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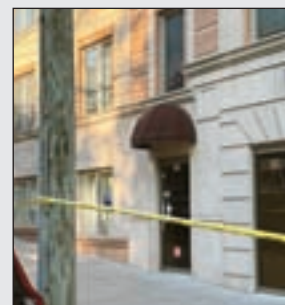
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Gloria Thomas Honored with Street Co-Naming

By DAVID GREENE

A few dozen friends and family members of community activist Gloria Thomas joined residents of University Heights for a street co-naming ceremony in her honor at the northeast corner of West 190th Street and Aqueduct Avenue on Monday, July 13. The street was co-named Ms. Gloria Thomas Way.

According to those who knew her, Thomas was a long-time leader of her tenant association, of the AquaUni90 Neighborhood Association, and had tirelessly advocated for residents along Aqueduct Avenue, University Avenue, and 190th Street. She was also a former member of the 52nd Precinct Community Council, and a member of Our Bronx, formerly Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition. Thomas died on Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, at the age of 84.

Founded in 1974, Our Bronx unites diverse peoples and institutions to fight for racial justice and economic democracy through intergenerational community organizing to transform The Bronx and beyond, according to its website.

Before the unveiling, Alan Richardson told the crowd, "There are people who simply live in a community, and then there are those who become the heart of it. Ms. Gloria Thomas was the heart of Aqueduct Avenue and the love pillar of The Bronx."

According to Richardson, Thomas was born in Manhattan on Jan. 1, 1939, amid World War II, and was raised in Harlem with her six siblings. She moved to The Bronx in 1963, where she attended Bronx Community College in University Heights. There, she studied nursing and spent 12 years as a nurse at Lincoln Hospital in the South Bronx before taking a job as a supervisor at the NYC Parks department. He said she later worked at New York City Department of Social Services.

Richardson credited Thomas with helping bring the Police Athletic League's Play Street's Summer Program to Aqueduct Avenue, helping to organize a yearly block party, and personally funding an annual back-to-school giveaway. He said Thomas also led a fight against a landlord that led to the creation of the Proactive Preservation Initiative (PPI), a program that identifies at-risk families and properties run by the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD). The latter provides rehabilitation loans and enforces housing laws.

"Long before community organizing became her life's work, Ms. Gloria embraced service through activism as a member of the Black Panther Party, where she strengthened her lifelong commitment to justice (and) self-determination," Richardson said.

For her part, City Councilmember Pierina Sanchez (C.D. 14) later said of Thomas, "The truth is from her day-to-day life as a nurse at Lincoln, to her work as a social worker, helping people right at the moment of crisis to get those food stamps, to get that assistance that they need, to her many decades of work on this very block, throwing block parties, barbecues, backpack events to go back to school, we know that she is a member of our community that will be forever loved."

According to Richardson, Thomas leaves behind five children, 13 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.



Photo by David Greene

ALAN RICHARDSON (LEFT) speaks about community activist Gloria Thomas before a new street sign is unveiled in her honor on Aqueduct Avenue and West 190th Street in the University Heights section of The Bronx on Monday, July 13, 2026.



Photo by David Greene

ROBIN, DAUGHTER OF community activist Gloria Thomas, touches a photograph of her mother during a street co-naming ceremony for Thomas at Aqueduct Avenue and West 190th Street in University Heights, The Bronx on Monday, July 13, 2026.



Photo by David Greene

FAMILY MEMBERS HOLD a new street sign bearing the name Ms. Gloria Thomas Way during an unveiling ceremony at Aqueduct Avenue and West 190th Street in University Heights, The Bronx on Monday, July 13, 2026.

Kingsbridge: Man Charged for Unauthorized Practice of Profession after “Wellness” Center Customer Dies

By SÍLE MOLONEY

The Office of the Bronx District Attorney announced Tuesday, July 21, that following his arrest on Sunday, July 19, 55-year-old Luis Rojas Cabrera of Passaic, New Jersey was arraigned at Bronx Criminal Court at midnight on Monday, July 20.

As reported, Rojas Cabrera was charged with reckless endangerment and unauthorized practice of profession after a 27-year-old woman was found unconscious at a wellness center in Kingsbridge on Sunday, July 19, and died. He is presumed innocent unless and until convicted in a court of law.

Police said that on Sunday, July 19, at around 1.10 p.m., officers responded to a 911 call regarding an aided woman at NewYork-Presbyterian Allen Hospital, located in Inwood, Northern Manhattan, just south of Marble Hill. “Upon arrival, officers were informed by hospital staff that a 27-year-old woman had been transported unconscious and unresponsive to the hospital from Bereshit Lifestyle Center, located at 3190 Riverdale Avenue,” a police spokesperson said in part.

Police said the woman was subsequently pronounced deceased and the NYC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will determine the cause of death. Asked if the victim had taken any medication at the center, police initially declined to say. The deceased was later identified as Elizabeth Baron of The Bronx.

Norwood News asked the NYPD if the Luis Rojas Cabrera who was arrested was a doctor. The NYPD spokesperson said she did not have that information. Later Monday, police confirmed the victim had received some type of medication / product at the center but they could not confirm, when asked, if it related to Botox (or anti-aging medication). We asked the same question to NYC Department of Health (DOH) and they could not confirm.

It has since been confirmed that the criminal complaint relating to Baron's death makes NO reference to “Botox.”

According to the criminal complaint [in part] at around noon inside 3190 Riverdale Avenue, at Bereshit Lifestyle Center, Rojas Cabrera recklessly engaged “in conduct which created a grave risk of death to another person, under circumstances evincing a depraved indifference to human life.”

The grounds for the charges are that police stated, based upon official investigation, the defendant's statements, and witnesses known to the NYPD, that, at Bereshit Lifestyle Center on Sunday, July 19, Rojas Cabrera infused nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide aka NAD+ into the body of Elizabeth Baron by inserting an intravenous line into her right hand, without a medical license or any other legal authority to do so.

According to the National Library of Medicine, “Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD+) is indispensable for the regulation of biological metabolism. Previous studies have revealed its role in aging and degenerative diseases, while crucially showing that supplementation with NAD+ or its precursors could ameliorate or reverse the progression of aging.” According to [verywellhealth.com](https://www.verywellhealth.com), it is distinct from “Botox.”

Very Well Health reports that while Botox is a localized cosmetic injection that physically paralyzes muscles to prevent creasing, NAD+ is a cellular fuel, and although NAD+ is often offered in medical spas and wellness clinics for purported anti-aging and “glow” benefits, it works systemically from the inside out and is not an FDA-approved cosmetic injectable.

In the complaint, the police also said that administering NAD+ via intravenous therapy in New York State requires a prescription from a licensed medical professional authorized to prescribe such treatment, and the defendant administered said treatment without such treatment being ordered by a licensed medical professional.

Police also said Rojas Cabrera stated in sum and substance, “I gave her a NAD+IV. She went [unconscious] immediately. I called 911. I am a doctor in the Dominican Republic. I have a PA license in Puerto Rico. I am not a licensed doctor in New York. My application is pending. I only have an esthetician license.”

Police further stated that the defendant was unable to produce any legal authority to administer or prescribe the NAD+ via intravenous therapy and that Baron was observed inside a local hospital with an IV catheter in her right hand with IV tubing attached to it.

According to the complaint, police were informed by Dr. Eugene Kim that Baron was pronounced dead at 1:09 p.m. on Sunday, July 19. They said the defendant said in sum and substance, “I made a very big mistake. I need to call



Source: www.drluisrojas.com

DR. LUIS ROJAS, as he appears on the website, drluisrojas.com, the homepage for which reads, “Welcome to Bereshit Lifestyle Center,” a center located at 3190 Riverdale Avenue in the border of Kingsbridge and Riverdale in The Bronx, where on Sunday, July 19, 2026, a 27-year-old woman fell unconscious and later died.

my family because I have a feeling I will not be home for a while.”

Prosecutors did not request bail because the Assistant District Attorney wants to await autopsy findings, according to the Bronx DA's office. Rojas Cabrera is due back in court in September. They requested that he surrender his passport and the request was granted by the presiding judge.

The website for the center is www.drluisrojas.com and on the homepage, an extract reads, “Welcome to Bereshit Lifestyle Center.” The Center was found closed on Monday. On the door of the premises, Rojas is described as an “alternative and holistic health practitioner.” A green sticker was also seen on the door for hfaloan.com. A google search for this site directs users to a website called paybyhfa.com.

Norwood News contacted NYC Department of Health (DOH) for comment on the incident, to ask what type of license the center holds, if any, and whether it is now indefinitely closed. We were referred to New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) and NYS Department of Education (ED). We followed up with NYS DOH, and a representative referred us to the New York State department (DOS). We later contacted both DOS and ED.

A DOS spokesperson said on July 20 that in January of this year, it was announced that over 200 inspections conducted statewide of “Med Spa Service Providers” had resulted in suspensions, revocations, and fines. In the announcement, it was noted that improper services have caused serious injuries and added that a business that is promoting itself as a ‘med spa’ or offering ‘med spa’ services MUST be licensed as a medical facility and licensed professionals must be performing the services.

The Bereshit Lifestyle Center is not described as a spa on its website. Meanwhile, services offered at the center, ac-

cording to its own website, drluisrojas.com, include a weight loss and detox program, a wellness kit, “RemedeMD,” hydrotherapy, geotherapy, aromatherapy, spinal stretching, urinalysis, saliva analysis, hair mineral analysis, genetic testing, and consultations, including video consultations.

Norwood News has reached out to counsel for Rojas Cabrera for comment. We did not receive an immediate response.

On Monday, July 20, a 35-year-old man was stabbed in the vicinity of the center and remains hospitalized in critical condition. While police said it's currently unknown if the two incidents are related, it appears the stabbing arose when a verbal dispute between some people escalated. Police are investigating and said that while the mobilization point (for police) for the stabbing was at the address for the center, but the stabbing occurred in its vicinity.

To file a complaint with the DOH's Office of Professional Medical Conduct regarding any physician or physician assistant, call 1-800-663-6114. To file a complaint against unlicensed med spa service providers, contact the ED's Office of Professions on 1-800-442-8106 or conduct@nysed.gov. To file a complaint against estheticians or cosmetologists performing med spa procedures, contact the DOS's Division of Licensing Services by calling (518) 474-4429. DOH shared the following consumer guide on beauty salons and spas: https://dos.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2024/05/beauty_salons_0.pdf.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 1-888-57-PISTA (74782). The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website at <https://crimestoppers.nypdonline.org/>, or on X @NYPDTips. All calls are strictly confidential

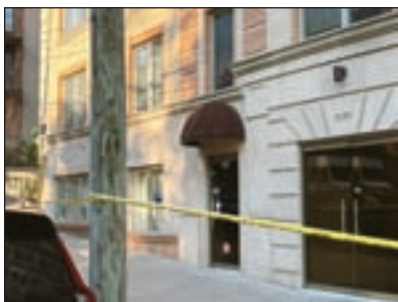


Photo by Síle Moloney

BERESHIT LIFESTYLE CENTER, located at 3190 Riverdale Avenue in Kingsbridge, The Bronx, was seen closed on Monday, July 20, 2026.

INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER

BY DAVID GREENE



This week, we asked readers for their opinion on the possibility of a multi-story apartment building with commercial space on the first floor being built on the empty Bainbridge Avenue lot between East 206th Street and East 205th Street, close to East 204th Street in Norwood, where a row of one-story, small businesses burned down on Oct. 10, 2023. In addition to damage to CVS Pharmacy, which closed temporarily after the fire and later reopened, other businesses along the block destroyed and demolished included the Family Meat Market business, Bainbridge Bakery, Halal Curry & Kebab restaurant, a fish market, Shahjalal Grocery & Variety, which sells Bangladeshi, American, Indian & Pakistani food, and a Mexican grocery store. The former owner of Foodtown on East 204th Street in Norwood is behind the proposal.



"They should rebuild the small businesses, those family-owned, mom and pop small businesses should be rebuilt here because that was good for the community. There used to be a diner where that supermarket currently [Foodtown on East 204th] is and that burned down too, and then this burned down, and they won't rebuild the small mom and pop shops. For fires like this, the City should have special insurance policies that help them rebuild in the same location. The City should help them rebuild there."

Kevin Rodriguez,
Norwood
Photo by David Greene



"I remember the fire when it happened; it was so tragic. I had become friends with the individual who owned the Mexican store. They were very young people there, so I connected with them and found that community within this community. I was devastated and had hoped that they could come back, but I do not know if they will. It would excite me to see this empty space will be filled again, but I just wish that the Mexican store could come back because I really connected with my Mexican heritage. They sold food and supplies."

Alexander Vazquez,
Norwood
Photo by David Greene



"That's amazing! That would be a good thing for the community and new people would be able to get a new place. They need to build more buildings for people to live, even the homeless. That's nice. They need more schools; the schools are basically overcrowded."

Steven Rodriguez,
Bedford Park
Photo by David Greene



"It will be nice to see something besides an empty space. The possibility of an apartment complex? That would be nice. As far as the parking in the area, unless they build an underground garage, they shouldn't build it [apartments]. It's already crowded here."

Conrad Gifaw,
Norwood
Photo by David Greene



"They should put affordable housing there. We do need more housing; look at all the people on the street. The problem is the new buildings they're putting up are being made poorly and no one monitors them. If they're not monitored, you get the sh't. A half decent restaurant would be nice."

Lucy Torres,
Norwood
Photo by David Greene

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Feliz Critical of Fordham Road Redesign Investment Scope

By SÍLE MOLONEY

NYC Mayor Zohran Mamdani and NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) Commissioner Mike Flynn broke ground on Wednesday, July 22, on the redesign of Fordham Road, adding new offset bus lanes from Sedgwick Avenue to Boston Road in The Bronx. They said the project will make commutes faster and more reliable for 130,000 daily bus riders while delivering critical safety upgrades on one of the borough's highest-crash corridors.

"We're not only promising fast buses, we're delivering them," Mamdani said. "This year, Fordham Road riders won't have to watch their time disappear in traffic while cars block bus lanes that were meant for people. This project will give 130,000 New Yorkers faster, more reliable commutes every day so they can spend more time doing what they love and less time stuck in traffic."

City officials said today, buses on Fordham Road travel as slowly as 5 mph, with existing curbside bus lanes frequently blocked by deliveries and passenger pickups and drop-offs. They said the City will convert those curbside lanes into offset lanes that better separate buses from general traffic while creating dedicated parking and loading spaces to support local businesses.

They said similar redesigns across the city have increased bus speeds by as much as 28% while reducing pedestrian and cyclist injuries by as much as 30%. Officials said in the Fordham districts, 62% of households do not have access to a private vehicle, and 71% of residents rely on public transit, biking or walking to get around.

In February, the mayor announced the City would restart work on the Fordham Road redesign after what were described as years of delays under the previous administration. Construction begins weeks after the release of *Next Stop*, the City's partnership with New York State to shorten commutes by up to six minutes across 175 bus routes, including Fordham Road.

The mayor, commissioner and MTA Chairman Janno Lieber described the project as critical to deliver better and faster bus service for New Yorkers and are



Screenshot courtesy of NYC Department of Transportation (DOT)

OFFICIALS GATHER ON East Fordham Road and East Kingsbridge Road in Fordham, The Bronx for the launch of the Fordham Road bus redesign on Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

aiming to improve bus speeds by at least 20% along the corridor. Since January, City officials said the Mamdani administration has advanced major projects to speed up buses across the five boroughs, including at 161st Street and Tremont in The Bronx.

During the May 2026 presentation of the project to Bronx Community Board 7 (CB7), City officials said Fordham Road is in the top 10% of most dangerous corridors in The Bronx, with 70 serious injuries and four fatalities in the past 5 years. They said DOT the project upgrades will better separate buses from traffic and provide new dedicated spaces to support commercial activity, while also providing the opportunity to enhance the public realm and improve traffic safety.

"The Fordham Road redesign will deliver faster, more reliable public transit for the everyday New Yorkers who depend on it most," said Congressman Adriano Espaillat (NY-13) in part, while State Sen. Gustavo Rivera (S.D. 33) said in part, "These upgrades will make roads in my district safer for drivers, commuters and pedestrians."

In terms of how curb regulations will change based on the redesign, DOT said between Sedgwick Avenue and Hoffman Avenue, DOT will update the curb regulations to reduce double parking and conflicts with the bus lane, improve access

to businesses, and prioritize commercial vehicle access on Fordham Road and adjacent streets. They said planned parking regulations will be tailored to each block and include a mix of commercial vehicle and passenger vehicle regulations that will vary by location and time of day. They gave an example of 60-foot commercial vehicle parking, with the rest of the block reserved for metered parking for passenger vehicles. Another example included devoting an entire block for commercial vehicle parking in the morning, and switching to passenger vehicle metered parking in the afternoon.

Meanwhile, City Councilman Oswald Feliz (C.D. 15) had said ahead of the groundbreaking, "The bus lane project presents an opportunity to make transformative investments on Fordham Road, the busiest commercial corridor in The Bronx. It is disappointing that, rather than making meaningful investments, the administration has chosen to offer crumbs."

Feliz continued, "This community has consistently asked for basic investments that only DOT can provide, the paving of roads, improved street signs, and spaces for pedestrians, *greenification* of medians, and more lighting. They scheduled meetings with no purpose other than creating the appearance that they've listened to the community. Rather than seeking to re-

solve local issues, they've repeatedly created obstacles. For instance, they stated they couldn't plant trees and greenify street medians on Fordham Road, due to DEP-related concerns. When we reached out directly to DEP, they stated the *greenification* wouldn't create any issues for them."

Feliz concluded, "Is this community not trendy enough to justify the kind of improvements that other communities receive, even without asking? If this was a trendier neighborhood, I have no doubt that a more ambitious proposal would have been on the table." *Norwood News* has reached out to the Mayor's Office and DOT for comment. Flynn responded, saying the department had heard the concerns of local stakeholders and some electeds.

"They say [bus lanes are] one thing. There's a lot of other things that we'd like to see in terms of the streetscape, in terms of pavement, signage and trees. We hear that loud and clear. I don't think one precludes the other. In fact, they're complementary. Right now, we are moving ahead with the toolbox we can do through a bus project. We're having those conversations and I'm excited to sit down and learn more about what else we can do."

He added, "We're committed to trying to deliver world-class streets to The Bronx. The Bronx deserves it and it's what it's going to get. This project is going to deliver a piece of that, and there will be more to come."

Meanwhile, while she supports the focus on the project, Councilmember Pierina Sanchez (C.D. 14) said in part, "I remain concerned that reintroducing parking to a roadway that has operated without it for nearly two decades will reduce available travel space and create additional conflict among buses, pedestrians, delivery vehicles, cyclists, and drivers in one of the busiest transit corridors in New York City. I have encouraged the Department to prioritize improvements that strengthen bus operations, including wider bus lanes, painted medians, and targeted loading zones. At a minimum, any curb access should be limited to carefully managed loading, unloading, and passenger drop-offs with short, strictly enforced time limits."



Slide courtesy of DOT

REDESIGN SLIDE FROM presentation on the Fordham Road Bus Redesign given to Bronx Community Board 7 in May 2026.



Slide courtesy of DOT

TREATMENT SLIDE FROM presentation on the Fordham Road Bus Redesign given to Bronx Community Board 7 in May 2026.

NEWS BRIEFS

By SÍLE MOLONEY



Screenshot courtesy of State Sen. Gustavo Rivera

STATE SEN. GUSTAVO (S.D. 33) joined residents and community activists on Saturday, July 18, 2026, outside Citizens Bank at 569 West 235th Street in Riverdale to celebrate Citizens Bank's decision to cease financing entities running detention centers for the U.S. Department of Immigration, Customs & Enforcement (ICE).

Citizens Bank Stops Financing Entities Running ICE Detention Centers

State Sen. Gustavo Rivera (S.D. 33) joined residents and community activists, including Northwest Bronx Indivisible, Beacon, and Bend the Arc, on Saturday, July 18, outside Citizens Bank at 569 West 235th Street in Riverdale to celebrate Citizens Bank's decision to cease financing entities running detention centers for the U.S. Department of Immigration, Customs & Enforcement (ICE).

Rivera said in part, "I stand in solidarity with those of us resisting ICE's terrorizing and kidnapping of our community members which includes standing up to the for-profit companies complicit in their violence. The senator went on to reference two Americans killed by ICE agents last week, Lorenzo Salgado Araujo in Houston, Texas and Johan Duran Guerrero in Maine respectively. "We grieve with their loved ones for their senseless loss," he said.

Rivera continued, "All of us are endangered by ICE's lawless actions and our resistance and protest is critical. That's why just last Friday, Citizens Bank announced they would exit agreements with CoreCivic and GEO Group."

At least two people in the Norwood and Bedford Park neighborhoods refused medical attention several times this week (one finally agreed to enter an ambulance but declined to go to a hospital) despite being injured and bleeding from the head, due to suspected but unconfirmed fears of ICE if they accepted medical assistance.

Meanwhile, following media reports on July 16 that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) could start weighing immigrants' use of Medicaid, food and housing help in green card decisions in the future, NYC Mayor Zohran Mamdani said,

"To every New Yorker: this rule is not yet in effect. The earliest it could take effect is Sept. 18, 2026. New York City will use every tool at our disposal to fight this attack on immigrant families and the communities that make our city the greatest on earth. For any questions, please call @NYCImmigrants Legal Support Hotline at 1-800-354-0365."

Norwood News reached out to Citizens Bank for comment. We did not receive an immediate response.

City Promotes Access to NYC Care Health Care Program after Fed Cuts

The Trump administration's long anticipated federal funding cuts ended expanded federal "Essential Plan" health care coverage for around 450,000 New Yorkers on July 1, as pre-advised earlier this year. In response, NYC Health + Hospitals announced Tuesday, July 21, the return of the citywide "Light the Way Truck" outreach initiative to remind New Yorkers of the City's NYC Care (healthcare access) program.

The Essential Plan is a low-cost, comprehensive health insurance program for low-to-moderate-income New Yorkers, often called a "Basic Health Program." It offers \$0 monthly premiums and \$0 deductibles for individuals (19-64) who do not qualify for Medicaid or employer-sponsored insurance, often called low-cost health coverage or a state-sponsored health plan.

Meanwhile, NYC Care provides comprehensive and low or no-cost healthcare services through NYC Health + Hospitals for New Yorkers who cannot afford, or are ineligible for, health insurance, according to City officials. They said it provides a membership card, 24/7 customer service, access to comprehensive and affordable healthcare services, like primary care, mental health services, and sexual and reproductive healthcare, low-cost medications, and member materials. They said it provides this in multiple languages and regardless of immigration status or ability to pay.

The outreach truck will be making various stops across The Bronx until July 31. We asked the City for the locations but did not receive a response. Call 646-NYC-CARE, (646) 692-2273 or visit <https://www.nycare.nyc/> to learn more about the program and sign up. Privacy and confidentiality is guaranteed, City officials said.



Photo courtesy of NYC Health + Hospitals
NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS' NYC Care program announced Tuesday, July 21, 2026 the return of the citywide 'Light the Way Truck' outreach initiative which will be seen around the City in the coming weeks, as seen in this undated photo.

Housing Lottery Described as Affordable Launched at 3547 Webster Ave

NYC Department of Housing, Preservation & Development (HPD) launched an affordable housing lottery for units at 3547 Webster Tower, an 8-story, mixed-use building located at 3547 Webster Avenue in Norwood, as reported by YIMBY. Available on NYC Housing Connect, HPD's online tool, are 39 units for residents earning 130 percent of the area median income (AMI), ranging in eligible income from \$92,880 to \$238,160.

Designed by Genaro Urueta Inc. and developed by Yoel Landau, the structure yields 88 residential units, according to HPD, and is located within Bronx Community District 7 (CD7). According to Data USA, the average individual income in Bronx CD7 is \$53,785. HPD officials say affordable housing is based on a household's percentage of AMI, which is set by the federal government on a yearly basis.

They said housing is considered affordable if it costs about one-third or less of household income and is regulated so the rent can't go up dramatically over time. They said to be eligible for affordable housing, residents must be 18 years old, and their household income needs to be in a specific range for each affordable housing opportunity. Applicants are required to meet additional guidelines, including asset limits, and tenant selection criteria to qualify.

The AMI for all cities across the country is defined each year by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The 2025 AMI for the New York City region is \$145,800 for a three-person family (100%

AMI). *Norwood News* previously asked HUD to provide the AMI for the New York City region for a single person and has not received a response. In Bronx CD7, 53.8% of households spend 35% or more of their income on rent, according to the latest available data from NYC Department of City Planning (DCP).

Meanwhile, amenities at the newly opened 3547 Webster Avenue building include a shared laundry room, common area Wi-Fi, and an elevator. The residential units also include air conditioning and name-brand kitchen appliances, countertops, and finishes. Tenants are responsible for electricity, including stove and heat according to YIMBY and HPD.

At 130 percent of the AMI, there are 19 one-bedroom units available with a monthly rent of \$2,545 for those on incomes ranging from \$92,880 / annum to \$198,510 / annum, and 20 two-bedroom units with a monthly rent of \$2,747 for residents with incomes ranging from \$101,726 / annum to \$238,160 / annum.

Prospective renters must meet income and household size requirements to apply for these apartments according to HPD, and applications must be postmarked or submitted online no later than Aug. 5. Up to two pets, with a maximum weight of 40 pounds each with breed restrictions applying, are allowed. Rent includes electricity for hot water. HPD said the new 3547 Webster Avenue residential building was constructed through HPD's 421a (16) Incentive Program and no deposits or application fees apply. Learn more at <https://housingconnect.nyc.gov/PublicWeb/>.

Rendering Released of Student Dorm near Fordham University

By SÍLE MOLONEY

A new rendering has been revealed for 2740 Webster Avenue, described as a 12-story dormitory for Fordham University in Fordham Manor, as reported by YIMBY. Designed by Aufgang Architects and developed as a joint venture between Madd Equities and Stagg Group, YIMBY reports that the 130-foot-tall structure will span 215,129 square feet and yield 162 units with a capacity of 600 students.

According to the report, based on these figures, the units will likely consist mostly of "multi-room suites," and the project will also include a 20-foot-long rear yard, according to permits filed by RYTY Home Builders in late November. The 10,000-square-foot property is located at the intersection of Webster Avenue and East 197th Street.

Based on the rendering, the façade will be composed of dark red paneling forming an irregular pattern over floor-to-ceiling windows on the northern and southern ends of the building and in two columns near its cen-



Rendering courtesy of Aufgang Architects

A RENDERING OF 2740 Webster Avenue in Fordham Manor, The Bronx, the site of a new 12-story student dormitory for Fordham University, scheduled for completion in July 2028, and designed by Aufgang Architects.

ter. "Floors two through eight in the middle will be clad in black metal and ribbon windows, while the upper four stories above the setback will utilize a contrasting light gray envelope framing a tight grid of narrow windows," according to YIMBY's report.

The outlet added that the ground floor will feature expansive glass for the street frontage. The site is currently occupied by

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

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Strategies to Accelerate Revenue Growth

The Bronx Economic Development Corporation, in partnership with Goldman Sachs, is hosting a free event, "Strategies to Accelerate Revenue Growth," on Tuesday, Aug 4, at 9 a.m. to noon at Andrew Freedman Home, 1125 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10452. Visit <https://bit.ly/4vNajth> to learn more.

National Night Out

Celebrate National Night Out with the 52nd Precinct & partners on Tuesday, Aug. 4, at Poe Park, East 192nd Street and Grand Concourse, Bronx. (Rain location: Monroe University, 2501 Jerome Avenue, Bronx). The annual community-building campaign is designed to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie in a family-friendly setting. All are welcome.

Thomson Foundation Young Journalist Award 2026

Are you an aspiring journalist with impactful stories that deserve international recognition? The Thomson Foundation Young Journalist Award 2026 is now accepting applications from talented journalists aged 30 or under reporting from eligible countries. This prestigious competition offers a unique opportunity to gain global exposure, connect with leading media professionals, and advance your journalism career. The deadline is 9 Aug. 2026, and the application link is here: <https://wp.me/p23f03-mDY>.

Back-to-School Giveaway

NYC Parks will host a back-to-school giveaway in the Williamsbridge Oval Park, 3225 Reservoir Oval East, Bronx, Saturday, Aug. 22, from noon to 2 p.m. Children must be present to receive free school supplies.

Bronx River Art Center Civic Corp

Join the Bronx River Art Center NYC Civic Corps, a 10-month, paid service term, when you can serve your City, channel your passions, and jump-start your career. Benefits include a \$24,500 stipend, a \$5,176 educational award, transportation benefits, professional development and more. Apply by July 26 at https://www.nycservice.org/national_service.

Free Summer Meals

From June 29 to Sept. 4, between 8 a.m. and 9.15 a.m., even when school is out, anyone 18 years old or younger can still enjoy free breakfast and lunch as part of NYC Schools' 2026 Free Summer Meals Program. Lunch is served between 11 a.m. and 1.15 p.m. You can find these meals at specific places like select NYC Public Schools, community pool centers, parks, and libraries. You don't need to sign up, show any papers, or have an ID to get these meals. Just head to one of the designated locations. For more information, visit <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/food/summer-meals>.

Share Your Ideas for the Williamsbridge Oval Park in Norwood

NYC Parks is asking residents to share their ideas about how to improve the Williamsbridge Oval Park in Norwood, as well as the reconstruction of the park. A virtual meeting was held June 3 but residents can still provide their feedback via the following link: <https://bit.ly/4vyaPLK>. For more information, contact Katerine Borrome at Katerine.Borrome@parks.nyc.gov or on (718) 430 1801. You can also visit nyc.gov/parks under the Capital Project Tracker section.

Fire Safety

Visit <https://www.fdnysmart.org/> to read FDNY's fire safety tips. "During a fire, always close the door behind you!" fire officials say. "It helps contain smoke and flames, giving you precious time to escape." Sign up for a free smoke alarm here: <https://bit.ly/3Qgzvto>.

The FDNY encourages New Yorkers to use spray caps to open hydrants. "If you'd like to cool off with a hydrant, make sure you do it safely and legally, using a spray cap," an extract from the NYC Department of the Environment (DEP) website reads. "When hydrants are opened without a spray cap, they can use 1,000 gallons of water per minute (or more), reducing water pressure in the surrounding area, making it harder for the fire department to fight fires when necessary."

Free Legal Services NYC

Those in need of free legal services covering immigration and asylum, rental and housing assistance, tax issues, domestic violence, student debt, and more can call (917) 661-4500 Monday to Friday from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. for help. The service is also available in Spanish.

Literacy & Immigrant Services

NYC Department of Youth & Community Development (DYCD) offer a variety of services including adult literacy, immigrant services, adolescent literacy, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)/Civics and more. For more information, call 1-800-246-4646 or email dycdliteracy&immigrantservices@dycd.nyc.gov.

Options Wellness Center

The NYPD Community Affairs Bureau Youth Strategies Division has an Options Wellness Center located at Bergen Building, 1932 Arthur Avenue, Bronx, NY 10457, for youth aged 12-19 which offers homework help, a tech lab, gaming, music, chess, videography, fitness, art and young men & women leadership training.

Domestic Violence Community Conversation

Bronx Community Board 7 and Council Member Oswald Feliz (C.D. 15) are hosting domestic violence community conversations in the near future (dates TBC) to help plan, develop and execute DV awareness, prevention and support programming in the district. Be part of the conversation and sign up at bit.ly/4ak0kSQ.

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Healthcare Savings (FSA) Copays, prescriptions, dental, vision & more.	\$100-\$600	-\$250	-\$76

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Re: "Can't Make This Up" letter by Richard Marias Published July 9, 2026

First, I fail to comprehend what a last name I did not choose has to do with my difference of opinion with the author on former NYC Mayor Ed Koch's sexuality. Second, assuming for the sake of argument, Koch was heterosexual or perhaps bisexual, and Bess was his girlfriend, how does her being "gorgeous" make him a better or worse mayor, or worthy of having his name on a NYC bridge? In my opinion, the 59% of Queens residents who are against it is the only yardstick. Third, the author, again, cherry picks his facts and ignores the editorial comment by Sile Moloney, one of the most thorough, impartial, fair journalists I have ever encountered.

As for the author's ignorant comment about my last name, and the ignorant people who laugh at this when he "makes his rounds," my only problem is he probably tells himself he made up the joke. If I chose to, I could comment on the last two letters of his name, but I wish to take the high road.

**Nat Weiner
Parkchester**

Editor's Note: According to a detailed New York Times article published May 7, 2022 and updated June 22, 2023, entitled "The Secrets Ed Koch Carried," Koch's sexual orientation was extensively documented and confirmed by close friends, years after his death. According to the article, during his later years, Koch even privately expressed deep loneliness and a desire to find a male partner.

Destination Tomorrow, located at 452 E 149th Street, 3rd floor, Bronx, New York 10455, is The Bronx's designated LG-BTQIA+ center and offers a range of resources to the community. Bronx walk-in hours are Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The last client will be seen at 5 p.m. Call (646) 723-3325 or Fax (917) 580-6485.

Response to NYC Mayor Zohran Mamdani's Remarks on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

NYC Mayor Zohran Mamdani was elected to run New York City, not to turn City Hall into a platform for his ideological campaign against Israel. Yet, he repeatedly spends his time and resources obsessively focusing on an issue over which he has no legal authority, instead of on the issues that impact the daily lives of New Yorkers. We are tired of the mayor employing rhetoric that repeatedly ignores reality and incorrectly places one-sided blame for the current conflict on Israel. It is telling that at the same time, the mayor remains silent about the world's worst human rights violators.

His own senior staff reached out with an olive branch to Iranian regime officials. In the city with the largest Jewish

population outside of Israel, his words carry consequences. They deepen divisions, legitimize the unique demonization of Israel that has resulted in real violence against the Jewish community, and leave many Jewish New Yorkers feeling increasingly isolated in their own city.

Mayor Mamdani, we again implore you to stop putting a target on the back of the Jewish community.

American Jewish Committee

Editor's Note: NYC Mayor Zohran Mamdani released the following video statement on July 21:

"Benjamin Netanyahu is a war criminal, the architect of a horrific genocide against the Palestinian people. He is responsible for the killing of more than 73,000 people, for the maiming of tens of thousands of children, as those who survived undergo amputation without anesthesia, for the targeting of neonatal hospitals and maternity care centers, denying newborns even the chance to live, for the countless people he starved as he blocked food and humanitarian aid from the region, for the gunning down of hundreds of aid workers and journalists, and just last month, the UN confirmed that Palestinian children continue to be deliberately targeted and killed by Israeli armed forces, more than eight months after the so-called ceasefire.

The list goes on and on, all as we, as Americans, pay for the bombs that do the killing. There is a reason the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued a warrant for his arrest. As human beings, we have spent generations building a shared understanding that there are crimes so grave, they offend all of humanity. Anyone with their eyes, with their heart, with their conscience, should recognize the devastation he has wrought and understand that he belongs before a court of law.

As I have said, I agree with the ICC that Benjamin Netanyahu should be arrested and tried for his crimes, as I do for anyone else charged by the ICC. My administration has reviewed every avenue available under applicable law to determine whether New York City could execute the International Criminal Court's arrest warrant if Benjamin Netanyahu came here. It is clear that we do not have the independent legal authority to enforce this warrant.

The federal government, however, does and I call on them to join the ICC and execute this warrant, and I want to be equally clear Benjamin Netanyahu is not welcome in New York City, nor is any other war criminal at large. While we cannot end the genocide on our own, we can decide whether our silence will become another weapon, and we can examine every tool we have to defend the humanity and dignity of all people. That is my commitment to you."

According to the Anti-Defamation League, on Oct. 7, 2023, the terrorist group, Hamas, launched an attack on Southern Israel, killing around 1,200 Jewish people. According to the Founda-

tion for Defense of Democracies, around 251 others were taken hostage. Some of those kidnapped were later killed while others were later released as part of a ceasefire. According to the British Medical Journal, estimates of the killing of around 70,000 Palestinians [by Israeli Defense Forces] since Oct. 7, 2023, are true and are probably higher. Palestinians have long opposed Jewish settlements in Palestine and over several decades, have alleged various human rights violations by the Israeli Defense Forces / Israeli government against them.

The New York Times reported that a member of the Mamdani administration arranged a meeting with Iran's ambassador to the United Nations but the arrangement was made in error and the meeting did not take place finally.

Please send all letters to the editor, along with supporting hyperlinked



Image courtesy of the Mayor's Office via X

NYC MAYOR ZOHAN Mamdani addresses New Yorkers in a video statement on X July 21, 2026.

sources, to norwoodnews@norwoodnews.org or by mail to Norwood News, 3400 Reservoir Oval East, Bronx, NY 10467, by the Friday before each publication day, and marking the email "Letter to the Editor." Letter writers should aim to write no more than 300 words on local issues or in response to published articles.

Out & About

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EVENTS

Join **Friday Night Vibes** for interactive hang out sessions with games, crafts and social activities at the Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center, 3225 Reservoir Oval East in Norwood each Friday through Sept. 25, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. for youth ages 13 to 17. This event is free. All participants must bring a sturdy lock and secure personal belongings. A **Splash from the Beach** family event will also be held at the center on Thursday, Aug. 6, from 11.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. with family games, sports and more.

Nonprofit, KRCV, will be screening various **Kids' Movies** on the following Saturdays, July 25 (Coco), and Aug. 1 (Lilo & Stitch), all from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 505 West 236th Street in Riverdale. Snacks will also be provided, and all are welcome.

Kingsbridge Library, 291 West 231st Street, Bronx, will host **Two-Player, Adult Board Games** like Chess, Scrabble, Trouble, Connect 4, Uno, and Monopoly on Saturdays at 2 p.m. in the coming weeks. All are welcome.

MUSIC

The Bronx Summer Concert Series hosted by the Office of the Bronx Borough President will continue, as usual, every Sunday throughout July and August, as well as on the first Sunday of September, bringing "world-class performances" to the

newly renovated Orchard Beach between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Join Bronx Arts Ensemble (BAE) on Saturday, July 25, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. with Odane Whilby's band for BAE's summer music series at the Van Cortlandt House Museum lawn, 6036 Broadway (at West 246th Street) inside Van Cortlandt Park, for a free **50s-80s Pop Hits** event featuring hits by legendary artists such as Dion, The Temptations, Stevie Wonder, and Diana Ross.

ART

The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA), 11 West 53rd Street in Manhattan is free for New Yorkers every Friday from 5.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Register for free tickets at <https://bit.ly/4e05IOB>.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The 9th Annual Latin American Foto Festival (LAFF) is taking place at the Bronx Documentary Center (BDC), Main (614 Courtlandt Ave), BDC Annex (364 E. 151st St) & at outdoor installations through July 26, Thursday to Friday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Visit <https://bit.ly/4vFE0w3> for more information.

MOVEMENT

The Bronx County Historical Society advises that the **25th Annual Golf Tournament** will be held on Sept. 23 at Pelham Split Rock Golf Course, 870 Shore Road, The Bronx, honoring Stagg Group. Reserve your spot early by calling (718) 881 8900.

Bronx residents can obtain a **Free Grounds Access Pass** to the New York Botanical Garden by visiting <https://bit.ly/4wRoU7O>.

CRIME FILE - MAJOR CRIME STATISTICS

BY SÍLE MOLONEY



Patrol Borough: Bronx North + Precinct: 046 +

CompStat Book: Week of 07/06/26 - 07/12/26

		28 Day			Year to Date		
	% Chg	2026	2025	% Chg	2026	2025	% Chg
Murder	- %	1	1	0.0 %	6	3	166.7 %
Rape	- %	5	2	150.0 %	31	25	34.0 %
Robbery	-14.3 %	29	32	-8.4 %	238	217	9.7 %
Felony Assault	8.0 %	96	91	5.5 %	590	471	25.3 %
Burglary	-75.0 %	15	19	-21.1 %	109	97	12.4 %
Grand Larceny	0.0 %	46	56	-17.9 %	349	351	-0.6 %
Grand Larceny Auto	-63.6 %	6	23	-73.9 %	96	146	-34.2 %
Total	-10.7 %	196	224	-11.6 %	1,421	1,310	8.5 %
Patrol	-8.1 %	185	220	-11.4 %	1,371	1,276	7.5 %
Transit	0.0 %	1	0	- %	22	16	37.5 %
Housing	-100.0 %	2	4	-50.0 %	26	19	47.4 %
Shooting Victims	-50.0 %	3	4	-25.0 %	14	21	-33.3 %
Shooting Incidents	-50.0 %	3	4	-25.0 %	14	17	-17.6 %
UCR Rape*	100.0 %	7	3	133.3 %	40	32	25.0 %
Other Sex Crimes	-50.0 %	11	7	57.1 %	52	44	18.2 %
Petit Larceny	-34.6 %	64	69	-7.2 %	532	535	-0.6 %
Misc. Assault	-17.9 %	113	116	-4.2 %	629	533	18.0 %
Hate Crimes	-100.0 %	1	1	0.0 %	2	1	100.0 %
Traffic Fatalities	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %	1	0	- %

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- Unless otherwise noted, crime statistics reflect New York State Penal Law (NYSP/L) definitions.

- * Uniformed Crime Reporting (UCR) Rape consists of all crimes defined in the FBI UCR definition of rape.

Source: NYPD / CompStat

MAJOR CRIME STATISTICS for the 46th Precinct for the 28-day period ending July 5, 2026, compared to last year (left), and year-to-date major crime statistics for the 46th Precinct as of July 12, 2026, compared to last year (right). This precinct covers some or all of Fordham, University Heights, Morris Heights and Mt. Hope.

Patrol Borough: Bronx North • Precinct: 050 •

CompStat Book: Week of 07/06/26 - 07/12/26

		28 Day			Year to Date		
	% Chg	2026	2025	% Chg	2026	2025	% Chg
Murder	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %	5	1	400.0 %
Rape	0.0 %	5	4	25.0 %	27	14	92.9 %
Robbery	0.0 %	10	3	233.3 %	61	56	8.9 %
Felony Assault	100.0 %	20	21	-4.8 %	139	122	13.9 %
Burglary	-75.0 %	7	10	-30.0 %	44	77	-42.9 %
Grand Larceny	-75.0 %	28	43	-34.9 %	257	321	-19.9 %
Grand Larceny Auto	66.7 %	26	15	73.3 %	146	140	4.3 %
Total	-40.7 %	96	96	0.0 %	679	731	-7.1 %
Patrol	-36.0 %	95	89	6.7 %	647	695	-6.9 %
Transit	0.0 %	0	1	-100.0 %	7	6	16.7 %
Housing	-100.0 %	1	6	-83.3 %	25	30	-16.7 %
Shooting Victims	-100.0 %	0	3	-100.0 %	10	7	42.9 %
Shooting Incidents	-100.0 %	0	2	-100.0 %	6	5	20.0 %
UCR Rape*	0.0 %	5	4	25.0 %	34	18	88.9 %
Other Sex Crimes	300.0 %	8	3	166.7 %	63	23	173.9 %
Petit Larceny	4.8 %	88	117	-24.8 %	606	607	-0.2 %
Misc. Assault	42.9 %	34	25	36.0 %	229	202	13.4 %
Hate Crimes	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %	9	0	- %
Traffic Fatalities	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %	3	0	- %

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Rendering Released of Student Dorm near Fordham University

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a surface-level parking lot. Jorge Madruga purchased the property from Edward Nerenberg for \$10.3 million, according to the report. Directly abutting the site is 2768 Webster Avenue, the site of a planned 13-story, 135-foot-tall mixed-use building, according to YIMBY. Designed and developed by the same team as 2740 Webster Avenue, the 439,862-square-foot structure will reportedly yield 510 residential units.

The outlet also reports that the project will also include 51,065 square feet of commercial space and a 73-vehicle parking garage. Additional details and renderings have reportedly yet to be revealed for this second building. The current site at 2768 Webster Avenue is occupied by a two-story structure.

The nearest subways are the B and D trains at Kingsbridge Road station to the west along the Grand Concourse. Closer to the site are the Fordham and Botanical Garden stations on the Metro-North railroad. The New York Botanical Garden is located to the east of the adjacent train tracks.



Photo by Miriam Quiñones

THE SITE FOR a new 12-story dormitory at 2740 Webster Avenue, in the Fordham Manor section of The Bronx., seen July 20, 2026.

Other developments on Webster Avenue that have been built in recent years are the new Cherry Valley Supermarket and some affordable housing related to the same development. The building at 2740 Webster Avenue is slated for completion by July 2028, according to YIMBY, and is expected to be ready for the 2029 academic year.

Norwood News reached out to Fordham University more than once for comment and to ask if it is a partner in the project. We did not receive an immediate response.

Patrol Borough: Bronx North ▾ Precinct: 052 ▾

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	% Chg	2026	2025	% Chg	2026	2025	% Chg
Murder	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %	5	3	66.7 %
Rape	- %	4	6	-33.3 %	27	26	-3.6 %
Robbery	-26.7 %	36	46	-20.0 %	242	237	2.1 %
Felony Assault	16.7 %	96	92	6.5 %	522	473	10.4 %
Burglary	-50.0 %	19	23	-17.4 %	112	119	-5.9 %
Grand Larceny	-27.3 %	57	64	-32.1 %	417	468	-10.9 %
Grand Larceny Auto	-54.5 %	21	37	-43.2 %	126	171	-26.3 %
Total	-21.6 %	235	267	-18.1 %	1,451	1,499	-3.2 %
Patrol	-19.4 %	232	261	-17.4 %	1,422	1,476	-3.6 %
Transit	-100.0 %	3	5	-40.0 %	26	23	13.0 %
Housing	0.0 %	0	1	-100.0 %	3	1	200.0 %
Shooting Victims	-100.0 %	3	3	0.0 %	10	9	11.1 %
Shooting Incidents	-100.0 %	2	2	0.0 %	8	6	0.0 %
UCR Rape*	- %	5	8	-37.5 %	33	32	3.1 %
Other Sex Crimes	0.0 %	7	6	16.7 %	54	67	-19.4 %
Petit Larceny	16.2 %	135	131	3.1 %	1,072	886	21.0 %
Misc. Assault	-34.5 %	80	99	-19.2 %	522	500	4.4 %
Hate Crimes	0.0 %	0	1	-100.0 %	2	1	100.0 %
Traffic Fatalities	0.0 %	0	0	0.0 %	1	2	-50.0 %

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Public and Community Meetings

The next 52nd **PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL** meeting will take place in September after the summer hiatus. Call the 52nd Precinct Community Affairs office at (718) 220-5824 to be added to the email distribution list.

The next **BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 7 (CB7)** general board meeting will be held in September, after the summer hiatus. Contact KCabreraCarrera@cb.nyc.gov to be added to the distribution list. All meetings are in person unless otherwise notified by Bronx CB7.

The next **BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 (CB8)** general board meeting will be held in September after the summer hiatus. Contact BX08@cb.nyc.gov to be added to the distribution list, and check <http://www.nyc.gov/bronxcb8> for any updates.

The **BEDFORD MOSHOLU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** is on summer hiatus. The next meeting will be held in September (date TBC) at 7 p.m. at 400 E. Mosholu Pkwy. South, Apt. B1 (lobby floor). For more details, please contact bedfordmosholu@verizon.net.



Photo by Sile Moloney

GOALKEEPER ELY, 9, seen here wearing a jersey in support of the Spanish national men's soccer team along with his mom on Jerome Avenue and Mosholu Parkway in Norwood on Monday, July 20, 2026, told *Norwood News* he had supported Spain the whole way through the 2026 FIFA World Cup. "I like Lamine [Yamal]," he said of the Spanish team's central player. Ely said he wants to be a professional soccer player when he grows up and likes it because you get to use your feet and your hand control skills.

Reservoir to Remain Dry until 2028

By DAVID GREENE

Bronx residents and visitors looking to jog or walk around the man-made Jerome Park Reservoir spanning Bedford Park, Van Cortlandt Village and Kingsbridge Heights this summer will have to wait if they want to enjoy the water site. The reservoir will remain dry until sometime next year according to NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) officials.

Few residents were even aware of the construction project currently underway when asked for their thoughts on the matter. Gesturing as he spoke, one male resident of Jerome Park strolling along Reservoir Avenue, told *Norwood News*, "They may just be fixing it. I know that they alternate between that side [the north side at Jerome Avenue where the Croton Water Filtration Plant is] and this side [where the reservoir is], so they [DEP] are probably doing repairs."

Asked how he knew this, the resident replied, "I just walk the area. I pay attention to it." The resident added that he observed teams moving water between the two locations for the past several years.

When contacted for further information about the dry reservoir on Monday, July 20, Stewart Deja, DEP press secretary, told *Norwood News*, "DEP continues to make upgrades to the Jerome Park Reservoir. The south basin is drained to accommodate ongoing construction, and we anticipate it will remain empty of water through 2027 when that work is complete."

Deja continued, "The upgrades to the south basin are a part of the project to further improve structural components of the reservoir that was referenced in the 2022 press release. In the press release, it also outlines an estimated timeline [of] about four years to complete." He added, "At this time, we anticipate the upgrades to be completed by the end

of 2027, which is aligned with the timeline estimate."

Following the completion of a \$15.7 million upgrade to the reservoir in February 2022 "to rehabilitate gatehouses, install new fencing and upgrade security infrastructure, DEP was set to begin a further \$38 million project "to further improve structural components of the reservoir to ensure it continues to fulfill its critical role in the City's water supply system."

"The \$15.7 million investment in Jerome Park reservoir will help to ensure the long-term function of our water supply infrastructure," former DEP Commissioner Vincent Sapienza had said in 2022. "With more structural work on the horizon at Jerome Park Reservoir, we remain committed to working with our neighbors in the Bronx while carrying out these essential projects that will allow us to fulfill our critical mission of delivering a reliable supply of high-quality water to 8.8 million New Yorkers."

DEP officials said much of the completed work, which began in 2018, focused on gatehouses that control the flow of water into and out of the reservoir. They said Gatehouses No. 5 and No. 7, which connect with the Croton Water Filtration Plant, were refurbished. They added that the brick facades were cleaned, repaired and repointed, new doors and security systems were installed, and the roof was replaced on Gatehouse No. 7.

They said above-ground structures at the other three gatehouses, which were not original to the reservoir, were deconstructed and brick and limestone elements were salvaged and reused at new electrical enclosures. "Historically appropriate lighting and railings modeled on those installed at the Central Park and Ridgewood Reservoirs were also provided," they added.



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JEROME PARK RESERVOIR as seen on Dec. 7, 2021 at Gatehouse 3

DEP confirmed that they also completed considerable work around the perimeter of the reservoir, including the removal of what they said was a significant buildup of weeds and brush. They said the interior, 10-foot-high fence along the edge of the reservoir basin walls was replaced with a four-foot-high fence to improve operational access, as well as public views, and new vehicular guardrails were installed along the maintenance and operations path around the reservoir.

They said as part of DEP's work to improve security throughout the entire water supply, the project also included the installation of new security cameras and traffic-control bollards. They said further work in recent years involved stabilizing and repairing the eastern wall of the reservoir and filling portions of the Old Croton Aqueduct, where it runs alongside the reservoir, with a flowable concrete.

Other project phases have covered the upgrade of the interior fence, reducing the height from 10 to four feet, and the installation of a vehicular guardrail. There were also plans to rehabilitate the retaining wall that sets the reservoir apart from the parking lot at Lehman College and the dry-laid stone wall at the south end of the reservoir, as well as installing new asphalt roadways around the reservoir. This phase was expected to take four years to complete.

Norwood News had contacted DEP on numerous occasions in recent years to ask for updates on the project, since residents had asked when the reservoir would become accessible to walk around. We were informed in 2023 that at some points in the past, DEP had allowed periodic limited access but because the reservoir is an active part of the water supply system, DEP no longer permits the public to access the facility.

They said there was no amount of additional security measures that DEP/NYPD recommend that would make the facility safe for consistent public use.

The latest project phase is part of the \$38 million project referenced above. The work also coincides with the "Washington's Walk" retaining wall construction project, a nearly \$1 million project funded by the office of former NYC Mayor Eric Adams that will reconstruct retaining walls at the southeast corner of Claflin Avenue and Reservoir Avenue, and along West 197th Street between Reservoir Avenue and University Avenue at Washington's Walk.

According to NYC Department of Parks & Recreation (Parks), the schematic design for this project has been approved internally at Parks and is now going through review by the community board and external regulatory agencies for comment and approval. In terms of a timeframe, this review process began in November 2024 and is expected to be completed in October 2026.

City officials advise that the average time for procurement is 9-12 months and the procurement timeline for this specific contract will be established at the conclusion of the design phase. In terms of the construction timeframe, City officials said this is still to be determined and the average time for construction is 12-18 months. They said the construction timeline for this specific contract will be established at the conclusion of the procurement phase.

According to DEP, these projects come on the heels of a \$15.7 million project completed in early 2022. That project upgraded gatehouses, installed new fencing, and upgraded security infrastructure at the Jerome Park Reservoir.

According to the DEP, the Jerome Park Reservoir was built between 1894 and 1905, covers 94 acres of land and has the storage capacity to hold 770 million gallons of water. Today, about 10% of New York City's drinking water passes through the Jerome Park Reservoir and the Croton Water Filtration Plant.

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Photo by David Greene

PILES OF DIRT and a puddle of rainwater sit in the empty south basin of Jerome Park Reservoir on Saturday, July 18, 2026, as DEP officials say construction at the site will continue until 2028.



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