

NYCHA ADOPTS CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 — 2012

By Eileen Elliott

THE NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY (NYCHA) BOARD APPROVED A FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEARS 2008 THROUGH 2012, PRESENTED BY DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER FOR FINANCE FELIX LAM AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S BOARD MEETING HELD ON APRIL 30TH, AT ITS CENTRAL OFFICE IN MANHATTAN. "The \$2.7 billion capital budget reflects a disturbing trend with respect to federal support for public housing nationally," Mr. Lam said. He went on to explain that between 2001 and 2008 there has been a 19% reduction in capital dollars from the federal government, while construction costs have increased substantially. "This is a double hit for the Housing Authority," he said. NYCHA is already facing a \$195 million operating budget deficit for Fiscal Year 2008.

Nearly 75% of the money for the capital budget comes from the Federal government (the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)), approximately 15% comes from the sale of bonds, nearly 9% comes from the City and 1.5% comes from the State.

Deputy General Manager for Capital Projects Louie Rueda provided highlights of the Capital budget.

Manhattan

In Manhattan, \$24 million is being allocated for new kitchens for East Harlem's Thomas Jefferson Houses, completed in 1959, and \$15 million for new kitchens for Jacob Riis Houses on the Lower East Side, which was completed in 1949. The kitchen renovations will include new cabinets, plumbing, and fixtures.

Also in Manhattan, 22 vacant buildings of Randolph Houses' 39 buildings, located on West 114th Street between Powell and Frederick Douglass Boulevards, will be demolished and a new building will be constructed with 154 units. This \$53 million project will include a new basketball court. The new building will be a LEED-certified green building. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, and is a green building rating system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council that sets the standards for environmentally sustainable construction.

Brooklyn

In Brooklyn, \$40 million has been dedicated for the completion of the last phase of the renovation of Whitman-Ingersoll Houses, bringing the total spent on the renovation there up to \$170 million. The Walt Whitman and Raymond V. Ingersoll Houses, completed in 1944, were originally designed to serve as temporary housing for veterans returning from World War II, and were never intended as permanent housing. The money will be used to bring the low-rise apartments up to standard conditions.

Also in Brooklyn, \$22 million has been allocated for Red Hook Houses, in the Red Hook neighborhood of Brooklyn, allowing NYCHA to complete the roof, facade and brickwork there. NYCHA has already spent \$17 million on renovations at Red Hook East and West, which were completed in 1939 and 1955 respectively.

Other Innovations

Continuing with NYCHA's environmental efforts, money has been allocated for the installation of water meters in various developments in Brooklyn East so that NYCHA can analyze and assess residents' water usage to take better advantage of water-saving measures. Until now, NYCHA has paid for water using frontage rates for buildings that are unmetered.

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Congress Member Nydia Velazquez at NYCHA's LES I Houses in Manhattan on May 12th.

Velázquez Announces New Home Health Care Bill to Benefit Seniors and Residents

By Eileen Elliott

REPRESENTATIVE NYDIA VELÁZQUEZ HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY'S (NYCHA'S) LOWER EAST SIDE I IN MANHATTAN ON THE MORNING OF MAY 12TH TO ANNOUNCE NEW LEGISLATION THAT WOULD BENEFIT NYCHA'S RESIDENTS AND SENIORS. If passed, the "Home Health Services Job Training and Caregiving Act of 2008" will create a three-year federal pilot training program, providing \$2.5 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for public housing residents to receive training from State-certified organizations. The newly trained aides would then be matched with elderly or disabled public housing residents who are Medicaid eligible. "By 2030, the last of the baby boomers will be at least 65 years old," the Congress Member told the seniors and community based supporters gathered in the Community Center. "That will be a challenge for us. With seniors making up one-third of our residents adequate health care must be in place." Noting that home health care costs less than half that of institutionalized care, the Congress Member promised, "We are going show the administration this is a smart thing to do."

Congress Member Velázquez went on to say that the benefits of the bill are twofold: it will create job opportunities for public housing residents and it will provide much needed services for NYCHA's senior population. "Our parents and grandparents deserve to stay in their homes as long as it is safe for them to do so," Ms. Velázquez said.

Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Healthcare Chairman Dennis Rivera committed the support of his organization's 1.9 million members and emphasized that the legislation would benefit senior public housing residents nationwide, not just in New York City. "All studies show that seniors would rather be home than in an institutional setting," Mr. Rivera said.

A high percentage of public housing residents across the country are seniors: according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development—35% in Chicago, 33%

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Summer's Here: Take Advantage of the Department of Youth and Community Development's Out-of-School Time Programs



SUMMER IS A GREAT TIME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S (DYCD) OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME (OST) INITIATIVE. OST programs—which operate after school, during holidays and in the summer—feature a mix of academic, recreational and cultural activities for young people (grades K-12). Programs are free of charge and located in every neighborhood across the City.

OST participants engage in challenging and fun activities that support their growth, including field trips, music, sports, arts and computers. Programming is provided in a safe and supportive environment where your child can learn new skills, develop talents in a variety of areas, make new friends and develop meaningful relationships with adults. Healthy snacks are provided. There are separate programs for elementary, middle school, and high school students.

New York City's OST programs are designed to meet the needs of working parents, especially during the summer. The camps run from 8AM to 6PM for eight weeks during July and August. There are 280 conveniently located OST Summer Day Camp programs operating throughout the five boroughs, including 19 OST Summer Day Camps located at facilities on NYCHA property. To see a list of these programs, visit www.nyc.gov/dycd or call (800) 246-4646.

The OST program operated by Phipps Community Development Corporation at the Melrose Community Center in the South Bronx is a great example of how this initiative is changing the lives of young people. Some of the activities recently offered at Melrose include basketball, gardening, yoga, cooking, and music.

Get the season off to a great start and enroll your child in one of the City's OST Summer Day Camps. Just call (800) 246-4646 and ask about signing up for OST. You'll be glad you did.

Michael R. Bloomberg

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Residents Stretch Mind and Body with MMDG

By Eileen Elliott

SOMETIMES LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING HAS ITS PERKS — LIKE FREE DANCE CLASSES TAUGHT BY DANCERS FROM ONE OF THE WORLD'S LEADING DANCE COMPANIES AT THE BEAUTIFUL MARK MORRIS DANCE CENTER IN FT. GREEN, BROOKLYN. The Mark Morris Dance Group (MMDG) recently celebrated its 25th anniversary with over 100 performances through 26 cities in the United States and 10 in the United Kingdom.

"Master classes at Mark Morris were among the prizes for winners of NYCHA's Annual Talent Show Competition," said Mark Morris Education Director Eva Nichols, one recent spring afternoon at the dance center, "and the idea for the scholarships grew out of that."

Initially, Mark Morris offered 35 scholarships for children in NYCHA's after-school program, but over the course of the year the number of scholarships grew to 100, and now the program includes teens and seniors.

"We want all different age groups to be able to take classes here regardless of finances," Ms. Nichols continued. "We teach a little modern, a little jazz. With the seniors it's a little more general."

Currently youth ages 6 to 12 from Walt Whitman Houses and Wycoff Gardens participate; teens from Unity Plaza and Stuyvesant Gardens, and seniors from Sumner Houses and Saratoga Square, also participate.

Mark Morris is known for its commitment to live music, and that commitment applies to the dance classes offered to NYCHA residents, where a pianist accompanies the dance instruction. "It's nice for the kids to experience a professional environment. These classes bring it all together, stretching mind and body, fun and discipline," Ms. Nichols commented.

"The exposure to a professional dance studio and professional instruction most certainly has made a positive impact on the participants," said Community Operations



LOOSENING UP (Above) MMDG instructor Joe Bowie leads seniors from Brooklyn's Saratoga Square in a dance at the beautiful Mark Morris Dance Center in Ft. Greene. (At Right) "Dancer" Patricia Watts.



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Help New York City This Summer With These Energy-Conservation Tips



ENERGY CONSERVATION IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY. It is especially important to conserve energy in the summer, when the demand is highest.

The Housing Authority has a number of "green" initiatives to reduce energy consumption in our 343 developments across the City. These initiatives include replacing standard light bulbs with Compact Fluorescent Lamps, or CFLs, and replacing old water heaters with the much more energy-efficient

instantaneous hot water heaters. These initiatives will help reduce NYCHA's impact on the carbon footprint by producing less of the greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide. And because CFLs and instantaneous hot water heaters use less energy, another benefit is immediate savings for the Housing Authority. And as we all know, in this era of underfunding for public housing, saving money is high on the list of NYCHA's priorities.

No one is in a better position to help NYCHA save money and energy than you, the 400,000 residents of public housing. Think about it; if NYCHA were a City we would be the 17th largest city in the United States! And if everyone who lived in an entire city paid attention to things like turning off lights, televisions, air conditioners and other electrical appliances when not in use, the benefits could be enormous. Please follow these simple guidelines from ConEdison when using energy this summer:

Cooling

Inspect and clean your air conditioner each year, and clean or replace air conditioner filters at least once a month. Set your air conditioner to 78 degrees; setting it any lower can increase costs by up to 40%. Don't air condition an empty room. Turn your air conditioner off when you leave home. Use fans whenever possible instead of air conditioning; you may want to turn off the air conditioner and start using a fan once the room has reached a comfortable temperature. Don't run an air-conditioner when the outdoor temperature is below 70 degrees. When buying an air conditioner, check with your management office first; make sure you buy the right size for the space you want to cool; and don't forget to purchase ENERGY STAR models. Remember, you must obtain written approval from your Management Office before installing an air conditioner. Keeping the drapes drawn over windows that face southeast and west will help to keep unwanted heat out of your home.

Lighting

Replace all regular light bulbs with CFLs. Not only do CFLs use about 75% less electricity than standard bulbs but they last ten times longer, and generate approximately 75% less heat. Shut off all the lights when you leave a room. During the day, let daylight do the work and turn off lights near windows. Instead of lighting an entire room, focus the light where you need it.

Appliances

If you wish to install a washing machine in your apartment, you must obtain written approval from your Management Office. Please follow the specific instructions for installation issued by NYCHA and remember to only use low-suds detergents. Don't forget to choose ENERGY STAR-qualified appliances, which use 10% to 50% less electricity—look for the yellow ENERGY STAR label.

Use the energy-saving setting for all appliances that have them. Set your refrigerator to 40 degrees. Open the refrigerator and freezer doors only when necessary. When cooking, don't open the oven door more than necessary—each time you open the door you lose 25 to 50 degrees. Use your clothes washer only when full.

Turn off all computers, printers and electronic devices when not in use. Using a surge protector that allows you to plug several items into one strip will make this easier.

Thanks for your help. Together we can really make a difference. For more energy-saving tips, visit nyc.gov or call 311. Please report any energy or water-wasting conditions to NYCHA's Centralized Call Center (CCC) at (718) 707-7771.

Tino Hernandez

BOROUGH DIGEST

The Bronx: It was "Hip-Hop Under the Big Top," when The UniverSoul Circus entertained between 800 and 900 young NYCHA residents at Orchard Beach in the Bronx on April 30th, with NYCHA's Bronx Borough Director Michael Cornelius and Bronx Borough Community Operations Director Iliia Figueroa serving as Honorary Ring Masters. The event was sponsored by Senator Ruben Diaz' office. Established in 1994 in Atlanta, Georgia, the UniverSoul Circus brings together African American circus entertainers from around the world for a unique circus with flair.

Brooklyn: Three NYCHA developments in Brooklyn recently celebrated anniversaries. Sumner Houses, located in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood, which is home to over 2,300 residents, celebrated its 50th anniversary on May 14, 2008.



Shown above, left to right, are Sumner Houses Superintendent Richard Solivan, Resident Association President Raymond Ballard, and Manager Winnifred Quinton.

Brownsville Houses, located in the Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn, completed in 1948, and home to over 3,500 residents, celebrated its 60th Anniversary on April 16.



Shown above, left to right, are Assistant Superintendent Clayton McDonald, Resident Association President Laura Morgan, and Manager Samuel Bamiro.

The landmark Williamsburg Houses in the Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn, which is home to over 3,100

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DEBORAH'S DIARY

By Deborah Williams



How would you get illegal guns off the streets? That's the question that was posed to youth at New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)-run Community Centers in the boroughs of Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens this spring, in an essay contest co-sponsored by Police Service Area (P.S.A. #2) and NYCHA's Department of Community Operations.

It all started when gun crimes in the Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn early this year led Community Affairs Officers from P.S.A. #2, NYCHA Community Center Directors, and concerned parents to think about ways of getting young people involved in the creation of anti-gun programs and initiatives. The answer: an essay contest. Led by P.S.A. #2 Community Affairs Officer Detective Walter Brant, the contest was entitled, "Bridging the Gap: Stop Illegal Guns Together." Children between the ages of six and 12 were asked to answer the question, "If you were the Commanding Officer of P.S.A. #2 what would you do to get illegal guns off the streets in your community?"

The idea spread and soon not only Brooklyn but also NYCHA's Manhattan and Queens Community Operations Borough Offices were soliciting essay submissions from youth at Community Centers in those boroughs. They received a total of 250 essays from 27 Centers.

And who better than the boroughs' District Attorneys to serve as judges? The Kings County District Attorney (DA) Charles J. Hynes, New York DA Robert M. Morgenthau, and Queens DA Richard A. Brown made the final selections and an awards ceremony was held for the winners on April 30th at the Seth Low Community Center in East New York. DA Hynes served as a keynote speaker and joined P.S.A. #2 Captain Corey Pegues to present the awards.

Four overall winners were chosen, two from Brooklyn and two from Manhattan. The first-place Brooklyn winner was Michelle DeJesus from the Van Dyke Community Center and the second-place Brooklyn winner was Lennox Bradley from the Unity Plaza Community Center. The first-place Manhattan winner was Ernest Brown from the Two Bridges Community Center and the second-place Manhattan winner was Dejah Forbes from the St. Nicholas Community Center. All four received \$100 gift certificates.

And the other winners, each of whom received a \$50 gift certificate were:

From Brooklyn: Abiola Ajihola from Albany, Nadasia Durant from Boulevard, Crystal Ferguson from Cypress Hills, Christopher Stewart from Glenmore Plaza, Brandon Hickman from Kingsborough, Kaylya Palado from Langston Hughes, Derrell Robinson from Park Rock, Brianna Hedge from Tilden, Antanique Williams from Seth Low, and Evelyn Robinson from Weeksville.

From Manhattan: Zhane Spencer from Baruch, Malik Johnson from Campos, Emanuel Robinson from Jackie Robinson, Dantae Moore from Jacob Riis, Amanda Sevilla from Lehman Village, Tyri Dixon from Lincoln Houses, Allyha Phillips from Polo Grounds, Jashauna Blount from Rangel, Chermel Thompson from Rutgers, Barbara Barry from Seward Park, Keenya Eason from Taft, and David Sanchez from Two Bridges.

From Queens: Jesine Raihan from Astoria; Kayla Lewis from Bland, Tyriek Skipper from Ravenswood, and Shannel Simmons from Woodside.

So, what would young NYCHA residents do to keep guns off the streets? Michelle DeJesus wrote that she would create a book showing the damage guns do and listing all of the positive alternatives. The book would be entitled, "Stop Using Illegal Guns—Get Something Better To Do." Lennox Bradley, who was shot himself when he was nine years old (he's 12 now) suggested that "gun store owners need to do a better job at looking into a gun purchaser's background." Dejah Forbes wrote that "instead of locking up our youth I would open up a special program that will help them." Finally, Ernest Brown, who is only seven years old, wrote that he would "arrange a sting operation to arrest the people selling the guns and the people buying the guns."

Congratulations to all of the winners, and also to everyone who entered the contest. Writing is a great way to become involved and to let others know how you feel about the things that affect your life. It's great to know that so many of you were thinking about ways to keep guns off the streets and keep yourselves, your neighbors and your families safe. Keep up the good work!



Photo by Kevin McMikle

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 January 24 and 31, and February 7 and 28. 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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Ira Martin Case 285/07 formerly associated with the first floor of 849 Flushing Avenue, Bushwick Houses, Brooklyn.

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Vernice Gaither Case 7958/06 formerly associated with the second floor of 70 Lenox Avenue, King Towers, Manhattan.

Yusef Vann Case 4646/03 formerly associated with the third floor of 657 East 108th Street, Bruckelen Houses, Brooklyn.

Jamel Evans Case 240/07 formerly associated with the second floor of 40-01 12th Street, Queensbridge North Houses, Queens.

Tahrier Shirer Case 275/07 formerly associated with the eleventh floor of 545 West 126th Street, Manhattanville Houses, Manhattan.

Charles McCoy Case 312/07 formerly associated with the thirteenth floor of 2979 8th Avenue, Polo Grounds Houses, Manhattan.

Raquan Etheridge Case 344/07 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 40-15 12th Street, Queensbridge North Houses, Queens.

Davon DeCosta Case 373/07 formerly associated with the seventh floor of 818 Home Street, Union Avenue Consolidated the Bronx.

Prohibited as of February 7, 2007

Moises Valentine Case 66/07 formerly associated with the third floor of 1195 East 225th Street, Edenwald Houses, the Bronx.

Keiron Montgomery Case 6042/06 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 241 West 101st Street, Douglass Houses, Manhattan.

Wayne Gibson Case 504/07 formerly associated with the sixteenth floor of 545 West 126th Street, Manhattanville Houses, Manhattan.

Prohibited as of February 28, 2007

Jamel Davis Case 928/07 formerly associated with the ground floor of 1-25 Astoria Blvd., Astoria Houses, Queens.

Jose Contreras Case 961/07 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 515 Rosedale Avenue, Soundview Houses, the Bronx.

Taquan Hollmond Case 4210/03 formerly associated with the seventh floor of 5975 Shore Parkway, Bay View Houses, Brooklyn.

Louris Rodriguez Case 5868/06 formerly associated with the ground floor of 3-20 27th Avenue, Astoria Houses, Queens.

Edwin Palacios Case 1022/07 formerly associated with 165 St. Ann's Avenue, Millbrook Houses, the Bronx.

Julian Salley Case 1099/07 formerly associated with the second floor of 2839 West 33rd Street, Surfside Gardens, Brooklyn.

Anthony McClain Case 1089/07 formerly associated with the second floor of 1775 Bruckner Blvd., Bronxdale Houses, the Bronx.

Johnny McClain
Steven Wilson Case 1135/07 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 451 Columbia Street, Red Hook East Houses, Brooklyn.

BOROUGH DIGEST

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residents celebrated its 70th Anniversary on April 10, 2008.



Shown in the picture above, left to right, are Williamsburg Superintendent Felipe Sanchez, Manager Veronda Johnson, and Resident Association President Betty Jones.

In proclamations presented to the Managers and Resident Association Presidents of each of the developments, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg called them a testament to the quality of NYCHA developments in all parts of the City.

Manhattan: The Teamsters Local 237, which represents 6,000 NYCHA employees, held a rally in City Hall Park on May 1st to protest the federal budget cuts which have led to the layoff of NYCHA employees. NYCHA staff and residents came out to show their support. Speakers included Teamsters Union President Gregory Floyd and New York City Comptroller William Thompson.

Queens: The Jamaica Center Branch of the Carver Federal Savings Bank, located at 158-45 Archer Avenue, is now accepting monthly rent payments from NYCHA residents. Cash payments only will be accepted at the bank and will be credited to your account the same day if you pay before 3:00 in the afternoon. Just bring your remittance slip (rent bill) or bank slip and a photo identification, such as a driver's license. Using this new reliable, safe and convenient way to pay your rent also provides you with the opportunity to take advantage of other financial services offered by Carver.

Staten Island: Nineteen organizations were represented at the NYCHA Career Information Expo, held at the West Brighton Community Center on the evening of May 7th. The Expo, sponsored by City Council Member Michael E. McMahon, the Community Justice and Betterment Corporation and NYCHA's Department

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THE CHIEF'S CORNER

LET'S STOP THE USE OF ILLEGAL FIREWORKS AND ILLEGAL GUNS



HOUSING BUREAU POLICE
CHIEF JOANNE JAFFE

Hello again! As we come together to celebrate our nation's independence, the NYPD Housing Bureau encourages all residents to fully enjoy the festivities and celebrations associated with our national birthday.

However, it is also important to recognize the danger posed to our communities through the unsafe handling of illegal fireworks.

Unfortunately, every year at this time a number of individuals, often young people, who play with fireworks become injured—many seriously so. Injuries have included burns, permanent disfigurement, and even the loss of eyes, fingers and hands.

If you are aware of any information regarding the sale, delivery, or storage of illegal explosives or fireworks, I urge you to call 311. Your assistance in this matter can help save a child or an adult from being seriously injured.

I would also like to take this opportunity to address an issue that affects all of us—GUNS. An important part of our success in reducing crime has been due to the close working relationship between the residents of the New York City Housing Authority and the police department. You are the eyes and ears of the community. If you know someone who is carrying, selling or using handguns illegally, make an anonymous phone call to the GUN-STOP hotline. That's **1-866-GUN-STOP** or **1-866-486-7867**. Remember you don't have to leave your name. You could qualify for up to a \$1,000 reward.

As always, we rely on our strong partnership with the residents of New York City public housing to help us fight crime, address quality of life concerns and enhance public safety.

Have a **HAPPY** and **SAFE** Fourth of July.

*Joanne Jaffe
Chief of Housing*

NYCHA ADOPTS CAPITAL BUDGET

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The charge is based primarily on the width of the front of the building. The water meters will allow NYCHA to pay only for the water that is actually used, which will result in savings. Meters have already been installed at some developments in Queens, Manhattan and parts of the Bronx.

In addition the City will give NYCHA \$100 million over four years for the design and installation of 621 instantaneous hot water heaters to replace outdated existing hot water tanks. The new instantaneous hot water heaters reduce carbon dioxide emissions, require less maintenance, and do not waste water or energy since water is only heated as needed. Over 400 of the heaters have been installed in NYCHA developments since 2006.

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3657 BROADWAY

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NOTICE
New York City Housing Authority Draft Agency Annual Plan for FY 2009

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 2009*.

Availability of the Draft Agency Annual Plan for Public Inspection
 The public is advised that the *Draft Agency Annual Plan for FY 2009* will be available for public inspection at NYCHA's principal office, located at 250 Broadway, 12th Floor, Reception Area, New York, NY, from May 15, 2008 through August 15, 2008, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The *Draft Agency Annual Plan for FY 2009* will also be available at the following locations:

- On NYCHA's webpage, which is located on <http://www.nycha.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	Latimer Gardens Community Center 34-30 137 th Street Flushing, New York	Breeuklen Community Center 715 East 105 th Street Brooklyn, New York
St. Mary's Park Community Center 595 Trinity Ave Bronx, New York	Ocean Bay/Bayside Community Center 57-10 Beach Channel Drive Far Rockaway, New York	Staten Island Community Operations Borough Office 140 Richmond Terrace Staten Island, New York

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 2009*. These meetings will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the dates and locations shown below:

<i>Tuesday, June 3, 2008</i> Manhattan Fashion Institute of Technology Haft Auditorium 7 th Avenue & 27 th Street New York, New York	<i>Thursday, June 5, 2008</i> Brooklyn New York College of Technology Klitgord Auditorium 285 Jay Street at Tillary Street Brooklyn, New York
<i>Wednesday, June 11, 2008</i> Staten Island IS 49 Dreyfus Intermediate School 101 Warren Street at Gordon Street Staten Island, New York	<i>Monday, June 16, 2008</i> Queens Ellechester Industrial Center 67-35 Parsons Blvd at Jewel Ave Flushing, New York
<i>Thursday, June 19, 2008</i> 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 2009* at a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2008 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 2009 are encouraged. To be considered, **submissions must be received via United States Postal mail no later than August 15, 2008**. 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
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 New York, New York 10008-3422**

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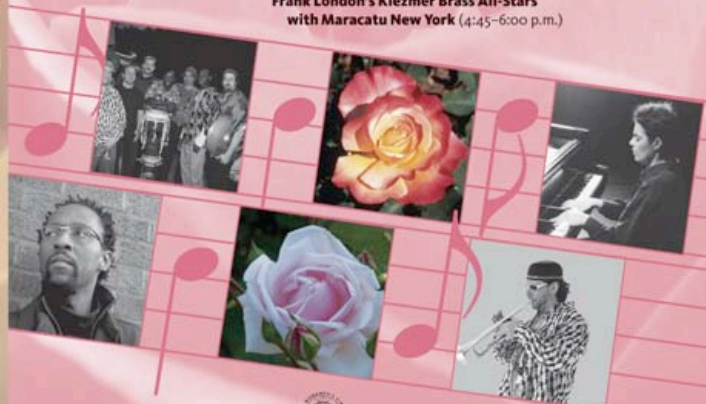
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Notice is hereby given that the New York City Housing Authority's Board Meetings take place every other Wednesday at 10AM (unless otherwise noted) in the Board Room on the 12th Floor of 250 Broadway, New York, New York. The remaining meetings for Calendar Year 2008 are as follows:

June 11, 2008
June 25, 2008
July 9, 2008
July 23, 2008
August 6, 2008
August 20, 2008
September 3, 2008
September 17, 2008
October 2, 2008 (Thursday)
October 16, 2008 (Thursday)
October 29, 2008
November 12, 2008
November 26, 2008
December 10, 2008
December 24, 2008



Any changes to the schedule above will be posted on NYCHA's Website at nyc.gov/nycha and in the NYCHA Journal to the extent practicable at a reasonable time before the meeting.

These meetings are open to the public. Pre-registration of speakers is required. Those who wish to register must do so at least forty-five (45) minutes before the scheduled Board Meeting. Comments are limited to the items on the agenda. Speakers will be heard in the order of registration. Speaking time will be limited to three (3) minutes. The public comment period will conclude upon all speakers being heard or at the expiration of thirty (30) minutes allotted by law for public comment, whichever occurs first.

For Board Meeting dates and times, and/or additional information, please visit our website at nyc.gov/nycha or contact us at (212) 306-6088. Copies of the agenda can be picked up at the Office of the Secretary at 250 Broadway, 12th floor, New York, New York, no earlier than 3P.M. on the Friday before the upcoming Wednesday Board Meeting.

Any person requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the Board Meeting, should contact the Office of the Secretary at (212) 306-6088 no later than five (5) business days before the Board Meeting.

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QUEENS – Tuesday, June 10, 2008 • 6:00pm – 9:00pm

(co-sponsored by Queens Borough President Helen M. Marshall)

York College, Main Building • 94 - 20 Guy R. Brewer Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens

Directions: E, J, Z Trains to Jamaica Center Parsons/Archer; Accessible by Queens MTA Buses and LIRR

STATEN ISLAND – Wednesday, June 18, 2008 • 6:00pm – 9:00pm

(co-sponsored by Staten Island Borough President James P. Molinaro)

Brighton Heights Reformed Church • 320 Saint Marks Place, St. George, Staten Island

Directions: Staten Island Ferry to St. George Ferry Terminal, walk up hill to St Marks Place or take S42 Bus to Central Avenue & Hyatt Street and walk to St Marks Place

BROOKLYN – Monday, June 23, 2008 • 6:00pm – 9:00pm

(co-sponsored by Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz)

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Residents Stretch Mind & Body

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Brooklyn Borough Director Ernesto Lozano. "We are now discussing the possibility of expanding even further by potentially creating a MMDG program at one of our NYCHA facilities."

"The seniors are totally open, and very supportive of each other; they're full of life, and practical and pragmatic when it comes to how they approach things," dance instructor Joe Bowie said before the start of a class. "And they're not shy about pointing out their improvement."

"I love it," said 63-year-old Patricia Watts, who has been a resident of Saratoga Square for one year, and has been taking the dance classes for two months. "It loosens up your body, your joints."

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BOROUGH DIGEST

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 of Resident Employment Services, provided an opportunity for all Staten Island residents to learn about available job training and education programs. Participating organizations included the Edward J. Malloy Initiative for Construction Skills, the College of Staten Island, the City's Department For the Aging, New York Life Insurance and Staten Island WorkForce1.

Velázquez Bill for Seniors

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 in Boston and 40% in Los Angeles. In New York City, 34.5% of NYCHA's households are headed by a senior aged 62 or older.

This program is a win-win for everyone," said NYCHA Vice-Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr.

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**New York City Housing Authority
Department of Equal Opportunity
250 Broadway, 27th floor
New York, NY 10007
Telephone (212) 306-4468
Fax: (212) 306-4439
TTY: (212) 306-4845**

Or by contacting any of the following federal, state or city human rights agencies listed below:

**New York City Commission on Human Rights
40 Rector Street, 9th floor
New York, NY 10006
(212) 306-7500**

**New York State Division of Human Rights
20 Exchange Place, 2nd floor
New York, New York 10005
(212) 480-2522**

**United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity
26 Federal Plaza, Room 3532
New York, New York 10278
(212) 264-1290 Extension 7534
250 Broadway, 27th floor
(212) 480-2522**

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Contact names and numbers for this application are:

NYC Housing Authority:
Cal Bruno, Deputy Director
718-707-5281 available from 9 am - 5 pm

Jamal Rashid, Technical Resource Advisor,
718-707-5808 available from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Region 2,
Bureau of Pesticide Management - 718-482-4994

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Brooklyn, New York, NY 11217

