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## Primary Day: Tuesday, September 10

# VOTE

*Historically, Bronxites Struggle to Get to the Polls.  
It's Time for a Change.*

### Editorial

#### Why You Should Vote

Through at least one way of looking at it, the Bronx is a red state.

According to a wonderfully depressing map created by WNYC.org, much of the Boogie Down is splattered in tomato red. The map shows voter turnout in every neighborhood in the city by varying degrees of redness -- the lower the turnout, the brighter the red.

Sure, there are pockets of light pink and near-white, but more than two-thirds of Bronx neighborhoods saw voter turnout rates of under 20 percent.

The Norwood neighborhood, which is broken down into several Census tracks, each containing several thousand people, is red like a fire truck with percentages ranging from 10 percent to a high of 12 percent.

Keep in mind, those numbers come from the last mayoral general election in 2009. Turnout numbers are even less and more depressing during primaries, which is when the overwhelmingly Democratic Bronx almost always determines its elected officials.

Let's think about this in a different way for a second. If Norwood were a family of five trying to decide what to eat for dinner and only 10 percent of the family voted on a meal, they would only eat half the time.

The point is that by not voting, we're not taking part in the decision-making process that determines how our city is run. People love to complain, but by not voting, we are ceding any control over the

decisions being made.

*Whatever. Who cares? But seriously, my daughter's school is terrible, they only teach to the test! How does this happen?*

This makes it incredibly difficult for Bronxites to dispose of its bad representatives.

By any measure, 14th District Council Member Maria Baez was a terrible elected official. Her district office was unresponsive to the point of being dismissive. She compiled the worst attendance record of any member in the Council and she failed

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to pass any legislation to make her struggling district's neighborhoods better.

Still, in her re-election bid in 2009, Baez received support from several Bronx officials and City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, who is now running for mayor. The election came down to 5,473 votes in the Democratic primary (about 10 percent of the voting age population). She barely lost by 75 votes to Fernando Cabrera.

Opinions of Cabrera may vary, but the fact is, he has an impeccable attendance record (two weeks ago he flew home from  
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### Searching for Bronx Voters

By ANDREA CETRA

A handful of bleary-eyed commuters gathered beneath the rumbling of the 4 train overpass on Bedford Park Boulevard on a recent afternoon. What did they have in common? Most were not planning to vote for the city's next mayor.

"I usually just vote for the president," said one young woman, who stood behind a newsstand overflowing with bags of banana chips and Doritos, when asked about the upcoming mayoral election and Sept. 10 primary, which may very well determine the next mayor.

Another commuter who was perched outside the train station said he just got back from traveling abroad, and knew nothing of the approaching election, or the candidates.

The main Democratic candidates in the running include former public advocate Bill de Blasio, former congressman Anthony D. Weiner, City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, former comptroller Bill Thompson, councilmember Sal Albanese, minister Eric Salgado, and current comptroller John Liu.

For those few and far between Bronx Republicans, the offerings include Gristides supermarket owner John Catsimatidis, Joseph Lhota who was former chief of the MTA, and George McDonald, founder of the Doe fund.

On this afternoon, none of them are generating much of a buzz.

Unfortunately, a lack of election enthusiasm amongst Bronx residents is historically common.

According to WNYC.org's interactive voter turnout map, which tracked voter turnout in the 2009 mayoral election throughout the five boroughs, the neighborhoods between Bedford Park and Fordham Road, often referred to as Fordham-Bedford, actually boasted some of the higher turnout rates in Community Board 7, which also includes Norwood,

**According to a report, less than one in five New Yorkers voted in the last mayoral election.**

Kingsbridge Heights and University Heights.

While some local census tracks in Fordham-Bedford had a slightly better than 20 percent turnout, Norwood turned out the lowest -- between 10 and 13 percent. University Heights and Kingsbridge Heights consistently sent over 15 percent to polls, with the area near Fordham Hill voting at a 24 percent clip.

Other Bronx neighborhoods showed more voting spirit.

Riverdale and Fieldston, two predominantly white neighborhoods, had 41 to 43  
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## 2013 Bronx Primary Voter Guide

This year, New York City is holding elections for City Council members and city- and borough-wide offices, including mayor, comptroller, public advocate, and borough president. There is also a contest in the Bronx 86th Assembly District following the resignation of Nelson Castro earlier this year. On Sept. 10, there will be primaries to determine who will represent each party in the Nov. 5 general election. Because the Bronx Democrats outnumber Bronx Republicans 10 to 1, the primary will most likely determine who your next local representative will be. Below is a list of candidates in key Bronx Council races, the assembly contest, and borough president.

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Haile Rivera

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### Primary Q & A

*Can I vote in the Sept. 10 primary election?*

You can only vote in a primary election held by the party YOU belong to. For example, if you are a registered member of the Working Families Party, you can only vote in the Working Families Party primary, not the Democratic or Republican primary.

*What is a runoff primary election and can I vote in that?*

If no candidate for a citywide office (mayor, public advocate, or comptroller) receives at least 40 percent of the vote in the primary election, a runoff primary election is held between the two candidates who received the most votes. The date for a runoff primary election (if necessary) is Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2013. If you were eligible to vote in the Sept. 10 primary, you are also eligible to vote in any runoff primary held by the party you are enrolled in.

*How do I register to vote?*

Fill out a voter registration form and submit it in person or by mail with the NYC Board of Elections (BOE). You can download a registration form from the BOE's website, pick one up at your local BOE office, or call (866) VOTE-NYC to re-

quest one by mail. It is too late to register to vote for the primary election, but you have until Oct. 11, 2013 to register for the Nov. 5 general election.

*What if they can't find my name on the list when I sign in to vote?*

First, make sure you are signing in at the correct table for your assembly and election district. These district numbers are printed on the mailing label of your Voter Guide and on the mailer the BOE sends to all registered voters each August. You can also ask a poll worker for help, or check the poll site locator on the BOE's website.

If you are at the right table but you are not on the poll list, it may be because the BOE did not receive your registration form. If you believe that you are eligible, you can still vote. Ask for an affidavit ballot, and follow the instructions. After the election, the BOE will check its records and your vote will be counted if you were eligible to vote. If not, you will receive a notice that you were not eligible to vote with a registration form for future elections.

*What if I can't get to my polling place on Election Day?*

You can vote by absentee ballot if you are unable to get to your polling place because of occupation, business, studies, travel, imprisonment (other than for a felony conviction), illness, disability, hospitalization, or if you are a resident in a long-term care facility.

Absentee voting in person: Absentee voting in person begins as soon as the ballots are available (at least 32 days before an election) and ends on Election Day. It is conducted at your BOE borough office Monday to Friday and on the weekend prior to Election Day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and until 9 p.m. on Election Day.

Source: *New York City Campaign Finance Board*

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## Public and Community Meetings

- **COMMUNITY BOARD 7 committee meetings are held on the following dates at the board office, 229A E. 204th St., at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted: Land Use & Zoning on Friday, Sept. 6 at Bedford Park Senior Center, 243 E. 204th St. (between East Mosholu Parkway South and Valentine Avenue); Traffic & Transportation and Environment & Sanitation on Thursday, Sept. 12. For more information, call (718) 933-5650 or visit [bronxcb7.info/calendar](http://bronxcb7.info/calendar).**
- **COMMUNITY BOARD 7 is scheduled to hold its general board meeting at Sr. Annunziata Bethell Senior Center, 243 E. 204th St. (between East Mosholu Parkway and Valentine Avenue), on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (718) 933-5650 or visit [bronxcb7.info/calendar](http://bronxcb7.info/calendar).**
- **The 52nd PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL will hold a meeting at an undetermined location on Thursday, Sept. 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, call (718) 220-5824.**





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# Police Report

## Shooting, Rave and Concourse Crackdown



Photo by David Greene

**POLICE INVESTIGATE** a Sept. 1 shooting outside a restaurant at East 204th Street and Webster Avenue.

By **DAVID GREENE**

After briefly ducking for cover on a quiet Sunday afternoon, residents were left scratching their heads after a senseless daytime shooting near East 204th Street and Webster Avenue, just two blocks from the busy 52nd Precinct's headquarters.

Officials and witnesses at the scene reported an argument between two men outside the La Nueva Estrella Restaurant at 290 E. 204th St., on Sunday, Sept. 1 at 4:30 p.m.

"I just heard them arguing and I heard the one guy say, 'Oh yeah,' and then pow, pow," said one witness who declined to be identified.

The unidentified victim, a local man believed to be in his mid-20s, managed to make it up East 204th Street and Bainbridge Avenue to Montefiore Medical Center's emergency room where he sought treatment for a gunshot wound to his hand and thigh.

The 20-year-old suspect reportedly fled in the direction of the 52nd Precinct build-



Photo by Sheila Sanchez

**POLICE TAKE** several men into custody at the Grand Concourse and East 199th Street, where several violent crimes have taken place recently

ing, two blocks south on Webster Avenue and has not been apprehended or identified.

Later that night, just before midnight, police cruisers and a helicopter were dispatched to the Prince Charlie Park at the end of East 204th Street near Webster Avenue, for reports of "a large, disorderly crowd."

Residents of the block say it was an illegal "rave," with an estimated 2,000 teens and young adults, who were partying and dancing until police broke it up.

One police source confirmed the incident, saying, "It was all over Facebook, a rave with a bunch of kids and that might be connected to the shooting, but we're still investigating."

One witness who watched from his window as the event came to an abrupt end

said, "The cops went in and kids started running in all directions. It was crazy."

Meanwhile, in another part of the Bronx, a small battle for control of the street along the Grand Concourse, between East 198th and East 199th streets is apparently underway.

Sources on the block say police made dozens of arrests in late August, in and around 2860 Grand Concourse.

The block has been the site of two recent homicides.

### Arrest Made in University Heights Homicide

Police announced an arrest in the shooting death of a University Heights man who was apparently killed after a dispute with a neighbor.

Officers from the 52nd Precinct were called to 2290 Andrews Ave. at 11:55 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, where they discovered a male victim who had been shot twice in the chest.

The victim, later identified by police as Ibushio Sealey, 35, was declared dead on arrival at St. Barnabas Hospital.

Less than 48 hours later, detectives announced they had arrested Sealey's neighbor, Lamont Jones, 42, who was charged with murder, manslaughter and criminal possession of a weapon.

Police say the shooting was the culmination of an ongoing dispute.



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# At 40 Years Old, Group Keeps Working for the Bronx

By HUGH THORNHILL

For four decades, the organization now known as BronxWorks has assisted the people of the borough with their most basic needs and problems. As it celebrates its 40th anniversary this year, the jack-of-all-needs nonprofit is saying good-bye to its longtime leader and hello to an exciting future.

Earlier this summer, BronxWorks held its annual gala as part of its 40th Anniversary Celebration, where Executive Director Carolyn McLaughlin was honored for her 34 years of service stewardship.

Under McLaughlin's leadership, BronxWorks expanded to include more than 600 staff members, 20 locations, and a budget of approximately \$36 million per year. All while serving 35,000 Bronxites annually in seven of the borough's community districts.

Though the 40th anniversary celebrates BronxWorks' achievements, it also marks the end of McLaughlin's time with the organization. She is set to retire at the end of the year.

"It was with mixed emotions both personal and professional, that I concluded this was the best time for me to retire," McLaughlin wrote in a letter to BronxWorks supporters.

Though McLaughlin is leaving BronxWorks, she feels confident it's in a good place.

The organization was founded in 1972 in Morris Heights. Originally called the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), the or-



Photo courtesy BronxWorks

**CAROLYN MCLAUGHLIN**, BronxWorks executive director for the past 34 years, with her husband Jim. McLaughlin is stepping down at the end of this year, with the organization as strong as ever.

ganization was modeled after a similar service established in Great Britain. The British CABs were established to offer free guidance to people facing financial, legal, or personal problems.

The CAB was renamed BronxWorks in 2009 to better fit its goals and do away

with some negative connotations.

"The word 'bureau' conjured up all sort of things that don't align with how BronxWorks likes to be perceived," said Ken Small, BronxWorks' development director. "'Bureau' resembles 'bureaucratic,' which suggests an organization that is impersonal."

The heart of BronxWorks is its community center, located at 1130 Grand Concourse, near the Bronx Museum. The building was built in 1926 and was originally home to the Bronx Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children. After a handful of reincarnations, BronxWorks obtained the building in 1993 when the organization merged with the Girls Club of New York.

The center was renamed the Citizens Advice Bureau Community Center (renamed Bronxworks Community Center after the name change), where it continues to be the headquarters for many of their programs, including a college readiness program called CAFÉ (Center for Achieving Future Education), an early childhood center, a pool offering swimming lessons and a swim team, a Single Stop Program that helps low-income families with food stamps and other services, and a summer camp program, just to name a few.

This August, the organization launched a massive fundraising effort to renovate the 87-year-old building and has already raised more than \$1.3 million toward the effort.

Transitioning youth from one station in life to the next is a big part of BronxWorks.

The CAFÉ program provides college readiness assistance to high school students and help for elementary school students transitioning into middle school. It provides counseling, workshops, field trips to colleges outside of the city, and assistance to students during their first two years of college.

Since the program began in 2004, it

has helped over 2,000 students with their transition into middle school and college. They also have helped secure over \$3,000,000 in grant or scholarship assistance.

The Early Childhood Center, which opened its doors in 2004, has helped more than 300 preschool children transition into kindergarten. Since almost 60 percent of the 55 families who send their children to the ECC do not speak English as a first language, the program provides kids with ESL (English as a Second Language) instruction.

"By the time the children leave us, they are ready for kindergarten," says the program's director Marcia Lawrence. "The feedbacks we get from the schools tell us how they are doing, and a lot of the parents come back telling us how well their kids are doing."

BronxWorks gets about more than 90 percent of its funding from government contracts, while the rest comes from various foundations, funding federations, and funding collaborations. The New York Community Trust has funded BronxWorks for over two decades.

"We're proud to be a longtime supporter of BronxWorks, a leader in improving life for everyone in the Bronx," said Patricia White, a senior program officer at New York Community Trust.

Still, budget cuts are always a potential risk.

"When there are cuts at the city, state, or federal level, it affects some very specific and particular programs," Small said. "One of the concerns that we have in terms of the talk about funding cuts is what may happen to the walk-in offices we have."

"There's a major dialogue going on in this country about the role of the govern-

**"I think as a society we all benefit from having children who graduate from high school and can go to college, which helps us all," McLaughlin said. "I think that eliminating street homelessness helps us all."**

ment, and there are people who think that the government should not play a role in delivering and funding human services," McLaughlin said.

She believes that those in need not only benefit, but as a society we benefit as well.

"I think as a society we all benefit from having children who graduate from high school and can go to college, which helps us all," McLaughlin said. "I think that eliminating street homelessness helps us all, I think helping immigrants to become citizens and learn English helps us all, I think having places for seniors with low-income to have healthy meals and keep them stimulated physically and mentally helps us all, and I think that we all benefit from our workforce programs."

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percent turnouts, and the East Concourse and Concourse Village areas, mostly African-American neighborhoods, had the highest participation, with 45 percent voter turnout.

Yet some, even in Fordham-Bedford, had a vague idea of who should receive their vote — or who shouldn't.

Marilyn Hernandez said she didn't know if she will vote in the Sept. 10 primary, but did have one candidate in mind. "Thompson is alright, he seems like an alright person," she said. "His personality seems okay," Hernandez added.

One elderly woman, a former governess who was interviewed, said she has never voted in the mayoral election, but denounced Weiner's attempt to join the race.

"When I heard him talk, he seemed smart, so it is actually a pity," she said. "But we never should have such a person [become mayor], it is a bad influence for the teenagers," she added, referring to Weiner's repeated sexting scandals.

According to a June 2012 report released by the New York Campaign Finance Board, less than one in five New Yorkers of voting age or 18.4 percent went to the polls during the last mayoral election.

Links between low voter turnout and low levels of education, youth who as-

sume their vote doesn't count, low-income families, racial minorities, and those who move frequently are also highlighted in the Board's study. Those who are members of union organizations are more likely to vote as are naturalized citizens when there is a minority candidate in the running.

But immigrants or foreign born persons, who, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, comprised 33 percent of the borough's population as of 2011, usually remain hesitant when it comes to voting either for fear of deportation, difficulty combating the language barrier, or disconnect from the American political system, the Campaign Finance Board study suggests.


Others say they are simply too busy to vote, or have too many other responsibilities on their plate.

"I'm waiting for my friend," said one man who declined to give his name. "I just had a long day at work."

Another young woman waiting for the bus seemed surprised when asked who she was supporting in the mayoral race. "The primary?" she asked. "When is that?"

**Editor's Note:** *Vote for the city's next mayor in the primary election to be held on Sept. 10 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information on the candidates and how to vote, see page 2.*

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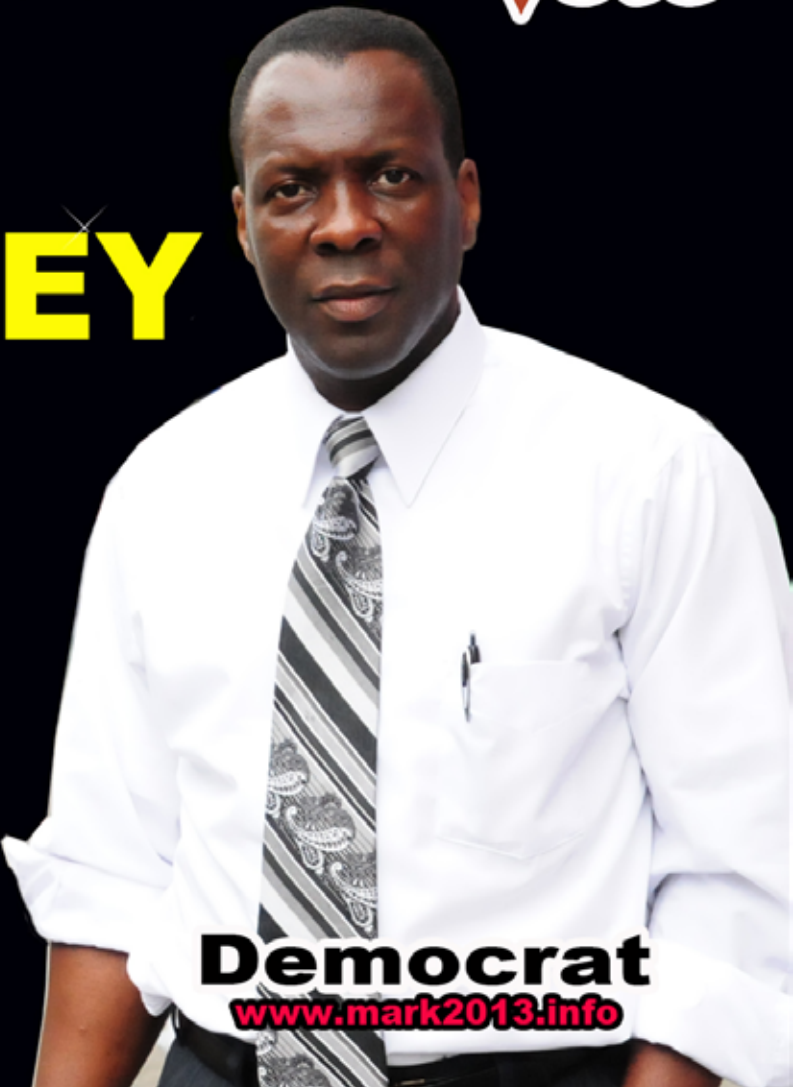
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# 15th Council District Candidates Make Their Case

*Each Democratic candidate vying for the 15th Council District seat, which includes Fordham-Bedford, Fordham Heights, West Farms, Belmont and Crotona, submitted answers to three questions for the New York City Campaign Finance Board to make their case for being the representative. We've reprinted them here.*

## Albert Alvarez:

### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 15 you would address if elected?

Fight for Economic & Job Development.

### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Maintain & Create more Affordable Housing; Sustain & Increase Educational Opportunities & After School Programs; Support & Protect our Senior Programs; Improve & Increase access to Health Care; Advocate for Public Safety & Community input.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

For 45 years I have experienced everyday life in our community. I was born, raised, educated & served our community during my non profit days. For the past 12 years I have served the community as Chief of Staff in our 15th Council District. I have been instrumental in redeveloping our community by advocating for improved parks, day care centers, schools, after-school programs, senior programs, housing, health & public safety issues, which has only been possible by listening & working with the community. My upbringing, experiences and lifelong dedication to & from the community is what sets me apart & will allow me to bring your voice to City Hall.

## Raquel Batista:

### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 15 you would address if elected?

Gun violence and unemployment are at the top of the agenda. I will work to address these issues by having the more targeted policing, developing conflict resolution/mediation/after-school/employment programs for young people and their families.

### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Buildings are making people sick because of mold, mildew, rats, mice and roaches. I will work to put more money into a proactive code enforcement program; target landlords who are known to abuse the law and overcharge on rents; propose a city loan program for landlords who want to reduce asthma triggers with cap on rent increases.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

With over 15 years' experience working on issues ranging from tenant, immigrant and women's rights, I have developed policy and brought much needed dollars and resources into the community. My life's path has prepared me to be a zealous advocate for City Council District 15.

## Joel Bauza:

### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 15 you would address if elected?

Immigration Reform, Affordable Housing and Eviction Prevention.

### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Crime and safety; Education - Pro Charter School; After School and Weekend Programs; Save our Senior Centers; Feed and House the Homeless; Minimum Wage.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I am a 25-year veteran in assisting my community in many capacities. My job as a public servant is 24/7. I am always present, available, approachable and very honest. I believe that many times we cannot always say yes, we must be strong with our convictions and understand the issues at hand and discuss them with our constituents in order to gain a complete understanding before voting for or against. In my administration, the people will be heard. I am only the messenger! My office will be known as a place where you can seek refuge, find information, find help.

## Joel Ray Rivera:

### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 15 you would address if elected?

The most important issue facing the City Council District 15 is affordable and quality housing. There are many pro-

posed rent increases such as in Bronx Park East. These increases would force many tenants to move or potentially become homeless. In such difficult economic times, the residents of the 15th Council District can't afford rent increases. Also, there are many NYCHA and state funded housing complexes in the 15th district which are underserved in the areas of maintenance and repairs. These facilities need to be better maintained and receive a high quality of service. The residents need to be treated with respect.

### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

Affordable healthcare, quality education, youth services, employment and education opportunities.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

My life has been dedicated to being a Community Activist and Organizer. I have been on the front line fighting for paid sick leave, raising the minimum wage, quality education, affordable housing, and healthcare. The community needs a strong advocate who understands its dynamics and is willing to fight for a better tomorrow and I believe that I am that advocate. I hope you will join me on this journey. I am a servant leader ready to work for the 15th Council District.

## Cynthia Thompkins:

### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 15 you would address if elected?

**GUN VIOLENCE & SAFETY.** As a Defense Attorney with a law enforcement background, I understand both sides and advocate to balance community safety while protecting the constitutional rights of residents as NYPD uses its tools, such as stop & frisk, to curb gun violence. In addition, I will push for the opening of youth centers offering empowering programs & opportunities as alternatives to gangs and drugs.

### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

**HOUSING COURT.** Understanding the court system means ensuring both sides are represented. Thus, I will advocate to move from facilitative to directive mediation so tenants are protected.

**EDUCATION.** Community-School partnerships are a must based on proven curricula that educates students & holds all accountable. Further, Anti-Bullying classes must be mandated in public schools. **BUSINESS & ENVIRONMENT.** Green incentives will generate growth, fortify sustainability and create jobs. Fair regulations coupled with incentives allow businesses to flourish while meeting environmental standards for reducing emissions and our carbon footprint.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

"Cynthia Thompkins is the only candidate with vision, integrity and leadership. Cynthia is squarely focused on the needs of the community. She is a pragmatic and solution-oriented professional, an award winning community activist and has the depth and breadth of experience to deliver exactly what is needed to effectively lead the Bronx and the City Council."

## Ritchie Torres:

### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 15 you would address if elected?

As a Council Member, I will fight every day to ensure that every person has a fighting chance to earn a decent life. That means an affordable place to live, a job that pays a decent wage, and a school that has enough resources to meet the needs of its students.

### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

As a Council Member, I will fight for greater investment in public infrastructure (our parks, schools, and systems of transit); greater investment in senior centers that keep our elderly out of isolation; and greater investment in programs that keep our youth off the street.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

As a product of a single-mother, working-poor household, I know what it's like to struggle. I have a record of delivering results for struggling Bronx families, from getting repairs for hundreds of tenants to getting millions of dollars worth of security for neighborhoods torn by violence. I have made Bronx homes more livable and Bronx streets much safer.

# 11th Council District Candidates Make Their Case

*Each Democratic candidate vying for the 11th Council District seat, which includes Norwood, Bedford Park, Kingsbridge, Van Cortlandt Village, Woodlawn and Wakefield, submitted answers to three questions for the New York City Campaign Finance Board to make their case for being the representative. We've reprinted them here.*

## Andrew Cohen

### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 11 you would address if elected?

The most important issue is reforming government to be more responsive to the needs of my district in the city. Specifically, giving parents a greater voice in education; expanding the universal pre-k program; improving accountability in the City Council through the elimination of

lulus, providing equitable distribution of member item money and common sense procedures to get legislation to the floor; and fostering sensible economic development.

### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

I would work to maintain and enhance quality of life in the district through the effective provision of essential government services. For example, we need to adequately staff our police precincts; keep our fire houses open; maintain funding for our libraries; improve our parks; expand services for seniors; and expand Select Bus Service.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

I believe I am the best candidate because in addition to my experience and record of service, I have the ability to

bring people together as evidenced by the broad coalition of elected officials, labor organizations, and community leaders that are supporting my candidacy.

## Cliff Stanton

### 1. What is the most important issue in Council District 11 you would address if elected?

We need new leadership that can articulate a vision for our community, challenge us to reach higher, and work together to get things done. I am dedicated to securing essential services for our neighborhoods and encouraging a spirit of civic innovation.

### 2. What other important issues would you address if elected?

I will create and maintain exceptional educational opportunities for our families, restore senior center funding,

and focus on job creation. I will foster a dynamic environment for business, make the NW Bronx a leader in renewable energy initiatives, safeguard our neighborhoods, fund domestic abuse shelters, introduce reforms to avert corruption, and implement participatory budgeting.

### 3. What makes you the best candidate for this office?

A strong record of achievement for our community. I am the only candidate who has recruited a new middle school, created a neighborhood watch and a free transportation corps for seniors, developed plans to activate our commercial corridors, secured a Neighborhood Slow Zone, and submitted two legislative proposals: 1) to create safety zones around all schools and senior centers; 2) to mandate school security cameras.



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# Council Overrides Bloomberg's Veto of the Community Safety Act

By NATASHA RODRIGUEZ

The New York City Council overrode Mayor Michael Bloomberg's veto of the Community Safety Act two weeks ago, striking a massive blow to the New York Police Department's stop-and-frisk policy. Although the City Council had passed the Community Safety Act in June, both bills were vetoed by Bloomberg in July.

More than two years in the making, the Community Safety Act is comprised of two bills. The first, known as "The NYPD Inspector General" bill, will allow the commissioner of the Department of Investigation to appoint an Inspector General to oversee the NYPD's activities and policies.

The second bill, known as, the "Bias-Based Profiling Bill," will expand current anti-discrimination policy over the NYPD's stop-and-frisk procedure to protect everyone regardless of age, gender, immigration status, sexual orientation, disability, and housing status and would permit individuals to sue the NYPD in state court.

The Inspector General bill passed 39-

10, and the anti-profiling bill passed 34-15. All Council members voted the same way they did in the first vote on June 26, though Council Members Peter Vallone and Dan Halloran were absent.

The Council's override of Bloomberg's veto comes just one week after a federal judge ruled the NYPD's stop-and-frisk policy unconstitutional and racially discriminatory in the case of *Floyd v. City of New York*. Bloomberg then vowed to appeal the decision, saying that the Community Safety Act would "make our city, and in fact the whole country, a more dangerous place."

While the profiling bill will take effect in 90 days, the Inspector General bill will not take effect until January, meaning that it will be up to the next administration to implement the new oversight.

Bronx Council Member Andy King said he was "proud to be a part of this historic victory of the City Council." "We finally stood up to the voices and cries of New Yorkers who have been discriminated against by the NYPD. I am relieved that there will finally be more oversight," he said.

## A TRIBUTE TO IBRAHIM



Photo by Kim Nora

ON AUG. 25, a tribute was held at Woodlawn Cemetery for Ibrahim Gonzalez, a Bronx artist who died suddenly earlier this summer. The tribute was held near his gravestone, which overlooks an area where many of the world's greatest jazz musicians are buried. His wife, Janet Norquist-Gonzalez (in white), said the tribute, which included a performance by Arturo O'Farrill's band, was fitting and showed all the great "connections" Gonzalez had made in his lifetime.

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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Why You Should Vote

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Peru to vote on the Community Safety Act, which brings more oversight to the NYPD and should help curb rampant and unconstitutional stop-and-frisk tactics), provides solid constituent services and has introduced dozens of pieces of legislation, including the bill to provide more detailed crime statistics to the public, legislation the *Norwood News* pushed in stories and editorials during the past several years, which passed into law this summer.

Cabrera's victory was, in many ways, a fluke. But it speaks to the power of electing thoughtful, responsive elected officials. He isn't facing a primary challenger this year because people don't have a whole lot to complain about and he has a record to stand on.

It is the exception to the rule.

Former State Senator Efrain Gonzalez, who represented much of the northwest Bronx, was another terrible elected official who was re-elected eight times. He's now spending his days in prison for stealing taxpayer money while in office and was replaced (before his conviction) by fellow felon Pedro Espada. They both took advantage of traditionally low turnout.

New York University recently produced a report on who doesn't vote in the city and found a handful of commonalities. Those who don't vote are often men,

young people, the under-educated, transient residents and naturalized citizens. This description, unfortunately, fits the population of the Bronx.

It's a cycle that perpetuates itself. Many young Bronx males struggle to graduate high school, let alone succeed in college. When Bronxites do succeed, they often leave, and take their votes with them.

We need to make it more attractive for successful people to stay in the Bronx. We need to elect quality elected officials who are responsive and active and working to make the Bronx a better place to live. We need to let citywide officials know we want dinner too.

We need to vote, starting with the primary on Tuesday, Sept. 10.

### MESS OF THE MOMENT

A reader in Bedford Park sent us a picture of trash being dropped on Mosholu Parkway. It is illegal to dump trash in public parkland. Please report violators to 311. Send us the mess in your neighborhood by emailing photos to [norwood-news@norwoodnews.org](mailto:norwood-news@norwoodnews.org).



## Letters to the Editor

### No to War in Syria

President Obama made a good first step back from a US war against Syria. He said he would ask Congress to debate the question. This was a victory for all those who want the US Constitution and the UN Charter respected by the American government. It was a victory for the Syrian people because, for the moment, they were spared further damage to their country. It will be a victory for the American people if we can get Congress to listen to us.

There is still a chance that the US will send missiles into Syria. All such military strikes are acts of war. A decision whether or not to go to war is too important to be made except after a serious debate involving the 99 percent of Americans that Occupy Wall Street helped to identify.

It would be a brave and constructive vote if Congress turned down the President's request for another act of war. I think it would help if millions of people let their representatives and senators know what they think about the US making military strikes against Syria.

My position is the US has no right and no reason to attack Syria. The Syrian conflict should be treated as an internal affair for the Syrian people to settle. The only role for the US is to bring the rebels, who it so far has supported, to the negotiating table. The US should facilitate a peaceful solution, not supporting one side and sending arms and missiles to feed and increase the instability there.

To me it seems the same pattern as Libya and Iraq. The US government did not present accurate evidence of the crimes it accuses the other governments of committing, just accusations and fabrications. We should remember Colin Powell's lies in 2003 at the UN. Over 10 years after and the people of Iraq are still suffering the consequences of the US war there.

The US mainstream media should investigate rather than only repeat the US government stories. On the internet there are efforts to present accurate evidence so now those who want to can check out and see if the lies continue.

It would be best for the Syrian people and the American people if the US stayed totally out of the crisis in Syria.

Jay Hauben

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# Business Beat

## Fordham Plaza Another Piece of BID's Puzzle

By NATASHA RODRIGUEZ

The Bronx's biggest Business Improvement District (BID) is about to get bigger. The Fordham Road BID is currently under negotiations to expand its territory to cover 1 Fordham Plaza, the giant building with eye-catching blue windows located on one end of Fordham Plaza.

Daniel Bernstein, the deputy director of the Fordham Road BID, said the expansion will most likely be finalized by July 2014. "We hope to be able to start providing marketing, promotion and sanitation services by next year," he said.

The Fordham Road BID is a non-profit organization that focuses on sanitation, promotions and capital improvement projects for the Fordham Road area. The BID is responsible for keeping the streets clean and for the beautification of several underutilized sites in the area.

The BID also plans to add the recently shut down Cookie's store property to its district. "What most people don't know is that Cookie's still owns the building," explained Bernstein. "They are currently leasing it to the Burlington Coat Factory so we are in discussions with them to join us."

The BID has currently been working on a huge project to renovate Fordham Plaza. Although Bernstein said that they obviously do not have lot of control over the construction, he added that he is looking forward to its completion, which will be in approximately two years. "It will definitely look a lot nicer than what it looks like right now," said Bernstein.

Construction on the Fordham Plaza began in February and has recently moved into the BID's territory on 189th Street between Park and Webster avenues. The traffic portion of the renovation is currently underway and should last about six months. After that, construction will commence in the interior of the plaza area.

Many residents did not seem to be very well versed on



Photo by Adi Talwar

**A LOOK AT** Fordham Plaza, which is undergoing a renovation and will soon be part of the Fordham Road Business Improvement District.

the project, but they were excited to hear about it. Mary Garcia, a mother of two, said she wanted the plaza to be more family-friendly and hoped that the renovation would deal with that.

Gregory Tejado was excited. "Maybe this means that the Bronx will finally be moving up!" he said, adding that he would love to see some trendy restaurants open up in the area.

But Elizabeth Miller, a woman who has lived in the Bronx for more than 30 years had some reservations.

"I just hope that the plaza doesn't get too commercialized," she said. "It's great that it's getting renovated, but

I don't want it to become some sort of strip mall."

Most recently, the BID has been focused on wrapping up its successful movie night series. Last November, it won \$26,000 in grants from a citywide BID challenge put together by the New York City Department of Small Businesses, which oversees the city's BIDs. With that money, they sponsored four movie nights, with over 200 people showing up per event. The last movie, "Brave," which will be shown on Sept. 6, was selected by a social media vote.

The Fordham Road BID is staying busy with several other projects including a big renovation in Bryan Park, which just received \$2.5 million in grant funding.

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## Celebrating the Benefits of Breast-feeding in the Bronx

By **ANDREA CETRA**

A slew of pediatric nurses and Ob/Gyns in white coats lined the lobby of Montefiore Medical Center's Weiler Hospital in celebration of World Breast-feeding Week, a globally-recognized event that takes place in early August in 120 countries and is designed to educate families about the benefits of breast-feeding.

The hospital aims to become one of 10 "Baby Friendly" facilities recognized by Baby Friendly USA's "Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative," a project started in 1991 by the World Health Organization and UNICEF that encourages hospitals to support breast-feeding mothers.

"We encourage breast-feeding from day one," said Susan Latuga, a pediatric neonatologist at Montefiore. "It's the ideal nutrition because it has evolved for years for human babies," she said.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Montefiore statistics, babies who breast-feed typically have a stronger immune system, fewer ear infections, and cases of diarrhea, decreased rates of type 1 and type 2 DM and childhood leukemia, fewer allergic skin infections, a lower risk of

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), and are less likely to become overweight as children.

Drs. Talitha Bruney and Abie Iyare, co-chairs of Montefiore's Breast-feeding Committee, reported that breast-feeding for nine months reduces an infant's odds of becoming overweight by over 30 percent.

Mothers also have a lower risk of postpartum hemorrhage, breast and ovarian cancers, and are at a lower risk for developing asthma, eczema, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease, have an easier time losing weight after pregnancy, and save money on the cost of formula.

Dr. Steven M. Safyer, president and CEO of Montefiore, called breast milk the "magic formula," joking that he would have "been better" had he too been breast-fed. "It has all kinds of preventative antibodies for the mother. All the mechanisms of breast-feeding are made for humans," he said.

So why doesn't everybody do it?

The most common concern amongst mothers is that they won't produce enough milk. The second is that the process will hurt. Yet, according to Paula Ferrante, RN at Montefiore, a baby's stomach is the size of a marble, so mothers only

produce what is needed, and it isn't supposed to be painful. "If it does hurt, it could be because the baby isn't latched correctly," she said.

Those who have been diagnosed with HIV, suffer from diabetes or Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS), have had breast reductions, or have recently been ill, may have a delay in the production of breast milk or may not be able to breast-feed. Research on the correlation between depressed mothers and breast milk production is still underway.

But who has the time?

Cindy, a working mother who recently gave birth to her third child said she stopped after she went back to work. "I wasn't sure but I think I'm going to stick to it," she said. "It's probably a little harder for working moms, but it's doable if you have support," she added.

Weiler Hospital provides lactation rooms so mothers like Cindy can pump milk in privacy. According to the U.S. Department of Health's "Breast-feeding Mothers' Bill of Rights," places of employment are also required to allow breast-feeding during the work day.

"Barriers, institutionally and societally, make it hard, but slowly people are realizing it is an option," Latuga said.

### HELPING BRONX BLOOM



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**SUMMER YOUTH** Employment Program workers put mulch to work on Mosholu Parkway this summer, just one of the many beautification projects undertaken by the Bronx is Blooming nonprofit organization.

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By DAVID GREENE

This week we asked readers about the upcoming primary election and the race for mayor.



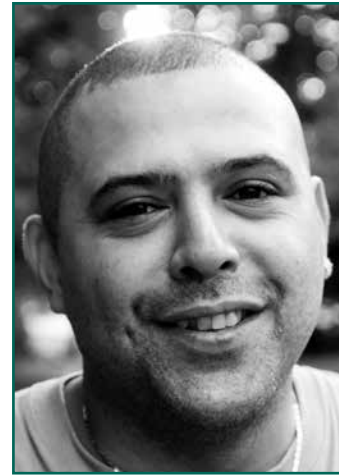
Whoever wins, I hope they can do something about the dog poop along Mosholu Parkway. I'm serious. You have to walk around here like your dodging land mines. I think I'd vote for (Bill) de Blasio. I don't think the police are doing enough on serious crime, but when I sit in the park, just having a beer, they want to stare me down. Haven't they got something better to do?  
**Kelly Bundy**



I think the candidates who are known are popular for all the wrong reasons. Honestly, I'm getting pretty tired of the (Anthony) Weiner jokes. I'm glad that at least the primary election is coming to an end.  
**Salah Alamin**



It's been a slugfest. They've been doggin' each other, but that's what they do. I like de Blasio. I think we need a fresh face. We need someone who doesn't talk a lot and does what's needed. (Christine) Quinn as the first woman would be cool, but I don't know, she's too Bloombergish.  
**Lee Gonzales**



No matter who wins it's not going to make a difference. It's not about color anymore, or even gender, but the race has gotten outlandish. I didn't like (Michael) Bloomberg and it doesn't make me feel comfortable that someone else wants to take his job with less experience.  
**Victor Reyes**



I am intrigued and grateful that voters will have choices in both the Democratic and Republican parties, to vote in a primary election to choose and select from several candidates' differing programs, to promote what they each feel would be the best for our Republic's future.  
**Robert Kalfus**

## Neighborhood Notes

### Bronxwide Town Hall

The Social Action Ministry will hold a "Responsibility and Accountability" Town Hall meeting, Sept. 19, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Gethsemane Baptist Church, 771 Fairmount Place (between Prospect Avenue and East 176th Street, off Tremont Avenue). It will be attended by elected officials and community leaders. For more information, call (718) 294-7129 or (917) 226-7960.

### Free Disease Management Workshops

People with chronic illnesses, such as diabetes, asthma, and chronic kidney disease (as well as family members) are invited to free bilingual (English/Spanish) workshops as follows: For asthma/COPD: Sept. 17 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Montefiore Medical Group, 2532 Grand Concourse; for diabetes: Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon at Sr. Annunciata Bethell Senior Center, 243 E. 204th St.; and for chronic kidney disease: Sept. 12 from 1 to 5 p.m. at MMG Greene Medical Arts Pavilion, 3400 Bainbridge Ave. For more information and to register, call (800) 636-6683.

### Flag Football League

The NYC Christian Athletic League offers a football league, Saturday mornings for 12 weeks for ages 12 to 18 starting on Sept. 14 at 9 a.m. at Harris Field. Cost is \$25/participant. For more information and to sign up, call (917) 557-7185 or visit [www.nyccal.org](http://www.nyccal.org).

### Free Pre-K Classes

Mosholu Montefiore Community Center is offering three free all day Pre-K classes (8:30 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.) for 4-year-olds, at 3800 Sedgwick Ave. in Van Courtlandt Village. Additional coverage is offered for working parents from 2:50 to 6 or 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (718) 882-4000 ext. 0.

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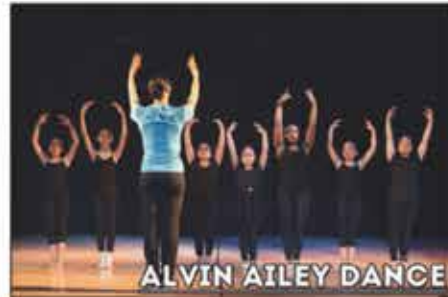
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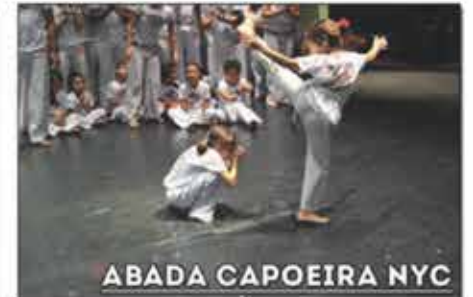
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# Out & About

## EDITOR'S PICK

### Remembering Sept. 11

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. and The Supreme Court of Bronx County invite the public to a **Sept. 11, 2001 Day of Remembrance**, on Sept. 13 from noon to 2 p.m., at Lou Gehrig Plaza, East 161st Street and the Grand Concourse, featuring The Bronx Global Learning Institute for Girls' all-girl string orchestra. For more information, call (718) 590-3522.

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## Onstage

■ The Bronx Library Center, at 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents **Puerto Rican, Cuban and Dominican Folklore Music**, by the Jose Obando Trio, Sept. 14 at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit [www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org).

## Events

■ Poe Park Visitor Center, 2640 Grand Concourse, presents a number of family events in September, including **Learn to Draw**, Sept. 5 and 19 at 3 p.m.; **Seasonal Crafts**, Fridays at 3 p.m.; **Arts and Crafts**, Wednesdays at 3 p.m.; and **Stretching and Toning**, Thursdays at 10 a.m. **ESL Classes** are offered every Saturday at 9 a.m. and **Poe Cottage tours** are held Saturdays and Sundays. A **printmaking workshop** for children ages 6 to 12 will be held Sept. 21 (seating is limited; register in advance). For more information or a detailed schedule, call (718) 365-5516.

■ Mosholu Montefiore Community Center, 3450 DeKalb Ave., senior citizens program, presents **Jewish New Year Celebration**, Sept. 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; and

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**Sizzlin' '60s at the Brownstone**, Sept. 19. For more information, call (718) 882-4000.

■ Bronx International Film Festival presents screening of **"The Boys of Kingsbridge From Grammar School to Ground Zero,"** (four friends tell about their near death experiences at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001 and growing up in Kingsbridge); and new series **"What Is a Documentary?"**; both on Sept. 11, 2013 at 8 p.m. in Lehman College's Studio Theatre, 250 Bedford Pk. Blvd. W. (\$5/screening pass). For more information and to purchase a pass in advance, visit [bronxfilmfestival.com](http://bronxfilmfestival.com) or call (718) 960-8000.

■ The Fordham Road BID holds a free movie, **"Brave,"** at Fordham Plaza, 189th Street at Third and Park avenues, Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m., preceded by kids' activities at 6:30 p.m. including rock climbing and sports. Bring a chair, blanket and popcorn. For more information, call (718) 562-2104.

■ NYS Senator Jeff Klein presents **"Up,"** movie at Seton Park, Independence Avenue between West 232nd and 235th streets, Sept. 7 (begins at dusk, and festivities begin at 8 p.m.). Bring folding chairs and blankets. If rain is predicted on show day, call Klein's

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■ Woodlawn Conservancy presents **monthly guided tours** at Woodlawn Cemetery: 2nd Sundays (Sept. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.); and Full Moon (Sept. 19 from 7 to 9 p.m.; bring flashlight). Enter at the Jerome and Bainbridge avenues entrance; \$15/adults, discounts for members/seniors/students. For more information, call (718) 920-1469.

■ Visions' (services for the blind and visually impaired) Bronx Advisory Board invites the public to **Mix It Up**, to join "celebrity" bartenders as they display their mixology talents, Sept. 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Tosca Marquee Rooftop Garden, 4034 E. Tremont Ave. (\$25 includes hors d'oeuvres and networking opportunities.) All proceeds will support Visions' free programs and services in the Bronx. (\$12.50/ticket is tax deductible; make checks payable to Visions). For more information or to RSVP, call (212) 625-1616 ext. 135.

■ The NY Botanical Garden presents its **Greenmarket**, farmers market at the base of the Library Allee inside the Mosholu Gate entrance, Wednesdays through Nov. 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (718) 817-8658.

■ Wave Hill, a Bronx oasis at 675 W. 252nd St. in Riverdale, offers **Family Arts Projects**: Go Outdoors With Van Gogh, to paint a scene, Sept. 7 and 8; and Shield Me With a Turtle Shell, to create your own shell, followed by a parade, Sept. 14 and 15; both at the Wave Hill House from 10 a.m. to 1

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

■ Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse, 2nd floor North Wing, presents **First Fridays**: AIM Artist Screenings and Performances, Sept. 6 from 6 to 10 p.m. between 161st and 164th streets. For more information, call (718) 681-6000 ext. 131.

■ The Bronx County Historical Society's Bronx Archives Building, 3313 Bainbridge Ave., presents lecture, "**Yankee Stadium - A True Bronx Gem**," by Stadium historian Tony Morante, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m. For more information or to reserve, call (718) 881-8900.

## Exhibits

■ The Bronx Council on the Arts invites the public to its free **Governors Island Art Fair**, featuring works by Bronx visual artists, Saturdays and Sundays in September in Nolan Park, beginning Sept. 7 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The free Governors Island Ferry departs from the Battery Maritime Building at 10 South St. adjacent to the Staten Island Ferry. For more information, visit [www.4heads.org](http://www.4heads.org) and [www.4heads.org/visitors](http://www.4heads.org/visitors)

■ The Bronx County Historical Society's Museum of Bronx History at the Valentine-Varian House, 3266 Bainbridge Ave.,

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■ The New York Botanical Garden presents **Wild Medicine: Healing Plants Around the World, Featuring the Italian Renaissance Garden**, including interactive stations with activities and samples of products made from therapeutic plants, through Sept. 8. For more information, call (718) 817-8512/8637.

■ The Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse, presents **State of Mind: New California Art Circa 1970**, story of the California artists of the '60s and '70s who impacted artists across the country; and **Bronx Calling: The Second AIM Biennial**, a variety of work by Artists in the Marketplace participants (free). Both exhibits run through Sept. 8. For more information, call (212) 671-5169.

## Library Events

■ The Bronx Library Center, at 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents programs for adults including **Internet for Beginners**: Sept. 5 at 2 p.m.; **Single Stop/Government Benefits at 9 a.m.**: Sept. 5, 10, 12, 17 and 19; **Heritage Arts & Crafts**: (advance in-person registration required), Sept. 6 at 2 p.m.; and **Finding a Job Online**: Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. Teens/young adults can attend **Movies at 4 p.m.**: Sept. 5, 12 and 19; and **Chess at 4 p.m.**: Sept. 9 and 16. Children can enjoy **film**: Sept. 10 at 4 p.m.; **Preschool Story Time at 11 a.m.**: Sept. 12 and 19; **School Bus Bookmark Making**: Sept. 12 at 4 p.m.; **Family Time**: Sept. 14 at 11 a.m.; and

**Reading Aloud**: Sept. 17 at 4. Immigrants can join **Free English Classes**: Sept. 9 and 17, each at noon and 6 p.m. Ages 16+ can visit **Job Expo**: Sept. 18 at 11 a.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit [www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org).

■ The Mosholu Library, at 285 E. 205th St., offers for seniors and adults: **Knitting Circle**: Thursdays at 3 p.m.; **Wii Program**: Tuesdays at 3 p.m.; and **Movie**: "The Great Gatsby," Sept. 9 at 4:30 p.m. Children can enjoy **Reading Aloud at 4 p.m.**: (ages 3 to 12), Sept. 9 and 16; and **Arts and Crafts at 3:30 p.m.**: Sept. 10 and 17; and **Toddler Story Time at 10:30 a.m.**: (ages 18 to 36 months), Sept. 12 and 19. For more information, call (718) 882-8239.

■ The Jerome Park Library, at 118 Eames Place, offers for children: **Kids' Active Health at 4 p.m.**: (yoga and zumba), Sept. 6 and 13; **Cooking**: Sept. 9 at 4 p.m.; **film**: Sept. 16 at 4 p.m.; and **Chess**: Sept. 17 at 4 p.m.; (all for ages 5 to 12); and **Toddler Story Time**: (ages 18 to 36 months), Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. For teens, there is: **Cooking at 4 p.m.**: Sept. 5 and 19; and for adults: **Computer Basics at noon**: Sept. 5, 10, 12, 17 and 19. For more information, call (718) 549-5200.

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