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GRAND OPENING (left to right) Manhattan North Council of Presidents (COP) District Chair Barbara G. Barber, Reverend Faith Ballinger, Resident Association President Yvonne Matthews, New York City Housing Authority Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr., and Community Operations Deputy General Manager Hugh Spence celebrate the official opening of the Manhattanville Community Center.

MANHATTANVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER OPENS!

By Allan Leicht

THE FAMILIES OF MANHATTANVILLE HOUSES IN HARLEM HAVE THEIR COMMUNITY CENTER BACK AND IT IS A JEWEL. This spring, New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) residents, executives and staff joined with elected officials to inaugurate another of NYCHA's greatly expanded, fully modernized facilities that are so central to the educational, physical and cultural health of the surrounding neighborhoods. The Manhattanville Community Center is a \$2.2 million, 16,580-square-foot renovation encompassing both a Community and Senior Center on two spacious floors with a sparkling new, full-size gymnasium on the lower level. The upper level houses an arts and crafts room, game room, classrooms, computer lab, administrative offices and multi-purpose room.

"I started this journey and I am so gratified to see the realization of this dream," said Manhattanville Community Center's former director, Hilda Rogers, who served as Mistress of Ceremonies for a song-filled program. That program featured two choruses—one of Manhattanville's residents, the *Manhattanville Prime Time Seniors*, under the leadership of Juanita Pierre-Louis, and NYCHA's senior chorus, *Voices Across the City*, under the leadership of Carrie Jones. The first selection set the theme for the morning: "We've Come This Far by Faith," to which Manhattanville Houses Resident Association President Yvonne Matthews agreed completely.

"Yes, we have come this far by faith," said Ms. Matthews, as she

recalled the years during which the Center was under renovation. "And with all the highs and lows," she continued, "we see the beautiful finished product."

Keynote Speaker NYCHA Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr. expressed particularly personal remarks as Mr. Andrews himself lives in the Manhattanville neighborhood. He said that the achievement of a community center of such size and excellence was proof of the fruitfulness of the struggle for decent public housing and attendant facilities.

Community Operations Deputy General Manager Hugh Spence gave a brief history of the Authority's community center building program. Manhattan North Council of Presidents District Chair Barbara G. Barber expressed her

gratitude for the opening of the Center. She congratulated the residents at Manhattanville as well as the residents of Drew-Hamilton Houses, for which Ms. Barber serves as Resident Association President.

A succession of government officials paid tribute to the perseverance and creativity of Manhattanville residents and resident leaders. State Assemblyman Keith Wright, State Senator Bill Perkins and Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer added luster to the celebration.

Throughout the program, special tribute was paid to residents who tirelessly worked on the initiation, planning and progress of the center: Maria Dunn, Mary Watkins, Suzie A. Johnson, Florence Dukes and Carmen Ortiz.

NYCHA ADOPTS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

THE NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY (NYCHA) BOARD ADOPTED A FISCAL YEAR 2007 BUDGET AND FOUR-YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN AT ITS REGULAR BIWEEKLY BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 30TH. The budget consists of \$2.76 billion in operating funds and over \$655 million for capital projects. It reflects the Authority's far-reaching effort to ensure that public housing, as well as Section 8 assistance, remains intact in the face of the ever-widening gap between revenues and expenses. The budget continues Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's commitment to public housing through the provision of \$150 million from the City. Yet, despite its best efforts, the Housing Authority still faces a \$51 million gap for the current fiscal year.

"This budget takes actions within NYCHA's control, including some hard choices to address the realities of sharply diminishing Federal subsidies, limited State aid, and escalating non-discretionary costs to operate public housing," the Chairman stated in testimony before the City Council the following day. The Chair also expressed his appreciation for the concerted efforts of NYCHA residents, community leaders and others in efforts to lobby the Federal and State governments for increased funding.

Given stagnant or limited subsidy from the Federal government,

NYCHA has worked diligently to reduce costs. NYCHA's expenses have outpaced revenues. Between Fiscal Year 2003 and Fiscal Year 2006, NYCHA has saved \$527 million through a range of strategies, including reducing head count by 2,000, cuts in maintenance and operation contracts, and reduced overtime and administrative expenses. NYCHA is also generating additional revenue through the rent increases implemented in 2006 for the 27% of households with the highest incomes, and by increasing some fees, such as fees for parking and major appliances.

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Berry Houses Is Blooming!



A PLANTASTIC TIME! Thanks to a community grant from Goldman Sachs to nearby P.S. 11., approximately 50 fifth-graders joined Goldman volunteers to plant impatiens, begonias and pansies at Staten Island's Berry Houses this spring. "A parent who works at Goldman approached us about doing some kind of community project," said Barbara Neis of P.S. 11, who was one of the coordinators of the project. "We wanted to do something to beautify the development since some of the children who attend school here live at Berry Houses."

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

'PlaNYC' Will Make a Stronger, Cleaner, Healthier City for Our Children and Grandchildren



LAST DECEMBER, I CHALLENGED NEW YORKERS TO GENERATE IDEAS FOR ACHIEVING 10 KEY GOALS THAT WILL ALLOW US TO MAKE THE CITY BETTER, NOT JUST FOR OURSELVES BUT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. The result is a wide-ranging plan to enhance New York's urban environment, called *PlaNYC*. The Plan focuses on the five key dimensions of the City's environment: land, air, water, energy, and transportation—and it will help ensure a higher quality of life for all New Yorkers.

Land

We will continue with our plan to create affordable housing for 500,000 New Yorkers by 2012—and for 1 million New Yorkers over the two decades that follow. This year, the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) will play an important role by selling some of its under-utilized property to the City to develop affordable and low-income housing. In collaboration with the City's other housing agencies, NYCHA has already worked to create between 5,000 and 6,000 affordable housing units as part of our New Housing Marketplace Plan.

Water

The Plan aims to improve water quality in our rivers and bays, and open 90% of these waterways for recreation, by reducing water pollution and preserving our natural areas. It will also lead to the development of critical back-up systems for the aging water network that supplies our City with drinking water, so every New Yorker is assured a dependable source of clean drinking water even into the next century.

Transportation

Our subway system and highway networks are extensive and heavily used, yet nearly 3,000 miles of our roads, bridges, and tunnels and the majority of our subway stations are in need of repair. *PlaNYC* aims to improve travel times by expanding mass transit options for New Yorkers and reducing congestion, as well as to ensure that our subway stations and roads are maintained and kept in good repair.

Air

We aim to achieve the cleanest air of any big city in America. Since transportation is responsible for a large portion of our air pollution, we will focus on reducing emissions from private cars, taxis, school buses, and trucks. For instance, we have announced that by 2012, the City's entire fleet of yellow taxis will be hybrid. We will also switch to cleaner fuels for heating and retire old polluted plants.

Energy and Climate Change

Right now, as part of *PlaNYC*, contractors are busy installing 12,000 new energy-efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs at NYCHA's Boulevard and Linden Houses in Brooklyn. The new bulbs will provide the same amount of light as the old bulbs, but they will use only 18 watts of electricity compared to the 100 watts used by the old bulbs. This means an energy savings of up to 80% over the old bulbs.

NYCHA is also conserving energy with innovative technology like its Computerized Heating Automated System, or CHAS. CHAS allows for the remote monitoring of NYCHA's 195 major central heating plants. The result is improved efficiency, better customer service, energy conservation, and reduced fuel consumption.

PlaNYC will also reduce global warming emissions by more than 30% by 2030. In the past five years, City agencies have cut their greenhouse gas emissions by more than 350,000 tons per year. NYCHA is doing its part too by replacing old hot water heaters with new instantaneous hot water tanks. When all of the tanks are installed, carbon dioxide emissions will be reduced by 53 million pounds a year—that's the equivalent of 5,202 passenger cars not being driven for one year!

Working together, we can create a greener, greater New York for our children and grandchildren.

Michael R. Bloomberg

THE FACES OF NYCHA

Andrea Stewart-Cousins: Challenger in Life and in Office

By Heidi Morales

She walked in with a blue suit and a matching scarf around her shoulders. She had the poise and self-assurance of a woman with authority and knowledge. Her smile welcomed us into her office and into what she referred to as her "not-so-neat life." She is Andrea Stewart-Cousins—a New York State Senator and a former resident of the New York City Housing Authority.

Mrs. Stewart-Cousins represents the 35th District, which includes Yonkers, Greenburgh, Mount Pleasant, and Tarrytown among other communities in Westchester County. Capturing this seat in the Senate, which had been occupied by Republican Nicholas Spano for 18 years wasn't easy. Mrs. Stewart-Cousins went head to head with Mr. Spano back in 2004 and lost by only 18 votes. However, like any great fighter, she sought the re-match and ultimately "sang the praises of victory" in 2006.

A Natural Course

Mrs. Stewart-Cousins grew up between Manhattan and the Bronx. She lived in Amsterdam Houses for the first ten years of her life, and then moved to what she referred to as "the country"—Parkside Houses in the Bronx. "I always had a positive experience in public housing. It allowed us to live with dignity under what ordinarily would have been very difficult housing circumstances. We always had electricity. It was a comfortable place. We never felt deprived in any way. We had places to play and there was a sense of community," Mrs. Stewart-Cousins said.

Growing up, Mrs. Stewart-Cousins said she didn't have big or small dreams but knew she wanted to go to college. Just by listening to her story one can appreciate how her life seemed to take its own natural course. "I really had no idea that I would wind up here, which is nice because I tell people all the time that you don't always have to know what you want to do but it is important to continue to move forward in your life."

Mrs. Stewart-Cousins attended a small college in Nebraska before choosing to leave school and enter the workforce to support her newborn son. "My sophomore year I left school to have my baby. So, I also tell people 'I was a teenage unwed mother too.'"

Once she was back in New York, Mrs. Stewart-Cousins began to work for the telephone

company and did so for the next 13 years of her life. In 1984, the Bell System broke up, but Mrs. Stewart-Cousins had the unique opportunity to go back to school to finish her college education. By this time, however, she not only had a husband but three children as well.

She graduated from Pace University where she took courses in marketing and journalism and was ultimately able to land a job on a daily newspaper. Eventually Mrs. Stewart-Cousins decided to pursue a career that was more consistent with her children's schedules. She decided to go into teaching. "I did my teaching studies at night [at Lehman College], my student teaching at night [at Roosevelt High School], and I was a personnel manager during the day, plus the three kids and a husband," she said.

Quite a lot to handle, but not enough to become an obstacle to her professional growth. In fact, Mrs. Stewart-Cousins said



ANDREA STEWART-COUSINS

that a lot of times we create our own barriers. "There's nothing wrong with laying a course and following it, but you shouldn't limit yourself to believing what you think has to happen first, second or third, because it's not always like that," she added.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**Summer Education and Recreation Programs**

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY MAY BE IN A BUDGET CRUNCH, BUT THERE ARE STILL MANY EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO YOUNG NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY (NYCHA) RESIDENTS DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST.

Summer Camp

Our Summer Camp program begins on July 5th and lasts through August 24th. It is open to all NYCHA youth ages 6 to 12, and meets from 9AM to 5PM on weekdays at 114 NYCHA-operated Community Centers throughout the City. Your Community Operations Borough Office can give you the location of the Community Center nearest you. See the list of telephone numbers at the end of this article.

Education Through Sports

Summer Camp packs a lot of fun into your child's day. Just take a look at the Education Through Sports Summer Schedule on page 8 of this *Journal* to see the times and locations of special events your child can participate in during the months of July and August. Most events are held in each borough, like the Citywide Carnival, Track and Field Day, and Education through Sports Day. The Carnival features sack races, bean bag tosses, face painting, cotton candy and all of the traditional carnival games and trappings. The Sports Education Field Day offers free clinics in soccer, lacrosse, football, martial arts and other "non-traditional sports." It's a great chance for youth to try new things. Track and Field Day, which will also be held in each borough, provides the opportunity for youth to compete in borough-wide competitions leading up to the big event—the Citywide Olympics, which will be held on August 16th this year at Riverbank State Park in Harlem.

For the sixth year in a row, NYCHA will also host a Kids' Walk. Interested young residents can participate in the 5K walk-a-thon while learning about healthy living and just having a good time. This year, the Kids' Walk will be held in Staten Island's Clove Lakes Park on August 14th. The beautiful, green Clove Lakes Park is also the location for the annual Fishing Contest which is open to residents of all boroughs. Remember, it's a catch and release program, giving everyone a chance to have some fun in the sun, without hurting any fish.

Partners In Reading and Police Athletic League Playstreets

A summer session of the Partners in Reading program will be meeting at 69 Community Centers throughout the City from July 9th through August 9th. Partners in Reading helps children in the first through the third grades, ages 6 to 8 years old, improve their literacy skills. It is a collaboration between NYCHA, the Mayor's Office and the Department of Education.

And keep an eye open for the ever-popular Police Athletic League (PAL) Playstreets which will transform streets at 40 developments with recreational and educational activities. For information on Partners in Reading or the PAL Playstreets program, contact NYCHA's Educational Services Unit at (212) 306-3506, 3246 or 2935.

The Summer Food Service Program

It takes a lot of energy to participate in all of these activities and the Summer Food Service program is just the place to refuel. The program provides nutritious breakfasts, snacks and lunches at community facilities Citywide, absolutely free, for residents who are 18 years old and under. See the flyer on page 10 for exact locations.

Tino Hernandez

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FY 2007 Budget

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Budget Highlights

To further reduce spending, plans outlined in the 2007 budget include: a partial hiring freeze; the elimination of vacancies; the sale of surplus land to the City for affordable housing; the transfer of \$100 million in capital funds to the operating budget for maintenance; and the request that the State provide funding to support 15 State-constructed developments, which have received no funding since 1998. The current budget also calls for the elimination of 500 positions on October 1st.

2007 Federal Subsidy

For Fiscal Year 2007, NYCHA expects to receive only 83% of the funding it is due under the U.S. Department of Housing and Development's (HUD's) reduced funding formula. NYCHA's expected capital allocation is 23% less than what it received six years ago.

Legislative Action

NYCHA will continue to press its case in Albany for funding of the State-built developments. NYCHA is also supporting legislation introduced by State Senator Andrew Lanza and Assemblyman Vito Lopez that will provide the Authority with the same shelter allowance private landlords receive. This could bring NYCHA over \$26 million in the first year.

NYCHA is also awaiting a decision on its application to HUD to transition 8,400 City and State units into the Section 8 program. This would bring NYCHA an expected \$35.7 million in additional revenue in 2008 and \$63 million in 2009.

In addition, NYCHA is advocating for an increase in the HUD appropriation so that we receive 90% of our operating subsidy in 2008, rather than the 85% expected. NYCHA is also urging the passage of legislation introduced by Senator Charles Schumer and Congress Member Nydia Velázquez to federalize the City- and State-built units in 21 developments, making them eligible to receive federal funding. This would bring the Housing Authority \$54 million starting in 2008 if the bill becomes law.

"The plan of action set forth in this budget can be adjusted and mitigated by every new dollar received from the State and Federal governments," the Chairman stated.

DEBORAH'S DIARY

By Deborah Williams

**Academic Excellence Brings High Praise—**

The June 2007 issue of *Ebony Magazine* named Aduza Agyapon, of Straus Houses in Manhattan, as one of the "Top Black High School Seniors in 2007." The magazine states that these seniors are "the voices of the next generation."

In an interview with the Central Pennsylvania newspaper, *The Patriot-News*, Aduza said she had a hard time believing she'd be selected but her mother, Carmen Williams, encouraged her to apply. "She showed me the magazine and said, 'You could be just like one of these students someday,'" Aduza is quoted as saying.

What is so special about Aduza is her commitment to education and her humanitarian spirit. Aduza, who is just 17 years old, graduated on June 10th from the Milton Hershey School (MHS), a boarding school in Hershey, Pennsylvania, with a 3.98 grade point average. She ranked in the top five percent of her class of 130 and held the distinguished honor of being salutatorian. In her senior year, Aduza was president of the Student Government Association and the Model United Nations program and continued to write for the school magazine, *The Spartan Spirit*.

Aduza received national attention in 2006, when she was inducted into the National Honor Society and was listed on the Distinguished Honor Roll and the Effort & Conduct Award list, as well as being listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students." She was a lifeguard, volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and also received the Kodak Young Leaders Award.

Aduza had been attending the Milton Hershey School since the third grade. Now, so many years later, she is ready to leave a place that her mother refers to as Aduza's second home. But she is well prepared, because, as Ms. Williams said, "MHS has a program for seniors called Transitional Living where they learn what it's like to live in a dorm environment, prepare their own meals, shop for food, and budget their money."

Aduza will begin a new life in August at Yale University. As far as Yale goes, it has been her first, last and only choice of colleges. "We went to a pre-freshman orientation back in April and it was love at first sight," Ms. Williams said. "It was my first time there and it's quite a place. I told Aduza, I wish I'd gone there."

During the orientation at Yale, Aduza met some new friends and even ran into one of the girls she was in Argentina with last summer, where she was working as an American Field Service ambassador in an orphanage. As of the writing of this article, Aduza was busy making a documentary about her trip for an independent study class.

At Yale, Aduza plans to study ethics, politics and economics, and minor in international studies. She is also interested in journalism. "I'd like to work for PBS or NPR and be really involved with things that pertain to the entire community; letting people know what the truth is," said Aduza to reporter Daniel Victor of the *Patriot-News*. By the way, Aduza was also a *Patriot-News* "Best and Brightest" nominee.

She plans to spend part of her summer working as a lifeguard. Aduza told *Ebony Magazine*, "I value education because it provides a sense of liberation. Knowledge allows people to understand their world. In the future, I hope to contribute to the betterment of society by exposing people to the truth through journalism, as well as through participation in community service organizations."

Aduza, I remember writing about your achievements last year in the June 2006 issue of the Journal. You were doing great then but now you are phenomenal! Back then I referred to you as a scholar among scholars, and I was right as Ebony Magazine has recognized you as one of the best. Reading your thoughts on education I can tell that you have grown into an accomplished, highly motivated young lady. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you on all of your achievements. I wish you well at Yale and in all your future endeavors!

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 better yet, you can e-mail me at: williamd3@nycha.nyc.gov. Or hey, make it personal! Give me a call at (212) 306-4752. I can't 100% guarantee it, but I'll do my best to see that your good news makes it into this column.

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. This list is part of NYCHA's effort to keep residents informed of the Housing Authority's ongoing effort 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 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2006. **Please note: These exclusions are based on NYCHA's Administrative Hearing Process and should not be confused with the Trespass Notice Program under Mayor Bloomberg's Operation Safe Housing Initiative.**

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Alton Gardner III	Case 1104/06 formerly associated with the seventh floor of 1810 Watson Avenue, Bronxdale Houses, the Bronx.
Pierre Holmes	Case 331/06 formerly associated with the tenth floor of 2945-49 West 23rd Street, Carey Gardens Houses, Brooklyn.
Will P. Barnes	Case 1074/06 formerly associated with the thirteenth floor of 1785 Story Avenue, Monroe Houses, the Bronx.
Myown Allen	Case 1151/06 formerly associated with the second floor of 275 Westwood Avenue, Todt Hill Houses, Staten Island.
James Williams	Case 659/05 formerly associated with the first floor of 1802 Story Avenue, Monroe Houses, the Bronx.
Jonathan Ellis	Case 939/06 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 525 Fountain Avenue, Cypress Hills Houses, Brooklyn.
Justice Vick	Case 1178/06 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 263 Westwood Avenue, Todt Hill Houses, Staten Island.

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Carlton Murray	Case 232/05 formerly associated with the seventh floor of 439 Beach 54th Street, Edgemere Houses, Far Rockaway.
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Noel Garrison	Case 1327/06 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 860 Columbus Avenue, Douglass Houses, Manhattan.
Donald Little	Case 1215/06 formerly associated with the nineteenth floor of 405 East 92nd Street, Issacs Holmes Houses, Manhattan.
Jimmy Smith	Case 1391/06 formerly associated with the first floor of 105 Avenue X, Marlboro Houses, Brooklyn.

Prohibited as of March 22, 2006

Tysean Bell	Case 1486/06 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 2304 West 8th Street, Marlboro Houses, Brooklyn.
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Clifford Brantley	Case 1550/06 formerly associated with the thirteenth floor of 60 East 135th Street, Lincoln Houses, Manhattan.
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Michael Pippins Michael Cobbs Demetrius Pippins Jerome Cobb	Case 1598/06 formerly associated with the fifteenth floor of 2250 West 11th Street, Marlboro Houses, Brooklyn.
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Reginald Glenn	Case 1684/06 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 23991 Eighth Avenue, Polo Grounds Houses, Manhattan.

Stewart-Cousins

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Senate, Mrs. Stewart-Cousins was appointed Director of Community Affairs for the City of Yonkers. In this position she was able to start internships for young people, including one for hearing impaired youngsters. "We were also able to start doing things with businesses owned by women and minorities, and tried to create access and raise consciousness," she said.

After this, Mrs. Stewart-Cousins was elected to the Westchester County Board of Legislators, making her the first African-American woman to represent Yonkers. She



held this position for ten years. And according to Mrs. Stewart-Cousins, none of this was planned. "I had no inclination to go into public life or public service," she said in between chuckles.

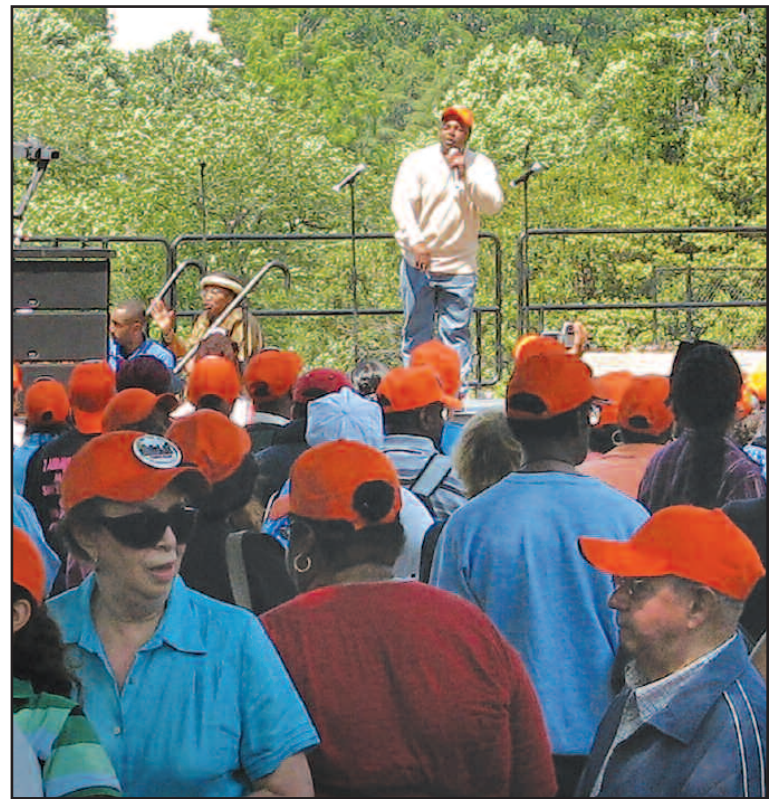
Coming Full Circle

Mrs. Stewart-Cousins said that knowing a little about life in public housing helps her be a good advocate for housing, for affordable housing, and for people who live in public housing. "We have to continue as a society and as individuals to invest in keeping those types of affordable housing options available—safe, clean, secure, and well-funded. That's certainly something that as a State Senator I hope to help do."

Senator Stewart-Cousins also added that she hopes that being a former resident of public housing helps her make deeper connections with her constituency. "Hopefully people will know that I will always be available and will never forget that humble beginnings are just another way to start the path. It doesn't have to be an obstruction or an obstacle."

Senator Stewart-Cousins resides in Yonkers with her husband. They have three children and two grandchildren.

Residents Rally in Washington for Federal Public Housing Funds



UNITED WE STAND NYCHA residents joined community advocacy groups in Washington, D.C. to rally for federal funding.

By Allan Leicht

"THE RALLY WAS GREAT BECAUSE IT BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER, AND NOW WE HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AS WELL." These words summed up the feelings of New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) resident Linda Duke, who was one of almost 2,000 residents who traveled to Washington D.C. on May 15th to deliver the message that they are serious when it comes to funding for public housing.

"I think we accomplished what we set out to do, which was to be seen and heard," said Ms. Duke, who is a former Resident Association President from Mitchell Houses in the Bronx, where she has lived for the past 42 years. "We really came together."

The residents filled 59 buses shortly after dawn and headed down to the rally at the U.S. Capi-

tol in Washington's Upper Senate State Park. It was the second rally they have held recently to express their concerns about public housing funding. The first was in Albany.

The rally was organized by the Citywide Council of Presidents and the Resident Advisory Board, who worked in collaboration with

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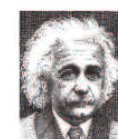
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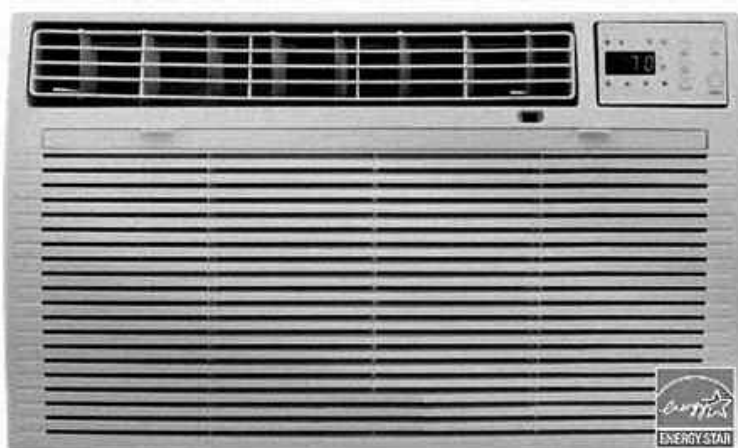
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NOTICE

New York City Housing Authority Draft Agency Annual Plan for FY 2008

In accordance with Section 5A of the Housing Act of 1937 as amended, the New York City Housing Authority ("NYCHA") has developed a *Draft Agency Annual Plan for FY 2008*.

Availability of the Draft Agency Annual Plan for Public Inspection

The public is advised that the *Draft Agency Annual Plan for FY 2008* will be available for public inspection at NYCHA's principal office, located at 250 Broadway, 12th Floor, Reception Area, New York, NY, from May 21, 2007 through August 1, 2007, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The *Draft Agency Annual Plan for FY 2008* will also be available at the following locations:

- On NYCHA's webpage, which is located on <http://www.nyc.gov/nycha>
- At the Management Office of each NYCHA public housing development during regular business hours.
- At the Community Centers/site listed below during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.:

Campos Plaza Community Center 611 East 13 th Street New York, New York	Fort Independence Community Center 3350 Bailey Avenue Bronx, New York	Atlantic Terminal Community Center 501 Carlton Avenue Brooklyn, New York
King Towers Community Center 2 West 115 th Street New York, New York	Bland Community Center 133-36 Roosevelt Avenue Flushing, New York	Breukelen Community Center 715 East 105 th Street Brooklyn, New York
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Public Comment

The public is invited to attend any of the five scheduled Town Hall meetings at which the public may raise questions regarding the *Draft Annual Plan for FY 2008*. These meetings will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the dates and locations shown below:

Tuesday, June 5, 2007 Staten Island IS 49 Dreyfus Intermediate School 101 Warren Street at Gordon Street Staten Island, New York		Wednesday, June 6, 2007 Brooklyn New York College of Technology Klitgord Auditorium 285 Jay Street at Tillary Street Brooklyn, New York
Tuesday, June 12, 2007 Queens Elechester Industrial Center 67-35 Parsons Blvd at Jewel Ave Flushing, New York	Monday, June 18, 2007 Manhattan Fashion Institute of Technology Haft Auditorium 7 th Avenue & 27 th Street New York, New York	Thursday, June 21, 2007 Bronx Classic Center at Melrose 286 E. 156 at Morris Avenue Bronx, New York

The public is also invited to comment on the *Draft Annual Agency Plan for FY 2008* at a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, August 1, 2007 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at

The Manhattan Center

Grand Ballroom
311 West 34th Street
New York, New York

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

Written comments regarding the Draft Annual Agency Plan for FY 2008 are encouraged. To be considered, **submissions must be received via United States Postal mail no later than August 1, 2007**. Faxed submissions will **not** be accepted. Comments may be sent to the following address:

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

Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor

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West Nile Virus Mosquito Treatment

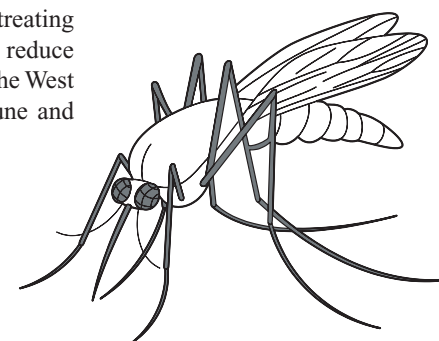
The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) will be treating all of the catch basins located in NYCHA developments to reduce the mosquito population and minimize the transmission of the West Nile Virus. These applications will take place between June and October of 2007. The larvicides being used are:

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Contact names and numbers for these applications are:

- NYC Housing Authority: Jamal Rashid, Coordinator - 718-707-5808, available from 8:30 am-4:30 pm;
- Luis Ponce, Deputy Director - 718-707-5323, available from 9 am-5 pm;
- NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Region 2, Bureau of Pesticide Management - 718-482-4994,
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BROOKLYN SOUTH/WEST	FRIDAY, AUGUST 10 AT PROSPECT PARK	FRIDAY, JULY 13 AT RED HOOK PARK	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 AT PROSPECT PARK		
MANHATTAN	TUESDAY, JULY 31 AT CENTRAL PARK	THURSDAY, AUGUST 9 AT RIVERBANK STATE PARK	FRIDAY, JULY 27 AT CENTRAL PARK		
QUEENS	WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 AT BAISLEY PARK	WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 AT BAISLEY PARK	FRIDAY, JULY 20 AT BAISLEY PARK		
STATEN ISLAND	THURSDAY, JULY 19 AT CLOVE LAKES PARK	TUESDAY, JULY 10 AT CORPORAL THOMPSON PARK	TUESDAY, JULY 17 AT CLOVE LAKES PARK		
	FISHING CONTEST	TBA STATEN ISLAND FISHING CONTEST AT CLOVE LAKES PARK	CITYWIDE OLYMPICS	THURSDAY, AUGUST 16 AT RIVERBANK STATE PARK	

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27th Resident Art Show!



Deputy Director Ukah Busgith with International Tower Community Center Director Elsie Robinson and resident Emma Bazile.

By Eileen Elliott

NYCHA KICKED OFF ITS MONTH-LONG 2007 RESIDENT ART SHOW AT THE RUTGERS HOUSES COMMUNITY CENTER ON MANHATTAN'S LOWER EAST SIDE ON JUNE 6TH. BOARD MEMBER MARGARITA LÓPEZ SUMMED UP THE EXPERIENCE WHEN SHE TOLD THE SENIOR RESIDENT ARTISTS, AND NYCHA STAFF AND CONSULTANTS WHO GATHERED TOGETHER IN THE GYMNASIUM, "LAST YEAR, I THOUGHT THE ART WAS GOOD. THIS YEAR, IT IS EXQUISITE."

Chairman Tino Hernandez joined Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr. and Board Member López to congratulate the 250 winning artists whose works were on display in the Center's hallways and gymnasium. The art

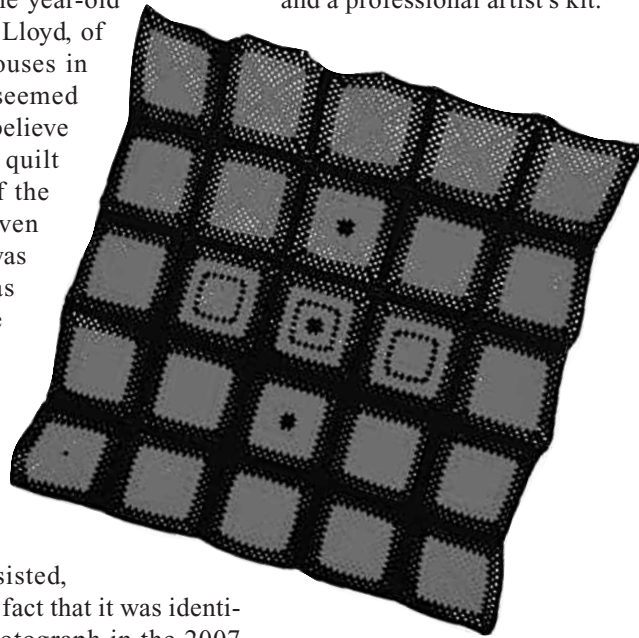
included computer graphics, digital photography, murals, prints, puppets, quilts, ceramics, and acrylic, tempera and watercolor painting. This year, for the first time, children also had the opportunity to create comic strips.

In addition to the seniors, more than 160 youth whose works were chosen for the show were honored in a separate ceremony the following day. They were among a total of 1,600 resident artists who participated in 80 workshops conducted by Harborview Visual Arts consultants throughout the City from September through June.

"This show is a great illustration of all the talent we have," said longtime Harborview Arts Coordinator Wylie Lucero in introducing the show. "Art can record feelings, emotions, dreams, things that have never been seen before."

Sixty-nine year-old Terry Hall Lloyd, of Astoria Houses in Queens, seemed unable to believe that her quilt was one of the winners, even though it was hanging as large as life from the gymnasium ceiling.

"No, that's not mine," she insisted, despite the fact that it was identical to a photograph in the 2007



SUNSET is the name Queens resident Terry Hall Lloyd gave to the quilt she crocheted in the Needle Craft workshops Astoria.

Resident Art Show catalogue with her name beneath it. "They must not have accepted it." After repeated insistence that the beautiful red and black crocheted quilt on display was indeed hers, a broad smile broke across Ms. Lloyd's face. "Let me put my glasses on," she said, reaching into her purse. "I guess they did take it," she said finally. "It looks so different up there."

The spirit of the event was captured by the NYCHA Senior Chorus, Voices Across the City, led by Carrie Jones, and the Voices Across the City Band. All winning artists received a medal and a professional artist's kit.

Residents Rally in Washington

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advocacy organizations such as the Community Service Society (CSS), the Resident Alliance, the Good Old Lower East Side (GOLES) and Friends of the Court. NYCHA residents underscored their message with a sea of orange hats bearing the insignia, "United We Stand; Divided We Are Homeless."

"The folks who came out in their orange hats made for a very inspirational feeling," said Ethel Velez who is Executive Director of the Resident Alliance and Resident Association President of James Weldon Johnson Houses in Manhattan. "And the elected officials knew; they heard our voices."

NYCHA residents from all five boroughs were joined at the rally by two bus loads of District Council 37 members, and residents from the Washington, D.C. Housing Authority. The residents urged Congress to increase the federal budget for public housing and reverse a decade of declining or stagnant funding.

"If public housing needs to be changed then let's get together and change it," said Ms. Velez. "It was so great to see the whole NYCHA family pulling together. Everyone was very happy they went—people felt empowered."

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