



'Melo' Unveils Renovated Basketball Court at Red Hook East Houses

Recreation space refurbished thanks to the Carmelo Anthony Foundation and JPMorgan Chase

Additional reporting by Zodet Negrón

New York Knicks All-Star Carmelo Anthony paid a visit to the Red Hook East Houses on June 27 to cut the ribbon on a newly refurbished basketball court and watch the next generation of kids show off their skills. The Carmelo Anthony Foundation and JPMorgan Chase funded the re-pavement of the basketball court, which also got a new paint job and received new logos. The backboards and rims received a new coat of paint and repairs were made to the surrounding fence.

"I'm thankful for the privilege to give back," said Mr. Anthony, who spent his early childhood in the Red Hook Houses. "To be able to come back here and dedicate this court is great."

"This generous donation from Carmelo Anthony's foundation shows the heart of a true champion who continues to give back to his community," said

NYCHA Chairman John B. Rhea. "The Red Hook youth who play on the court in the years ahead will know that the NBA's top scorer for 2013 had their interest in mind and made their recreation a priority."

For 17-year old Red Hook resident Sky Seay – who was showing his younger neighbors how to slam dunk – the newly renovated court will make a big difference for the kids in the community. He recalled how the court used to be in bad shape and had no nets. "I'm glad he came and renovated the court," said Mr. Seay, who has a scholarship to play college basketball at California State University-Bakersfield next year. "The kids will have a place to practice and play their tournaments, and it will keep a lot of them out of trouble."

Mr. Anthony spoke of the same positive effects. "When I grew up I had



New York Knicks star Carmelo Anthony meets Red Hook Houses residents on June 27, 2013, at the ribbon cutting of a refurbished basketball court his foundation helped pay for.

a place to go and something to look forward to, and now I think kids get sidetracked because they don't have

something to do," he said. "This court is for the kids, so that they can come and use it every day."

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Summer Art Space a Big Hit at Forest Houses

By Eric Deutsch

Maybe you want to dip your feet into a small wading pool. Or read a philosophy book while enjoying a gentle breeze. Or perhaps listen to a poetry reading on a couch in the shade. You can do all of this, and more, at the Gramsci Monument at Forest Houses. The large interactive art exhibit – built out of wood in a public space just for the summer – is drawing people not just from the Bronx development, but all over the world.



The Gramsci Monument at Forest Houses is open to the public all summer, and includes a wading pool, computer lab, art space, performance space and library.

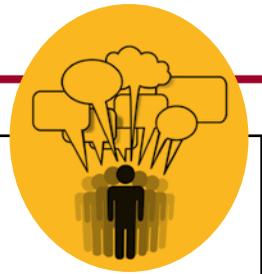
The workers and volunteers at the construct are Forest Houses residents. This includes Harry Drake, the Resident Association Secretary, whose stage name is DJ Baby Dee – he serves as the emcee for performances, works in the radio station and reads daily announcements. "The project brought the community together; we've never seen anything like this before in NYCHA," Mr. Drake said. "It's like a burst of energy, 'Wow, it's art coming here!'"

The Gramsci Monument is the brainchild of Swiss artist Thomas Hirschhorn, and is paid for entirely by the Dia Art Foundation. Its name comes from the Italian philosopher Antonio Gramsci. An exhibit at the art space includes many of Antonio Gramsci's personal artifacts, including the utensils he used when he was in prison. And his books are included in the library, which is managed by resident Marcella Paradise. "This has brought a lot of enlightenment to me," said Ms. Paradise, who also was convinced to do a poetry reading one day. "I was nervous at first because I never had experienced that, but (Mr. Hirschhorn) brought a lot out of me."

In the computer room, which is the most popular spot in the exhibit, residents can use the internet and play video games. "It's a lot of fun," said seven-year-old Shamah Jeffrey. "I like playing basketball on the computer."

To make sure everything is kept safe, several residents work as security, including cousins Karen and Ernestine Bethea, who also know CPR and first aid. "We're always

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NYCHA Board Meetings



Notice hereby is given that the New York City Housing Authority's Board Meetings take place every other Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room on the 12th floor of 250 Broadway, New York, New York (unless otherwise noted). **The remaining meetings for Calendar Year 2013 are to be determined.**

Any changes to the schedule above will be posted here and on NYCHA's website at nyc.gov/nycha to the extent practicable at a reasonable time before the meeting.

These meetings are open to the public. Pre-registration at least 45 minutes before the scheduled Board Meeting is required by all speakers. Comments are limited to the items on the Calendar. Speaking time will be limited to three minutes. The public comment period will conclude upon all speakers being heard or at the expiration of 30 minutes allotted by law for public comment, whichever occurs first.

Copies of the Calendar are available on NYCHA's website or can be picked up at the Office of the Corporate Secretary at 250 Broadway, 12th floor, New York, New York, no earlier than 3:00 p.m. on the Friday before the upcoming Wednesday Board Meeting. Copies of the Disposition are available on NYCHA's website or can be picked up at the Office of the Corporate Secretary no earlier than 3:00 p.m. on the Thursday after the Board Meeting.

Any person requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the Board Meeting should contact the Office of the Corporate Secretary at (212) 306-6088 no later than five business days before the Board Meeting. For additional information, please visit NYCHA's website or call (212) 306-6088.

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out here, so why not help out?" said Kareen Bethea.

"The kids need something to look forward to every day, something positive, especially the ones who are not in day camp," said Ernestine Bethea.

People have come to the Gramsci Monument from as far away as Germany, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. And neighborhood day camps even schedule regular visits as part of their day, according to Resident Association President Eric Farmer. "The kids love this thing. We have to actually make them leave at night," he said.

The Gramsci Monument will be dismantled on September 15, by the same Forest Houses residents who built it earlier this year. "I am going to feel so sad when it closes," said Myrna Alvarez, who provides snacks at the art space. "I wish we could keep it forever; the community would get closer. It will stay in my heart and in my mind."

Mr. Hirschhorn updates the Gramsci Monument's website every day at www.gramsci-monument.com.

Residents' Voices

May 9, 2013
(via Instagram)



Destiny Mata, Lillian Wald Houses

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NYCHA Lends a Helping Hand to Family Who Lost Home in Hurricane

By Michael Corwin

A helping hand from NYCHA, along with a random act of kindness, made a big difference for a family that lost their home and belongings as a result of Hurricane Sandy. After their Staten Island home was devastated by the storm, the Wu family was referred to NYCHA in April 2013 as part of the City's Hurricane Sandy re-housing efforts. NYCHA wanted to locate an apartment close to the hospital where four-year-old Annabel Wu is being transferred for her leukemia treatments, and Carver Houses in Manhattan is only a few blocks away.

"We like the neighborhood and being close to Central Park, which will be very good for Annabel – she will get stronger by taking walks and getting exercise there," said Gongxi Wu, Annabel's father.

NYCHA also received an anonymous \$5,000 donation, which the Family Services Department used to select living



Four-year-old Annabel Wu (left) joins her father Gongxi Wu, mother Ru Lin, and sister Alice in their new Carver Houses apartment, which is near the hospital Annabel goes for leukemia treatments.

room, bedroom and kitchen furniture sets, along with kitchen appliances and cookware, a high chair and crib, sheets, towels and decorative items. "Thank you, everybody, for helping," Annabel exclaimed on the day her family moved in to the three-bedroom apartment. "My room is very pretty!"

Annabel gleefully followed her parents, Mr. Wu and Ru Lin, and baby sister Alice through

each room, trying out the new sofa and eagerly examining the toys and art supplies that also were part of the anonymous donation. She gave her seal of approval on her older sister Angela's bedroom after noting the perfect placement of the stuffed animals on the bed.

"We like this apartment and are very happy," Mr. Wu said. "All we can say is thank you to everyone at NYCHA for your help."



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Message from the Chairman

If there was only one lesson to be learned from Hurricane Sandy, it was “Be Prepared.” NYCHA and residents have spent countless hours over the past nine months looking at what happened last October and using our experiences to plan ahead in case we have another weather emergency. NYCHA is making it a priority this hurricane season – which lasts until November 30 – to make sure everyone is prepared for an emergency.

The easiest thing you can do to prepare yourself for an emergency is to pack a “go bag.” You can see what you should include in a go bag and emergency supply kit, in case you stay home during an emergency, on page 4 of this issue. It takes just a little time, and guarantees you will have what you need in case you need to evacuate.

It is very important for residents to take responsibility for their own preparedness. A great example is Maria Forbes, the Resident Association President at Claremont Consolidated Houses in the Bronx. When two blackouts left her development without heat and hot water back in 2002, Ms. Forbes knew that she and her fellow residents needed a new approach to emergency preparedness. She used Tenant Participation Activity (TPA) funds to purchase new generators for the development, as well as preparedness bags, cots and blankets.

But Ms. Forbes did not stop there. She holds preparedness meetings for residents three times a year, and the development’s Family Day doubles as an annual preparedness day. And she partnered with NYCHA, other neighborhood leaders and civic groups to get grants to recruit and educate community members about emergency preparedness. Ms. Forbes’ work is just one example of how NYCHA residents are coming together to make their communities safer and more resilient in the event of emergencies.

Another example is Nancy Ortiz, the Vladek Houses RA President who was profiled in last month’s issue of the *Journal*. After the story ran about her offer to help other RA Presidents who want advice on how to provide emergency preparedness resources to their residents, she received several requests for assistance with using TPA funds, and she will be going to other developments’ Family Days.

We also are teaming up with some of our partners for your benefit. We encourage Resident Associations to invite the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to their Family Days, as several resident leaders have done, so they can provide information to their neighbors. We also worked with OEM and community-based organizations to offer emergency preparedness training and services to residents. And our Family Services and Emergency Services Departments are working with the NYPD to add emergency preparedness training for Resident Watch volunteers this summer.

About one in five NYCHA residents were affected in some way by Hurricane Sandy, by flooding, wind damage, loss of power or all three. Many more NYCHA residents could be affected by flooding in future storms; a complete list of all developments that are in the City’s six flood zones is on pages 4 and 5.

And while the focus is on the weather, I also want to be sure that all of you are prepared for an emergency of any kind. Just because you do not live in a flood zone, does not mean you cannot be affected. There can be a loss of power in the summer, or a loss of heat in the winter. The entire eastern United States had a blackout in 2003, and there even was an earthquake here in New York a couple of years ago.

For more information about how to get prepared, go to our website at on.nyc.gov/emergencynycha. If there ever is an emergency, you can get up-to-date information from NYCHA on the website; on our Facebook and Twitter accounts; and at your developments.

And remember: Be Prepared.

John B. Rhea
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Urban Farm Brings Fresh Produce, Jobs and Education to Red Hook Houses

One-acre urban agriculture installation is the first-ever large-scale community farm on NYCHA property

Additional reporting
by Zodet Negrón

Residents of the Red Hook Houses now have access to fresh produce such as lettuce, kale and tomatoes, grown right in their backyard. The Red Hook Urban Farm has two main missions – to grow and distribute healthy foods and educate local residents about healthy diets; and to train NYCHA youth who are out of school and unemployed for green jobs. The farm came about from a partnership among NYCHA, the Mayor’s Office, the nonprofit group Added Value and Green City Force.

“This is great for the kids, for the seniors, for the entire community,” said Waliek Juneol, a Green City Force alumnus and resident of Red Hook East Houses. “It’s fresh produce, which we didn’t really have in the area, and jobs for youth in the community.”

Over the first three years, the farm will be overseen by Added Value and maintained by Green City Force members. A six-month training program

will provide hands-on job skills training in the field of urban agriculture, as well as educational support and life skills. NYCHA and Green City Force already have recruited more than 20 young residents for the Red Hook Urban Farm project. Produce grown there will be sold through Added Value’s Farmers’ Markets, with the proceeds used to support staffing and stipends for the Green City Force members or donated to people in need.

“Low-income communities tend to have limited access to the healthy food choices and

nutrition education which can help their residents lead healthier lives,” said NYCHA Chairman John B. Rhea. “This is a key example of how we can work together to provide NYCHA residents with the benefit of fresh produce grown right in their community as well as information about healthy eating habits.”

The Red Hook Urban Farm also will serve as a model to launch five additional farm sites within NYCHA developments in partnership with the Mayor’s

Obesity Task Force, which has provided capital funding for the sites. NYCHA will solicit partnerships with other nonprofit

organizations to develop the additional sites and provide programming, including a job training component.



Kids who live at Red Hook Houses are shown some of the plants that will grow at the new Red Hook Urban Farm.



“Miss Susie” Turns 114!

The year was 1899. Queens and Staten Island merged with New York City. The Bronx Zoo opened. William McKinley was President. And Susannah Mushatte Jones was born. The Vandalia Houses resident turned 114 years old on July 12, celebrating with family and friends at the Vandalia Senior Center in Brooklyn. “Miss Susie,” as she is known affectionately, holds the distinction of being the current oldest living person in New York State, second oldest in the country and third oldest in the world.

Cut this out and put on your refrigerator or thumbtack board.

NYCHA Residents: Get Prepared for Emergencies



MAKE A PLAN TO EVACUATE

- Have an emergency support network with family and friends
- Keep a document with all of your health information
- Know where you will go and how you will get there
- Ensure you have a plan for your pets



GATHER SUPPLIES

Pack a Go Bag and a Go Wallet

- Copies of important documents
- Cash (small denominations) and debit/credit card
- List of medications you take and dosages
- Flashlight, battery-operated radio, and extra batteries
- Contact information for your household and members of your support network
- Pre-paid calling card and MetroCard
- Notepad and pen



Pack an emergency supply kit in case you stay home.

- It should have enough supplies for at least one week.
- One gallon of drinking water per person per day
- Non-perishable food

Notify NYCHA

Please complete NYCHA's Emergency Assistance Registration Form if you or someone in your household has a disability or medical condition and may require assistance during an emergency.



GET INFORMED

For NYCHA resident information, go to on.nyc.gov/emergencynycha.

Know Your Zones: Find out if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone by visiting nyc.gov/hurricanezones or by calling **311**.

Hurricane Season: Be Prepared

NYCHA, working with the New York City Office of Emergency Management (OEM), is committed to ensuring that NYCHA residents and staff are well prepared in case of a storm emergency. With hurricane season having started on June 1 and running through November 30, here are important suggestions to help you prepare in case of a hurricane warning.

Figure out if you live in an evacuation zone:

- NYCHA developments most vulnerable to coastal storm flooding generally are located in the Rockaways, Coney Island and the Lower East Side.
- For a detailed listing of city evacuation zones call **311 (TTY: 212-504-4115)** or go to nyc.gov/oem and check the Hurricane Evacuation Zone Finder.

If you do live in an evacuation zone:

- Discuss and prepare a disaster plan with household members that outlines clear action steps. Be sure to include information on the best way to communicate and where to meet in case of an emergency.
- Identify family or friends living outside evacuation zone boundaries that you can stay with. If this is not an option,

identify in advance the nearest evacuation center that you can go to by calling **311** or going to nyc.gov/oem.

- Keep a "Go Bag" ready. A "Go Bag" is a collection of items you may need to grab in a hurry in case you have to evacuate. The bag should be accessible and packed in an easy-to-carry container such as a backpack. A "Go Bag" should include:

- Copies of important documents
- Extra set of keys
- Credit/ATM cards
- \$50 to \$100 in cash in small denominations
- Bottled water and nonperishable food
- Flashlight
- Battery-operated AM/FM radio and extra batteries
- Medical information, medications and a first-aid kit
- Contact and meeting place information for your household
- Small regional map
- Childcare supplies
- Other special items

- Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit in case you are asked to shelter in place (stay at home). The Emergency Supply Kit should include:
 - Enough food and water

for at least three days. You should have one gallon of water per person per day, ready-to-eat nonperishable canned foods and a manual can opener

- First Aid Kit
- Flashlight
- Whistle
- Cell phone
- Personal hygiene items
- If you are asked to evacuate, do so immediately!

- If you are going to an evacuation center, pack lightly, and bring your Go Bag, a sleeping bag or bedding, and medical supplies and equipment. Always let friends or relatives know where you are going.

A Word about Pets:

- The NYC emergency sheltering system is friendly to all pets, but you will be responsible for their care, so please bring your pet's food, leashes, crate or carrier, a copy of vaccination and medical records, and any medication. Also make sure that your pets wear collars and tags with up-to-date identification information.

Stay informed:

- If a hurricane is expected please stay tuned to TV and radio broadcasts, go online and access www.nyc.gov or call **311 (TTY:212-504-4115)**.

List of NYCHA Developments in Flood Zones

As recently announced, New York City now is divided into six flood zones. While the NYCHA developments most vulnerable to coastal storm flooding generally are located in Coney Island, the Lower East Side and the Rockaways, many other developments are in one of the six zones. The complete list of all NYCHA developments in a flood zone is below. Please note some developments are listed in more than one zone – this is because different buildings in a development may be in a different zone. Any development not listed is not in a flood zone. For more information, call 311 (TTY: 212-504-4115) or go to nyc.gov/oem and check the Hurricane Evacuation Zone Finder.

ZONE 1

BOROUGH	DEVELOPMENT
Brooklyn	Carey Gardens
Brooklyn	Coney Island
Brooklyn	Coney Island I (Site 1B)
Brooklyn	Coney Island I (Site 8)
Brooklyn	Coney Island I (Sites 4 & 5)
Brooklyn	Gravesend
Brooklyn	Haber
Brooklyn	O'Dwyer Gardens
Brooklyn	Red Hook East
Brooklyn	Red Hook West
Brooklyn	Surfside Gardens
Manhattan	Baruch
Manhattan	Baruch Houses Addition
Manhattan	Campos Plaza I
Manhattan	Campos Plaza II
Manhattan	Lavanburg Homes
Manhattan	Lower East Side III
Manhattan	Riis
Manhattan	Riis II
Manhattan	Smith
Queens	Beach 41st Street-Beach Channel Drive
Queens	Carleton Manor
Queens	Hammel
Queens	Ocean Bay Apartments (Bayside)
Queens	Ocean Bay Apartments (Oceanside)
Queens	Redfern

ZONE 2

BOROUGH	DEVELOPMENT
Brooklyn	Gowanus
Brooklyn	Marlboro
Manhattan	Dyckman
Manhattan	East 4th Street Rehab
Manhattan	East River
Manhattan	Fulton
Manhattan	Holmes Towers
Manhattan	Isaacs
Manhattan	Lincoln
Manhattan	Lower East Side II
Manhattan	Lower East Side Rehab (Group 5)
Manhattan	Two Bridges URA (Site 7)
Manhattan	Wald
Manhattan	Wilson
Queens	Astoria

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NYCHA NOT WANTED LIST

Editors' Note: For this issue, the Not Wanted List is on page 6.

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ZONE 3

BOROUGH	DEVELOPMENT
Brooklyn	Bay View
Brooklyn	Boulevard
Brooklyn	Breukelen
Brooklyn	Cypress Hills
Brooklyn	East New York City Line
Brooklyn	Glenwood
Brooklyn	Linden
Brooklyn	Marcy
Brooklyn	Nostrand
Brooklyn	Pennsylvania Avenue-Wortman Avenue
Brooklyn	Pink
Brooklyn	Sheepshead Bay
Brooklyn	Vandalia Avenue
Manhattan	335 East 111th Street
Manhattan	Chelsea Addition
Manhattan	Corsi Houses
Manhattan	East 120th Street Rehab
Manhattan	Elliott
Manhattan	Jefferson
Manhattan	La Guardia
Manhattan	La Guardia Addition
Manhattan	Metro North Plaza
Manhattan	Polo Grounds Towers
Manhattan	Rangel
Manhattan	Rutgers
Manhattan	Samuel (City)
Manhattan	Wagner
Manhattan	Washington
Manhattan	White
Queens	Latimer Gardens

ZONE 4

BOROUGH	DEVELOPMENT
Bronx	1471 Watson Avenue
Bronx	Clason Point Gardens
Bronx	Marble Hill
Bronx	Mitchel
Bronx	Monroe
Bronx	Patterson
Bronx	Sotomayor Houses
Brooklyn	Farragut
Brooklyn	Ingersoll
Brooklyn	Wyckoff Gardens
Manhattan	Bracetti Plaza
Manhattan	Carver
Manhattan	Chelsea
Manhattan	Clinton
Manhattan	Gompers
Manhattan	Harlem River
Manhattan	Lehman Village
Manhattan	Lincoln
Manhattan	Robinson
Manhattan	Samuel (City)
Manhattan	Samuel (MHOP) I
Manhattan	Samuel (MHOP) III
Manhattan	Vladeck
Manhattan	Vladeck II
Manhattan	Washington
Queens	Forest Hills Co-op (108th Street-62nd Drive)

Queens	Leavitt Street-34th Avenue
Queens	Queensbridge North
Queens	Queensbridge South
Queens	Ravenswood

ZONE 5

BOROUGH	DEVELOPMENT
Bronx	Boynton Avenue Rehab
Bronx	Bronx River Addition
Bronx	Castle Hill
Bronx	Claremont Rehab (Group 2)
Bronx	Claremont Rehab (Group 3)
Bronx	Claremont Rehab (Group 4)
Bronx	Clason Point Gardens
Bronx	Fort Independence Street-Heath Avenue
Bronx	Mill Brook
Bronx	Mill Brook Extension
Bronx	Randall Avenue-Balcom Avenue
Bronx	Sack Wern
Bronx	Soundview
Bronx	Teller Avenue-East 166th Street
Bronx	Throggs Neck
Bronx	Throggs Neck Addition
Brooklyn	572 Warren Street
Brooklyn	Belmont-Sutter Area
Brooklyn	Borinquen Plaza I
Brooklyn	Borinquen Plaza II
Brooklyn	Bushwick
Brooklyn	Hylan
Brooklyn	Taylor Street-Wythe Avenue
Manhattan	344 East 28th Street
Manhattan	Harlem River
Manhattan	Harlem River II
Manhattan	Johnson
Manhattan	King Towers
Manhattan	Park Avenue-East 122nd, 123rd Streets
Manhattan	Public School 139 (Conversion)
Manhattan	Samuel (City)
Manhattan	Samuel (MHOP) I
Manhattan	Samuel (MHOP) II
Manhattan	Stanton Street
Manhattan	Taft
Queens	Baisley Park
Queens	Bland
Staten Island	Berry
Staten Island	Mariner's Harbor
Staten Island	South Beach
Staten Island	Stapleton

ZONE 6

BOROUGH	DEVELOPMENT
Bronx	1010 East 178th Street
Bronx	Betances I
Bronx	Betances II, 18
Bronx	Betances II, 9A
Bronx	Betances III, 18
Bronx	Betances III, 9A
Bronx	Betances IV
Bronx	Betances V
Bronx	Betances VI

Bronx	Bronx River
Bronx	Bronx River Addition
Bronx	Bronxchester
Bronx	Butler
Bronx	Claremont Rehab (Group 2)
Bronx	Claremont Rehab (Group 3)
Bronx	Claremont Rehab (Group 4)
Bronx	College Avenue-East 165th Street
Bronx	Glebe Avenue-Westchester Avenue
Bronx	Mott Haven
Bronx	Webster
Brooklyn	Brownsville
Brooklyn	Cooper Park
Brooklyn	Lenox Road-Rockaway Parkway
Brooklyn	Long Island Baptist Houses
Brooklyn	Tapscott Street Rehab
Brooklyn	Tilden
Brooklyn	Tompkins
Brooklyn	Unity Plaza (Sites 4-27)
Manhattan	Drew-Hamilton
Manhattan	First Houses
Manhattan	Harborview Terrace
Manhattan	Meltzer Tower
Manhattan	Milbank-Frawley
Manhattan	Morris Park Senior Citizens Home
Manhattan	Rehab Program (Taft Rehabs)
Manhattan	Saint Nicholas
Manhattan	Seward Park Extension
Manhattan	UPACA (Site 5)
Manhattan	UPACA (Site 6)
Queens	South Jamaica I
Queens	South Jamaica II
Staten Island	Richmond Terrace
Staten Island	West Brighton I
Staten Island	West Brighton II

West Nile Virus Mosquito Treatment



The New York City Housing Authority will be treating all of the catch basins located on Housing Authority developments to reduce the mosquito population in an effort to minimize the transmission of the West Nile Virus. These treatments will take place between May and September 2013.

One or more of the following pesticides will be used:

Vectolex CG, EPA Reg. No. 73049-20, Toxicity Category – "Caution" Summit B.i.i. Briquets, EPA Reg. No. 6218-47, Toxicity Category – "Caution" Altosid XR, EPA Reg. No. 2724-421, Toxicity Category – "Caution"

Contact names and numbers for this application are;

NYC Housing Authority:

Ray Gamble, Administrator, 718-707-5306 available from 9 am – 5 pm

Jamal Rashid, Technical Resource Advisor, 718-707-5808 available from 8 am – 4 pm

NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Region 2, Bureau of Pesticide Management – 718-482-4994

National Pesticide Telecommunications Network – 1-800-858-PEST

Inquiries concerning symptoms of pesticide poisoning should be directed to the Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222

THE NYCHA NOT WANTED LIST

Below is a partial list of names of individuals who have been excluded permanently from NYCHA's public housing developments. This list keeps residents informed of the Authority's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life for New Yorkers in public housing and to allow for the peaceful and safe use of its facilities. The full list can be viewed at on.nyc.gov/nychanotwanted. The following are the people, with their former addresses, excluded as of January 23-February 13, 2013.

Prohibited as of January 23, 2013

Diana Castro Taft Houses, 1365 Fifth Avenue, Apt. 10E, Manhattan
Frenchy Davilla Wagner Houses, 2370 First Avenue, Apt. 4E, Manhattan
Jonathan Hester Butler Houses, 1458 Webster Avenue, Apt. 21B, Bronx
Fernando Rios Washington Avenue, 1851 Third Avenue, Apt. 14A, Manhattan
Nelson Rivera Riis Houses, 152 Avenue D, Apt. 2C, Manhattan
Wilbur Roberts Morris Houses, 1372 Washington Avenue, Apt. 14A, Bronx
Eugene Rolack Glenwood Houses, 5905 Glenwood Road, Apt. 5B, Brooklyn
Tyrone Rooney Queensbridge North Houses, 40-10 Vernon Boulevard, Apt. 6E, Queens
Jamar Singleton Lincoln Houses, 2155 Madison Avenue, Apt. 2H, Manhattan
Benny Soto Taft Houses, 1365 Fifth Avenue, Apt. 10E, Manhattan
Benjamin Suarez Taft Houses, 1365 Fifth Avenue, Apt. 10E, Manhattan
Tahrel Swinton Hughes Houses, 335 Sutter Avenue, Apt. 17F, Brooklyn

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Raymond Banks Richmond Terrace Houses, 151 Jersey Street, Apt. 1C, Staten Island
Peter Cruz Mariner's Harbor Houses, 153 Brabant Street, Apt. 5A, Staten Island
Freddie Lawson Ocean Bay Apartments (Bayside) Houses, 51-32 Beach Channel Drive, Apt. 5A, Queens
Michael Rohlsen Wagner Houses, 2360 1st Avenue, Apt. 12A, Manhattan
Antwon Steele Brownsville Houses, 557 Rockaway Avenue, Apt. 3F, Brooklyn

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Wesley Young Armstrong Houses, 451 Gates Avenue, Apt. 00A, Brooklyn

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Patrick Rance South Jamaica Houses, 108-09 159th Street, Apt. 5D, Queens
Steven Sanchez aka **Jairo Sanchez** Adams Houses, 680 Tinton Avenue, Apt. 6F, Bronx

Help From the Heat

New York City has had its fair share of extreme heat so far this summer. Heat waves particularly are dangerous for children, seniors, people with chronic health problems and especially for those without air conditioning. Please check-in on family, friends and neighbors to make sure they are okay.

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Eye on Housing Fraud

Through the feature "Eye on Housing Fraud," the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI) provides names of residents, as listed below, who have been convicted and sentenced for defrauding NYCHA. In these cases, restitution is collected through a payment schedule until fully paid, including wage and asset garnishments, if necessary. Anyone with information regarding fraud or wrongdoing should call DOI's NYCHA Inspector General Hotline at (212) 306-3356.

Nicole Conley – pleaded guilty to failing to report income she received from various sources, including the income she received as a Correction Officer in North and South Carolina, while she was a resident at Amsterdam Houses, defrauding NYCHA of \$14,561. Conley agreed to repay NYCHA the amount of the fraud.

Sherman Gamble – pleaded guilty to the federal charge of Theft of Public Money for impersonating his cousin, a Baruch Houses resident who had moved out of state, to gain control of his cousin's NYCHA apartment that he then rented to others, sometimes advertising the apartment on Craigslist. Gamble was sentenced to six months of home confinement, community service, and ordered to pay \$53,542 in restitution to NYCHA, the amount of the fraud.

Leib Glanz and Menashe Glanz – the two brothers pleaded guilty to federal offenses and received prison terms in connection with a more than \$200,000 Section 8 housing fraud in which Menashe Glanz filed records with NYCHA that falsely indicated he and his family were living in a subsidized apartment in Brooklyn when, in fact, his brother Leib Glanz was residing there. Menashe Glanz pleaded guilty to Theft of Gov-



Department of Investigation Commissioner
Rose Gill Hearn

ernment Funds, was sentenced to six months in prison and six months home confinement, and was ordered to pay \$186,501 in restitution to NYCHA. Leib Glanz, the unauthorized tenant, pleaded guilty to Making False Statements, was sentenced to 45 days in prison, and was ordered to pay \$36,484 in restitution to NYCHA.

Diana Luckerson – pleaded guilty to concealing the presence and income of her husband while she was a Section 8 recipient in Queens, defrauding NYCHA of \$45,281. Luckerson agreed to repay NYCHA the amount of the fraud.

Cherie Williams – was sentenced to six months of home confinement and ordered to pay \$136,784 to NYCHA and the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for collecting subsidies from both housing agencies simultaneously. Williams received Section 8 subsidies for a NYCHA Section 8 apartment in Queens and illegally collected Section 8 subsidies for a HUD-sponsored apartment in Brooklyn.

Campos Plaza Gets CCTV Cameras

Campos Plaza is the latest NYCHA development to get closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras. The cameras were installed with \$600,000 in City Council funds provided by New York City Council Member Rosie Mendez.

"Having the cameras installed is a wonderful thing for all the tenants here at Campos Plaza, who now feel a lot safer," said Campos Plaza Resident Association President Dereese Huff. "I want to thank Council Member Mendez and NYCHA for helping get these cameras installed."

The funding provided for 52 cameras located in all four buildings and the infrastructure to connect the cameras to a Security Operations Center, where they can be viewed in one place. NYCHA, the



Shown in the circles are two of the new closed circuit security cameras installed at Campos Plaza.

NYPD and Resident Association leaders worked together to determine the camera locations, including building entrances, street corners, elevators and equipment rooms. The NYPD can access footage in cases of

reported criminal activity.

"The safety and security of our residents is of great importance to NYCHA, and installing CCTV cameras deters crime and enhances the quality of life of our residents," said NYCHA Chairman John B. Rhea.

NYCHA only is able to provide this additional security because of discretionary funding provided by elected officials such as Council Member Mendez.

"We are here today to celebrate a milestone accomplishment that is primarily due to the effective advocacy and tireless dedication of the residents of Campos Plaza – who have taken the issue of public safety to heart and into their own hands," said Council Member Mendez.

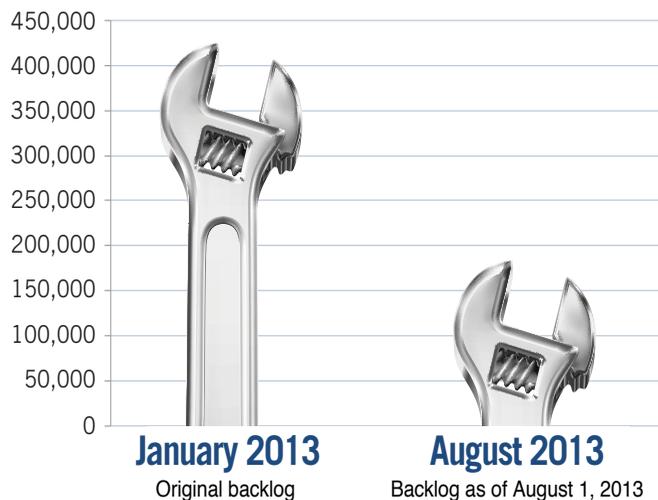
NYCHA on Track to Clear Repair Backlog This Year

As of August 1, NYCHA has reduced the number of open maintenance and repair work orders from a peak of about 423,000 to approximately 197,000. The decrease of more than 225,000 work orders means that NYCHA is on schedule to meet its goal of eliminating its backlog by the end of 2013. The reduction is a result of NYCHA's Action Plan to improve its accountability and efficiency in responding to maintenance and repair work orders.

Given ongoing budget constraints, which were made worse by federal sequestration, NYCHA needs to prioritize its work. Recognizing that there are limited resources, NYCHA staff will not be able to address work that primarily is to improve the appearance of apartments until the fiscal situation improves. One example is paint. The City Council has allocated \$10 million to hire painting apprentices, and NYCHA will hire about 175 apprentice painters who are NYCHA residents, and will begin painting units in the fall. This additional staffing will help the Authority address paint requests in occupied units. Currently there are about 39,000 vendor work orders for painting, and about 14,000 paint requests for a room or wall also are awaiting NYCHA painters. These work orders will be reexamined. Those where the painting is needed to coat and protect walls after plaster work, or after other repairs affecting a wall, will be prioritized.



NYCHA Action Plan Reduction of Maintenance and Repair Backlog



SENIOR NEWS

Medicare Changes Program for Diabetic Testing Supplies

A new mail-order program for home delivered diabetic testing supplies now is in effect. You also have the option to get your supplies from any local store that is enrolled with Medicare. Medicare Advantage Plan members are not affected by this change. A new listing of approved suppliers is on the Medicare website at www.medicare.gov/SupplierDirectory. You also can call **800-633-4227** for assistance, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Have your Medicare number with you and say "Agent" to speak to a live person.

Walk For Your Health with the Big Apple Senior Strollers

Walking is an easy and fun way to stay fit, especially when you walk with friends. Big Apple Senior Stroller walking clubs are active in many of the city's senior centers and faith-based organizations. To find a walking club near you call **212-442-8962**. Join a walking club this year and you may have an opportunity to participate in the Arthritis Foundation's Walk with Ease program. The Big Apple Senior Stroller program is run by the New York City Department for the Aging.

Finish Your GED in 2013

NYCHA's Office of Resident Economic Empowerment and Sustainability (REES) is partnering with the NYC Fund for Public Advocacy to support their 2013 GED Campaign to Finish, which connects qualified test takers to free GED services in New York City. Anyone who has taken and passed a portion of the five-part GED exam, but has not yet passed the full exam, should act now to complete the entire GED exam in 2013. The GED exam will change on January 1, 2014, and once the changes are in place, test takers who have taken sections of the exam in the past automatically will lose their old scores. For free help in finishing the GED exam in 2013 before the changes take place, call **718-557-2525**, text 'GED' to **30644** or go to www.GEDCompass.org.

NYCHA Partnership with IT Company Has Benefits for Residents

NYCHA and the computer security software company Symantec are joining together to provide residents free training

and computer software discounts. The partnership gives residents access to:

- Free online information technology training, which enables residents to establish and improve their IT skills;
- Certification exams, which validate an individual's technical skills, knowledge and competence (the exams have a \$150 fee);
- Symantec internship program;
- A discount on the Norton AntiVirus Security Product, 40

percent off the standard price, which can be used on up to three computers per person per year.

For more information about these opportunities, please go to bit.ly/nycha-symantec.

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NYCHA Annual Talent Show!

NYCHA's 43rd Annual Talent Show was held on April 20 at the Red Hook East Miccio Community Center in Brooklyn. Below is a list of all winners and competitors.

Children

- 1st place: MMS Girls (Rutgers)
- 2nd place: Modesty Devine (Rutgers)
- 3rd place: Lashanique Mourning (Fort Independence)

Teens

- 1st place (tie): Nova Bodo (Section 8/Queens)
- 1st place (tie): Vintage Quality (Castle Hill, Claremont, Highbridge, Monroe)
- 2nd place: A.S.K. (Throggs Neck)
- 3rd place: Lil Legin (Morrisania)
- Competitor: Tiffany Rodriguez (Taft)

Adults

- 1st place: Feng Shu (Strauss)
- 2nd place: BMZ and Tonika (Soundview, Marcus Garvey)
- 3rd place: Janice Mikell (Marlboro)
- Competitor: Lillian Collazo (Wyckoff)
- Competitor: Nydia Munoz (Harborview Terrace)

Seniors

- 1st place: Adele Lee (South Beach)
- 2nd place: Wild Women (Manhattanville)
- 3rd place: The Sophisticated Satins (Grant, Holmes Towers, Marcus Garvey)



Feng Zhu soaks up the applause after finishing his first place performance at the NYCHA Resident Talent Show on April 20, 2013.



Bradley Rivera and Tonika Bacchus sing their hearts out – performing as “BMZ and Tonika” – during the NYCHA Resident Talent Show on April 20, 2013.

Comments? Questions? E-mail Journal@nycha.nyc.gov.

New Boxing Gym for Youth Opens at Berry Houses

Youth at Berry Houses and the surrounding community in Staten Island now can benefit from a new boxing gym and program that teaches young people discipline, self reliance, physical fitness and nutrition, as well as boxing. The Atlas NYPD Cops and Kids Boxing Gym at the Berry Houses Community Center also will be a training site for youth who are interested in entering future Golden Gloves boxing competitions and other tournaments.

“This program is not just about putting out champions but getting youth through school and helping them become the people they deserve to be,” said founder of The Theodore A. Atlas Foundation and boxing commentator Teddy Atlas. “The children who come in here have to study, as well and bring their report card in.”

The new gym is funded in part by New York State Assem-

blyman Michael Cusick, Richmond County District Attorney Daniel M. Donovan, and the Dr. Theodore A. Atlas Foundation, which partnered with the NYPD Cops and Kids boxing program to make the new gym a reality. “Providing our youth with

programming that will reduce both the likelihood and incidence of crime is critically important to NYCHA in its commitment to provide safe, affordable housing and access to community services,” said NYCHA Chairman John B. Rhea.

The gym will serve up to 200 youths. The program is free for those who register.



NYCHA Chairman John B. Rhea joined 2012 Olympian Marcus Browne at the opening of the Atlas NYPD Cops and Kids Boxing Gym at the Berry Houses Community Center in Staten Island on May 17, 2013.

Residents Huddle Up to Learn How to Be Referees

By Vinson Cunningham

As the 4th year of the NYCHA/NFL Football Officiating Academy comes to a close, the program continues to inspire the interest and ambition of public housing residents all over the city. When Daishawn Knox, a resident of Farragut Houses in Brooklyn, first came across a flyer for the Academy, he knew that he had to give it a shot.

“I thought that it was something I’d love to get into,” said Mr. Knox. “I’ve always been interested in sports, especially football – everybody loves football.”

During the five-week program, 45 participants between 17 and 30 years old – including 23 NYCHA residents – worked closely with instructors from the NFL, college and high school refereeing ranks to learn the necessary skills to become a professional game official. “It’s much different than what you think you’re seeing on TV,” Mr. Knox said. “But I loved it – I’m up for any challenge.”



Students of the NYCHA/NFL Football Officiating Academy learn about how to measure for a first down during a field training session. Photo credit: Curtis Williams

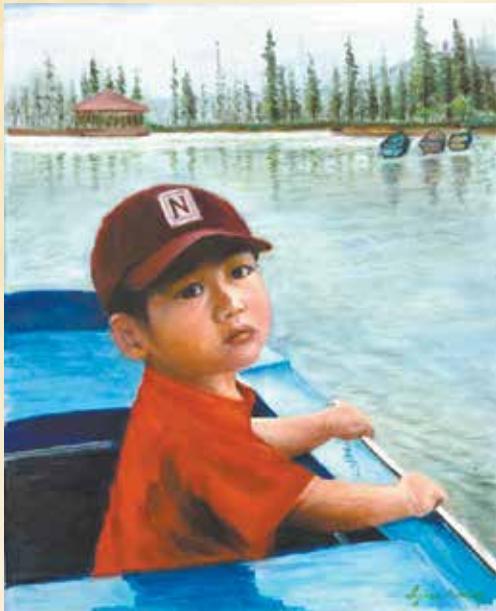
Participants also learn valuable life skills and character development tools – such as integrity, confidence and decisiveness – that will serve them well in their future careers as officials. After the Academy’s graduation ceremony at the end of July, every participant will receive opportunities to officiate games with the Allegiance Youth Football League and other PSAL and

Pop Warner leagues, and will continue to receive information about development opportunities offered by the NFL.

The promise of a new career is by far the most exciting part of the Academy for Mr. Knox. “I want to get straight into refereeing,” he said. “I can’t wait to start using all of the things I’ve learned over the past few weeks.”

NYCHA ANNUAL RESIDENT ART SHOW

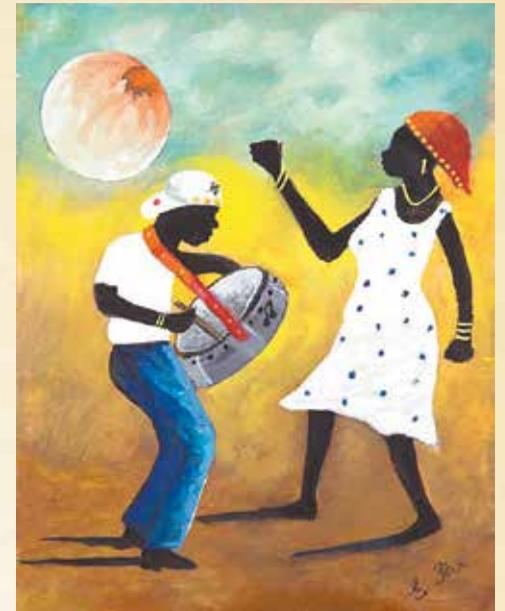
NYCHA's Annual Resident Art Show displayed the exceptional artistic talents of residents. The artwork was shown at the Rutgers Houses Community Center in Manhattan in June.



Lynn Wang, Pomonok Senior Center, senior, *On the Boat*



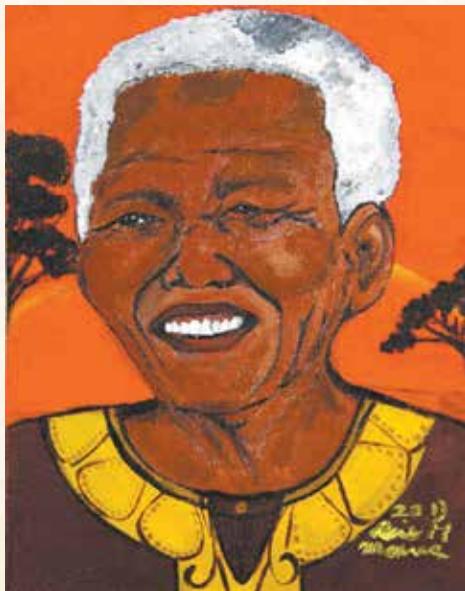
Nicole Tennyson, Parkside Community Center, youth, *Neighborhood*



Eastlyn Fox, Shelton Senior Center, senior, *Sweet Pan*



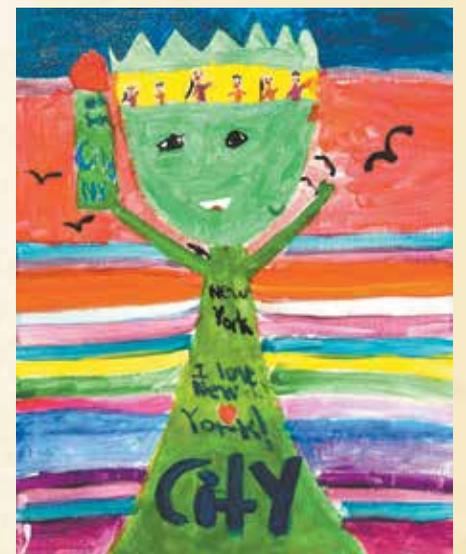
Dewayne Covington, Boulevard Community Center, youth, *Apple and Bumble Bee*



Elsie Herse Monroe, Max Meltzer Tower Senior Center, senior, *Nelson Mandela*



Deloris Bedford, Frederick Douglass Senior Center, senior, *Pig Bank*



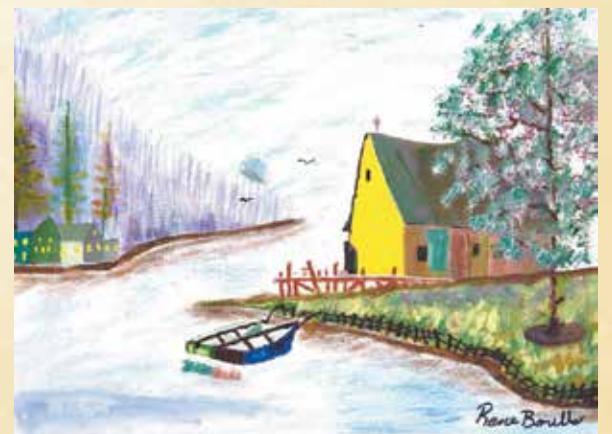
Lisa Zhang, Rutgers Community Center, youth, *Statue of Liberty*



Edith Burke, Bland Senior Center, senior, *Sea Owl*



Daphne Afzaal, Harbor Terrace, adult, *Parrots*



René Bonilla, Sue Ginsburg Senior Center, senior, *El Lago*

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NYCHA RESIDENTS AND STAFF CELEBRATE MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES



Williamsburg Houses Celebrates 75th Anniversary



Members of the Smith Houses Resident Association, including President Betty Jones, Lisha Mosby, Sonia Rosa, Maria Torres and Theresa Womble joined NYCHA Board Member Victor Gonzalez and NYCHA staff to mark the occasion.



Brownsville Houses Celebrates 65th Anniversary



Residents including Resident Association President Laura Morgan, Vice President Lula Williams, Treasurer Lena Rice, Financial Secretary Loris Green, Recording Secretary Lillian Wynn, Corresponding Secretary Christine McFadden, and Sergeant-At-Arms Livonia Rhodes joined NYCHA Board Member Victor Gonzalez and NYCHA staff to commemorate the anniversary.



Taft Houses Celebrates 50th Anniversary



Many Taft Houses residents joined NYCHA Board Member Victor Gonzalez and NYCHA staff to celebrate, including Resident Association President Annie Davis, Vice President Delores Lowe, Secretary Joyce Brown, Sergeant-at-Arms Bertha Brisbane, Chaplain Margaret Judge, Jonathan Semiday and Rita Wright.

Bronx, Staten Island Caretakers Honored for Excellence

By Howard Silver

Residents at Parkside Consolidation in the Bronx have an award-winning NYCHA employee keeping their development tidy. Rosario "Rosie" DeJesus, a Caretaker J, was named as the 2012 John DeCarlo Memorial Award winner. The annual award is given to a Caretaker for service to residents, dedication to job duties, quality of conduct and time and attendance.

"I feel proud to have my work recognized in this way," said Ms. DeJesus. "I, my coworkers, and supervisors all work hard for the residents."

There also were three runners-up – Luis Ceron, Caretaker X at Highbridge Gardens, in the Bronx; Charles Hertzog, Caretaker J at Richmond Terrace, in Staten Island; and Diosdado ("Dino") Rivera, Caretaker X at Adams Houses, in the Bronx.

"We at NYCHA are a community in the truest sense of the word," said NYCHA Board Member and resident Victor Gonzalez. "That's why we work so passionately on behalf of the residents and families who depend on us."



A plaque commemorating Ms. DeJesus' award will be placed at Parkside Consolidated. The award is named after John DeCarlo, a NYCHA Caretaker who lost his life while performing his job in 1997.

"East Side Reunited" Street Fair

More than 300 people came out on June 22 to celebrate the East Harlem community taking back their neighborhood. In April, 63 members of gangs at Johnson, Lehman Village and Taft Houses in Manhattan were arrested for numerous charges going back to at least 2009. Residents of the three developments spent the day enjoying food and games, as well as reuniting into one community. Attendees of the "East Side Reunited" Street Fair included NYCHA Board member Victor Gonzalez, Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance, Jr. and Resident Association Presidents Ethel Velez (Johnson), Patricia Burns (Lehman Village) and Annie Davis (Taft).



NYCHA Girls Win 'Pulitzer' Prizes

NYCHA hosted an awards dinner for the Write Girls program participants in June, giving the youths 'Pulitzer' Prizes for their literacy achievements. More than 130 girls took part this year, who enjoyed a fun night at the Williamsburg Community Center in Brooklyn to celebrate completing the program.

Write Girls is a literacy program exclusively for girls in grades 4-6 in the Brooklyn neighborhoods of Bedford Stuyvesant, Brownsville and East New York. It is a joint effort between

NYCHA and the Girl Scout Council of Greater New York, and is funded by New York Community Trust. Write Girls' goal is to make reading and writing fun. It focuses on helping girls learn to recognize their special talents, become part of a team and solve problems and put what they learn into action to improve their communities and the world. The program also engages parents and caregivers in their daughters' education to bolster reading, language and writing skills.



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