This just in: A mutating zombie virus has contaminated a small section of the Bronx and is threatening to take over all of New York City. At the moment, all those infected are quarantined safely within the walls of a scary-looking warehouse on Commerce Avenue in the southeast Bronx. The public, or at least those brave enough, is welcome to come and see for themselves the severity of this virus. But, of course, they must enter at their own risk. No one is liable for any zombie bites, scratches or missing children.

That is the premise behind the borough’s biggest Halloween thrill ride, known as “The Bronx Haunted Warehouse.” Creators Timothy Haskell, Bobby Ferrara and Steve Kopelman concocted the virus for the love of anything gruesome and everything Halloween. Haskell is the demented mind behind the number one haunted house in the city, according to CityGuide. His Lower East Side attraction called “Nightmare” has been scaring folks for the past decade. He expanded his spookiness into the Bronx thanks to the encouragement and help of Ferrara, a Bronx native who takes Halloween very seriously.

Before opening a Bronx-based attraction last year, Ferrara would take his kids to different haunted houses throughout the city and even upstate. A couple of years ago, Ferrara tracked Haskell down and pitched his idea about collaborating on a haunted house in the Bronx. Haskell accepted and they brought in Kopelman to do all of the house’s props.

The two competing bidders looking to redevelop the vacant Kingsbridge Armory into something both profitable and beneficial to the community gave their final pitch to local residents last week at a forum hosted by Community Board 7.

During 20-minute presentations inside a Monroe College auditorium on Jerome Avenue, Young Woo & Associates and representatives from the Kingsbridge National Ice Center (KNIC) laid out their proposals in the most detailed fashion yet. The style and substance of their presentations reflected the stark contrast between the two proposals.

While many came out to support one project or the other — including a large contingent representing the Zulu Nation, which is pushing hard for the Armory to become the site for a National Hip Hop Museum, part of Young Woo’s town square-style market proposal — others left undecided, but encouraged by both presentations.

“Both plans have merit,” said Nelson Beltran, 26, a Fordham-area resident. “But I’m probably leaning toward Mercado Mirabo [the (continued on p. 4)
After Board Saves His Job, Good-bye

Last Tuesday, Oct. 9, was Community Board 7 District Manager Fernando Tira-do’s last day on the job. Exactly three weeks from the day board members voted against terminating him from his position, Tirado announced he would be moving on and taking a job at Sustainable Long Island.

“It has been a pleasure to work along side many of you and do the things needed to improve the quality of life for our neighborhoods,” Tirado said in an email to the Board 7 community. “I will miss many of you deeply, as I have had many positive experiences with you, even thru the challenging times.”

This past summer was one of those challenging times. At the June board meeting, a motion was made to dismiss him, but the subsequent vote in favor of his dismissal was not binding because it was held behind closed doors, leading to a summer of uncertainty. In September, the board voted again on whether to remove Tirado. This time, in a public setting, the board voted against his removal, 15-10 (with three abstentions).

Board Chairman Paul Foster, who sent a letter outlining the reasons why Tirado was on the hot seat in July and voted in favor of his dismissal, said Tirado gave the board two weeks notice. Tirado will be taking a leave from his position until Oct. 18, which will be his official last day.

In a brief interview, Foster praised Tirado for his four years of work as district manager.

“He made some good contributions to the board,” Foster said. “He’s a very competent individual and a great guy. I’m sure he’ll be successful in whatever he does.”

He added: “Was he 100 percent every-thing? No,” he said. “But nobody is. I’m not. But he did some good work. I’d say he’s one of the best district managers in the Bronx.”

Tirado couldn’t be reached before press time.

While the board puts together a search committee and officially opens up the job to applicants, Tom Lucania, who oversees community board affairs for the Bronx Borough President’s office, will be helping out. Foster said other board members have also agreed to help in the interim.

The board held a successful community forum on the Kingsbridge Armory redevelopment proposals at Monroe College last Thursday evening (see front page story) and Foster said board business will continue as usual, although official office hours may be tweaked in the coming weeks.

The last time the board needed a new district manager, they hired one of their own — a relatively new and decidedly energetic member who had recently moved to Bedford Park from Queens. His name was Fernando Tirado.

—ALEX KRATZ

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New York Voting Information

N ov. 6 is ELECTION DAY!

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. You will receive a postcard from the Board of Elections telling you where to vote and your election district number. You can also find out where to vote at http://gis.nyc.gov/vote/p5/index.htm.

At your polling place, you will tell the poll worker your address and they will look it up on the poll list. If your name is in the book, you will sign your name next to the signature on record and vote at the voting machine.

If your name is not on the poll list, ask for an affidavit ballot, which is basically a paper ballot. Ask the poll worker to explain how to fill it out correctly. After the election the Board of Elections will check its records and your vote will be counted if you are eligible to vote and are at the correct polling site.

When you use the voting machine, tell the poll worker that it is your first time voting (if it is) and ask them to explain how to use the voting machine properly. You can take a friend or relative into the voting booth with you if you like.

Tips:

Do not wear buttons or T-shirts that endorse a candidate to the polling place on Election Day. You may be turned away. If you are turned away, remove your buttons or turn your shirt inside out and insist that you be allowed to vote. DO NOT LEAVE WITHOUT VOTING.

If you are told that you cannot vote and you know that you are at the correct polling place, demand to fill out an affidavit ballot. If you are registered, you have a right to vote, even if your name is not on the poll list.

If you are turned away and not allowed to vote, or you feel you have been harassed or intimidated, call the ACLU Voting Rights Project to register your complaint and find out how to advocate for yourself.

—ALEX KRATZ

Editor’s Note: Anyone who needs to contact the board can still call (718) 933-5650. But the official email address will not be monitored. Email inquiries should be sent to mbaez@cb.nyc.gov or to londy@bronxch7.info.

Public and Community Meetings

- COMMUNITY BOARD 7 committee meetings will be held on the following dates at the board office, 229A E. 204th St. at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted: Land Use, Thursday, Oct. 25; Education, Monday, Oct. 29. For more information, call (718) 933-5660 or visit www.bronxch7.info.

- BEDFORD MOSHOLU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 400 E. Mosholu Pkwy. So. #81 (Lobby Floor). All are welcome.

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name of Young Woo’s project. It has more to offer; more permanent jobs, that’s a big thing.”
Young Woo’s “Mercado Mirabo” proposal includes the promise of 800 permanent jobs on site, compared to the 175 total permanent jobs included in the ice center proposal. Presenters for the ice center, however, said all of the permanent jobs created at the Armory will pay a so-called living wage of $10 an hour plus benefits or $11.50 an hour without benefits. Young Woo says it can’t guarantee all of the permanent jobs will pay a living wage, but that its plan will create at least 175 living wage jobs. The similarities in the number of living wage jobs created—the lack of which proved the undoing of a plan three years ago to turn the Armory into a giant shopping mall—are about the only thing the two proposals share.

One group wants to build the world’s largest ice sports complex and marry it with a youth athletic and tutoring program. The other wants to make the Armory a cool, innovative and flexible workspace without much overhead cost ($60 to $80 per square foot). But Young Woo says its true “anchor” is to retrofit the Armory into a regional ice sports mecca, complete with nine skating rinks, including a 5,000-seat arena and an outdoor rink.

Richter tried to downplay any comparisons with Yankee Stadium, saying the complex would be open 365 days a year (not just during the 81 home games each year), from 5 a.m. to 10 or 11 at night. That type of programming, Richter said, would space out the 3 million expected visitors throughout the day and reduce potential traffic and congestion problems. At the same time, it would offer a steady stream of potential customers for area merchants—parents and kids heading to practice or instruction and adults playing in leagues. (Christian Ramos of the Kingsbridge Road Merchants Association said his group supported the ice project because it wouldn’t compete with local businesses.)

The ice group has also pledged to dedicate 50,000 square feet for community space and develop a free youth program based on a successful model created in Philadelphia by Flyers owner Billuder. “We’re passionate about ice, we’re passionate about kids and we’re passionate about making a positive impact in the community” Richter said.

In summing up their proposal, Richter told the story of Messi’s first trip to tour the Armory, several months ago. The hockey star arrived about an hour early and just drove around the neighborhood surrounding the skating Armory. It’s an area surrounded by schools and dense housing.

He told the partners: “You know what you’re going to do here, right? You’re going to transform this community. It will be a magnet for these kids.”

Richter’s group expressed interest in the Armory last summer; long before the city released its request for proposals earlier this year and their enthusiasm for the project is largely seen as the reason why the city launched another RFP for the Armory.

Another big part of the ice presentation was a plan to build an ice sports and wellness-themed public school where the National Guard currently resides, something the Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Alliance (KARA) has long held as one of its principal goals in any potential Armory project. Plans for a school were not included in the RFP; but they included them anyway. Richter said his group would pursue the school just as hard as they pushed the city to release a new RFP for the Armory.

Weighing the Benefits
Marlene Cintron is the head of the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation, the Bronx borough president’s economic development arm. She attended the forum and asked several questions of both developers even though her office, like the borough president, is publicly supporting the ice center project.

Cintron lives near Yankee Stadium. She said her community and the surrounding business district has not benefited from the new stadium’s construction, which was pitched to the community as an economic development engine.

“I know what we didn’t get [with the stadium],” she said.

Last winter, Cintron visited Philadelphia to check out the successful youth ice sports program that KNIC is modeling its program on. After seeing its benefits in a community similar to Kingsbridge, Cintron said she was convinced it was the right fit for the Armory. The idea behind the program is simple: bring in a report card and you get free ice time as well as tutoring help.

At the ice facility in Philadelphia, Cintron said she spoke with a mother of three sons who were in the program and benefiting from it. One of the sons no longer needed attention deficit drugs to stay focused; another stopped skipping school, and the third kid, a successful student, was doing even better than before.

How did she find out about the program? She saw kids going into the facility from her window.

After sitting through both presentations, Miguel Rodriguez needed to use the bathroom. Rodriguez, a member of the Northwestern Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition and KARA, said he was still “fuzzy” on which project was best for the community. But he did like the fact that the ice center group included the school even though it wasn’t part of the RFP.

Rodriguez and KARA asked both developers if they would enter into a binding community benefits agreement and come to out to a rally on Wednesday, Oct. 17. Both said they were open to entering into a benefits agreement and would try to make it to the rally.

“The most important thing,” Rodriguez said, “is that we need to hold them accountable.”
For the past three school years, the Department of Education has released progress reports and assigned letter grades to each school in New York City. On Oct. 1, the DOE released progress reports for all of the city’s 1,193 elementary and middle schools.

The reports award letter grades to schools based on student progress, performance, and student attendance, as well as feedback from parents, students, and teachers about their schools. As in previous years, schools received additional credit for progress made with students with disabilities, English language learners, and black and Latino males whose prior performance is within the lowest third citywide. For the first time this year, middle school grades reflect a broader range of data, including middle school course performance and accelerated high school courses completed in eighth grade. Reports also include new information about how each middle school’s graduates go on to perform in high school.

Below, we have compiled the grades for each of the elementary and middle schools considered part of the Norwood News’ primary coverage area. Each letter grade is accompanied by its corresponding score, which might give a more accurate picture of a school’s performance. For example, PS/MS 15 dropped just four tenths of point but went from an A in 2010-2011 to a B in 2011-2012. For more detail on each school’s progress report, visit schools.nyc.gov, search your school’s name and click on “statistics.”

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Zombie Virus Outbreak at ‘Bx. Haunted Warehouse’

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Now, the haunted house is a Ferrara family affair. One of his teenage sons works the web page and another does security. His daughter helps the actors get into zombie makeup. (Mom, however, is not involved; too gruesome an undertaking, Ferrara says.)

Aside from changing the name from “2-Day” to the less esoteric “Bronx Haunted House,” Ferrara says they have upgrading this year’s haunted house with several new rooms and more authentic and scarier effects. Ferrara is hoping his haunted house can capitalize on its location (it’s the only haunted house in the Bronx and relatively close to Westchester County) and the popularity of zombie-related entertainment (AMC’s zombie fable, “The Walking Dead,” is the highest rated non-network show on basic cable).

Launched in early October, the Bronx Haunted Warehouse runs through Oct. 31.

Warning: You may enter with friends or family, but once zombies jump out unexpectedly and start chasing you, it is every man, woman and child for themselves. Bring your survival instincts. You will need them to make it out the Bronx Haunted Warehouse alive.

Ed. Note: The Bronx Haunted Warehouse is located at 1157 Commerce Ave. For more information or to purchase advance tickets, visit the website www.hauntedhousebronx.com. See Editor’s Pick in Out & About for this and more Halloween happenings (page 15).
Why can’t we have both?

That was a question posed to one of the bidders looking to redevelop the Kingsbridge Armory at a community forum last week (see front page story).

The man with the question, a member of the Zulu Nation, wanted to know why, in the cavernous 700,000-square-foot Armory, there wasn’t room for an ice skating rink and a hip hop museum, a free youth ice sports program and business incubator, a 5,000-seat arena and the country’s first 4-D movie theater.

The answer, well, there wasn’t an answer at the forum. The moderator and presenter both shrugged it off as more of a political statement than an actual question and moved on.

Still, it’s a question worth exploring. The pragmatic answer is that the two projects have separate and distinct goals and financing contingent on each going into the Armory as a singular entity. Besides, somebody has to win, right?

The other answer, buried inside of that question, is that we have two exciting and viable development options for a long-vacant structure in the Bronx. That’s a good thing. Last time around, a few years ago, when the city released its first request for proposals to redevelop the Armory, it came down to two relatively similar proposals from two major developers. Both wanted to turn the iconic, castle-like structure into a big mall.

Sure, it would have looked cool and brought in a lot of entry-level mall-type jobs, which isn’t a bad thing. But it would have been just that, a mall. Blah. The Bronx needs another mall like it needs another water filtration plant on public parkland.

This time around, however, we have two options, neither of which is a mall. One is a futuristic town hall-style market with recreation and business incubator space. Yes, its retail and food components might bring some competition to local businesses, but it would also house the National Hip Hop Museum. (Did you know hip hop legend Kurtis Blow grew up three blocks from the Armory? You would if there was a hip hop museum there.)

The other option is the world’s largest ice sports complex, a regional draw that would hum with activity 18 hours a day and introduce our youth to new exciting athletic pursuits. (Did you know 10 percent of American high school hockey players get college scholarships, while only 2 percent of basketball players get the same free ride?)

No matter which option prevails, the Bronx wins. Here’s hoping the loser finds another long-vacant structure in which to pitch its tent.
As we age, our bodies process drugs differently. The average senior takes more than five different pills daily, not including over-the-counter drugs or supplements, which can leave them more vulnerable to problems. In fact, researchers at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that senior citizens are twice as likely to visit the emergency room due to adverse drug reactions than their younger counterparts.

Patients or their caregivers can do a lot to minimize the risk of a bad event related to a medication, says Registered Nurse Lilliene Mine, a nurse care manager from the not-for-profit Visiting Nurse Service of New York.

Here are six ways to take medications safely:

1. Make a List. Keep a personal record of all the meds your loved one is taking, including the name of the medication, the dosage instructions, the reason it was prescribed and the name and number of the doctor who prescribed it. “Don’t forget to include over-the-counter meds and herbal supplements, too,” says Mine.

2. Take All Medications to the Doctor. An estimated 100,000 older Americans are hospitalized for adverse drug reactions yearly, and three of the most commonly prescribed drugs – insulin, the blood thinner warfarin (aka Coumadin) and the heart drug digoxin – are most often the cause, according to a recent study by researchers at the CDC published in the New England Journal of Medicine. If you’re unsure about your meds, put everything in a bag and bring them to your doctor. Ask for help figuring out what you are taking and why so that you’ll know how to take them properly.

3. Ask Questions. Don’t be afraid to speak up. Every time a new med is recommended or prescribed, it’s imperative to ask the physician and pharmacist these key questions: Why has this been prescribed? How does it work? How can I tell if the drug is working? What are the possible side effects? Is this safe to take with other prescriptions and over-the-counter drugs? “Also ask about the risk of mixing food and drink with your meds,” says Mine. “Something innocent may cause an adverse reaction. Grapefruit juice, licorice, chocolate, alcohol and other food and beverages are known to increase side-effect risks with certain medications.”

4. Change Dosage. Open a dialogue with the prescribing physicians about possibly lowering the number of different pills taken throughout the day. Studies show that the more pills a person takes, the less likely they are to adhere to the schedule and dosage.

5. Store Smart. “Don’t keep your meds in the bathroom or the kitchen,” cautions Mine. “The moisture and heat can impact potency.” Knowing how to properly take and store your medications not only helps them work most effectively but may save your life.

6. Box Them. Lilliene Mine encourages members to get a pill box that has labeled compartments for each day of the week.
Taking Meds: 6 Ways to Keep Your Loved One Safe

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the week. “There are even ones labeled ‘take with meals’ or ‘take at bedtime’ and ones that beep when it’s time for a dose,” she says.

—VISITING NURSE SERVICE OF NEW YORK

Sources:
Wall Street Journal Health, Nov. 25, 2011: Common Drugs the Culprit in Most ER Visits by Seniors, Study Finds.

“BE SICKLE SMART About Pain” was the theme of the 2012 Sickle Cell Awareness Day sponsored by the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore for young patients with sickle cell anemia and their families. The event featured clinicians from CHAM’s Division of Pediatric Hematology who discussed current treatment options, clinical trials, and holistic and psychosocial care options for youngsters with sickle cell disease. A patient panel with speakers describing their personal challenges and strategies for staying pain-free included Bronxites Brandon Sanchez (left) and Keara Bryant.

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In late September, the Norwood News obtained crime statistics for each of the 15 sectors (or neighborhoods) in the 52nd Precinct, which includes all of the neighborhoods that make up the Norwood News’ primary coverage area, including Norwood, Bedford Park, Fordham, Fordham-Bedford, University Heights and Kingsbridge Heights. The precinct also includes the areas surrounding the New York Botanical Garden and the Bronx Zoo, which have no population and very little crime. Those two areas, Sectors P and Q, are not included in the map to the left.

In the graphs below, we have aggregated all of the statistics in each neighborhood to give you a six-year sample of how crime trends compare in each neighborhood. In coming issues, we will break these numbers down even further and, hopefully, provide even more insight into the public safety and crime issues that are affecting these neighborhoods.

If you would like to request specific numbers from your neighborhood, please send us an email at norwoodnews@norwoodnews.org. If you would like to get a discussion going about crime trends in your neighborhood, please visit our Facebook page, facebook.com/norwoodnews.bronx or send us a Tweet, @norwoodnews, and we'll retweet it to all of our followers.

—ALEX KRATZ, editor-in-chief

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This week we asked readers their thoughts on the presidential election and what they thought were the most important issues.

Obama has a lot of respect from all over the world... people have a special interest in him. The Republicans are rich and they don’t feel what we feel, that’s why we like Obama. The most important issue is taxes, we’re a small business. Health care is important and he must bring the soldiers home, like he did in Iraq. The President promised to close the military prison on Guantanamo Bay and he didn’t do that... it must be closed as soon as possible. Abdulla Shaibi

I saw the last debate and what I heard is that (Governor Mitt) Romney is going to cut off funding for PBS. That’s dumb... I’m a middle class citizen, so you’re affecting me. I have a daughter who watches PBS and you’re going to cut off her shows because of our problems. It’s not right. Stephanie Abreu

I’ve been semi-following the campaign because I’m working most of the time, but my biggest issues are health care, my food stamp benefits, and also the war, because my son’s father is in the National Guard, so I want to know what’s going on with that. Are we going to bring them home? I’m pro-Obama. Mitt Romney is just not saying enough for me. Nia Robinson

I’m going for Obama because he’s for the lower and middle class people. Mitt Romney is not for the middle class. I’m basically concerned because they want to take away everything from us, like food stamps, social security and child care. Issues that affect me. The MTA fare increase, it’s ridiculous. I barely have enough to get to work now. Some days I have to walk to work now, so it’s like they keep raising everything, but my pay. The Republicans want to help the rich, but how about helping the poor? Amy Rivera

I really do believe that we should put our hopes behind the Democratic Party. We should put our efforts behind Barack Obama and what he’s trying to do for the regular American Joe. Who’s to say what Mitt Romney can do. [Our priorities should be] jobs and getting the economy on a long-term forward kind of stream. I know everyone is in a panic right now, but the biggest thing we need to do is really hunker down and try and build for the long term because America needs to survive. Chris Pagan

Neighborhood Notes

PS 8 Celebrates Lights On Afterschool
The public is invited to attend “Lights On Afterschool,” Thursday, Oct. 18 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at PS 8, 3010 Briggs Ave. PS 8 invites you to give thanks and show appreciation for the after-school programs that keep kids safe and inspire them to learn. Events include a dance performance, raffles and light refreshments.

Free College Prep Fairs for Latinos
Latino students and their families are invited to attend the following two free college fairs to collect information about colleges and careers from numerous college representatives who will assist with admissions and financial aid. The New Futuro College Prep Fair will be held at Lehman College’s APIM, 250 Bedford Pk., Blvd. W., Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. Attendees can win thousands of dollars in scholarships. For more information and to register, visit www.NewFuturo.com/Events. The Latino College Fair will be held at Fordham University Rose Hill Camps, 411 E. Fordham Rd., Oct. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. High school seniors will have the opportunity to win a $500 scholarship drawing. For more information or to register, go to www.nycolleges.org, call (518) 436-4781, or contact Susan Nesbitt Perez at susan@cicu.org or Sabra-Joi Dingman at sabra@cicu.org.

100 Trees Giveaway
Woodlawn Cemetery, along with Million TreesNYC and New York Restoration Project, are giving away trees, limited to one per household. Oct. 21 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery’s East 233rd Street and Webster Avenue entrance. Trees will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. The trees must be planted within the five boroughs but not along streets, in city parks, containers or on roofs. Dates and times are subject to change. For more information and advance registration for a tree, check www.nyrr.org/milliontreesny before attending the tree giveaway, or call Michael Mitchell at (212) 333-2552.

Free Financial Counseling
Bronx Lift, 2381 Belmont Ave. (between 169th and 171st streets), offers free workshops, one-on-one financial counseling, referrals to credit unions, and free one-on-one assistance with employment, housing, resume help, filling out applications, finding education/job training opportunities and enrolling in public benefits, Nov. 8 and Dec. 6 at 1 p.m. Lift also offers free assistance to veterans, including legal, financial, employment, health and education. For more information or to make an appointment, call (718) 733-3897, Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

HIV and Domestic Violence Awareness Events
Bronx AIDS Services, 540 E. Fordham Rd., second floor, offers free HIV testing, Oct. 16 to 19 (call for locations and times). Also offered is the “Travelling Clothes Line” which aims to bring awareness to domestic violence, and offers a documentary screening, “Crime After Crime,” as well as a panel discussion, Oct. 25, from 6 to 9 p.m. Show your support for domestic violence survivors by making a T-shirt at Fordham Plaza (East Fordham Road and Third Avenue) on Oct. 26 (all materials are provided; rain date: Oct. 29). For more information, call (718) 295-5605.

Free Technology Training
Per Scholas, 804 E. 133rd St., offers free 15-week technology training, Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (high school diploma or GED is required), and includes free tuition, books and exam materials, and free career counseling and job placement assistance. Earn up to 10 college credits. For more information or to register, stop by the office Monday through Thursday, at 9 a.m. or call (718) 991-8400.

Free Weekly Immigration Services
Councilmember Fernando Cabrera along with CUNY Citizenship Now! will provide free confidential legal services to qualified immigrants to help them in their pursuit of U.S. citizenship, Wednesdays, starting Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cabrera’s district office, 107 E. Burnside Ave. Personal consultations will be held with attorneys and paralegals. For more information, call (347) 590-2874.

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

By DAVID GREENE
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Experienced Part Time Development Director: Sought by small, NW Bronx media arts program for teens to research and cultivate funding sources; write proposals and reports; liaison with staff. Strong organizational and writing skills, and not-for-profit experience required. (6 hours a week - salary DOE). Fax resume (including phone #) to (718) 882-2454 or email baylayln@earthlink.net.

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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) 882-0586 (home), or (347) 734-9201 (cell).

Trip to Atlantic City: Showboat Casino, Saturday, Nov. 3. Bus from East 163rd Street and Southern Boulevard, Bronx, 11 a.m. departure. For more information, call Eddie at (718) 757-5485.

Fun Fair and Flea Market: Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bedford Park Congregational Church Hall, Bainbridge Avenue at 201st Street. Join us for bargains, raffles, delicious food, fun and fellowship.


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Onstage

The Bronx Arts Ensemble presents: Peter and the Wolf at the International Caterers of Distinction, 3243 Amherst Ave., Oct. 21 at 1 and 3 p.m. ($8/ticket); and Chamber Music Concert, 4650 Delfield Ave., Oct. 28 at 3 p.m. ($25/ticket includes intermission reception). For more information and tickets, visit bronxartsensemble.org or call (718) 601-7399.

Lehman Center for the Performing Arts, 250 Bedford Pk. Blvd., W., presents National Symphony Orchestra of Cuba, presenting several genres of music, Oct. 27 at 8 p.m. (tickets are $20 to $40, $10/ages 12 and under). For more information, call (718) 960-8833.

Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance (BAAD), 841 Barretto St., 2nd floor, presents Kraven Seneca Dance Company: The Legacy Concert, featuring eight dancers performing a variety of styles, Oct. 20 ($20); Butters Papi’s MadHatters Cabaret, cabaret including Afro-Latino musical performances, comedy and drag, Oct. 26 ($15); and Daring Duo, featuring artists Lawrence Graham-Brown and Ricardo Mutilz, Oct. 27 ($20); all at 8 p.m. For more information, call (718) 842-5223.

The Bronx Music Heritage Center Lab, 1303 Louis Niño Blvd. (#2 or #5 train to Freeman Street), presents Bronx Rising! Music, Film & Spoken Word of the Borough, Oct. 18 to Jan. 19, performed by Bronx artists: Music and jazz, Thursdays from 8 to 10 p.m.; film, Fridays 8 to 10 p.m.; comedy, poetry and literature, Saturdays 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. (visit bronxmusic.org for details). For more information, call (718) 793-2211.

Events

The Bronx Tourism Council offers tours: Nature Tour, to walk through the African Plain exhibit at the Bronx Zoo; then to visit Little Italy and lunch at Mike’s Deli at the Arthur Avenue Market; ending at the Bronx River, paddling a canoe on a two-mile guided tour, Oct. 20 (Bronx pickup at Fordham University parking lot on Southern Boulevard at 9:45 a.m.); and Food Tour, beginning with a visit to the La Finca Del Sur community garden in the south Bronx; then to visit Little Italy and lunch at Mike’s Deli in the Arthur Avenue Retail Market; ending at Bronx Ale House to sample beers and veggie burger sliders (courtesy of the Bronx Ale House), Oct. 27 (Bronx pickup at Hostos Community College, 500 Grand Concourse). Cost of lunch at Mike’s Deli is not included in registration. Round trip trolley departs at 9 a.m. from the Visitors Center, 810 Seventh Ave., and returns at 5 p.m., rain or shine, except for nature tour which may be rescheduled in inclement weather. Fee is $30/adults; $15/children under 12. Registration required at www.tourdebronx.org. To purchase tickets, log on to www.fallforthebronx.com. For more information, call (718) 590-2502.

Bronx Documentary Center, 614 Courtlandt Ave. (151st Street), invites current or prospective Bronx filmmakers to its newly formed free Bronx Filmmakers, a group that meets Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. to screen their work, discuss projects, ideas, and experiences. Also offered are film screenings at 7 p.m.: “Through the Fire,” basketball documentary, Oct. 20; and “Gun Hill Road,” about an ex-con who returns home to his wife and teen-aged son in the south Bronx.
Halloween Holiday Happenings

The Bronx River Alliance presents Community Paddle and Bike Loan, for free paddle or free bike ride along the greenway, Concrete Plant Park, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (no registration required); and It’s My Park Day, to plant, clean and paint the parks along the Bronx River, free (registration required), both on Oct. 20. Also presented will be Million Trees NYC, Oct. 27, to forest the buffered forest in Sheolace Park (gloves and shovels will be provided; registration required). For more information or to register, call (718) 430-4665 or visit www.bronxriver.org.

The Bronx County Historical Society presents Van Cortlandt Park Cemeteries, a tour which meets on Broadway and West 246th Street, Oct. 28 at 2 p.m. (advance reservations required). Take #1 train to Van Cortlandt Park/West 224th Street and for more information and to RSVP, call (718) 881-8900.

Exhibits

The Bronx Museum of the Arts presents Puerto Rico in Its Labyrinth, Chronicles of a Country and a World in Crisis, through Oct. 29; and Impressión Transitoria, free, through Oct. 30, showcasing work of Latin artists in a variety of genres and media, Wednesdays and Fridays 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (718) 793-2211.

The Riverdale Yonkers Society for Ethical Culture, 4450 Fieldston Rd., presents project exhibit featuring four Riverdale artists, weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 12:30 to 1 p.m., through Oct. 31. Call ahead when planning visit. For more information, call (718) 548-4445.

The Bronx Council on the Arts presents puerto Rico in Its Labyrinth, Chronicles of a Country and a World in Crisis, through Dec. 8, at Longwood Art Gallery at Hostos’ Center for the Arts’ main gallery, 450 Grand Concourse (149th Street). Also on view, in the Project Room: Public Art Under House Arrest, through December 2012. For more information, call (718) 518-6728.

The Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse at 165th Street, presents Rituals of Chaos, an exhibition featuring modern and contemporary art from Latin America, through Jan. 6, highlighting the work of Mexican photojournalist Enrique Metinides and 11 contemporary artists who similarly take the human experience in the city as their subject matter. For more information, call (718) 681-6000.

The New York Botanical Garden presents Claude Monet’s Garden, featuring his paintings, palette, and photographs, in the Rondina Gallery, through Oct. 21. Additional events include concerts, poetry, film screenings, and family activities. Oct. 21 will feature Monet’s Friends: A Chamber Music Concert Series, 4 p.m. in Ross Hall performed by the Hartford Symphony Orchestra (tickets are $25/non members; $15/members). For more information, call (718) 817-8658/8512.

Halloween Holiday Happenings

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