Home Court Advantages

Carmelo Anthony Foundation Renovates Three NYCHA Basketball Courts

IT’S GOING TO be a summer of free throws, jump shots, and dunks for kids at Coney Island Houses 4 & 5 (Brooklyn) and James Monroe Houses (Bronx) as they take advantage of basketball courts recently renovated by the Carmelo Anthony Foundation’s (CAF) Courts 4 Kids program.

At Coney Island, CAF painted the court and added new backboards, and at Monroe Houses, CAF repaved, painted, and installed new backboards. CAF has now renovated three NYCHA basketball courts – the first in 2013 at Red Hook Houses, where NBA basketball star Carmelo Anthony grew up.

“The whole idea behind putting courts in underprivileged neighborhoods…is basically to bring communities together,” Anthony said at the Monroe Houses ribbon-cutting. “I think by putting this basketball court here in this community, in all the communities that we touch, it’s about giving that community something to look forward to on a day-to-day basis. It’s about the youth, it’s about the kids that are out here today, what they’re going to do after school, what they’re going to have to call their own, and this court right here is for the Monroe Houses so you can be able to call it your own.”

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held on May 21 at Coney Island and June 4 at Monroe and were attended by NYCHA General Manager Michael Kelly, City Councilmembers Mark Treyger and Annabel Palma, and NYCHA staff, residents and community members.

A highlight of the dedications was the pick-up games played on the new courts by local youth.

Children from Monroe Houses were excited to meet NBA star Carmelo Anthony at the June 4 ribbon-cutting for a newly renovated basketball court courtesy of Anthony’s Courts 4 Kids program.

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

SUMMER IN THE CITY!

MAY AND JUNE were busy months for NYCHA. Mayor Bill de Blasio and I launched NextGeneration NYCHA, our 10-year plan to preserve and protect public housing for the next generation of New Yorkers. We’ve already begun to make progress on several of the plan’s initiatives. For example, thanks to support from Mayor de Blasio and the City Council, we’ve already begun work on critical roof repairs to our properties. With your help, we launched a new recycling program at five developments in May: Sheepshead/Nostrand Houses, Bronx River, Bronx River Addition, and Baynton Avenue Rehab. That launch will be followed by a continuous, larger roll-out to every NYCHA development by the end of 2016. Look out for the iconic blue and green recycling bins at your development! To learn more about blue and green recycling bins at your NYCHA development by the Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice.

As you’ll see in this issue, the NYCHA’s Office of the Secretary handles all resident correspondence and calls to board members at board.members@nycha.nyc.gov and 212-306-3454. Board members receive input from residents at the scheduled board meetings and the Annual Public Hearing, in addition to other meetings that they may attend such as Resident Advisory Board (RAB) meetings, the Citywide Council of Presidents (CCOP) meetings, and Tenant Association meetings.

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NYCHA BOARD MEETINGS

NYCHA’s Board Meetings, open to the public, take place on Wednesdays at 10 am in the NYCHA 12th floor conference room at 250 Broadway. People who wish to speak during the public comment period must pre-register at least 45 minutes before the meeting is scheduled to begin and can only comment about items on that meeting’s agenda. Each speaker’s time is limited to three minutes. The public comment period concludes either when all speakers are finished or after the 30 minutes allotted by law for public comment, whichever comes first.

Copies of the calendar for the upcoming board meeting are available on NYCHA’s website or can be picked up at the Office of the Corporate Secretary, 250 Broadway, 12th floor after 3 pm on the Monday before the meeting. Copies of the disposals of prior meetings are available on NYCHA’s website or can be picked up from the Office of the Corporate Secretary no earlier than 3 pm on the Thursday after the board meeting. Any person requiring reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the meeting should contact the Office of the Corporate Secretary at 212.306.6088 no later than five business days prior to the meeting. For additional information regarding the calendar of meetings, disposals, dates and times, please call 212.306.6088.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
July 29, 2015
September 30, 2015
October 28, 2015
November 18, 2015
December 23, 2015

* Note: There will be no board meeting in August. The November and December board meetings are scheduled for the second-to-last Wednesday.

All About NYCHA’s Resident Board Members

THE FIRST RESIDENT board member was added to the NYCHA Board of Directors in 2011, following the passage of State legislation that mandated the addition of residents to the Board to bring the experience, knowledge and perspective of public housing residents to NYCHA’s governing body. In 2013, additional legislative changes increased the number of board members from three to seven, of which three residents would serve as board members.

All board members are appointed to fixed terms by the Mayor, with the exception of the Chair who also serves as Chief Executive Officer at the pleasure of the Mayor. The current board members were initially appointed for fixed terms of one, two or three years. After these initial terms, all appointees will serve three-year terms. Every board member votes on contracts, resolutions, policies, motions, rules and regulations, as well as admin-

isterative matters at ten regularly sched-

uled board meetings per year. These meetings are open to the public. NYCHA’s Office of the Secretary handles all resident correspondence and calls to board members at board.members@nycha.nyc.gov and 212-306-3454. Board members receive input from residents at the scheduled board meetings and the Annual Public Hearing, in addition to other meetings that they may attend such as Resident Advisory Board (RAB) meetings, the Citywide Council of Presidents (CCOP) meetings, and Tenant Association meetings.

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Shola Olatoye Chair and CEO
Resident Leader Spotlight: Carolyn Walton, Tenant Advocate

GLENWOOD HOUSES RESIDENTS have a newly paved driveway at E. 59th Street and Glenwood Road thanks to the tenacity of their Resident Association President Carolyn Walton.

The driveway had been severely damaged by weather and vehicular traffic and was a tripping hazard to pedestrians. For the last two years, Walton, who is also the Brooklyn South District Chair of the Citywide Council of Presidents, pushed to get the driveway fixed. She called 311 repeatedly, contacted NYCHA, and worked with her Councilmember Jumaane Williams to get the Department of Transportation (DOT) to repair the damage. After a walk-through of Glenwood Houses at the end of March with Walton, NYCHA Chair & CEO Shola Olatoye, and CM Williams, DOT staff assessed the damage in early May and began repairs almost immediately.

With the driveway repaired, Walton says the lesson to other residents is, “If you see a problem that needs to be fixed you should make it a collaborative effort with development staff and elected officials. Get your elected officials involved because they can and will help.”

After repairing the driveway, the DOT decided to fix other sidewalk areas outside of the development, with work set to finish by the end of the summer. Chair Olatoye said this was “a fine example of community improvement spurred” by Walton’s leadership.

“I know the residents saw me outside always taking pictures of the driveway. That area is used by many residents, I know they’re happy,” Walton reports. “A resident called me and said ‘thank you, thank you so much.’”

Natural Neville: Training Academy Success

Brooklyn NYCHA resident Natasha Neville is living her dream, and she thanks the NYCHA Resident Training Academy (NRTA), operated by REES, for helping her achieve it. On June 10, Neville began a job as a Caretaker J, finally securing the NYCHA position she has wanted for so long.

Although Neville had done seasonal work for NYCHA for four years, she hadn’t been able to gain the full-time employment she desired until being chosen for and completing the NRTA.

Neville is one of 28 recent graduates of NRTA’s janitorial track. Training for the janitorial track was conducted by Brooklyn Workforce Innovations and prepared Neville and her cohort to be caretakers; their duties include maintaining the grounds, buildings, and public spaces of NYCHA developments.

During training Neville had to come up with short- and long-term goals for her career. Her short-term goal to become a full-time NYCHA employee is complete and she is hard at work on her long-term goal: to be a successful NYCHA employee and move up the ranks.

“The NRTA training enhanced my past experience and I know I will be a great asset to NYCHA because I am very reliable, a hard worker, determined, and most of all I’m a great team player.”

Empowering NYCHA Residents

Since 2010, more than 1,000 NYCHA residents have trained with NYCHA’s Resident Training Academy (NRTA) to start and build careers in construction, janitorial services, and pest control. NRTA is a partnership between NYCHA, the Robin Hood Foundation, and some of the best employment trainers in New York City, including Brooklyn Workforce Innovations (BWI), Nontraditional Employment for Women, New York City College of Technology (CUNY), the Center for Family Life and St. Nicks Alliance.

Operated by NYCHA’s Office of Resident Economic Empowerment and Sustainability (REES), the Academy has helped many residents achieve their dreams of having not only jobs, but also careers with opportunities for growth. As it celebrates its fifth anniversary this year, NRTA has graduated 1,087 students, 88 percent of whom have been placed into jobs as caretakers, pest control technicians and maintenance aides with NYCHA, as well as in a variety of construction-related positions with NYCHA contractors and affordable housing developers. Graduates earned an average wage of $15.36 per hour in full-time positions.

In June 2015, NYCHA received Brooklyn Workforce Innovation’s Exceptional Employer Award.

Natasha Neville

NYCHA General Manager Michael Kelly, accepting the award on behalf of the Authority, cited the program’s unique ability to “prepare residents for entry-level employment . . . and assist in developing career plans that will lead to long-term employment, promotions and increased wages.”

NRTA is currently recruiting for its next construction training program. For more information, visit http://opportunitynych.org/workforce-development/nych-resident-training-academy/.

Upcoming REES Events

NYCHA’s Food Business Pathways program is a FREE program that provides customized training and resources for NYCHA residents and NYCHA Section 8 voucher holders to launch and grow their food business. The program will prepare residents to enter New York City’s kitchen incubators and to succeed in growing their food businesses in the City’s food industry. For more information on this and other REES programs, contact the REES Hotline at 718.289.8100 or visit opportunitynych.org.

Food Business Pathways Information Session

Brooklyn

Tuesday, July 21, 2015, 6-8 pm
NYCHA REES Office
187 Atlantic Avenue, 2nd Floor
(bet. Vanderbilt Ave. & Clermont Ave.)
Brooklyn, NY 11238

Bronx

Thursday, July 23, 2015, 6-8 pm
BETANCES COMMUNITY CENTER
547 E. 146th Street
(bet. St. Ann’s Ave. & Brook Ave.)
Bronx, NY 10455

Manhattan

Thursday, August 6, 2015, 6-8 pm
SONDRA THOMAS APTS.
102 W. 91st Street
New York, New York 10024

Queens

Tuesday, August 11, 2015, 6-8 pm
SOUTH JAMAICA CORNERSTONE
COMMUNITY CENTER
109-4 160th Street
(comer of 109th Ave.)
Jamaica, New York 11433
NOTICE
New York City Housing Authority Proposed Amendment to the Agency Plan for FY 2015 and the Draft Agency Annual Plan for FY 2016

AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT AGENCY ANNUAL PLAN FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION
The public is advised that the Proposed Amendment to the FY 2015 Agency Annual Plan and the Draft Agency Annual Plan for FY 2016 will be available for public inspection at NYCHA’s principal office, located at 250 Broadway, New York, NY, starting June 26, 2015 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call 212.306.3701 to make an appointment to review the Proposed Amendment to the FY 2015 Agency Annual Plan and the Draft Agency Annual Plan for FY 2016 and supporting documents. The Proposed Amendment to the FY 2015 Agency Annual Plan and the Draft Agency Annual Plan for FY 2016 will also be available at the following locations:

• On NYCHA’s webpage, which is located on http://www.nyc.gov/nycha
• At the Management Office of each NYCHA public housing development during regular business hours.
• At the Community Centers/Borough Offices listed below during the hours of 9:00 am to 7:30 pm:

Manhattanville Community Center
530 West 133rd Street
New York, New York

Taft Senior Center
1365 5th Avenue
New York, New York

Sedgwick Community Center
1553 University Avenue
Bronx, New York

Soundview Community Center
1674 Seward Avenue
Bronx, New York

Queens Community Operations
Borough Office
70-30 Parsons Boulevard
Flushing, New York

Staten Island Community Operations
Borough Office
126 Lamport Avenue
Staten Island, New York

Brownsville Senior Center
528 Mother Gaston Boulevard
Brooklyn, New York

PUBLIC COMMENT
The public is invited to attend any of the five scheduled town hall discussions at which the public may raise questions regarding the Proposed Amendment to the FY 2015 Agency Annual Plan and the Draft Annual Plan for FY 2016. These discussions will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on the dates and locations shown below unless noted otherwise.

Thursday, July 9, 2015
Brooklyn
St. Francis College
180 Remsen Street
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Thursday, July 16, 2015
Queens
Joint Industry Board
158-11 Jewel Avenue
Flushing, New York 11365

Monday, July 20, 2015
Staten Island
Gerard Carter Community Center
Stapleton Houses
230 Broad Street
Staten Island, NY 10304

Wednesday, July 22, 2015
Bronx
Cardinal Hayes High School
650 Grand Concourse
Bronx, NY 10451

Monday, July 27, 2015
Manhattan
Borough of Manhattan Community College
199 Chambers Street
New York, NY 10007

The public is also invited to comment on the Proposed Amendment to the FY 2015 Agency Annual Plan and the Draft Annual Agency Plan for FY 2016 at a public hearing to be held on August 11, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at:

Pace University – Schimmel Center for the Arts, 3 Spruce Street, New York, New York 10038

Each location listed above is both handicapped accessible and can be reached using public transportation. For transportation information go to http://tripplanner.mta.info or call the MTA/NYC Transit Travel Information Line 718.330.1234.

Written comments regarding the Proposed Amendment to the FY 2015 Agency Annual Plan and the Draft Annual Agency Plan for FY 2016 are encouraged. To be considered, submissions must be received via United States Postal mail or fax no later than August 30, 2015. Faxed submissions will be accepted at 212.306.7905. Comments may be sent to the following address and comments may also be emailed to annualplancomments@nycha.nyc.gov.

Public Housing Agency Plan Comments
Church Street Station
P.O. Box 3422
New York, New York 10008-3422

Bill de Blasio, Mayor

What is RAD?

THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION program, known as RAD, is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program that enables public housing authorities to convert a select number of their traditional public housing units to a project-based Section 8 funding stream. RAD is one initiative to help NYCHA attain financial stability that is outlined in NextGeneration NYCHA, the Authority’s 10-year strategic plan to ensure the future of public housing in New York and to create safe, clean, and connected communities. NYCHA has HUD’s approval to convert approximately 1,400 units at Ocean Bay/ Bayside Apartments in Far Rockaway through RAD. This will enable NYCHA to rehabilitate and preserve this property and will reduce the Authority’s overall capital needs by nearly $90 million. A meeting was held by Councilmember Donovan Richards to answer questions.

RAD has been used successfully by public housing authorities across the nation to preserve their precious housing stock and fund maintenance and repairs. By leveraging the Section 8 funding, public housing authorities can generate revenue to reinvest back into the converted properties. At the same time, RAD ensures that residents’ rights and affordability are protected.
Stay Safe in the Heat

WEATHER FORECASTERS ARE reporting that this summer is expected to be a lot warmer than last year. Everyone needs to take extra care in hot weather, even people who seem healthy, fit and strong, but especially children and seniors.

The American Red Cross reports that excessive sun exposure can lead to sunburn, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. If someone is experiencing cramps in the legs or abdomen, get them to a cooler place, have them rest, lightly stretch the affected muscle, and replenish their fluids with half a glass (about 4 ounces) of cool water every 15 minutes.

Signs of heat exhaustion include cool, moist, pale or flushed skin, heavy sweating, headache, nausea, dizziness, weakness and exhaustion. Move any individual with these symptoms to a cooler place, remove or loosen tight clothing and spray the person with water or apply cool, wet cloths or towels to the skin. Fan the person and give them small amounts of cool water to drink. If the person refuses water, vomits or begins to lose consciousness, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Hot Weather Health Tips

• Never leave children or pets in cars.
• Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.
• Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Dark colors absorb the sun’s rays and will make you feel warmer.
• Slow down, stay indoors and avoid exercise during the hottest part of the day (mid to late afternoon).
• Postpone outdoor games and activities.
• Use a buddy system when working in excessive heat.
• Take frequent breaks if working outdoors.
• Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning or live alone.
• Check on animals frequently to make sure they have cool water.
• Spend time in air conditioned places like schools, libraries and movie theaters if you don’t have air conditioning. Or call 311 to find the address of the New York City Cooling Center nearest you.

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 June and September of 2015. One or more of the following pesticides will be used:

- VectoLex CG, EPA Reg. No. 73049-20, Toxicity Category – “Caution”
- Summit B.i.i, B.i.qs, EPA Reg. No. 6218-47, Toxicity Category – “Caution”
- Allosid XR, EPA Reg. No. 2724-421, Toxicity Category – “Caution”

Contact names and numbers for this application are:

NYC Housing Authority:
Debbie Wolf, Associate Staff Analyst, 718-707-5709
available from 9 am – 5 pm
Denise Torres, Technical Resource Advisor, 718-707-8032
available from 8 am – 4 pm

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

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

Van Dyke Residents Love Where They Live

On April 25, Van Dyke Houses residents rolled up their sleeves to spend the day picking up trash as part of the “Love Where You Live” Clean-Up and Plant Day. Armed with rakes, brooms, gloves, and garbage bags, more than 115 residents, volunteers, and staff cleaned different areas of the development and then learned how to plant flower bulbs to add a touch of beauty. The day wasn’t just about cleaning, it was also about community and having fun. Residents enjoyed refreshments, danced the Electric and Cha Cha Slides, and checked out the resource area with information on recycling, gardening, jobs and training opportunities, pest control, and help for maintenance and repair issues. For the youngest residents, there were games, art projects, and face painting. Clean-Up Day was organized by NYCHA’s Resident Engagement and Development departments, along with resident members of NextGeneration NYCHA committees. It was co-sponsored by Healthfirst, Brownsville Community Justice Center, Medgar Evers College CUNY, the New York City Police Department, and Community Solutions.

Citi Bike

$149 $60 Annual Membership for NYCHA Residents

A fun, affordable option for transportation or fitness! Thousands of bikes available at hundreds of stations. Coming soon to more of Brooklyn & Queens.

For more information on Citi Bike pricing, locations, and how to get your NYCHA discount:

Visit citibikenyc.com/nycha
Or call 1-855-BIKE-311

Sign up today!
Farmers’ Markets Near NYCHA Developments

Fresh fruit and vegetables are just a short walk away from most NYCHA developments. Below is a list of farmers’ markets within a half mile of NYCHA developments throughout the five boroughs. In addition to this list, you can use the NYC Department of Health’s texting resource: text “SoGood” to 877877 to receive the locations of up to three farmers’ markets near you.

BRONX

Bronx Borough Hall Greenmarket Grand Concourse btw 161st & 162nd Sts Tues, 8am - 4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Harvest Home Forest Avenue Farmers’ Market (July-Aug only)
Forest Ave btw Westchester Ave & 165th St Wed, 8am - 4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Harvest Home Hunts Point Farmers’ Market
East 163rd St & Hunts Point Ave Wed, 8am-4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF
Harvest Home Mt. Eden Farmers’ Market
Mt. Eden & Morris Aves Tues & Thurs 8am - 4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Harvest Home Soundview Farmers’ Market
Morrocco Ave & Harold Pl Sat, 8am-4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Harvest Home St. Mary’s Park Farmers’ Market
168th St & St. Mary’s Park Ave Thurs, 8am-4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Harvest Home Sunday Farmers’ Market
165th St & Grand Concourse Sun, 8am - 4pm, EBT
Hostos Community College Greenmarket
149th St & Grand Concourse Tues, 8am-4pm, EBT
Kingsbridge-Rivendale Farmers’ Market
W 231st St & Kingsbridge Ave Sun, 9am - 5pm, EBT
La Familia Verde Farmers’ Market
E Tremont Ave btw Fontaine & Arthur Aves Tues, 8am - 2pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Learn It, Grow It, Eat It Youthmarket
169th St & Broadway Rd Wed, 10am - 3pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Lincoln Hospital Greenmarket
169th St & Broadway Rd Tues & Fri, 8am - 3pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF
Marble Hill Youthmarket
225th St btw Broadway & Exterior St Thurs, 3pm-6pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Mott Haven Farmers’ Market
139th St & St. Ann’s Ave Tues, 10am - 3pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Project EATS Urbs Farm Market
1457 W 155th St, Thurs, 2:30pm - 6:30pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP

SOUTH BRONX FARMERS’ MARKETS

South Bronx Farmers’ Market 138th St & Alexander Ave Wed, 10am-4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Toqua Community Farmers’ Market 90 W 164th St btw Ogden & 5th Aves Sat, 10am - 4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Wilhamsburg Square HEBRAN Farmers’ Market White Plains Rd & E 141st Rd Wed, 9am - 1pm, EBT

BROOKLYN

Albee Square Farmers’ Market Fulton & Bond Sts Fri, 10am - 4pm, EBT
Brownsville Community Farmers’ Market 514 Rockaway Ave at Sutter Ave Sun, 8am-11:30am, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF
Brownsville Pittkin Avenue Youthmarket Thomas Br큐 Road btw Pittkin & Sutter Ave Sat, 10:30am - 4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Brownsville Rockaway Youthmarket Rockaway Ave btw Livonia & Duncombe Dr Fri, 1pm - 4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Bushwick Farmers’ Market at Make the Road Grange St & Myrtle Ave Fri, 2pm - 7pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Bushwick Farmers’ Market on Broadway Halsey St & Broadway Thurs, 2pm - 7pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Carroll Gardens Greenmarket Carroll St btw Cross & Smith Sts Sun, 8am - 4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF
Coney Island Farmers’ Market Surf Ave & 16th St Sun, 8am - 4pm, EBT
East New York Farmers’ Market Schenck Ave btw New Lots & Livonia Aves Sat, 8am - 4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Forest Park Green Marketplace Washington Park btw DeSalvo & Willoughby Ave Sat, 8am - 4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Graham Avenue Union Market Cook St & Graham Ave Sat, 8am - 3pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF
Harvest Home Kings County Hospital Farmers’ Market Concourse Ave & E 395th St Wed, 8am-4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Harvest Home Mary Park Farmers’ Market 3020 Nostrand Ave at Mary Park Ave Thurs, 8am - 4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Hattie Carthan After Church Farmers’ Market 49 Van Buren St btw Tompkins & Throop Aves Sun, 1pm, 4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF
Harvest Home Community Farmers’ Market Mary Ave & Clinton Pl Sat, 9am - 5pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF
High School for Public Service Youth Farmers’ Market 650 Kingston Ave btw Randell & Wythe Sts Wed, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Isabahla Farm Stand Rockaway & Sutter Ave Fri, 11am - 4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Isabahla Farmers’ Market Lorimer Ave btw Powell & Junius Ste Sat, 8am - 4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Malcolm X Blvd Farmers’ Market Malcolm X Blvd btw Marcon & Chauncey Sts Sat, 8am - 3pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Project EATS Marcus Garvey Village Farmers’ Market 300 Chester St btw Duncombe & De Soto Aves Sun, 10am - 4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Red Hook Farmers’ Market 500 Carroll St Sat, 8am-3pm, EBT
Saratoga Farm Stand Saratoga Ave & Fulton St Sun, 10am - 2pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Urban Oasis Farmers’ Market Clarkson & Tony Aves Wed, 2pm - 5:30pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Williamsburg Greenmarket Taylor St & Ave A Wed, 9am - 2pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP

MANHATTAN

57th Street Greenmarket 57th St & 9th Ave Wed, 8am - 5pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
79th Street Greenmarket Columbus Ave btw 79th & 81st Sts Sun, 9am - 5pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF
92nd Street Greenmarket 1st Ave btw 92nd & 93rd Sts Sun, 9am - 4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF
97th Street Greenmarket 91st St & Broadway Ave Thurs, 8am - 2pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF
105th Street FreshConnect Farmers’ Market W 126th St 7th Ave Thurs, 10am - 7pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
175th Street Greenmarket W 130th St btw 7th & 8th Ave Wed, 10am - 2pm, EBT

Harabippa Farmers’ Market 122nd St & 7th Ave Sun, 10am - 3pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF
PS 11 Farm Market 21st St btw 7th & 8th Aves Wed, 8am - 10am, EBT
SoHA Square I Farmers’ Market
999 Columbia St Thurs & Fri, 8am - 5pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF
SoHA Square II Farmers’ Market
1150 Columbia St Sat & Sun, 8am - 5pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF
St. Mark’s Church Greenmarket E 10th St & 2nd Ave Tues, 8am - 4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Stayван Greenmarket 14th St & Cooper Aves Sun, 9am - 4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Tomkins Square Greenmarket E 7th St & 2nd Ave Sun, 9am - 4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF
Tucker Square Greenmarket 66th St & Columbus Ave Thurs, 8am - 4pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF

QUEENS

Astoria Greenmarket 1480 Broadway 58th St & Broadway Wed, 8am - 3pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
BSCAH Edgemere Farm Market Bayside, Queens, Juniper Blvd & 47th St Wed, 10am - 2pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
CFX Farm Rockaway 444 Beach 38th St & Beach Channel Dr Sat, 10am - 3pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF
Jamaica’s Down to Earth Farmers Market 5500 St John’s Ave Fri & Sat, 9am - 3pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF
Joseph Addabbo Family Health Center’s Farmers’ Market 6200 Shore Front Parkway Sat, 8am - 2pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP
Project EATS Community-Ran Farmers’ Market 67-09 Kissena Blvd Wed, 8am - 10am, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF
Rockaway Beach Youthmarket Beach 98th St & Rockaway Beach Blvd Sat, 9:30am - 3pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF
Socrates Sculpture Park Greenmarket Vernon Blvd & Broadway Tues, 10am - 2pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF

STATE ISLAND

Snug Harbor Heritage Farm Market 1000 Richmond Terrace Mon-Sat, 10am - 2pm, EBT, WIC, FMNP, WIC VF

Fresh Off the Farm

Farmers Markets also feature food demonstrations and special events. Residents can learn how to create delici- 0us dishes using produce from the market, such as fusilli pasta with toma- toes and spinach in buttermilk soup. In August the market will host its Second Annual Food Fest, where they will celebrate eating local and have kid- friendly events, local business vendors, and raffles.

The market runs on Wednesdays beginning now until November 25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., outside the Pomona Community Center, 67-09 Kissena Boulevard, Queens. The market ac- cepts cash, Snap/EBT, WIC and Senior FMNP, WIC Veggies and Fruits, and Health Bucks.
FIND OUT MORE AT WWW.NYC.GOV/NYCHA

It's summer farmers’ market season! Head out to your nearest market to pick up a healthy and colorful selection of fresh food and vegetables straight from the farmers who grew them.

Home Sweet Home

ONE OF THE little things that Shari Robeck takes pleasure in is the ability to relax on the couch with her two children, Sebastian, 17, and Brianna, 14, and watch basketball on television. For Ms. Robeck, this small thing means that she and her children finally have a normal life. In September 2014, after being homeless for five years, the Robeck family moved into an apartment in the Carver Houses. Ms. Robeck receives disability, as well as some assistance from her ex-husband, who furnished the apartment. Prior to moving into the development, the Robecks lived in a shelter in Harlem. Ms. Robeck never thought she would be homeless, but after losing her job and home, and struggling with numerous health issues, the family became destitute. Due to her health issues she couldn’t find work. The family lived in various places, some of which she would like to forget, including a temporary shelter in Chinatown with bug-infested public showers. In their Harlem shelter, the family was subject to curfews, special visiting hours, and having to sign in and out whenever they entered or left the building.

Though the family has faced many hardships while being homeless, including having property stolen and disparaging remarks from paying tenants in the Harlem building they lived in, they pushed on. While her children maintained their honor roll standings in school, Ms. Robeck never gave up hope in her quest to find a more stable living situation for her family. In June 2014, the family was contacted about an apartment available for them with NYCHA. Of living in the Carver Houses, Ms. Robeck said, “I am very grateful. It’s peaceful, the floor is quiet. Everyone here is very nice; these young guys hold the door for me. I have neighbors who see me in the elevator or at the front door and ask, ‘Can I help you?’ or ‘What do you need?’ or they say ‘It’s good to see you out of that wheelchair!’”

“There’s always hope, I’m proof of that,” Ms. Robeck said. “The kids have their own rooms, they didn’t have TV before, these things don’t matter to everyday people, but to us it means a sense of normalcy.”

Ms. Robeck is looking forward to many more years in the Carver Houses making new milestones with her children. And her children, who are both basketball players, have more short-term goals in mind, they look forward to spending summer playing ball on the basketball court at their development.

FIND OUT MORE AT WWW.NYC.GOV/NYCHA

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Farmers’ Market Incentive Programs

ALL NEW YORKERS should have the opportunity to buy fresh, local produce from farmers’ markets. Below are some programs that make it easier for people of all income levels to have access to farmers’ markets. Before you shop at your neighborhood farmers’ market, ask the manager or the stand operator if they accept your payment method.

SNAP/EBT
At farmers’ markets that accept SNAP/EBT, you can use your card to buy $1 or $5 tokens to purchase fruit, vegetables, and even baked goods from participating market stands. If you have unused tokens you may exchange them for a refund on your EBT card or just keep them for your next visit. Tokens don’t expire and can be used at any NYC farmers’ market that accepts SNAP/EBT. To see if you’re eligible for SNAP/EBT, call 311 or visit foodhelp.nyc.

Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program Checks
Low-income senior citizens and recipients of the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program are eligible to receive Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) checks worth $4 each. These checks can be used to buy fresh fruits and vegetables at farmers’ markets from June 1 – November 30. If a market accepts FMNP, be sure to use the full value of the check because no change is given.

WIC Vegetables and Fruits Checks
WIC Vegetables and Fruits checks are distributed to recipients of the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program and may be worth $8, $10 or $15 each. These checks may be used at any farmers’ market that accepts WIC. There are some limitations on what you can buy with these checks, but you can use them to buy any fresh fruits and vegetables at participating farmers’ markets. If your purchase exceeds the value of the check you can pay the difference in cash or with other benefits (SNAP/EBT, FMNP, or Health Bucks).

Health Bucks
As of July, all farmers’ markets in NYC accept Health Bucks. Health Bucks, developed by the NYC Health Department, are $2 coupons you can use to buy fruits and vegetables. At farmers’ markets that accept SNAP, for every $5 spent using your EBT card, you’ll receive a $2 Health Buck to purchase additional produce at the market or at your next visit. Be sure to use your Health Bucks coupons before they expire on November 30, 2015.

Helpful Tips
- Check the farmers’ market calendar to see which markets accept these programs.
- Ask the stand operator if they accept your payment method.
- Keep your tokens or checks with you at all times.

For more information, contact your local farmers’ market or the NYC Health Department.

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY WHILE EARNING GOOD PAY AND BENEFITS!

School Crossing Guards help children safely cross busy intersections on their way to and from school. School Crossing Guards control traffic flow around schools in the morning, at lunch time and at the end of the school day. Take advantage of these excellent Civilian PART TIME jobs with the NYPD!

- GOOD PAY - $10.33/HOUR TO START, $13.45/HOUR AFTER 3 YEARS
- HEALTH BENEFITS-HEALTH INSURANCE WITH 20+ HOURS WORKED PER WEEK
- WORK CLOSE TO HOME
- SUMMER WORK AVAILABLE

There are no formal education or experience requirements for this job, but all candidates must be able to understand and be understood in English. Prospective candidates must pass a qualifying medical examination, which includes drug screening and a character/background investigation, prior to appointment. You must also complete six (6) days of training at the Police Academy once appointed.

If you are interested in applying for a School Crossing Guard position please visit:
http://nypdcivilianjobs.com/schoolcrossingguard
and provide your information and you will be contacted by an NYPD representative.
Michael Johnson Honored with Sloan Public Service Award

MICHAEL JOHNSON, NYCHA Assistant Property Maintenance Supervisor, is one of six recipients of the 2015 Sloan Awards for Public Service, presented by the Fund for the City of New York. On June 2, he was honored twice: in the morning by his NYCHA colleagues and Johnson Houses residents, and in the evening by Mayor Bill de Blasio and other New York dignitaries at a ceremony at Cooper Union. Each Sloan Award recipient receives a $10,000 prize, the former Staten Island NYCHA resident and 27-year employee plans to donate his entire prize to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

This is a great honor and I wish to thank the Fund for the City of New York, NYCHA, and the residents at Johnson Houses,” Mr. Johnson said. “I’m here early in the morning and the residents can all reach me on my cell phone. I want to keep on serving the residents at Johnson Houses.”

Michael Arad, a member of the Sloan Award selection committee, presented the award to Mr. Johnson, citing his “generosity of spirit and his role in making the lives of countless public housing residents better.” (An interesting note: Mr. Arad, formerly employed by NYCHA as an architect, drafted the winning design for the 9/11 memorial, selected by the City from 5,000 entries.)

NYCHA Senior Vice President Brian Clarke thanked Mr. Johnson for his “selfless efforts on behalf of residents,” and welcomed “the recognition Michael brings to the good work that our staff does day in and day out.”

“Mr. Johnson’s colleagues were full of praise,” Mr. Arad said. “Having employees like Michael makes me proud of our team and the job we do for residents,” said Manhattan Property Management Director Conrad Vazquez. Whatever challenges that come, Michael is available 24/7, he always worries about the residents and does them countless favors,” added Kevin Cropley, Johnson Houses Property Management Supervisor.

“I was surprised how polite he is — that really boosts morale,” Maintenance Worker Kmal Moeen said. “He always follows through with anything that I need or can’t do, so residents aren’t left waiting.”

“We are proud of Michael Johnson,” said 30-year Tenant Association President Ethel Velez. “He is a wonderful APMS and there is never a moment he won’t help you when you ask. When he tells you something, you know it will get done, and always with a smile.”

O N MAY 11, 75 children at South Beach Houses in Staten Island learned that pillowcases can be used for more than just their pillows. The American Red Cross (ARC) presented “The Pillowcase Project,” an interactive fire safety and disaster readiness program for kids ages 8-11. The children learned how to create family evacuation plans and make emergency supply kits using pillowcases. All of the children, students in an afterschool program run by United Activities Unlimited, received pillowcases to decorate and take home so that they could share what they learned with their families.

Assembly Member Nicole Malliotakis (R-East Shore/Brooklyn) partnered with ARC to host the program because she believes every child should know what to do in the event of a fire.

What Should Kids Pack in Their Pillowcase Emergency Kits?

- Bottled water
- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Toiletries: bar of soap, toothpaste and toothbrush
- Non-perishable foods
- Activity book
- Crayons
- Small game
- Emergency contact information

Don’t forget to pack nutritious foods!

- No salty snacks: These make you thirsty and increase your need to drink water.
- Add protein: Nuts, protein bars, and nut butter help keep you full longer. These foods are usually easy to stash in your kit.
- Add high-energy foods: Nuts, dried meat, whole grains, and canned beans, fruits, or vegetables to keep energy levels up.

Honoring America’s Commitment to Seniors

NYCHA is proud to be home to the nation’s first, and oldest, senior center. And on June 19, the William Hodson Senior Center at the Bronx’s Butler Houses played host to a very notable celebration. Representatives from various government agencies and elected officials’ offices gathered there to celebrate the milestone birthdays of some very important federal programs that have made life better for countless seniors across America.

This year, the Social Security system, which keeps millions of seniors out of poverty, turns 80. The Older Americans Act, the first federal initiative to provide comprehensive services to seniors, turns 50. Medicare and Medicaid, which provide health coverage to seniors and those in need, are also 50. The Americans with Disabilities Act, a sweeping civil rights law that empowers people with disabilities, is 25. The Affordable Care Act, which overhauled the country’s healthcare system and is also known as ObamaCare, is 5.

Although there wasn’t a birthday cake big enough to accommodate all those candles, the mood was certainly festive, and appreciative, for the approximately 50 seniors who attended the event. “Social security is good,” said Velma Sandiford. “It helps me live and maintain some of the standards I had while I was working. It helps me keep my apartment and get food.”

Since 1943, the Hodson Senior Center has offered an enriching array of activities, programs, and services. That legacy continues today with a congregate meal program that serves breakfast and lunch, support and discussion groups, weekly visits from a doctor, walking groups and a Zumba dance fitness program, art sessions, and classes on photography, computers, and cell phones. According to Center Director Dr. Rosie Mills, “The idea that got this center started was that older people should have a place to come to — to congregate, socialize, and get engaged — instead of staying home in isolation, just looking at their four walls. So we offer seniors a home away from home. Participants have told me that our classes are as much about therapy as they are about learning. We’ve had people lose weight by doing Zumba and people who have improved their eating habits. After learning how to use the internet, participants pay their bills, research their health, or look for lost family members online.”

“T’ll live next door and I’m disabled, so I come here mostly every day. That keeps me feeling better — I can be with other people and talk with them. I call the people here my family,” said Theola Miller. “I’m 97 years old and I’ve been coming here for about 25 years,” said Leroy Thomas Roof. “This center means a lot for the neighborhood. When you come, you can see old friends and have a good time. I have a lot of friends here — I’m friends with everybody. And the food is good!”

An American Red Cross volunteer and Assemblymember Nicole Malliotakis (seated, right) taught children at South Beach Houses about how to stay safe in emergency situations.

Kids Pack Pillowcases for Safety

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Fathers, sons, brothers, uncles, cousins gather at Hodson to celebrate Father’s Day.
For Individuals with Functional or Access Needs

Create support teams for home, work, and anywhere else you spend time. Be sure people are aware of your specific needs in case of an emergency. Allow for additional time if you need to evacuate, especially if the following applies:

- Motorized wheelchairs weigh over 100 pounds and are often bigger than manual wheelchairs. Ensure you have plenty of time to use elevators when planning your evacuation – they are likely to be turned off early for resident and staff safety.
- Service animals are always allowed in emergency shelters. If you are going to a shelter, be sure to bring the necessary supplies for the animal’s care, including food, leashes, a carrier, and medication.
- Homebound residents may be unable to evacuate by themselves and should contact 311 for assistance.

Access-A-Ride

Access-A-Ride (AAR) is a paratransit service or “demand-response” service for eligible individuals with disabilities who are unable to use accessible mass transit. You must apply in advance to use the service. The Access-A-Ride application is available on-line at http://web.mta.info/nyct/paratran/access_application.pdf. To contact Access-A-Ride (AAR) directly:

- Call 877.337.2017 toll-free from area codes 212, 718, 347, 516, 631, 646, 914, and 845
- From other area codes, dial 718.393.4999
- Customers who are deaf/hard of hearing can use their preferred relay service or the free 711 service relay.

Accessibility Tip: Wheelchair-Accessible Yellow Taxis

Wheelchair-accessible yellow taxis are available for select Access-A-Ride trips. To find out if you can use taxis for your Access-A-Ride trips, please call the Subscription Unit’s Yellow Taxi Hotline at 718.393.4420. For the standard metered fare, you can use wheelchair-accessible yellow taxis for trips originating in Manhattan and ending anywhere in the five boroughs. There are five ways to request a NYC wheelchair-accessible taxi:

- Call 311
- Call the dispatch center directly: 646.599.9999
- Text a request to: 646.400.0789
- Use the mobile app “Wheels on Wheels” (WOW), available free through iTunes or Google Play
- Order online at www.nycaccessibledispatch.org

What You Need to Know About Evacuations

If City officials issue evacuations instructions, you should be prepared to leave your home – it is not safe to stay. Find out now which evacuation zone your home, office, or other frequently visited places are by using the map located at http://maps.nyc.gov/hurricane.

- An evacuation recommendation encourages certain residents to take steps to evacuate voluntarily. A recommendation might be issued to cover residents of specific zones, communities or building types. An evacuation recommendation could also be issued for the benefit of people with mobility challenges who need extra time to evacuate.
- An evacuation order requires residents of specific zones or communities to leave their homes for the protection of their health and welfare in the event of an approaching storm.

What About Pets?

- Pets in carriers are allowed on MTA subways, buses, and trains. When an evacuation order is declared, pets too large for carriers will also be allowed, provided those animals are muzzled and controlled on a sturdy leash no longer than four feet. The City will announce when this policy is in effect.
- Pets are allowed at all City evacuation centers. Please bring your own pet supplies, including food, leashes, a carrier, and medication. Only legal pets will be allowed.
- All City evacuation centers are reachable via public transportation. Use the MTA’s online tool to plan your trip here: http://tripplanner.mta.info.
The MOCJ Peer Leadership Committee Summer 2015 Tour

Every MOCJ event will be held from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Cornerstone DYCD Center at each development. Each event will include screenings of the short films Voices From Within, Guns Change Lives, and Triggering Wounds, and a facilitated discussion with the MOCJ Peer Leaders. Additional dates and locations will be posted on NYCHA’s website and Facebook page.

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Anti-Violence Resources
- To view Voices From Within, visit https://vimeo.com/99736358.
- If you are interested in learning more about what’s going on with the Cure Violence program nationally, check out the program’s blog at http://cureviolence.org/connect/blog/.

Cure Violence Programs in New York City

![The Peacemakers](image-url)
Extreme Makeover: NYCHA Garden Edition

Resident Gardeners at South Jamaica Houses contacted New York Restoration Project (NYRP) for help expanding a small herb garden into a large community garden. A non-profit started by Bette Midler, NYRP helps under-funded communities turn open spaces into gardens by providing tools and materials, such as soil, compost, and flowers; volunteers and expertise in construction, horticulture, forestry; and environmental education to help create or expand community gardens.

On May 14, NYRP staff and volunteers, along with South Jamaica Houses residents, NYCHA Gardening & Sustainability staff, and Green City Force members, got to work. One day of pulling weeds and hacking away at overgrowth, picking up and bagging trash, and building beds and filling them with soil transformed a vacant lot into the garden oasis NYCHA residents had imagined in their dreams.

“I am so very proud of the new farm,” said South Jamaica resident gardener Marian Dolphus. “All the residents came out and worked really hard and it’s coming along nicely. The farm is going to be so beautiful once everything grows.” Dolphus, who is 84, credits gardening with keeping her in good health; she has been a resident gardener since 1975. Since helping build the garden, Dolphus has planted basil, celery, collard greens, lima beans, string beans, sweet potatoes, Swiss chard, and tomatoes. “I can’t wait for my collard greens. Everyone keeps asking where’s the collard greens?”

“Resident requests are made by people who are active in the gardening process and already appreciate public spaces,” said Amanda Brown, NYRP Director of Community Engagement Resident. “This is an incentive program to gardeners; these are people who put a lot of effort into the project, and what NYRP does is welcomed and invited because the gardens we create are community-led and initiated.”

South Jamaica Community Farm joins NYCHA’s rich tradition of gardening, with more than 700 individual and community gardens on NYCHA developments that are cared for by 3,500 resident gardeners. This is the fourth NYCHA garden NYRP has partnered with, in the past they helped gardeners at Marcy, Amsterdam, and Ingersoll Houses.

In addition to gardens, NYRP helps beautify NYCHA by planting trees on NYCHA property. Last year, they planted 11,800 trees at NYCHA developments and this year will plant about 650 trees, 550 of them funded by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority and to be planted in the South Bronx.

Residents at South Jamaica are thankful to NYRP for their support and look forward to many years of beautiful flowers, nutritious fruits and vegetables, and time to socialize with their neighbors. In the fall, NYRP plans to partner with NYCHA residents on another garden, helping the Authority build more connected communities through gardening.

Resources for NYCHA Gardeners

NYCHA Garden and Greening Program
Learn how to become a NYCHA gardener and start a garden at your development.
greennych.org/resources/gardening/

Battery Urban Farm
Learn about sustainable farming techniques at this educational farm in lower Manhattan.
www.thebattery.org/projects/battery-urban-farm/

Brooklyn Botanic Garden (BBG) GreenBridge
Learn about urban greening and conservation through the BBG’s community environmental horticulture program, which works with Brooklyn block associations and community gardeners.
www.bbga.org/greenbridge

Bronx Green-Up at New York Botanical Garden
Bronx residents who are community gardeners, urban farmers, or members of community organizations can receive horticulture education, training, and technical assistance.
www.nybg.org/green_up/

Greenguillas
Helps community gardeners cultivate healthy community gardens through plant, soil, and lumber donations; educational programs on community organizing activities, fundraising, and youth engagement programs.
www.greenguillas.org/

GrowNYC
Through Grow Truck, community gardeners in all five boroughs may receive plant donations and gardening advice and borrow tools. Also, take advantage of GrowNYC’s Annual Spring Plant Sale to get plants, herbs, and vegetables at wholesale prices.
grownyc.org

The Horticultural Society of NYC
Offers lectures and workshops on horticulture, landscape design, urban gardening, and environmental concerns www.thehort.org/

Just Foods
Offers workshops led by gardeners and farmers to NYC community gardeners on various topics and trains them to spread knowledge about growing, selling, and providing food in their neighborhoods.

New York Restoration Project
Helps transform public spaces by building or expanding gardens through its Gardens in the City Program. Will lend tools and materials, volunteers, and advice on creating community gardens in under-resourced neighborhoods in NYC.
www.nyrp.org/green-spaces/transform-your-green-space

Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden
Through its Heritage Farm and NYC Compost Project, Snug Harbor offers classes and workshops on basic farming and composting techniques.
snug-harbor.org/

Queens Botanical Garden (QBG)
QBG Farm strives to teach New Yorkers about urban farming, composting, food systems, food justice and environmental stewardship; all central tenets of QBG’s sustainability and healthy living programs.
www.queensbotanical.org/

Calling all NYCHA Gardeners!

NYCHA’s Garden and Greening Office is looking for 12 NYCHA residents (who are registered with the NYCHA Garden and Greening Program) to participate in the Garden Leaders Training pilot program with the Battery Urban Farm! Buffy is an educational farm where New Yorkers of all ages can learn about farming. The Garden Leaders Training begins with a six-week Farm Education Intensive that will teach you everything you need to know to build a beautiful and thriving community garden, including how to plan and lay out your garden, what kind of garden is best for you, basic urban farming skills, how to integrate farming with community outreach programs, and how to sustain and support your garden. Following the training, BUF staff will provide support and mentorship to Garden Leaders through the end of the summer.

The six-week training will be held in November and December at The Battery Conservancy office at 1 Whitehall Street in Manhattan and will include field trips and guest speakers. Best of all, the program is free! For more information, contact the NYCHA Garden Program team at 212.306.3511.

This lot at South Jamaica Houses, which sits next to an LIRR track, was unused for decades. To transform this space into a garden, volunteers had to pull weeds, trim overgrowth, and bag trash.

Welcome to the new South Jamaica Community Farm, featuring 12 raised planting beds that are home to a delicious array of vegetables, including celery, collard greens, carrots, tomatoes, and more, all planted by resident gardeners.
Resident Art Show 2015

Angel, Darryl Sisco,
Bronx, Citywide, Monterey, Twin Parks

Landscape, Hsia Huf,
Citywide, Pomonok, Queens

Grandma’s Kitchen, Kulwant
Bains, Citywide, Pomonok, Queens

Church Between Flowers, Jorge Luiz Cruz,
Bronx, Bronx River Houses, Citywide

Bouquet of Flowers, Carmen Villarini,
Citywide, Manhattan

Purple Mountains, Enid Hunter
Bronx, Citywide, James Monroe

On the Beach, Yuan Qing Chang,
Citywide, Pomonok, Queens

In the Fields, Virginia Cheng,
Citywide, Pomonok, Queens

Dragonfly, Oscar Escobar,
Citywide, Harbor Terrace, Staten Island

Love Triangle, Roger Raguet,
Bronx, Citywide, James Monroe

Lemons, Judy Lin,
Citywide, Pomonok, Queens

Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, Group 5,
Bronx, Bronx River Houses, Citywide

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