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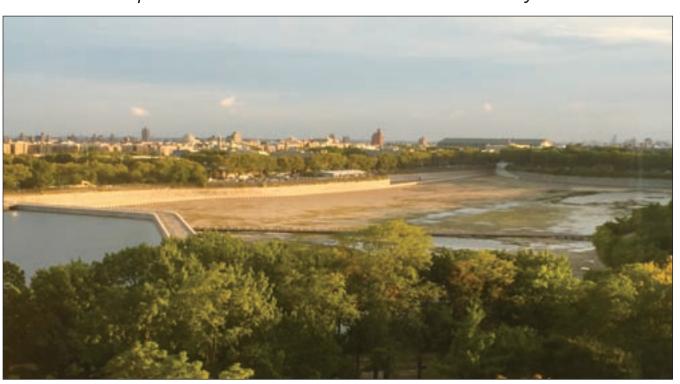


Photo courtesy Gary Axelbank

JEROME PARK RESERVOIR (pictured), partially drained, will be temporarily opened, a first in 20 years, according to advocates.

By ADEDAMOLA AGBOOLA

The Jerome Park Reservoir, which has been closed off to the public, will be opened for a trial run the first weekend of October.

The massive reservoir, bordering Goulden, Sedgwick and Reservoir avenues, has been cordoned off with two chain-link fences by the city's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), which holds joint oversight of the reservoir with the Parks Department. The DEP has long cited security concerns and operational costs as one reason why it has kept the reservoir closed.

"Within the last 20 years, the only time the public has been allowed ac-

cess beyond the fences was for a one-day event called 'Hands Across the Reservoir' in 1995," explained Gary Axelbank, a long-time advocate for the opening of the reservoir to the public. Community members and elected officials have deemed the restrictions to the reservoir over the years an overreaction.

"Those fences provide, as far as I'm concerned, very little protection," he said. "And to keep a community that has health issues and in need of recreation space out of the areas around the reservoir is unfair."

But Axelbank, a lifelong resident of the Bronx and a JPR pilot access task (continued on page 19)



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IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST



Bronx DA Secures Nomination for State Judge

Longtime Bronx District Attorney Robert Johnson ended his 27-year run as the borough's top prosecutor, accepting the nomination as a state judge in what many deemed a plot by Bronx Democrats to deliberately replace Johnson with an appellate court judge.

Johnson secured an easy primary win for reelection as DA in early September, only to relinquish the seat just a week after. This left it up to the Bronx Democratic County Committee (BDCC) with a legal obligation to find a replacement, which it did at the party's judicial convention with party favorite Darcel Clark nominated to replace Johnson. Many political insiders say Johnson's departure was a well-timed, well-orchestrated plot to insert a party-friendly candidate like Clark, who was quietly backed by Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie two years ago.

Critics saw the timing as suspect, believing Johnson was coached by establishment Bronx lawmakers to vacate the seat the moment he won the primary, denying voters a chance to fairly vote for a candidate and leaving the decision instead to the BDCC and judicial delegates. Marcos Crespo, chairman of the BDCC, said Johnson's decision to seek a judgeship was his and his alone.

At the Judicial Convention, a forum comprised of judicial delegates who nominate and vote candidates for a judgeship, Johnson addressed critics of the alleged scheme, saying the decision to seek a judgeship was "his and his alone." "The thing they have missed is number one: do what's best for you; and number two: you don't resign a job without a job," Johnson told judicial delegates. He was one of six judges to be overwhelmingly nominated to the bench. Among them was



BRONX DISTRICT ATTORNEY Robert Johnson (at podium) speaks at the Judicial Convention alongside Bronx Democratic County Committee Chair Marcos Crespo (right).

Johnson's wife, Judge Dianne Renwick, nominated once again to the state Supreme Court. Judges are elected to 14year terms.

Johnson also balked at criticism over attention to the office's low conviction rate in a borough with comparatively high crime, suggesting "this is not baseball." "Public safety in the Bronx from 1990 to 2014: 73 percent decline in violent crime, 94 percent decline in auto crime, 85 percent decline in homicide," he said. "Those are numbers that don't lie."

But outside, Dick Dadey, executive director of the government watchdog group Citizens Union, said there must be a change in the way politicos can unfairly work the system. "They want to be able to control who holds that office. If you open it up to the voters, which is the Democratic way, you can't control who goes in there," he said. "That ability to determine who is representing their interests in law enforcement is being undermined by this electoral process."

Shortly after Johnson accepted the

nomination, judicial delegates met privately to nominate Clark, a Democrat and jurist with 16 years on the bench, holding various positions and experience working at the Bronx District's Attorney's office. She should likely win the general election in November given the overwhelming number of registered Democrats in the Bronx.

The legal process to determine judges involves judicial delegates who are not voted into office but are chosen via a screening panel, according to the New York City Bar Association. Lawyers and non-practicing lawyers usually decide a delegate with no electoral process.

"Many people in this city and in this borough call themselves progressive, and call themselves reformers, and talk about the need to care about the disempowered and disenfranchised. They may turn around and disempower tens of thousands of voters," said Dadey. "You can't have it both ways."

The group is now considering a lawsuit.

Public and Community Meetings

COMMUNITY BOARD 7 will hold its general board meeting on Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bedford Park Senior Center, 243 E. 204th St. CB7 committee meetings are held on the following dates at the board office, 229A E. 204th St. at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted: Public Safety & Quality of Life, Oct. 1; Education/Libraries & Youth Services Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m.; Executive Committee, Oct. 6; Traffic & Transportation, Oct. 8; Veterans, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m.; Environment & Sanitation Oct. 13; Health & Hospitals Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m.; Senior Services, Oct. 14; and Parks & Recreation Oct. 14 at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call (718) 933-5650.

THE BEFORD MOSHOLU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION meets at 400 E. Mosholu Pkwy, So., apt. B1 (lobby floor), on Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. For more information, call (718) 367-2230.

Freilich Jewelers, a Norwood Fixture, to Close in December

By DAVID CRUZ

Allan Freilich sat stoically in the back of his store, his face reflecting a touch of gloom. Yes, it has been days, though the realization his family business, Freilich Jewelers, will close for good hasn't fully sunken in yet.

By all accounts, Freilich Jewelers represents Norwood's crown jewel, a business that outlasted the majority of the stores of yesteryear. But come Dec. 24, the neighborhood fixture and one of the Bronx's oldest jewelry shops, will shut down after 76 years.

How does one come to terms with closing? For Freilich, who's owned the East 204th Street store for decades after inheriting it from his father and original pioneer Norman, the decision to close did not come lightly. Retirement age certainly weighed into the decision. So has been the question on whether to renew his lease. Though he professes no belief in superstition, he made an exception this time around.

"This is a message being sent that it's time to move on. It's bitter-sweet," said Freilich, 63, a bulky, bespectacled jeweler with 45 years of handcrafting and repairing an assortment of watches, gold and silver rings, earrings, and bracelets.

Freilich, formerly the president of the East 204th Street & Bainbridge Avenue Merchants Association, has so far allowed news of the closure to trickle out, alerting loyal customers of his impending departure. They've in turn expressed shock over the neighborhood's loss.

Freilich Jewelers arrived to the neighborhood in 1970, during the days when Chase Bank was the Italian Village, T-Mobile was James' Shoe Shop, and a hardware store was once a Bucks Army and Navy. The store opened in the Soundview section of the Bronx in 1939, later moving up to Norwood. In 2000, Freilich moved from his original location on East 204th Street to across the street, deciding to stay in Norwood.

Freilich, who initially had aspirations to be a musician, began working at the store part-time, until he gradually transitioned to full time. His father, a master watchman, taught him how to repair watches.

He eventually inherited the store, which boasts a design lab complete with a laser welder, polishing room and plate room. He's attracted a faithful brand of customers, and even employees over the years. Among them is Millie Clavell, Freilich's right-hand manager, since "forever," as she put it. "He can walk up and down the strip, and people will know that is The Jeweler," said Clavell, noting Freilich's customers remain so even after moving out of Norwood.

"Those that moved from Ireland and they're visiting here, they come bring their jewelry to get repaired," said Clavell. "They'll come and say, 'I'm coming back home. I bought this. Can you put it in your Freilich Jewelers bag so my family will know that it came from here?"

But Freilich emphasized that he's not leaving the business, just entering a kind of semi-retirement. He plans on focusing more on his skills as a custom jewelry designer, promising to provide personalized service. He plans to keep his store's telephone number, which will be forwarded to his personal phone should customers ask for his services.

The big push to close the store will begin Oct. 1 with a massive sale that'll last through Dec. 24. Customers can expect to see 50 to 70



Photo by David Cruz

ALLAN FREILICH, OWNER of Freilich Jewelers on East 204th Street, stands with his two employees, Millie Clavell (I) and Rosa Lyn McCray (r).

percent in marked down prices. "It all must go," said Clavell.

The closure has allowed Freilich to reflect on things that mattered the most to him, primarily the customers. Speaking to the *Norwood News*, Freilich stood immensely humbled in seeing a loyal brand of customers come into his store daily.

"We are grateful to all of our clients, past and present, for making this business successful," he said. "Without them, we wouldn't be anywhere."

Editor's Note: Freilich Jewelers is located at 312 E. 204th St. Its store number (718) 798-1063.



INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER

By DAVID GREENE



This week we asked readers their thoughts on Pope Francis' historic visit to New York City.



I watched it on TV; I didn't even try to see him. My niece went and she asked me why he didn't kiss her and I don't have an explanation for that. I don't know why he didn't or if she was supposed to [have been], or if he was supposed to or not supposed to. I don't have an explanation. But she said it was a good experience. Yeah, the traffic was really bad. It kind of got me upset. I didn't know what was happening at first.

Marcus Diaz Castle Hill



I think he's getting the presidential treatment, he probably deserves it. Pope Francis seems like a good guy, a people person. He wants to be in tune with the public and out and about with them, touching them and interacting in that way, so I feel that. It brought positive energy and vibrations to the city.

Maurice James Reyes Norwood



I read about it in the papers. I'm glad he came here because he seems to have a more open attitude than some of his predecessors in the church. I think that's a very good thing. While he can't go as far as I'd like to see him, he does seem to be trying to establish an atmosphere of tolerance and acceptance, and I think that's a big step forward. It's a good thing for people to see him and hear what he has to say.

Jeremy Silver Norwood



He brought hope and the Holy Spirit, and it was palpable. I watched the whole thing. Everything he said was correct and on the money. He was very careful in his comments, but it applied to the whole world, not just us. It was a worldly message. Absolutely, the whole city was down there at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Denise Smyth Norwood



There were unannounced times where he'd mingle with the crowd, as opposed to only doing what was scheduled. Nobody said a word about the inconvenience it could cause to guards and cops and stuff regarding the security detail. I guess it could make some people behave better if it encourages people's improved spirituality and behavior, if that's what it takes.

Sherrie Pasarell Van Cortlandt Park South



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Norwood Animal Advocates Eye Former PS 51 Site as 24-Hr. Shelter

By JASMINE GOMEZ

With sightings of feline strays and the occasional raccoon scampering around Norwood, several animal advocates are calling for a 24-hour, multi-service animal shelter to be built at a building once known as the "toxic school."

Some members of Community Board 7 (CB7) and the Bronx Animal Shelter Endeavor (B.A.S.E) have since proposed an animal shelter be built at 3200 Jerome Ave., a red-brick site at the corner of Jerome and Van Cortlandt avenues. The efforts are part of a long-term push by advocates to have a full-service, city-owned shelter in the Bronx. "The fact is that if there is any kind of emergency...in the north Bronx, it's very hard to get anywhere. We don't want animals to suffer," said Helene Hartman-Kutnowski, a member of CB7, who's pushing for a shel-

In addition to a shelter, advocates are also calling for other services including veterinary care and mobile spay and neuter vans.

But some still question the safety of the Jerome Avenue building for



Photo by Jasmine Gomez

RESIDENTS ARE PROPOSING the previous site of PS 51 at 3200 Jerome Ave. for the Bronx's first animal shelter.

the sake of the animals that would be sheltered at this proposed facility. "I have very contradictory feelings about that site. It's supposed to be the most clean place in all the Bronx, but I don't really trust the city," said Sheila Sanchez, president of Friends of the Williamsbridge Oval and animal activist.

In 2011, health officials discovered the building, which then housed P.S. 51, contained high levels of Trichlo-

roethylene (TCE), a cancer-causing toxin. The findings resulted in extensive testing of the building followed by two lawsuits from employees whose health suffered from exposure to the

The building has been cleared for reoccupation since December 2014 when the Department of Environmental Conservation issued a Certificate of Completion for the site, through DEC's Brownfield Cleanup Program,

where contaminated properties are voluntarily investigated and cleaned for redevelopment purposes.

Despite her concerns about the building, Sanchez still believes the previous site of PS 51 would be a great location for the Bronx's first animal shelter. "Other than the previous contamination, the place is a good place. It's easily accessible."

The fight for a shelter stretches back 15 years, after the City Council passed a law mandating an animal shelter in every borough. But that never came to light in the Bronx except more funding for Animal Care & Control of New York City, an agency tasked to control the animal population.

"We need the Bronx city councilmen members, headed by Councilman Ritchie Torres, who is wonderful, to really work to get this on the mayor's priority plate," said Bernadette Ferrara, a staunch advocate for a Bronx animal shelter.

Councilman Andrew Cohen, whose district covers the Jerome Avenue site, noted that the building would be a "great location" so long as it's safe.

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Eid al Adha Prayer at the Oval



Photo by David Cruz

HUNDREDS OF MUSLIMS gathered at the Williamsbridge Oval Sept. 24 to recognize Eid al Adha, or the Feast of Sacrifice. What an enormous gathering. Organizers for the North Bronx Islamic Center, which has been building a religious center in Norwood on 206th Street off Bainbridge Avenue, once again pushed for donations for its impending center that's taking some time to build.

New Legionnaires' Scare in the Bronx

The Legionella bacterium has crept to the northeast Bronx.

A new rash of cases linked to Legionnaires' disease was reported in the Morris Park section of the Bronx on Sept. 28, sickening seven people between the ages of 45 and 75 with preexisting health conditions, as of press time, according to city health officials. There have been no reported deaths, and the new cases have no link to those first reported in the South Bronx in August.

The news comes after city officials contained the largest outbreak of the disease in New York City history during the month of August. More cases would pop up at Melrose Houses in the southwestern portion of the Bronx, but they too were contained.

"As we monitor this situation, we urge anyone who feels sick to visit their doctor or a hospital to get checked. It is too important to wait," said Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

-- David Cruz





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Kossuth Playground Long Overdue for a Makeover, Say Park Advocates

By DAVID CRUZ

Kossuth Playground is in need of a makeover, say park advocates. But it first needs a vision.

As part of a broader discussion on the revitalization of Mosholu Parkway, a green roadway linking the Bronx River Parkway to the Saw Mill River Parkway, Friends of Mosholu Parkland (FOMP) plans to survey residents over the needs of the playground's improvements.

For the past few years, Kossuth Playground, found on East Mosholu Parkway North between Kossuth and Steuben avenues, had been eyed for renovations. The only section where neighbors are legally permitted to recreate by the parkway, Kossuth Playground is heavily used, though improvements could be made, according to Elizabeth Quaranta,

the group's president. Also, given the population boom that's expected in Norwood, renovations should be warranted, she noted.

"We need an updated playground that is even [American Disabilities Act] ADC-accessible," said Quaranta. "At this point you can't put a wheelchair on top of that flooring at all."

a basketball court, jungle gym and seesaws. It opened in 1930 and is named after Lajos Kossuth, a Hungarian revolutionary in the 1830s.

The group is expected to convene an information gathering at the playground on Oct. 10 at 11 a.m., asking Bronx residents what rehab work needs to be done there. Quaranta was offered a preview of some answers after talking with some residents about the playground over the summer. "I asked him, 'So, how often do you come?' And a lot of times they would say, 'Not often because it's either too dark, too dingy. It's not where my kids want to play. There's too many teenagers on that site," said Quaranta.

The data is expected to serve as a blueprint for fixing the playground. Agreeing to help FOMP's cause is Partnerships for Parks, a nonprofit that helps create parks. The group's visioning program, People Make Parks, intends to teach volunteers how to develop a convincing visioning report to submit to legislators who can help fund improvements to a park.

A visioning plan is never a guarantee to effect change, but an act of persuasion. With the New York City Parks & Recreation Department possessing a small capital funding budget, and a bureaucratic maze that involves funding a project, designing it and building it, the Kossuth Playground project could be mired in years-long development.

But should it be given the green light to be built, it will join 164 park projects in the Bronx that are currently in procurement, design or construction, according to Parks' website.

"We're preparing for the future so we don't lose our Mosholu Parkland," said Quaranta. "Kossuth is a solution to the activities that people want."



Photo by Jasmine Gomez KOSSUTH PLAYGROUND (PICTURED) could see a facelift with a proper visioning plan outline by Friends of Mosholu Parkland.



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The Pope's Visit: A Norwood Newsie's First-Person Account

By JASMINE GOMEZ

I was always a fan of the current Pope, El Papa Francisco. Everything I read about him somehow always made me like him a little more. Stories about him getting out of his Popemobile to be among the people despite security concerns, and his statements of compassion towards the gay community made me feel proud to be a Catholic.

When I heard Pope Francis was coming to New York, I didn't intend to take part in the official events, preferring the flawless view I could probably get on my TV of his New York travels. But then, my father sent me an email with a link to enter the lottery for free tickets to his Central Park procession. Being a fan of anything that's free, I thought, "Why not?," and entered the lottery.

About a week or so later, the City of New York sent an email with the subject line reading, "Congratulations: Central Park Papal Procession." This is how I ended up smack in the middle of "Pope Mania."

The day of the Pontiff's visit was



Photo by Jasmine Gomez

POPE FRANCIS RIDING in his Popemobile via procession in Central Park during his historic visit to New York City.

pandemonium. I exited the 59th Street Columbus Circle train station at around 10:45 a.m. and blended in to a huge crowd. Across the street I could see white tents -- I knew I was at the right place.

After a restroom stop at a nearby Starbucks, my friends and I (who also received free tickets) made our way to the park, underestimating the amount of time it would take to get in and navigate through the crowds that included vendors sell-

ing Pope Francis buttons, Vatican flags, and T-shirts that read "The People's Pope." Of course I bought a \$2 Vatican flag as a memory of the one time I saw the Pope.

Entering Central Park was confusing at first. But we entered at 61st Street and immediately saw the huge crowds. There were barricades set up, apportioning the street into three parts--two for the lines, and on the outside of the barricades were officers, police canines, and

occasionally photographers. Finally, after a tough screening, my friends and I entered.

As we waited, I looked around. I saw couples, a baby being raised in the air, someone with a bouquet of flowers, and even crowds gathering at the balconies of the residential buildings across the street. It seems as though everyone in the city had claimed their seat for Pope Watch

Finally, the crowd's cheers turned into a roar and I had no doubt Pope Francis had arrived. I quickly searched for him, and when he appeared, all I saw was his zucchetto (skullcap) as he rode in the Popemobile. In the few moments it took for him to go by, I observed emotional tears, heard cheers, saw worry on the faces of people who could not even catch a glimpse, and I felt my own excitement, yet disappointment, that I only caught a twosecond peek at the People's Pope.

Yes, I had spent hours and hours waiting on line for such a brief glimpse, but the experience was priceless.

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Neighbors Condemn Fordham Killing



THIS WOMAN CONSOLES the mother of David Hooks, the 24-year-old gunned down on Sept. 19 near the corner of Briggs Avenue and 194th Street. A rally calling to break the cycle of violence was held on Sept. 24 in memory of Hooks, with community leaders, neighbors, and elected officials that included Councilman Ritchie Torres and Senator Gustavo Rivera in attendance. "If we don't care, no one else will," said Torres.

Another K2 Forum in The Works by CB7

With lawmakers now ramping up efforts to rid synthetic marijuana from the streets, Community Board 7 is once again doing its part by sponsoring a forum on the impact the drug has had on neighborhoods.

Synthetic marijuana, also known as K2, has seen a growing number of users across the city, including the Bronx. The substance, packaged as incense, causes severe side effects that are potentially fatal. They are usually sold at bodegas with little to no oversight.

Details are still being worked out by CB7 organizers. The first K2 forum by CB7 was held at North Central Bronx Hospital on May 26 with officials from the NYPD, Bronx District Attorney's Office and St. Barnabas Hospital.

Since then, police took down two major K2 mills in the Eastchester and Soundview sections of the Bronx, netting millions of dollars worth of K2 drugs.

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A LARGE CROWD gathers on Jerome Avenue off Gun Hill Road to hear live music from Latin musician Soave at the BID's 14th annual Fall Festival.

Photos by Adi Talwar

Thousands of Bronxites came to Norwood to hoot, holler and shop at the 14th annual Fall Festival hosted by the Jerome-Gun Hill Business Improvement District. The free event on Sept. 19 showcased the BID's best of the best, which also featured live singing acts the whole family enjoyed. Major event sponsors included Montefiore Medical Center, Ridgewood Savings Bank and MetroPlus.



PLAYERS BRING THEIR A-game at the Fall Festival, with a friendly basketball game in the works.



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How Do You Apply?

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When is the Deadline?

Applications must be postmarked or submitted online no later than <u>December 3, 2015</u>. Late applications will not be considered.

What Happens After You Submit an Application?

After the deadline, applications are selected for review through a lottery process. If yours is selected and you appear to qualify, you will be invited to an interview to continue the process of determining your eligibility. Interviews are usually scheduled from 2 to 10 months after the application deadline. You will be asked to bring documents that verify your household size, identity of members of your household, and your household income.

Español Para

Para recibir una traducción de este anuncio y la aplicación en español, envíe un sobre con su dirección a Norwood Terrace Apartments 1357 Broadway Box 309 NY, NY 10018. En la parte posterior del sobre, escribir en inglés la palabra

简体中文

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History Breathes at Woodlawn Scavenger Hunt





Photos by Vivian Carter

By VIVIAN CARTER

Chipmunks were not the only creatures scurrying among the headstones and fall leaves at Woodlawn Cemetery on Sept. 26. Dozens of people of all ages enthusiastically competed in the "Great Woodlawn Cemetery Scavenger Hunt," sponsored by Women of Woodlawn and the Historic Districts Council of New York City (HDC). Proceeds were donated to Woodlawn Conservancy.

Competing teams paid a small registration fee, then selected one of five routes to search (see

photo top left). They looked for items such as famous stained glass windows in tombs, faces carved into headstones, and the monuments of the famous robber barons buried at Woodlawn. A cemetery map and a list of tantalizing written clues were provided for each route. Woodlawn books, HDC tote bags, and gift cards for Subway restaurant were awarded to winners at the post-hunt reception, held at Rambling House on Katonah Avenue (see photo top right).

Women of Woodlawn is a local civic group that has spearheaded several community initiatives related to education, the arts, and historic preservation, including applying for designation of the Woodlawn Heights neighborhood for the 2015 "Six to Celebrate" list, an honor bestowed annually by HDC. Woodlawn Heights was selected, and now joins 29 other city neighborhoods added to the list since 2011, including Morningside Heights, Long Island City, Sunset Park, Bedford Stuyvesant, Port Morris, and Van Cortlandt Village. The historic parks, spread across several Bronx neighborhoods, are also included on the list as a group, specifically Crotona, Claremont, Pelham Bay, Bronx River and Van Cortlandt parks, Williamsbridge Oval and Crotona and Mosholu parkways.

HDC provides printed guides, hosts walking tours, and extends fund-raising and other strategic advice, as well as promotional assistance, to honored neighborhoods. For more information on the groups that hosted the scavenger hunt, visit www.womenofwoodlawn.org, www.hdc.org, www.6tocelebrate.org, and www.woodlawnconservancy.org.



A Dull Wall Turns Bright, Thanks to Community Grant

By KIMBERLY JACOBS

The Twitter hashtag #PeaceInTheStreets now lives in Bedford Park, thanks to a new mural painted on 202nd Street and Briggs Avenue, across from PS 8.

After receiving a grant in May for \$1,250 from Citizens Committee for New York to paint the graffiti-tatted wall, Samelys Lopez gathered a team of artists to follow through with a mural. Teammates included Lady K Fever and Laura James from Bronx 200, and a group showcasing selections of artwork by 200 artists around the Bronx. Other artists with colorful names can be seen on the wall. Those include: TKid, CES, King Bee, Andre Trenier, Lizzy Alejandro, Trike, Aida Garcia, Liu Kaufman, and Hevu 2EVU.

Lopez reached out to James and Fever, both artists, after receiving the grant to create the vision. "I am not an artist, but I have an appreciation for the arts and its positive impact on communities," said Lopez, the visionary and grant writer for the project. "Seeing the way Lady K Fever, Laura, and the rest of the renowned artists worked on the mural was wonderful."

What also makes this mural special to the area were students from PS 8 once the theme of peace was decided on. Students drew ideas in art class expressing what peace looked like to them and they were submitted to the

team. After the drawings were collected, James and Fever used them for the overall design along the wall. The students' participation is also where the slogan "Peace in the Streets" came from. "One student wrote 'Peace in the Streets' on a sketch so that became the title," said Fever, one of the curators who brought the project to life.

For Lopez, this project wasn't just about painting a beautiful mural, but also uniting the community and making it meaningful for everyone.

"Each artist that was invited to paint has a connection to this neighborhood and their artwork reflects the different ideas that originally come from the students," said Fever.

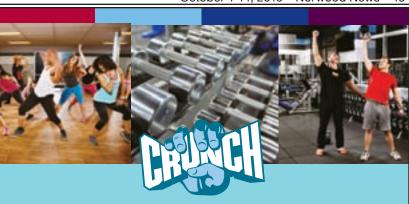
Even for those in the community who didn't paint the wall, their support in other ways made a big difference during the process. James, also a curator, and executive director of Bronx200.com, admits support was critical while painting in broiling, summer temperatures. "It was sometimes unpleasant being out in 90 degrees plus weather but the constant 'thank yous' from passersby and lots of ice cups and water made it bearable," she said. "We had people bring us water and food. One older gentleman brought us each a stick of gum every day we were out here and exclaimed, 'Thank you! Thank you! Cultura! Cultura!""



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SAMELYS LOPEZ STANDS alongside the newly painted mural at the corner of Briggs Avenue and 202nd Street. Funding was made possible from a grant by the Citizens Committee for New York City.



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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

Walk for Water

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Free Enrichment Program

The Children's Hospital at Montefiore, 3415 Bainbridge Ave., CHAM 2 Conference Room, offers a free monthly art and enrichment program for children with developmental disabilities, to spend two hours with a supervised teenage mentor from the community from noon to 2 p.m. Classes begin on Oct. 3. For more information, contact Joanne Rooney at (917) 334-0299 or jrooney@montefiore.org or call (718) 741-2357.

Mosholu Pkwy. Informational Walk

Community Board 7's Transpor-

tation Committee Chair, Lowell Green, will host an informational tour of Mosholu Parkway on Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. Residents can meet in front of the Mosholu Parkway #4 subway station on Jerome Avenue. For more information, call CB 7 at (718) 324-4998.

Norwood Terrace Applications

Applications are available for affordable housing for low-income individuals wanting to secure housing at 3349 Webster Ave. Apply online or through mail. To apply online, go www.nyc.gov/housingconnect. To request an application by mail, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Norwood Terrace Apartments, 1357 Broadway, Box 309, New York, NY 10018. Only send one application per development. Do not submit duplicate applications. Do not apply online and also send in a paper application. Applicants who submit more than one application may be disqualified.

Photo Club Meet-up

The New York Botanical/Zoological Photographic Society meets Saturday mornings at 9:45 a.m., through June, at the Fordham Preparatory School, Room 243 on the Fordham University Rose Hill Campus, 441 E. Fordham Rd. Photographers can improve their skills, show their work, receive instruction, and attend workshops, photo shoots, and competitions. Admission is free. For more information, call (718) 543-3115.

MetroCard Buses/Vans

The MetroCard Bus for senior citizens is available at Scott Towers, 3400 Paul Ave., every fourth Monday of each month (excluding holidays) from 1 to 3 p.m.

Citizenship and English Classes

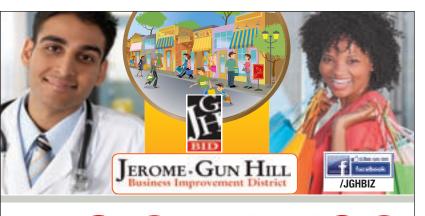
The Fordham Bedford Community Center offers free citizenship classes, Mondays and

Wednesdays, designed to prepare students for questions asked on the U.S. Citizenship interview, and free English classes (October to May), Tuesdays and Thursdays, both from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Interested individuals must complete an online registration form and bring it to Refuge House, 2715 Bainbridge Ave., on respective class days before class begins. For more information, call (718) 733-2557.

Free Curb Your Dog Signs

Free "Curb Your Dog" signs are available to homeowners and building superintendents at Community Board 7's office, 229A E. 204th St., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. while supplies last. For more information or to schedule a pickup, call (718) 933-5650.

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I Don't Owe U Nothin' Brings **Domestic Violence to Forefront**

By JOLI HARRIS

For a long time I was blind to the fact that there was a name for unusual, controlling and abusive behavior. For many of days I felt a lot of confusion, sadness and a need to run. But for some reason I felt by doing so I would be hurting my abuser. After many nights of praying God would get me safely out of the situation, I decided to walk away and never return. I utilized the support and help that I was given to stay away and that was the birth of 'I Don't Owe U Nothin'.'

Domestic violence is an epidemic affecting neighbors in every community, economic status, gender, race, religion, or nationality. There is no typical victim.

On Sunday, Oct. 11, I am honored to have R&B recording artist Meli'sa Morgan as a guest

performer in Soul Music Musical along with Clayton Bryant. Imessiah Soul and Sunshiine Woodall, at Silhouette Restaurant and Lounge for the production of 'I Don't Owe U Nothin'.'

This show is based on true events and stories from several of the participants. I Don't Owe U Nothin' is a story being told through a collage of live music that will make you laugh, smile, cry, go down memory lane and rock with the music as you sing along, while bringing awareness to Domestic Violence. This event is supported by the the Bronx Council on the Arts and The Bronx Club.

Editor's Note: Joli Harris is the lead organizer for 'I Don't Owed You Nothin" campaign. For more information and details, see adjacent ad.



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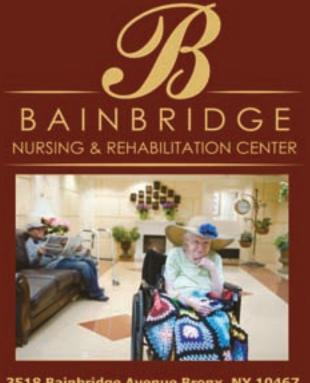
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Organ Enrollment Day To Be Held Oct. 6

New York faces a troubling statistic: the state ranks last in the U.S. in percentage of residents registered as organ donors. With just 25 percent of New Yorkers enrolled in the registry, the state is below the national average of 50 percent. Because of this, a New Yorker dies every 18 hours while waiting for a life-saving organ transplant.

To help move the state out of last place, LiveOnNY, formerly New York Organ Donor Network, is launching the first-ever Organ Donor Enrollment Day on Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at a number of Montefiore campuses throughout the Bronx. This event is being held to enroll as many New Yorkers as possible as organ donors in a single eight-hour day.

"There is a dire need for more New Yorkers to sign up as organ donors to save the lives of others," said Milan Kinkhab-

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wala, M.D., chief of the Division of Transplantation and director of Abdominal Transplantation at Montefiore Medical Center.

Open Enrollment Day locations include:

Moses campus: 111 E. 210th St. Einstein campus: 1825 Eastchester Rd.

Wakefield campus: 600 E. 233rd St.

Working closely with transplant centers and hospitals, LiveOnNY coordinates kidney, liver, eye and tissue donation for transplant in the New York region, educates the public and health care professionals about donation and transplantation and promotes the importance of signing up on the New York State Donate Life Registry.

Find out how you can be a part of this life-saving day at www.EnrollmentDay.org or by contacting Leo Trevino at (718) 920-4285, ltrevino@montefiore.org.

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EDITOR'S PICK

Free Fitness for Seniors

City Parks Foundation offers free seniors fitness classes including yoga and fitness walking through Oct. 30, at Van Cortlandt Park's Woodlawn Tennis Courts, Jerome Avenue and East 233rd Street. Walking schedule is Tuesdays and Thursdays and yoga schedule is Mondays and Wednesdays; both at 9 am. For more information, call (718) 760-6999.

Onstage

Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, 895
Shore Rd., Pelham Bay, presents
Eugene Marlow's
Heritage Ensemble performing
multicultural jazz on Oct. 2 from 5:30 to
8:30 p.m. For more information, call (718)
885-1461.

The Bronx Library Center, 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents **Sonido Costeño Trio in Concert,** performing Latin music, Oct. 10 at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit www.nypl.org.

Events

The Woodlawn Conservancy invites the public to visit Woodlawn Cemetery on its **2nd Sunday Tours,** a tour each second Sunday of the month at 2 p.m., to visit landmarks of celebrated individuals. Learn about the history and step inside several notable mausoleums. For more information, call (718) 920-1469.

Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse (165th Street), presents free **First Friday,** Oct. 2, 6 to 10 p.m. For



CITY PARKS FOUNDATION offers free seniors fitness classes including yoga and fitness walking through Oct. 30, at Van Cortlandt Park. Photo: City Parks Foundation

more information, call (718) 681-6000.

Wave Hill, a Bronx oasis at 675 W. 252nd St. in Riverdale, offers Family Art Projects: Magical Wands and Fairy Houses, to make a ribboned wand and a fairy dwelling, and enjoy the New Thread Quartet, Oct. 3 and 4; and Sailing the Sky, to make a sailing hawk glider, Oct. 10 and 11; both in WH House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also scheduled is **Falconry Presentation: Skyhunters** in Flight: to watch hawks, falcons and owls, Oct. 12 at 1 p.m., on the grounds. 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.

The Bronx County Historical Society, 3266 Bainbridge Ave. (near Reservoir Oval W.) is holding a free opening reception for its two 60th anniversary exhibitions: Celebrating Bronx History, 60 Years & Counting; and Curator's Choice - Selections from the Collections, on Oct. 7 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Light refreshments and snacks will be served. For more information and to RSVP, call (718) 881-8900 or visit http://www.bronxhistoricalsociety.org.

Exhibits

Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse (165th Street), presents Presente! The Young Lords in New York, a radical social activist group founded by Puerto Rican youth in the 1960s, on view through Oct. 15. For more information, call (718) 681-6000.

Library Events

The Bronx Library Center, 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents the following events for adults: Microsoft Word 2010 for Beginners: Oct. 1 at 6 p.m.; Computer Basics: Oct. 2 at 2 p.m.; and Internet for Beginners: Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. (all require in-person advance registration); and film:



TOURS OF WOODLAWN Cemetery are held every second Sunday of each month. Photo Courtesy Woodlawn Conservancy.

"Gandhi," Oct. 3 at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit www.nypl.org.

The Mosholu Library, 285 E. 205th St., offers for adults: Knitting Circle at 3 p.m.; and Free Computer Classes: to learn email and basic computer information, Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, call (718) 882-8239.

The Jerome Park Library, 118
Eames Place (near Kingsbridge
Road), offers for kids: **Afternoon Arts:** (ages 5 to 12), to learn about
art, then create a piece, Oct. 14 at
4 p.m.; **Kids Get Active Fridays**

at 3 p.m.: (ages 5 to 12), dance and zumba, Oct. 2 and 9; and Music and Movement Story Time: (ages 18 to 36 months) to learn with music, dancing, singing and stories, Oct. 6 at 11 a.m. Teens/young adults can enjoy Art Club: to draw and paint with materials provided, Oct. 6 at 4:30 p.m. Adults can attend Computer Basics at noon: Oct. 1, 8 and 15. For more information, call (718) 549-5200.

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Gaining Access to the Reservoir

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force member, is optimistic about the prospect of a full access to the park in the future. "The process of achieving consitent public access to the Jerome Park Reservoir is a step one. We have many ideas and objectives, but the only way any of them will happen is if we do it one step at a time," said Axelbank.

The Jerome Park Reservoir was utilized for recreational purposes when it was first built in 1905. Its perimeter would ultimately be fenced off in the 1980s during construction of the reservoir's dividing wall. Public access was completely cut off after the 9/11 attacks, and limited access was only granted to the DEP, construction workers at the site, and visitors who underwent advanced screening and supervised visits.

Through efforts by activists like Karen Argenti, community leaders and a letter from Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. to Cas Holloway, a community think tank dubbed the Jerome Park Reservoir Access Water Working Group

(WWG) was established in 2011 to determine ways to access the reservoir's perimeter.

"I've been working on this issue for almost 20 years," said Argenti, a longtime advocate of reservoir access who also represents the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality. "Now is the time to open the reservoir."

The research report by the WWG concluded a pilot program granting access to the reservoir should take place, with an emphasis on security integrity of the reservoir and public safety. The report also suggested the DEP not commit to permanent public access until after it determined the success of the pilot project.

But Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz, a longtime champion of the reservoir, wants a permanent opening. He also wants better green space around the park. Dinowitz has since introduced legislation that would transfer control of the reservoir's outer green space from the DEP to the Department of Parks. The measure has yet to pass

in Albany.

"I want the area surrounding the Jerome Park Reservoir to be designated as parkland," said Dinowitz. "I want people to be able to enjoy it, bike around it, jog around it.

The pilot access program has placed heavy restrictions on what could be brought into the grounds of the parks and where people could go. Visitors will be barred from bringing in any cell phones, bags or cameras into the reservoir grounds.

The two-day event will feature a two-hour guided tour limited to 25 people on Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. There will also be an opportunity for the public to run or jog across the two-mile perimeter of the reservoir at 12:30 p.m. Tickets to the two-day guided tours placed online are already sold out.

Entry to the reservoir grounds will be through the Gate House on the west side of Goulden Avenue, south of 205th Street.

The DEP did not respond to questions pertaining to this article.





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