



CM Sanders Allocates \$2M for CCTV at Redfern Houses

By Eileen Elliott

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES SANDERS, JR. ANNOUNCED AN ALLOCATION OF \$2 MILLION FOR CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) AT THE REDFERN HOUSES IN FAR ROCKAWAY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD IN THE DEVELOPMENT'S COMMUNITY CENTER ON MARCH 23RD. The Council Member was joined by Congress Member Gregory Meeks, New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) Chairman Ricardo Elías Morales and Redfern Resident Association President Doris Jacobs. The money will be used to install 141 cameras in the development's nine buildings. Redfern will be the first NYCHA development in the Rockaways to receive the CCTV system.

"This site, Redfern Houses, has a lot of historical pain," the Council Member said in his opening remarks, referring to 15-year-old Brandon Bethea, who was killed by a stray bullet last May, and other shootings. "But none of us have given up. None of us have said there isn't more to the story."

The Council Member thanked State Senator Malcolm Smith for helping to focus all concerned after Ms. Bethea's murder, and for allocating money to keep the Community Center open after it had been closed because of NYCHA's budget deficit. (The Center is now a sponsored site, run by the Police Athletic League.)

Since 1997, 5,000 cameras have been installed in over 365 buildings in 60 NYCHA developments. The strategically placed cameras act as a deterrent to prevent crime as well as serving the valuable function of recording incidents of crime, which can then be reviewed by the police.

Special Gunshot Technology

Redfern will be the very first NYCHA development to have cameras with the special ability to pinpoint gunshots. NYCHA will be taking guidance from the NYPD with regard to which gunshot system to use.

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Tree Plantings Kick Off Earth Week

On Saturday, April 18th, 300 community volunteers and invited New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) residents gathered at Pomonok Houses in Flushing, Queens to plant trees on the grounds of the 56-year-old development. This initiative was the first of several tree planting volunteer events that are scheduled to occur throughout the spring. The event was a collaboration between MillionTreesNYC, the New York Restoration Project and NYCHA. Additional Tree Plantings took place or are scheduled for East Harlem at Washington, Lexington, East River, Carver, Lehman and Clinton Houses; Brooklyn at Bushwick, Hylan, Williamsburg, Red Hook Houses and Borinquen Plaza, and at South Jamaica Houses in Queens.

39th ANNUAL TALENT SHOW!



The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) held its 39th Annual Talent Show Competition on March 28th at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in Manhattan. This year's show was a special tribute to the Housing Authority's 75th Anniversary. Residents competed for first-, second- and third-place prizes in four age categories, working under the direction and with the guidance of show biz professionals. Shown above are some of the dancers in "Tanima," from University Avenue Rehab in the Bronx, who won 1st Prize in the 6 to 12 Age Category. See "Deb's Diary," page 3, for more.



IMPROVED SAFETY THROUGH CCTV NYCHA Chairman Ricardo Elías Morales, Redfern Houses Resident Association President Doris Jacobs and City Council Member James Sanders, Jr., in front of the development's Community Center.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Let's Make Sure All New York City Residents are Counted in the 2010 Census



NEW YORK CITY IS DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENSURE A FULL AND ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF ALL CITY RESIDENTS FOR THE 2010 CENSUS, AND THAT INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY (NYCHA) RESIDENTS.

Last month I signed an executive order establishing the NYC 2010 Census Office, headed by newly appointed City Census Coordinator (and former NYCHA Chief of Staff) Stacey Cumberbatch. The new City Census office will work closely with the U.S. Census Bureau

Regional Office to coordinate efforts among City agencies and form partnerships across the City with community organizations, cultural and educational institutions, faith-based organizations, labor unions, immigrant advocacy groups and others.

More than \$20 billion of annual federal funds are distributed to New York City based on the decennial (ten-year) Census, including funding for schools, counter-terrorism and security efforts, and social service organizations. Elected representation at the federal, state and local levels is also determined by the Census.

The Census response rate in New York City has traditionally lagged well behind the national average due to a combination of factors, including the large population of immigrants who may have privacy concerns, a fear or mistrust of government, or language barriers. New York City has the highest percentage of "hard-to-count" residents, which also includes low-income households, renters and single men and women.

We are kicking off a new effort to get the message out that there's nothing to fear by filling out a Census survey, and that we need every New York City resident counted. We're targeting the low response rate areas and hard-to-count groups and will be working with community groups across the City to break down the barriers that prevent participation in the Census.

The NYC 2010 Census Office has four key missions:

—Helping the U.S. Census Bureau's regional office to identify the populations and neighborhoods in New York City that have been hard to count in the past. The Census Office will work together with at least 20 City agencies including the Department of City Planning, the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit, the Office of Immigrant Affairs, the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, and the City Commission on Human Rights.

—Collaborating with the federal government to raise public awareness and encourage greater participation in the 2010 Census. The focus will be on populations that have traditionally been hard to count, including, immigrants, communities of color, low-income households and single New Yorkers.

—A key component to the City's effort will be informing the public that under federal law, the personal information collected by the Census is entirely confidential, and cannot be shared with any federal, state, or city agency.

—Using the City's existing communication networks to distribute information about the Census. NYC & Company, for example, is already working to develop a public outreach campaign and NYCHA has assigned a staff person to the NYC 2010 Census Office to develop and implement a communications plan to reach NYCHA residents.

NYCHA residents, whether living in conventional housing developments or Section 8 Leased Housing, make up a full 7.9% of the City's population and so your participation is particularly important. I encourage all 633,637 NYCHA residents and voucher holders to participate by completing and returning the Census form. The 2010 Census is easy, it's safe, it's important, and this will be the shortest questionnaire ever.

The partnership and collaboration taking place now with the Census Bureau and the City's new Census Office will prove to be invaluable in reaching our goal of getting the most accurate count in 2010 for New York City. Since the year 2000, New York City's population has increased by 4.4 percent. The City's population stands at 8,363,710 according the July 2008 Census Bureau estimate.

Michael R. Bloomberg

THE FACES OF NYCHA

Meet Independence Towers Resident Association President Solomon Lieser

By Ashley Grosso
Intern

TO LEARN ABOUT A DEVELOPMENT IN THE PROCESS OF INSTALLING CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEMS, OR CCTV, AND FORMING TENANT PATROLS, WE TURN TO SOLOMON LIESER, WHO HAS BEEN THE RESIDENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT OF INDEPENDENCE TOWERS IN WILLIAMSBURG, BROOKLYN FOR THE PAST 11 YEARS.

Mr. Lieser has many roles. In addition to being Independence Towers Resident Association President, he is also controller for Godinger Silver, a Queens-based crystal and silver giftware import company, where he has worked for 21 years. He is the father of six children, with four daughters and twin sons, ranging in age from 15 to 36, and he has 22 grandchildren.

Mr. Lieser moved into Independence Towers with his parents when he was only 15, the year the development opened—1965. He moved out for a few years when he got married and then moved back. "In a way my heart is in this development," Mr. Lieser said.

According to Mr. Lieser, his job as Tenant Association president was easier when he first started than it is today, because of the Housing Authority's underfunding. "I've really been at the forefront of the resident effort to lobby for funding," Mr. Lieser said. He went to Washington, DC last year, and other residents of Independence Towers have been to Albany to meet with officials. He plans to return to Washington and Albany this year.

As far as safety concerns, half of the development's six buildings already have Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) systems. Mr. Lieser thanks Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, Council Member David Yassky and Assembly Member Joseph Lentol for the support and funding. "We're working on getting cameras in the other three buildings," he said.

Mr. Lieser speaks highly of the Independence Towers programs for seniors, which include aerobics classes and hot meals once a week. Local groups are trying to get hot meals for seniors more often.

When asked if the development does anything special to celebrate Jewish-American

Heritage Month, Mr. Lieser replied that related events are more often held at the local synagogue. "The Resident Association holds very successful Hispanic Heritage and Black History Month events," he added.

A former social worker, Mr. Lieser said that one very valuable aspect of his experience living in a multi-ethnic public housing development is that, "It has sensitized me to the different needs of people and has given me a very strong perspective on what is important in life."

He views his biggest challenge as Resident Association president as "keeping our various ethnic groups working in unison, and to make sure people who are new to the community especially, understand that we're there for everyone."



Independence Towers Resident Association President Solomon Lieser

Another big challenge, "Making sure that housing gets the funding it needs."

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

NYCHA Residents Should Make Their Voices Heard at Our Annual Town Hall Meetings and Public Hearing



SINCE MY APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRMAN LAST DECEMBER, I HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD WITH THE NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY'S (NYCHA'S) STAFF TO MAKE SURE THAT RESIDENTS, AS WELL AS THE GENERAL PUBLIC, STAY INFORMED ABOUT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S OPERATIONS. Transparency is key to constructive dialogue.

One great way to learn about NYCHA's goals and objectives is to review our draft Agency Annual Plan, which we are required to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) each year. The Plan is

drafted in consultation with the 54-member Resident Advisory Board, or RAB. The RAB consists of 45 elected residents of conventional public housing and nine residents from the Section 8 Leased Housing Program. The RAB provides crucial input as NYCHA works to formulate a Plan that addresses issues such as public safety, capital improvements, and resident employment opportunities.

Once NYCHA publishes a draft Agency Annual Plan it is sent to all Resident Association presidents and made available online at NYCHA's Website: nyc.gov/nycha. The Plan is also available for inspection at NYCHA's Department of Research and Management Analysis on the 11th floor of 250 Broadway, from May 4th through June 23rd, between the hours of 9:30AM and 4:30PM. It is also available for inspection at all public housing development Management Offices during regular business hours and at the Community Centers listed in the announcement on page 7 of this *Journal*, between the hours of 9:00AM and 7:30PM. NYCHA will host a town hall-style meeting in each borough to hear and respond to comments from the public about the Plan, beginning this month in Manhattan on May 18th. Key NYCHA executive staff attend these meetings and are available to address concerns.

NYCHA will then hold a Public Hearing for residents as well as the general public on June 23rd at the Manhattan Center, Grand Ballroom, 311 West 34th Street, from 5:30PM to 8:00PM. To ensure that as many people as possible get a chance to speak, all speakers at the public hearing—residents, members of the general public, housing advocates, elected officials and their representatives—register beforehand and are given the floor for three minutes.

After the public hearing, NYCHA meets with the RAB again to obtain its final comments. The Plan is then finalized by NYCHA based on comments made by the RAB and at the Public Hearing. The final Plan is sent to HUD for review and if NYCHA does not receive a response in 75 days, the Plan is considered approved.

I urge all residents who feel they have something to contribute to attend the Town Halls and the Public Hearing. You can view a list of the dates and times on page 7 of this *Journal*.

This year, NYCHA celebrates its 75th Anniversary. We need your help to continue to provide the best service possible for the next 75 years and beyond. Come out to the Town Hall meeting in your borough and the Public Hearing, and make your voices heard! I'll see you there!

Ricardo Elías Morales

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NYCHA's 2009 Summer Youth Employment Program

NYCHA is seeking youth between the ages of 14 and 21 for the 2009 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). SYEP is sponsored by the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), and the 2009 program will run from July 1, 2009 through August 14, 2009. Participants will work 25 hours a week, Monday through Friday. NYCHA residency is **not** required to qualify for the program.

NYCHA's SYEP participants gain valuable employment experience working in Community Centers as Counselors-in-Training (16 and 17 year olds only), or on NYCHA development grounds. Starting April 1st, interested youth can apply on-line or download an application from the City's Web Site: www.nyc.gov/dycd. Starting April 2nd, SYEP applications will also be available at NYCHA development Management Offices, Community Centers and at the Department of Resident Employment Services, located at 350 Livingston Street in Brooklyn. Completed applications may be returned to any NYCHA development Management Office. The deadline to submit an application is May 15, 2009.

For more information about SYEP, please visit DYCD's Web site or contact NYCHA's SYEP Program Director, Katrina Porter at 212-306-3969.

DEBORAH'S DIARY

By Deborah Williams



NYCHA's Got Talent — Once again New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) residents took over the stage at the Gerald W. Lynch Theater of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in Manhattan to perform in the annual talent show competition. NYCHA's 39th Annual Talent Show Competition was a special tribute to the Housing Authority's 75th Anniversary. A complete list of winners follows:

6 to 12 Age Category

- 1st Prize: Tanima, Dancers, University Avenue Rehab
- 2nd Prize: Idja and Ethiopia Ferguson, Dancer and Drummer, Tremont Houses
- 3rd Prize: PDM, Dancers, Van Dyke Houses

13 to 17 Age Category

- 1st Prize: Judea Hill, Flautist, Bushwick Houses
- 2nd Prize: BK Express Drumline, Drummers, Van Dyke Houses
- 3rd Prize: April Marie, Singer, Glenwood Houses

18 to 54 Age Category

- 1st Prize: Unstoppable, Dancers, East River Houses
- 2nd Prize: E. Ro. Contemporary Dance Company, Dancers, Riis Houses
- 3rd Prize: Aaron Harris, Dancer, Ingersoll Houses

54 and Up

- 1st Prize: Kendell Lide, Spoken Word, Forest Houses
- 2nd Prize: Edward Waiters & Ronnie Marks, Singers, Marcus Garvey Houses
- 3rd Prize: Sheila Wheeler, Singer, Gompers Houses

I'd like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all of the winners and to those of you who didn't win as well. You represent the very best of what NYCHA residents have to offer.



1st Prize Winners: Kendell Lide of Forest Houses won in the 54 and Up category and Judea Hill of Bushwick Houses won in the 13 to 17 category. East River Houses' "Unstoppable" also won 1st Prize, in the 18 to 54 age category.

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THE NYCHA NOT WANTED LIST

In this issue we continue publishing the names of individuals who have been permanently excluded from our public housing developments. The purpose of this list is to keep residents informed of the Housing Authority's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers in public housing and to allow for the peaceful and safe use of our facilities. What follows is a partial list of the people excluded after hearings were held on February 18 and 25 and March 4, 2009. **For a full list of the "Not Wanted" visit NYCHA's website at nyc.gov/residentscorner. 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.**

**REMEMBER,
IF YOU SEE ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ON
HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTY, PLEASE CALL
YOUR MANAGEMENT OFFICE OR NYCHA'S
SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT AT (212) 306-8595.**

Prohibited as of February 18, 2009

Marcus Munnlyn Case 2069/08 formerly associated with the second floor of 54-09 Almeda Avenue, Ocean Bay Apartments, Queens.

Anthony McFarland Case 8014/08 formerly associated with the first floor of 572 Warren Street, Wyckoff Gardens, Brooklyn.

Prohibited as of February 25, 2009

Michael Yates Case 909/09 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 127 Kingsborough 1st Walk, Kingsborough Houses, Brooklyn.

Kirk Allen Rasnick Case 3628/08 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 466 W. 26th Street, Elliott-Chelsea Houses, Manhattan.

Noel Kane Case 1020/09 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 1-20 Astoria Boulevard, Astoria Houses, Long Island City.
Frankie Kane
Edgardo Perez

Jasmin Carroway Case 1005/09 formerly associated with the first floor of 82-02 Rockaway Beach, Hammel Houses, Far Rockaway.

Rodney Harrison Case 7538/08 formerly associated with the twelfth floor of 50 Amsterdam Avenue, Amsterdam Houses, Manhattan.

Marc Livingston Case 7799/08 formerly associated with the twelfth floor of 1350 Fifth Avenue, King Towers, Manhattan.

Prince Sage Case 1719/08 formerly associated with the first floor of 1307 Loring Avenue, Pink Houses, Brooklyn.
Jewel Sage

Steven Griffin Case 947/09 formerly associated with the first floor of 340 Georgia Avenue, Unity Plaza, Brooklyn.

Kewan Butts Case 1068/09 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 476 Richmond Terrace, Richmond Terrace Houses, Staten Island.

Prohibited as of March 4, 2009

David Rolon Case 1089/09 formerly associated with the ninth floor of 90 Amsterdam Avenue, Amsterdam Houses, Manhattan.

Dashawn Best Case 9756/07 formerly associated with the second floor of 495 Fountain Avenue, Cypress Hills Houses, Brooklyn.

Brandon Powell Case 1195/09 formerly associated with the nineteenth floor of 1385 Fifth Avenue, Taft Houses, Manhattan.

Edwin Luna Case 1232/09 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 31-07 49th Street, Woodside Houses, Woodside.

Anthony Bailey Case 1255/09 formerly associated with the eleventh floor of 159-30 Harlem River Drive, Rangel Houses, Manhattan.

Matthew Blow Case 7874/08 formerly associated with the third floor of 264 10th Avenue, Elliott-Chelsea Houses, Manhattan.

Timothy Mellanson Case 1282/09 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 34-05 12th Street, Ravenswood Houses, Queens.
Shawn Mellanson
Theodore Stephen

For a full list of the "Not Wanted" visit NYCHA's website at nyc.gov/residentscorner.

Accessible Housing Update

IN 1996, THE NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY (NYCHA) SIGNED THE VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT (VCA) WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. Under the agreement 5% of our total housing stock, or 9,100 apartments must be fully converted and made fully accessible to people with mobility impairments and other disabilities.

That was 13 years ago! So, how are we doing now? With a total of 7,646 fully converted apartments, we're closing in on our goal. And of those 7,646 converted apartments, 7,505 are now occupied. A total of 2,973 of the occupants transferred into their new apartments either from within their development or from another NYCHA development.

The VCA governs NYCHA's compliance with Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act and related federal law, which states that "no otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall, solely by reason of his or her disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefit of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

To meet the requirements of accessibility, a NYCHA resident with a mobility impairment or other physical disability must be able to reach his or her apartment from the street without any obstruction. This often requires renovating the entrances of buildings to make them accessible. There are currently 2,858 accessible building entrances at NYCHA, like the one shown in the photo to the right.

Reasonable Accommodations

The VCA also requires NYCHA to make "reasonable accommodations" for individuals with mobility impairments or other physical disabilities. These are non-structural or partial modifications to apartments, or changes in policies, procedures or practices so that all residents, regardless of any physical disabilities, have the same opportunities to participate in and benefit from housing programs. Examples of such apartment modifications may include widened doorways, lowered kitchen cabinets and handheld showers.

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NYCHA Improving the Customer Experience

We are updating our equipment so we can improve our service to you, our customers.

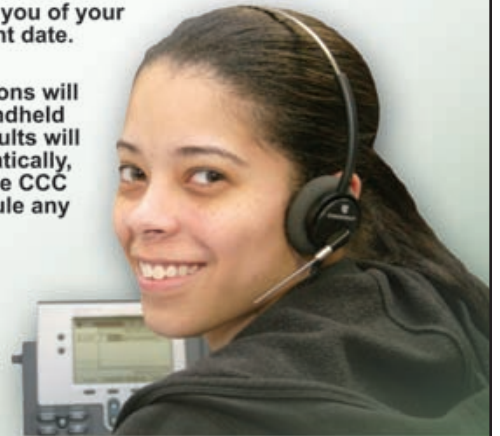
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Ramps leading to the entrance of Boulevard Houses in Brooklyn make it accessible to people with mobility impairments.

75 Years of Public Housing

This is the fourth article in a special series designed to commemorate the New York City Housing Authority's (NYCHA) 75th Anniversary. In honor of Memorial Day, which is celebrated on May 25th, we take a look at the role NYCHA played housing military personnel and veterans during and after World War II. The photos and captions below are from the LaGuardia and Wagner Archives' online exhibit entitled, "National Security and Housing." Captions were written by Joel Shwartz.



Bunk beds were set up in the newly built Fort Greene Houses, in Fort Greene, Brooklyn to house military personnel and civilians engaged in war work, January 19, 1944.



Mrs. J.E. Watson and her baby at Wallabout Houses, February 25, 1944. Wallabout was built for U.S. Navy personnel and civilian employees of the Navy—it was located opposite the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and was built and operated by NYCHA.



Military personnel leaving Fort Greene Houses on February 28, 1946, where they had been bivouacked during World War II. The development is located near the U.S. Navy Yard in Brooklyn.



The barracks-like community center at the temporary housing compound in Rego Park, Queens, for returned World War II veterans and their growing families, October 21, 1947.



Veterans returning from overseas duty in World War II were met with a huge housing shortage. Here, Mr. John Larson and his wife enjoy civilian life in their brand new Quonset hut set up in Jamaica Bay, Queens, as temporary housing for returning veterans, March 27, 1946. Sergeant Larson of the Army Signal Corps spent six years abroad during the war.



World War II veteran George Blaurie and his family moving from their barracks-like temporary housing in East New York, Brooklyn (site of the future Linden Houses), to the new Sheepshead Bay Houses in Brooklyn, circa January 1950.

Are You a NYCHA Resident With Fond Memories to Share?

To commemorate our 75th Anniversary, the New York City Housing Authority is collecting photos and stories from residents about your experiences living in public housing. How has being part of a NYCHA community had a positive impact on your life or the life of a family member? Perhaps you attended a NYCHA-led job training workshop that launched your career; or maybe a caretaker, development manager or neighbor was instrumental in getting you help when you needed it most; maybe you bonded with a Housing Bureau Police Officer as a child and decided to become an officer yourself when you grew up? If you have fond memories to share, we want to hear them! We will post selected stories on the Residents' Corner of our Web site at www.nyc.gov/nycha and publish one story each month in the *NYCHA Journal*. Please e-mail stories and photos to: NYCHA75@nycha.nyc.gov

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Don't forget to include your full name, age, the name of your NYCHA development and the number of years you've been living in public housing. Also please make sure your return address is on the envelope if you would like us to mail your

CCTVs at Redfern Houses

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"This technology is straight out of Iraq," the Council Member said. "If you fire a gun, the camera will come on and take your picture in two seconds. No more hiding for those people who want to endanger the lives of their neighbors."

"This is something I have been praying for for a lot of years," said Resident Association President Doris Jacobs, who has been living in the development since the early eighties. "When I was re-elected [as Tenant Association President] three years ago, I promised I would keep working with politicians until we got the cameras." Despite the spate of shootings at the development, Ms. Jacobs said she has never felt unsafe there.

Safeguarding the Future

"This is turning dreams into reality," said Congress Member Meeks. "Thank you Council Member Sanders for delivering for the people of Redfern, the people of the Rockaways."

The Congress Member, who said he spent nearly half his life living in public housing, commented that by saving NYCHA residents we are safe-

guarding the future of our country. "Because the future of our country relies on the talent that is in public housing."

"This is a great event," said Chairman Morales. The Chairman went on to say that without the CCTVs, residents were prisoners in their own homes. "The ability for us to advance begins with a socialization process that allows us to not only develop leaders, but to develop a sense of community based in trust."

The Chairman promised another 1200 cameras by the end of next year.

He thanked the Council Member and the New York Congressional delegation for NYCHA's share of the second stimulus package.

"The image of NYCHA in the media is not the real NYCHA," the Chairman said in conclusion. "We've been home to hundreds of thousands of people for 75 years. Let's make that the impression that stays in people's minds."

Installation of the CCTV system is slated to begin in July 2009 with completion in August 2010.



THE DIGITAL TV TRANSITION

Are You Ready?

What You Need To Know About DTV

NOTE: THE DATE WHEN FULL-POWER TELEVISION STATIONS MUST SWITCH FROM ANALOG TO DIGITAL BROADCASTING HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE 12, 2009.

After June 12, 2009, all full-power television stations will broadcast only in digital. If you use "rabbit ears" or a rooftop antenna with your analog television you must take action to continue receiving television broadcasts after June 12, 2009.

There are three options to keep receiving television broadcasts after June 12, 2009:



Buy a converter box that will plug into your analog TV.



Buy a TV with a digital tuner.



Connect your analog TV to a cable pay service.

NOTE: NYCHA residents are prohibited from installing any television or satellite antennas on the window sill or at any place outside of the apartment such as window frames, window guards, or the brickwork on the exterior of the building without prior written consent from NYCHA.

- Certified TV converter boxes are expected to cost between \$40 and \$70.
- The Federal Government is offering U.S. households up to two \$40 coupons to help with the cost of certified converter boxes.
- Coupons are free, but supply is limited.
- Coupons expire after 90 days and cannot be reissued.
- Coupons will be mailed to you from the Federal Government. The coupon will look and work like a plastic gift card.

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286 BRIGHTON BEACH*
1294 FULTON STREET*
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2323 MERMAID AVE*
2488 LINDEN BLVD*
5215 FOURTH AVE*
1813 KINGS HIGHWAY*
254 LIVONIA AVE*
1068 NASSAU AVE
151 VANDERBILT AVE
187 BEDFORD AVE
2107 BATH AVE
508 CLARKSON AVE
531 EASTERN PKWY
642 NOSTRAND AVE
364 GRAHAM AVE
1075 BROADWAY
1588 FULTON STREET
160 ROCKAWAY AVE
593 MYRTLE AVE
254 KINGSTON AVE
451 BROADWAY
553 GRAND ST
687 STANLEY AVE
706 RALPH AVE
5805 FOURTH AVE
1638 CONEY ISLAND AVE
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25 WEST 170 TH STREET
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3212 THIRD AVE
4551 THIRD AVE
3725 E TREMONT AVE
3429 E TREMONT AVE
164 EAST 174TH STREET
269 EAST TREMONT AVE

890 EAST TREMONT AVE
1202 MORRISON AVE
2193 GRAND CONCOURSE
4215 THIRD AVE
MANHATTAN
94 EIGHTH AVE*
590 EIGHTH AVE*
763 NINTH AVE*
926 COLUMBUS AVE*
3352 BROADWAY*
514 WEST 207TH ST*
50 SPRING STREET
551 COLUMBUS AVE
4984 BROADWAY
2351 SECOND AVE
3433 BROADWAY
3657 BROADWAY
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224 EIGHTH AVE
295 CHURCH STREET
2168 SECOND AVE
QUEENS
56-54 MYRTLE AVE*
37-74 90TH STREET*
102-10 ROOSEVELT AVE*
46-18 QUEENS BLVD*
30-14 31ST ST
39-28 QUEENS BLVD
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NOTICE

New York City Housing Authority Draft Agency Annual Plan for FY 2010

Availability of the Draft Agency Annual Plan for Public Inspection

The public is advised that the *Draft Agency Annual Plan for FY 2010* will be available for public inspection at NYCHA's principal office, located at 250 Broadway, New York, NY, from May 4, 2009 through June 23, 2009, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The *Draft Agency Annual Plan for FY 2010* 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/Borough Offices listed below during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.:

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| Campos Plaza Community Center 611 East 13 th Street New York, New York | Bronxdale Community Center 1000 Rosedale Avenue Bronx, New York | Atlantic Terminal Community Center 501 Carlton Avenue Brooklyn, New York |
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| St. Mary's Park Community Center 595 Trinity Ave Bronx, New York | Queens Community Operations Borough Office 70-30 Parsons Blvd Flushing, 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 2010*. These meetings will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the dates and locations shown below:

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| <i>Monday, May 18, 2009</i> | | <i>Tuesday, May 19, 2009</i> | |
| Manhattan Fashion Institute of Technology Haft Auditorium 7 th Avenue & 27 th Street New York, New York | | Brooklyn New York City College of Technology Klitgord Auditorium 285 Jay Street at Tillary Street Brooklyn, New York | |
| <i>Tuesday, June 2, 2009</i> | <i>Thursday, June 4, 2009</i> | <i>Monday, June 15, 2009</i> | |
| Staten Island St. George Theater 35 Hyatt Street Staten Island, New York | Queens Electrical Industry Center 67-35 Parsons Blvd at Jewel Ave Flushing, New York | 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 2010* at a public hearing to be held on **Tuesday, June 23, 2009** 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. For transportation information go to <http://triplanner.mta.info> or call the MTA/NYC Transit Travel Information Line (718) 330-1234.

Written comments regarding the Draft Annual Agency Plan for FY 2010 are encouraged. To be considered, **submissions must be received via United States Postal mail no later than June 23, 2009**. 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

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Ricardo Elias Morales, Chairman

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Board Meeting Schedule

Notice is hereby given that the New York City Housing Authority's Board Meetings take place every other Wednesday at 10:00 A.M. (unless otherwise noted) in the Board Room on the 12th Floor of 250 Broadway, New York, New York. The meetings for Calendar Year 2009 are as follows:

- May 13, 2009
- May 27, 2009
- June 10, 2009
- June 24, 2009
- July 8, 2009
- July 22, 2009
- August 5, 2009
- August 19, 2009
- September 2, 2009
- September 16, 2009
- September 30, 2009
- October 14, 2009
- October 28, 2009
- November 10, 2009 (Tuesday)
- November 25, 2009
- December 9, 2009
- December 23, 2009
- January 6, 2010



Please note that these dates are subject to change. 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 3:00 P.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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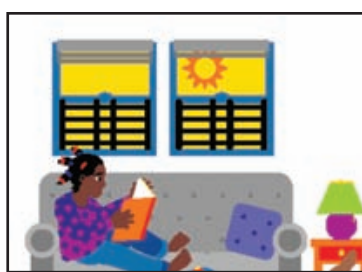
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During your annual apartment inspection, NYCHA staff are required to determine if all required window guards are properly installed. This includes a check of any air conditioner to determine if the installation is permanent and the window is secured. If the air conditioner is not installed correctly, the resident must install the air conditioner according to the manufacturer's installation specifications or remove the air conditioner. NYCHA will install the guards at no cost to you. Please call the Centralized Call Center at (718) 707-7771 to request immediate installation or repair of window guards.

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West Nile Virus Mosquito Treatment

The New York City Housing Authority will be treating all of the catch basins located on Housing Authority developments to reduce the mosquito population in an effort to minimize the transmission of the West Nile Virus. These applications will take place between May and October of 2009. One or more of the following pesticides will be used:

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-Summit B.t.i. Briquets, EPA Reg. No. 6218-47, Toxicity Category – "Caution"

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Contact names and numbers for this application are:

NYC Housing Authority:

-Cal Bruno, Deputy Director, 718-707-5281 available from 9:00AM - 5:00PM

-Jamal Rashid, Technical Resource Advisor, 718-707-5808 available from 8:00AM–4:00PM

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

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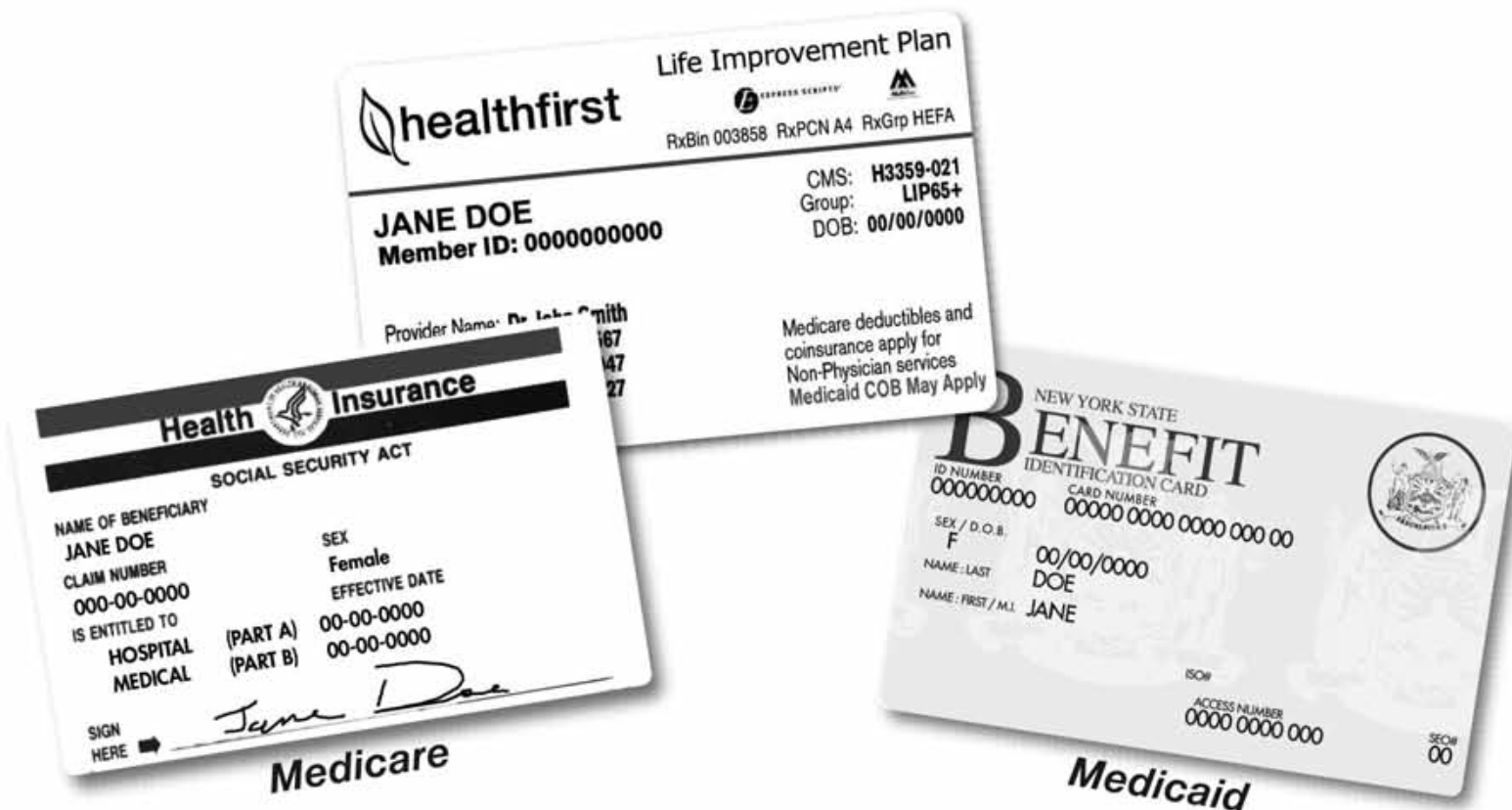
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