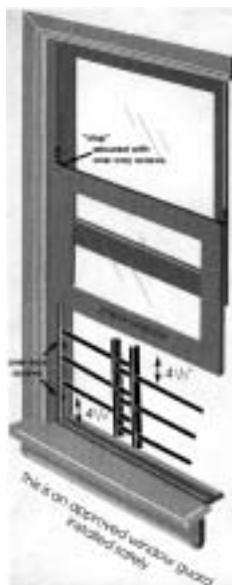
NYCHA has very specific guidelines regarding air conditioner installation. During Annual Apartment Inspections, not only will NYCHA staff determine



if all window guards are properly installed, they will also make sure that any air-conditioner you have is properly and permanently secured to the window.

Please keep in mind that when residents refuse to comply with our attempts to install window guards, we initiate administrative action to terminate tenancy.

So, have a great summer and remember, window guards save lives!



NYCHA RESIDENTS CAN APPLY NOW TO RECEIVE




\$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS

IT'S YOUR FUTURE

If you are a NYCHA resident attending a City University of New York (CUNY) Community or Senior College, you may be eligible to receive a \$1,000.00 NYCHA Resident Scholarship.

To qualify, for the scholarship you must:

- Be enrolled full time in an Associate or Baccalaureate degree program at any CUNY, Senior or Community College.
- Be an authorized New York City Housing Authority resident.
- Be a sophomore, junior, senior. ● Have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Demonstrate financial need. ● Major in film, broadcasting, dance, drama, fashion marketing/merchandising, journalism, music, photography, literature or fine and/or performing arts.

Apply by filing out the NYCHA Resident Scholarship Application available at www.cuny.edu/mychascholarship (must be typed in lower case). The application deadline is July 15, 2005.

Scholarships will be available for a limited time.

NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY FAIR HOUSING NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

It is the policy of the New York City Housing Authority to provide equal housing opportunities for all qualified applicants and residents. In the selection of families and in the provision of services, there shall be no discrimination against any person on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, military status, disability, lawful occupation, alienage or citizenship status, or because children may be, are, or will be residing with the individual.

This policy is in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Fair Housing Act of 1968, as amended by the Fair Housing Amendment Act of 1988, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the New York State and City Human Rights Laws.

Any resident or applicant who wishes to report housing discrimination MAY FILE A DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT (NYCHA 036.024) by contacting the Department of Equal Opportunity's Office of Housing Opportunities from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday or their development management office between 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM:

**New York City Housing Authority
Department of Equal Opportunity
250 Broadway, 27th floor
New York, NY 10007
Telephone (212) 306-4652
Fax: (212) 306-4439
TTY: (212) 306-4845**

Or by contacting any of the following federal, state or city human rights agencies listed below:

**New York City Commission on Human Rights
40 Rector Street, 9th floor
New York, NY 10006
(212) 306-7500**

**New York State Division of Human Rights
20 Exchange Place 2nd floor
New York, New York 10005
(212) 480-2522**

**United States Department of Housing Urban Development
Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
26 Federal Plaza, Room 3532
New York, New York 10278
(212) 264-1290 Extension 7534**

NOTICE
New York City Housing Authority Agency Plan 2006

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 FY2006. The draft plan was developed following weeks of meetings and discussions with the 54 members of the citywide Resident Advisory Board.

Availability of Plan for Public Inspection
The public is advised that the proposed plan will be available for public inspection at NYCHA'S principal office, located at 250 Broadway, 12th Floor, Reception Area, New York, NY, starting on May 27, 2005 through August 3, 2005 between the hours of 9:30 AM and 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:

Polo Grounds Community Center 2965 8 th Avenue New York, New York	Bronx River Community Center 1619 East 174 th Street Bronx, New York	Lafayette Gardens Community Center 442 DeKalb Avenue Brooklyn, New York
Rutgers Community Center 200 Madison Street New York, New York	Bland Community Center 133-36 Roosevelt Avenue Flushing, New York	Brooklyn Community Center 715 East 105 th Street Brooklyn, New York
Classic Center at Melrose 286 East 156 th Street Bronx, New York	Ocean Bay/Bayside Community Center 57-10 Beach Channel Drive Far Rockaway, New York	Staten Island Community Operations Borough Office 140 Richmond Terrace Staten Island, New York

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

<i>Tuesday, June 7, 2005</i> Queens Elechester Industrial Center 67-35 Parsons Blvd. at Jewel Avenue Flushing, New York	<i>Thursday, June 9, 2005</i> Manhattan Fashion Institute of Technology Haft Auditorium 7 th Avenue & 27 th Street New York, New York	
<i>Monday, June 20, 2005</i> Brooklyn New York College of Technology 285 Jay Street at Tillary Street Brooklyn, New York	<i>Wednesday, June 22, 2005</i> Staten Island IS 49 Dreyfus Intermediate School 101 Warren Street at Gordon Street Staten Island, New York	<i>Thursday, June 30, 2005</i> Bronx Classic Center @ Melrose 286 East 156 th Street at Morris Ave. Bronx, New York

Public Comment:
NYCHA also invites public comment on the proposed plan at a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2005, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at
The New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge
333 Adams Street
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Brooklyn, New York

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Written comments regarding the draft plan are encouraged. To be considered **submissions must be received not later than August 3, 2005.** 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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New Tennis Program For Hammel Houses Youth



Queens Borough President Helen Marshall (left of center) launched a new tennis program on May 7th at the Hammel Houses Community Center in Rockaway, Queens. The Helen Marshall Tennis Program will serve 25 to 30 youth from the development, ages 6 to 18, and will run through December 31st. NYCHA's General Manager Douglas Apple, and Department of Community Operations' Deputy General Manager Hugh Spence and Queens Borough Director Anthony Richburg were on hand to lend their support. Also present was Bill Briggs, founder of the non-profit Youth and Tennis, which will provide the tennis instruction. Mr. Briggs established Youth and Tennis more than 30 years ago to bring tennis to young Queens residents. "Our new tennis program is designed to offer young people opportunities in a sport that many youngsters are not exposed to and to have them participate in a year-round tennis program where they can develop sportsmanship and leadership skills," said Ms. Marshall. The program is being sponsored by Health Plus and the United Way, as well as Ms. Marshall's office. Plans are underway to expand the program to Baisley Houses in Jamaica, and Queensbridge Houses in Long Island City.



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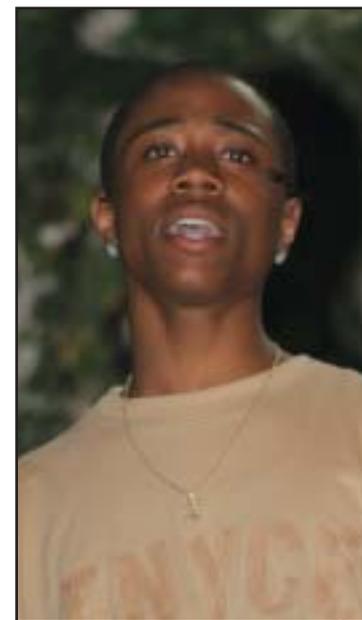
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Musical 'THE LESSON' Takes NYCHA by Storm!



Some of the talented young performers in "The Lesson" include (left to right) Kimberly Gonzalez of Campos Plaza Houses, who plays Tiffany, consultants Tammy Benjamin and Jessica Morales as the storm, and Khari Walker of Boulevard Houses who plays Kalil. The "goth" Tiffany character is misunderstood because she has trouble communicating and finally learns how to open up by the end of the play. Kalil must decide whether to accept an offer to play pro-basketball or get a college education first.

It was standing room only on the evenings of May 5th and 6th at the Fashion Institute of Technology in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan, when nearly 800 New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) residents attended NYCHA's Performing Arts Unit's production of the hip-hop musical, "The Lesson." Written by playwright Germaine Hardy, who attended the performances, "The Lesson" tells the stories of teen-aged NYCHA residents who are trapped in their classroom as they wait out a storm. Each teen presents the problems he or she is facing to their peers and in this way, the play explores a variety of teen issues. The issues range from child abuse to peer pressure to whether or not to accept an offer to play pro basketball, or go to college instead. (Ultimately the character decides to go to college.) When the storm finally hits it breaks down the teens' defenses which helps them to overcome the challenges they face.

Under the direction of Community Coordinators Andre LeClech, Feliciano Ramirez, Keir Nelson and Susan Unger, 30 NYCHA teenagers and young adults pulled it all together in less than two months of rehearsals. "It was a beautiful collaboration," said Mr. Nelson. "It's very important to hear the stories of the teens. The majority of the audience looked like they were very involved, like they could relate."

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