



Journal

BROOKLYN SWEEPS 34TH ANNUAL TALENT SEARCH COMPETITION!



Winners sport their trophies at NYCHA's 34th Annual Talent Competition on May 16th.

By Allan Leicht

The 34th Annual NYCHA Talent Search Competition culminated in a burst of entertainment at Manhattan's Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) on Sunday afternoon, May 16, 2004. Upwards of 800 friends, family and fans filled the FIT Haft Auditorium to cheer the 22 acts that had been selected from the 226 that began auditioning in February. Accompanied by "Bobby D and the Family" band and introduced by MC comedian Drew Fraser, each finalist exhibited the luster of over two months of rehearsal and coaching in preparation for the show and the judges' final selections.

Brooklyn again proved to be a cradle of talent with all four first place prizes going to Brooklynites, and, remarkably, three of those

four performers from Gowanus Houses. "Up and Coming," a dance ensemble from Gowanus was awarded first prize in the 6-13 age category for a vigorous, whirling performance in camouflage fatigues. "Wild Cats," a precision drill team stomped their white boots to the top of the 14-18 age category. And the third first prize for Gowanus went to singer Gloria Lewis in the 55 and up age group for her poignant and personal rendition of "A House is Not a Home." "Trifecta," an a cappella singing trio from Whitman Houses in Brooklyn took first prize in the 19-54 age group with a moving interpretation of "If I Ever Fall."

The borough of Queens broke the Brooklyn streak when the special "Mel Edwards Award" went to singer Nancy D'Amore of

Pomonok Houses. Bedecked in sparkles and a black dress, Ms. D'Amore sang a smooth "Try Again," inspiring the audience to sing along with her, but it was her initiative, enthusiasm and warmth for which she was given the Mel Edwards Award. Named in memory of the designer and cabaret performer known as the

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What's Ahead For Fiscal Year 2005 *Highlights Of NYCHA's Agency Plan*

Under federal law, public housing authorities are required each year to develop an Agency Plan which establishes priorities and policies in 17 core areas, including admissions, rent, and security. The development of the New York City Housing Authority's (NYCHA's) Annual Plan for Fiscal Year (FY)2005 and Five Year Plan for FY2005—2009, together referred to as the Agency Plan, is well underway. The 54 member Resident Advisory Board, comprising 45 public housing and nine Section 8 Leased Housing residents, has collaborated with NYCHA staff to produce a draft plan that reflects the needs of the residents, and NYCHA's priorities.

So far, NYCHA residents have joined elected officials and the public in coming out to express their views on the draft plan to Housing Authority executive staff in Town Hall meetings held this month in Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx. Before the month is over, NYCHA will hold Town Hall meetings in Staten Island and Brooklyn as well, culminating in a Public Hearing on July 15th at the New York Technical College.

The draft plan has been available for inspection since May 24th, at NYCHA's Central Office, on NYCHA's web site at nyc.gov/nycha, at the Management Office of each NYCHA development and at a number of Community Centers. For those of you who are unable to access a copy of the draft plan, here follows a summary of some of the major issues.

Public Safety

The NYPD has instituted a number of initiatives to continue the downward trend in crime in public housing and further increase public safety. These include: Operation Impact which seeks to reduce crime in targeted areas of the Bronx and Brooklyn; and the Bronx Pilot Program, which provides a more focused and coordinated deployment of police resources for the residents of public housing in the Bronx.

NYCHA is piloting the installation of new small-scale video camera systems, which are expected to further deter crime. State-of-the-art video surveillance cameras strategically placed to provide surveillance of public spaces in and around buildings will record and store camera

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Residents Team Up To Clean Up The Bronx



SPRING CLEANING Morrisania Air Rights, Melrose and Jackson Houses in the Bronx benefitted from a major cleanup and beautification project on May 22nd. The day was a collaboration between NYCHA staff and residents, Hope World Wide Inc., Police Service Area #7, and the 44th Precinct. All in all, 164 volunteers including 30 NYCHA residents, donated a total of 1,600 hours, cleaning up grounds, building plant beds, and planting bulbs, flowers, shrubs, and vegetables. Here the Hope Storytellers entertain a group of volunteers before the day's work begins.

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Message From The Mayor

What NYCHA Parents Should Know About The 2004 Summer School Program



Is your child preparing for summer school? New York City's Department of Education (DOE) has revamped its summer school program. The program is targeted to students who, as of the end of the school year, had not yet met the performance criteria to advance to the next grade. This year's summer programs will begin on July 6th and run through August 11th.

For many students, and especially for second- and third-graders who attend our

Summer Success Academy, summer school will be a unique learning experience, providing the opportunity to get specialized help in areas of academic weakness. The Summer Success Academy is particularly focused on giving third-graders the instructional support and special help they need to improve critical reading and math skills.

Summer Success Academy teachers were selected because they demonstrated success in academic strategies for struggling early grade students. Summer Success Academy classes will have guidance counselor and speech specialist support, and a maximum of 15 students. Community-based organizations will provide at least eight hours per week of after-school enrichment programs at many Summer Success Academy sites.

For grades four through eight, the summer school program will focus on building literacy and math skills for students who have not yet met promotion standards. The primary focus of the high school summer school program will be on students who need additional credits or need to re-take one or more Regents examinations required to graduate on time.

Many summer sites will cluster students and principals from more than one school. This structure will allow the DOE to provide an opportunity for principals, teachers and students who do not normally collaborate to learn from one another.

Based on regional superintendent estimates, total Summer Success Academy and summer school enrollment is projected to be fewer students than the 254,400 students who enrolled last year, but more than the approximately 174,000 who actually attended.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided at all 460 summer programs and District 75 sites. The number of community feeding sites (open from June 29 through September 3) has increased to 288 this year from 280 last year although the sites are not, in every case, located in the same buildings. Any student who receives bus transportation during the school year will also be provided transportation to his or her summer school location. More detailed information will be provided to parents this month (if they haven't received it already) when they receive notification that their child is being recommended for the Summer Success Academy or summer school.

A complete list of the summer school sites is available on the DOE website at <http://www.nycenet.edu/OurSchools/SummerSchool/default.htm>. Locations of the community feeding sites are available by calling the City's Citizen Services hotline, 311.

Michael R. Bloomberg

TALENT SEARCH

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"Downtown Bobby Short," who directed the NYCHA Talent Search Competition for 27 years, in addition to the qualities mentioned above, the Mel Edwards Award is presented to the performer who most importantly, wins the heart of the audience.

Making his debut as director of the Talent Search Competition was Christopher L. Huggins, award-winning choreographer and former member of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. Mr. Huggins led his performers down the aisles of the theater, zigzagged them across the stage and maintained a bouncing, pitched momentum throughout the three-and-a-half hour afternoon. Broadway performer, teacher and choreographer Lisa Dawn Cave served as Artistic Advisor for the second year.

After last year's talent show winner, Cherelle Davis, opened the performance with the National Anthem, and greetings from Chairman Tino Hernandez, Board Member JoAnna Aniello and Deputy General Manager Hugh Spence, the entertainment began with a guest performance by the Eleone Dance Theater of Philadelphia. The Eleone troupe with its blend of ballet, folk and modern dance, evocative of the late Alvin Ailey, was the first of four guest performers on the program. Singers Darrian Ford, Ky-Enie and Eddie Cabrera and his ensemble gave the capacity crowd even more to cheer about.

Judges for the 2004 Talent Search Competition were dancer-choreographer and Ailey alumna Mary J. Barnett, producer Vanessa Brown, entertainment executive and journalist Kim Fuller, art director/production designer John Lawless, and Caribbean empressaria Monica Sanchez.

As NYCHA Citywide Programs Deputy Director Christine Zeni came on stage to announce the decisions of the judges, the stage of the FIT Haft Auditorium was populated by 122 NYCHA performers ages six to 69. However, even more extraordinary than the range of their ages was the breadth of their talent and the height of their hopes. And those hopes could very well become realities, as the very polished and professional Drew Fraser said in closing, "You keep on trying. I know where you are coming from. I also came from NYCHA."

The Chief's Corner

Have A Safe and Happy July 4th!



Housing Bureau Police Chief Joanne Jaffe

Hello again. It is that time of year to celebrate our nation's independence. As always, the New York City Police Department would like to wish you a happy and safe 4th of July.

In the past the Police Department has relied on the assistance of the residents of the New York City Housing Authority to help us combat crime. We are now asking you to help us save a child or adult from being injured or killed this holiday by reporting the illegal sale, delivery or storage of illegal explosives and fireworks to the fire works hotline: 1-800-FIRE-TIPS (1-800-347-3847) or the 311 HOTLINE.

Although some fire works are colorful they are all DANGEROUS and DEADLY explosives that in the past have caused the loss of eyes, fingers, and hands. So please leave the firework demonstrations to the professionals, and enjoy a safe and healthy holiday.

2004 Talent Show Winners

6-13 Age Group

- 1st Place: Up and Coming (Dancers), Gowanus Houses, Brooklyn
2nd Place: Fabulous (Dancers), Clinton Houses, Manhattan
3rd Place: Faze I (Dancers), Tompkins Houses, Brooklyn

14-18 Age Group

- 1st Place: Wild Cats (Drill Team), Gowanus Houses, Brooklyn
2nd Place: Nyce Imagez (Singers), Stapleton Houses, S.I.
3rd Place: Orlando Lopez (Dancer), Melrose Houses, the Bronx

19-54 Age Group

- 1st Place: Trifecta (Singers), Whitman Houses, Brooklyn
2nd Place: Men In Christ (Singers) Throggs Neck Houses, the Bronx
3rd Place: Faze II (Dancers) Tompkins Houses, Brooklyn

55 and Up

- 1st Place: Gloria Lewis (Singer) Gowanus Houses, Brooklyn
2nd Place: Sandy McCartney (Singer) Throggs Neck Houses, Bronx
3rd Place: Nelson R. Olivencia (Singer) Morrisania Air Rights, the Bronx

Mel Edwards Award

Nancy D'Amore (Singer) Pomonok Houses, Queens

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In last month's Journal, we asked residents who are interested in having air conditioners installed to contact their Management Offices and request to have their window guards removed. NYCHA does not remove window guards! If you wish to install an air conditioner, please contact your Management Office and sign an Air Conditioner Agreement Form, but NYCHA staff will not install or remove air conditioners or remove window guards. Generally, the store from which you purchase an air conditioner can arrange for professional installation.

*Message From The Chairman***NYCHA Turns Seventy!**

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the New York City Housing Authority, which was established on January 20, 1934. It is also the 70th anniversary of public housing in the United States, because it was here in New York City that the enormous pioneering program of replacing tenements with decent housing was born. Until then, low and moderate-income families in America's cities were most likely to live in rundown buildings that did not meet even the minimum standards of sanitation, health or safety.

Listen to the late 19th-Century Danish-born American journalist and social reformer Jacob Riis, whose reports on living conditions for low-income New Yorkers led to improvements in housing and education: "The story of inhuman packing of human swarms of bitter poverty and of landlord greed, of darkness and squalor and misery, which these tenements have to tell, is equaled nowhere else in a civilized land."

The circumstances Riis wrote about began to change when New York City Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia announced the formation of the Housing Authority on the steps of City Hall on that cold January morning 70 years ago, and appointed the first NYCHA Board with Langdon Post as the first NYCHA Chairman. Mayor LaGuardia's vision and Chairman Post's policies and concepts of public housing contributed to the shaping of the new organization and continued to influence the Housing Authority for years after. Chairman Post believed that the standards for public housing should equal those of the private sector. Since then, NYCHA has had 17 Chairs and I am keenly aware of the legacy left by my predecessors and of my responsibilities as the 19th Chair of the Housing Authority.

We have come a long way in 70 years, but the task is not complete. Listen now to Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg in December 2002 announcing his plans for The New Housing Marketplace, to preserve and create 65,000 units of housing for low and middle-income New Yorkers: "That new generation of ambitious and hard-working New Yorkers deserve just what my parents struggled to achieve and what all parents want for their children: the security that only good homes in safe and stable neighborhoods can provide. Affordable housing is fundamental to our long-term economic prosperity and this commitment demonstrates that in these difficult budget times, the City has found innovative new ways of funding affordable housing."

As with Mayor LaGuardia, NYCHA is very much a part of Mayor Bloomberg's plan to create and preserve affordable housing. Unlike the 1940's, '50's and '60's, when the Authority built hundreds of new developments and thousands of new apartments, NYCHA's most important task at present is the preservation of existing housing and the modernization of aging developments, so that we continue to meet the high standards that were set seven decades ago.

This summer will see a proud display of the scope of NYCHA's staying power. Two developments will celebrate their 60th anniversaries — Ingersoll and Whitman Houses in Brooklyn; and seven will celebrate 50th anniversaries — Gravesend Houses in Brooklyn, Martin Luther King and St. Nicholas Houses in Manhattan, Mariner's Harbor on Staten Island, South Jamaica in Queens, and Highbridge Gardens and Soundview Houses in the Bronx. I hope to join residents for the festivities at these landmark events and at as many of this summer's Family Days as I possibly can.

It is most appropriate in NYCHA's 70th year that we look back with pride, but we must be mindful of what remains to be done. NYCHA welcomes the challenges along with the achievements and we are going strong.

Happy 70th Anniversary.

Tino Hernandez

Twelve Arrested For Taking Over Apartments Of Deceased

A six-month investigation conducted by Department of Investigation (DOI) Assistant Commissioner and New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Inspector General Steven A. Pasichow and his staff, led to the arrests of 12 people last month who pretended that the dead were alive, so they could remain in their apartments. Two of the defendants were City employees.

"These defendants developed intricate schemes to gain scarce and valuable public housing," said DOI Commissioner Rose Gill Hearn when she announced the arrests on May 3rd. "Greed doesn't pay—especially when it involves the death of a loved one."

According to the DOI press release, the arrests were usually of relatives of the deceased who kept the apartments for their own use—in some cases for 11 years—and submitted fraudulent documents that made it appear the leaseholder was alive and resided in the apartment. In two cases, the defendants had other persons pose as the deceased and meet with NYCHA officials. Nine of the 12 defendants allegedly defrauded NYCHA out of \$123,704.

DOI's investigation involved using a computer program to match data in NYCHA tenant records with death certificates filed with the New York City Department of Health.

The defendants have been charged with various Grand Larceny and False Filing-related felonies by District Attorneys' Offices in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens and the Bronx. If convicted, those charged with Grand Larceny in the 3rd degree face up to seven years in jail. Those charged with Offering a False Instrument for filing face up to four years in jail.

"It is disgraceful that the defendants used the deaths of loved ones to their own illegitimate advantage," said Inspector General Pasichow. "The NYCHA Office of the Inspector General will continue to work with NYCHA to ensure that the right people—not those who try to cheat the system—are living in Authority apartments."

The arrests are part of an ongoing citywide crackdown by DOI and New York area prosecutors that have resulted in the arrests of 331 residents since 1995, including 108 City, State and Federal employees, who were charged with stealing more than \$6.5 million in rent and welfare subsidies by hiding their incomes from the City.

Criminal complaints are merely accusations. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty. **To report someone ripping off the City, call 311 or DOI directly at (212) 825-5959.**

*Deborah's Diary*

By Deborah Williams

Benjamin Banneker High School Graduates—This year, I would like to take the opportunity to salute Benjamin Banneker High School in Brooklyn and its Graduating Class of 2004. A special group of friends—Dominique George, Al Wilkins, and Tiffane Moody have shared the past four years together, but on June 24th they will go off in their separate directions. Al Wilkins of Farragut Houses in Brooklyn walks around these days with a great sense of pride, and why wouldn't he? Al has received acceptance letters from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, Virginia State, Virginia Union and Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. Al says all the colleges are great but he has decided to attend Morgan State. So this fall Al will pack up his gear and head for Morgan State where he will major in English and eventually become a lawyer. Another graduate, Dominique George of Fort Greene Houses in Brooklyn is interested in communications so she has decided to major in radio and television broadcasting. Dominique will be heading upstate to Herkimer, New York to study at Herkimer County Community College. Last but not least, there is Tiffane Moody, my daughter, who in August will be leaving her family and friends to attend Finger Lakes College in Finger Lakes, New York where she will major in music recording technology. Tiffane is an enthusiastic, happy teen who enjoyed her years at Benjamin Banneker H.S. and has always participated in extra curricular activities. Tiffane modeled in the Benjamin Banneker Fashion Show and has also participated on the Pep Rally and Graduation Committees. ***Congratulations and success to all of the graduates! You deserve a round of applause! And for Tiffane, especially, believe me, when I say your family is very proud of you! When you leave in August you will be leaving all your familiar surroundings at Farragut Houses, and you will be taking a very important step on your way to success. I love you.***

More Direct Care Counselors Graduate—In the March 2004 issue of the *Journal*, I mentioned the names of 21 residents that successfully completed the Borough of Manhattan Community College Direct Care Program on February 11, 2004. Well, three months have passed and guess what—20 additional residents have something to shout and boast about. Asanté Alson, Breukelen Houses, Sharon Campbell, Grant Houses, Alice Davidson, Washington Houses, Jeanette Diaz, St. Nicholas Houses, Albert Genwright, Wagner Houses, Michelle Georges, Marcus Garvey Houses, Donette Gill, Astoria Houses, Althea Graves, Langston Hughes Houses, Joseph Gutilla, Mariner's Harbor, Blondell Jones, Grant Houses, George Reeves, Marcus Garvey Houses, Yadira Santos, Johnson Houses, Rodney Savoy, Howard Houses, Deborah Smith, Mariner's Harbor, Dale Tillery, Coney Island Houses, Kevin Vouse, Breukelen Houses, Cathy Waldron, Breukelen Houses, Tracy Warrell, Pink Houses, Daneen Whitehead, Glenwood Houses, and Gwendolyn Wilson, Martin Luther King Towers all successfully completed the Direct Care Counselor Training Program on May 24, 2004. The graduates received their training through the joint efforts of NYCHA's Department of Resident Employment Services, and the BMCC, and are fully trained to work with mentally and physically challenged adults. All mastered their studies during the 20 weeks of training and received certification to work as Direct Care Counselors. To fulfill the requirements of the Direct Care Counselor Program each participant had to successfully complete an internship. The following participants were all hired by the organizations for which they interned: Sharon Campbell, Cathy Waldron, Albert Genwright, Althea Graves and Blondell Jones were hired by Episcopal Social Services; Gwendolyn Wilson was hired by Esperanza Services; Alice Davidson, Jeanette Diaz and Daneen Whitehead were hired by The Shield Institute; and Joseph Gutilla and Yadira Santos were hired by Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Services and Creative Lifestyles, respectively. ***Wow! That's great! This program is really making a difference in the lives of NYCHA residents. I would like to extend my congratulations to each and every one of you. It's always inspiring to see folks dedicated to helping the lives of others.***

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 March 6, 12, 19, and 26, and April 2, 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.**

March 6, 2004

- Ingrid Taylor Case 3232/03 formerly associated with the third floor of 250 West 61st Street, Amsterdam Houses, Manhattan.
- Eduardo Guzman Case 873/03 formerly associated with the third floor of 124 Bush Street, Red Hook East Houses, Brooklyn.
- Andrew Jackson Case 881/03 formerly associated with the ninth floor of 29 Avenue W, Marlboro Houses, Brooklyn.

Prohibited as of March 12, 2003

- Ernest Huey Case 924/03 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 1710 Randall Avenue, Soundview Houses, the Bronx.
- Jose Antonio Case 927/03 formerly associated with 462 Fountain Avenue, East New York City Line Houses, Brooklyn.
- Robert Gilmore Case 944/03 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 1266 Sutter Avenue, Cypress Hills Houses, Brooklyn.
- Isiah Sadler Case 999/03 formerly associated with the second floor of 455 Fountain Avenue, Cypress Hills Houses, Brooklyn.
- Jason Bryant Case 5762/02 formerly associated with the seventh floor of 51-24 Beach Channel Drive, Ocean Bay Apartments, Far Rockaway, New York.

Prohibited as of March 19, 2003

- Francisco Castro Case 1167/03 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 818 Home Street, Union Avenue Consolidated Houses, the Bronx.
- George Pagan Case 1158/03 formerly associated with the eighth floor of 443 West 25th Street, Chelsea Elliott Houses, Manhattan.
- Devine Pringle Case 1299/03 formerly associated with the first floor of 370 Lexington Avenue, Armstrong Houses, Brooklyn.
- Ryan Downes Case 1300/03 formerly associated with the first floor of 50 Manhattan Avenue, Borinquen Plaza Houses, Brooklyn.
- Ayesha Carter Case 1297/03 formerly associated with the first floor of 1315 Amsterdam Avenue, Grant Houses, Manhattan.

Prohibited as of March 26, 2003

- Corey McMillian Case 1398/03 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 245 Wortman Avenue, Linden Houses, Brooklyn.
- David Valentine Case 1337/03 formerly associated with the first floor of 14-80 Beach Channel Drive, Redfern Houses, Far Rockaway, New York.
- Leon Eley Case 1338/03 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 1760 Story Avenue, Monroe Houses, the Bronx.
- Michael Smith Case 90/03 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 60 Baruch Drive, Baruch Houses, Manhattan.
- Jessie Arriola Case 1483/03 formerly associated with the third floor of 1187 226th Drive, Edenwald Houses, the Bronx.
- Jason Talavera Case 1490/03 formerly associated with the first floor of 106 Dwight Street, Red Hook West Houses, Brooklyn.
- Gregory Parker Case 1485/03 formerly associated with the first floor of 3-06 Astoria Blvd., Astoria Houses, Long Island City, New York.

Prohibited as of April 2, 2003

- Bismillah Duran Case 1519/03 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 2832-36 West 23rd Street, Carey Gardens, Brooklyn.
- Dimas Perez Case 1561/03 formerly associated with the third floor of 920 Ashford Street, Boulevard Houses, Brooklyn.

NOTICE

New York City Housing Authority Agency Plan 2005

In accordance with Section 5A of the Housing Act of 1937 as amended, the New York City Housing Authority ("NYCHA") has developed a *draft* annual plan for FY2005 and a draft five year plan covering FY2005-FY2009. The draft plans were developed following weeks of meetings and discussions with the 54 members of the citywide Resident Advisory Board.

Availability of Plan for Public Inspection

The public is advised that the proposed plan will be available for public inspection at NYCHA's principal office, located at 250 Broadway, 12th Floor, Reception Area, New York, starting the week of May 24, 2004 through July 15, 2004 between the hours of 9:30 AM and 4:30 PM. The Plan will also be available at the following locations:

- On NYCHA's webpage, which can be located at <http://www.nyc.gov/nycha>
- At the Management Office of *each* NYCHA public housing development during regular business hours.
- At the Community Centers listed below during the hours of 9:00 AM to 7:30 PM:

Polo Grounds Community Center 2965 8th Avenue New York, New York	Bronx River Community Center 558 East 174th Street Bronx, New York	Lafayette Gardens Community Center 442 DeKalb Avenue Brooklyn, New York
Rutgers Community Center 200 Madison Street New York, New York	Bland Community Center 133-36 Roosevelt Avenue Flushing, New York	Breukelen Community Center 715 East 105th Street Brooklyn, New York
Classic Center at Melrose 286 East 156th Street Bronx, New York	Ocean Bay/Bayside Community Ctr. 57-10 Beach Channel Drive Far Rockaway, New York	Staten Island Community Operations Borough Office 140 Richmond Terrace Staten Island, New York

Public Comment

NYCHA will hold five Town Hall meetings at which the public is invited to raise questions regarding the draft plan to senior NYCHA officials. These meetings will be held between 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM at the dates and locations shown below:

Thursday, June 10, 2004 Manhattan Fashion Institute of Technology Haft Auditorium 7th Avenue & 27th Street New York, New York	Thursday, June 17, 2004 Queens Elechester Industrial Center 67-35 Parsons Blvd at Jewel Ave Flushing, New York
Wednesday, June 23, 2004 Bronx Classic Center at Melrose 286 E. 156th at Morris Avenue Bronx, New York	Tuesday, June 29, 2004 Staten Island IS 49 Dreyfus Intermediate School 101 Warren Street at Gordon Street Staten Island, New York
	Thursday, July 1, 2004 Brooklyn New York Technical College Klitgord Auditorium 285 Jay Street at Tillary Street Brooklyn, New York

Public Comment:

NYCHA also invites public comment on the proposed plan at a public hearing to be held on Thursday, July 15, 2004, from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM at:

**New York Technical College
Klitgord Auditorium
285 Jay Street at Tillary Street
Brooklyn, New York**

Each location listed above is both handicapped accessible and can be reached using public transportation.

Written comments regarding the draft plan are encouraged. To be considered **submissions must be received not later than July 15, 2004**. Comments may be sent either through the internet address set out above or via ordinary mail (fax submissions will not be accepted) to the address set forth below:

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

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Tino Hernandez, Chairman

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images for a set period of time, which the NYPD may retrieve for follow-up investigations.

NYCHA also has a long-term commitment to upgrade intercoms in developments throughout the City. Approximately 20 developments citywide will soon have the benefit of new intercoms. In addition to enhancing security and convenience, the new cabling infrastructure for these intercoms has the capacity for other uses, such as video images, telephone and the Internet. NYCHA is also addressing maintenance and service needs for existing intercoms.

NYCHA's Capital Program

In March 2004, NYCHA's Capital Projects and Development

Division was reorganized to support a single point of responsibility, accountability and authority for NYCHA construction projects from beginning to end. To support this reorganization, NYCHA plans to implement a state-of-the-art project management system.

NYCHA's new Construction Management Build, or CM/Build Program will make use of construction management companies for approximately one-half of the Housing Authority's capital portfolio. The overall goal of the program is to improve the quality and timeliness of work at NYCHA developments. In addition, each Construction Management company will be responsible for the creation of a pre-qualified bid-

ders' lists which will require bidders to participate in a state-approved apprenticeship program.

The first development to utilize the CM/Build program is Ocean Bay, in Far Rockaway. Work will commence in the late summer and will run through 2005. Four other CMs will commence work this summer on a wide range of undertakings including community centers, facade stabilization, grounds improvements and building system upgrades.

Management Operations

To better serve residents, NYCHA has been decentralizing certain management functions, so that staff at the developments will

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have the resources to respond more quickly to maintenance and emergency situations. The most recent decentralization involves the Elevator Maintenance and Contract Paint Inspection Units, which will deploy staff to eight Borough Management and Emergency Services offices. NYCHA has also revamped its budget process to include for the first time, development-based budgeting and better cost controls. This new process gives management greater control over budgets and spending.

The Authority is also piloting the use of a computerized scheduling program in an effort to better schedule appointments for apartment repairs. We anticipate that this will reduce the number of repeat visits to residents' homes, thereby increasing resident satisfaction and employee productivity.

Community Programs

In 1994, NYCHA developed a multi-year plan to build, expand and renovate NYCHA-operated community centers. So far, renovation work has been completed at 53 centers with construction work totalling \$81 million. Construction is currently in progress at 23 locations over the five boroughs, totaling more than \$101 million, with 12 new facilities projected for completion in the next year.

The Authority provides numerous programs for youth and seniors through its community and senior centers. Residents participate in after-school, fitness and sports, arts and crafts, senior wellness, and nutrition education programs year-round.

Resident Employment Opportunities

NYCHA's commitment to resident employment is firmly reflected in the fact that nearly one-third of the Housing Authority's workforce, over 4,000 employees, are residents. Over the last several years, an average of 55% of all new hires were public housing residents.

NYCHA recently restructured its Resident Employment Services Department (RES) to place greater emphasis on job development, employer and industry-specific training. The Department is focusing on the creation of employment opportunities by canvassing the business community to enlarge the pool of available jobs for residents. RES has collaborated with the City's Department of Small Business Services (DSBS) to recruit residents living on the West side of Manhattan for jobs at the new Time Warner Center at Columbus Circle. RES is also working with the DSBS to identify employment opportunities for residents through the Downtown Brooklyn Redevelopment Project, the Atlantic Center project and the proposed development of an IKEA store in Red Hook.

NYCHA also offers employment opportunities through its various seasonal programs, including summer youth employment initiatives. Through the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development's (DYCD's) Summer Youth Employment Program and other programs, NYCHA anticipates being able to offer approximately 3,200 summer and seasonal positions in 2004.

To create additional opportunities for NYCHA residents, the Authority's newly implemented CM/Build Program will include an apprenticeship program, with the goal of providing interested and qualified residents with long-term careers in construction.

Community Service

The draft Annual Plan includes an outline of the Authority's plans to implement the federal Community Service requirement that all adult public housing residents who are not exempt provide eight hours of community service or participate in eight hours of a self-sufficiency training program per month, as a condition of their tenancy. The draft plan also includes a summary listing of NYCHA's exemption categories.

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.

Congress Member Ed Towns' Housing Brunch



Congress Member Edolphus Towns hosted his ninth annual Resident Association Brunch at Eamonn Doran's Restaurant in Brooklyn Heights on the morning of May 8th, for the NYCHA Resident Association Presidents representing the 49 Housing Authority developments in Congressional District #10. As the Congress Member expressed in his remarks, the purpose of the brunch was to thank them for all of the hard work they have done during the year. The Congress Member and Resident Association Presidents were joined by NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez and other NYCHA executive staff, including General Manager Douglas Apple, Assistant Deputy General Manager for Community Operations Michelle Pinnock and Brooklyn Borough Manager Gloria Finkelman. Other distinguished guests included New York City Comptroller William Thompson, Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, Council Member Letitia James, State Senator Velmanette Montgomery, State Assembly Member Darryl C. Towns, and NYPD Chief of Department Joseph Esposito. Congress Member Towns' district includes the neighborhoods of Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn Heights, Brownsville, Canarsie, Crown Heights, East New York, Flatlands, Fort Greene, Greenpoint, Prospect Heights and Williamsburg. Shown above (from left to right) are: Van Dyke Houses Resident Association President Lisa L. Kenner with Congress Member Edolphus Towns and Kingsborough Houses Resident Association President Carol McLean with NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez.

'Girlz' Got Game At Williamsburg CC



According to the Women's Sports Foundation, the main reasons girls don't participate in sports are lack of encouragement and lack of opportunity. For 55 "girlz" who belong to PowerPlay New York City's "Girlz Got Game" program at the dazzling new Williamsburg Community Center in Brooklyn, and for others who care to join them, there is plenty of opportunity and plenty of encouragement.

PowerPlay is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating and empowering girls through sports. This 12-week after-school program, which began on April 14th, is a collaboration between NYCHA and PowerPlay's program partner, the Women's Sports Foundation.

The Girlz Got Game program features volleyball clinics for girls from Williamsburg, Jonathan Williams Plaza and Bushwick Houses. The program provides

girls with the opportunity to learn valuable skills such as teamwork, leadership, responsibility and discipline, from coaches who serve as mentors.

"It's always amazing to me when I see the girls take the gym floor and do their drills before they start their volleyball lessons," said Brooklyn Community Operations Senior Program Manager Lisa Davis. "It's as if their faces are saying, 'Finally, a sport just for us! Move over guys, the girls

have control of the courts today!'"

The girls meet once a week for volleyball, although the Girlz Got Game program can also focus on other sports. There are also "girls-only" group discussions which address situations teenagers often face—for example, peer pressure and smoking.

If you're interested in having the Girlz Got Game program at your community center, please contact Lisa Davis at (718) 453-1296.

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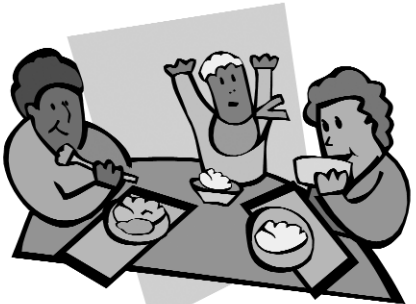
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