



Journal

Designer Of WTC Memorial, Michael Arad, Meets With 30 NYCHA Youth



REFLECTING ABSENCE Former NYCHA architect Michael Arad, winner of the WTC Memorial Design Contest, shows young residents a model of the buildings planned for the site of the former World Trade Center.

By Allan Leicht

Thirty young New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) residents from all five boroughs experienced a look inside a prominent Manhattan architectural firm on the afternoon of June 21st. They were invited by architect Michael Arad, a former employee of the NYCHA Design Department, who recently gained international notoriety as the winner of the competition to design the memorial at the site of the World Trade Center. Mr. Arad's design, entitled "Reflecting Absence," commemorates the loss of life because of the terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993.

Over 5,000 designs were entered from around the world. Mr. Arad, at the relatively young age of 34, suddenly became world famous. He said he wanted to share his experiences with young people from NYCHA as a way of giving back to the agency, beginning with a tour of the architectural offices of Gary Edward Handel and Associates, where he had just been made a partner.

"I was in New York on 9/11," Mr. Arad told his young guests, "and I experienced the terrorist attacks first-hand. I was very moved, and being an architect, I began thinking about designs that would memorialize the event. This was before there was even a competition. I thought of two big voids never filling up." Giving them a unique glimpse into the creative process, Mr. Arad showed the teenagers a computer presentation of

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Mayor Bloomberg Attends Senior Luncheon Announces New Public Housing Safety Program

By Allan Leicht

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg was greeted with a rousing welcome by nearly 800 New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) residents when he was introduced by Chairman Tino Hernandez at the 24th Annual Senior Volunteer Floor Captain Recognition Luncheon at Eastwood Manor Catering Hall in the Bronx on the afternoon of Thursday, June 24th. This was the first time a New York City mayor had addressed the annual event honoring senior volunteers who give of their time for the health and well-being of their neighbors. But as Chairman Hernandez said, "When Mayor Bloomberg heard about this event, he took time from his busy schedule to be here today."

To add to the afternoon's excitement, following the luncheon Mayor Bloomberg held a press conference with Chairman Hernandez, NYPD Commissioner Raymond Kelly, the Criminal Justice Coordinator John Feinblatt, Housing Bureau Police Chief Joanne Jaffe, and residents outside of the catering hall, announcing a new four-pronged program to fight crime in public housing.



SAFER PUBLIC HOUSING—NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez (left) joined Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg at NYCHA's Senior Volunteer Luncheon on June 24th to introduce a new, four-pronged, crime-fighting program for public housing.

But before the press conference, the Mayor told the gathering that he felt very much at home at the luncheon, being both a senior and a volunteer himself as he takes a token salary of one dollar a year. He paid tribute to the volunteers as being essential to the City, which, the Mayor said, "depends on its people. Government deals in numbers; volunteers deal in

human beings. Each of you contributes in a different way – just looking in on people is a vital service." He then asked the residents to give themselves a round of applause.

Joining with Chairman Hernandez, General Manager Douglas Apple, Deputy General Manager for Community Operations Hugh

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NYCHA Residents Cheer On Olympic Torchbearers



UNITING THE WORLD—NYCHA staff and residents from every borough turned out on June 19th for the Athens 2004 Olympic Global Torch Relay to cheer 140 torchbearers as they made their way through the City. The Olympic Torch was lit in Athens, Greece on March 25th, and will pass through 34 cities and 27 countries before returning to Athens in time for opening ceremonies on August 13. Shown here are residents and other well-wishers on Myrtle Avenue in Brooklyn, in front of Tompkins Houses.

(Photo by Lisa Davis)

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Message From The Mayor

Make Public Housing Safer



On June 24th, at the New York City Housing Authority's (NYCHA's) 24th Annual Senior Volunteer Floor Captain Recognition Luncheon in the Bronx, it was my pleasure to announce a new program that will make NYCHA residents even safer in their homes and neighborhoods. It's called "Operation Safe Housing." Under the leadership of Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly and NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez, we have made

public housing safer than ever before — but Operation Safe Housing will show we can do even better. We will apply the surgical, team-oriented Operation Spotlight strategy to the drug dealers and gun and sex offenders who prey upon law-abiding NYCHA residents.

Since 1996, major crime in New York City public housing has plummeted nearly 50%. However, statistics show that public housing is still disproportionately targeted by criminals for three distinct types of crime: gun violence, sex crimes, and drug trafficking.

- The first prong of Operation Safe Housing focuses on sex offenders, allowing for even closer monitoring of sex offenders who live in public housing. Rather than depending upon sex offenders to mail in a form or report in person to a police precinct, as they have been required to do under the State's Sex Offender Registry Act, or Megan's Law, the police will now go directly to the sex offenders. For the first time, specially trained police officers will visit the homes of every sex offender claiming to live in public housing and personally verify their addresses. Offenders who are not living at the addresses where they have registered will be arrested and prosecuted for violating Megan's Law. Follow-up visits will be repeated every six months.

- The second prong focuses on gun offenders, sex offenders, and high-level drug dealers whose crimes subject them to eviction from their NYCHA apartments. When residents engage in criminal activity, NYCHA is entitled to take administrative action, with penalties ranging up to eviction or exclusion. To ensure that top priority is given to the most serious cases, as part of NYCHA's administrative process, a newly created Special Hearing Part will focus exclusively on cases involving residents who commit gun felonies, the most serious sex crimes, and the highest-level drug felonies on NYCHA property. The new Special Hearing Part will ensure that the system works faster and more efficiently than ever before for the criminals who pose the greatest risk to the safety of their neighbors.

- The third prong of the initiative is a new trespass policy that targets drug dealers by denying them access to public housing grounds. The new policy will disrupt the drug trade and the violence that comes with it by depriving drug dealers of the turf they need for their trade. Under the new policy, individuals arrested for the felony sale of drugs on public housing grounds will be given notice that they are banned from NYCHA property. A database of all individuals subject to the ban will be maintained and made available to the police, and the ban will be aggressively enforced. If these drug dealers come back — for any reason — they will be arrested and prosecuted for trespass.

- The fourth and final prong complements the first three by establishing a partnership with the New York State Division of Parole to improve the supervision of parolees who live in public housing. With space provided by NYCHA, Parole will pilot a new community-based supervision model for two clusters of developments in Brooklyn and the Bronx. Parole officers will be dedicated to supervising parolees who reside in these developments and will use offices that are actually located in public housing buildings. The community-based office in the Bronx will service the Mill Brook, Patterson, Melrose, Morris, Jackson, Morrisania, and Betances developments; while the community-based office in Brooklyn will service the Tilden, Brownsville, Seth Low, Van Dyke, Howard, and Langston Hughes developments.

This four-point program will make your homes safer for you and the ones you love.

Michael R. Bloomberg

GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW KIPS BAY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

— By Deborah Williams —

In the University Heights section of the Bronx at 1835 University Avenue there stands the shell of a building that was once the home of the Hebrew Institute. Now 24 years after the building was closed, it will be renovated to house the Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club West Bronx Clubhouse. The only part of the original building that will remain intact is the beautiful façade depicting the legendary tablets on which the Ten Commandments were inscribed.

On June 24, 2004, Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion, Jr., Kips Bay President Frederick R. "Fritz" Coudert, Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Daniel Quintero, Standard & Poor's Chief Investment Strategist Sam Stovall and New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr., joined community members at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new \$8 million facility.

Along with NYCHA, which is contributing \$3.25 million to the project, the offices of Borough President Carrion and Council Member Maria Baez also provided funding. Other contributors included the Hayden Foundation, the Pinkerton Foundation, Hyde & Watson and J.P. Morgan Chase.

"The Boys and Girls Club will become a beacon in this community. We see the club as a safe haven which will offer a myriad of activities that will create leaders in our community. This is the second Boys and Girls Club that will operate in the Bronx but it's the first Boys and Girls Club in the West Bronx Community," said Mr. Quintero.

Borough President Carrion explained that during the blackout of 1977 University Heights, particularly Burnside Avenue, was burnt out leaving many people homeless. "It took people trying to raise children who believed in hope and restoration to get this project moving," he said.

Mr. Carrion went on further to explain that NYCHA played a major part in restoring the community by renovating buildings on University Avenue that today are known as University Avenue Consolidated. NYCHA Vice Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr. expressed the Authority's commitment to further restore the community by building affordable homes and/or renovating existing buildings in the area.

The entire renovation process is expected to be completed by the spring of 2006. "It took a lot of political work to bring notice to this neighborhood and five years of planning in local community



BREAKING GROUND (left to right) Community Board #5 President Beverly Johnson, Kips Bay President Frederic R. "Fritz" Coudert, Bronx Borough President Adolfo Carrion, NYCHA Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr., Standard & Poor's Chief Investment Strategist Sam Stovall, Kips Bay Executive Director Daniel Quintero and Director of Operations Yvonne Brown join together for the symbolic groundbreaking of the Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club West Bronx Clubhouse.

boards but it will all be worth it," said Borough President Carrion.

The new five-story Boys and Girls West Bronx Clubhouse will provide a positive and safe place for kids, according to Kips Bay Director of Operations Yvonne Brown. "The goal of the Boys and Girls Club is to make sure children get educational enrichment as well as recreation," she said.

The West Bronx Clubhouse will offer a full array of sports, life skills and educational programs such as: job readiness training and drug prevention, SAT prep, and computer instruction. It will be open to youth ages 6 to 18 year round. It is anticipated that 3000 to 4000 children will enroll.

Roger Kelly, a young resident of University Heights who was present for the event, summed up the emotion of the day, "Finally, a place we can play basketball!" he said. "I prayed for this to happen and God made it happen. I'm very emotional right now. I have to go and tell my friends."

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*Message From The Chairman***Moving Back to 90 Church Street**

It's been nearly three years since the landmark building that housed a federal post office along with NYCHA offices at 90 Church Street was closed following the tragic events of September 11, 2001. I am happy to say that after a lot of hard work, the building, which was completely cleaned and restored, has been opened once again and NYCHA staff began moving back on July 5th. NYCHA's return to this space reflects the Housing Authority's strong commitment to the Mayor's goal to revitalize lower Manhattan. NYCHA's commit-

ment is so strong in fact, that we have extended our lease on the property by five years, through August of 2024.

Altogether, 1,800 NYCHA employees who have been located temporarily in offices at 250 Broadway, 90 Fifth Avenue, and 350 Livingston in Brooklyn, as well as a number of field locations will be moving back into the building, with the last move scheduled for completion in August. The advantages of having these employees in a single location, just three blocks from NYCHA's Central Office at 250 Broadway, are obvious. NYCHA's offices will be located on eight floors of the building, and will include the Departments of Finance, Capital Projects, Asset Management, Operation Services, Human Resources, Community Operations, Leased Housing, Housing Applications, General Services, and Information Technology.

Although 90 Church Street was adjacent to both 7 World Trade Center and the Trade Center complex, the building did not sustain any structural damage during the attack. There were however, over 900 broken windows, several small fires and flooding. Debris also entered 90 Church Street through its broken windows. Early environmental testing revealed the presence of contaminants throughout the building, including asbestos, heavy metals and mold.

NYCHA made a commitment that no employee would return to 90 Church Street until it was completely clean and safe. NYCHA's concern for the health and safety of its employees resulted in extensive remediation of the entire building, not just NYCHA's offices. In fact, no other building in the area that has since reopened has undergone such extensive remediation.

Under the remediation protocol, which was developed using federal and state safety standards, with the guidance of the Environmental Protection Agency and the New York City Departments of Health and Environmental Protection, the entire interior was demolished leaving only the concrete floors and ceilings. Once the demolition was completed, all of the space from the basement to the top floor was cleaned and tested in accordance with the protocol. Every surface was then coated with an encapsulant. Samples were taken and analyzed by an independent laboratory, and if the samples did not meet the standards established by the protocol, the area was recleaned and retested.

The overwhelming majority of NYCHA staff are enthusiastic about the return to 90 Church Street. However, in an effort to address any concerns that staff may have, support services are available through the City of New York's Employee Assistance Program. Employees should feel free to contact the EAP, located at 40 Rector Street, by calling (212) 306-7660. All calls will be kept strictly confidential. Employees may also obtain assistance through New York State's Project Liberty, which provides a 24-hour mental health and referral line through LIFENET that can be accessed on the Internet at: <http://www.projectliberty.state.ny.us/wheretofindservices.htm>. LIFENET can also be accessed by phone at 1-800-LIFENET for English speakers and 1-877-AYUDESE for Spanish speakers.

Finally, I just want to convey my deep appreciation and thanks to everyone who was involved in this mammoth project, as well as to those employees who were forced to temporarily relocate. Hopefully you will find the new space even better than before.

Tino Hernandez

Senior Luncheon

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Spence and Director of Social Services Nora Reissig-Lazzaro, Mayor Bloomberg presented special recognition awards for volunteering efforts that went "above and beyond" to NYCHA residents Olive Pinkston of Randall/Balcom Houses in the Bronx, Feliciano Melendez of Palmetto Gardens in Brooklyn, Otilia Lara of La Guardia Houses in Manhattan, and Miguel Iraola of International Tower in Queens.

Also present was Department for the Aging Commissioner Edwin Mendez-Santiago.

Then, turning his attention to the issue of safety in public housing, the Mayor praised Chairman Hernandez, saying, "Tino really has done a spectacular job I really did make the right choice when I appointed him." He went on to describe a new, tough, four-pronged program to reduce crime in public housing and bring it even lower than the recent low levels, called "Operation Safe Housing."

"Nothing is perfect," said Mr. Bloomberg, "but we are going to make a difference. We are going to take public housing to the next step."

Operation Safe Housing

"The residents of public housing have the same right as every other New Yorker to feel safe and secure in their homes," the Mayor said. Under Operation Safe Housing, Mr. Bloomberg told the residents, parole officers will supervise parolees on-site in some developments, every sex offender will be closely monitored, eviction proceedings will be accelerated for the worst offenders, and to especially enthusiastic applause from his audience, the Mayor said that Operation Safe Housing would keep drug dealers away from public housing through a new trespass policy. Under the new policy, individuals arrested for the felony sale of drugs on public housing grounds will be given notice that they are banned from NYCHA property — and the ban will be vigorously enforced.

Before the Mayor led the dignitaries in an unhurried, handshaking, departure through the maze of tables, Mr. Bloomberg vowed to come back to the seniors to report on the progress of the program.

On the sidewalk outside of the Eastwood Manor Catering Hall, the Mayor, Chairman and the Police Commissioner met the press and announced Operation Safe Housing, while inside Ms. Reissig-Lazzaro got down to the more traditional business of the luncheon: the presentation of certificates of honor to the volun-

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*Deborah's Diary*

By Deborah Williams

Scholar, Achiever and much more—that describes Quinette Johnson, a resident of Beach 41st Street Houses in Far Rockaway, Queens. She is only 16 years old, but she's not letting her age stop her from making the world stand up and take notice of her achievements. With a grade point average (GPA) of 3.50, Quinette has earned honor roll status at Far Rockaway High School's Nursing Academy. For her outstanding academic achievement, Quinette will appear in the 2005 edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students." With a GPA like that, it's no wonder her biology teacher nominated her to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine. Out of the 750 youths nominated for the forum, 350 were selected and Quinette was one of them. So, on July 3, Quinette will head for Phoenix, Arizona where she will join students from around the country who, like herself, have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership potential and of course an interest in a career in medicine. From July 3 to July 12, Quinette will participate in a forum on public health, medical ethics, research, and general practice, and tour hospitals, clinics and other medical facilities. Quinette will work with physicians, surgeons, researchers, scientists, and professors of medicine gaining instruction in emergency room care. In addition, she will assume an intern's role and diagnose a patient's illness, present a prognosis, and develop a treatment plan. Quinette aspires to become a neurosurgeon and plans to attend Arizona State University in the fall of 2005. According to Linda Harper (Quinette's mom) Arizona State has a great medical program. *Well, Quinette, the word 'Congratulations,' really doesn't say enough for a person of your caliber. You have shown academic excellence this school year and anyone would be proud to have you as a mentor. You have what it takes to succeed in life — so, stand up and take a bow!*

Champs—*We are the champions!* This was probably the chant running through the minds of the winners of the NYCHA Citywide Chess Tournament. Normally between the hours of 5:30PM and 9:00PM the sounds of laughter, youth playing and everyone enjoying an evening fills the air at Rutgers Community Center, but on the evening of June 3, 2004 the atmosphere was a little different. The sounds were gone and silence reigned as ten community centers competed in the Citywide Chess Tournament. This year two community centers from each of the boroughs competed for the 2004 Citywide Chess Title. But not everyone can be a winner. This year's winners of the Citywide Chess Tournament were from the Wilson Community Center in Manhattan: Antwon Vazquez, Jerome Wilson, Devin Cobb, David Singletary, Paul Porterfield, and Dominick Miles; and from the Marble Hill Community Center in the Bronx: Jamell Collins, Troy Brooks, Megan Brooks, Ralky Reyes, Sheila Reyes, and Lucas Estrada. At the close of the tournament, the participants, wearing victorious smiles, were presented with trophies, medals and other prizes. An honorable recognition is extended to the participants of Boston Secor from the Bronx, Sheephead/Nostrand and Tompkins Houses from Brooklyn, Rutgers Houses from Manhattan, Baisley Park and Latimer Gardens from Queens, and Markham Gardens and Stapleton Houses from Staten Island. *Congratulations to everyone on a well thought out and planned victory!*

Dreamers Graduate—For 17 youth of the Chelsea-Elliott Houses *I Have A Dream Program*, graduation day is no longer a dream. On June 14, 2004, the Chelsea-Elliott Houses held its second *I Have A Dream Graduation Ceremony*. The graduates—all residents of the Chelsea-Elliott Houses were: Taina Andujar, Stephanie Andujar, Jamie Arroyo, Vanessa Aviles, Luis Barreto, Jaliel Burgeas, Melanie Callahan, Matthew Cintron, Jose Davis, Justin Dent-Beckett, Unisha Emanuel, Juan Fernandez, Raji Fonte, Rashawn French, Ariane Fuentes, Jillian Garcia, and Betty Gonzalez. All graduates have been accepted into universities or colleges. The *I Have A Dream Program* works with 2nd- and 3rd-graders and follows them from elementary school through their college years providing educational support and assistance. The goal of the program is to ensure that each child graduates from high school and is given the opportunity for a college education. For further information about the *I Have A Dream Program* you may contact the Community Operations Educational Services Unit at 212-427-6648. *Congratulations, dreamers! I wish you continued success.*

The NYCHA "Not Wanted" List

In this issue we continue our editorial policy of publishing the names of individuals who have been permanently excluded from our public housing developments. Listing the proscribed persons is part of the effort to keep residents informed of NYCHA's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers in public housing and to allow for the peaceful and safe use of our facilities. Here follows a list of the people excluded after hearings were held on April 22, and May 7, 14, and 21, 2003. **REMEMBER, IF YOU SEE ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ON HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTY, PLEASE CALL YOUR MANAGEMENT OFFICE OR THE POLICE! THIS LISTING IS PROVIDED TO ALL POLICE SERVICE AREAS.**

Prohibited as of April 22, 2003

- Sammy Melendez Case 2071/03 formerly associated with the third floor of 484 East Houston Street, Wald Houses, Manhattan.
- Kazem Velez Case 2169/03 formerly associated with the ninth floor of 340 Cherry Street, La Guardia Houses, Manhattan.
- Sonia Padilla Case 2167/03 formerly associated with the first floor of 51-24 Beach Channel Drive, Ocean Bay (Edgemere) Houses, Far Rockaway, New York.
- Jason Morris Case 2170/03 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 1725 Bruckner Blvd., Bronxdale Houses, the Bronx.

Prohibited as of May 7, 2003

- Josue Jimenez Case 2383/03 formerly associated with the sixteenth floor of 190 Marcy Avenue, Williams Plaza Houses, Brooklyn.
- Glen Williams Case 2564/03 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 41-12 Vernon Blvd., Queensbridge South Houses, Long Island City, New York.
- Elvis Acosta Case 2449/03 formerly associated with the second floor of 2595 Third Avenue, Patterson Houses, the Bronx.
- Solomon Rafael Case 59/99 formerly associated with the second floor of 791 Marcy Avenue, Armstrong Houses, Brooklyn.
- John Hemingway Case 2460/03 formerly associated with the first floor of 41-14 12th Street, Queensbridge South Houses, Long Island City, New York.
- Jose Nicole Case 3089/03 formerly associated with the eighth floor of 300 East 158th Street, Jackson Houses, the Bronx.

Prohibited as of May 14, 2003

- Jamel Walker Case 2659/03 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 1455 Harrod Street, Bronx River Houses, the Bronx.
- Michael Negron Case 1960/03 formerly associated with the third floor of 2181 Pitkin Avenue, Fiorentino Houses, Brooklyn.

Prohibited as of May 21, 2003

- Mysowania Bradley Case 3428/03 formerly associated with the eighth floor of 2405 1st Avenue, Wagner Houses, Manhattan.
- Marvin Graham Case 2732 formerly associated with the second floor of 264 Lockman Avenue, Mariner's Harbor Houses, Staten Island.
- Kareem Mabry Case 2795/03 formerly associated with the third floor of 654 Kings Sixth Walk, Kingsborough Houses, Brooklyn.
- Heriberto Paradizo Case 2862/03 formerly associated with the seventeenth floor of 1365 Fifth Avenue, Taft Houses, Manhattan.
- Dominique Clifford Case 2864/03 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 310 East 115th Street, Jefferson Houses, Manhattan.

NYCHA URGES VOTER REGISTRATION

The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) is working to bring you, NYCHA's residents, the information you need to register to vote. Why should you register to vote? Simply, voting is one way that you can contribute to the decisions that impact on your life and your future.

Just fill out and mail (pre-paid) the Voter Registration Form inside this *Journal*, or obtain a Voter Registration Form from your Management Office or community center.

Remember, if you want to vote in an election, you must mail or deliver this form no later than 25 days before the election. The last day to register in the primary election is August 20, 2004 and the last day to register to vote in the general election is October 8, 2004. These are also the postmark dates for this form. The primary election will be held on September 14 and the General Election on November 2.

Voter registration forms can be obtained in English, Spanish, Chinese or Korean by calling, toll-free, 1-866-VOTE-NYC. The TDD number is: 1-212-487-5496. Voter registration forms can also be obtained at libraries, post offices and most government agencies. If you have questions about voter registration or how to complete the form, contact the Board of Elections, or visit: www.vote.nyc.ny.us.

The Chief's Corner

Help the NYPD Fight Terrorism



Housing Bureau Police Chief Joanne Jaffe

The New York City Police Department has always relied upon the assistance and support of New York City Housing Authority residents to help us combat crime and improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods and communities. Similarly, we ask for your help to detect and prevent terrorism.

You can help us by being the eyes and ears of the Police Department. Terrorists are trained to blend in and assimilate to everyday surroundings. Past events have taught us that they often favor high population areas in urban environments as a base for operations. So, be alert and aware of everyday activities in your development and in your neighborhood. Remember, what may seem to be a small matter to you may be significant to us. Know who your neighbors are, and immediately report any suspicious activity or behavior.

If you detect suspicious activity, we urge that you:

- DO NOT take direct action
- DO NOT confront the individual
- DO NOT reveal your suspicions
- DO record as many details as possible
- DO notify the appropriate authorities as soon as possible

The New York City's Terrorism Hotline (toll free) is 1-888-NYC-SAFE (1-888-692-7233). All calls are kept strictly confidential.

To some, taking an active role toward stopping terrorism may seem daunting. However, time after time, I've observed so many great undertakings that are set off by a single observation or phone call by a dedicated citizen. I've learned never to underestimate the commitment and insight of the members of our community. I'm confident that with the NYPD, NYCHA, and residents of public housing working together, we can accomplish great things.

Thank you for your continuing support and have a safe and happy summer.

Joanne Jaffe

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influences that contributed to his final work: the use of water as a wall, the placement of trees, and the creation of a private place in the memorial for the families of those who perished in the attacks.

“You are looking at a piece of history,” NYCHA Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr. told the young people as they studied the model of the World Trade Center site as it is being redeveloped by the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation. “Some day you might want to do this kind of work.”

NYCHA’s Division of Capital Projects Senior Deputy Program Administrator for New Construction and Major Renovation Efthia Tsitiridis, also an architect, told the group that being an architect can be a very rewarding profession but not an easy one. “You certainly can’t expect to earn a lot of money right away,” said Ms. Tsitiridis, “but there is a great deal of satisfaction.”

Mr. Arad, who was born in Israel and served in the Israel Defense Forces before emigrating to the United States, teamed with landscape architect Peter Walker of California for the design of the memorial. It will be located in a field of trees that is interrupted by two large voids containing recessed pools. The pools and the ramps that surround them will encompass the footprints of the twin towers. A cascade of water that forms the perimeter of each square feeds the pools with a continuous stream. They are large voids, open and visible reminders of the absence — those same voids Michael Arad envisioned soon after experiencing the trauma of the World Trade Center attacks. Through its annual cycle of rebirth, the living park extends and deepens the experience of the memorial.

Six teenagers from each borough, all between the ages of 12 and 14, attended. The hour and a half that the NYCHA teenagers spent with Michael Arad and his fellow architects prompted many questions and much curiosity, but for the young people who were there, Mr. Arad made it clear that what an architect does is very much directed toward the future, even in the case of a memorial.

SPEAK OUT AGAINST FRAUD AND CORRUPTION!

If you or anyone in your family is aware of any fraud or corruption committed against the New York City Housing Authority (“NYCHA”) by any NYCHA employee, contractor, vendor, or resident, we urge you to call the NYCHA Inspector General (“IG”) at 212-306-3355 or the Department of Investigation (“DOI”) at 212-3-NYC-DOI or 212-825-5959. The IG and DOI rely on NYCHA employees, residents and people who do business with NYCHA, and the public at large to report fraudulent and corrupt activity they see or hear.

What’s happening in... Brooklyn?

In an effort to keep NYCHA residents informed about improvements in their developments, the *Journal* runs a regular column on recently awarded modernization contracts.

Brickwork Repair for Boulevard Houses

The NYCHA Board recently approved a \$6.5 million contract for exterior brickwork repair at the Boulevard Houses in the New Lots neighborhood of Brooklyn. The contract was recommended to D&A Construction. The contract provides for installing new horizontal expansion joints at every floor, replacing brickwork, replacing metal railings at roofs and other related work for 19 buildings at Boulevard Houses.

Boulevard’s 18, six to 14-story residential buildings, and one non-residential building are located on approximately 26 acres of land. Completed in 1951, Boulevard is home to approximately 3,080 residents.

Replacement of Fuel Oil Tanks at Brownsville Houses

The NYCHA Board recently approved a \$637,000 contract for the replacement of fuel oil tanks at Brownsville Houses in Brownsville. The contract was recommended to UTB-United Technology, Inc. The contract provides for the removal and disposal of two 30,000 gallon underground fuel oil storage tanks. It also provides for furnishing and installing two 25,000 gallon double wall fuel oil storage tanks and related work.

Brownsville Houses’ comprises 27, six and seven story buildings located on nearly 19 acres of land. Completed in 1948, Brownsville is home to more than 3,700 NYCHA residents.

Kitchen/Bathroom and Other Renovations For Marlboro Houses

The NYCHA Board recently approved a \$16 million contract for the renovation of kitchens and bathrooms, apartment modification, gas piping and other plumbing work at Marlboro Houses. The contract was recommended to V.C. Vitanza Sons Inc.

Completed in 1958, Marlboro Houses is home to approximately 4,100 NYCHA residents living in 28, seven to 16 story buildings in the Gravesend section of Brooklyn.



New York City Housing Authority Citywide Programs Summer Events

	Games Festival	Track & Field	Fishing Contest
BRONX	Wednesday August 18, 2004 @ Central Park (E. 97th Street & 5th Avenue)	Tuesday July 13, 2004 @ Van Cortlandt Park (242nd Street & Broadway)	Wednesday July 14, 2004 @ Crotona Park (Crotona Park East)
BROOKLYN EAST	Tuesday July 27, 2004 @ Prospect Park (Nethermead)	Tuesday August 3, 2004 @ Red Hook Park (Bay St. Bet. Columbia & Clinton St.)	Wednesday July 28, 2004 @ Prospect Park (Parkside & Ocean Avenue)
BROOKLYN SOUTH/WEST	Tuesday July 27, 2004 @ Prospect Park (Nethermead)	Tuesday August 10, 2004 @ Red Hook Park (Bay St. Bet. Columbia & Clinton St.)	Thursday July 29, 2004 @ Prospect Park (Parkside & Ocean Avenue)
MANHATTAN	Wednesday August 18, 2004 @ Central Park (E. 97th Street & 5th Avenue)	Thursday July 15, 2004 @ Riverbank State Park (W. 145th Street & Riverside Drive)	Tuesday July 20, 2004 @ Central Park (E. 107th Street & 5th Avenue)
QUEENS	Friday July 23, 2004 @ Baisley Park (150th St. Bet. Rockaway & Conduit)	Thursday August 5, 2004 @ Baisley Park (150th St. Bet. Rockaway & Conduit)	Thursday August 19, 2004 @ Baisley Park (150th Street & Rockaway Boulevard)
STATEN ISLAND	Thursday July 22, 2004 @ Clove Lake Park (Clove Lake Road)	Wednesday August 4, 2004 @ Corporal Thompson Park (Broadway & Henderson)	Friday July 30, 2004 @ Clove Lake Park (Clove Lake Road)
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>** CITYWIDE OLYMPICS **</p> <p>Thursday August 12, 2004 @ Riverbank State Park</p> </div> </div>			
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APPRECIATION Senior Resident Advisors from Manhattan joined other NYCHA staff for this photo at the 24th Annual Senior Volunteer Luncheon held at the Eastwood Manor Catering Hall in the Bronx on June 24th. Shown here are (left to right) Assistant Deputy General Manager for Support Services Peter Cantillo, St. Nicholas Houses Service Coordinator Owen Devonish, Bethune Gardens Senior Resident Advisor (SRA) Shirley Michael, UPACA SRA Annie Read-Bailey, Gaylord White SRA Inez Cruz, Meltzer Houses SRAs Shang Xu and Madeline Harvey, Director of Social Services Nora Reissig-Lazzaro (center), Chelsea Houses SRA Caron Townes, Manhattan Borough Director Carolyn Jasper, Deputy Administrator Laurie Archer, Manhattan Social Services Administrator Pat Paisley, SRA for LaGuardia Addition Elizabeth Chan and SRA for Sondra Thomas Apartments Adrianna Celleri.

Barbecues and Picnics On NYCHA Grounds

Any resident who wishes to have a barbecue or picnic should check with their Management Office to make sure the development has a picnic and barbecue area. NYCHA has received a number of complaints from residents about barbecues and picnics being held in unauthorized areas on development grounds. Picnic areas are not available in all developments. All residents *must* follow the procedures listed below.

Residents may use designated picnic and barbecue areas in those developments where they are available from May 1 to September 30 between the hours of 10 AM and 8 PM.

Authorization to use a picnic area must be obtained by the lessee from his or her Management Office by filling out the "Request to Use Picnic Area" form and submitting it to the Management Office at least 10 days in advance of the requested date. The Management Office must respond within two days of receiving the request. Upon approval of the request, the requester will be issued a picnic area key on the day of the picnic, or on the business day before if the picnic is on a weekend or holiday, along with a copy of the request. The picnic area key must be returned the first business day after use.

The following regulations also apply:

- The resident must keep a copy of the "Request to Use Picnic Area" form available during the picnic to show to a police officer upon request;
- Only permanently installed charcoal grills may be used in the barbecue area;
- Open or campground fires are not permitted;
- The resident must make sure that the gates remain open when the picnic area is in use;
- The resident will be responsible for the conduct of all family members and guests, and for the supervision of minors;
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted;
- The resident must connect a garden hose to the water supply spigot or maintain a 16 quart pail of water within reach of the barbecue grill;
- Barbecue grills must be under the continuous care and direction of a person who is at least 18 years old from the time the fire is lit until it is extinguished; and
- The resident must provide all necessary equipment to properly clean the picnic area and must clean the picnic area after each use, which includes disposing of all trash and extinguished charcoal in the proper receptacles (enclosed metal containers or drums).

So, enjoy the rest of your summer and remember to cooperate with these regulations so that picnic and barbecue areas, as well as the rest of NYCHA's grounds, stay in good shape, and ready for others to enjoy.

Senior Luncheon

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teers. The volunteers were thanked by NYCHA Board Member JoAnna Aniello and Secretary Frank Marín. Citywide COP Chair Gerri Lamb showered the volunteers with appreciation and the musical framework that began with Carrie Payne's rendition of the National Anthem was completed by the incomparable NYCHA Senior Chorus under Ms. Payne's direction.

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