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# KINGSBRIDGE ARMORY FACEOFF

*Friction between city and developers further freezes Kingsbridge Armory lease*



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**THE FATE OF** the Kingsbridge Armory (pictured) remains on thin ice after developers and city officials can't agree on financing conditions.

**By DAVID CRUZ**

For years, city officials and developers of the Kingsbridge National Ice Center (KNIC) have been on the same page with respect to the impending project at the Kingsbridge Armory: They would like to see an ice center built.

But until recently, the city

has raised questions over whether KNIC has the proper financing needed to move forward with construction despite KNIC's position that it does. KNIC was told to show it has the funding by March 25. But the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC), the city's real es-

tate arm, is not convinced. It's now given developers another month to show it has \$158 million needed to proceed with phase one of the project. The total cost for the completed project is estimated at \$348 million.

It's now set the stage for a showdown between the city and developers, at odds over techni-

calities and contractual conditions that could jeopardize the project entirely or head to court for a resolution. News on the friction between developers and the city also sheds light on the fragile state of the KNIC project, plagued by delays stemming from an internal legal

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## IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST



# NYC Council Passes Zoning Changes: How Does This Affect You?

By DAVID CRUZ

New zoning laws championed by Mayor Bill de Blasio with the approval of the City Council now make it easier for developers to build affordable housing without the addition of parking units, which could vastly impact the hundreds of drivers who rely on street parking in Norwood.

The complex zoning laws, falling under Zoning for Quality & Affordability (ZQA), and Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH), are considered the DNA of de Blasio's lofty Housing New York plan introduced in May 2014. The plan seeks to build 80,000 new units of affordable housing while repairing 120,000 more affordable units over the next decade. The plan looked to solve what the de Blasio Administration sees as an affordable housing crisis across the city.

"[W]e will look back on this as a pivotal moment when we turned the tide to keep our city a place for all New Yorkers," said de Blasio, in a statement.

But a major change includes the elimination of the parking requirement for any new affordable and senior residences. Zoning rules on the books since the 1950s require that developers set aside parking units for tenants depending on how many apartment units were created. The New York City Department of City Planning views the construction of parking spots as a financial waste that hinders developers from building larger residences.

Developers who now build within so-called Transit Zones, areas the city defines as having an abundance of public transportation options, are now completely exempt from the parking requirement. Norwood and Bedford Park fall within a Transit Zone, given its proximity to the 2, 4, 5, B and D subway lines and two Metro-North train stations. While the Council pared back Transit Zones for Bronx neigh-



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**CITY COUNCIL SPEAKER** Melissa Mark-Viverito (front, second from left) and other Council members stand witness as protestors inside the Council chambers denounce the zoning changes.

borhoods in the fringes, it did not do so for Norwood. This could present issues down the road, given the swath of new affordable housing expected to be built along Webster Avenue. The corridor could be made even more attractive given the lifting of the parking requirement.

The Bronx Council Delegation voted almost unanimously in favor of ZQA and MIH. The lone dissenter on the ZQA vote on March 22 was Councilman Andrew Cohen, whose 11th Council District covers Norwood, Bedford Park, Woodlawn and Riverdale.

Cohen's objection to the ZQA measure stemmed largely from its "one-size-fits-all" approach toward zoning, which broadly alters zoning laws instead of allowing customized rezoning according to the needs of the neighborhood.

"It is the locals who know their neighborhood best and I believe that communities should lead the way on the zoning of their district. While many of the changes

made to the text are positive developments, based on this top-down approach, I cannot support ZQA," said Cohen, in a statement.

Cohen was in favor of the MIH measure, which mandates developers designate 20 percent of its units to be affordable while lowering the area median income threshold to 40 percent. A family of four, for instance, would need a maximum \$34,520 to qualify for an affordable apartment.

Cohen's rejection of the measure also stemmed from the impact it would have on parking within his district, particularly Norwood, which greatly depends on street parking. On weekdays, it can take a half hour or more to find parking. Community Board 7, representing Norwood, Bedford Park, Kingsbridge Heights, Fordham, and University Heights, shot down the measure in November.

The zoning amendments are now in effect.

## Public and Community Meetings

**COMMUNITY BOARD 7** committees are held on the following dates at the board office, 229 E. 204th St., at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted: Executive Committee meets April 5; Public Safety & Quality of Life meets April 7; Education/Youth & Libraries meets April 7 at 7:30 p.m.; Environment & Sanitation meets April 12; Health & Hospitals meets April 12 at 7:30 p.m.; Senior Services meets April 13; Parks & Recreation meets April 13 at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call the Board office at (718) 933-5650.

**THE BEFORD MOSHOLU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** meets at 400 E. Mosholu Pkwy, So., Apt. B1 (lobby floor), on April 6 at 8 p.m. For more information, call (718) 367-2230.

**THE BANGLADESHI AMERICAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL** will host a town hall meeting on April 18 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center, 3225 Reservoir Oval East.

# Bedford Park Livable Neighborhoods Program Draws Big Crowd

By WENDY JOAN BIDDLECOMBE

How do we demystify the Bronx as being “thuggish”? How do you get more employees from Montefiore Medical Center to spend their hard earned dollars on Jerome Avenue during their lunch hour? How can we attract businesses that aren’t 99 cent stores?

For the roughly 90 residents attending the Bedford Park Livable Neighborhoods Program on March 26, these were pertinent questions. The event, sponsored by Bronx Community Board 7’s Long Term Planning and Community Relations Committee, the Municipal Arts Society and New York City Small Business Services, had residents spend several hours learning how to better their neighborhoods.

Presenters broke down different New York City governing bodies, speaking on topics ranging from economic development, urban planning, development and participatory budgeting to help community members better understand the process and reshape their neighborhoods for the better. Councilman Ritchie Torres, representing parts of Bedford Park, also shared his expertise and experience on the Council with attendees.



Photo by Wendy Joan Biddlecombe

**PATRICIA VOLTOLINI**, a project manager with Larisa Ortiz Associates, an economic development think tank group, presents at the Bedford Park Livable Neighborhoods Program.

“I came out, basically, just to learn and to make my contribution as a senior,” said neighbor Kenneth Wyrtych. “I’m very much concerned about the state of arts culture in the Bronx, period ...and getting artist housing integrated in the community.”

“I think a lot of people were making astute observations and asking informed questions about neighborhoods,” said Community Board 7 District Manager Andrew Sandler. “We had a great turnout, and having [people] turn out is

an end in and of itself.”

One talked about subject was development. Sandler noted many people in the community are concerned about down-zoning in light of the recent City Council approval of Mayor Bill de Blasio’s \$41 billion affordable housing plan, and the possible ascent of high-rise buildings. In an effort to prevent gentrification, the plan, which was passed last Tuesday, requires developers who benefit from rezoning to include apartments for lower income residents. CB7 voted against the

mayor’s proposal last fall.

“People want to attract retailers and often they don’t know which ones they can support or not,” said Patricia Voltolini, a project manager with Larisa Ortiz Associates, who presented at the workshop. “So understanding that is the first step before you spend money, effort and energy going after particular retailers.”

Samelys Lopez, chair of CB7’s Long Term Planning and Community Relations Committee and second vice chair of the executive board, called the Livable Neighborhoods Program a “great success.”

“For it to be a Saturday morning on an Easter weekend, there was a huge turnout,” Lopez said. “There were many faces I did not recognize which is great sign that the outreach by CB7’s Long Term Planning Committee produced results. We did a combination of street, bike, business outreach, and social media to get the word out. The turnout confirms that the community wants to be engaged.”

Part two of Bedford Park Livable Neighborhoods Program is scheduled for April 23.

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## In light of the recent terror attacks in Brussels, this week we asked readers how safe they feel here in the Bronx.



Well, I don't think you're really safe anywhere. Hopefully, nothing happens, but you're always being cautious wherever you go and wondering what could happen. I guess all the major places could be the point of an attack; the subway, the electricity, the water, the buses. Anything can really be a target.

**Julio Hernandez**  
Bedford Park



In the Bronx I feel pretty safe, but I wouldn't want to be around Manhattan. But yes, I think New York is still a target. They have stepped up security efforts and I have noticed more police in general.

**Carla Roth**  
Bedford Park



For the most part I feel New York City is extremely safe because it's avoided a terrorist attack since 9/11, so I do feel safe. I have noticed more police but you can never be too safe. I think it's up to us as citizens to just be vigilant, to be on guard, to look around, and if you see something, say something.

**Kim Cerbone**  
Kingsbridge Heights



I think it would take a lot more than what they're doing to make us feel safe. I haven't really thought about it, but in the grand scheme of things of what's going on here locally with people being jobless... and I don't even feel safe in my own neighborhood, never mind being safe from a terror attack. There's a lot more things here that will kill us besides terrorism.

**Dan Clemente**  
Fordham



I think they are doing everything that can be done, but the terrorists only have to get it right once. The police can't protect every building, bus, or subway train. This is the new normal.

**Monica Silva**  
Norwood

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# After Respite, More Fires Spotted at Oval

They're back.

More nighttime blazes have been reported at Williamsbridge Oval Park, after a mostly quiet winter.

It was an item of discussion at the latest 52nd Precinct Community Council meeting on March 24, where Lieutenant Kevin Maloney pleaded with the public to help officers identify any suspect or suspects.

Maloney cautioned a tightly packed room inside the stationhouse that "it's only going to get bigger" if residents don't report keep their eyes open.

In all, six fires were reported to police. In some instances, arsonists used trash as a fire starter. No one has been injured.

Reports of brush fires at the family friendly park go back to November, with young people randomly lighting clumps of dry leaves and immediately fleeing, according to police. At its peak, two fires were reported nightly, mostly before 10 p.m., sending a cadre of fire crews to the scene.

The first wave of fires saw a teen suspect nabbed and charged with reckless endangerment, though charges were later dropped.

Anyone with information is urged to call the stationhouse at (718) 220-5811.

--David Cruz

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# Showing Off School Pride at St. Ann's



Photo by Adi Talwar

**HUT, HUT, HUT.** This friendly game of touch football was part of a spirit and recruitment pep rally at St. Ann's Catholic School on March 18. The cheery event, happening at the Bainbridge Avenue school's parking lot, began with a blessing that was shortly followed by a dance performance and the intramural touch football contest. It also gave parents and administrators the chance to show off some of the catholic school's academic benefits.

# Continuing Community Tour, Bronx DA Stops By 52nd Pct.

By DAVID GREENE

Attending her first meeting of the 52nd Precinct Community Council in Norwood, newly elected Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark reiterated several new plans and initiatives for the borough to combat crime, while also shedding light into the continued backlog of cases at Bronx criminal courts.

During the March 24 meeting at the 52nd Precinct stationhouse on Webster Avenue, Clark, the first female DA in the borough, admitted, "In the Bronx, we have the worst backlog and I'm working through that trying to make the office more effective and efficient."

Clark explained how she intends to restructure the office so one prosecutor takes a case from arraignment to prosecution, instead of the current system where one prosecutor can often hand the case off to another, causing needless delay. The Bronx is the only borough not to have the so-called "vertical system" of prosecution, according to Clark.

To implement and sustain that system, Clark needs funds, a reason she turned to the New York City Council for a request. She admits she faces an "uphill battle." "They want me to get rid of the backlog," said Clark. "Then



Photo by David Greene

**NEW BRONX DA** Darcel Clark chats with a guest at the 52nd Precinct Community Council meeting on March 24.

they have to give me the money."

Rikers Island, the city's jail, remains a problem, according to Clark. She told a tightly packed crowd her plan to open a satellite office at the prison to investigate and prosecute crimes that happen there.

Clark said, "I want to make sure that I'm known as a prosecutor that's going to be hard and tough as I was as a judge," but added she wants to be known as "a prosecutor that has com-

passion for" people with mental health and drug issues. Fielding questions from the audience, she said she has formed an alliance with local clergy leaders as well as forming the new "Immigrant Affairs Unit" to fight bias and hate crimes against minorities.

"They're a very special population," said Clark, a Democrat. "People prey on them because of the fact that they're immigrants and they think they will not report certain crimes."

# Girl Power

## Yearly Workshop at Monroe College Builds Confidence Among Women

By DAVID CRUZ

Stirring a crowd of 350 young women, Monroe College hosted its 4th annual female empowerment event, intended to boost confidence, challenge female stereotypes and inspire young women.

The largely minority crowd, exclusively young women, packed Mintz Auditorium to hear motivational stories from other women whose personal stories on climbing the corporate ladder and attaining a measure of success served as a seed for their own self-empowerment. They also heard from Fox 5 anchor and radio personality Lisa Evers, who delivered the keynote speech.

“The idea is to tell a story, share your story with other young people so they could know that even though they’re going through a tough situation, there is hope,” said Dr. Cecil Wright, Monroe College’s dean of admissions, who conceived the idea three years after organizing a men’s empowerment workshop that continues today.

For the Bronx, confidence training workshops seem to fill a mentorship gap for young people, a bellwether stage in life. A report by County Health Rankings shows there are 233,880, or 64 percent, of Bronx homes with only one parent, making mentoring a critical part to an adolescent’s upbringing.

“Girls get lost whether it be over boys, family issues, school issues, so they kind of always need a mentor,” said Lindsay Rosen, assistant dean of admissions for the school.

Young women were also reminded to steer clear of image-driven social media tools, which could drastically create negative perceptions. It’s one reason organizers espoused the theme of “Be You,” and avoid “the fake bodies, the Photoshops and the big images.” “We want girls to actually express themselves and be themselves,” said Rosen. “And be you.”

Soaking in that theme was Beatrice Kobi, 16, of Truman High School in Baychester. “I’ve learned to actually believe



Photo by David Cruz

**NOEMI MARTEN, MONROE** College’s financial aid counselor, introduces herself to her group of mentees.

in myself and who I am and not to always think about how others see me,” said Beatrice, who aspires to become a mathematician.

Sitting next to her was Magdalene Cofie, 19, a fellow classmate who aspires to become a lawyer. “As long as you believe in yourself and you build yourself up, then you can stand,” she said.

Students learned about the program from already established relations with Monroe College. For Patty Markus, a guidance counselor at Felisa Rincon DeGautier Institute for Law & Public Policy, it’s a can’t-miss event that will lead them to “open up their minds, open up their

hearts and their horizon.” “This is very important for kids to see that there are people out here that do wonderful things and have great educations,” said Markus who had 26 students out there.

“We’re hoping they could see possibilities and that there’s more than just their surroundings,” said Catia Cosme, an academic counselor at the same school.

Next month, mentors from the workshop will host their students for a luncheon.

“We’ve had mentors who’ve come back to mentor who attended these events years ago,” said Wright. “So it’s a pay forward.”

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# Sewer Project in Kingsbridge Hts. to Disrupt Traffic for Months

By DANIELA BEASLEY

A major sewer system project is now under way in Kingsbridge Heights, which could snarl traffic and randomly cut water supply through the end of the year.

The New York City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is overseeing the project that will replace worn out mains, install catch basins and hydrants, and restore roadways.

Water service disruptions are expected, though advance notice will be given. While advance notice will be provided for daily disruptions, it will not be given if emergency water shut-off is needed.

Work has already begun on several square blocks in Kingsbridge Heights-West Kingsbridge Road between Webb and University avenues, University Avenue between West Kingsbridge Road and West 190th Street, and West 190th Street between Webb and University avenues.

Traffic congestion and backups are already happening in these areas, particularly impacting drivers working at the James J. Peters Veterans Administration Medical Center. The DDC intends for these to be the main construction sites for this spring's work schedule.

The work hours for the heavily used intersection of University Avenue and

West Kingsbridge Road are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with no weekend or overnight work at any of the intersections involved in this project. Drivers are asked to plan for delays if they pass through any of the areas that will be impacted by this construction project as the work hours coincide with rush hour times where traffic is already heavier than usual.

To get the work done in a timely manner, there will be temporary traffic detours and parking restrictions while work is under way, although the DDC is assuring everyone that advance notice will be given for any restrictions or detours that may take place. Unless there are visible "No Parking" signs posted, or work hours are over, drivers are advised to follow the normal city Department of Transportation rules to avoid possible towing of vehicles.

The DDC said they will work with any individual with special needs that would be distinctively impacted by the construction, and they will put all their efforts into lessening any inconvenience that this project might cause.

Anyone looking to get help should contact Nancy Fares, the assigned community construction liaison for this project.

Additional information about this project can be found at the DDC website [www.nyc.gov/ddc](http://www.nyc.gov/ddc).

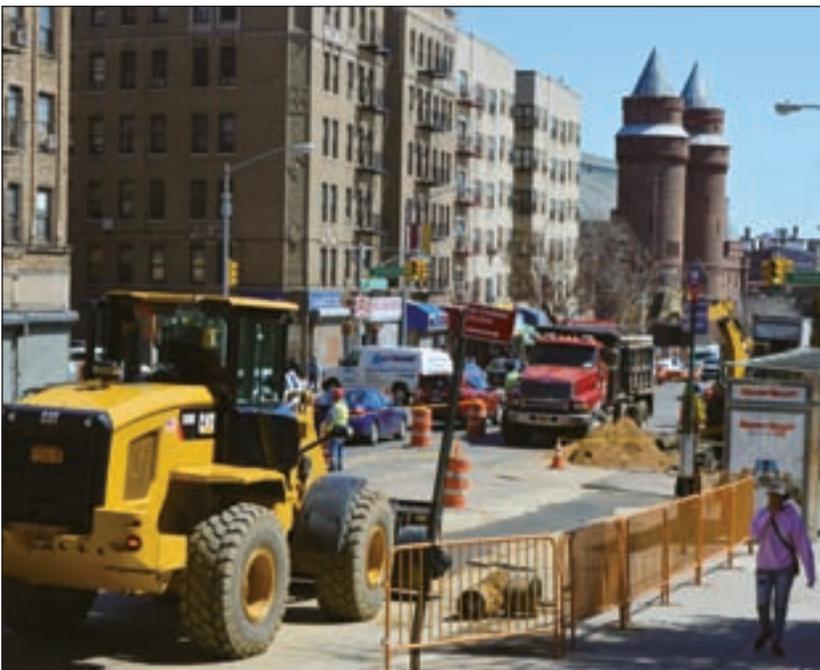


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**TRAFFIC IS PUSHED** to one lane on Kingsbridge Road near University Avenue as the city Department of Design & Construction works on a major sewer rehab project.

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# Funding Cuts Expected for MMCC's Summer Program

By **DAVID CRUZ**

Mosholu Montefiore Community Center (MMCC) is one of several hundred organizations across the city poised to lose a critical summer program following Mayor Bill de Blasio's non-negotiable move to reallocate funding.

The \$20.4 million cutoff to School's Out New York City (SONYC) would force hundreds of working families to rethink their plans for the summer, or scramble to find alternatives to keep their children occupied while they go to work.

"The problem is parents can't wait until the last minute," said Don Bluestone, executive director of MMCC.

Last year, funding SONYC (formerly named Comprehensive After School System of NYC) was restored at zero hour following acrimony from parents who heavily rely on it. The program, working much like a day camp, includes a continuing education component for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students as a way to keep them academically in the loop during the two and a half month summer break. MMCC

was awarded a three-year, \$350,000 city contract to implement a SONYC program at local schools MS 95, Bronx Dance Academy, MS 20, and MS 244.

"The beauty of this model was it was fully funded, which meant that many low-income students would have a first-time camp experience with no cost to their families and their parents could go to work knowing their children were in a safe place," said Lenora Sealey, MMCC's program coordinator for COMPASS/SONYC afterschool programs. "In addition, many part-time workers, such as college students, will lose their summer jobs, which they were counting on for tuition and to offset other daily living costs."

During this year's budget presentation, de Blasio announced his intention to reallocate the funds to his School Renewal Program initiative, which pumps money into 94 low-performing schools (44 of those schools are in the Bronx, with three of those 44 in Norwood) across New York City in hopes of turning them around. A longer school day, professional development, and parent engagement are some of



File Photo

**MMCC (PICTURED) IS** poised to lose out on funding for summer program slots, which endangers plans for hundreds of parents, children and MMCC employees.

the initiative's tenets. A spokeswoman for Councilman Andrew Cohen, whose district covers MMCC, told the *Norwood News* he is against the proposed cuts.

City officials had warned that the funding would not be renewed in 2016, a position reemphasized by Amy Spitalnick, a spokeswoman for the New York City Council. "We were clear in

May 2015 that the seats would not be funded in summer 2016," she told the education news website Chalkbeat.

But even with last-minute funding restored in 2015, the blowback caused MMCC to see "less enrollment" for the program since many parents thought the program was nixed.

"We lost I would probably say half the kids," said Bluestone.



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# With Housing Tax Break Expired, Norwood Developers Seek Alternatives

By DAVID CRUZ

At a recent Land Use/Housing Committee at Community Board 7, Adolfo Carrion, former Bronx Borough President now turned developer for The Stagg Group, admitted that building the firm's newest mixed-income project, Norwood Gardens, has proven difficult compared to its previous mixed-income residence.

He blamed the state's now expired 421a tax program, which exempted developers from paying taxes for 25 years in exchange for building affordable housing units in a largely market-rate building.

"The loss of 421a tax abatement really scared the living daylights out of us," Carrion told guests and committee members on March 16. "And a lot of people who are trying to build housing in New York City are concerned about that because you can't make the rents affordable for working families without the tax abatement."

The loss hasn't necessarily halted construction for The Stagg Group, but forced the firm to rethink its avenue of subsidies, which can serve as a cautionary tale to developers. Without the abatements, developers would have to reconsider their construction costs, hiring practices, and whether rents can stay low.

The Stagg Group has now relied on alternate subsidies from the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development. For Norwood Gardens, the firm applied for financing via HPD's Mix and Match program and Inclusionary Housing Program. This forced The Stagg Group to scrap its original plan, which only sought to make 20 percent of its units affordable under 421a. Now, under the Mix and Match program, 50 percent of the units will be affordable. Nothing's been finalized yet.

The firm also applied for an Article 11, an HPD tax abatement program that could freeze or significantly reduce taxes, which could keep rents affordable for 40 years. Carrion was unavailable to explain the cost-savings difference between the three incentives and 421a program. One suggestion could be the 20 percent of



Photo by David Cruz

**COMMUNITY BOARD 7** takes a look at the latest rendering of Norwood Gardens by The Stagg Group. The residence will be built without support from the 421a tax program.

affordable units developers are required to build, far lower than other HPD finance program requirements.

"Outer borough middle-income housing you can't do without 421a," said Allan Bell, a developer with B&B Urban, which made a similar presentation shortly after Carrion's. Bell told the *Norwood News* he won't be vastly impacted, though talk among developers is that 421a's loss would severely impact rents in the outer boroughs.

"Manhattan has higher rents, so the rents can make it work without 421a, but the outer boroughs don't [have high rents]," said Bell. "The rents may seem excruciatingly high [in the Bronx], but everything else is high too. Land prices are high, construction prices are high."

Popular among developers, the 421a program eased the property tax burden on new developers as

a way to spur construction. Later, the idea of mandating affordable units be built at new residences was tacked on. In all, roughly \$1 billion a year in property taxes was not levied because of the 40-year program, a concession the State Legislature agreed to when it enacted the program in the 1970s, a period of sluggish devel-

opment. Opponents of 421a long countered that New York City's real estate market has bounced back so much the program no longer counts as bait to residential owners.

Found at the corner of East 203rd Street and Webster Avenue, Norwood Gardens would see 120 units built by late 2017, further advancing the long-term Webster Avenue Vision Plan. Half the units would be affordable for residents earning a maximum \$48,000 salary for a family of four while the other half would be earmarked for market rate tenants at 80 to 100 percent AMI (area median income). Roughly 5,000 square feet of first floor retail space would be available, along with a garage. The residential firm looks to break ground in July so it can "cut a ribbon" by late 2017.

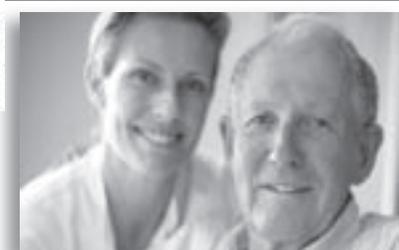
Bell plans to build a residential site in front of the Kingsbridge Armory on Jerome Avenue. The building would be broken up into affordable, supportive and market rate rentals. But unlike Carrion's group, B&B Urban will remain unfazed by the dissolution of the 421a program, relying instead on other tax abatement programs.

A true crucible for developers, and tenants wanting a new place to stay, remains in limbo, according to Bell. He cautions the effects won't be felt for several years, but will prove catastrophic to the middle class market of renters.

"There's such an overhang of buildings in the pipeline, but at some point along the way people will see that things will stop in the outer boroughs for market rate," said Bell.



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**(1) AND THE HUNT** is on at this fierce spring egg grab competition.

**(2) LEADING THE PACK** is this child with one giant smile on her face.

**(3) WENDELL ALEXIS, COMMUNITY** Relations Manager for Montefiore Health System serves up pencils and other giveaways to children at the Spring Egg Hunt.

**BUNNIES WEREN'T THE** only ones hopping during the Spring Egg Hunt. Check out Spider-Man leaping about (top right insert).

**(4) MERCHANTS ALONG THE** Jerome-Gun Hill BID do their part at the event, including these employees with Ridgewood Savings Bank, manning their giveaway table.

**(5) IT WOULDN'T BE** the Spring Egg Hunt without a visit from the Easter Bunny, reading to kids midway through the event.

**(6) HELPING TO MAKE** it all happen are (l-r) Sarah Bishow, Oval Recreation Center Manager; DJ Krazy Rob, and BID associate Nohelia Aquino, helping to coordinate the event.

**(7) IN THE SPRING** spirit is this young girl getting dolled up in face paint.

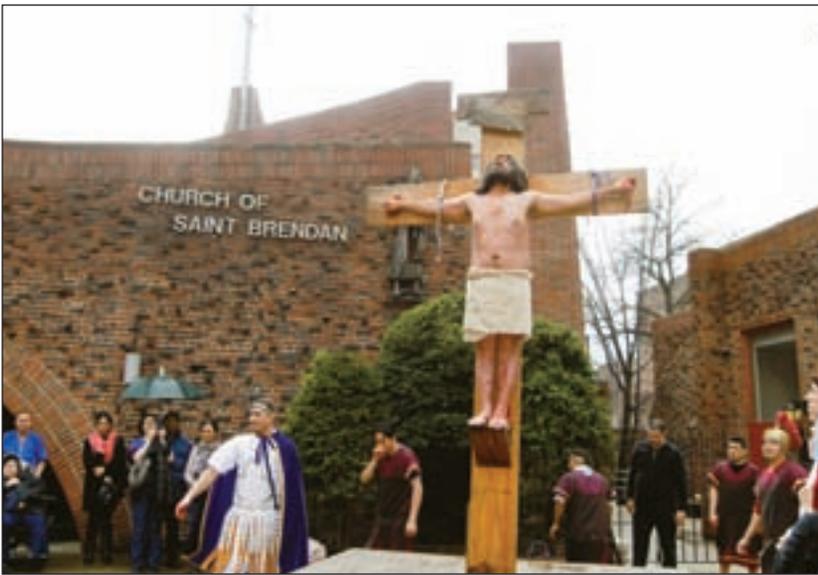


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**CHRIST ON THE CROSS** in a ceremonial Good Friday representation of the Stations of the Cross in front of the merged St. Brendan's and St. Ann's Church.

# Stations of the Cross Depicted in Norwood

By **NOAH BERMAN**

On a rainy Good Friday, Catholics from all over the Bronx gathered at the now merged Church of St. Brendan and St. Ann in Norwood in remembrance of the Catholic tradition of commemorating the death of Jesus Christ. The re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross, a series of 14 images that depict Christ on the day he was crucified by the Romans, is marked by a solemn annual procession. It was first time parishioners of the now closed Shrine Church of St. Ann took part in the ceremony since the church closed last July.

The live portrayal served not just to remind the faithful of Christ's last day, but also to guide them on a spiritual journey through their faith. Christ,

played by a member of the church, was condemned to death by a group of Romans, and the ceremony touched off the first station starting at the corner of Webster Avenue and East 204th Street. The event continued with a bloody, barefoot Christ being paraded through the streets carrying a large wooden cross on his back, and ended at St. Brendan's.

The procession ended with Christ being laid in his tomb and mourned by Mary, Christ's mother. The annual commemoration was attended by many, with huge crowds following the actors. The event came two days before Easter, which celebrates Christ's resurrection. Plans are already in the works for next year's event.



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**NEIGHBORS LOOK ON** as Romans drag a bloodied Jesus Christ in preparation for his crucifixion.



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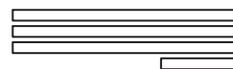
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# Bronx Police Hunt Kennedy Fried Chicken Burglar

By DANIELA BEASLEY

Police need help from the public in tracking a suspect involved in a daring burglary at the Kennedy Fried Chicken in Bedford Park.

Police from the 52nd Precinct say the suspect crawled under the security gate and broke the store's window inside to gain access to the fast food eatery at 25 Bedford Pk. Blvd. on March 9 at around 5 a.m. The suspect took roughly \$800 in cash, then ran off heading west toward Jerome Avenue.

"When I came in at 9 a.m., that's when I see the broken glass and call the police," said Muhammed Karimi, manager of the Kennedy Fried Chicken. "They took all of my money and now I have to pay \$160 to fix [the] window."

The suspect is described as a black male in his mid to late 40s, approximately 5'9" or 5'10" and 180 to 185 lbs.

Karimi thanks anyone who goes to the police with information, and believes footage from a NYPD camera and the store's will



Image still courtesy NYPD

**THIS VIDEO STILL** shows a man wanted in connection to a robbery at a Bedford Park Kennedy Fried Chicken restaurant on March 9.

help identify the suspect.

The NYPD is urging anyone who can provide information about this incident to call the CrimeStoppers Hotline at 1-800-



Photo by Daniela Beasley

**KENNEDY FRIED CHICKEN** in Bedford Park (pictured) experienced a pre-dawn burglary March 9, that's still unsolved.

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# Cops Nab Gap Store Larcenist

Police have arrested a woman, shown in a surveillance video, walking away with a purse left in a dressing room at The Gap store on Fordham Road. The suspected thief lived within 20 minutes of walking distance of the clothier.

On Feb. 7 at around 1:30 p.m., Lissett Jimenez of Fordham is seen entering the dressing room where a 20-year-old woman left her purse behind. Video shows Jimenez later leaving the dressing room with the victim's purse in hand.

Jimenez was charged with grand larceny just over a month after the store reported the stolen purse taken from the store at 271 E. Fordham Rd.

--Daniela Beasley



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**POLICE HAVE ARRESTED** Lissett Jimenez of Fordham (pictured), charging her with grand larceny, for allegedly stealing a purse at the Gap Store on East Fordham Road.

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# 52nd Precinct Community Council VP to Retire

Steven Bussell, the 52nd Precinct Community Council's long-serving vice president, announced he's no longer seeking election, opting instead for retirement. He's also resigning from several other posts, including president of the West Bronx Housing.

Bussell made the announcement at the latest 52nd Precinct Community Council meeting on March 24, inside the precinct stationhouse on Webster Avenue and East Mosholu Parkway North. The news came shortly after he reminded members of the upcoming elections for the Council's four-member executive dais.

Community councils serve as liaisons between NYPD precincts and community at large. The 52nd Precinct Community Council meets the fourth Thursday of each month, excluding the summers. Police matters are mostly discussed, with residents often hearing directly from the precinct's commanding officer. The executive membership's key task involves guiding meetings along and organizing their respective council's National Night Out Against Crime events.

Bussell's been on the Council for 17 years, though he joked "it feels like 30 [years]."

—David Cruz

# CB7 Presents Yankee Award Winners



Photo courtesy Community Board 7

**THIS YEAR'S WINNERS** of the New York Yankees Community Council Youth Leadership Awards are pictured (l-r) Peter Cruz, Shubarna Akhter, Michael Torres, Stephanie Urena and Ermelinda Vushaj. The awards, given out by each of the borough's community boards, are given to young people who performed various kinds of community service to their neighborhoods. On top of recognition and a \$750 stipend, winners will be acknowledged for their achievements on-field during a pre-game ceremony at Yankee Stadium in May.

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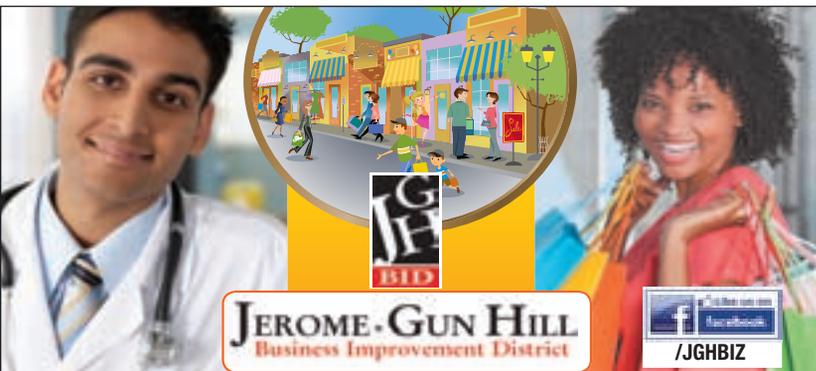
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University Neighborhood Housing Program will host a first-time homebuyer workshop expo on April 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Refuge House, 2715 Bainbridge Ave. For more information, and to

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## A Page Turner at NCBH

Individuals participating in the outpatient behavioral health therapy program at New York Health & Hospitals/North Central Bronx (NCB), have a new strategy to employ in their quest for healing. Ilana Breslau, PhD, Senior Outpatient Psychologist, has launched a book club that is meeting regularly to read and discuss a group of fiction and non-fiction books. The books are purchased by the Friends of North Central Bronx Auxiliary, and then provided to patients requesting them at appointments.

The book club currently consists of about 10 members, and plans to read the non-fiction title "Orphan Train,"

by Christina Baker Kline, for discussion at its next meeting on April 4, 2016. Since last year, the group has also read and discussed "Behind the Beautiful Forevers" by Katherine Boo, and two books by Dr. Kay Redfield Jamison -- "An Unquiet Mind" and "Nothing Was the Same." One regular participant, Justyce, says the program "has really helped patients 'open up' and start talking."

Patients receiving outpatient behavioral health services at NCB who wish to participate in the book club may register by calling Dr. Breslau at (718) 519-3556. Limited space is still available for the April 4 meeting.



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*A note to parents*  
We recommend that students attend twice during the week plus Saturdays this increases exposure to lessons and skills.



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# Out & About

Compiled by JUDY NOY

## EDITOR'S PICK

### Circus Comes to the Bronx

UniverSoul Circus will take place from March 30 through April 10 at 50 E. 150th St. (across from the Bronx Terminal Market at 149th Street and Exterior Street, next to the bridge). Events include motorsports, canines, bicycles, dancing elephants, aerial acts and more. Tickets range from \$16 through \$40 depending on venue and day. For more information and schedules, visit [www.universoulcircus.com](http://www.universoulcircus.com).

### Onstage

Lehman College's Center for the Performing Arts, 250 Bedford Pk. Blvd. W., presents **Lehman Woodwind Quintet**, performing classical music, featuring audience participation, April 3 at 2 p.m., in the Recital Hall; **Lehman Percussion Ensemble**, featuring joint performance with students from the Royal Irish Academy of Music in Dublin, April 7 at 12:30 p.m., in the Hearth Room; and **Lehman Brass Quintet**, featuring music from 16th century to the present, in the Recital Hall, April 14 at 11 a.m.; all free, on the 3rd floor of the Music Building; and **Cinderella** performed by the Russian National Ballet Theatre, April 10 at 4 p.m., in the

Concert Hall (tickets: \$25 to \$40; \$10/12 and under). Programs are subject to change. For more information and program details, call (718) 960-8833.

The Bronx Arts Ensemble presents **Cindyrella**, April 3 at 1 and 2:30 p.m., at the Whitehall Club Ballroom, 3333 Henry Hudson Pkwy. Tickets: \$8. Also offered is a **Young Bronx Artist Contest**, April 2 at 9 a.m. at Amalgamated Houses' Vladeck Hall, 74 Van Cortlandt Pk. So. Applications are available online or by calling office. For more information, call (718) 601-7399.

The Bronx Library Center, 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents **Celia Cruz H.S. Latin/Jazz Band**, April 6 at 2:30



Photo courtesy Wave Hill/Joshua Bright

**CRAFTING USED ITEMS** into art is one of a number of family art activities awaiting you at Wave Hill this month.

p.m. and April 9 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit [www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org).

Hostos Community College's Repertory Theatre, 450 Grand Concourse (149th Street), presents **Members of the New York Philharmonic**, April 2, including selections from Swan Lake; and **The Villalobos Brothers**, April 9, performing Mexican folk music, jazz and classical (pre-performance arts workshops for the whole family are at 10:30 a.m. and shows are at 11:30 a.m.). Also presented is **Tito Puente Legacy Project: The History of Latin Jazz Part VI**, through April 30, at 11 a.m. in the Longwood Art Gallery (info: (718) 518-6656). All shows are free but tickets are required and must be picked up at box office. For more information, call (718) 518-4455 or visit [www.hostoscenter.org](http://www.hostoscenter.org).

The NYC Department of Parks invites the public to a free performance of Shakespeare's **Romeo and Juliet**, presented across NYC by the Public Theatre's Mobile Unit. Norwood's show is at Williamsbridge Oval's Recreation Center on April 2 at 1 p.m. For more information and required RSVP, call (718) 543-8672 or email [sarah.bishow@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:sarah.bishow@parks.nyc.gov).

### Events

The Woodlawn Conservancy presents **Trolley Tours at Woodlawn Cemetery**: Woodlawn Highlights, April 3 at 11 a.m., to view the grounds; and **Jazz History**, April 3, to visit the majority of the jazz greats, accompanied by their music (tickets: \$15/adults; \$10/members). For more information, call (718) 920-1469.

Wave Hill, a Bronx oasis at 675 W. 252nd St. in Riverdale, offers **Family Art Projects**: Earth Day Eco Fair, to upcycle everyday materials like egg cartons and bottle caps into hats, pins and more, followed by a parade with your wearable art, April 2 and 3; and Still-Life Cornucopia, to use paint, dishes, branches and more to make wall-mounted cornucopia sculptures, April 9 and 10; both in WH House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also offered: **Concert**,

featuring the Boston Brass Quintet performing a variety of music, April 3 at 2 p.m. in the WH House (info: ext. 251; tickets: \$28; \$22/members; \$15/ages 8 to 18; \$12/members). Grounds admission is free until noon Saturdays and Tuesdays all year. For more information and a schedule of events including tours and walks, call (718) 549-3200.

### Library Events

The Bronx Library Center, 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents the following events for children: **Hands-On Projects at 4 p.m.**: (ages 7 to 12; pre-registration required), Baby Animal Book Making, March 31; Caterpillar Making, April 7; and Butterfly Book Making, April 14. Adults can enjoy: **film**: "The Tempest," April 2 at 2:30 p.m.; **Microsoft Word 2010 for Beginners**: April 4 at 6 p.m.; and **Computer Basics**: April 5 at 11 a.m. (in-person advance registration required for both); **Intro to Social Dance 1950s to '70s**: April 9 at 2:30 p.m.; and **Annual College Fair**: April 13 at 10 a.m. Teens/young adults can attend: **film**: "He Named Me Malala," March 31 at 4 p.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit [www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org).

The Mosholu Library, 285 E. 205th St., offers for adults and young adults: **Introduction to Belly Dance**: April 16 at 2:30 p.m. Adults can also attend: **Free Computer Classes**: to learn email and basic computer information, Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, call (718) 882-8239.

The Jerome Park Library, 118 Eames Place (near Kingsbridge Road), offers for kids: **Kids Get Active Fridays at 3 p.m.**: (ages 5 to 12), to enjoy dance and zumba, April 1 and 8. Adults can attend **Computer Basics**: April 7 and 14 at noon, and March 31 at 1 p.m. For more information, call (718) 549-5200.

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**MOTORCYCLISTS FOR THE** UniverSoul Circus troupe are expected to rev up audiences from now until April 10 (see Editor's Note for details).

# Kingsbridge Armory Faceoff

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feud last year. KNIC has kept busy over the last year, obtaining construction permits and searching for more financing.

But just which side one chooses on the matter depends on interpretation.

Funding for phase one of the KNIC project is a stipulation that's part of a longstanding agreement between the NYCEDC and developers. It involves developers to build five rinks, a parking facility with 400 spots and the 50,000 square feet of community space by a proposed date of August 2018.

Developers turned to the state last year for funding, eventually receiving \$15 million of a \$138 million loan from the Public Authorities Control Board (PACB) shortly after the Empire State Development agency (ESD) voted to approve the total amount. ESD approves loans to job-producing ventures. At a meeting to approve the loan, officials pegged the KNIC project as "transformative" to the Bronx.

But NYCEDC officials believe the state's commitment to KNIC is not enough. Its main sticking point lies in KNIC not producing documents show-

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--Bronx Borough President  
Ruben Diaz Jr.

ing that total funding by the ESD or PACB was approved.

"NYCEDC offered to extend the deadline for our escrow agreement with KNIC in order to give them additional time to secure the binding financial commitments necessary to move ahead with this project," said Anthony Hoglebe, a spokesman for the NYCEDC. "We hope they will use the time to build on the \$15 million they have already been promised by the State, and look forward to continuing our work with them

and with the Kingsbridge community."

Since February, the two sides have been at loggerheads over the agreement terms. In a letter KNIC CEO Mark Messier sent to the NYCEDC in February, Messier challenged the city's concerns over financing and ostensible support for the project. "Furthermore, it suggests an apparent reluctance by NYCEDC to aid in advancing this historic project, which stands in stark contrast to the NYCEDC acting and participating as a supportive and a cooperative partner in the Armory project as NYCEDC has repeatedly and publicly expressed it is doing," wrote Messier.

The matter is simple for William A. Brewer III, partner at Brewer, Attorneys & Counselors, and counsel for KNIC, who said in a statement that "Delivery of the lease is all that remains before Kingsbridge can move forward with construction."

"In the meantime, the Kingsbridge team continues to invest in this project and achieve key milestones in pursuit of the KNIC vision," he said.

For longtime observers, the rebirth of the Kingsbridge Armory has been

one filled with fits and starts. In 2009, a plan by The Related Companies to turn the colossal Armory into an indoor mall fell apart after the company rejected a demand to pay a living wage to workers.

Another plan for a school was in the works in the early 2000s, but also crumbled after the School Construction Authority deemed the landmark inappropriate for students, citing the size of the exterior windows.

The latest project, championed by Bronx lawmakers as a game changer, involves the construction of nine rinks and a 5,000-seat arena.

The biggest supporter is Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. At a ceremony for Association for a Better New York, an economic development nonprofit, Diaz stood by developers, citing the state's financial commitment. "I think they're ready to go and start the project. Just hand over the keys; give [KNIC] the lease."

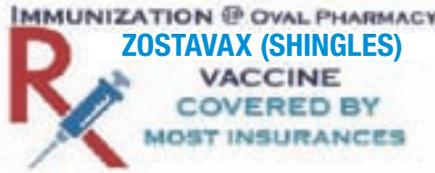
**Editor's Note:** As of press time, it has been 843 days since the New York City Council voted to approve the KNIC project to be built at the Armory.



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