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Cabrera Holding Out On Armory

By KATE PASTOR

Councilman Fernando Cabrera, a pastor whose church and condo are just a few blocks from the Kingsbridge Armory, is holding out his final blessing of a new ice sports complex proposed to fill the long-vacant, historic building.

The City Planning Commission approved the Kingsbridge National Ice Center last week, leaving City Council approval and signage by the mayor the only hurdles left before KNIC can turn the Kingsbridge Armory into the largest skating arena in the country. Traditionally, the council defers to local members when deciding how to vote on

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big development projects, meaning Cabrera’s support hangs in the balance.

After the planning commission vote, Cabrera’s support was conspicuously absent from a press release sent out by Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., who has pledged his unyielding support since the proposal became public. The release featured several prominent officials praising the project, but Cabrera was quiet and could not be reached for comment.

But his chief-of-staff, Greg Faulkner, said community concerns over traffic, parking and other community issues that come with bringing 5,000 people to an arena have “gotten louder,” with 100 letters submitted to Community Board 7. The ice center, which will feature nine full-sized rinks, is expected to bring in a million visitors a year.

But two political insiders who did not want to be named because they want to see the deal go through say Cabrera’s case of cold feet has more to do with jockeying for power — something he’s been doing throughout the Community Benefits Agreement process.

“He was constantly moving the goalpost as to what was required for him to support the project,” one of them said.

Four sources, including two directly involved with CBA negotiations between the developer and 27 community organizations represented by the Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Alliance, said that after the deal was agreed upon, Cabrera tried to get KNIC to funnel \$100,000 annually for
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FALL LEAVES



Photo by Adi Talwar

AT THE END of the fall leaf-gazing season, *Norwood News* photographer Adi Talwar took a trip to the New York Botanical Garden. For more of his fall collection, visit norwoodnews.org.

Andrew Cohen To Be ‘Hands On’ City Council Member

By HAYDEE CAMACHO

Newly-elected District 11 City Council member Andrew Cohen has already begun making his presence known in the district. “I attended a meeting last night in Bedford Park where there might have been about a dozen people,” he said in an interview at the no-frills office of the Benjamin Frank-



Photo by Haydee Camacho

COUNCILMAN-ELECT Andrew Cohen says he wants to emulate Ed Koch and be a hands-on elected official.

lin Democratic Reform Club on 231st Street in Riverdale. “I think people will appreciate that their City Council person is accessible.”

As he looks forward to beginning his first public office position — representing Norwood, Riverdale, Bedford Park and parts of Kingsbridge, Woodlawn and Wakefield -- Cohen says his main focus will be helping solve day-to-day problems and working to improve quality of life.

“I want to make the city relevant in people’s individual lives in solving problems,” he said. “People are very concerned about their block, their street, their schools. I want to provide a high level of constituent service and make sure that myself and my office are easily accessible.”

Cohen attributes his affinity for hands-on public service to growing up in the Rockaway area of Queens. “Coming from a tight knit community, that helped me form deep attachments.” He said many childhood and school friends volunteered for his campaign.

Growing up, former New York City Mayor Ed Koch made a lasting impression on him. “I knew about President Ford, but the first politician I really remember is Ed Koch,” he recalled. “There was something about him that was so in people’s lives. He made me realize the role that politicians and government can play in terms of the connection to people.”

Cohen graduated from SUNY New Paltz in 1992 and Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, in 1997. He had a fledgling interest in law and politics, which was solidified working as a court attorney to Bronx Supreme Court Justice Edgar Walker.

Cohen said the negotiation skills he learned as a court at-
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2013 General Election Results

Mayor (citywide):

Bill de Blasio (D): 752,604 votes (73.3%)
Joe Lhota (R): 249,121 votes (24.3%)

Public Advocate (citywide):

Letitia James (D): 770,764 votes (83.6%)
Robert P. Maresca (R): 112,967 votes (12.2%)
James Lane (G): 16,088 votes (1.7%)
Alex Merced (L): 9,878 votes (1.1%)
Deborah Liatos (SWP): 4,871 votes (0.5%)
Irene Estrada (O): 3,942 votes (0.4%)

Comptroller (citywide):

Scott M. Stringer (D): 782,703 votes (80.5%)
John Burnett (R): 161,608 votes (16.6%)
Julia Willebrand (G): 19,544 votes (2.0%)
Hesham El-Meligy (L): 5,080 votes (0.5%)
John Studer (SWS): 1,897 votes (0.2%)
Richard Bozulich (O): 1,124 votes (0.1%)

Bronx Borough President (borough-wide):

NCBH to Reopen Labor and Delivery Unit

Following two months of public outcry and visible pressure from local residents, unions and healthcare advocates, North Central Bronx Hospital announced it was planning to reopen its labor and delivery department sometime next year.

The Health and Hospitals Corporation, which operates NCBH, shuttered the hospital's labor and delivery department in August, saying it was consolidating services at one of its other institutions, Jacobi Hospital.

Last week, the corporation announced the appointment of Michael Zinaman, M.D. as chairman of the HHC North Bronx Healthcare Network's Obstetrics and Gy-

neology (GYN) Department and at the same time announced the reopening of NCBH's labor and delivery services.

11th Council District (Norwood, Bedford Park, Kingsbridge, Van Cortlandt Village, Woodlawn, Wakefield and Riverdale):

Andrew Cohen (D): 14,626 votes (79.6%)
Patricia Brink (R): 2,219 votes (12.1%)
Cheryl Keeling (SC): 537 votes (2.9%)
William Kalaidjian (C): 509 votes (2.8%)
John Reynolds (G): 481 votes (2.6%)

12th Council District (Williamsbridge, Wakefield, Al-lerton, Baychester, Co-op City):

Andy King (D): 18,600 votes (95.8%)
Robert Diamond (R): 575 votes (3.0%)
Trevor Archer (G): 243 votes (1.3%)

14th Council District (University Heights, Kingsbridge Heights, Morris Heights and Mt. Hope):

Cohen To Be 'Hands On' Council Member

Voters sent 21 new members to the City Council in the recent election. In January, for the first time in two decades, Democrats will control both the mayoral and legislative branches of the city government.

"With Dr. Zinaman's leadership, we will step up recruitment efforts for other outstanding physicians and are confident we will have a plan in place to reopen a safe and efficient maternity service at North Central Bronx Hospital," said William Walsh, Sr. Vice President of the HHC North Bronx Healthcare Network, which includes Jacobi, NCB Hospital and the Health Centers at Tremont and Gun Hill.

Local residents are pleased, but remain skeptical, said Eileen Markey, an activist with Community Power North

Ruben Diaz (D): 111,366 votes (89.4%)
Elizabeth Perri (R): 9,856 votes (7.9%)
Mark Escoffery-Bey (I): 2,027 votes (1.6%)
Carl Lundgren (G): 1,358 votes (1.1%)

Fernando Cabrera (D): 9,958 votes (95.6%)
Denise Butler (R): 356 votes (3.4%)
Alan Reed (C): 107 votes (1.0%)

15th Council District (Fordham-Bedford, Fordham Heights, Belmont, West Farms and Crotona):

Ritchie Torres (D): 9,161 votes (91.4%)
Joel R. Rivera (R): 725 votes (7.2%)
Joel Bauza (C): 139 votes (1.4%)

86th Assembly District (University Heights, Morris Heights, Mt. Hope):

Victor Pichardo (D): 7,103 (95.6%)
Rene Santos (R): 227 (3.1%)
Jose Marte (C): 97 (1.3%)

Editor's Note: (D)=Democrat; (R)=Republican; (C)=Conservative; (G)=Green Party; (SWP)=Socialist Working Party; (SC)=School Choice, (L)=Libertarian, (I)=Independent, (O)=Other.

Bronx, which organized a handful of vigils and rallies to protest the HHC's decision in August.

"It's good to hear that HHC is talking about returning the labor and delivery services they hastily withdrew in August. But this isn't good enough," Markey said in an email. "The people who rely on NCB demand a return to the award-winning, evidence-based midwifery model of care, meaningful community participation in this and future decisions impacting our public hospital, and solution to the problem of staff retention at Jacobi Medical Center that precipitated this crisis."

—ALEX KRATZ

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torney will help him be an effective council member and his legal training will assist him in writing legislation.

Cohen also taught at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He served on the Board of Directors of Friends of Van Cortlandt Park and was the Chair of the Aging Committee on Community Board 8. He has been married to Dr. Heather Erhard since 2000. He said their five year old daughter, Sarah, was "very helpful on the campaign."

While he learned much about his constituents' concerns on the campaign trail, he also gained some insights about himself. "I wasn't the kind of person who randomly struck up conversations with people and now I'm just the opposite," he said. "Even now, I don't usually offer my opinion in my day-to-day life unless someone asks me to. Generally speaking, I'm not the kind of person who's going to stick in their two cents uninvited, but I don't know if that's a feature I'll be able to keep up."

Cohen ran a rigorous campaign and won nearly 80 percent of the vote. He attributed much of his success to his wife, saying "I give her all the credit in this."

be the Council's success.

Cohen sees his role in the City Council as going beyond writing new legislation to also embracing grass-root involvement. "I'm going to be out here. There is really no other way other than just presenting myself and really being involved. Hopefully being present, that might motivate people to join me."

Building community partnerships will be key. "I may be able to get resources from City Hall. I might be able to make some legislative change that may have some impact on the community," he said. "But I can't make change in the community without partnerships. We have a lot of great organizations and institutions here."

Public and Community Meetings

- **COMMUNITY BOARD 7 committee meetings are held on the following dates at the board office, 229A E. 204th St., at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted: Traffic & Transportation on Thursday, Nov. 14; Land Use & Zoning and Housing on Wednesday, Nov. 20 (Housing will begin at 7:30 p.m.); Education & Libraries and Youth Services on Thursday, Nov. 21 (Youth Services will begin at 7:30 p.m.). For more information, call (718) 933-5650 or visit bronxcb7.info/calendar.**
- **COMMUNITY BOARD 7 is scheduled to hold its general board meeting at the Kit-tay House, 2550 Webb Ave., on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (718) 933-5650 or visit bronxcb7.info/calendar.**

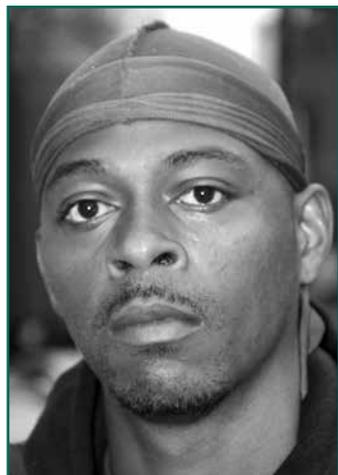
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By DAVID GREENE

Following last week's general election of a new mayor in Democrat Bill de Blasio, we asked readers for their reaction.



It's great that Mayor (Michael) Bloomberg is out. We will have better opportunities with Bill de Blasio. My main concern is that he can work out the different contracts with the unions.
Luis Mendez



First of all Mr. Bloomberg, thank you for robbing us and stripping us of our rights. Good luck and adios amigo. Now get lost, thank you.
Tyrone Cofer



I just want to say I'm glad that Mr. Bloomberg is kicking rocks and adios.
Jamel Burney



Later Bloomberg, hellooooo de Blasio. Bloomberg did his thing, but hopefully this will stimulate our economy here in the Bronx.
Maurice James Reyes I



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Police Report

Police Investigating Senior's Death

By DAVID GREENE

Detectives are currently investigating the suspicious death of an elderly patient at a Norwood nursing home.

Police say that officers from the 52nd Precinct were called to the Bainbridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at 3518 Bainbridge Ave., at just after 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1. Offering few details, investigators would only say that police were called regarding an assault of a 72-year-old male Hispanic who was discovered "unconscious and unresponsive" in his bed. Police say the victim was discovered with a wire coat hanger around his neck. EMS declared the man dead at the scene.

Police would later identify the deceased as Miguel Sanchez. Officials said an autopsy by the medical examiner would determine Sanchez's cause of death.

Calls to the administrator of the 200-bed facility near East Gun Hill Road were not returned by press time. An employee answering the phone at the Bainbridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, said, "They're still investigating. No one knows what happened."

Rise in iPhone Thefts Sparks Legislation

By MICHAEL BROWN JR.

With the introduction of new legislation, two Bronx lawmakers, State Senate Co-Leader Jeff Klein and Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz, are hoping to significantly curb smartphone thefts. New York City has seen a 10 percent increase in Apple product thefts (including iPhones) and a 25 percent increase in smartphone thefts since last year, according to the legislators.

Klein and Dinowitz met in Riverdale at the site of the 2012 murder of Hwang Yang, 26, who was reportedly killed because he refused to give up his iPhone to Alejandro Campos, 21, and Dominick Davis, 20, who were charged with Yang's murder.

The legislation seeks to hold those who buy the smartphones from thieves and resell them more culpable than they have been in the past. It will require anyone selling an iPhone to provide proof that they are its rightful owner. Anyone who fails to do so can face up to \$750 in fines and up to a year in jail.

Part of the legislation also requires that retailers provide receipts for every phone they've sold; the receipts must include the phone's serial number.

"The goal of this legislation is to scare black market retailers out of this terrible business," said Klein. "If you're a retailer making a few extra bucks by selling stolen phones, you're now going to think twice before you open your wallet and pay one of these criminals."

That legislation is not the only effort to combat smartphone thefts across the city.

The NYPD launched Operation I.D., which lets people register their portable devices with the NYPD so that if any devices are lost or stolen, they can be tracked.

In addition to the NYPD's efforts, the new iPhone operating system requires an Apple I.D. and password before turning off the "Find My iPhone" service and will also need an Apple I.D. and password for using the device after it's been "wiped" of personal information. This feature has been called a "Kill Switch."

Smartphone (especially iPhone) thefts have begun to be considered a serious problem in the city with some 20,338 iPhones stolen in 2013 so far.

Billy Cannon, a former police sergeant and current professor of criminal justice at Monroe College, said the commonness of smartphones coupled with inadequate defense against theft is a problem. "Well, everyone has a phone these days and people don't know how to protect them," he said. He believes the NYPD's mostly on top of the problem.

"I think they're doing a good job of educating the public, but they can always do more," Cannon said.

The legislation is expected to be pursued during the next legislative session in Albany, which starts in January.



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Cabrera Holding Out on Armory Deal

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the next 99 years to Community Action Unlimited, an organization he controls.

The alleged attempt to steer money Cabrera's way was unsuccessful. Cabrera did, however, get changes made to the composition of the advisory board that will oversee the CBA if the deal goes through, according to Alice McIntosh, a KARA leader and a facilitator of the negotiations.

KNIC and KARA had gone through 30 hours of negotiations with Faulkner in the room and had finally come to an agreement and sent the paperwork to their respective lawyers when Cabrera raised concerns about the make-up of the Community Advisory Council, according to McIntosh. "At that time, Cabrera wanted to make some changes to the agreement," she said.

Originally, there were to be five members on the CAC, which will, among other things, make recommendations about what type of services and/or activities will be provided in the 50,000 square feet of community space.

But McIntosh said Cabrera insisted on more members and a majority voting system. "We changed it based on his recommendations," she said.

The final agreement allowed for Cabrera's office, Community Board 7 and KARA to each have three representatives. CB 7 chooses a community representative and the CB 7 chair chooses which board members will serve.

Cabrera praised the agreement and the ice center at a press conference in April.

"Let me tell you what I'm really excited about," he gushed while flanked by elected officials included Mayor Michael Bloomberg. "I'm excited about the young people that are gonna be able to come here, especially those people of color."

He was quoted in the press release as saying "I'm glad to see that the project has a comprehensive community benefits agreement that is going to bring changes to District 14, the Bronx and beyond."



Photo courtesy Mayor's Office

IN A PHOTO from April, (left to right) smiling for the cameras are Economic Development Corporation President Seth Pinsky, recently named KNIC CEO and hockey legend Mark Messier, figure skater Sarah Hughes, Kingsbridge National Ice Center founder Kevin Parker, Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., Councilman Fernando Cabrera and then-Community Board 7 Chair Paul Foster.

The *Norwood News* obtained a 12-page letter dated July 8 and sent on City Council letterhead from Cabrera to Kevin Parker, who leads the group behind the Kingsbridge National Ice Center, requesting a long list of changes to the CBA. Among his complaints was what he called a "toothless" monitoring committee.

Now, as the council vote nears, Cabrera remains the lone local elected official not enthusiastically behind the project.

For Councilman Oliver Koppell, whose district used to cover the Armory and who has been hoping for a sports facility there for more than a decade, it's a dream come true. He dismissed traffic concerns, saying most spectators would likely use one of the nearby train lines and that the facility holds about 5,000 people, not 55,000 like Yankee Stadium.

"In my opinion, this represents the most positive development that I can imagine, to be honest with you, for

[Cabrera's] district ... The whole neighborhood's going to be upgraded," he said.

But he hasn't heard anywhere near the same enthusiasm from Cabrera. "All I hear from Cabrera is that he hasn't been willing to commit to it," Koppell said.

A group of sponsors and CBA signatories are holding a meeting on Nov. 21 at St. Nicholas of Tolentine, 2345 University Ave., to officially announce the Community Benefits Agreement.

"...The purpose of the meeting is to bring the community together to do two things," McIntosh said. "One, to roll out the Community Benefits Agreement to let everyone in the community know the benefits we will be receiving, and two, to galvanize the community and hopefully influence the vote by showing the City Council that the community supports this project."

A council vote is expected by the end of the year.

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Obesity Fights Bring New Garden



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MEMBERS OF the Bronx's B'N Fit program prepare food harvested from a new community garden.

A couple of health programs designed to battle obesity in the Bronx combined with a Norwood-area church to produce the borough's newest community garden.

The programs — B'N Fit, a weight loss program for obese teens, and CATCH (Bronx Collective Action to Transform Community Health) — joined up with members of St. Ann's Church and associates at Montefiore Medical Center, to build a community garden at 3444 Kossuth Ave.

"The garden is used to encourage urban farming and teach healthy food choices to local kids with the goal of reducing obesity, diabetes, and other health risks," according to a recent press release to announce the garden's first harvest.

When the produce had been harvested, members of CATCH donated the vegetables to teens in the B'N Fit program, who then used them for healthy cooking demonstrations. They also went on to learn about healthy recipes using the hand-picked produce from the garden.

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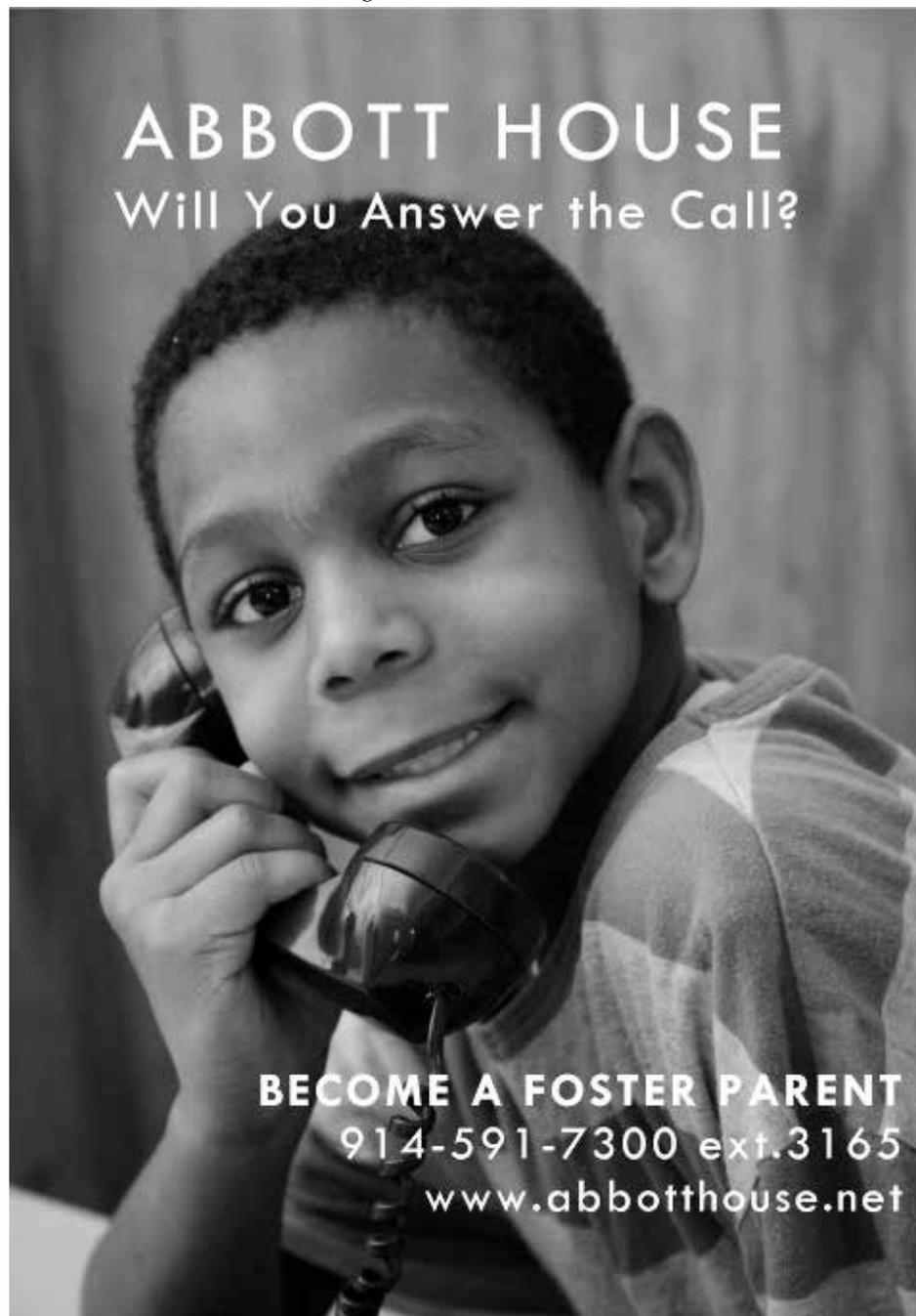
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Out & About

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Onstage

■ The Bronx Library Center, 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents **A Performance of Dominican Music**: Nov. 16 at 2:30 p.m.; and **Sonido Costeno Band in Concert**: Nov. 23 at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit www.nypl.org.

■ Albert Einstein Symphony Orchestra presents **Season Opening Concert**, featuring classical music, Nov. 24 at 3 p.m. in the Robbins Auditorium, Forchheimer Building, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 1300 Morris Pk. Ave. Contributions suggested. For more information, visit einsteinorch.tripod.com.

■ The Bronx Arts Ensemble presents **composer/pianist Gregg Kallor**, performing classical and popular music, Nov. 17 at 3 p.m., at the home of Vita and Ted Zambetti, 96 Franklin Ave., Yonkers (\$25); and **"Peter and the Wolf,"** musical fairy tale for kids, Nov. 24 at 1 and 2:30 p.m., at the Whitehall Auditorium, 3333 Henry Hudson Pkwy. (\$6). For more information, call (718) 601-7399.

■ Lehman College's Center for the Performing Arts, 250 Bedford Pk. Blvd. W., presents **Hungarian State Folk Ensemble**, Nov. 17 (tickets are \$25 to \$35; \$10/under 12); and **Deana Martin and Chris Gillespie Trio**, Nov. 23 (tickets are \$25 to \$40); both at 8 p.m. For more information, call (718) 960-8833.

■ The Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture, 450 Grand Concourse, presents **La Cucarachita Martina and La Muela del Rey Farfán**, musical based on children's tale, Nov. 16 at 3 p.m. (\$10). For more information, call (718) 518-6700/4455.

■ Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance (BAAD), 2474 Westchester Ave. (new address), presents its BlakTina Performance Series: **We Are Caligula**, Nov. 14 (\$15); **Hip Hop**, featuring a variety of performers, Nov. 15 (\$15); **Houses in the House – House Music Dance and Vogue**, dance concert, Nov. 16 (\$20); and **Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin**, life of openly gay civil rights activist, Nov. 21 (free); all at 8 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (718) 918-2110 (new phone number).

Events

■ Mosholu Montefiore Community Center, 3450 DeKalb Ave., presents **Pre-Thanksgiving Luncheon**, Nov. 21, from 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call the senior department at (718) 882-4000.

■ Manhattan College, West 242nd Street near Broadway in Riverdale, presents **poet/critic, Alicia Ostriker**, Nov. 14 at 5 p.m., in Hayden Hall, room 100. For more information, call (718) 862-7546/7921.

■ The Woodlawn Conservancy presents **Full**

Moon Tour, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. (\$15). Bring flashlight and meet at the Jerome Avenue entrance. For more information, call (718) 920-1469.

■ The NY Botanical Garden presents its **Greenmarket**, farmers market at the base of the Library Allee inside the Mosholu Gate entrance, Wednesdays through Nov. 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also scheduled is **Holiday Train Show**, model trains traversing replicas of NY landmarks created from plant materials, Nov. 16 to Jan. 12, in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory. For more information, call (718) 817-8658.

■ Wave Hill, a Bronx oasis at 675 W. 252nd St. in Riverdale, offers **Family Arts Projects**: Dances With Leaves, to make collage leaf designs to take home, Nov. 16 and 17, at the WH House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Cornhusk Dolls, to hear tales of the cornhusk doll, then make one or an entire family of dolls, Nov. 23 and 24, at the WH House, 10 and 11:30 a.m. Also scheduled are **Armor Returns to Armor Hall for a Day**: to try on chainmail, and watch a fencing match, Nov. 23, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; and **Daniel Kelly Welcomes**

Back the Piano: concert, Nov. 24 at 2 p.m.; both at the WH House. Grounds admission is free Saturdays until noon all year, and free until noon Tuesdays in November. Glyndor Gallery **tours** take place Tuesdays and Saturdays at 2 p.m.; garden **walks** are held Tuesdays and Saturdays at 11 a.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m., from the Perkins Visitor Center. For more information and a schedule of events, call (718) 549-3200.

■ The Bronx Council on the Arts presents **Fall Creations**, free hands-on craft workshop, Nov. 16 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Huntington Free Library, 9 Westchester Square. For more information or to RSVP, call (718) 931-9500 ext. 33 or (718) 829-7770.

■ Poe Park Visitor Center, 2640 Grand Concourse (192nd Street), presents **drawing, writing and knitting workshops** during the month of November. For more information and a detailed schedule, call (718) 365-5516.

■ St. Philip Neri Church, 3025 Grand Concourse, presents a **Parish Mission**, Nov. 18 to 21 at 7 p.m. For more information, call (718) 733-3200.

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Lehman Art & Design Workshops

Lehman College's Art Gallery, 250 Bedford Pk. Blvd. W., is offering an after-school art & design program for middle and high school students. For more information, call (718) 960-8732.

Volunteer at Mullaly Park

Mullaly Park seeks volunteers to help plant flowers, remove weed trees, and restore flowerbeds and gardens at its Bronx Blooming event on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meet at the 165th Street entrance between River and Jerome avenues. For more information, call (917) 378-4242 or visit www.bronxisblooming.org.

Free Health Workshops

Montefiore Care Management is offering free diabetes workshops for patients and their family members and caregivers on Nov. 26 from 10 a.m. to noon in Spanish and 4 to 6 p.m. in English at MMG Bronx East, 2300 Westchester Ave.; on Nov. 21 from 4 to 6 p.m. at MMG Grand Concourse, 2532 Grand Concourse (2nd floor conference room); and on Nov. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon at MMG Co-op City Community Center, 177 Dreiser Loop (2nd floor room 8). For more information, call (800) 636 6683.

Breast Cancer Support Group

Jacobi Medical Center, 1400 Pelham Pkwy., So., and SHARE (self-help group for women with breast or ovarian cancer) are hosting a support group for women recently diagnosed with breast cancer, are undergoing treatment, and those who have completed treatment. Meetings are from 1 to 2 p.m., on Fridays, Nov. 29, and Dec. 20. For more information, call (718) 918-4318 or (866) 891-2392.

Kwanzaa Festival

The Learning Tree Cultural Center, 801 Bartholdi St. (behind Evander Childs H.S.), is hosting its 12th annual Kwanzaa festival on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 1 to 8:30 p.m., featuring African values of family, community responsibility, and more. Vendors are welcome. For more information or to register, call (718) 944-0958.

BCA Seeks Bronx Artists

Bronx Council on the Arts seeks Bronx artists to apply for the BRIO (Bronx Recognizes Its Own) awards. Applications and guidelines will be available online until Jan. 31 at 11:59 p.m. Application assistance and help with presenting work is offered at a free BRIO "How to Apply" workshop on Nov. 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Hostos Community College's Longwood Art Gallery, 450 Grand Concourse (149th Street). For more information or to RSVP, call (718) 931-9500 ext. 35 or email BRIO@bronxarts.org.

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Exhibits

■ Poe Park Visitor Center, 2640 Grand Concourse (192nd Street), presents free, **Greener Pastures: Celebrating 125 Years of Bronx Parks**, through Nov. 16. Exhibit features 30 vintage and contemporary photos from the NYC Parks Photo Archives and vintage postcards highlighting the Bronx Parks system's history. For more information call (718) 365-5516.

■ The NY Botanical Garden presents **Close: A Journey in Scotland**, through March 16, featuring creations of 21 notable contemporary designers and artists working in the Scottish landscape. For more information, call (718) 817-8700 or visit nybg.org.

■ Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse, 2nd floor North Wing, between 161st and 164th streets, presents free: **Paulo Bruscky: Art is Our Last Hope**, through Feb. 9; and **Tony Feher**; and **Orchard Beach: The Bronx Riviera**, both through Feb. 16. For more information, call (718) 681-6000 ext. 131.

■ The Bronx County Historical Society's Museum of Bronx History at the Valentine-Varian House, 3266 Bainbridge Ave., presents **History Woven Into Cloth**, selections from the Society's

textile collection, through April 6. For more information, call (718) 881-8900.

■ The Bronx Council on the Arts presents **Esther Pagan: My Colors of Cancer and In the Headlines: Latino New Yorkers 1980-2001**, at Hostos College's Longwood Art Gallery, 450 Grand Concourse (at 149th Street), through Dec. 20. For more information, call (718) 931-9500 ext. 33 or (718) 518-6728.

■ The Bronx Documentary Center, 614 Courtlandt Ave., presents **Refugee Hotel**, through Dec. 1, Thursdays to Sundays, 2 to 7 p.m. Exhibition chronicles refugees during their first night in the United States and their lives in resettlement. For more information, call (718) 993-3512.

■ Lehman College Art Gallery, 250 Bedford Pk. Blvd., W., presents **Morphology of the Print**, through Jan. 8, which includes works that push the boundaries of printmaking. Student workshops will be available including art and architecture. For more information and a detailed schedule, call (718) 960-8731/2.

Library Events

■ The Bronx Library Center, 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents programs for adults including **MS**

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■ The Mosholu Library, 285 E. 205th St., offers for seniors and adults: **Knitting Circle**: Thursdays at 3 p.m.; **Wii Program**: Tuesdays at 3 p.m.; and **Advanced Microsoft Word**: Nov. 14 at 12:30 p.m. Teens/young adults can join **Arts & Crafts**: Nov. 26 at 3:30 p.m. Children can enjoy **Toddler Story Time at 10:30 a.m.**: (ages 18 to 36 months), Nov. 14 and 21; **Reading Aloud at 4 p.m.**: (ages 3 to 12), Nov. 18 and 25; and **Robin Hood**: (ages 3 to 12), Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. Foreigners can join **Free Intermediate Level**

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