



# Journal

## THIRD ANNUAL KIDS' WALK IN THE BRONX



Young residents from NYCHA's Summer Camp program prepare for their one-and-a-half mile walk in Van Cortlandt Park.

By Allan Leicht

**K**ids' Walk 2004, NYCHA's third annual summer children's walkathon to promote physical recreation and combat obesity for youth in public housing, gathered in the vast fields of Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx under a cloudless sky on August 17. Converging from all five boroughs, over 1,500 young people from summer camps at 35 community centers became role models demonstrating the benefits of exercise and good nutrition, or in the words of Guy Parkins, a seventh grader of Edenwald Houses in the Bronx and member of the delegation from the Baychester Community Center, "To show people how to eat right."

NYCHA's Department of Community Operations Coordinator Keir Nelson, Community Operations, and Bronx Borough Administrator Jacqueline Howard, delivered a stream of nonstop encouragement,

music, and dance to greet the young walkers, warm them up and cheer them on along their mile and a half trek around the track. Then, after a healthful lunch, games and activities filled the afternoon, along with educational and informational materials and face painting by Harborview Arts Center Artist-Consultant and professional clown Mimi Martinez.

"Do you want to have this kind of fun next summer?" NYCHA Vice Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr. asked the assembled young people. After the loud and unsurprising positive response, Mr. Andrews promised that NYCHA would do everything it could to find the funds to make Kids' Walk happen again. That message was reinforced by Board Member JoAnna Aniello, Deputy General Manager for Community Operations Hugh B. Spence, Assistant Deputy General Manager for Community Operations Michelle Pinnock, and Director of Citywide Programming and Contract Management Ernesto Lozano, who was master of ceremonies for the brief program.

Banners created by each community center summer camp illustrated the theme of the day: "Eat Right, Feel Tight!" "Keep in Shape! Exercise!" "Join the Carrot Club!" "Eat Good in the Neighborhood!"

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## Modernization Project at Whitman/Ingersoll One of NYCHA's Largest Capital Improvement Projects



On August 13th, NYCHA's Chairman Tino Hernandez joined residents and elected officials for a tour through Ingersoll Houses, highlighting four model apartments. Shown here (front row, left to right) are Whitman Houses Resident Association President Rosalind Williams, Ingersoll Relocation Vice-Chairwoman Gloria Collins, Ingersoll Relocation Committee Member Janie Williams, Ingersoll Relocation Committee Chairwoman Veronica Obie, and Ingersoll Houses Resident Association President Dorothy Berry. In the back row (left to right) are Tetra Tech Construction Managers Sal Panico and Antonio Figueroa, Council Member Letitia James, Chairman Tino Hernandez, and Whitman Relocation Committee Chairman Edward Carter. State Senator Velmanette Montgomery and Assembly Member Joseph Lentol also came to see the model apartments.

By Eileen Elliott

**T**he New York City Housing Authority's (NYCHA's) Walt Whitman and Raymond Ingersoll Houses in Brooklyn are in the midst of a major \$83 million renovation that is one of the largest capital improvement projects ever undertaken by NYCHA.

Originally named Ft. Greene Houses, Whitman/Ingersoll's 16 high-rise and 19 low-rise buildings encompass 41 acres, and its 3,462 apartments are home to 7,473 residents. In one of the more challenging aspects of the project, 1,492 families will need to be relocated during some part of the five years it is expected to

take to complete the renovation. The 1,970 families that do not have to move have the option of relocating if they choose.

The renovation is necessary not only because of the age of the developments — 60 years — but also because the apartments were originally designed only as

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## MARTIN LUTHER KING TOWERS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!



New York City Housing Authority Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr. (left) joined Martin Luther King Towers Resident Association President Ruby Kitchen (center) and Manager Paul Levelle to celebrate the Harlem development's 50th Anniversary on September 11th. Originally named Stephen Foster Houses after the American composer, King Towers was completed in 1954 during a period in which NYCHA built its greatest number of dwelling units as a result of the Housing Act of 1949. The development was renamed in honor of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968.

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Have a Happy Halloween!



**Message From The Mayor**

**New York City Is Setting The Right Priorities**



The recently released Mayor's Management Report for Fiscal Year 2004 (July 2003 to June 2004) indicates that New Yorkers have much to be proud of when it comes to City services. The safest city in America continues to get safer; our streets are the cleanest they have been in 30 years; we have made progress in educating our children; fewer families entered homeless shelters for the first time in four years; traffic fatalities decreased and civilian fire fatalities remained at historic low levels. We have met New Yorkers' most pressing needs and are operating government efficiently and responsively despite the City's fiscal crisis and \$3 billion in budget reductions.

**Crime and Safety**

Major felony crimes decreased for the 13th consecutive fiscal year, dropping by 3% from 147,669 in Fiscal 2003 to 143,268 in Fiscal 2004. Homicides declined again: For the second consecutive fiscal year, there were fewer than 600 murders in New York City, declining from 599 in Fiscal 2003 to 566 in Fiscal 2004, the lowest since 1963.

Major crime at New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) developments has dropped by almost 16 % in the last three fiscal years. The 15 NYCHA developments with over 3,100 closed circuit televisions (CCTVs), installed as part of an earlier initiative, experienced a 5.1 % reduction in crime. These developments were chosen based on criteria that included a review of crime statistics and patterns.

Operation Impact was launched in January 2003 to reduce major felony crime in selected developments within Brooklyn and the Bronx. Statistics reflect a combined reduction in crime of almost 16% since Fiscal Year 2003 in these areas.

**The New Housing Marketplace**

The City's five-year plan to create and preserve 65,000 units of affordable housing ended its first year with 10,201 units in construction. Under the Plan, NYCHA, working with the City's Department of Housing Preservation and Development, and the Housing Development Corporation will make unused properties available for redevelopment, with the expectation of 1,000 units. Construction on the University Macombs Apartments in the Bronx, and Fabria Houses in Manhattan is expected to begin shortly. Meanwhile, 37 homeownership units at Brooklyn's Prospect Plaza Houses will be available in December of this year.

**Schools and Education**

Summer school brought progress for third graders: The Department of Education ended social promotion for third graders scoring at the lowest level on achievement tests. Of those third graders who were required to attend summer school in 2004, 51% of those who attended for 10 or more days advanced to the next highest achievement level, compared to only 19% the previous summer.

Attendance rates were lower for high school students: While elementary and middle school attendance was flat at an average of 91.9%, high school attendance declined from 83.2% to 81.9%.

Reading and math scores improved in elementary schools: The percentage of students in grades 3-6 and 8 meeting English testing standards rose from 42.3% in the 2002-2003 school year to 42.7% in the 2003-2004 school year. Performance levels in mathematics for grades 3, 5, 6 and 7 rose from 37.5% to 42.5% over this period.

These are just some of the indicators from the Fiscal Year 2004 Management Report which show that New York City is on track and setting the right priorities. To read more of the report and more about NYCHA initiatives over the past fiscal year, log on to [www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov). And rest assured that this administration will strive to continue this improvement for the people of New York City.

*Michael R. Bloomberg*

**THREE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE GET CCTVs**

By Eileen Elliott

Working together with the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), City Council Member Alan J. Gerson has responded to public housing residents' requests for improved security on the Lower East Side by allocating \$200,000 for the installation of small scale Closed Circuit Television Systems (CCTVs) in three NYCHA developments — Rutgers Houses, Two Bridges Houses, and 175 Eldridge Street of Lower East Side (LES) I.

NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez joined the Council Member, Resident Association Presidents, staff and residents for a press conference at Rutgers Houses on August 19th to unveil the new system there. The state-of-the-art small scale CCTVs, which are installed in a total of four buildings in the three developments, record activity in every entrance and exit, in the lobby and in every elevator. They record 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week. When an incident is reported, the NYPD can then retrieve the images for follow-up investigations. But perhaps more importantly, the cameras have the effect of deterring criminals and increasing residents' sense of safety.

"It's great to be back here at Rutgers," the Chairman said, referring to his visit a few weeks earlier for the development's Family Day celebration. "I want to thank Council Member Gerson for his commitment to the residents of his district, but mostly for his commitment to the people of public housing. I think this is a great thing. In these days of limited resources, it's very important that we have people like Council Member Gerson to step up. He should be commended."

The Council Member was beaming as he stood at the podium in front of the appreciative crowd that filled the TA Room. Applause erupted as he told the residents, "It's the people of Rutgers, the people on the Lower East Side, and the people of all of our NYCHA developments who day in and day out make our community and our City the wonderful, special place that it is."

"This program presents a model as to how government should work and can work. 'What would you like us to do? What are your priorities?' we asked. You told us, 'We need security cameras and we listened. We went to the Housing Authority's great Chairman Tino Hernandez, who has a wonderfully responsive team; we worked with he police and we got it done.'"

The Council Member assured the residents in the audience that they are getting "the best of the



(Above, left to right) NYCHA Deputy General Manager for Operations Services Bobby Podmore, Chairman Tino Hernandez, Council Member Gerson, Rutgers Tenant Association President Eric Crooke and Vice-President Naomi Greene. At right, Assistant Director for Operations Services Henry Goldstein.



best" with the state-of-the-art cameras, commenting that too often government fails to keep up with technology.

"We're going to keep these cameras up, keep them operating and we're going to work with the Resident Association Presidents and the police to make all of our City as safe as possible."

Resident Association President Eric Crooke thanked the Council Member on behalf of Rutgers Houses. "I'm glad to see we're getting the support we need," he said. "Our residents are very happy with the cameras being there. The only request is that we get them into the other two buildings." And 175 Eldridge Street Resident Association President Mercedes Ruiz couldn't have been more enthusiastic as she exclaimed, "I love where I live. I love it, love it, love it. Council Member Gerson provided what we needed most, comfort and safety. We thank you many times over Mr. Gerson and Mr. Goldstein who was so kind and so helpful."

NYCHA's Assistant Director for Operations Services Henry Goldstein gave a brief demonstration, showing the different viewing capabilities of the 12 cameras at Rutgers on the monitor in the TA Room.

Other City Council members have also obtained funding for the small scale CCTVs, which have been installed at NYCHA's Isaacs, Holmes and Williams Plaza and are in the process of being installed at Independence Towers.

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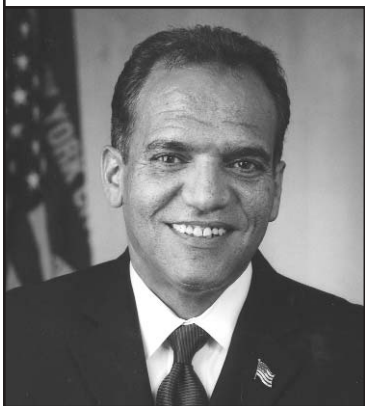
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**Message From The Chairman****NYCHA's Department of Resident Employment Services Is Here for You**

There are more working families living in NYCHA developments today than at any time in nearly 20 years. If you are not yet among them, or if you want to put yourself on a new career track, or train for a new job, you should take a good look into NYCHA's Department of Resident Employment Services (RES).

RES has recently been restructured and provides a great range of programs and services to help NYCHA residents unlock doors to success. RES will work with you to find the right job or training program, to help you start your own business, or provide technical assistance for existing businesses. There are placement services, literacy programs, guidance in learning how to use the Internet to find a job — RES will even help you find child care service while you are making your way into the world of work.

RES is tailored to NYCHA residents with a sensitive and trained staff who assess every individual's potential and make referrals to educational, training, employment and business development opportunities — it is like an employment agency dedicated exclusively to NYCHA residents.

RES works with residents by way of three specialized divisions: the Career Development Division, the Job Development Division and the Training Management and Education Resources Division.

The Career Development Division might be your first point of contact with RES as it is where orientation of clients for all programs takes place. This is the division that administers testing via the Assessment Unit and Manhattan Satellite Office. These two units operate from separate locations. The Assessment Unit is at our central office in Brooklyn at 350 Livingston Street and the Manhattan Satellite Office is at Carver Houses, 1475 Madison Avenue.

The Job Development Division will help you with direct job placements and will assist underemployed residents obtain employment suitable to their skill level. This unit also cultivates relationships with employers, external service providers, and outside employment services to provide job-ready residents with a variety of employment opportunities.

Right now, there are jobs available in department stores and restaurants, jobs for security guards, for home health aides and companions. There are positions open in financial institutions, airports, parking lots and in construction. The sports and newspaper industries have jobs listed with RES. And there are sales jobs, computer and clerical positions waiting to be filled. There is work for NYCHA residents. You may very well qualify. I urge you to find out.

The Training Management and Education Resources Division focuses on work with Education Opportunity Centers to facilitate enrollment of residents in educational programs and to provide an array of educational and training workshops. The better your education and training the more opportunities open up. And so this division has professional staff trainers to respond to your educational and training needs in as personal and effective way possible. Training opportunities might very well include paid educational internships. And this division of the RES is the bridge to special training, education and employment programs funded by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, (HUD). In addition, RES is partnering with the City's Department of Small Business Services to bring resources and employment opportunities to residents through Workforce1 Career Centers.

Not only does NYCHA help residents find employment, NYCHA also has a long history of providing employment opportunities to residents. Newly one-third of NYCHA employees are also residents. Over the past several years approximately 55% of all new NYCHA hires have been residents. Please have a look at the advertisement on page 7 and call the number, 718-250-5904. If you are not yet working or if you want to take your skills and opportunities to the next level, there is no time like right now. I strongly encourage you to make that call. You can make this your year.

*Tino Hernandez*

**East New York Residents Indicted In Drug Ring**

On August 26, 2004 Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes and Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly announced the indictments of 69 individuals for their roles in a narcotics trafficking enterprise in the East New York section of Brooklyn. Five organizations worked together to control three housing developments consisting of 34 apartment buildings. Two of those developments are New York City Housing Authority's Unity Plaza and Long Island Baptist. The third, not NYCHA's, is a nearby low-income apartment complex, Remedeer.

According to the announcement, family relationships existed among members of each organization and between the separate organizations. The groups agreed upon boundaries within which each group monopolized or controlled the sale of narcotics. The five organizations earned approximately \$11 million dollars per year selling heroin or crack cocaine.



A major investigation dubbed "Operation Family Affair" commenced in February 2003 by the Major Narcotics Investigation Bureau of the Kings County District Attorney's Office and the Major Case Unit of the Brooklyn North Narcotics District of the NYPD into narcotics trafficking in the developments. Conducted over an 18 month period, the investigation revealed that juveniles were used as runners, look-outs and to direct drug buyers to dealers.

The period of the conspiracy among all these group is from January 1, 2002 to August 6, 2004.

"We have had tremendous success with our previous takedowns such as in the Cypress Hills, Ocean Towers, Vanderveer, and Ingersoll housing developments. We managed to dismantle drug organizations and free neighborhoods from the stranglehold of violent drug profiteers. We expect to enjoy similar success in these developments as well" said District Attorney Hynes.

All but four of the 69 defendants have been charged with Conspiracy in the First Degree. They face 15 years to life in prison.

**Deborah's Diary**

*By Deborah Williams*

**Phenomenal Woman** There are times when you read or hear negative things about public housing. Well all that's about to change. Do you know that there are many success stories of former residents of public housing who have moved on to become entrepreneurs, authors, lawyers, politicians, and much more? Here's the story of one young lady who did just that. Crystal Lacey Winslow, former resident of Pink Houses, in Brooklyn, has made the transition from resident—student—graduate—employee—author—publisher—to entrepreneur. That's right, the lady did it all and she's only 21! Crystal was most influenced by her mom while growing up in their apartment in Pink Houses, but her grandmother and friends also played a major role in her life. It was Grandma the seamstress who created the desire in Crystal to become a fashion designer. But that desire only paved the way for other desires to emerge. Crystal, now intrigued by law, began her studies and earned a bachelor's degree in legal-assistant studies. She worked at that for a while but then thought to herself, "Is this what I really want to do with my life? Is this something that I really love?" Well the answer was all too clear for Crystal. Crystal had always wanted to write. Even as a young child she loved writing and had acquired a love of poetry. It was that passion that compelled her to create her first published book entitled, "Melodrama." Actually, it was her second book because Crystal wrote her first book at the age of 14, although that first one was never published. But with "Melodrama," Crystal had finally discovered her forte—her talent. Within three months of writing "Melodrama," Crystal wrote another book entitled "Life, Love & Loneliness," which has landed on *Essence Magazine's* best-seller list twice since April 2003. Crystal also authored "Up Close & Personal," a collection of personal poetry and in August her second novel "Crisscross," the sequel to "Life, Love & Loneliness," hit the bookstores. In an article in the *Daily News*, Crystal described her near death experience, her struggles and the sacrifices she endured to get not only her first book published but to get where she is today. She talked about why she rejected a two book deal offered to her by Simon & Schuster. Today, Crystal is the proud owner of a bookstore, Melodrama Books & Things, located in Far Rockaway, Queens and the founder of Melodrama Publishing. The books she has authored have sold nearly 80,000 copies. So, she has definitely made her mark on the literary world. *Crystal, what can I say? You have been there, done that, and much more. You personify the words "Phenomenal Woman." I look forward to reading your novels and wish you continued success!*

**SUMMER EMPLOYMENT+NYCHA=SUMMER FUN** It's simple math. On August 26, 2004 during a Health Fair Workshop at Van Dyke Houses, in Brooklyn, this group of teens eagerly informed me of the great time they had working at the New York City Housing Authority this summer. The teens all participated in the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) from July 7 through August 26 and were assigned to different NYCHA developments throughout the city. A total of 220 teens were assigned to Brooklyn developments to perform work as groundskeepers, caretakers, or clerical aides. Rodney Lewis, Bianca Monique Bannister and Stanley Fletcher, who were assigned to Breevort Houses, had nothing but praises for their supervisor, Ms. Benan Austin. "It was great. We had the opportunity to ride on a NYCHA vehicle and it was fun. The staff was great, especially our supervisor, Ms. Austin. She made working at Breevort Houses fun!" Tyrone Sturdivant was assigned to Kingsborough Houses and said, "I had such a great time working this summer that I am pursuing a seasonal position with NYCHA." *Well I'm glad to hear that everyone had a great time this summer and I congratulate you on a successful work experience with NYCHA. It was really great talking to you guys and seeing the smiles on your faces. Remember—summer employment can lead to greater achievement. It builds your resume, provides valuable experience for successful futures! Have a great school year!*

If you have good news you would like to share with your neighbors, drop me a few lines care of the *NYCHA Journal*/250 Broadway, 12th Floor/New York, New York 10007 or by fax at (212) 577-1358. Or, hey, make it personal! Give me a call at (212) 306-4752.



### 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 the peaceful and safe use of our facilities. Here follows a list of the people excluded after hearings were held on June 18 and 25 and July 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2004.

**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 June 18, 2003**

- Damien Davis Case 3476/03 formerly associated with the fourteenth floor of 1460 Bronx River Avenue, Bronx River Houses, the Bronx.
- David Torres Case 3543/03 formerly associated with the first floor of 113 Ten Eyck Walk, Williamsburg Houses, Brooklyn.
- Norman Dunbar Case 3630/03 formerly associated with the third floor of 3784 10th Avenue, Dyckman Houses, Manhattan.

**Prohibited as of June 25, 2003**

- Epifanio Santiago Case 3717/03 formerly associated with the tenth floor of 446 West 26th Street, Chelsea Elliott Houses, Manhattan.
- William Santiago Case 3748/03 formerly associated with the second floor of 1137 229th Drive North, Edenwald Houses, the Bronx.
- Lorinzo Dixon Case 3669/03 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 629 Kings Sixth Walk, Kingsborough Houses, Brooklyn.
- Norman Wilson Jr. Case 3779/03 formerly associated with the eighth floor of 40-20 Beach Channel Drive, Beach 41st Street Houses, Far Rockaway.
- Narcisa Ledesma Case 3824/03 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 635 Castle Hill Avenue, Castle Hill Houses, the Bronx.

**Prohibited as of July 2, 2003**

- Jose Marquez Case 3910/03 formerly associated with the thirteenth floor of 2400 Second Avenue, Wagner Houses, Manhattan.
- Robert Ramirez Case 3200/03 formerly associated with the third floor of 5714 Farragut Road, Glenwood Houses, Brooklyn.
- Kaseem Stukes Case 3919/03 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 2225 Lacombe Avenue, Castle Hill Houses, the Bronx.
- Barney McCrae Case 1746/03 formerly associated with the first floor of 239 Jefferson Street, Berry Houses, Staten Island.

**Prohibited as of July 9, 2003**

- Julia Hair Case 4099/03 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 72 Gouverneur Street, Vladeck Houses, Manhattan.
- Jamal Gordon Case 4101/03 formerly associated with the third floor of 433 Beach 40th Street, Beach 41st Street Houses, Far Rockaway.
- Jaliek Hester-Bey Case 4046/03 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 1061 Myrtle Avenue, Sumner Houses, Brooklyn.

**Prohibited as of July 16, 2003**

- Thomas Porter Case 4235/03 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 2430 Seventh Avenue, Drew Hamilton Houses, Manhattan.
- Bruce Vanderveer Case 4372/03 formerly associated with the sixteenth floor of 2007 Surf Avenue, Carey Gardens Houses, Brooklyn.

**Prohibited as of July 23, 2003**

- Nathaniel Frazier Case 4537/03 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 40-04 Vernon Boulevard, Queensbridge North Houses, Long Island City.
- Daniel Reid Case 1023/03 formerly associated with the first floor of 1175 East 229th Street, Edenwald Houses, the Bronx.
- Qwalliqua Mack Case 4481/03 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 80 Dwight Street, Red Hook Houses, Brooklyn.



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### KIDS' WALK

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"Unlock your Body! Nutrition and Fitness is the Key!" Awards were given for the five banners judged best, one for each borough. Throggs Neck Community Center took the prize for the Bronx, Bland Community Center for Queens, DeWitt Clinton for Manhattan, Sumner for Brooklyn and Markham Gardens for Staten Island.

Charles Hart, a sixth grader of Berry Street Community Center had health advice for everyone in the bright Bronx sunlight: "Drink a lot of water." Brianna Vickers, a Van Dyke fourth grader, chimed in with, "Eat vegetables." While East River Community Center fourth grader Samantha Muniz emphasized, "Exercise, exercise."

**(Below) Young residents from Campos Plaza Community Center on the Lower East Side display their colorful banner.**



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**From the Chief's Corner**

**Tips For A Safe Halloween**

Halloween can be a fun time for children and adults. The safety of all individuals participating in the holiday festivities is paramount. This year the NYPD Housing Bureau encourages all to be alert and careful. Here are some tips to be guided by and to share with your children:

- Escort your children and their friends trick-or-treating.
- Children should never go into buildings, houses, elevators or cars alone when trick-or-treating.
- Do not allow your children to eat any treats until you or another responsible adult has inspected the treats.
- Only go trick-or-treating in your own neighborhood to the homes of people you know, and stay close to home.
- Make sure children are wearing bright colored clothing or carry a flashlight at night.
- Masks should not block vision or breathing.
- Keep children out of the streets. Walk only on the sidewalks. Cross the streets at the corner and wait for the light.

**DO HAVE FUN! STAY SAFE!  
AND RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE'S PROPERTY!**



**Housing Bureau Police  
Chief Joanne Jaffe**

**Modernization Project at Whitman/Ingersoll**

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temporary housing for Brooklyn Navy Yard workers during World War II, and as such are well below present-day standards.

There is inadequate living and bathroom space in most apartments with more than one bedroom and some two-bedroom apartments are less than 500 square feet, compared to the present-day standard of 850 square feet.

Not only are all of the elevators in need of replacement, there is no elevator service to any of the top floor apartments in the low-rise buildings and the high-rise buildings have separate elevators for the lower and higher floors. Many apartments in the high-rises have no separate kitchens. Rather, kitchens are in living rooms and sometimes in hallways.

By reconfiguring the apartments in the high-rise buildings and reducing the number of apartments per floor from eight to seven, all units will have adequate living and kitchen space.

NYCHA has established a Modernization Committee to respond to residents' concerns about construction and design. NYCHA's Modernization Committee is headed by Project Administrator Julie Dreizen of the

Capital Projects Division. The NYCHA Modernization Committee meets with Modernization Committees representing the residents of Whitman and Ingersoll Houses, one committee for each development and a third, joint committee of the two.

The committees representing each development meet every month; the joint committee meets quarterly. The committees have been meeting regularly since the project was first announced in November 2003. Brooklyn Borough Community Operations Director Wanda Gilliam also meets with the residents' Modernization Committees each month so that management, relocation staff, residents, and the community can discuss ongoing issues and concerns.

"Residents' primary concern is that they be given a 'true space' as promised," said Ms. Gilliam. "This project has really inspired committee members to work together. They really are ambassadors to the residents."

Ms. Dreizen added, "We received a lot of helpful suggestions from residents during the Open House in August that I was able to bring back to our archi-

itects. Many residents have been living at Whitman and Ingersoll Houses for many years. Their history and loyalty to the developments confirmed my feeling that we need to provide a safe, comfortable, modern place for them to return to."

A private construction management company — Tetra Tech — won the job through NYCHA's new CM Build, or Construction Management Build Program. CM Build requires that construction managers meet a series of criteria to pre-qualify before they can bid on a job, and that their subcontractors provide apprenticeship opportunities for area residents.

Work is expected to begin this winter with the replacement of elevators and the extension of elevator service to all top floors in the low-rise buildings. This will be followed by upgrades in the low-rise apartments, and the last phase will be upgrading the high-rise apartments.

Residents who must relocate or who choose to relocate have a number of options. They can remain in the development but transfer to another apartment, transfer to another NYCHA

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Model kitchen and living room at Ingersoll Houses in Brooklyn. Residents who wish to see the model apartments can schedule an appointment with the RAU at the number listed on page 7.

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## Brooklyn Public Housing Residents Honored at Leadership Luncheon



Presenting a certificate of thanks to NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez are, left to right, City Council Member Erik Dilan, Legislative Assistant for Assembly Member Vito J. Lopez, Alison Hirsh, Assemblyman Lopez, Legislative Director for Council Member Dilan and Community District Leader for the 54th District Jannitza Luna, Chairman Hernandez, and Assembly Member Martin Malave Dilan.

By Allan Leicht

Over 550 NYCHA residents who make special contributions to their communities and developments in the Ridgewood Bushwick neighborhoods of North Brooklyn were honored at the Second Annual Leadership Luncheon at the Jing Fong restaurant in Manhattan's Chinatown on September 1. Welcomed by hosts New York State Assemblyman Vito Lopez and State Senator Martin M. Dilan, Chairman Tino Hernandez joined in honoring the residents for contributing time and energy to their tenant associations and tenant patrols.

"I could not do my job without Assemblyman Vito Lopez," the Chairman said. "He stands with us, just the way Mayor Bloomberg stands with us, and Mayor Bloomberg is tremendously supportive of public housing. You know," Mr. Hernandez told the residents, "the Mayor is committed to preserving 65,000 affordable apartments in New York City. Vito Lopez is also committed to the preservation of public housing and affordable housing."

Mr. Hernandez also thanked State Senator Dilan, not only for his work on behalf of housing in the state senate, but before that when Senator Dilan served as a member of the New York City Council. "Martin Malave Dilan worked to get a great deal of funding for NYCHA from the City Council," said the Chairman.

Council Member Erik Dilan, who succeeded his father on the City Council, promised to carry on the tradition of support for public housing and gave a large measure of credit to Assemblyman Lopez for the well-being of public housing in their district.

Assemblyman Lopez shared that credit with members of his staff, in particular Allison Hirsch, who coordinated the luncheon. "But before we get to eat," said the Assemblyman, "we want to give Tino an award," and he, his fellow elected officials and residents presented Mr. Hernandez with an "Award of Thanks" from the North Brooklyn Public Housing Coalition. An abundant Chinese luncheon completed the late summer afternoon.

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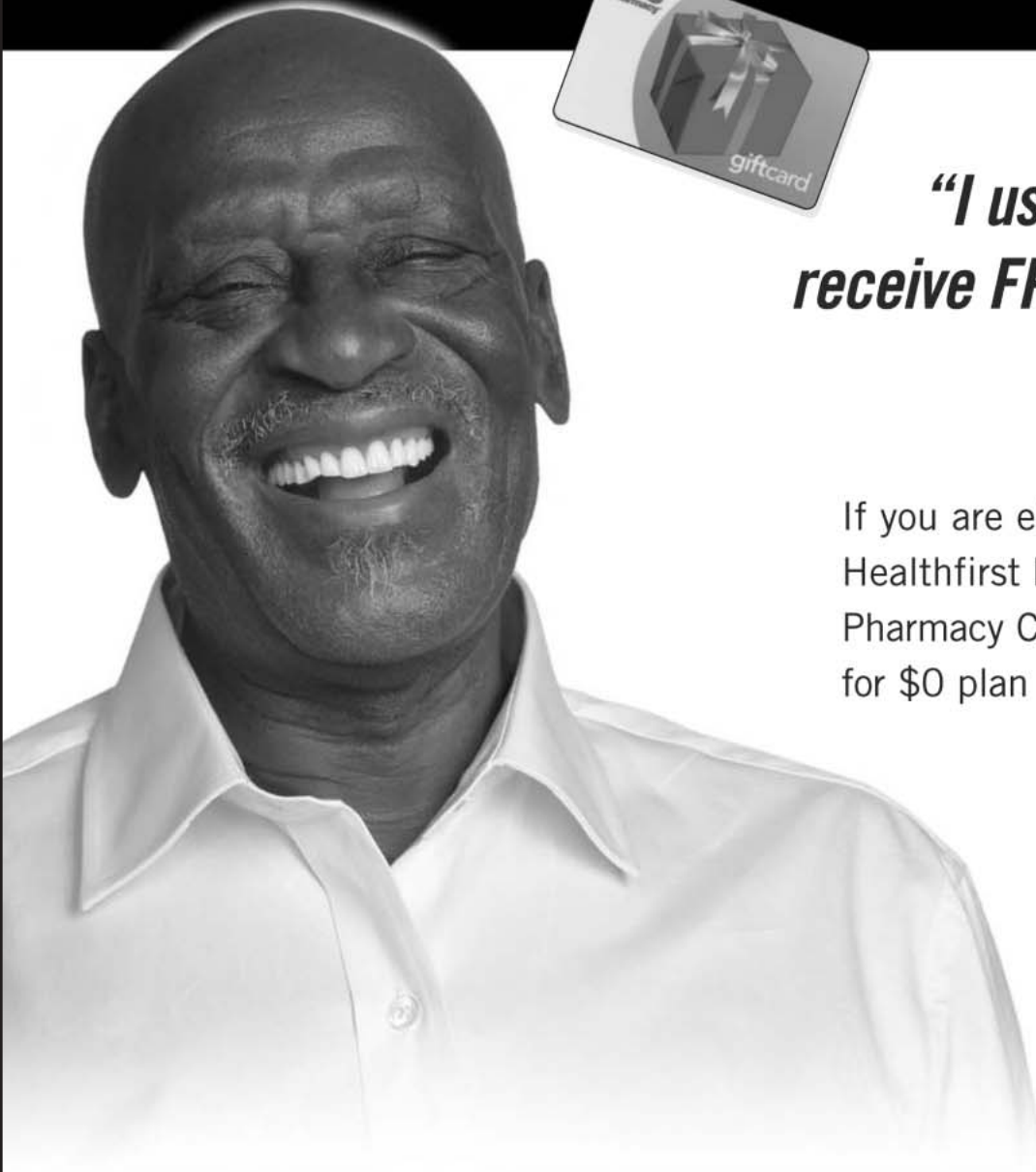
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