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**LEADERSHIP** The new Citywide Council of Presidents (CCOP) was sworn in on May 15th. Shown here (from left to right) are COP Chairs: Rose Bergin for Manhattan South, Ann Cotton Morris for Queens, Herma Williams for Bronx North, NYCHA Board Member Margarita López, Rosia Wyche for Brooklyn South, NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez, CCOP Chair Reginald Bowman, who also represents Brooklyn East, Raymond Ballard for Brooklyn West, Joanne Smitherman for Bronx South, NYCHA Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr., and Elizabeth Stanton for Staten Island.

## NEW CITYWIDE COP IS SWORN IN

By Eileen Elliott

A NEW CITYWIDE COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS (CCOP) WAS SWORN IN ON MAY 15TH IN A TRADITIONAL CANDLE-LIGHTING CEREMONY AT THE NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY'S (NYCHA'S) CENTRAL OFFICE AT 90 CHURCH STREET IN MANHATTAN. JUDGE ROBIN SHEARS PRESIDED, COMMENTING, "TODAY MARKS A BEGINNING AND AN END. YOU HAVE CHOSEN NEW OFFICERS." These new officers will devote their time and talent toward the common goals—empowerment, progress, self-determination.

The Citywide Council of Presidents (CCOP) works with senior NYCHA staff on the many issues affecting life in NYCHA developments, including budget issues at the local, state and federal government levels. CCOP elections are held every three years.

The CCOP is composed of nine COP Chairs, one for each of NYCHA's nine COP districts in

the City. Each district has its own COP comprising all of the Resident Association presidents for NYCHA developments in that district.

"I am a democratic person and will make no decisions without consulting with my colleagues," said the new CCOP Chair, Reginald Bowman of Seth Low Houses in Brooklyn East. "It's time to close the door on the

past and join hands to walk together toward the future."

Mr. Bowman replaced long time CCOP Chair Gerri Lamb, of Castle Hill Houses, who formerly represented Bronx North.

The new CCOP 1st Vice-Chair is Raymond Ballard of Sumner Houses, representing Brooklyn West. The 2nd

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## RESIDENTS MEET WITH REPS TO DEMAND 'GIVE US BACK THE \$!'

By Eileen Elliott

SPURRED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT'S (HUD'S) ANNOUNCEMENT IN FEBRUARY THAT HOUSING AUTHORITIES WILL ONLY RECEIVE 81 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR OF THEIR ALREADY INADEQUATE OPERATING SUBSIDIES, NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY (NYCHA) RESIDENT LEADERS BOARDED BUSES FOR WASHINGTON, ONCE AGAIN, ON THE MORNING OF MAY 20TH TO DEMAND THAT CONGRESS "GIVE US BACK THE MONEY!"

"This wasn't a rally," said Resident Association President Victor Gonzalez, of Manhattan's Wise Towers, referring to previous trips by NYCHA residents and public housing supporters to Washington and Albany.

"We had appointments. We wore suits."

And the message? As Mr. Gonzalez put it, "Give us back the money that you owe us for 2008 and fund us in 2009 with the correct amount."

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**B'BALL STAR** Kareem Abdul Jabbar, widely considered to be one of the best NBA players of all time, stopped by his old home, Dyckman Houses in upper Manhattan, to see the tree that was planted there in his honor, as part of the Million Trees NY initiative, spearheaded by the City and New York Restoration Project. He is shown here with New York Restoration Project Founder Bette Midler.

## Proposed Targeted Rent Initiative

Ongoing federal disinvestment in public housing has forced the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) to take tough actions over the past several years to ensure that the 343 NYCHA developments which provide homes for over 400,000 New Yorkers remain viable. We have reduced spending by over half-a-billion dollars and cut staff by 2,500 positions. Unfortunately, these measures have not been sufficient to cover our current budget gap. In an effort to generate revenue while creating a more equitable rent structure, NYCHA is revising its Draft Annual Plan for FY 2009 to include a proposal to increase rents for that segment of NYCHA's households who have the highest household incomes. The vast majority of NYCHA's households (72 percent) who pay 30 percent of their incomes for rent will not be impacted by this increase. If the proposal is approved, 28 percent of NYCHA's households, or 49,374 households who pay on average 20 percent of their income for rent, will have their rent adjusted over two years. These households will be divided into three (3) income bands and rent increases will be 5 percent, 10 percent and 15 percent, respectively, each year. The Targeted Rent Initiative is a proposal that will be reviewed through our Annual Plan process. The final proposal will then be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for approval. (See page 7.)

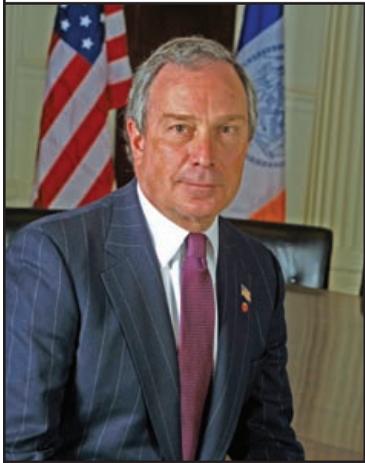
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**MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

**How To Stay Cool and 'Beat the Heat' This Summer**



WITH SUMMERTIME'S HIGH TEMPERATURES AND HUMIDITY IT'S IMPORTANT TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO STAY HEALTHY AND PREVENT HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES. Children and seniors are particularly vulnerable to the effects of hot weather. Here are a few tips from the Office of Emergency Management's Beat the Heat campaign to help you and your loved ones stay cool.

**Personal Heat-Related Health Tips**

- If possible, stay out of the sun. When in the sun, wear sunscreen (at least SPF 15) and a hat to protect your face and head.
- Use an air conditioner if you have one. Set the thermostat no lower than 78 degrees.
- If you do not have an air conditioner, keep rooms well-ventilated with open windows and fans. Fans work best at night, when they can bring in cooler air from outside.
- Make a special effort to check on your neighbors during a heat wave, especially if they are seniors, young children, and people with special needs. Many older New Yorkers live alone and could suffer unnecessarily in the heat because they are isolated from friends and family.
- Seniors and others who may be sensitive to extreme heat should contact friends, neighbors, or relatives at least twice a day during a heat wave.
- Drink fluids—particularly water—even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid beverages containing alcohol, caffeine, or high amounts of sugar. People with heart, kidney or liver disease, or on fluid restricted diets should check with their doctors before increasing fluid intake.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose clothing that covers as much of your skin as possible.
- Never leave children, pets, or those who require special care in a parked car during periods of intense summer heat.
- Avoid strenuous activity, especially during the sun's peak hours—11 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you must engage in strenuous activity, do it during the coolest part of the day, usually in the morning between 4 a.m. and 7 a.m.
- Cool showers or baths may be helpful, but avoid extreme temperature changes. Never take a shower immediately after becoming overheated—extreme temperature changes may make you ill, nauseated, or dizzy.
- During heat emergencies, the City may open cooling centers. There are a number of cooling centers at New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Community Centers. If cooling centers are open, call 311 (TTY: 212-504-4115) or log onto the Office of Emergency Management's (OEM's) website to locate a center near you.

**The City's Pools and Beaches**

Another great way to stay cool this summer is to visit the City's public pools and beaches. The City's Parks Department maintains 14 miles of beaches, all of which are open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Lifeguards are on duty daily, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. All 54 of the Parks' Departments outdoor pools are free and open to the public from late June through Labor Day. General hours of operation are 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Conserving Energy**

Please do your part to help save energy during the summer months when the energy demand is the highest. Set air conditioners at no lower than 78 degrees Fahrenheit and use them only when you are home. Taking these steps can help prevent dangerous heat-related illnesses and ensure that you and yours get the most out of summer. For more information, please visit the Office of Emergency Management's (OEM's) web site at: [nyc.gov/oem](http://nyc.gov/oem).

*Michael R. Bloomberg*

**THE FACES OF NYCHA**

**OLYMPIC RECORD BREAKER ROBERT BEAMON**

— By Heidi Morales —

IT'S NO SECRET THAT MANY PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS ACHIEVE SUCCESS AND STARDOM. In fact, many of the people we see today on the big screen or on our daily local newscasts once lived in public housing. (See *Chairman's Column* on page 3). But little did a lot of us know that among this impressive roster of high achievers is Olympic Athlete and Gold Medalist Robert (Bob) Beamon.

Mr. Beamon was born on August 29, 1946. He was raised in the New York City Housing Authority's (NYCHA's) South Jamaica Houses in Jamaica, Queens. Mr. Beamon had a very difficult childhood. According to "The Man Who Could Fly"—Mr. Beamon's autobiography published in 1999—his mother died when he was an infant and he never knew his biological father. He was raised by his stepfather until he was incarcerated at which point young Bob's maternal grandmother took on the role of primary caregiver. Unfortunately, Mr. Beamon's formative years were overshadowed by poverty, violence and drugs. But, it was this exposure to violence that several years later indirectly saved his life and ultimately made him an Olympic legend.

During his teenage years, young Bob engaged in a school fight and in the midst of the chaos he hit a teacher and was expelled. Mr. Beamon ended up in the juvenile court system charged with assault and battery and was sent to a juvenile detention center. He was later given a second chance and enrolled in an alternative school where he was introduced to discipline, responsibility, and track and field. He said in a May 2000 interview with *Second Chances*—a newsletter put out by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention—that, "that was the beginning of my turnaround."

1968...

During the Mexico City Summer Olympics of 1968, Mr. Beamon changed his life forever and gained a celebrity that will certainly outlive him. He broke the

world and Olympic record in the long-jump. Various sportswriters throughout the years have compared Mr. Beamon's jump to a bird taking off into the sky and landing 29 feet, 2 ½ inches later. That's right, 29 feet! What a feat. Many say no other Olympic record has been as noteworthy.

In fact, Mr. Beamon's "first jump was so long that the optical measuring device [used by officials to measure the jumps] slid off its rail before it reached Beamon's point of impact. Olympic officials had to revert to using an old-fashioned steel tape to measure the distance! The distance was read as 8.90

meters but Mr. Beamon did not understand the metric system and he just stood there without fully grasping what he had just done. Once officials converted the measurement and announced the jump at 29 feet 2 ½ inches long, Mr. Beamon collapsed to the ground, full of emotion. Ironically, he was helped up by two athletes who he had just defeated.

His jump was so incredible that a new word was created, "Beamonesque," which according to the official website of the Olympics describes "an athletic feat so dramatically superior to

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**CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**

**NYCHA's Budget for Fiscal Year 2008**



THE NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY (NYCHA) HAS LAUNCHED A NUMBER OF BOLD INITIATIVES OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS TO HELP IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF OUR 343 PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS WHILE CUTTING COSTS AND IMPROVING EFFICIENCY. Yet, despite our successes, the Housing Authority's greatest challenge continues to be its struggle to achieve structural fiscal stability.

**Persistent Structural Budget Gap**

Many NYCHA residents are already familiar with the Housing Authority's budget issues, but for those of you who aren't: NYCHA's operating budget for FY2008 reflects a deficit of approximately \$195 million, or nearly 10% of our operating budget.

The primary reason for NYCHA's structural budget deficit continues to be the ongoing disinvestment in public housing by the Federal government. NYCHA has seen six straight years of underfunding by Washington. We have been shortchanged by more than \$611 million since 2001 and in FY2008, NYCHA will receive only 81.7 cents for every dollar we should be receiving. That's the lowest to date. In addition, rapidly rising non-discretionary costs such as fuel, employee benefits like pensions and health care, and the operating costs for 21,000 unfunded City- and State-built units have also played a major role in the budget gap.

**Actions To Reduce Spending**

The NYCHA Board has taken strong and decisive steps to manage within our means. We have implemented over a half billion dollars in budget reductions while also consolidating administrative functions and streamlining services. We have raised rents and fees. Since 2002, we have reduced head count by almost 2,500 positions, with an aim to protect core services provided to residents at the development level. We have consolidated management offices and underutilized community centers. Unfortunately, the NYCHA Board has no choice but to continue to take tough actions to reduce spending and generate critically needed revenue.

**Successes**

Since we announced our *Plan to Preserve Public Housing* in 2006 NYCHA has achieved significant victories. An increase in the Shelter Allowance NYCHA receives for residents on public assistance will eventually yield about \$46 million in new monies, once fully phased in by 2010. In addition, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has granted approval to our application to transition 8,400 units at our 21 unsubsidized City- and State-built developments to Section 8 funding. This will allow NYCHA to offer current residents, on a voluntary basis, Section 8 vouchers and convert units as they become vacant. This initiative will yield an additional \$75 million annually once fully phased in by 2011. These are definitely steps in the right direction but they will do little to address NYCHA's immediate budget shortfall, because they will not be fully phased in for a few years yet.

**Next Steps**

NYCHA has no choice but to continue to generate revenue and reduce expenses going forward. These steps include a proposed Targeted Rent Increase once again for the families with the ability to pay. (See box on page 1.) In addition, all non-core services including Community and Senior Centers and programs are at risk.

**Conclusion**

NYCHA remains a vital resource to this City and the NYCHA Board remains committed to the preservation of public housing for current and future generations. What the Housing Authority needs more than anything, is support from all levels of government. The support we have received from our stakeholders so far, including residents, elected officials, housing advocates, union leaders and NYCHA staff, has been invaluable, and I look forward to your continued support going forward.

Any actions NYCHA takes over the course of the year will be based on the knowledge that we must make the hard, not popular, choices necessary to ensure the preservation of public housing.

*Tino Hernandez*

**BOROUGH DIGEST**

**Bronx:** Bronx South Council of Presidents Chair Joanne Smitherman of Highbridge Gardens joined Resident Association Presidents Curtis Johnson of Morris Houses, Eva Bender of Forest Houses, and Princella Jamerson of Millbrook Houses to host the first *Safer Residents Day* on June 7th at the Classic Community Center. The event featured safety seminars led by Tom Patire, who developed the C.A.S.E. kit. C.A.S.E. stands for Child Adult Safety Essentials and the kit includes a handbook on personal protection, personal ID kit, travel emergency cards designed in the event that a loved one gets lost, and a personal safety DVD. Approximately 150 residents attended the event.

**Brooklyn:** The Department of Parks and Recreation hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the renovation of the Brevoort Playground, which is adjacent to the Brevoort Houses, in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn, on the morning of May 13th. Located at Ralph Avenue and Chauncey Streets, NYCHA leased the playground site to the Parks Department in 1957. The renovations are made possible by a \$2 million allocation by City Council Member Darlene Mealy and \$360,000 by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. The new playground will have swings, basketball courts, two large play units, exercise equipment and a spray shower. Other improvements include a central garden area and a performance space.

**Manhattan:** Wagner Houses, located in East Harlem, celebrated its 50th Anniversary on June 12th, with the presentation of a Mayoral Proclamation to the development's Manager, Resident Association President and Superintendent. Named for four-term U.S. Senator Robert Wagner, Sr., Wagner Houses was completed on June 12, 1958 and is home to over 5,000 NYCHA residents.



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**DEBORAH'S DIARY**

*By Deborah Williams*



**Fair Housing Art**—To commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on April 11, 1968, the New York City Housing Authority's (NYCHA's) Department of Equal Opportunity joined the Department of Community Operations to hold a Fair Housing Poster Design Contest for NYCHA youth. Harborview Art Consultants William

Lucero and Jennifer Wade worked with the children of Weeksville and Lafayette Gardens Community Centers in Brooklyn and Campos Plaza Community Center in Manhattan on the creation of posters expressing the youths' understanding of fair housing. Altogether, 60 posters were entered into the competition. On June 4, 2008, NYCHA held its Fair Housing Poster Award Ceremony at 90 Church Street to honor the winners of the contest. The first-place winner was Alishaun Johnson, 12 years old, from Weeksville, for his poster entitled "Race, Color, Creed." The second-place winner was Akia Ramsey, also 12 years old, from Lafayette Gardens, for her poster entitled, "Has to Stop," and the third-place winner was a group who worked together to create the "Dr. Martin Luther King Fought for Fair Housing" poster. They were Mecca Chisholm, Leslie Ortiz, Luis Ortiz, Leila Ortiz, Luz Ortiz, Maddison Lucas, Nathaniel Rivera, Genesis Rivera, Oscar Hall, and Essence Edwards, all from the Campos Community Center. The winners were congratulated by NYCHA General Manager Douglas Apple, who said that he loved their art because each piece tells the story of how the young resident feels about fair housing. Winner Akia Ramsey said she learned a lot of interesting things about discrimination. And one more thing—remember, "Fair housing is not an option—it's the law." *Wow, you guys did a terrific job on your poster and now you know firsthand that learning can be fun. Here's a very special congratulations to all winners and the participants, especially Stephen Ramsey, Akia's brother, who participated but didn't win. Stephen promised, "If there is another Fair Housing Poster Competition next year I'll definitely be one of the winners!" Congratulations!*



**NEW CITYWIDE COP**

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Vice-Chair is Rosia Wyche of Coney Island Houses, representing Brooklyn South. The Treasurer is Elizabeth Stanton of Richmond Terrace, representing Staten Island. The Secretary is Joanne Smitherman of Highbridge Gardens, representing Bronx South.

Other newly elected COP Chairs are Rose Bergin of Isaacs Houses who replaces Nikki Azure, representing Manhattan South; and Herma Williams, of Pelham Parkway Houses, who replaces Gerri Lamb, representing Bronx North.

As of the writing of this article, the seat for the Manhattan North District Chair, previously held by Barbara G. Barber of Drew Hamilton Houses, is still open.

After the candle-lighting ceremony and the swearing in, during which each COP Chair vowed to faithfully fulfill the duties of his or her office, Judge Shears told the group, "May the candle symbolically shine so the Citywide COP will grow in service to the Housing Authority, the community and the City."

"We're going to work in partnership with each other," said CCOP 1st Vice-Chair, Mr. Ballard. "This is a real opportunity."

Each COP Chair also serves on the Resident Advisory Board, which works with NYCHA staff on the yearly Annual Plan. The Plan is submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and sets forth the Housing Authority's initiatives for the coming 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. 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 24 and March 7, 14, 21 and 28th, and April 5, 2007. **Please note: These exclusions are based on NYCHA's Administrative Hearing Process and should not be confused with the Trespass Notice Program under Mayor Bloomberg's Operation Safe Housing Initiative.**

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HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTY, PLEASE CALL  
YOUR MANAGEMENT OFFICE OR NYCHA'S  
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### Prohibited as of January 24, 2007

Steven Wilson Case 1135/07 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 451 Columbia Street, Red Hook East Houses, Brooklyn.

### Prohibited as of March 7, 2007

Tyquan Samuel Case 1158/07 formerly associated with the third floor of 364 Beach 56th Street, Ocean Bay Apartments, Queens.

Mark Taylor Case 1208/07 formerly associated with the fifteenth floor of 60 East 102nd Street, Carver Houses, Manhattan.

Michael Ketter Case 280/07 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 1430 Bergen Street, Albany Houses, Brooklyn.

### Prohibited as of March 14, 2007

Shawn Burke Case 1342/07 formerly associated with the third floor of 116-03 Guy R. Brewer Blvd., Baisley Park Houses, Queens.

Ronald Thomas Case 1600/07 formerly associated with the first floor of 241 Kingsborough 2nd Walk, Kingsborough Houses, Brooklyn.

### Prohibited as of March 21, 2007

Argelis Salcedo Case 1605/07 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 159-30 Harlem River Drive, Rangel Houses, Manhattan.

Derrick Coleman Case 1667/07 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 1960 Park Avenue, Lincoln Houses, Manhattan.

Phillip Smith Case 1666/07 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 5817 Glenwood Road, Glenwood Houses, Brooklyn.

Richard Williams Case 2829/07 formerly associated with the tenth floor of 130 Third Avenue, Wyckoff Gardens, Brooklyn.

Donnel Scott Case 1776/07 formerly associated with the seventh floor of 1730 Watson Avenue, Bronxdale Houses, the Bronx.

Javon Jackson Case 177/07 formerly associated with the fourth floor 1960 Park Avenue, Lincoln Houses, Manhattan.

### Prohibited as of March 28, 2007

Angel Caballero Case 1612/07 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 207 Kingsborough 2nd Walk, Kingsborough Houses, Brooklyn.

Maurice Strother Case 1692/05 formerly associated with the second floor of 681 Courtlandt Avenue, Melrose Houses, the Bronx.

Julio Quinones Case 1939/07 formerly associated with the formerly associated with the fourteenth floor of 189 Allen Street, Gompers Consolidated Houses, Manhattan.

### Prohibited as of April 5, 2007

Joshua Riffias Case 2031/07 formerly associated with the seventh floor of 175 Alexander Avenue, Mitchel Houses, the Bronx.

Derrick Kirk Case 2036/07 formerly associated with the first floor of 51-15 Almedia Avenue, Ocean Bay Apartments, Queens.

Eric Woods Case 2049/07 formerly associated with the first floor of 353 East 141st Street, Mott Haven Houses, Bronx.

Nakwan Nelson Case 6918/06 formerly associated with the ground floor of 342 Fountain Avenue, Cypress Hill Houses, Brooklyn.

Aaron Franklin Case 2140/07 formerly associated with the twenty-first floor of 2430 Seventh Avenue, Drew Hamilton Houses, Manhattan.

## BOROUGH DIGEST

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**Shown in the picture on page 3 (left to right) are: Superintendent William Klippel, Resident Association President Katie Harris and Manager Alfred Rawlins.**

**Queens:** Queens Borough Community Operations hosted a Spring Festival Showcase and Spelling Contest at Public School 80 in Jamaica. The showcase featured dancing, singing and musical instruments played by participants from Queens Community Centers after-school and teen programs. A few of the show's highlights included dancing by the "R.W. Divas" from the Ravenswood Community Center and "Access Granted" from the Astoria Community Center, and drumming by the Woodside Community Center Drum Team. The event also included the 2008 Queens Borough Spelling Bee Contest, with 30 champions from each center competing for the 4th, 5th and 6th grade titles. The champions for each grade received a trophy and represented Queens in the Citywide Spelling Bee Championship Tournament on June 17th at the Manhattanville Community Center. And the champions are: Destiny Johnson from the Hammel Community Center, for the 4th Grade; Tiana Johnson from the Hammel Community Center for the 5th Grade and Elizabeth Grace from the Ocean Bay Community Center for the 6th Grade.



**Shown in the picture above (left to right) are the Sixth Grade Runner Up and Champion, respectively: Angel Buceta from Baisley Park and Elizabeth Grace from Ocean Bay Houses.**

**Staten Island:** On the evening of May 15th, New York State Assembly Member Janelle Hyer-Spencer came to the South Beach Community Center to present the Resident Association with five Motorola radios to be used to enhance the effective-

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## RESIDENTS MEET WITH REPS

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The New York Housing Authority is facing a \$195 million deficit in its operating budget in the current fiscal year, caused primarily by the federal government's chronic underfunding.

Each group of residents hand-delivered a letter to the Representatives they met with, which clearly stated their needs. Drafted by NYCHA Citywide Council Of Presidents (CCOP) Chair Reginald Bowman and signed by 55 NYCHA Resident Association Presidents, the letter asked Senators Patty Murray and Christopher Bond to use their positions as Chair and Ranking Member, respectively, on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation Housing and Urban Development to vote to restore and continue funding nationally for public housing in FY2009 at \$5.3 billion for operating costs and \$3.5 billion for capital.

"The original mission of public housing was to be a haven and economic engine for the American dream of an affordable place to live for low-income and working families," the letter states. "The 179,000 families of seniors, children, working and people on fixed incomes are relying on you to continue to invest in this mission, and restore the funding to viable levels."

Members of the New York delegation spoke with the entire group of residents after the afternoon's individual meetings were through. They included Representatives Edolphus Towns, Gregory Meeks, Joseph Crowley, Anthony Weiner and Nydia Velázquez.

"The residents really felt they accomplished something," said Ethel Veléz, Resident Association President from Johnson Houses. "They were able to get their concerns across. We know that we have to lobby for ourselves. We have to jointly work with the Housing Authority to get the funding we need for operations. We're going to push our elected officials."

NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez was enthusiastic about the trip. Referring to NYCHA executive staff, he said, "We can go to Albany and Washington and talk until we're blue in the face. What State and Federal elected officials really need is to see residents stand tall and talk about their needs."

And now they have. As Board Member Margarita López commented, "More power to them for what they did."

In addition to those mentioned above, residents met with a representative for Congress Member Barney Frank, who is Chair of the House Committee on Financial Services, and the Congress Members, or representatives from their staff for: Senators Charles Schumer, Patty Murray, and Christopher Bond; and Representatives John Olver, Maxine Waters and Shelly Moore Capito.



Congress Member Gregory Meeks addresses NYCHA residents in Washington, D.C.

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**ATTENTION!**  
The Annual Plan Notice has been revised to indicate that a new Revised Draft Annual Plan was made available on June 30th, that the Public Hearing is now on August 13th, and that the deadline for comments is now August 22nd. The Revised Draft Annual Plan includes information about possible rent increases. See BELOW.

**REVISED NOTICE**

**New York City Housing Authority REVISED Draft Agency Annual Plan for FY 2009**

The New York City Housing Authority ("NYCHA") is revising its Draft Agency Annual Plan for FY 2009.

**Availability of the REVISED Draft Agency Annual Plan for Public Inspection**

The public is advised that the REVISED Draft Agency Annual Plan for FY 2009 will be available for public inspection at NYCHA's principal office, located at 250 Broadway, 12th Floor, Reception Area, New York, NY, from June 30, 2008 through August 22, 2008, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The REVISED Draft Agency Annual Plan for FY 2009 will also be available at the following locations:

- On NYCHA's webpage, which is located on <http://www.nyc.gov/nycha>
- At the Management Office of each NYCHA public housing development during regular business hours
- At the Community Centers/site listed below during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.:

Campos Plaza Community Center 611 East 13th Street New York, New York	Fort Independence Community Center 3350 Bailey Avenue Bronx, New York	Atlantic Terminal Community Center 501 Carlton Avenue Brooklyn, New York
King Towers Community Center 2 West 115th Street New York, New York	Latimer Gardens Community Center 34-30 137th Street Flushing, New York	Breukelen Community Center 715 East 105th Street Brooklyn, New York
St. Mary's Community Center 595 Trinity Avenue Bronx, New York	Ocean Bay/Bay Side 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**  
The public is invited to attend any of the five scheduled Town Hall meetings at which the public may raise questions regarding the *Draft Annual Plan for FY 2009*. These meetings will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the dates and locations shown below:

Tuesday, June 3, 2008		Thursday, June 5, 2008	
<b>Manhattan</b> Fashion Institute of Technology Haft Auditorium 7th Avenue & 27th Street New York, New York		<b>Brooklyn</b> New York City College of Technology Klitgord Auditorium 285 Jay Street at Tillary Street Brooklyn, New York	
Wednesday, June 11, 2008	Monday, June 16, 2008	Thursday, June 19, 2008	
<b>Staten Island</b> IS 49 Dreyfus Intermediate School 101 Warren – Gordon Street Staten Island, New York	<b>Queens</b> Elechester Industrial Center 67-35 Parsons Blvd.– Jewel Avenue Flushing, New York	<b>Bronx</b> Classic Center at Melrose 286 East 156 Morris Avenue Bronx, New York	

The public is also invited to comment on the REVISED Draft Annual Agency Plan for FY 2009 at a public hearing to be held on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2008 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at:

**The Manhattan Center  
Grand Ballroom  
311 West 34th Street  
New York, New York**

Each location listed above is both handicapped accessible and can be reached using public transportation. For transportation information go to <http://tripplanner.mta.info> or call the MTA/NYC Transit Travel Information Line (718) 330-1234.

Written comments regarding the REVISED Draft Annual Agency Plan for FY 2009 are encouraged. To be considered, **submissions must be received via United States Postal mail no later than August 22, 2008.** Faxed submissions will not be accepted. Comments may be sent to the following address:

**New York City Housing Authority  
Public Housing Agency Plan Comments  
Church Street Station  
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<b>BROOKLYN SOUTH/WEST</b>	FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 AT PROSPECT PARK	FRIDAY, JULY 11 AT RED HOOK PARK	THURSDAY, AUGUST 14 AT RED HOOK PARK
<b>MANHATTAN</b>	TUESDAY, JULY 29 AT CENTRAL PARK	THURSDAY, JULY 24 AT RIVERBANK STATE PARK	THURSDAY, JULY 31 JEFFERSON PARK
<b>QUEENS</b>	WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 AT BAISLEY PARK	FRIDAY, JULY 18 AT CORPORAL THOMPSON PARK	TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 AT BAISLEY PARK
<b>STATEN ISLAND</b>	WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 AT BAISLEY PARK	FRIDAY, JULY 18 AT CORPORAL THOMPSON PARK	TUESDAY, AUGUST 5 AT BAISLEY PARK



**FISHING CONTEST**

MONDAY, AUGUST 18  
STATEN ISLAND FISHING CONTEST  
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**CITYWIDE OLYMPICS**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21  
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## NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY Board Meeting Schedule

Notice is hereby given that the New York City Housing Authority's Board Meetings take place every other Wednesday at 10AM (unless otherwise noted) in the Board Room on the 12th Floor of 250 Broadway, New York, New York. The remaining meetings for Calendar Year 2008 are as follows:

July 9, 2008  
July 23, 2008  
August 6, 2008  
August 20, 2008  
September 3, 2008  
September 17, 2008  
October 2, 2008 (Thursday)  
October 16, 2008 (Thursday)  
October 29, 2008  
November 12, 2008  
November 26, 2008  
December 10, 2008  
December 24, 2008



Any changes to the schedule above will be posted on NYCHA's Website at [nyc.gov/nycha](http://nyc.gov/nycha) and in the NYCHA Journal to the extent practicable at a reasonable time before the meeting.

These meetings are open to the public. Pre-registration of speakers is required. Those who wish to register must do so at least forty-five (45) minutes before the scheduled Board Meeting. Comments are limited to the items on the agenda. Speakers will be heard in the order of registration. Speaking time will be limited to three (3) minutes. The public comment period will conclude upon all speakers being heard or at the expiration of thirty (30) minutes allotted by law for public comment, whichever occurs first.

For Board Meeting dates and times, and/or additional information, please visit our website at [nyc.gov/nycha](http://nyc.gov/nycha) or contact us at (212) 306-6088. Copies of the agenda can be picked up at the Office of the Secretary at 250 Broadway, 12th floor, New York, New York, no earlier than 3P.M. on the Friday before the upcoming Wednesday Board Meeting.

Any person requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the Board Meeting, should contact the Office of the Secretary at (212) 306-6088 no later than five (5) business days before the Board Meeting.

## GLOBAL PARTNERS JR. END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION



SIXTY NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY (NYCHA) YOUTH WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE GLOBAL PARTNERS, JR. PROGRAM JOINED THEIR NEW YORK CITY PEERS AT THE TONY DAPOLITO RECREATION CENTER IN MANHATTAN'S GREENWICH VILLAGE ON MAY 21ST, FOR THE PROGRAM'S END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION. A collaboration between the Mayor's Office and a number of after-school service providers including the City's Parks and Recreation Department Computer Resource Centers, the New York Public Library and the Police Athletic League, Global Partners, Jr. is an award-winning after-school program that connects New York City students to their peers in other countries via the Internet in an effort to foster global understanding among youth.

The theme for this year's program, which began in October, was, "My City and Myself." Students from three NYCHA Community Centers—Sheepshead Nostrand in Brooklyn, Bronx River in the Bronx, and West Brighton in Staten Island—exchanged their thoughts and ideas on culture, community and history with their peers in Beijing, Budapest, Buenos Aires,

Dublin, Jerusalem, London, Madrid, Mumbai, Paris, Rome, Seoul and Tokyo. They used what they learned to create their final projects, mock travel agencies, which were showcased at the end-of-year event. Trappings of the travel agencies included itineraries for trips to Ireland, Italy and Spain, brochures and business cards.

Global Partners, Jr. is an outgrowth of New York City Global Partners, Inc. which promotes international cooperation between New York City and cities around the world, primarily through summits that bring together city government, business and community leaders to discuss common challenges facing municipal governments and share best practices.

Global Partners, Jr. is an

## BEAMON

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previous feats that it overwhelms the imagination."

Mr. Beamon's world record stood for 23 years and the jump was named by *Sports Illustrated* magazine as, "one of the five greatest sports moments of the 20th century."

2008...

This year is the 40th anniversary of the jump that according to Lynn Davies, an English runner defending his title on that fateful day, "destroyed this event" for those who came after. Those were definitely big shoes to fill.

Mr. Beamon was inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame in 1983 and the National Track and Field Hall of Fame. Mr. Beamon's record lasted nearly 23 years. It was broken by American long-jumper Mike Powell in Tokyo in August 1991. Mr. Powell jumped 29 feet 4 1/2 inches, or 8.95 meters, setting the current record.

These days, Mr. Beamon keeps himself busy helping disadvantaged youth through his not-for-profit organization — The Bob Beamon Organization for Youth (BBOY), located in Aventura, Florida. By holding yearly events such as the Beamonesque Awards Gala and The Bob Beamon Celebrity Golf and Tennis Classic, Mr. Beamon and the BBOY have raised over \$2 million to help young disadvantaged athletes "take the best possible leap into life."

Mr. Beamon graduated from Adelphi University in 1972 with a degree in sociology. He is married and lives in Florida.

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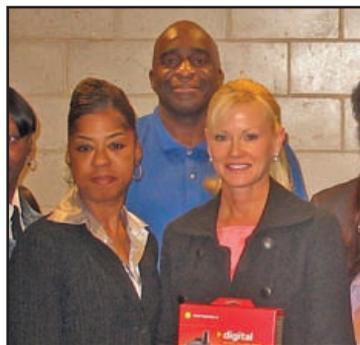
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## BOROUGH DIGEST

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ness of the South Beach Tenant Patrol. She also announced that she had secured over one million dollars in funding to create an ATTAIN. Computer Lab in the Community Center. ATTAIN, which stands for Advanced Technology Training And Information Sharing, is a program administered by the State University of New York's Center for Academic and Workforce Development. Once completed, the ATTAIN Lab at South Beach will be the second in Staten Island. (The other is at Berry Houses.)



Shown above, from left to right, are: Resident Association President Scherise Lewis, Community Center Director Derrick Simpson, and New York State Assembly Member Janelle Hyer-Spencer.

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