



SCHOLAR Jermaine Anderson of Twin Parks West in the Bronx, with NYCHA Chair John B. Rhea (right) and CUNY's Senior Vice Chancellor Jay Hershenson at the Resident Scholarship Reception.

NYCHA and CUNY Host Reception for NYCHA Resident Scholarship Winners

By Deborah Williams

ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2009, THE NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY (NYCHA) JOINED THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (CUNY) TO HOST A RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION AT HUNTER COLLEGE IN MANHATTAN, WHERE NINE NYCHA RESIDENTS WERE AWARDED WITH \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS EACH.

Serving as Mistress of Ceremonies, Sandra Roberson of NYCHA's Department of Communications, welcomed the many NYCHA and CUNY executives who came to the event, which was held in Hunter's light-filled faculty cafeteria. "The most important welcome of the evening goes to our VIPs – the resident scholarship recipients as well as their family and friends," Ms. Roberson said.

NYCHA Chair John B. Rhea mentioned that NYCHA has been celebrating its 75th Anniversary this year, and in that context told the audience, "Through the decades NYCHA has withstood the test of time providing not only a place to live, but resources for residents to grow and thrive. This partnership with CUNY will build on family investment and promote intellectual capital. Education is an important equalizer that gives people real opportunity."

The Resident Scholarship program was established in 2005 by NYCHA's Department of Communications to help

enrich the lives of young NYCHA residents enrolled in the City University System. The scholarships have been funded primarily through donations received from movie and television production companies that film on NYCHA property. Teresa Mann, a former NYCHA employee, also contributes to the scholarship program, as does Chase Bank.

According to CUNY's Senior Vice Chancellor for University Relations Jay Hershenson, who spoke at the event, there are approximately 55,000 to 60,000 NYCHA residents who attend City University schools. Since the scholarship program was started, NYCHA has awarded 44 scholarships to residents.

A program distributed at the reception provided a brief bio of each of the scholarship winners, many of whom have overcome adversity on their paths to a college education.

"Despite many obstacles, I was the first in my family to graduate from high school," said Shatavia Green, of Brooklyn's
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CCTV Money for a Number of Brooklyn Developments

THE NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY'S (NYCHA'S) TILDEN AND BROWNSVILLE HOUSES IN THE BROWNSVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD OF BROOKLYN ARE GETTING \$3.4 MILLION FOR CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEMS (CCTV) IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE CRIME AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE THERE FOR NYCHA'S RESIDENTS. Funding for the CCTVs comes through the combined efforts of U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz who allocated \$2 million, and City Council Member Darlene Mealy, who allocated \$1 million.

The elected officials joined NYCHA Chair John B. Rhea for a press conference at Tilden Houses on September 18th to announce the installation of the cameras, which will be strategically located in lobbies, elevators and building entrances.



CRIME PREVENTION (from left) Resident Association Presidents Marie Boone of Tilden Houses and Laura Morgan of Brownsville Houses, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, Housing Bureau Police Chief Joanne Jaffe and Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz announce \$3.4 million for CCTVs at Tilden and Brownsville Houses in Brooklyn.

"The safety and well-being of our residents is of the highest priority to NYCHA," said Chair Rhea. "These cameras deter crime, allow us to see what is taking place and who to look for if a crime occurs, as well as provide proof in court of what occurred."

"The residents of public housing deserve the best in crime prevention

technology and these new security cameras will go a long way in providing the protection they need," Senator Schumer remarked.

Resident Association Presidents Marie Boone of Tilden Houses and Laura Morgan of Brownsville Houses also spoke.

"We salute...everyone who made this possible," Ms. Boone said.

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GARDEN AND GREENING AWARD WINNERS



PLANTING THE SEED NYCHA held its 47th Annual Garden and Greening Awards Ceremony at the Bronxdale Community Center in the Bronx on October 14th. Of the 600 gardens cultivated by NYCHA residents Citywide, 71 won 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd-place prizes for each borough in the Flower, Vegetable and Children's Theme categories, as well as honorable mention. Marion Dolphus of South Jamaica Houses in Queens won 1st-place prize Citywide for the Flower and Vegetable Categories, the Garden of Zodiac and Garden of Venus, respectively, while Laura Johnson of Marcy Houses in Brooklyn won 1st-place prize Citywide for the Children's Theme Garden, Ebony's Garden. This is the 13th time Ms. Dolphus has won in the Garden Competition! Shown above (left to right) are Community Operations Deputy General Manager Hugh B. Spence, General Manager Michael Kelly, Ms. Dolphus, Garden Coordinator Howard Hemming, Chair John Rhea, Ms. Johnson, Garden Coordinator Rob Bennaton, and Vice-Chair Earl Andrews, Jr. holding one of Ms. Dolphus' trophies. See page 14 for a full list of winners of the 2009 Garden and Greening Competition.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

What You Should Know About H1N1 or "Swine Flu" This Flu Season



NEW YORK CITY IS ON THE MOVE AGAINST INFLUENZA. The H1N1 virus, also known as "Swine Flu," that affected the city last spring was new and its potential impact was unknown. Now that H1N1 is better understood, information and guidance on prevention and treatment have been updated.

Seasonal influenza shots and nasal spray are now available from many doctors, clinics and pharmacies. The City has also

begun to distribute the H1N1 vaccine, and will offer free vaccination to students whose parents want them to receive it.

Following is some basic information from the Department of Health about the H1N1 influenza.

Like regular, seasonal influenza, H1N1 influenza is caused by a virus that infects the nose, throat and lungs. It causes fever and a cough or sore throat that can last a week or more. It can also cause headaches, body aches, chills and tiredness. Some people also get diarrhea and vomiting.

H1N1 has caused severe illness in some people, but the vast majority recover completely without any medical treatment. Only a laboratory test can tell which type of influenza a person has. H1N1 influenza has the same symptoms as seasonal influenza, and it responds to the same treatments.

Knowing which type of influenza you have will not change the way you take care of it. For that reason, the Health Department does not recommend laboratory testing for people with symptoms of influenza.

People can get infected by breathing in droplets released when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or by touching something with influenza viruses on it, then touching their mouth or nose.

Seasonal influenza vaccine will not give you immunity against the H1N1 virus. To protect against both kinds of influenza, people will need two different vaccinations: one for seasonal strains, and one for H1N1. You can call 311 or visit nyc.gov/flu for more information about vaccinations.

To protect yourself and others against influenza: cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, using a tissue or the inside of your arm (not a bare hand), and wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze, or use an alcohol-based hand cleaner. Don't get too close to people who are sick. If you get sick yourself, avoid close contact with other people.

If you have symptoms of influenza—fever with a cough or sore throat—stay home from work or school until you have been free of fever for at least a day. You should consult your doctor right away if you develop symptoms of influenza and you have a medical condition—such as heart disease, immune deficiency, diabetes or severe asthma—that increases your risk of severe illness. If you aren't sure where to get care, call 311 or visit nyc.gov/flu for information. Care is always available if you need it, and no one will check your immigration status.

People with influenza don't normally require hospital care, but the condition can be serious. Here are some signs that you may need medical treatment. For adults: trouble breathing or shortness of breath; pain or pressure in the chest or stomach; sudden dizziness; confusion; severe vomiting that won't stop. In children: fast breathing or trouble breathing; bluish skin color; fever with a rash; refusing to drink fluids; vomiting or diarrhea that won't stop; not waking up or not interacting; being too irritable to be held; having influenza symptoms return with fever and worse cough after starting to get better.

There is no need to keep children home from school or other activities unless they are sick. Teach your children to wash their hands and to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when they cough or sneeze.

For up-to-date information about seasonal influenza, H1N1, and where to get an influenza vaccine, including free or low-cost vaccines, call 311 or visit nyc.gov/flu.

Michael R. Bloomberg

Let's Keep Fraud and Corruption Out of Public Housing

IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS ALONE THE CITY'S DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION (DOI) ANNOUNCED THE ARRESTS OF 11 PUBLIC HOUSING AND SECTION 8 RESIDENTS WHO WERE CAUGHT BY A DOI INVESTIGATION AND CHARGED WITH DEFRAUDING THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF MORE THAN \$175,000 BY NOT REPORTING ALL OF THEIR HOUSEHOLD INCOME. DOI also arrested a Staten Island development resident who failed to report on her Affidavits of Income that she owned her own home in Staten Island that she rented to her own tenants. Three applicants for NYCHA Section 8 housing were arrested by DOI and charged with submitting false documents with their applications in an attempt to jump the waiting list.

Fraud against NYCHA hurts all of us. As DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn said, "Concealing income to obtain publicly funded housing subsidies is a foolish act. It's also a crime that saps the City's limited supply of housing funds intended for those households most in need." Commissioner Gill Hearn has made it clear that, "Housing fraud is a crime that deprives needy families of limited subsidies and will result in arrest and prosecution."

DOI's Office of the Inspector General for NYCHA investigates corruption, criminal activity, conflicts of interest, and unethical conduct by NYCHA officers, employees, residents, and others who do business with, or receive funds from NYCHA.

Maybe you know someone who lives in public housing but doesn't report their income, or someone who rents or sublets their apartment. DOI also investigates employee fraud and misconduct. If you have seen a NYCHA employee steal time, money or resources from NYCHA, you should report this information to the Inspector General because money is being wasted that could be put to work where it belongs: in your NYCHA development where it can be used for play areas, community centers, landscaping, after-school programs, activities for seniors or hundreds of other things. All residents are encouraged to report fraud, waste and serious mismanagement that occur on NYCHA property, to ensure that your rent money and taxpayer dollars are being well spent.

There are several ways to contact NYCHA's Office of the Inspector General to make a report: You can call (212) 306-3355; Fax: (212) 306-6484; send an email to ig@nycha.nyc.gov; or fill out a Department of Investigation online complaint form at www.nyc.gov/html/doi. You can also send a complaint by mail to:

**City of New York
Department of Investigation
New York City Housing
Authority Office of the Inspector
General
250 Broadway, 28th Floor
New York, NY 10007
Attn: Complaints**



The NYCHA Office of the Inspector General works diligently to protect the identities of complainants, or individuals who make reports. You may also ask to be kept anonymous, but by disclosing your identity to the OIG, you can help expedite the pending case by making it easier for the OIG to contact you with follow-up questions.

Let's work together to keep fraud and corruption out of public housing.

**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 10:00 A.M. (unless otherwise noted) in the Board Room on the 12th Floor of 250 Broadway, New York, New York. The meetings for the remainder of the Calendar Year 2009 are as follows:

**November 10, 2009
(Tuesday)
November 25, 2009**

**December 9, 2009
December 23, 2009**

Please note that these dates are subject to change. Any changes to the schedule above will be posted on NYCHA's Website at 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 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 3 P.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.

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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Where We Go From Here



ONE DEFINITION OF THE WORD "CULTURE" IN THE WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY IS "THE SET OF SHARED ATTITUDES, VALUES, GOALS AND PRACTICES THAT CHARACTERIZE A COMPANY OR CORPORATION." To be sure, the New York City Housing Authority has a very discernable culture and changing the way we do things at NYCHA means changing that corporate culture. Why are NYCHA's internal changes important to residents? Because the ultimate goal

of all we do, our mission, is to deliver the best possible service to the more than 400,000 New Yorkers who make their homes in NYCHA developments.

That means better maintenance at your developments, timely capital improvements, courteous interactions between NYCHA staff and residents, and more effective communication.

As I've mentioned in this column before, shortly after I arrived at NYCHA I made a survey available to all employees to give me a sense of the challenges NYCHA faces, as perceived by those who work here, as well as a sense of what is working well. When the survey was handed out I emphasized that it was voluntary and anonymous. I also emphasized that I wanted honest and open responses, which should be delivered without fear of retaliation.

I'm happy to say that NYCHA's staff was incredibly responsive. Of 11,963 NYCHA employees, 4,960 completed the survey, that's 41%, and we also received 7,423 written comments. In addition, during two days of interactive Town Hall meetings I held with all NYCHA staff up at the Armory in Harlem, we received 5,811 text messages and immediate feedback about the state of NYCHA's affairs, which will help as we formulate our plan to move forward.

This is powerful evidence of the dedication and commitment of NYCHA's employees. Residents should rest assured that NYCHA staff care about the jobs they are doing and meeting the goals of our mission of providing decent, safe, affordable housing for low- and middle-income New Yorkers.

As we work together to change the culture of NYCHA, our goals are simple: to be transparent, accountable and open, with clear communication and consistent follow-through. This applies not only to relationships between staff but between staff and residents as well. The responsibility to bring about that change begins with each NYCHA employee and as the entire organization begins to run more efficiently and more thoughtfully, it follows that residents will benefit.

The survey consisted of 77 questions covering seven topics: the current state of affairs at NYCHA, key initiatives, organizational structure, departmental effectiveness, resources, the culture at NYCHA and resident services. Let me share a few results of the survey with you, here, now.

The survey made clear that NYCHA must change. However, it also highlighted significant strengths. Most employees are enthusiastic about our "green agenda," indicated that their colleagues are talented, and said they received the necessary training to do their jobs and that the processes involved were well defined within their departments. This was offset somewhat by the significant percentage of employees who indicated that they need more resources to do their jobs.

As we move forward we will focus on four key areas: our culture, strategies, operations and service. Culture change is fundamental to all change within the organization, hence we will strive for unified values, goals and norms. We will learn to develop trust between employees, their supervisors and the administration, and resolve to be open and transparent. We will encourage feedback and be open to change and new ideas. We will treat each other with respect.

On the larger scale we will emphasize the critical role NYCHA plays providing essential housing to 650,000 New Yorkers through conventional housing and Section 8, while also generating millions of dollars for the City through our capital projects. We will work to mobilize residents around NYCHA priorities, which will be clearly set, and diversify our reliance on government funding. We will invest more resources at the development level by listening to frontline staff and seeking resident input on performance. We will reward superior customer service.

NYCHA has a great story to tell and we've been telling it for 75 years. As we set out on the next 75 years, let's all work together to create a new standard for public housing nationwide.

John B. Rhea

NYCHA'S 5th Annual Senior Benefit and Entitlement Fair

By Eileen Elliott

INSTEAD OF ROLLER-BLADERS CIRCLING RIVERBANK STATE PARK'S OUTDOOR RINK IN UPPER MANHATTAN ON A BRIGHT SUNNY SEPTEMBER 24TH MORNING, APPROXIMATELY 1,500 NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY (NYCHA) SENIORS FROM ALL FIVE BOROUGHS, SOMETIMES USING CANES AND WALKERS, MADE THEIR WAY TO FOLDING CHAIRS SET UP IN THE SPACE FOR THE KICK-OFF SPEECHES TO NYCHA'S 5TH ANNUAL SENIOR BENEFIT AND ENTITLEMENT FAIR. Building on the success of last year's Fair, the theme this year was "Health and Financial Fitness II."

"We have partnered with over 50 City and private medical and financial agencies to provide you with access to a wide variety of services, information and programs," said NYCHA Chair John B. Rhea. "In addition, representatives from various hospitals and health organizations, including the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, are on hand to provide free blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol, and eye and feet screenings." The Chair thanked everyone involved, especially NYCHA's Department of Community Operations Resident Support Services staff, for hosting the event.

Special guests included Department for the Aging (DFTA) Deputy Commissioner Caryn Resnick, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Acting Regional Director Dennis Gonzalez, New York City Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Regional Director Rachel Gordon, and North River Community Environmental Review Board President and CEO L. Ann Rocker. NYCHA Vice-Chair Earl Andrews, Jr. also attended.

Resident Support Services Director Richard Greene, served as moderator, thanking the 60 or so volunteers from NYCHA, DFTA and other City agencies who were there to help out. He encouraged the seniors to take advantage of the free seasonal flu vaccinations available at the Fair and also emphasized the

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DEBORAH'S DIARY

By Deborah Williams



A NYCHA Scholarship Goes A Long Way—On September 17, 2009 in honor of NYCHA's 75th Anniversary, a special reception was held at Hunter College to acknowledge the scholastic achievement of nine NYCHA residents with a \$1000 Scholarship. All nine residents attend one of the City of New York (CUNY's) colleges and were chosen for the scholarship after submitting an essay to the selection committee. Here's what some of them had to say:

As the child of two immigrant parents from Belize, Jermaine Anderson was raised in a strict environment. His parents' divorce, however, changed everything. Jermaine lost interest in his studies and began to follow his friends into the culture of the streets. It took the death of his best friend in a drive-by shooting and the intervention of his uncle to reverse this path. Jermaine graduated from high school with a high grade point average and is now studying business at Lehman College, where he is a Dean's List student. He hopes that this scholarship will ease his mother's financial burden and help to pay for his textbooks. Jermaine is a resident of Twin Parks West in the Bronx.

Michelle Cantey was inspired to go into education after homeschooling her son for two years when he was facing some difficulties in public school. Michelle wants to teach English at a college or university. She was selected as a fellow in the CUNY Graduate Center's Pipeline Program, which is designed to increase diversity among the professoriate. Michelle plans to pursue her Ph.D. in English. Michelle is a resident of the Wald Houses in Manhattan.

Boris Moncayo is sometimes amazed at the person he has become since he began his studies at CUNY. Although Boris lacked motivation during his early academic career, once he transferred to Brooklyn College and became involved in filmmaking, he began to succeed, devouring every aspect of the subject. Boris is a resident of the Gowanus Houses in Brooklyn.

Motivated by the illnesses of both her parents, Gessel Morales wants to become a physician in order to help those who are suffering. She has chosen an unconventional path to medicine, majoring in forensic psychology while taking all of the science courses required by medical schools. Gessel has interned at a hospital and is a member of the pre-med society on campus. She is a resident of the LaGuardia Houses in Manhattan.

Barbara Vencebi has lived with her grandmother since she lost her mother at age five. She recalls spending most of her childhood indoors because her grandmother was very protective. After a friend encouraged her to go to college, a new world opened up for her. Barbara chose to major in photography. With only photos by which to remember her mother, she was inspired to use photography not only as a creative tool but also as a means of documentation. Barbara lives in the Cypress Hills Houses in Brooklyn.

Lena Williamson is a full-time student, full-time employee, and single parent. A decade after graduating from high school, Lena began her college studies. She is in the English Honors Program at the Borough of Manhattan Community College and wants to become a journalist and writer. Lena hopes that her Associate Degree will enable her to advance in her career. She plans to continue her education by pursuing a Baccalaureate Degree in the evenings and on weekends. Lena was raised in the Walt Whitman Houses and is currently living in the Bushwick Houses, both in Brooklyn.

For the complete story about the NYCHA/CUNY Scholarship reception and program, check out the article on page 1. Congratulations everyone! You are today's hope and NYCHA's future. Good luck on all of your future endeavors!

Identities Saved—Joseph Garber, resident of Independence Towers, while walking down Wilson Street in Brooklyn discovered a box in front of P.S. 16 filled with documents containing the personnel records of former custodians that listed social security numbers, addresses, tax withholding allowances and other information that could easily be used to steal the identities of unsuspecting individuals. He immediately notified the Department of Education which is launching an investigation. According to an article in the *Daily News*, the school custodians are responsible for destroying documents containing personal information. Instead they were tossed outside for all to see. "If the custodians are doing this to their own people, who knows what they're doing with other files," said Mr. Garber. *So, bravo Mr. Garber—your quick thinking and handling of the personnel records has saved many identities. Congratulations and thanks!*

THE NYCHA NOT WANTED LIST

In this issue we continue publishing the names of individuals who have been permanently excluded from our public housing developments. The purpose of this list is to keep residents informed of the Housing Authority's ongoing efforts 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. What follows is a partial list of the people excluded after hearings were held on June 10, 17 and 24 and July 1, 2009. For a full list of the "Not Wanted" visit NYCHA's website at nyc.gov/residentscorner. **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.**

**REMEMBER,
IF YOU SEE ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ON
HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTY, PLEASE CALL
YOUR MANAGEMENT OFFICE OR NYCHA'S
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT AT (212) 306-8595.**

Prohibited as of June 10, 2009

Donnell Smith	Case 3931/09 formerly associated with the third floor of 885 East 56th Street, Glenwood Houses, Brooklyn.
Monique Howard	Case 9856/07 formerly associated with the first floor of 218 East 115th Street, Jefferson Houses, Manhattan.
James Ford	Case 2919/09 formerly associated with the fifteenth floor of 77 Tompkins Avenue, Tompkins Houses, Brooklyn.
Diamond Graves	Case 3987/09 formerly associated with the first floor of 135 Richards Street, Red Hook West Houses, Brooklyn.
William Hamilton	Case 3834/09 formerly associated with the thirteenth floor of 435 East 105th Street, Wilson Houses, Manhattan.
Jason Burgos Richard Cruz	Case 3854/09 formerly associated with the second floor of 2715 Third Avenue, Patterson Houses, the Bronx.

Prohibited as of June 17, 2009

Hassan Sheftall	Case 3632/09 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 1043 Myrtle Avenue, Sumner Houses, Brooklyn.
Jacqueline Garcia Bernard Garcia	Case 3383/09 formerly associated with the eighth floor of 1505 Park Avenue, Clinton Houses, Manhattan.
Joseph Wright	Case 4105/09 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 774 Park Avenue, Tompkins Houses, Brooklyn.
Randolph Ortiz	Case 4023/09 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 40-10 12th Street, Queensbridge North Houses, Long Island City.

Prohibited of June 24, 2009

Talissa Green	Case 4185/09 formerly associated with the third floor of 85-02 Rockaway Beach Boulevard, Hammel Houses, Far Rockaway.
Kenneth Moore Lionel Moore	Case 4227/09 formerly associated with the nineteenth floor of 3204 Park Avenue, Morrisania Air Rights Houses, the Bronx.
Delquan Blackmon	Case 4276/09 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 455 Fountain Avenue, Cypress Hills Houses, Brooklyn.
Joel Simmons	Case 3238/09 formerly associated with the second floor of 2331 West 11th Street, Marlboro Houses, Brooklyn.
Curtis Darby Willie Darby, Sr. Willie Darby, Jr.	Case 4214/09 formerly associated with the first floor of 456 Richmond Terrace, Richmond Terrace, Staten Island.
Jessica Tirado	Case 4339/09 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 3020 Surf Avenue, Surfside Gardens, Brooklyn.
Richard Reed	Case 9227/07 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 284 Sutter Avenue, Brownsville Houses, Brooklyn.
Justin Bussey	Case 4313/09 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 2726 Linden Boulevard, Pink Houses, Brooklyn.

Prohibited as of July 1, 2009

Jason Carter	Case 854/09 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 3162 Bayview Avenue, O'Dwyer Gardens, Brooklyn.
John Brown	Case 4008/09 formerly associated with the sixteenth floor of 865 Amsterdam Avenue, Douglass Houses, Manhattan.
Gilbert Rivera	Case 52/09 formerly associated with the second floor of 806 Henderson Avenue, West Brighton Houses, Staten Island.

**For a full list of the "Not Wanted"
visit NYCHA's website at nyc.gov/residentscorner.**

THE CHIEF'S CORNER

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

WITH THE HOLIDAY SEASON UPON US, MOST PEOPLE ARE PREOCCUPIED WITH THE DETAILS OF HOLIDAY PLANNING AND SHOPPING. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WE NORMALLY TAKE CAN BE FORGOTTEN AS THE EXCITEMENT OF THE SEASON CAUSES US TO LET OUR GUARD DOWN. The NYPD wants this to be a safe holiday season for all, so we remind you to follow these simple tips. Enjoy the City and the season!



**HOUSING BUREAU POLICE
CHIEF JOANNE JAFFE**

- Be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times. Criminals often target people who are distracted.
- Whether driving, walking or taking public transportation, plan the trip in advance. Know how to get to your destination by the most direct and safest route.
- If possible, stay in designated waiting areas or in view of the station booth clerk while awaiting your train. Never walk or stand near the edge of the subway platform.
- Travel on populated, well-lit streets. If possible, travel with a friend.
- When driving, keep your doors locked and the windows closed. Make sure the gas tank is full. Maintain your car in good working order to avoid breakdowns.
- Always lock your car. Before getting into your car, check the back seat to make sure no one is hiding there.
- Avoid leaving valuables in your car. Whenever possible, place items out of sight in the trunk of your vehicle prior to reaching your destination. Never leave packages in the passenger compartment unattended.
- Plan your purchases in advance and carry only the amount of cash or number of credit cards necessary to make the purchase. If you must carry a large sum of money, divide the cash between your purse, pockets and wallet.
- Cancel credit cards you don't use and keep a record of the account numbers for each credit card you possess. This will facilitate reporting the theft or loss of the cards.
- Carry your purse close to your body. Place one end of the purse in the palm of your hand and the other in the bend of the elbow. Never wrap the strap around your body.
- If you are carrying a wallet, carry it in the breast pocket of your jacket or in your side pants pocket. The rear pants pocket is the easiest to pick.
- When in a restaurant, don't leave your handbag over the back of your chair or on the floor.
- Don't leave belongings unattended.
- Don't wait until you have reached your front door to look for your keys. Have them ready in your hand. If a stranger is standing near your door, it may be a good idea not to go in until the situation feels safer.
- Lock your front door immediately upon entering your home.
- If you live in an apartment building, don't buzz in someone who rings your bell until you have verified who they are. This will help protect both you and your neighbors.
- If you have elderly family members or neighbors, please remember to check in on them.
- Remind children to be wary of strangers, including those on the internet.
- Be wary of con artists. Con artists use a number of ploys to trick you and steal your property. Some divert your attention while another picks your pocket, some pose as utility workers or as a trades person to gain access to the inside of your home, while others conduct scams that are more elaborate involving several con artists.
- Be wary of telephone and email solicitations asking for personal information about your accounts, passwords or social security number.
- As a consumer you should avoid illegal vendors selling goods on the street. Purchase merchandise only from licensed vendors or reputable stores. Follow your instincts. Remember, "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is."

**PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE, DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!
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Is there anything you'd like to see more of or that you would like to change? Whether you are a resident or NYCHA employee, we're open to your feedback! Please send e-mails to the Editor: eileen.elliott@nycha.nyc.gov



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CCTV Money for a Number of Brooklyn Developments

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On October 7, 2009, City Council Member Charles Barron and State Senator John Sampson teamed up for a press conference at Pink Houses in Brooklyn to announce a total allocation of \$4.5 million for CCTV systems at Pink, Cypress Hills, Linden, and Boulevard Houses.

"NYCHA will work with the resident leaders at these developments and with the NYPD's Housing Bureau to strategically place the cameras," said Chairman Rhea. "When these cameras are installed it sends out a loud message to criminals: Keep away from these developments. If you come here you will be video recorded and the police will know what crime you have committed."

NYCHA has already installed over 5,600 cameras in 447 buildings in 80 developments Citywide. On average during the first year following installation of CCTVs in a development, crime goes down by 25%.



(left to right) Boulevard Houses Resident Association President Inez Rodriguez, Senator John Sampson, City Council Member Charles Barron, NYCHA Chair John Rhea and Assembly Member Inez Barron at Pink Houses announce funding for CCTV.

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Resident Scholarship Winners

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Gowanus Houses, who attends City University. A young woman of many talents, Ms. Green is majoring in media communications/film production and performing arts. She hopes to establish her own entertainment business and use it as a vehicle to give troubled youth a second chance.

Another scholarship recipient is Peter Collazo, also of Gowanus Houses. Mr. Collazo is a political science major with a concentration in urban politics at Brooklyn College. At an early age he chose a path that led to trouble, and he eventually dropped out of high school. His mother's hospitalization made him realize that he was on a downward spiral. He earned his GED and enrolled in Brooklyn College's SEEK Program. He is now a member of Chi Alpha Epsilon (SEEK Honor Society) and is on the Dean's List. He also tutors other SEEK students. Mr. Collazo plans to attend

law school and then hopes to have an impact on poor communities like his own.

Sara Bracero, a resident of Johnson Houses in Manhattan, said her goal "is to dispel the negative stigma associated with young people living in public housing by setting an example as an accomplished Latina." She is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in journalism at Baruch College and will also be the first in her family to graduate from college. In addition to the coursework she has completed, she has held several internships and studied abroad in Spain.

The program closed with Chair Rhea's comment that the Scholarship Recipients represent "the best that NYCHA has to offer."

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Celebrating 75 Years of Public Housing



As the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) celebrates its 75th year, we take special note of development anniversaries. Pink Houses in the New Lots section of Brooklyn and Wald Houses on Manhattan's Lower East Side both recently celebrated their 50th and 60th Anniversaries, respectively. The historical photos and captions below are courtesy of the LaGuardia and Wagner Archives.

Pink Houses' 50th Anniversary

Pink Houses consists of 1,500 apartments in 22 buildings that are eight-stories high, in the New Lots section of Brooklyn. Completed on September 30, 1959, the development sits on 31 acres and is bound by Crescent Street, Linden Boulevard, Elderts Lane, and Stanley Avenue. It is home 3,734 residents.

The development's name-sake, Louis Heaton Pink (1882-1955), who was on NYCHA's first Board, wrote the plan and the bill that led to the creation of the New York City Housing Authority in 1934, when he was Chair of the New York State Housing Board. Pink was a scholar, businessman and humanitarian. He was also Chair of the New York State Infantile Paralysis Foundation and State Insurance Superintendent, later to become head of the health insurance plan that evolved into the Blue Cross. He was also head of the United Housing Foundation.

In response to the housing shortage created by a steady flow of German, Italian, Russian and Polish immigrants, and veterans following World War II, planning began in 1955 for the new federally aided, low-rent public housing development. The City acquired the site for Pink Houses in March 1957 and The

Board of Estimate approved the revised plan to develop 22 eight-story buildings on that site just over one month later in April 1957, with the goal of housing 1,500 families.

The Pink Houses Community Center, a sponsored site, is home to a Beacon Center, run by the City's Department of Youth and Community Development and the East New York Development Corporation, offering young residents day camp in the summer and an after-school program during the school year. The Center also has a program for seniors. The Pink Playground, adjacent to Pink Houses, underwent an extensive renovation in 1989 that included new play-ground equipment and a handball court. The playground is owned by NYCHA but operated by the Parks Department.

Pink Houses is part of NYCHA's new "green" initiative. Residents have

actively participated in the Authority's Annual Garden and Greening Competition and new trees have been planted on development grounds through the Million-TreesNYC initiative, a collaboration between the New York Restoration Project and NYCHA. Pink Houses is slated for the installation of a new centralized trash compaction system that will be housed behind a hedge of tall evergreens and further screened by a six-foot steel louvered fence.

On October 7, 2009, City Council Member Charles Barron held a press conference at the development to announce the allocation of \$4.5 million funding by Senator John Sampson and himself for Closed Circuit Television systems at Pink, Cypress Hill, Linden and Boulevard Houses.



(left to right) Supervisor of Caretakers George McAddley, Administrator Harry Rodriguez, Assistant Manager Martin Safdia, Superintendent Michael Ovaduke, Manager Oommen Varghese, Resident Association President Patricia Jones, Deputy Director Brenda Allen, Assistant Superintendent Carl DelliBovi, and Supervisor of Groundskeepers Saturnino Felix Jr. with a proclamation from Mayor Bloomberg celebrating Pink Houses' 50th Anniversary.

Wald Houses' 60th Anniversary

Bound by Avenue D and the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Drive and East Sixth and Houston Streets, the federally funded Lillian Wald Houses was completed on October 14, 1949. It has provided affordable housing for six decades to residents on Manhattan's Lower East Side. The 16.46-acre Wald Houses has 1,861 apartments in 16 buildings that are 11 to 14 stories high. It is home to 4,299 residents, and is part of what has been called the "East River Wall of Public Housing," together with Jacob Riis and Bernard Baruch Houses which flank it.

President Harry S. Truman signed the landmark Housing Act of 1949, the same year that Lillian Wald Houses was completed. The legislation provided federal financing for slum clearance programs and the construction of new public housing units. The Housing Act of 1949 would result in a seven year period (1952 to 1958) during which NYCHA built a record number of federally funded dwelling units.

The development's name-sake, Lillian Wald (1867 to 1940), was a dynamic force for social reform. She was a nurse, social worker, public health official, teacher, author, editor, women's rights activist and is widely regarded as the founder of American

community nursing. She founded the historic Henry Street Settlement in 1893, which today delivers a wide range of social service and arts programs to more than 100,000 New Yorkers each year.

There are two Community Centers located at Wald Houses, both of which are sponsored by the Henry Street Settlement, located nearby at 265 Henry Street. Since 1968, at the unique Boys and Girls Republic, as one of the Centers is named, children in the afterschool program between the ages of six and 15 years old hold annual elections for a mayor, comptroller, judge, prosecuting attorney, city clerk and eight city

council members, to serve as a self-governing body throughout the year. The other center located at the development houses a Workforce Readiness Program for 19- to 24-year-olds. There is also a senior center at Wald Houses sponsored by the United Jewish Council.

Major capital improvements at the Lillian Wald Houses include nearly \$52 million in exterior brickwork, roof replacement, structural concrete repairs, and hallway apartment repairs over the course of 2004 to 2007.



(left to right) Wald Houses Superintendent James Artis, Resident Association President Charlotte Miles, and Manager Elaine Nunez with a proclamation from Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg commemorating the development's 60th Anniversary.

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SECTION 3 PROFILE

Highbridge Gardens Resident Finds Employment, and Career in Project Funded by Stimulus \$\$\$

By Eileen Elliott

WHEN 40-YEAR-OLD LLOYD GRAY BROUGHT HIS JUNE RENT RECEIPT TO THE HIGHBRIDGE GARDENS MANAGEMENT OFFICE OF HIS NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY (NYCHA) DEVELOPMENT IN THE BRONX THIS PAST SUMMER, HE HAD NO IDEA THAT THE SIMPLE MEETING WITH HIS DEVELOPMENT'S MANAGER WOULD CHANGE HIS LIFE.

"He asked me if I wanted a job," Mr. Gray said.

That's because the roof repair and brick work that needed to be done at Highbridge Gardens was among 75 NYCHA "shovel-ready" capital projects that received funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, signed into law by President Barack Obama in February.

Of the \$4 billion in capital stimulus funding allocated to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, \$423 million came to NYCHA, allowing progress to be made on projects that had previously been stalled. And out of that, \$1.94 million went for repairing the cracked parapet walls and leaky roofs at all six of Highbridge Gardens' residential buildings.

Thanks to the federal requirement known as Section 3, recipients of certain HUD financial assistance, to the greatest extent possible, must provide job training, employment, and contract opportunities for low- or very-low income residents in connection with projects and activities in their neighborhoods. So, the contractors performing the work at Highbridge, STV Construction, needed to hire NYCHA residents.

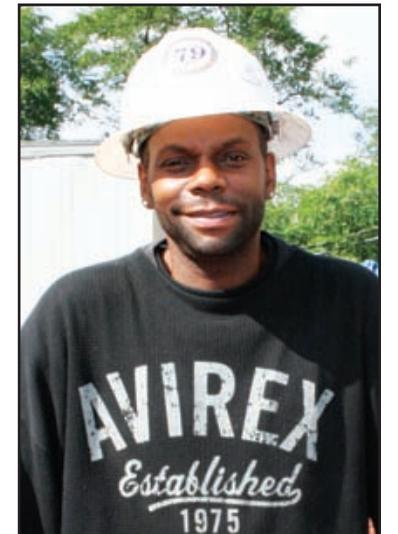
And what was Mr. Gray's answer when Highbridge Gardens Manager Ricardo Rodriguez asked him if he wanted a job? A resounding "Yes."

Mr. Gray, who had been living at Highbridge Gardens for half his life, lost his position as a porter at Rockefeller University on Manhattan's Upper East Side about a year-and-a-half earlier. By the time he was ready to look for work again, his workers' compensation had run out and the economy had tanked. Today, Mr. Gray works as a mason tender, or laborer, making \$32.99 an hour. He began work on July 15th.

"We get the same pay as the workers hired by the union," he said proudly. And, he is about to become a member of the union, Construction and General Building Laborers Local 79, so that when the Highbridge job is finished, he will still have work. "I'm just waiting for the paperwork to go through," he said. "It will be any day now."

Mr. Gray said no special training was involved for his job as a mason tender. "We assist the people who do the brick work, the roof work. Basically whatever they need. We clean up, we learn as we go along. Once we get into the union though we're going to learn all about construction."

"I'm one of the lucky ones," Mr. Gray continued. "I happened to be in the right place at the right time. I brought my rent receipt to the Management Office, one thing led to another, I talked to the lady at



Lloyd Gray

NYCHA's Resident Employment Services and here I am."

I asked Mr. Gray if, when he heard about President Obama's Stimulus Plan, he thought it would have a direct impact on his own life. "To be honest with you, I didn't think it would reach here. But something good is happening," he said.

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importance of getting a H1N1 (Swine Flu) vaccination.

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HHS Acting Regional Director Dennis Gonzalez encouraged those seniors who are unhappy with their Medicaid Plans to stop by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services table and make any changes they need to, and also mentioned that those who are 65 or older are not as susceptible to the H1N1 virus, though they should be sure to get their regular flu vaccination.

Following the opening program, the seniors made their way to the Cultural Center for Financial Fitness Workshops and one-on-one financial service counseling, or the Athletic Building for health screenings, information on reduced fare MetroCards, Access-A-Ride,

Medicare, Social Security, the American Association for Retired Persons, or a host of other organizations offering senior services. The outdoor plaza, renamed Nutrition Plaza for the day, included a Greenmarket stand, and there was exercise and massage therapy in the courtyard.

"I think the Fair is gorgeous," said one volunteer, Esther Johnson. "The seniors have paid their way, now it's time for us to give back to them."

"My sugar's 95 and my blood pressure's good!" said a smiling Petra Canelario, 63, of Frederick Samuel Houses in Manhattan, to a friend. "I'm going to get my eyes checked next. I want to get everything done!"

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1st Prize: National Garden, Throggs Neck Houses
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3rd Prize: En Memoria De Don Tony Garden, Soundview Houses

BRONX CHILDREN'S/THEME GARDEN WINNERS:

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Honorable Mention: Harvest of Happiness Garden, Isaacs Houses

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1st Prize: Anna's Garden of Love, Isaacs Houses
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2nd Prize: Carrie Knox's Flower Garden, Ingersoll Houses
3rd Prize: Sweet Success Gardeners, Armstrong Houses
Honorable Mention: Arnetha Singleton's Flower Garden, Ingersoll Houses

WEST BROOKLYN VEGETABLE GARDEN WINNERS:

1st Prize: The Cabbage Patch Garden, Walt Whitman Houses
2nd Prize: Bengie's Vegetable Garden, Sumner Houses
3rd Prize: Green Thumb Garden, Armstrong Houses
Honorable Mention: A Thing of Beauty #2 Garden, Armstrong Houses

WEST BROOKLYN CHILDREN'S/THEME GARDEN WINNERS:

1st Prize: Butterfly Garden, Sumner Houses
2nd Prize: MMMM – Smells Like Mint & Herbs & Flowers Garden, Stuyvesant Gardens
3rd Prize: Walkway of Beauty Garden, Armstrong Houses
Honorable Mention: Nature/Splendid Independence Community Center Garden, Independence Community Center

EAST BROOKLYN FLOWER GARDEN WINNERS:

1st Prize: Bundles of Love Garden, Tilden Houses
2nd Prize: Gerry-N-Sarah's Garden of Togetherness, Brownsville Houses
3rd Prize: Eve's Garden, Saratoga Square
Honorable Mention: Elba and Friends Garden, Ocean Hill
Honorable Mention: Fannie's Garden of Love 1, Pink Houses

EAST BROOKLYN VEGETABLE GARDEN WINNERS:

1st Prize: Bountiful Garden, Tilden Houses
2nd Prize: God Bless Garden, Pink Houses

QUEENS FLOWER GARDEN WINNERS:

1st Prize: Paradise Garden, South Jamaica Houses
2nd Prize: Happy Acres Garden, Conlon-Lihfe Tower
3rd Prize: Love & Peace Garden, South Jamaica Houses

QUEENS VEGETABLE GARDEN WINNERS:

1st Prize: Hawaiian Kitchen Garden, South Jamaica Houses
2nd Prize: I Did It! Garden, South Jamaica Houses
3rd Prize: Smith's Vegetable Garden, South Jamaica Houses

QUEENS CHILDREN'S/THEME GARDEN WINNERS:

1st Prize: Granny Bloomers Garden, Astoria Houses
2nd Prize: Shelton's Horizon Garden, Shelton Houses

STATEN ISLAND FLOWER GARDEN WINNERS:

1st Prize: Flower's of Happiness Garden, New Lane Shores
2nd Prize: Gift of Beauty Garden, New Lane Shores
3rd Prize: The Rainbow Garden, New Lane Shores
Honorable Mention: My Serenity Garden, New Lane Shores

STATEN ISLAND VEGETABLE GARDEN WINNERS:

1st Prize: Green Thumb Garden, Mariner's Harbor
2nd Prize: Bright Corner Garden, New Lane Shores
3rd Prize: Dina's Garden, Berry Houses

STATEN ISLAND CHILDREN'S/THEME GARDEN WINNERS:

1st Prize: Childhood Memories Garden, New Lane Shores
2nd Prize: "Sea of Hope" Garden, New Lane Shores
3rd Prize: Kitty Kat Everything for Cats Garden, Cassidy-Lafayette Houses