## **BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

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## Overview of Van Cortland Park Golf Event Held on July 29, 2014 Collaborated between CB8 & William Larkin

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Van Courtland Park Golf Event had a great turn out. This year's total was 197 people in attendance which also included community member Maria Khury and board member Karen Green who came out to support. This was a free event open to children/adults who attend the community centers. Altogether there were 5 groups representing the following community centers:

Riverdale Neighborhood House -	2 groups (kids)
Kingsbridge Community Center -	1 group (kids)
Riverdale Community Center -	1 group (kids)
Fort Independence Community Center -	1 group (seniors)

The event not only had golf competitions but also kids had the opportunity to enjoy Tug of War, Potato Sack race & Linked in arms race to name a few. Everyone had such a great time in learning the fundamentals of golf. A 9 year old golfer, who plays on the Van Cortland park golf grounds, gave a very inspiring speech on his love for golf and how it helps him with everyday life at such a young age! We were also very happy to have a visit from the current Miss Westchester, Mayra Avila who stopped by to take pictures with some of the kids.

Refreshments were also served which included, hamburgers, hotdogs, fresh fruit and water. Music was provided by Marble Hill's well known DJ OZ! We appreciate our sponsors both Bronx Net & Harlem Golf Academy for supporting this event. Special guest Felipe Lopez, Dominican NBA player stopped by as well. He played in the NBA from 1998 to 2002!

In our Golf competitions the Riverdale Neighborhood House took 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies! All by young females! All participants received medals. There were also bikes raffled off. State Senator Jeff Klein did the honors of drawing the raffles. We also had Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson and City Council Andrew Cohn in attendance as well.

All in all everyone had a wonderful time and attendance increased compared to last year's event which consisted of 115 people.

Next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2014 at 1pm in the Riverdale Neighborhood House.

Lamont Parker, Chair Youth Committee