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ARMORY ICE PLAN REMAINS A GO

Questions linger on oversight of Community Benefits Agreement



Photo courtesy Kingsbridge National Ice Center Partners LLC

A NEW LOOK of a rendering of the highly anticipated Kingsbridge National Ice Center, which organizers say will open in 2018 despite a year of delays.

By **HAYDEE CAMACHO**

At a recent meeting sponsored by Community Board 7's Economic Development Committee, Mark Messier, CEO of Kingsbridge National Ice Center (KNIC), reassured the stakeholders in and around the Kingsbridge community that plans to develop a nine-rink,

5,000-seat arena at the Kingsbridge Armory are proceeding apace despite nearly a year of delays.

But as officials get the project off the ground, albeit slow, community members have felt closed out of its progress and even more confounded by procedures involving the impending

Community Advisory Council (CAC), born out of a stipulation from the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA). The legally binding contract became a flashpoint to the Kingsbridge neighborhood's acceptance of the project. But, good or bad, the CBA has become a closed matter after 26 signatories

signed the document, rendering any challenge useless. Still, questions persist.

Messier, who's been tied to the project since 2012, pledged to be guided by the principles of the Community Benefits Agreement brokered by community stakeholders and KNIC

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IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

As Participatory Budgeting Deadline Nears, Organizers Want Your Vote

By DAVID CRUZ

Participatory budgeting, a drawn out process that seeks input from residents over how \$1 million in taxpayer money should be allocated, has reached its zenith—your vote.

After nine months of residents hashing out ideas, organizers invite residents as young as age 16 to stop by familiar community centers and libraries until April 18 to cast their vote on a long-lasting project within a council district.

In this case, it's Councilman Andrew Cohen's 11th District in the north and northwest Bronx that covers Norwood, Van Cortlandt Village, Riverdale, Fieldston, Woodlawn and Wakefield. The project with the most votes will be earmarked for this year's capital budget. The remaining sites, times, and locations include:

April 16

Van Cortlandt Public Library
3874 Sedgwick Ave., 3 to 6 p.m.

April 17

Woodlawn Public Library
4355 Katonah Ave., 2 to 5 p.m.

April 18

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Community Center
3450 DeKalb Ave., 10 a.m. to noon

Proper identification is required to take part in the voting process. Organizers are flexible in acceptable ID, with tax forms, student IDs and medical bills deemed appropriate.

Bronx Councilman Ritchie Torres and Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito have scheduled their own PB processes, a trend that's catching on among other City Council members. In



Photo courtesy Councilman Andrew Cohen's Office
FILLING OUT HIS BALLOT for participatory budgeting's final project is Councilman Andrew Cohen, one of three Bronx elected officials who worked participatory budgeting sessions in their districts. Cohen cast his ballot at the Riverdale YM-YMHA on April 12.

all, \$30 million has been set aside for this process.

The \$1 million adds up to 20 percent of a council member's capital budget, monies that last for five years and are earmarked for construction projects that cost more than \$35,000. It's far removed from the regular decision-making powers of a council member, who often chooses a project of their own accord.

"It's a lot of work," said Mark-Viverito in a conference call. "It's a lot of work to go into the neighborhoods, into public housing, into develop-

ments, encourage people to participate, get them to vote, get them to be engaged. That takes a lot of work on the ground."

A total of 11 projects were ultimately chosen within varying neighborhoods of Cohen's district. Some final proposals include park renovations, school upgrades and bus count-down clocks throughout District 11.

For months, Cohen handed some of the legislative reins to residents who took part in participatory budgeting sessions, hoping a more hands-on approach leads to a purer democratic process. Some parameters that went into the process included ensuring the selected project would be lasting.

But the process has also been one of true participatory investment. Nine months were required of residents to draft ideas, and appoint budget delegates to pore over ideas that are later vetted by city agencies.

"Now constituents are engaging directly with representatives from city agencies to talk about each of those projects to find out whether or not they're feasible," said Mark-Viverito. "So they're learning about the process, they're understanding what projects cost, they're understanding what it takes to get a project funded."

The process can be off putting to low-income residents whose pressing priorities are not evening meetings.

"Some people are going to stick it through the six months, others may not, but you can come into this process at any point," said Mark-Viverito. "It's not like if you didn't come to the first meeting you're not going to be welcome in any of the subsequent meetings."

Public and Community Meetings

COMMUNITY BOARD 7 will hold its general board meeting on April 21 at the R.A.I.N. Bailey Senior Center, 2660 Bailey Ave., at 6:30 p.m. CB7 committees are held on the following dates at the board office, 229A E. 204th St., at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted: Housing/Land Use & Zoning meets April 15; Education/Libraries & Youth Services meets April 16; Veterans Committee meets April 16 at 7:30 p.m.; Parks & Recreation meets April 22; Economic Development meets April 28; Community Relations/LTP meets April 28 at 7:30 p.m. For more information call (718) 933-5650.

THE 52ND PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL meets April 23, at Christ Disciple International Ministries, 3021-33 Webster Ave., at 7 p.m. For more information, call (718) 220-5824.

Over Six Dozen Trees to Be Replaced in Oval Park

By JASMINE GOMEZ

Several dozen trees at Williamsbridge Oval Park have been marked by the Parks Department for removal, with a portion of the trees slated for replacement in what appears to be a large scale tree maintenance project.

The New York City Department of Parks said that 71 trees will be replaced, costing an average \$650 per tree. The project followed a check by arborists from the New York City Parks Department. The Oval has a specific tree planting plan in place.

"We will be removing the trees in the coming weeks, and a new set of healthy trees will be planted in their place for the continued beauty and health of Williamsbridge Oval Park," said a Parks Department spokesperson in a statement.

The marks, all spray painted with a number and letter or x, were spotted throughout the park. A high concentration of x-marked trees were found on the northern end of the park.



Photo by David Cruz

DOZENS OF TREES have been marked around Williamsbridge Oval Park for removal, part of a large scale maintenance project.

Sheila Sanchez, the president of the Friends of Williamsbridge Oval Park, a grassroots group that monitors the park, told the *Norwood News* that the tree

marks were a method of recording the tree's condition for further action. An x on a tree means the tree will be chopped down, while a dot indicates a tree will

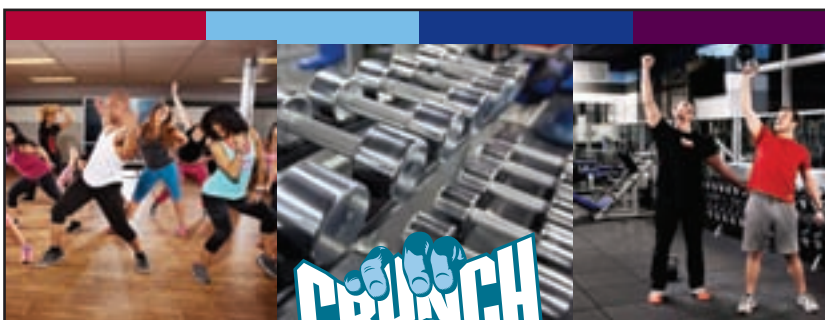
require some grooming such as a trimming.

A walk through the park, considered one of the jewels of the Norwood community, shows neighbors exercising, walking their dogs, playing a soccer game, or just relaxing on the bench taking in the view. The Oval includes a running track, a large multi-use field, a playground for children, and a basketball court, among its share of plant and animal life.

Domingo de Los Santos, a neighbor exercising at the park, called the trees the "life of the park." Another neighbor added that trees offer a hint of fresh air.

Sanchez noted that the planting of new trees is currently a waiting game, with the city now expected to plant new trees sometime in the future.

The Parks Department did note that it will hold an upcoming tree planting event, encouraging park advocates to become a tree pruner or volunteer with Tree Count tree census.



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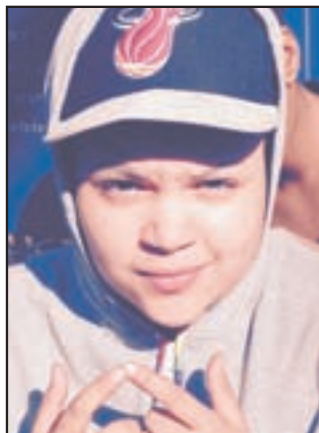
By DAVID GREENE

This week we asked readers their thoughts on a recent incident where police chased teens smoking marijuana from the lobby of a building onto a roof, where one teen fell to his death.



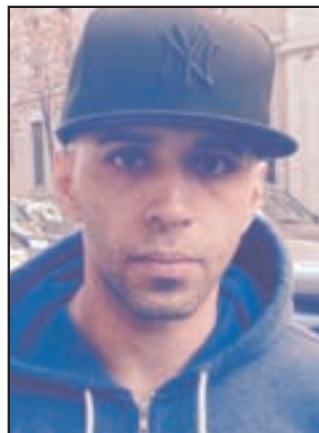
The police shouldn't chase people for miniscule crimes because it poses too much risk to the police, the person or perpetrator and the public. Especially for marijuana. I don't even think that's a crime, it's a violation and for you to chase someone and have someone go through something like that, it's horrific. It might save lives if they actually changed this.

Winston Bailey
Belmont



What was the crime again? It shouldn't even be considered a crime, and all it does is clog up the courts and the jails. It doesn't make sense.

Name withheld
Fordham



I don't think they should chase someone like that. The law is the law, but I think the police should go about some situations a different way. I just think that this is a neighborhood, especially this block, where things happen. If he wasn't a threat and they just smelled marijuana, they shouldn't have chased him upstairs to the roof. Legally, you can carry 25 grams of marijuana, but smoking in the street is still illegal.

Kevin DeJesus
Kingsbridge



I think that's terrible. If they smoke in public then give them a summons. If they are teens, give them a summons and call their parents. Maybe he wouldn't have run away if he didn't face an arrest.

Jany Arias
Parkchester



They shouldn't consider that a crime. Cigarettes kill more people than weed. They should just legalize it already.

Sammy Falcón
West Farms

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A Death on Valentine Avenue Inspires Marijuana Debate

By JASMINE GOMEZ
and DAVID CRUZ

The news of a Mott Haven teen plunging six stories from a building in Fordham on April 2 has one neighborhood reflecting on the criminality of marijuana and its effect on their local community.

Emotions are mixed over the circumstances that led 17-year-old Hakeem Kuta to jump from the rooftop at 2685 Valentine Ave. as he attempted to evade police officers stopping him for smoking marijuana in a lobby. Police say they were tipped by a passerby that Kuta and his friends were smoking pot in the lobby. Two days later, Kuta died at St. Barnabas Hospital.

Although there is debate and uncertainty surrounding the circumstances that led to Kuta's death, residents agreed that the death of a young man was unfortunate to the neighborhood, which recently experienced the loss of 18-year-old Jonathan "Tiko" Martinez, shot to death on March 14 just several buildings down from where Kuta fell.

Marc Ryan, a neighbor who witnessed Kuta's body shortly after it fell, expressed anger at the reality that Kuta died so young. "...The kid didn't even



Photo by David Cruz

THE BUILDING WHERE 17-year-old Hakeem Kuta was reported to have been found smoking pot. Police say Kuta evaded police, running towards the rooftop where he attempted to jump. He plunged six stories and would later die from his injuries.

get the chance to start life," said Ryan. "The kid didn't even get a chance."

Michael Delbois, a resident of another building on Valentine Ave., noted that "You don't get arrested for marijuana. You get a ticket. [Kuta] didn't know that. If you know that you not gonna get arrested, you would just sit there and get the ticket. If he knew that, he wouldn't have run."

Augie Aloia, a professor at the Mon-

roe College School of Criminal Justice and a retired NYPD sergeant, agreed that had Kuta remained he would have received a juvenile summons. "His violation is punishable only by a fine of not more than \$100," said Aloia, who defended officers for responding to the incident.

Embedded in the rooftop incident were the tiny hallmarks of the Eric Garner chokehold case in Staten Is-

land. Garner, pursued by police last summer for selling un-taxed cigarettes, died after being placed in a chokehold as he resisted arrest.

The low-level misdemeanor fell under the purview of Broken Windows, a theory where police respond to simple quality of life crimes in the hopes of stemming serious crimes. Aloia noted that pot smoking inside the 2685 lobby is only the "tip of the iceberg."

"If you're going to tolerate kids loitering and smoking marijuana, well, what's next? Are we going to shoot up in the hallways with heroin?" said Aloia. "Are we going to be dealing in your building? And that's going to invite bigger problems. People are going to be coming in, carrying guns, or hardcore dealers looking for bigger stuff and now you lost your building."

But the question remains: What exactly would have happened to Kuta had he stopped? It's a question that will go unanswered. One thing agreed on by some Valentine Avenue residents is Kuta should never have lost his life over pot.

"A young kid lost his life over what?" asked Ryan the neighbor. "For what? What did he lose his life for?"



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Letters To The Editor

In response to the Letter to the Editor criticizing West Bronx Housing in the April 2 - 15, 2015:

West Bronx Housing's move was not our choice.

Like many businesses in Norwood, we lost our lease. We would have loved to stay in the immediate area, but despite three months searching, we were unable to find a spot that fit our criteria: big enough to hold our staff, wheelchair accessible, within our catchment area (which includes all of Bronx Community Boards 5 and 7 (the area south of Woodlawn Cemetery and north of the Cross Bronx Expressway and from Webster Avenue to the Harlem River), and within our budget. This last was particularly difficult, in light of the fact that our budget has been cut every year for the last six years. In fact, we found only two spaces that met our cri-

teria. The site we chose was the closest to our old site.

We did not find a location until two weeks before we needed to be out of old space. Because of our very small staff (three full time workers, two part-time workers), the need to meet the move-out deadline and to notify as many of our clients as possible, we mailed out over 3,000 postcards in order to reach as many current and former clients as possible. If the writer did not receive one, I apologize. It certainly wasn't for want of trying. We also leafleted in the community, and put up signs on the front door of our old space. (That sign was torn down, and replaced by us at least four times).

I'm sorry the writer of this letter has had difficulty getting to our new office. Had he or she called, we would have worked with them to find a solution to their problem. I can tell you that since our move in November, 498

clients have come to the office. We have made arrangements with any number of clients since the move to make things easier for them, including doing home visits. All you need to do is call, and let us know. The phone numbers did not change. And while I may be "on the ball" (thank you for that, by the way), I can't read minds.

The second part of this letter baffles me. It's very difficult to figure out what the writer is talking about.

I've reviewed our daily logs going back four years, and have no record of any landlord calling or coming in looking for help with windows.

If the landlord called asking for loans to fix SOME windows in the building, the truth is that there is no such assistance available via the City. We would have told him that he would need to apply for assistance via a bank. MCI benefits, which increase the rent of every tenant, are only available to owners if they replace EVERY window in the building, and even then they can only apply once every 15 to 25 years, depending on what material the window frames being replaced were

made from. If this does not fit the situation the writer is speaking about, I apologize. I speak to dozens of owners a year, and have no specifics to draw from.

The description of the window problem in this letter sounds dreadful, but how were we to know of them unless either the tenant or landlord told us? As I said earlier, I don't read minds. I would have been happy to try to get the repairs made for the tenant, had I known.

In summing up, let me repeat that we are happy to work with tenants and owners at no cost to them, as we have always been. The fastest way to get assistance is to simply call. Our phone numbers are (718) 798-0929 or (718) 652-3344. We do work by appointment but we can generally see people within a day or two. You can make an appointment over the phone. We are open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for calls. And again, we will try to work with you to meet your needs, if you cannot get here.

*Sally Dunford, Executive Director
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Pothole Perils on Perry Avenue



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THE NORWOOD NEWS has received several calls on this pothole in front of the McKeon Funeral Home on Perry Avenue, that's giving drivers plenty of headaches. We're told that 311 calls have inspired the city Department of Transportation to send out a crew to patch up the pothole. We'll update readers in the next edition.

Related Cos. Documents Reveal Little in Way of Deal

By DAVID CRUZ

Further insight into the New York Comptroller's Office approval of a multi-billion dollar real estate firm's purchase of Bronx properties paid with city pension funds came short, despite a Freedom of Information request from the *Norwood News*.

The 43-page, 2012 Request for Proposal from The Related Companies, owners of 40,000 units of affordable housing citywide, was obtained by the *Norwood News* on April 1, with some pages completely blacked out. The redaction was made to protect trade secrets on behalf of the 40-year real estate firm, according to the Comptroller's Office. Related ultimately purchased a stock of 36 properties mostly throughout the northwest Bronx in 2012.

Omitted from the redacted RFP included no rate of return disclosures for its Bronx portfolio investment, how the firm would monitor the investment, and how it plans to minimize risk. Related had hired its subsidiary, Simply Better Apartment Homes, to manage the properties.

The purchase by Related resulted in nagging heating issues at some of

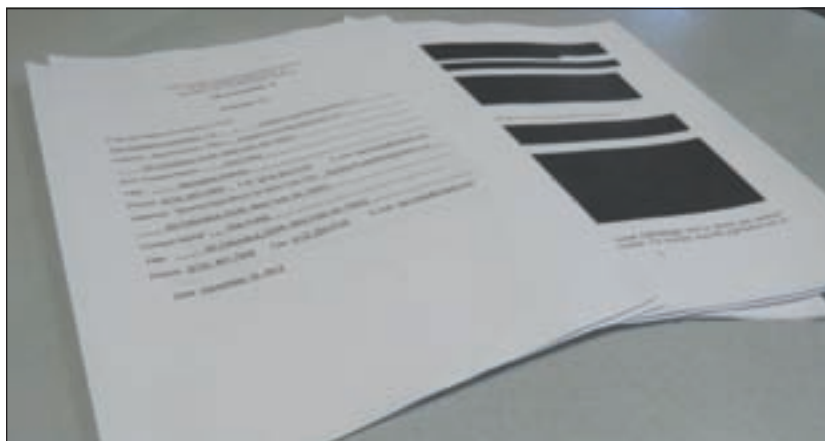


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BLACKED OUT DOCUMENTS turned over via Freedom of Information request reveal little in how The Related Companies won an RFP to buy 36 Bronx buildings using city pension funds.

the firm's newly acquired buildings, mostly in the northwest Bronx. Acrimony followed, leaving one housing advocacy group to inquire how Related secured funding from the New York City Employees Retirement System, Teachers Retirement System, New York City Police Pension Fund, New York City Fire Department Pension Fund and Board of Education Retirement System.

A portion of the \$253 million awarded to The Related Companies would go towards investment of multi-family homes found in the north end of the Bronx as a way to raise affordable housing options to New Yorkers displaced by Superstorm Sandy. Related also intended to create a loan program for property owners shorted from insurance payouts to fix derelict buildings. In all, the company would

use \$90 million of city pension funds to buy the north Bronx stock from Steven Wasserman.

"I don't understand why so much has been redacted, and why," said Sally Dunford, executive director of West Bronx Housing, which has monitored heat issues at the Related buildings since early January. "They say it's because it's 'trade secrets,' but among the materials redacted were biographical sketches of the people running Related, and that information appears on Related's website. So how is that a trade secret?"

Eric Sumberg, a spokesman for Comptroller Scott Stringer, said, "The New York City Pension Funds have a high standard for transparency and disclosure. We report on a quarterly basis how our investments have performed and fees that have been paid."

A spokeswoman for Related said the firm's efforts to resolve issues included the establishment of a hotline, \$20 million in repairs for the properties, and a "meet the manager" series for tenants. The company did not respond to requests on its rates of return for investment properties.

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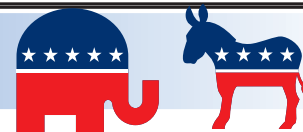
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THE BRONX BELTWAY

By DAVID CRUZ



Rivera's Presence Sought

Kudos to Assemblyman Jose Rivera's office for finally answering a request for a representative to take part in the Bedford Mosholu Community Association's monthly meetings. It did take over a year.

Rivera has missed the town hall-style forums for at least a year despite the group mailing him meeting notices. The slight resulted in endless pleading by BMCA, who early this month said Rivera's lack of attention to Bedford Park made the leafy neighborhood "feel like orphans out here."

Considered across the board to be an absentee politician, Rivera faced mounting pressure to attend meetings following phone calls from district leader Kenny Agosto and an inquiry from the *Norwood News*. Let's see if he keeps his word. **(Editor's Note: The BMCA meets the first Wednesday of every month except July and August at 8 p.m. at 400 E. Mosholu Pkwy. So.)**

Rivera vs. Klein

Moving from one Rivera to another, Sen. Gustavo Rivera did not mince words when he blasted his colleague, Independent Democratic Conference leader and Sen. Jeff Klein, for being the so-called "fourth person in the room" over Senate Democratic Conference Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins during budget talks.

"Not sure why Jeff Klein necessarily was brought into that conversation," Rivera told Bronx-Talk host Gary Axelbank on April 13. "And by Andrea being left out the Democratic Conference was left out." He even took jabs at Governor Andrew Cuomo for not pushing enough Democratic causes, such as the Dream Act, into the budget. Klein's office did not return emails for rebuttal.

BP Birthday Bash

Lots of donors are slated to appear at a May 6 birthday bash for Borough President Ruben Diaz

Jr., who's allowed the media to run wild over his speculative run for New York City mayor.

The latest birthday comes with some big names in the host committee. They include real estate giant Joe Farkas, former Connecticut Senator Joe Lieberman, and Prestige Properties head Sam Shalem, all part of the committee that seeks to return the favor for Diaz for supporting their business interest in the Bronx. Interesting to note that Eva Moskowitz, the liberal leader of Success Academy Charter Schools and a strong opponent to Mayor Bill de Blasio, is among the guests.

After all, an invitation to Diaz's party shows organizers want a \$500 contribution per guest. The rich begets rich, so one can expect even more deep-pocketed donors in tow.

Presently, Diaz's campaign cash stands at \$1.2 million, according to campaign finance figures. It's double that of his Brooklyn counterpart, Eric Adams, who currently holds about \$666,000 in funds. Adams has been eyeing a run for office, so kicking up the kitty is clearly a major priority. But Diaz still has a ways to go if he were to jumpstart a serious mayoral campaign. Last check, Mayor Bill de Blasio held \$10.5 million in campaign funds. **(Side Note: Mayor Bill de Blasio finally made his fifth stop in the Bronx this year, pushing his affordable housing agenda on April 14.)**

Politicizing Specialized HS

The fight to loosen the all important test score from the specialized high school exam kicked up a notch in Albany, when Assemblyman Charles Barron introduced a measure last month that takes into account other factors to the admissions process (i.e. body of work, attendance, etc.) besides the rigid score.

The bill is equivalent to a Senate version Senator Adriano Espaillat hocked last year in a lofty attempt to balance glaring racial inequities within the spectrum of specialized high schools. Last check, only 10 percent of black

and Hispanic students made the fold. "We cannot accept this as the status quo," Espaillat said in a statement.

But ready to fight the bill "tooth and nail" is Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz, who has consistently showed a distaste for any barometer of specialized high school admission other than the test score.

The chances of this bill ever passing are 50-50 given the special interest groups behind this academic schism. Espaillat's bill had support from the New York City Department of Education and United Federation of Teachers when he introduced it last year.

On Dinowitz's side is the Alumni Association of the Bronx High School of Science, a mighty group given its small numbers. Jon Roberts, VP of the association, said the bill would do nothing but "dim the spotlight" over how unprepared black and Latino students are, which he said is predicated on bad schools.

Though it could be a boon to hundreds of Bronx students vying for entrance into the elite spectrum of schools, the bill could also make the admissions process highly subjective, given the varied standards of grading set by middle schools.

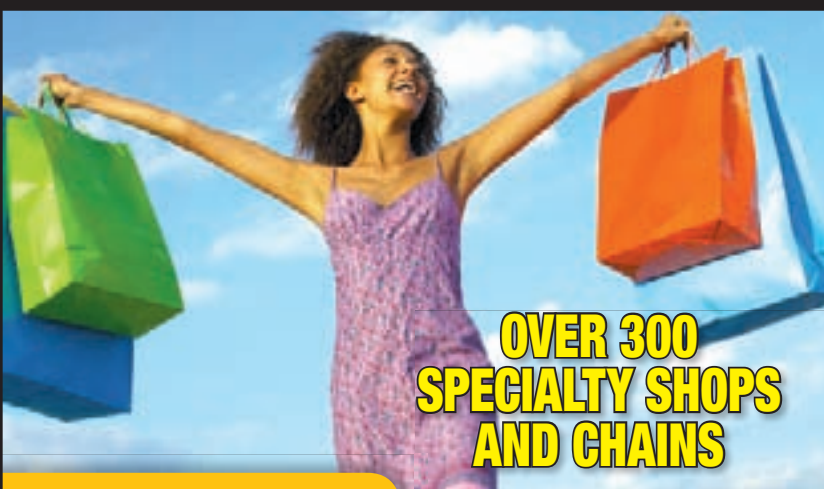
Rangel's Mobile Services

Here's a news item that's something of a rarity for Congressman Charles Rangel--mobile constituent services in the Bronx. Rangel did so on April 10, stopping by the Bronx Library Center (their mobile office) with staffers on hand to resolve any constituent snags. Only there was one problem--the local media was kept out of it.

A staffer at Rangel's office attests that it sent notices out via social media, though it purposely did not send one out to reporters. Still, roughly five-dozen constituents stopped by for resolutions on housing and tax matters. Said staffer also emphasized that the offices would hold constituent services regularly. That's good news. Perhaps the press will get an invite.

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Good Friday Ceremonies Come Amid St. Ann's Impending Closure

By JASMINE GOMEZ
and DAVID CRUZ

Under gray skies, St. Brendan's Church and The Shrine Church of St. Ann's, both located in Norwood, hosted their yearly Good Friday procession, a reenactment of The Passion of Jesus Christ. This was the final procession for St. Ann's, which is set to merge with St. Brendan's Church later this year.

It's a scene that caused nearly everyone to pause--a procession that began at the intersection of 204th Street and Webster Avenue. There, actors portraying Roman soldiers led a bloodied Jesus to the site of his crucifixion. In some instances, spectators glance stoically, almost as if they were staring at an accident.

"Save yourself Messiah! Call your Father to save you!" shouted one of the Roman soldiers as over 100 men, women, and children looked on, some crying while others remained with a steady shock. The actor portraying Jesus delved into the part, limping along Bainbridge Avenue as he carried a wooden cross. Soldiers rid-

culed and flogged him, at some points even warning patrons to take steps away from Jesus.

For the pious, seeing a portrayal of The Passion along Bainbridge Avenue's commercial strip was, at times, a surreal moment. For some it was simply moving.

"I think about what happened," said Carmen Gonzalez, a neighbor crying as she saw the depiction. "If it happened like that, can you imagine how it really happened?"

Father George Stewart, pastor of St. Brendan's, helped lead the service as police cleared Bainbridge Avenue. The procession headed northward, diverting traffic and, at times, halting it altogether. The crowd was much larger than last year, said Stewart, since parishioners for St. Ann's, a Catholic church at Bainbridge Avenue and East Gun Hill Road, had joined them.

Participation by St. Ann's seemed noticeably smaller than St. Brendan's, foreshadowing its imminent closing and merger with St. Brendan's.

Echoing the somber tone of the procession, Nancy Lora, an 18-year mem-



Photo by Jenny Sharp

ACTORS RE-ENACT THE Stations of the Cross along Bainbridge Avenue as part of a procession on Good Friday.

ber of St. Ann's Good Friday procession, expressed disappointment that St. Ann's is scheduled to be closed soon. Asked whether she will join St. Brendan's after the closing of St. Ann's she said, "I have to see because it's farther now, you know? I used to walk two minutes to go to St. Ann's, and now I have to, like, prepare a half an hour ahead, which doesn't matter. But now I have to deal with a new community, and

you know, it's tough."

The announcement of St. Ann's closure for regular worship was made late last year. It was met with much dismay and questions, perhaps making this final procession that much more emotional. St. Ann's will merge with St. Brendan's this coming August, leaving its patrons to embrace their new community at St. Brendan's or seek worship elsewhere.

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EASTER EGGHUNT AT THE OVAL



Photos by Adi Talwar

Hundreds of families hopped and scuttled to Williamsbridge Oval Park for the 2nd annual Easter Egg Hunt celebration on April 4, which included carnival games, a visit from the Easter Bunny, and yes, a hunt for some pastel eggs. The event was sponsored by the Jerome-Gun Hill Business Improvement District, the New York City Parks Department and Partnership for Parks.



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PARENTS HAVE A BALL, dancing and strutting their stuff at one of the event's colorful moments.



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Lehman Center's Spring Lineup Infuses Cultural Arts in Disadvantaged Borough

By JENNY SHARP

For Eva Bornstein, director of the Lehman Center for the Performing Arts, advocating the necessity of art in a community comes with a ferocity in language that's tangible. "Without art, we are monkeys in the trees, eating and surviving," Bornstein told the *Norwood News*.

For Bornstein, an immigrant who fled communist Poland to pursue a career in acting, art and performance are far more than extracurricular activities intended to fill time and eliminate boredom. In her opinion, culture is the lynchpin of a successful society and without it, "we have no soul."

Over nearly a decade as director, she has managed to transform the Lehman Center into a cultural hotspot in the Bronx and a jewel in the crown of an economically disadvantaged borough by providing highly diverse seasons fitting for her multi-cultural theatergoers. Past headliners included high talents such as Jerry Seinfeld, Michael Bolton, The Moscow Classical Ballet, BB King, and Puerto Rico's El



File Photo/Adi Talwar

BEHIND THE CURTAIN at the Lehman Center for the Performing Arts is executive director Eva Bornstein, a Polish native balancing the cultural needs of the Bronx for more than 10 years.

Gran Combo.

This spring's lineup is no different, with performances that range from classical dance to hip-hop to salsa to

R&B. Some highlights include Andy Montañez, widely considered the "Godfather of Salsa" on April 18. The Center is also producing a new program on April 25 entitled "Broadway Moves to the Bronx," a night where the stars of Broadway hop the uptown train, bringing musical theatre classics to the Bronx with them.

So how does Eva Bornstein, an almost prolific figure lauded by *The New York Times* for her unique approach to programming, create a season like this? "It is extremely nerve wracking and it's all about risk taking," said Bornstein.

She described her seasons as the standard repertoire, a sort of cultural review that reaches beyond what is traditionally considered high art like philharmonics and ballet to include the superstars of other cultures such as Montañez. "Culture is a part of our history," said Bornstein, who also seeks to highlight the unique musical history of the Bronx this season with its Fever Re-Union: Old School Hip Hop Concert on May 9.

In a borough that's the birthplace of hip-hop, the Center is reuniting local musicians who created this genre that's influenced the world.

But in an area where money is tight, some might say that the ticket prices, which can run from \$10 to as much as \$100, is too much to ask of struggling working class families for one night of

entertainment.

But Bornstein is adamant that these prices are relatively inexpensive for the level of performance, believing the performance is an investment worth making. Additionally the Center's commitment to the community is evident, offering \$10 tickets to anyone under age 12 to some of its many events. This opens the doors to families and engages a younger audience who might otherwise be unable to access live performances.

"Without art we become consumers," said Bornstein. At the Lehman Center, the experience is often one that doesn't require a mantle, but builds cultural knowledge that serves as a foundation for engaged and well-rounded individuals.

When asked about her hopes for Lehman Center in future seasons, Bornstein articulated a desire to attract not only residents of the Bronx with its programming but also tourists. "The Bronx is a sophisticated, interesting community," she said, explaining that she plans to continue her work with Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. to support artistic growth within the Bronx hoping it will create a magnet for outside attention.

For a full list of this season's performances, visit the website for the Lehman Center for the Performing Arts at lehmancenter.org or call their box office at (718) 960-8833.



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Stagg Cuts Ribbon for Bedford Manor



Photo by Jasmine Gomez

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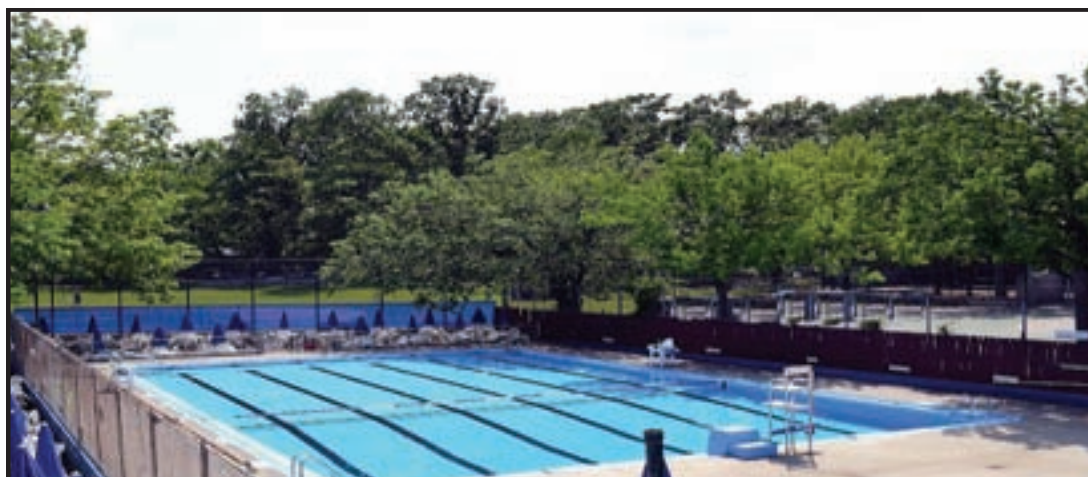


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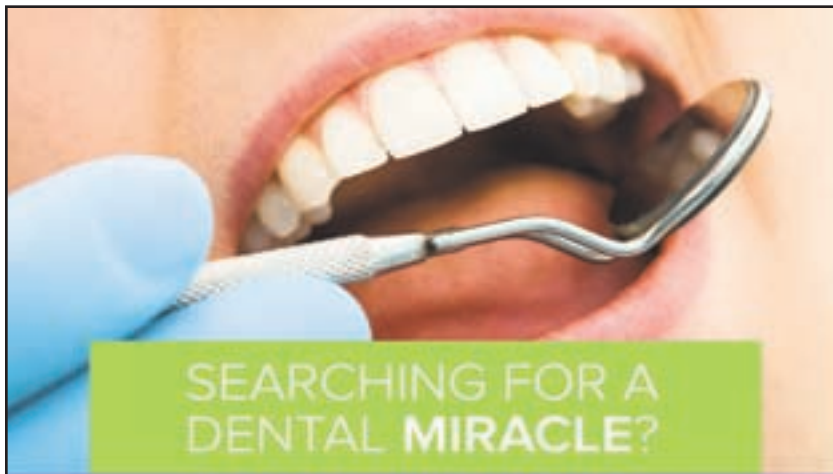
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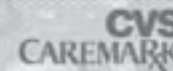
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Onstage

• The Bronx Library Center, 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents **Numina Dance** performing Estampas de Méjico featuring flamenco, April 29 at 6 p.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit www.nypl.org.

• Lehman Center for the Performing Arts, 250 Bedford Pk. Blvd. W., presents singer **Andy Montañez**, godfather of salsa, April 18 at 8 p.m. (tickets are \$40 to \$50); and **Broadway Moves to the Bronx: Broadway Classics**, Broadway hits, April 25 at 3 p.m. (tickets are \$15 to \$25; \$10/under 12; \$100 p/p includes pre-concert reception, preferred VIP seating, and a meet/greet with the artists). For more information, call (718) 960-8833.

Events

• Friends of Van Cortlandt Park presents its 6th annual fundraising **Hike-a-Thon**, April 25 at 10 a.m. at VC Park. Registration fee of \$25 includes T-shirt, water, snacks and a tour of trails. Prizes are presented to those who raise the most money. Registration deadline is April 22. For more information, call (718) 601-1460.

• The Bronx County Historical Society presents walking tour of **High Bridge**, April 25 at 1 p.m. which starts and ends at the foot of the Bronx-bound staircase of the 167th Street #4 subway station at the northeast corner. This oldest bridge in NYC is under renovation and slated to open for pedestrian traffic soon. It's an example of how an ancient system of water technology can play a major role in the expansion of a metropolis. For more information, call (718) 881-8900.

• The Williamsbridge Oval offers free activities including **Tiny Prints** (ages 5 and younger) featuring play, yoga and art; **Shape Up Family Fitness**, featuring aerobics; and **Family Fun Night**, featuring use of game room and arts and crafts. For more information and a detailed schedule, call (718) 543-8672.

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St. in Riverdale, offers **Family Art Projects**: The Aquatic Dots, to make an image of WH's Aquatic Garden and create a group animation project on view through May, April 18 and 19; and Buds, Buds, Buds, to observe and sketch budding trees and make one out of natural materials, April 25 and 26; both in WH House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also offered is **WindSync**, musical quintet performing Ravel's Bolero followed by Peter and the Wolf and the Hoedown, April 19 at 2 p.m. in the WH House (\$28; \$15/8 to 18; \$22/WH member; \$12/member child; registration required online at www.wavehill.org or at the Perkins Visitor Center). Grounds admission is free until noon Saturdays and Tuesdays all year. For more information and a schedule of events including tours and walks, call (718) 549-3200.

Library Events

• The Bronx Library Center, 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents for children: **Preschool Story Time at 11 a.m.**: (ages 3 to 5 years); and **Toddler Play Time at noon**: (ages 18 to 36 months); both on April 16, 23, and 30; and **Hands-On Projects at 4 p.m.** (ages 7 to 12): Umbrella Making: April 16; and Flower Making: April 30. Kids can sign up at the Children's Information Desk for **Spring Into Reading!**: Reading club Sundays through May 31 ending with a celebration. Includes reading aloud, movies, puppet shows, craft workshops and more. Reading logs will be kept at the children's information desk (free gift when you sign up). Teens/young adults can attend **film**: April 24 at 5 p.m. Adults can enjoy **Advanced Microsoft Word 2010**: April 16 at 2 p.m. (in-person registration required); **Mark Twain: Telling Tales**: literary performance with David Houston as Mark Twain in a lecture on the nature of comedy and wit, April 18 at 2:30 p.m.; and **2nd Annual College Fair**: to meet with reps from colleges and universities and get information on financial aid and scholarships, April 22 at 9 a.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit www.nypl.org.

The Mosholu Library, 285 E. 205th St., offers for children: **Toddler Story Time**

at 10:30 a.m.: (ages 18 to 36 months), stories, songs, and rhymes, April 16 and 23; and **Bilingual Birdies: Spanish at 11 a.m.**: (ages from birth to 12 years), live music, dance parties, and theatre-based games (instruments are provided), April 21 and 28. For teens/young adults, there is **So Fresh and So Clean**: to make deodorant and body wash and learn about personal hygiene, April 24 at 3 p.m.; and **film**: "The Hunger Games," April 25 at 1:30 p.m. Adults can enjoy **Jewelry Club at 11 a.m.**: bring your own materials to create original jewelry, April 16, 23 and 30; and **Knitting Circle**: Thursdays at 3 p.m. For more information, call (718) 882-8239.

• The Jerome Park Library, 118 Eames

Place (near Kingsbridge Road), offers for kids: **Pajama Party**: (ages 18 months to 3 years), to read aloud and make a craft, April 20 at 6 p.m.; and **Maker Kids**: (ages 5 to 12), to make a craft from provided materials, April 29 at 4 p.m. For adults, there is **Crochet Family Time at 2 p.m.**: (for kids and adults), April 18 and 25; and **Jewelry Making**: to create jewelry from glass beads (materials and tools are provided), April 21 at 2 p.m. For more information, call (718) 549-5200.

NOTE: Items for consideration may be mailed to our office or sent to norwoodnews@norwoodnews.org, and should be received by April 20 for the next publication date of April 30.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

Free English Classes

Free English classes will be held at The Bronx Library Center, 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd. on April 21 at noon and 6 p.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4222.

SYEP Applications

NYC's Department of Youth and Community Development is accepting applications for the 2015 Summer Youth Employment Program through April 24 for young people ages 14 to 24 with up to six weeks of entry-level experience at worksites in the city. Participants are selected by lottery for the program, which runs from July 6 through Aug. 15 and are compensated for their work. Worksites interested in providing jobs have until May 16 to apply. For more information, call 311 or DYCD Youth Connect at (800) 246-4646.

Cleanup Day

A park cleanup of Mosholu Parkway will take place April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers can meet at Webster Avenue and West Mosholu Parkway South. For more information, call Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj's office at (718) 409-0109. Cleanup equipment will be avail-

able, but is limited.

Free Tutoring

Free tutoring in math, history, English and science is available for students ages 12 to 21 at Sistas & Brothers United, 103 E. 196th St., 3rd fl., Mondays to Fridays from 3 to 6 p.m. For more information, call (718) 584-0515 ext. 243 or (347) 481-6180.

Free Legal Help

Free legal services are available at the office of Councilman Andy King, 940 E. Gun Hill Rd., Fridays through June 26. Legal consultations include criminal, NYCHA, tenant/landlord, public assistance, wills, healthcare proxies, contract disputes, family law issues, and civil litigations. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call (718) 684-5509.

MMCC Pre-K Applications

The Mosholu Montefiore Community Center is accepting applications for its Pre-K, Head Start and child care programs at the Van Cortlandt Village Child Development Center, located inside the VC Jewish Center, 3880 Sedgwick Ave. For more information, call (718) 543-0231 or (718) 882-4000.

Armory Ice Plan Remains a Go

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Partners LLC. “We come as partners in the community,” Messier told guests at the March 31 committee meeting. It was the first time Messier spoke to the public following a judge’s ruling that the \$350 million ice rink plan can continue without Jonathan Richter, Marcus Wignell and Jeff Spiritos. The three were KNIC Partners LLC operatives often seen meeting with community leaders to discuss the project early on. The legal drama resulted in nearly a year delay for the project, which kept KNIC officials out of the cavernous Armory pending the outcome of litigation.

Community Advisory Council

Questions about the formation and transparency of the 11-member Community Advisory Council, which will provide oversight of the CBA, remain unanswered. According to the CBA, District 14 Council Member’s Office (currently held by Fernando Cabrera), the chair of Community Board 7 and Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition (NWBCCC) will each appoint three members. KNIC will appoint one member and there will be a member at large.

“One of the reasons why we had the

meeting two weeks ago is because a lot of things are not transparent,” said Eleanor Lundeen, chairwoman of CB7’s Economic Development Committee. “There is no process that I’m aware of, no date or criteria for how people get selected.”

A spokesman for Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz’s office, which rooted extensively to see the project get off the ground, said his office will not be involved in CAC procedures or have any oversight of its activities.

Another issue related to the CBA is what criteria will be used to select community groups to occupy the 52,000-square-foot allocated to the neighborhood. “Until we have an advisory committee working on it, we won’t actually know,” said Lundeen.

Sandra Lobo, president of the Board of Directors of NWBCCC, said that the Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Alliance, an arm of the NWBCCC, hopes to be involved with convening signatories and community groups to ensure that the process of selecting groups is reflective of the groups most impacted in the area.

Messier said at the meeting he still anticipates a completion date of 2018 and

added that detailed information regarding the development of the project, including the unveiling of a website, will be released in May during Bronx Week.

For Lundeen, the timing raises additional concerns since community boards do not meet after June. “A lot can happen in July and August,” she said.

Among the new developments was a recent announcement by the Albany Legislature, which committed \$1 million for an assessment of the elevated 4 subway train abutting the Armory.

Revisiting the CBA

NWBCCC, KARA and other community stakeholder groups were key players in the development of the CBA, which stipulates benefits for Kingsbridge residents. Among the agreement’s key provisions is a \$10 minimum hourly wage, 51 percent of jobs for Bronx residents and 51 percent procurement from minority/women owned businesses.

“For the last two years we’ve done intensive interviews with all types of people from construction companies, construction managers, project managers, to law firms to insurance companies,” said Messier. “What serves as our moral beacon for this whole project is

our CBA. We feel this is a collaboration between the Kingsbridge team and the community.”

But Fernando Tirado, former CB 7 district manager, feels the process of creating the CBA was not transparent enough to allow for a more diverse group of community groups to participate. “I have said time and again that the merchants association should have been approached sooner than at the 11th hour asking them to come on board,” said Tirado, referring to the Kingsbridge Road Merchants Association.

Lobo of NWBCCC, which led CBA negotiations, said that the merchants have always been an integral part of the community benefits process and they continue reaching out to them for input. “They are an important part of our community. We want to ensure that they are being supported,” she said

Lobo added that the CBA includes scholarships and funds to local businesses to support the development and upgrading of their businesses. This can include improvements to awnings and better signage. “They were certainly part of the conversation in those negotiations,” she said.

Mosholu Montefiore Community Center Early Childhood Education 2015-2016 School Year



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