For the third consecutive year, swimmers converged on the “Bronx Riviera,” Orchard Beach, for an icy Valentine’s-themed swim, dubbed, “Take the Plunge With Someone You Love,” held on Saturday, Feb. 16. With air temperature hovering around 20 degrees, about 40 swimmers jumped in for a very brief dip.

Serving Norwood, Bedford Park, Fordham and University Heights

11th District Council Race Pits Insurgent vs. Favorite

By ALEX KRATZ

With sleet pelting the slushy sidewalk outside of Mosholu Montefiore Community Center on Gun Hill Road, Public Advocate and mayoral hopeful Bill de Blasio took first-time City Council candidate Andrew Cohen to school on how to turn a static conversation into drama for the camera.

As Cohen and his handlers looked on, de Blasio showed him various hand gestures: slapping the back of one hand into the other, vigorously pointing at things, counting off numbers with your fingers.

“You’ve got to give them some drama,” de Blasio said, half-joking. “See, I’m showing you all the tricks here, dude.”

De Blasio was just one of several elected officials to endorse the relative-ly unknown and mild-mannered Cohen for the soon-to-be-vacant 11th District City Council seat over the past two months, including its current resident, Oliver Koppell.

Cohen’s primary rival for the seat, Cliff Stanton, who declared his intention to run for office early last year, derides the endorsements as nothing more than calculated political moves to play nice with the Benjamin Franklin Reform Democratic Club, which Stanton says owns a “monopoly” on Riverdale’s political scene.

Stanton says “Cohen is a manufactured candidate with thin leadership credentials and a scant record of achievement; a product of the political machine of the Northwest Bronx.” Without any political support, Stanton’s trying to position himself as the anti-establishment candidate. “If you want an independent voice from someone who has fought for our community and has a record of getting things done, I’m your guy.”

The district also includes Norwood, Bedford Park, Woodlawn, Wakefield and Kingsbridge, where Ben Franklin’s reach isn’t extensive. And both candidates admit that, policy-wise, very little (continued on p. 8)

Fatal Fire in Bedford Park, p. 3
Torahs Stolen from Norwood Synagogue, p. 4
What’s Bloomberg’s Legacy?, p. 5
www.norwoodnews.org
Before Mayor Michael Bloomberg gave his final State of the City speech at the shuttered Baruch’s Center in Brooklyn, some hypothesized that he would take the opportunity to make an announcement about the Kingsbridge Armory. Specifically, that the city had chosen a developer to reinvigorate the long-vacant property.

The theory made sense given that he had made the Armory’s redevelopment one of the key goals he outlined in the previous year’s speech.

It didn’t quite work out that way, although he did mention it, saying he wanted to “work with Borough President Diaz to bring new life — and good jobs — back to the Kingsbridge Armory.”

This past Tuesday, Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz delivered his own “state of the Borough” speech. Diaz spent a lot of time talking about all of the “new” developments coming to the “New Bronx,” including a major commercial in “Kingsbridge.”

Editor’s Note: For more State of the Borough coverage, visit norwoodnews.org.
Fire Kills Bedford Park Cancer Patient

Miriam Morales, a 56-year-old cancer patient, lost her life when a fire broke out in her Bedford Park-area apartment on the morning of Feb. 15.

The building superintendent Wilfredo Estrada and others said the fire started when an oxygen tank ignited while Morales was smoking.

"Look, she had cancer," said a next-door neighbor who did not want to be named. "She was smoking near oxygen. She blew up!"

The mother of two was battling throat cancer and, according to the New York Post, Morales's son had put out a fire in the apartment a day before.

A spokesman for the Fire Department said they arrived on the scene at 7:26 a.m. and Morales was pronounced dead on the scene after firefighters got the blaze under control at around 8 a.m. It wasn’t until several hours later, in the early afternoon, that Morales’s body was wheeled out on a stretcher in a body bag.

Members of the NYPD Arson and Explosion Squad and a Fire Department spokesperson said the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The rest of the six-story building was relatively undamaged by the isolated fire in Morales’s corner apartment. Still, some residents were frightened by all the smoke the fire generated.

“We had no idea where the fire was coming from, but within 10 minutes our apartment was filled with smoke,” resident Carlos Pizarro, 31, who lived above Morales, told the Post. “It was horrible. We couldn’t breathe. We had to escape through the fire escape and go to the roof for air.”

Another resident, Lisa Bolognese, said she heard Morales’s fire detector going off, but didn’t leave her apartment until well after the blaze was under control.
Evander Hoops Team Has Talent, Personality to Match

By WILL SPEROS

On the eve of their first playoff game, the boys on Evander Childs’ varsity basketball team hustled up and down the practice court as head coach David Fonfa pleaded for composure. They appeared focused and confident, with leaders like Michael Bernard and Ezekiel Sierra handling the ball effortlessly, never once breaking stride.

Evander Childs, of the Bronx A East League, came within two games of playing for the city championship last year and, after another stellar season that included an impressive 18-3 record and a thrilling buzzer-beater against Tha, the Tigers want to show, once again, they’re the top of the teams in New York City.

Junior Elijah Bunche said it’s the Tigers’ chemistry that makes them such a tough matchup. “There’s definitely a bond and synergy, but they fight like brothers,” Fonfa said.

This is Fonfa’s fifth year coaching the team at Evander, which is made up of students from the handful of separate small schools on the East Gun Hill Road campus. He previously spent 15 years coaching in the community.

It’s clear he’s proud of his team’s performance and the attention they’ve received on campus. Fonfa said he was “happy to have the opportunity to compete against good teams” in the playoffs.

Fonfa has a knack for whipping the boys into shape, constantly prodding them to hustle through drills. At one point during a recent practice, he made an example of Cummings for being a little too showy with his moves. “Be clever, not fancy,” Fonfa reminded his players.

The Tigers lost their Bronx Boro play-off game against Gompers by eight points last week, but they’ll have a shot at redemption in the citywide tournament that starts next week. The seeds for the Public School Athletic League playoffs will be announced Thursday, Feb. 21, and the Tigers will be included.

Police Report

Torahs Stolen From Norwood Synagogue

Three Torah scrolls, each worth $45,000, were stolen recently from the Young Israel Synagogue of Mosholu Parkway, a temple with dwindling membership on East 266th Street in Norwood, according to police.

Synagogue leaders said the Torah scrolls, which contain the first five books of the Bible and are considered the holiest of Jewish scripture, were discovered missing on Feb. 11. But they could have been taken anytime between then and Feb. 1, the last time they were seen.

The New York Post reported that other valuables, including “12 similar scrolls, several pieces of silver with religious significance and donations boxes full of cash,” were left untouched in another “ark,” or glass cabinet, much like the one from which the Torahs were stolen.

Rabbi Zevulun Charlop was devastated by the discovery. “There’s nothing holier,” Charlop told CBS News. “I feel as though someone was kidnapped from us.”

The synagogue may recoup some of the financial loss from insurance, Charlop told the Jewish Forward, and he is still holding out hope that they might be recovered. Using tiny serial numbers embedded into the paper, the scrolls were registered with the Universal Torah Registry, making them traceable if the thieves attempt to sell them.

Young Israel has less than a dozen members and is the last remaining temple in Community Board 7, which includes Norwood, Bedford Park, Fordham and parts of University Heights and Kingsbridge Heights. —ALEX KRATZ
Inquiring Photographer

By DAVID GREENE

This week, following his final State of the City speech, we asked readers how they will remember the Michael Bloomberg era.

I think that he seemed to start out sounding like a populist, but more and more, especially when he went for his third term, he showed his true colors as an absolute plutocrat.

Fred Widenhammer

I liked him a lot in the beginning but he isn’t representing the poor folks.

Anne Baldwin

All I hear about the mayor is the police department is [better]. But the stop and frisk stuff is too much, it’s ridiculous. You get stopped on one corner and get to the next corner, you’re getting stopped again. You catch an attitude with the cop, they’re going to lock you up and you didn’t do anything wrong.

Nelson Campos

He will be remembered as a hypocrite. He changed the law to be elected three times, then he changed it back again. Then he made these crazy laws and raised the cost of tickets. He won’t let us drink soda, no plastic cups. It’s really none of his business how people take care of themselves. He’s not responsible for our health.

Johnny Nita

Mayor Bloomberg was for Mayor Bloomberg, nothing for the poor people in this city, only made sure the rich like himself got richer and they did, through contracts, through metered parking, where the little man was hurt and the big men turned over big profits.

Anthony Martucci

Established in the early 1970s, Boricua College focuses on the needs of Puerto Rican and Latino students in New York City, while serving a diverse population of students from all over the metro area. Fields of study include childhood education, human services, business administration, liberal arts and sciences, and inter-American studies. The college employs one of the largest concentrations of Latino bilingual professionals in the city, including 130 full-time and 100 part-time faculty and staff members. Boricua is a broad-based source of expert knowledge about Latin America, the Caribbean and the experience of Puerto Rican and Latino immigrants in the Big Apple. The new vertical campus can serve 2,000 full-time students and will be a part of Boricua Village, which includes 700 units of affordable and moderate housing, underground parking, retail space and a plaza.
On Thursday, Feb. 21, DeWitt Clinton High School students and alumni are organizing a rally to protest the Department of Education’s proposal to place two new smaller schools inside Clinton’s building.

The rally will start at 4 p.m. in the Clinton auditorium with the showing of a film about the school’s plight by filmmaker Danny Schechter. It will be followed by a public hearing at 5:30 p.m.

Organizer Sydney Valerio says, “The school is facing growing pressures of being taken over by other small schools and has faced inequitable and deplorable support from the [Department of Education].”
To keep skin hydrated and healthy during the winter months, Karthik Krishnamurthy, D.O., dermatologist at Montefiore Medical Center, offers the following tips:

- **Simple daily care is the key to healthy skin.** Shower only once daily for less than 10 minutes. The longer the shower, the more natural oils and nutrients are lost. Opt for lukewarm water and avoid very hot water. Use gentle, fragrance-free soaps and choose sponges over harsher scrubs. The same applies for children.

- **Make moisturizing a daily habit.** Moisturize immediately after showering or bathing. While your skin is still wet, apply petroleum jelly, which spreads very easily, then towel dry.

- **Protect skin from the inside out.** Poor nutrition can be a major source of skin disease. Deficiencies in B-vitamins (niacin, riboflavin) can lead to dry, itchy skin. Eating turkey, tuna, whole grains, lentils and bananas will help maintain healthy levels of B-vitamins in the body. On the other hand, ingesting beer or alcohol depletes B-vitamins and can make winter skin worse. A deficiency in vitamin C results in fragile skin, so it’s also beneficial to eat citrus fruits, green or red peppers, and drink tomato juice. Supplementing with a multi-vitamin also is recommended.

- **Be aware if skin needs extra care.** People with pre-existing skin conditions such as eczema and psoriasis as well as those with thyroid disease are at greater risk for skin problems and discomfort during the winter. In addition, people who take multiple medications, especially the elderly, are susceptible to winter skin. Environmental conditions can also have an impact. Too much heat or not enough heat can contribute to low humidity in the home, so maintaining normal room temperature (between 67 and 74 degrees) is advised.

- **It may be cold, but don’t forget the sunscreen.** Although it is cold outside, the sun shines ultraviolet light year-round. In fact, it’s possible to get even more sun exposure on a snowy day than a summer day. Snow reflects ultraviolet light, so there is double exposure from above and below. Use sunscreen all year round, and choose one that is SPF 30 and also boasts UVA protection with ingredients such as zinc oxide or avobenzone.

---

**Blood Drive**

Bronx residents are invited to participate in the annual blood drive at Montefiore, 111 E. 210th St., on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 28, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome and children over the age of 16 may donate with parental consent. A photo identification or signature identification card will be required. For donor eligibility, please call the New York Blood Center eligibility line at 1 (800) 688-0900 or visit www.nybloodcenter.org.

---

**‘ObamaCare’ Forum**

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, Congressman Jose E. Serrano and Hostos Community College are hosting a forum on the Affordable Care Act a.k.a. ObamaCare. Attendees will participate in a discussion with health care experts. The forum will take place on Saturday, Feb. 23 at 10 a.m., at Hostos Community College, 430 Grand Concourse, at 149th Street, MBJ Cafeteria - C building, 3rd floor. To RSVP and for more information, call Lilian Perez, (212) 416-8754.
Neighborhood Notes

New After-School Program
Tender Tots, a child-care center located at 3322 Perry Ave., has launched a new after-school program for school-age children (ages 5 to 12). The center offers a quiet environment where kids can work on homework or other projects and have supervised access to computers and tutoring help. Nutritional snacks as well as crafts, games and other physical activities will be provided. For more information, email info@tendertotsny.com or call (646) 481-3067.

Free Tax Help
Senator Gustavo Rivera’s district office is offering free Federal and State income tax preparation assistance on Feb. 26, from 2 to 6 p.m. and March 26, from 4 to 6 p.m. at 2432 Grand Concourse, Suite 206. To schedule an appointment and receive assistance filing your income tax, call (718) 903-2004.

The Refuge House, 2715 Bainbridge Ave., will host free tax filing which is available to April 15 on select Wednesdays 3 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (no walk-ins) for individuals and families whose gross income in 2012 was less than $36,000 with dependents, or $25,000 without dependents. E-file and Direct Deposit options are available for fast and accurate preparation. For more information and an appointment, call (718) 933-2539.

The Bronx Library Center, 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd. (718) 579-4234, and the Grand Concourse Library, 155 E. 173rd St. (718) 585-6911, are assisting with filing taxes, free, for those who qualify, through April 15. For qualification information and a detailed schedule, visit www.nypl.org/taxhelp, or call 311 for free tax preparation assistance.

Flea Market Donations
Donations are needed for the Bedford Mosholu Community Association flea market on March 9. Bring new or used items (except clothing) to the BMCA office at 440 E. Mosholu Pkwy. So., Apt. B1 (lobby floor) on the following days: Wednesdays, Feb. 27 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 2 from 1:30 to 4 p.m., and Saturday, March 6 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Stop Smoking Program
North Central Bronx Hospital, 3424 Roswell Ave., offers free group counseling and nicotine replacement therapy for smokers looking to quit. No appointments are needed or required; walk-ins are welcome. The smoking cessation program runs weeks at a 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. in room 1A12. For more information, call (718) 519-2425/2490.

Job and Computer Training
Mercy Center, 577 E. 145th St., offers computer and job training classes, many of them specifically aimed at women. For more information, call (718) 993-2789 or visit www.mercyc.org.

For more Neighborhood Notes online, go to www.norwoodnews.org and click on “Neighborhood Notes.”

MS 80 Parents Frustrated
With New Principal

(continued from p. 1)

she can’t reach him. “When I call the school, it seems like nobody gives any body messages there,” Pagan said.

Another parent (who asked to remain anonymous because she didn’t want her father to know her son went to a “bad” school) has problems with her son cutting class, but has little to complain about Polanco himself. She’s more worried about students’ preparations. “His past can’t help us,” she said. “I’m focused on what he can do for our kids now. Half aren’t prepared for the state exams.”

She added, “Last year, Saturday Academy (which supplements students’ regular academic schedule) began in October. This year, in January. How much can you do really in a few weeks?”

Another MS 80 parent, Carolina Crespo, also wants more guards and has even been considering switching her daughter out of MS 80, saying that, academically, her daughter hasn’t been the same this year under Polanco.

Donovan has also disapproved of Polanco’s leadership, specifically critiquing his absence in the Parents Association. Donovan said that parent association elections were held hastily late this past fall, months after they were originally planned to take place. The emergency election prevented some parents from voting, Donovan said. The school referred all questions about Polanco to the Department of Education.

Marge Feinberg, a representative of the DOE, said the DOE “takes parents’ concerns seriously,” and that they are looking into them.

The DOE said Polanco’s record is clean. “He has no prior substantiated investigations,” Feinberg said in an email. Polanco began his teaching career in 2003 as a substitute teacher and served as an assistant principal for less than a year before becoming principal of MS 80.

Last year, under Principal Lovey Rivera, the school had installed a plan to improve its performance with the aid of federally-funded programs. Those plans fell apart when the teachers union and the DOE failed to reach a compromise on a teacher evaluation system. It was then that the DOE required the school to enter a “turnaround” program, which mandated that the school change its name, replace its administration and replace half of its teachers.

The DOE began implementing the turnaround program in the spring by replacing Rivera with an interim principal and then eventually hiring Polanco toward the end of the school year. The rest of turnaround was halted by a successful lawsuit brought by the teachers union over the summer, which led to the school retaining its name and its staff.

In the fall, the DOE announced that MS 80 had earned a “B” on its report card, a marked improvement from the past few years. Donovan credits that success to Rivera. Last year, many parents and teachers said they felt the school was on the right path under Rivera.

Despite losing her title as PA president earlier this year, Donovan says she continues to strive for a better relationship between school faculty and parents. Donovan is working on a petition that will demand three things: a better security system, including more security cameras to prevent students from cutting class; more security guards; and an open communication policy that will work to connect the parents to the DOE and the school.

Parents say cutting class is commonplace and that they’ve heard students are having sex in the school. “It’s discouraging to parents which is why many have chosen to speak up, even if they can’t reveal their names publicly. The parent who wished to remain anonymous said, “My child is supposed to be in a place where he’s supposed to be learning, where he is guaranteed safety. But I can tell you, before I can say I’ve lost my son in there. I’m trying my best as a parent.”

Advertise in the Norwood News
Call (718) 324-4998

It’s Time to Register @ MMCC!
Spring Children’s Baseball

Pee Wees: 5–6 yrs.
Bantams: 7–8 yrs.
MINORS: 9–10 yrs.
MINORS: 9–10 yrs.
GIRLS SOFTBALL: 9–12 yrs. and 13–16 yrs.

Full Major League Uniforms • Trophies for all
Must be ages above by June 1, 2013

Call Craig Foster, Baseball Commissioner
718-882-4000 ext. 280

More info and registration form are available online at www.mmcc.org

MOSHOLU DAY CAMP
On Beautiful Lake Cohasset in Harriman State Park

"There are so many activities, my son can’t decide which he likes best!"
Boys & Girls, K – 6th Grade | Special Trips 3rd – 6th Grade
Special Needs Camps | Teen Trailways 7th – 10th Grade
Free and convenient bus service to and from camp each day. Activities include: swimming with instruction, boating, sports, art, drama, crafts, ceramics, nature studies and much more!

Call 718-882-4000
for a free brochure and to schedule a camp tour

Follow us on twitter @countrydaycamp and “Like” Mosholu Country Day Camp on Facebook

Moshulu Montefiore Community Center
3450 Dekalb Ave. & Gun Hill Rd. Bronx, NY 10467
718-882-4000 • www.mmcc.org

GIVE US A CALL AT 718-882-4000 TODAY!
HELP WANTED

District Manager Position: Available at Community Board #7. Description and requirements are available at www.BronxCB7.info.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Glad Tidings Assembly of God: 2 Van Cortlandt Ave. E. and Jerome Avenue. (718) 367-4040. Prayer Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday Service at 11 a.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Cash Paid: For antiques, old items, collectibles, artwork, jewelry, books, records, coins, stamps, sports cards, bric-a-brac. Moving sales, estates, contents of homes. (718) 882-0598 (home), or (347) 734-9261 (cell).

Finish Floor Specialist: Carpet, tiles and hardwood floors. Also, all around handyman. Call for free estimate - Eddie at (718) 757-5485.

Admiral Washing Machine for Sale: Heavy duty, 8-cycle/two speed combinations, easy to operate, NEW, used only once! Call (347) 499-0223. See photo.

Classifieds:
$12 for the first 20 words and 25 cents for each additional word. Professional Directory: $144 for six months; $260 for one year. Business Cards: $360 for six months (12 issues); $625 for one year (25 issues). Deadlines: Deadlines for classified ads are one week prior to publication. To place an ad, call the Norwood News at (718) 324-4998 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday.
Onstage

- The Bronx Library Center, 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd, presents Legends of Jazz, a musical performance, Feb. 23 at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit www.nypl.org.

- The Lehman Center for the Performing Arts, 250 Bedford Blvd., W., presents shows at 8 p.m.: Charlie Zaa, featuring bolero music, Feb. 23; Forever Freestyle7, featuring a variety of performers, March 2 (tickets are $45 to $65); and Richie Ray & Bobby Cruz and others, featuring salsa, March 9 (tickets are $30 to $50). For more information, call (718) 960-8833.

- Lehman College’s Levinger Theatre, 250 Bedford Blvd., W., presents Prelude New York Dance Competition, featuring creative abilities of various dance teams from different boroughs in NYC, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. Tickets are $15/advance adults; or 2 for $25, $5/children; $20/at door. For more information and to RSVP, visit HipHopTheoryTheCompany@gmail.com, or PreludeDanceCompetition.com or call (917) 609-9696.

- The Albert Einstein Symphony Orchestra presents Dvorak in America, classical music in the Robbins Auditorium of the Forchheimer Building, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, 1300 Morris Pk. Ave., March 10 at 3 p.m. Contributions are suggested. For more information, visit einsteinorch.tripod.com.

- Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse, presents The Camille Thurman Quartet and live painting performance to celebrate Women’s History Month, March 1 from 6 to 10 p.m. in the lower gallery. For more information, call (718) 681-6000.

Events

- The Bronx Council on the Arts presents In Progress: A Writer’s Journey, a free Bronx Writers Center Workshop at 2700 E Tremont Ave., Feb. 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The workshop will be followed by a Q & A and book signing by author Andrew Goldstein. For more information, call (718) 831-9500 ext. 33 or visit www.bronxarts.org.

- Bronx River Sankofa (free programs on the Bronx River’s African-American heritage) offers a power point talk, Feb. 22 from noon to 2 p.m. at Poe Park Visitors Center, 2640 Grand Concourse. For more information, email conversevision@gmail.com.

- Wave Hill, a Bronx oasis at 675 W. 252nd St. in Riverdale, offers Family Arts Projects: Seedy Beady Paper, to make sheets of handmade paper and dress it up with seeds and seed beads, Feb. 23 and 24; and Family Roots and Branches, to make a family album with sketches of trees (bring family photos), March 2 and 3, both from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Ecology Building. Grounds admission is free Saturdays until noon and free Tuesdays all day. Special programs are geared to families with children ages 5 to 10 during Presidents Week and grounds admission is free for Bronx residents during this 10-day period, through Feb. 24. For more information and a schedule of events, call (718) 549-3200.

- Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse, presents Readings & Conversations, with author Silas Burgess III, March 6 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the north wing lobby; and 1040 Lounge, to celebrate and promote the arts in the Bronx, featuring artist talks and performances, March 8 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in its north wing lobby (drinks will be served). For more information, call (718) 681-6000.

- The public is invited to ride the March 6...
free Bronx Culture Trolley, which transports visitors on the first Wednesday of every month (except January and September) to Bronx hot spots. Trolley night starts with a 5 p.m. reception at the Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos Community College, 450 Grand Concourse (at 149th St.). From there, the trolley departs at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. For more information and a detailed schedule, call (718) 931-9500 ext. 33 or log on to www.bronxarts.org.

Exhibits
■ The Bronx Documentary Center, 614 Courtlandt Ave., presents Seis Del Sur, free exhibition of photographs through March 8. For more information, call (347) 332-6962 or visit www.bronxdoc.org.

Library Events
■ The Bronx Library Center, at 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents programs for adults including Computer: MS Word for Beginners (2-session class; register online), Feb. 21 at 2 p.m.; Mango Language Program, to learn one of more than 40 languages (online registration required), Feb. 27 at 10 a.m.; Film: “South Africa,” March 2 at 2:30 p.m.; and Disabilities Film Festival: featuring Doc Pomus, March 7 at 11 a.m. Teens and young adults can join ARTistic Teens at 3:30 p.m.: Feb. 22 and March 1. Children can enjoy Baby Story Time, Feb. 23 at 11 a.m.; Story Songs: (ages 5 to 12), Feb. 23 at 2 p.m.; Global Partners Junior at 4 p.m.: (ages 5 to 12; phone or in-person registration required), Feb. 27 and March 6; Preschool Story Time at 11 a.m.: Feb. 21, 28 and March 6; Whitehouse Book Making, Feb. 28 at 4 p.m.; Film: March 5 at 4 p.m.; and Pencil & Pen Holder Making, March 7 at 4 p.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit www.nypl.org.
■ The Moshulu Library, at 285 E. 205th St., offers programs for seniors and adults: Knitting Circle: Thursdays at 3 p.m.; and WII Program: Tuesdays at 3 p.m. Children can enjoy Read Aloud at 4 p.m.: (ages 3 to 12), Feb. 25 and March 4; Make Your Own Jewelry: Feb. 26 at 3 p.m.; Toddler Story Time at 10:30 a.m.: (ages 18 to 36 months), Feb. 21 and March 7; and Baby Story Time: (ages to 18 months), March 5 at 11 a.m. Speakers of other languages can attend free English Conversation Program: intermediate level, Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Feb. 26, March 5, 12 and 19. For more information, call (718) 882-8239.
■ The Jerome Park Library, at 118 Eames Place, offers Pajama Party: Feb. 25 at 6 p.m.; and Arts & Crafts: March 4 at 4 p.m. (both for ages 5 to 12), and Craftareoons: March 6 at 4 p.m.; and Cooking: March 7 at 4 p.m., both for teens/young adults. For more information, call (718) 549-5200.
NOTE: Items for consideration may be mailed to our office or sent to norwood-news@norwoodnews.org, and should be received by Feb. 25 for the next publication date of March 7.
Council Member Fernando Cabrera, Food Bank For New York City, and The City University of New York invite you to

FREE* Tax Preparation
Saturday, March 2, 2013
9 am-5 pm
Bronx Works Morris Senior Center
80 East 181 St.
Bronx, NY 10453

Food Bank For New York City 212-894-8060 Council Member Cabrera’s office 347-590-2874

DIRECTIONS: No. 4 train to Burnside, walk to 181st Street. 3K1 or B2 to 180th Street

* Qualified people will get their taxes completed for FREE.
Income limits
- $50,000 with dependents
- $18,000 without dependents

To qualify you must have the following:
- If filing jointly with a spouse, both of you must be present with photo IDs.
- Social Security cards or ITIN (or copies) for you and your spouse if filing jointly and anyone you are claiming on your tax return, or a letter from the Social Security Administration.
- W-2s for all jobs you held in 2012.
- Form 1099-G if you received unemployment insurance in 2012.
- Form 1099-INT if you received interest from a bank account in 2012.
- Form 1098-T if you paid tuition.
- Form 1098-E if you paid student loan interest.
- If you are claiming child care expenses, amount you paid and child care agency’s ID or name and Social Security number of the babysitter.

** We do not prepare the following returns: itemized returns, Schedule C (Profit or Loss from Business - except limited Schedule C for child care providers and taxi drivers); Complicated & Advanced Schedule D (Capital Gains and Losses); Schedule E (Rents & Losses); Form 55-3 (Request for Social Security Number); Form 2106 (Employee Business Expenses); Form 3913 (Moving Expenses); Form 8616 (Non-deductible IRA); Form 8613 (Minor’s investment income)