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## NORWOOD SHELTER EVICTS HOMELESS



Photo by Adi Talwar

**NYDIA VARGAS** (pictured) sits unsure where she and her husband Emilio will be relocated to after receiving a notice to leave the cluster site shelter operated by Aguila, Inc.

**By IMANI HALL**

Homeless families at a cluster site homeless shelter in Norwood will have been slapped with relocation notices, terminating a controversial approach to housing tenants.

The building at 15-19 E. Mosholu Parkway North has been a cluster site since 2009. About

two weeks ago, a total of 13 homeless families received a memo from Aguila Inc., the nonprofit that found housing for homeless tenants, stating that they "will be provided transfer information for placement in a new shelter location." It's unclear whether the building will remain a cluster site.

The memo mentions that transfer information for the shelter residents will be provided in the "coming weeks or months."

**Residents Worry**  
Cynthia Rosa, a cluster site tenant, has been living in the building since January. "I don't care about myself because I can

get along anywhere and I don't bother with people, but I am worried about my children," she said, a mother of a 9, 10 and 12-year-old. "Just thinking about it is rough because I don't know when we are going or where we are going."

Shelter resident Nydia

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## IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

# PRIMARY RACE - 78TH A.D. AND 33RD S.D.

In a pair of separate local debates, one Rivera showed, while another Rivera skipped out.

So has been the case at *BronxTalk* with Gary Axelbank, *BronxNet's* access program that's moderated a number of local debates.

On Aug. 18, host Gary Axelbank told viewers that in the race of the 78th Assembly District, incumbent Assemblyman Jose Rivera declined an invitation by Axelbank, leaving challenger Fernando Tirado to outline his qualifications. The district covers Bedford Park, Kingsbridge, Fordham, Belmont and a portion of Pelham Parkway. Rivera, the patriarch of a once influential Bronx political dynasty, told Axelbank through an email he had another engagement to attend. In a tongue-in-cheek display, Rivera was represented by an empty seat.

Rivera's presence has arguably remained spotty in the district communities, something Tirado looks to change should he be elected in the Democratic Primary on Sept. 9.

"I want to be able to tackle [the constituents'] needs and look at the bigger picture," said Tirado, the former district manager of Community Board 7 whose background is largely economic development. The sector is quite strong in the 78th A.D., with the Fordham Road BID and the Kingsbridge commercial corridor seeing plenty of activity.

But the 78th A.D. lags in primary voter turnout, the second worst in the Bronx, a sign that "people don't feel there's any hope," according to Tirado. "There hasn't been anyone to step up to the plate," he said.

Tirado is running a grassroots campaign, with little support from the Bronx Democratic County Committee. His campaign apparatus thus far has been the Northwest Bronx Democrats, which has helped spread his name throughout the district.

### Cabrera vs. Rivera

Meantime, Sen. Gustavo Rivera (no relation to the Assemblyman) of the 33rd Senate District was left to debate against an empty chair reserved for his challenger, Councilman Fernando Cabrera.



Photo by David Cruz

**78TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT** challenger Fernando Tirado appears on *BronxTalk* for a debate against incumbent Assemblyman Jose Rivera, who was a no-show. Rivera was represented by an empty seat.

Appearing on *BronxTalk* on Aug. 11, the bespectacled Sen. Rivera sat hands folded calling Cabrera's withdrawal from the debate "disrespectful." Cabrera, an ordained pastor, offered no explanation over why he skipped the debate, leaving no one to defend him. Like Assemblyman Rivera, Cabrera was symbolically represented by an empty office chair.

Sen. Rivera represents the 33rd Senate District, which covers Kingsbridge Heights, East Tremont, Bedford Park, Crotona Park, Fordham, Belmont, Van Nest, Morris Park, Claremont, High Bridge and a sliver of Parkchester. Rivera won the seat in 2010 over then-State Senator Pedro Espada, a now convicted legislator who pocketed nearly a half million dollars from his healthcare network in Soundview. The senate boundaries greatly outmatch Cabrera's 14th Council District, giving the incumbent better constituent familiarity than Cabrera.

Rivera's progressive political stances run counter to Cabrera's beliefs. Cabrera has publicly stood against gay marriage, given his more conservative background. Cabrera, a registered Democrat, was at one point a registered Republican, according to Sen. Rivera. But on the political front, Cabrera prides himself on earmarking roughly \$46 million for projects in his district that included funding for computers and after school programs in

schools, programming for tenant organizing, and more surveillance cameras to high-crime areas in his district. He made legislative strides by passing a Crime Mapping Bill, an online map that shows where crimes are happening in portions of a precinct.

"I look forward to matching my record of accomplishment against Mr. Rivera's record of failure," said Cabrera, in a statement.

But despite appearing the victor, Rivera lost his suit against Cabrera, challenging the authenticity of signatures found in Cabrera's petitions needed to get on the ballot. A Bronx judge ruled Cabrera can remain on the ballot on a technicality, though evidence showed several signatures had indeed belonged to those who have passed away.

Still, Cabrera was thrilled to have been placed on the ballot and an outraged Sen. Rivera went through with a lawsuit.

"Mr. Rivera invested huge sums of money hiring lawyers, staff hours, and taxpayer dollars in his failed attempt to remove me from the ballot," said Cabrera.

--David Cruz

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## INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER

By DAVID GREENE

With the *Norwood News* having undergone a makeover, we asked readers if any type of change is a good thing.



It depends on what kind of change you're talking about. Change is good when it's positive, but some change is negative and not good for us. We need change, especially for the youth. I think it's a beautiful thing that the paper is changing. It will be wonderful and it will attract more readers.

**Jesus Santana**  
Parkchester



Change is always good and knowledge is infinite. So I think change is essential to the growth and development of any society. By changing a newspaper, you can get information from different perspectives, so I think that's great.

**Tislam Jones**  
Bedford Park



I think change is a great thing, especially for a popular community newspaper. Good luck, we'll be watching.

**Elizabeth Rodriguez**  
Norwood



Change is good when it affects society as a whole in a positive direction, and all can benefit. As far as changing your newspaper, it's great as long as you continue to get different perspectives of a story and offer different views.

**Marques Payne**  
Bedford Park



Change is always a good thing because when you go through difficulties in life, either you're going to encounter the same difficulties you encounter with the negative or you're going to change it to become positive. Change brings improvement to life.

**Jesse Ortiz**  
Bedford Park

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## CRIME FILE



# TRIO OF THIEVES ON THE LOOSE

By DAVID CRUZ

The 52nd Precinct is still on the hunt for a trio of sticky fingered pickpockets who ripped off an elderly woman at a nearby supermarket, and later ran up her credit.

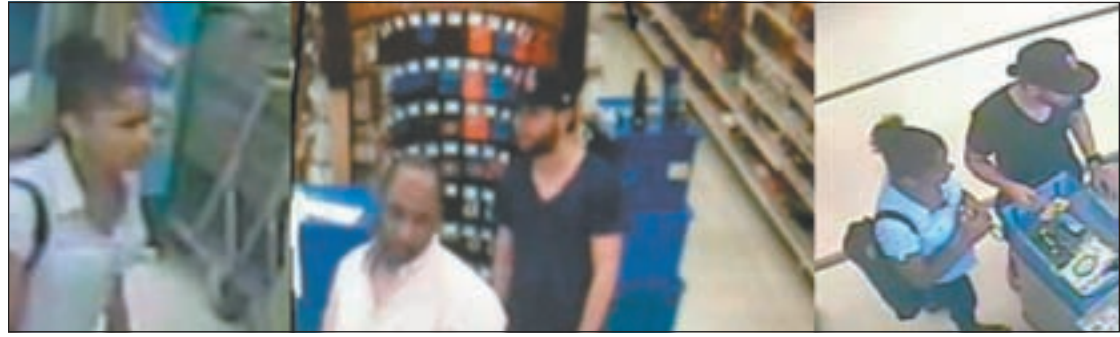
The grand larceny theft happened on July 11 at the Met supermarket at 277 E. 198th St. It's there where two of the suspects, a man and woman, lifted a purse off a 79-year-old woman as she waited on the check-out aisle, according to police. The pair then fled up the block to a Rite Aid pharmacy at 239 E. 198th St., loading up a blue basket full of items valued at \$300. The merchandise

was paid for by using the victim's credit card, said police.

The illegal shopping spree continued at another Rite Aid roughly a mile away at 3480 Jerome Ave., where the two suspects rendezvoused with the third suspect. Store surveillance released by the NYPD shows the trio purchased a number of gift cards with the stolen card. Police reported the purchase to be nearly \$300.

Police identified the three suspects as follows:

A male Hispanic in his mid/late 20's, approx. 6'1" in height, 190 pounds. Wearing a black



**VIDEO SURVEILLANCE STILLs** show the thieves at work, using an alleged stolen credit card to purchase roughly \$600 worth of gift cards in two separate Rite Aid stores.

T-shirt, black shorts, black sneakers and a black baseball cap.

A female Hispanic in her late 20's, approx. 5'4" in height, 150 pounds. Wearing a white shirt and blue jeans.

A male black in his mid-40's, approx. 6'1" in height, 230 pounds. Wearing a pink button down shirt, tan cargo shorts and black slippers.

Grand larceny thefts are deemed such under a

variety of reasons, with credit card theft falling within the classification. The Five-Two has seen the number of cases remain steady, with CrimeStat figures showing 415 reported grand larceny theft cases so far this year, down from 419 cases the same time last year. The number of grand larceny incidents in the Five-Two is the second highest throughout Bronx precincts,

with the 44th Precinct holding the top spot with 423 incidents so far this year, up from 398 cases the same time a year before.

Crime has indeed mushroomed throughout the city in recent years, prompting One Police Plaza to form a 300-member grand larceny unit in May this year. Before, grand larceny crimes fell into the jurisdiction of the finan-

cial crimes unit. More common grand larceny infractions include Apple iPhone thefts.

Anyone with information on the crime is encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477). Tips can also be submitted on [www.nypdcrimestoppers.com](http://www.nypdcrimestoppers.com) or via text to 274637 (CRIMES). Callers should enter TIP577. All calls are kept confidential.

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# INVESTMENTS ROLL IN FOR KINGSBRIDGE ICE CENTER

By DAVID CRUZ

Despite lawsuits that have slowed development of the Kingsbridge National Ice Center (KNIC), the financial side for the massive project appears to have warmed up, though barely.

Still, investments have begun to pour in for the project with Bauer Hockey, a manufacturer of ice equipment, slated to invest \$4 million to the burgeoning project. The venture, a transaction executed by New York-based Sagent Advisors, would be earmarked for the overall development of KNIC. Bauer has also agreed to create after school programming for hockey students.

The deal will also incorporate Bauer Hockey's initiative called Grow the Game, a lofty goal that intends to introduce 1 million new hockey players by 2022. The plan bolsters KNIC's more attractive amenity for the Kingsbridge community--the creation of a free after school program that teaches local kids the fundamentals of the ice sport, a perk the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition fought for when drafting the Community Benefits Agreement with developers.

The ultimate programming would create activities that are "approachable, accessible, affordable, and, most of all, fun," said Kevin Davis, CEO and president of Performance Sports Group, the parent company behind Bauer Group.

In a statement, NHL legend Mark Messier, serving as KNIC's CEO, said the team-up with Bauer would create a "significant impact on not only the sport of hockey, but also the



File Photo

**THE IMPENDING KNIC project** received a \$30 million boost, thanks to a philanthropic foundation.

lives of so many kids in the area." The news comes days after a powerhouse philanthropist group agreed to a financial investment deal for KNIC, an allocation that serves as a validation the project is not on "thin ice" despite a lawsuit endangering it.

The Kresge Foundation, a Detroit-based institutional equity investment firm, serves as the lead investor in a \$30 million equity raise for KNIC, according to sources close to the deal. "[The Kresge Foundation's] decision to invest in the Kingsbridge National Ice Center represents a ringing endorsement of the contributions made to this project by civic leaders and the community," said Messier in a statement.

The move downplays calls by naysayers who long suspect KNIC to have little to no financial support in place. The money by the Kresge Foundation is part of the group's "so-

cial investment" strategy that looks to prop up poor communities such as Kingsbridge. Still, even with \$34 million slated, it still doesn't cover the overall costs of the project, estimated at \$350 million. "The Kingsbridge project advances both our endowment and our mission," said Robert Manilla, Kresge's vice president and chief investment officer.

The investments come amid a pair of lawsuits between lead developer Kevin Parker, and three principals who each claim to have created the ice skating complex idea. So far, the cases have gone through the legal channels with no outcome. The city Economic Development Corporation maintains the project will proceed as planned.

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## BUSINESS BEAT

# BUSINESS BEAT - BAY PLAZA MALL OPENS TO BIG CROWDS

By DAVID CRUZ

The highly anticipated Bay Plaza Mall in Co-Op City opened with plenty of verve, a tsunami of crowds, and borough pride.

"We arrived," declared Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., shortly after cutting the ceremonial ribbon of the new mall on Aug. 14 alongside developers and elected officials.

The indoor, suburban-style mall is akin to those seen at the Galleria and Westchester shopping malls in Westchester County.

It also marks the first indoor mall in nearly 40 years for New York City, with a crop of high-end stores not seen in the borough, an indication of new investments to the borough. The opening comes on the heels of a Target mall opening in Throggs Neck, continuing the borough's current trend of major economic development.

Anchored by Macy's department store, the new mall boasts some never-before-seen stores in the Bronx including Swarovski, Bath & Body Works



Photo by David Cruz

**A HIVE OF CUSTOMERS** swarm the H&M clothing store at the new Bay Plaza Mall in Co-Op City, the city's first indoor mall in four decades.

and U.S. Polo. Eateries such as The Olive Garden and Joe's Crab Shack are also open for business. The mall complements the existing Bay Plaza Shopping Center, making it largest retail

area in the city.

"It's humbling to know that we have brought a number of new stores and jobs to the borough," said Sam Shalem, Chairman and CEO of Prestige Properties & Development Co., Inc., overseeing the massive piece of land. Doors opened to customers at 10 a.m., with many first-time shoppers hailing from nearby Co-Op City, home to some 25,000 residents who regularly shop elsewhere.

"We don't have to go to Cross County Mall now," said Hyacinth Burrel, a Co-Op City resident who referenced the mall in Yonkers. "The Bronx people have to travel way out."

Viola Phillips has lived in Co-Op City for 44 years and she was equally impressed by the mall, relieved to have an option aside from traveling to the Macy's in Manhattan's Herald Square. "This is convenient for me," she said.

Some stores opened at 11 o'clock, though a swell of lines had already formed at the new H&M clothing store. Rolando Veras Jr. waited patiently outside the store, one of hundreds chanting a 10-second countdown at the stroke of 11 o'clock.

Crews for Prestige Properties began building the \$300 million, 780,000 square foot mall two years ago. Several hundred construction employees, mainly from the Bronx, helped design the beige-colored, art-deco style mall and two-story parking lot.

"You can't believe the obstacles in order to do this, it's almost impossible.

You needed city, federal and state cooperation," said Peter Vallone Sr., former Queens Borough President and consultant to Prestige Properties.

Another 1,800 retail jobs have been created, thanks to the new mall, with a majority going towards long-term unemployed Bronxites. The numbers can further put a dent on the borough's staggering double-digit unemployment rate, one of the worst in the state that hasn't let up in years.

Diaz Jr. anecdotally approached Bay Plaza Mall employees wondering where they were from. Many hailed from the borough. "The closer to the mall the better," said Diaz Jr. of the new hires.

But with a new mall, and its nearly 100 stores, comes an influx of thousands of new shoppers bringing in a swell of traffic. Local residents have long expressed concern over the new traffic, though local legislators have been addressing them with a series of brainstorming meetings.

Councilman Andy King, whose district covers the mall, said one measure would be to create an exit ramp by the Hutchinson River Parkway. In the meantime, King assured that traffic agents will be on hand "managing traffic to get a handle on everyone."

Traffic could also be eased should the state Legislature agree to the MTA's expansion of its Metro-North service to several east Bronx neighborhoods that include Co-Op City.

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**National Night Out at 52nd Precinct:** The 31st Annual National Night Out Against Crime was held with the 52nd Precinct putting its best foot forward. Read about what some locals have to say about proper community policing. Photo by David Cruz



**On 25th Anniversary, The COVE Thanks Community:** A celebrated after school programming thanks the community for being there after 25 years. Read all about the block party courtesy of the COVE. Photo by David Greene



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**Summer Streets 2014 Boasts Norwood Economy and Community:** Music, food and merchants headlined the Summer Streets 2014, hosted by the E. 204th Street and Bainbridge Merchants Association, headed by Eli Garcia. Read all about what folks have to say about the festival and stores. Photo by David Cruz



**Graffiti Eliminated and Logged to Database:** Officers from the 52nd Precinct rolled up their sleeves to erase graffiti scrawls. Find out what they do with graffiti tags before they're erased, in this story by Richard Bucey and David Greene. Photo by David Greene



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Number of craniopagus cases  
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## ONCE CONJOINED TWINS CELEBRATE DECADE APART



Photo courtesy Montefiore Medical Center

**MEET THE MMC TEAM** behind the craniopagus procedure. (l-r): David Staffenberg, M.D., former chief of Pediatric Craniofacial Surgery; Steven M. Safyer, M.D., president and CEO; twins Clarence and Carl Aguirre with their mother Arlene; James Goodrich, M.D., Ph.D., director, Pediatric Neurosurgery; Robert Marion, M.D., chief, Division of Genetics, Department of Pediatrics; Philip Ozuah, M.D., Ph.D., executive vice president, chief operating officer.

### By DAVID CRUZ

In the decade that's passed, 12-year-old twin Clarence Aguirre has picked up some serious dance moves. In a video presentation, he is seen showing off the robot dance, which slowly morphed to an electronic hip-hop routine to the tune of will.i.am's "I'm Alive."

It's a fitting song given the celebration of Clarence and his twin brother Carl, siblings once vertically conjoined at the skull and partially the brain, a condition known as craniopagus. Their lives would've been different and perhaps cut short if not for a series of complex surgeries that ultimately separated them.

This year marks a decade since the groundbreaking operation that's been etched in medical textbooks, serving as a great leap forward for craniopagus operations and a major hallmark to the Children's Hospital at Montefiore (CHAM), where the procedure was performed.

"I was scared," said Arlene, the boys' mother, a native of the Philippines, attending an event that paid tribute to the surgery and recovery. "I was in a different country, but I put my faith and trust in the doctors."

The Aguirres met with medical staffers on Aug. 4, 10 years to the day of the final, risky surgery. In many cases,

the procedure's success rate is poor, often leading to death given the complications linked to the operation. "This is something that had never been done successfully," said Dr. Steven Safyer, president and Chief Executive Officer of Montefiore Medical Center, who was the hospital's chief medical officer at the time. "What made us so happy was we succeeded."

### Taking On the Case

The Aguirre case stretches back to 2002 in the Philippines where doctors told Arlene, a single mother, that the boys were attached by the skull and brain. "I knew this was a trial that God gave to me," said Arlene of her boys' condition. "I told myself that I would do everything I can to help and save my boys."

The unusual attachment left the boys bedridden, unable to properly digest or see each other.

"They would always have formula in their mouth so their teeth kind of rotted," said Dr. Robert Marion, the boys' pediatrician. "[T]here was no way these two would survive if they were left the way they were without separation."

Arlene sought help from Children's Chances, a Connecticut-based non-profit that linked them to Montefiore Medical Center.

What followed was a logistical

breakdown over how to execute the surgery. Dr. James Goodrich, CHAM's director of pediatric neurosurgery and the procedure's lead surgeon, decided the surgery should work piecemeal, applying a "staged separation" which divides one marathon surgery down to several. This would allow the twins to regain their strength for the next round. For each surgery, one of four quadrants was separated.

Safyer was sold on the idea, believing "it was logical, it was sensible."

The procedure also brought together teams of anesthesiologists, radiologists, nurses, and other medical staff members to provide input in the procedure, something that was rarely done. Nine months and four surgeries had passed before Goodrich's fellow plastic surgeon, Dr. David Staffenberg, would tell Arlene that she "has now two separated boys."

Meredith Gosin, a social worker

with Blythedale Children's Hospital where she tended to the boys' care before and after the surgeries, sat alongside Arlene when she heard the news. "To be a part of that was a gift," said Gosin.

### Post Surgery

The procedure has now become the national and international standard for craniopagus surgeries, with Goodrich having performed several of these types of surgeries around the world since.

These days, the twins have developed distinct personalities. Clarence, the more outgoing twin, has learned how to dance, swim and assume the big brother role to Carl, who largely bears the brunt of limitations with seizures and an inability to walk.

Visits to CHAM are yearly. The boys still regularly stop by Safyer's office. "They come by and say hello to me," Safyer said.

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# AGUILA SHUTS OUT NORWOOD HOMELESS TENANTS

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Vargas also expressed concern about moving out with her three children. "Now I have to start worrying about school with my kids," she said. "I was going to register my kids in school but I don't know now because I don't know how long we have."

But paying tenant Crystal Santos expressed relief over news of the closing cite.

"Before the shelter it was calm, peaceful and quiet," she said, having filed numerous complaints since the shelter moved in. "People hang out after midnight, shouting, drinking. I mean, come on."

Some tenants were taken by surprise when the shelter came to the building and in fact were not at all thrilled about it. Henry Perry, another paying tenant living in the building for over 30 years, expressed some of the same relief.

"Before the shelter came here it was like Trump Towers on Mosholu Parkway," Perry said, angry that building management gave no notice to paying tenants. "One day it wasn't there, the next day it was and nobody told us any-



Photo by Adi Talwar

**HOMELESS FAMILIES AT** this cluster site in Norwood will be relocated elsewhere since subsidies for Aguilá, Inc. were reduced.

thing."

## Why the change?

In many ways, the financial well for Aguilá ran dry. During the Bloomberg years, Aguilá Inc. thrived after the city was federally mandated to provide housing for the homeless. The city Department of Homeless Services

(DHS), adhering to its policy in housing the homeless within the "borough of origin," set up cluster sites within the Bronx, home to the most shelters. DHS would pay Aguilá subsidies that equated to market rate rents. So far, the nonprofit received \$56.1 million in city subsidies, according to the

Comptroller's Office.

But in July, DHS cut Aguilá's subsidies by an undisclosed percentage, according to DHS spokesman Christopher Miller. "Aguilá did not accept that rate cut," said Miller, who assured the agency's first priority is to find new housing for itinerant Bronxites. "We are working with them on a close-out plan to ensure that our clients are safely transferred, hopefully within the Bronx," he said.

A similar situation has played out for tenants at 941 Intervale Ave., another cluster site building managed by Aguilá. Tenants were also given notices informing them they are being relocated.

## What's Next?

Perry still worried over the building's future. "I'm worried about what comes next," he said.

"I did have a worker come here and tell me that if anyone comes here and tells us he have to leave that we don't necessarily have to leave," said Rosa, adding a DHS rep said she'd would receive transfer papers before she leaves.

"It gave me a little comfort because as per the memo we could leave today, we could leave tomorrow."

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## Onstage

• The Bronx Library Center, 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents the **NY Opera Forum** performing *Semiramide*, Aug. 23 at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit [www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org).

## Events

• The public is invited to the **Allerton Avenue Festival and International Food Show** Aug. 24 from noon to 5 p.m. at Allerton Avenue and Boston Road. For more info call (718) 828-2880.

• To the **International Hip Hop Parade**, Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Bathgate Avenue between the Cross Bronx Expressway and Claremont Avenue. This event is to celebrate the Bronx as the birthplace of hip-hop and will include all the pioneers of this genre. Also featured will be floats, performances and music. For more information, call (347) 820-8764.

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• The Police Athletic League (PAL) offers its free **Playstreets Program**, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., through Aug. 22. Locations include 182nd Street between Valentine and Ryer avenues and 196th Street between Briggs and Bainbridge avenues. For more information, call (212) 353-9585.

• Friends of Van Cortlandt Park invites the public to its **Run for the Trail Series: 1st Race**, Sept. 1 at 10 a.m. This 5K run/walk with a 10K option will benefit the park. For more

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• A **Community Health and Resource Fair** will be held on Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 940 E. Gun Hill Rd. Events include mobile health and legal vans, health screenings, free giveaways, and more. For more information, call (718) 684-5509.

• A **Back-to-School Health Fair** will be held at St. James Park, Jerome Avenue at East 192nd Street, on Aug. 21 from 4 to 6 p.m. Events include health screenings, services, 500 free backpacks, and more. One backpack per child ages 5 to 13 will be distributed. Child must be present to receive backpack. Rain date: Aug. 28. For more information and other locations, call (718) 933-2034.

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• The Mosholu Library, 285 E. 205th St., offers for adults: **Computer Basics Open Lab**: Aug. 27 at 10:30 a.m. (phone or in-person registration required). Children can enjoy **Abracadabra**: (magician performs; ages 3 to 12), Aug. 21 at 2 p.m.; and **Bionic Bodies**: (ages 5 to 12), free hands-on science-based workshop, Aug. 27 at 3 p.m. (preregistration required). Teens/young adults can attend **film**: "The Mortal Instruments:

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### Community Meeting

Bedford-Mosholu Community Association will meet Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 8 p.m. at 400 E. Mosholu Pkwy. So., apt. #B1 (lobby floor). For more information, email [bedfordmosholu@verizon.net](mailto:bedfordmosholu@verizon.net).





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