

NEWS FROM BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #10

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Bronx Community Board #10 has completed its meetings with the City agencies and we would like the community to know that our major thrust this year was to advocate for increased funding and services for our parks. Through our advocacy and the assistance of Council member Vacca, the following parks have been greatly enhanced by new construction, Ferry Point Park West has received new paths, plantings and athletic fields, the Childrens' Playground on Ferry Point Park East has been completed and progress continues on the construction of a world class golf course at Ferry Point Park East. At Orchard Beach, the landmarked elliptical buildings are being surveyed to determine how they may be saved, and beachfront erosion has been addressed by the deposit of hundreds of cubic feet of sand. Congressional member Serrano was instrumental in this particular effort. Veterans Memorial Park in Throggs Neck has also been redesigned and landscaped and made secure by fencing. The Board advocated for, and has seen the construction of a new comfort station at Pelham Bay Park. The Board is most proud to have supported the complete renovation of Owen Dolan Park in Westchester Square. Once completed, the Park will be the centerpiece of the rejuvenated Westchester Square community.

Speaking of Westchester Square, the Board firmly supported the establishment of the Westchester Square BID or Business Improvement District by the Westchester Square BID Steering Committee at both the community and the City Council levels. Once approved, the BID will serve Westchester Square, bringing with it a renewed entrepreneurial spirit, and a whole host of services ranging from sanitation to security. The establishment of the BID and the renovation of the Park will place the Westchester Square community in good stead for many years in the future.

The Board recently participated in the Bronx Veterans Day Parade. This Parade is a wonderful expression of our Borough's appreciation of the veterans, past and present, who serve and protect us. Bronx County has a long and honorable tradition of defending our nation's democratic principles. Our Borough is replete with war memorials and plaques. Take the time to visit these memorials, learn and understand the conflicts that Bronxites served in, and of their sacrifices. Some of the most poignant can be found in public buildings, such as the Bronx County Building at 851 Grand Concourse. Some are in our own backyard such as the moving monument in Owen Dolan Park, erected to those who served in the First World War. Remember the veterans in your thoughts and honor their service.

The Throggs Neck, Pelham Bay and Baychester Branch Libraries are offering Stay Well Exercises, during December, in cooperation with the New York City Department for the Aging's Promotions Unit. These programs are designed for those 60 years of age and older. Each participant will receive a spiral bound book with pictures and instructions for

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doing various exercises. The exercises address cardio-health, strength and flexibility. The schedule for the exercise program is as follows:

Throggs Neck Library, 3025 Cross Bronx Expressway Extension (718) 792-2612 - Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 10:30 AM

Baychester Avenue Library, (Co-op City), 2049 Asch Loop North in the Bartow - Shopping Center (718) 379-6700 – Monday December 12, 2011 at 2:00 PM

Pelham Bay Library, 3060 Middletown Road, (718) 792-6744 - December 13, 2011 at 10:30 AM

The libraries are also looking for volunteers from the community to serve as leaders for the exercise programs.

Congratulations to the officers and the command of the 45th Precinct for their work in apprehending two perpetrators of a crime. Recently, a push in robbery occurred in the vicinity of Edison Avenue. Unfortunately, a senior citizen opened the door to two people that were unknown to her and two men rushed in and stole some money. The good news is that the assailants were apprehended. However, please do not open the door to anyone that you are not familiar with. Should anyone look suspicious and unfamiliar, call 911. The Board is grateful for the 45th Precinct's good work; they serve our community well.

Our lives are enriched by our animal friends they provide us with company and unconditional acceptance. On Saturday, December 17, 2011 at Preston High School, located at 2870 Schurz Avenue from Noon to 3:00 PM, the Throggs Neck Girl's Softball League will be sponsoring a pet gift event for the holidays. Gifts of pet blankets, beds, food and toys will be collected for the benefit of shelter animals.

Bronx Community Board #10 is available to assist you with your concerns, please feel free to contact us at 718-892-1161 or BX10@cb.nyc.gov. Please feel free to visit our office at 3165 E. Tremont Avenue. We are open five days a week between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.