

Group wants nabe perks from Armory

BY DAVID CRUZ

One of the two developers bidding for the landmark Kingsbridge Armory is mulling a community benefits agreement by a coalition of neighborhood groups.

A CBA is key to winning community support for the project, though the city has final say.

Representatives from the proposed Kingsbridge National Ice Center, a massive ice skating center and 5,000-seat arena, met Jan. 29 with coalition members.

Led by the Kingsbridge Armory Redevelopment Alliance, the group presented what would become a legally-binding CBA.

With roughly \$20 million in earmarks, the CBA would require the developer to include:

- 80,000-square-feet of community space in the Armory.
- Hiring locally.
- Funding for a new school and park renovations.

KARA crafted the contract with help from Community Board 7, offering recommendations in early January.

“The CBA is a product of more than 17 years of combined research and expertise from the KARA constituency,” said Alice McIntosh, head of a KARA, a grassroots group working under the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition.

Adding a bit of intrigue to the meeting was KNIC’s “anxious” urgency to meet with KARA, said McIntosh. “It’s a big change from

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LIGHTING UP THE DANCE-A-THON

Glowing girls Brittany Jutrzenka and Veronica O’Brien taking a break from a marathon of dancing to soak in the flowery neon lights. The pair showed off their moves at a Dance-A-Thon at St. Frances de Chantal School, part of a fundraiser with various girl scout troops from kindergarten through grade 8.

Hearings to save borough high schools

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Parents and concerned officials are gearing up to try to save one borough high school in danger of closing, and another that may be heading for the same fate.

They’ll be showing up at two public hearings later this month, one in-

volving a city Department of Education proposal to phase out Lehman High School in Westchester Square and replace it with three smaller ones. The other hearing will be about a DOE plan to move two smaller schools into historic but struggling DeWitt Clinton High School in Bedford Park.

The Lehman hearing will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 26 at the school, while the Clinton hearing will be at Thursday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m.

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto said he believes the DOE has already made up its mind to phase out Lehman over the next three years, and

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GOV’T \$ BUYING WSMC

Montefiore using state, fed funds

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Montefiore Medical Center was the winning bidder for the assets of New York Westchester Square Medical Center – using state and federal funds to buy the beleaguered community hospital.

Montefiore used \$15.3 million out of \$20 million received from the state last summer to buy the hospital at a Jan. 24 auction approved by the Bankruptcy Court for the South-

ern District of New York.

The \$20 million was part of \$72.9 million in New York State Health Care Efficiency and Afford ability Law (HEAL) grants, partially federally funded, to 10 city hospitals and

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For a look at the long recent roller coaster ride history of Westchester Square Medical Center, see story page 9.



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Catholic school scramble

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

As parents scramble to find new schools for their children attending seven Bronx Catholic schools set to close in June, dozens of teachers will also be looking for new jobs.

Seventy five teachers – 36 tenured, 28 non-tenured and 11 part time – will be put on an “available teachers” list for area schools of their preference, said the Federation of Catholic Teachers, their collective bargaining unit.

“There is a provision in our contract that provides for placement procedures that helps the teachers, especially those that are tenured, in any of the schools that are going to close,” said FCT president Patricia Gabriel. “The teachers are placed on a list, based on whether they are tenured, not tenured, or part time.”

Teachers who are tenured, or have at least a Bachelor of Arts and

have taught for three consecutive years, will have seniority over non-tenured and part time teachers.

The Bronx lost the most schools as a total of 22 were told they’d be closed by June, their students absorbed into other nearby schools. Of the 26 at-risk elementary schools announced two months ago, four will remain open.

After a long process of fundraising, rallies, and financial planning only St. Mary’s school in Williamsbridge was spared in the Bronx.

Our Lady of Mercy in Fordham; Holy Spirit elementary school in Morris Heights; Our Lady of Angels school in Kingsbridge; St. Jerome school in Mott Haven; St. Anthony’s School in Wakefield; St. Mary Star of the Sea school on City Island, and Blessed Sacrament in Soundview, the alma mater of U.S. Supreme Court Justice

Sonia Sotomayor, will close.

The total registration of all eight schools was less than 2,000 students, which the diocese called economically unfeasible.

Although Gabriel said she can not guarantee a job for every teacher, she thinks many of the Bronx tenured teachers will be placed.

“Because there is a large number of schools in the Bronx and Manhattan, there will be a lot of turnover,” Gabriel said. “We haven’t had a problem placing teachers in Bronx and Manhattan.”

“I would hope the majority of teachers in the Bronx will be placed but I can’t guarantee that,” Gabriel said. “You can always hope that some of the kids that go from the closing schools go to other Catholic schools, which would create another class and a need for another teacher.”

BUS STRIKE HITS THE BOROUGH



Strike! (l-r) Bus drivers Ruben Garcia, Marisol Diaz, Jose Agosto, Federico Ruiz, and Olivera Petagaido continue their bus strike at the “Pioneer” Zerega Ave. Bus Depot Jan. 21. Bus drivers and the Bloomberg administration are at loggerheads over a wage dispute. These guys may be smiling, but the families of thousands of Bronx kids are not.

This sinking street a costly headache

BY DAVID CRUZ

Help is finally on the way for a Bronx street that's been literally sinking for 20 years.

But repairs will come with a costly catch.

Work will start next fall on a large stretch of Boller Ave., home to over a dozen rowhouses built atop cut-rate fill.

The sleepy Baychester street has become a rollercoaster roadway for drivers and a pain for some homeowners who've noticed their two-story houses are deviating from their foundations.

"The slabs are cracked in half and sinking away," said neighbor Paul Lynch. "The ground is moving."

His brother David owns a three-story home on the slumping street, complete with an \$18,000

brick and wrought iron fence.

But as the city Department of Design and Construction replaces the submerged streets as part of the Pratt Avenue Reconstruction project, crews will have to rip out the Lynch brothers existing fence.

"It's a hard one to swallow knowing we're going to lose that," said Paul. "We're hoping to get some sort of funding where we pay for some of the fence and [the city] pays some back."

The DDC agreed to re-install new fencing during the final phase of the project, originally slated for construction in 2010.

A DDC spokesman contends "any fencing we remove would otherwise have been undermined by the collapsing roadway."

But the project was shelved after DDC did not receive per-

mission slips from homeowners granting them the right to excavate their fences.

Community Board 12, led by chairman Fr. Richard Gorman, recently collected the signatures needed to okay the project. He urged homeowners to agree to the deal for safety's sake.

"What happens if I need to get an ambulance in?" asked Fr. Gorman, who warns the \$11 million set aside for the project will be lost if not used soon.

"If we lose money for the project, someone's going to pay for it," said Gorman. "Who's going to pay for it? The homeowner."

The bulk of the rowhouses were built about 20 years ago by Beechwood Development, which went out of business after the project wrapped up.



Fr. Richard Gorman takes a gander at this sinking street that's been on the decline (literally) for years, making it a rollercoaster dip trip for drivers. Photo by David Cruz

Because contractors used mounds of garbage to serve as filler, the streets slowly sunk. other has noticed her doors slowly misalign.

One neighbor is forced to park on a pair of wooden planks since his driveway has split in half. A door down, Zarita Williams has not only dealt with parking issues, but flooding problems as well.



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Montefiore wins WSMC bid

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nursing homes announced by Governor Cuomo on June 15, 2012 through the state Department of Health and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York.

WSMC had been unable to obtain financing or certain grants because it has been Chapter 11 bankruptcy for nearly seven years. The state DOH did not respond to questions about the HEAL grant awarded to Montefiore.

Monte outbid

A group of real estate investors, Westchester Square Medical Center Properties, bid \$15.75 million at the auction, but their bid was not accepted, said their spokesman Michael Fragin.

He said the group had planned to lease back the hospital's facilities to the current administration.

Fragin said that the courts are not required to explain why a higher bid might not be accepted, and there are no means of recourse at this point.

Community reassured

The hospital will now be re-named Montefiore Westchester Square.

Dr. Steven Safyer, president and chief executive officer of Montefiore, said the plan is to have a full-service emergency department, an ambulatory surgery center and, over time, comprehensive primary and specialty care services.

He said Montefiore is committed to preserving as many of the 586 jobs there as possible and will begin working closely with NYWSMC's labor unions to identify qualified staff eligible for hire by Montefiore.

He noted that about half of WSMC's doctors currently have privileges at Montefiore; others have the option of applying for privileges. Closing is expected to take place in March.

Local reaction

Assemblyman Michael Benedetto said he had mixed feelings about the closure, having been born in the hospital. But he said that a worse fate –

having a large vacant building in the Zerega community – had been avoided.

"It has been part of our community for such a long time, and that is why we fought so long and hard to keep it open," said Benedetto. "To now see that we can no longer keep it as the hospital we knew and loved and that was such an important part of the community - it makes me kind of sad."

On the other hand, Benedetto said he was glad to see NY-WSMC carry on as a medical facility, if not a hospital.

Local community activist Lou Rocco said he believes Montefiore should sit down with the community to go over any planned changes, and wants further engagement.

Representatives from senior management at Montefiore were present at a meeting with Community Board 10's Health and Human Services Committee on Wed., Jan. 23, where they went over what was happening.

Seeking armory benefits

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eight months ago," she said.

Meanwhile, KNIC's rival - Young Woo & Associates - is also prepared to discuss a CBA. Adam Zucker with YWZ said his group would sign a CBA "that is in line with the original Request for Proposal."

YWZ's plan, dubbed Mercado Mirabo, would be an entertainment hub featuring a 4-D movie theater, basketball courts and weekend vendors.

Board 7 chair Paul Foster and Greg Faulkner, chief of staff for Councilman Fernando Cabrera, both attended the four-hour Jan. 29 negotiating session with KNIC.

Cabrera has always called on developers to okay a CBA, a move backed by Borough Hall.

"Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. supports a CBA," said spokesman John DeSio, who did not elaborate. The

BP threw support behind KNIC's project last August after the group agreed to a \$10.50 "living wage."

Cabrera is still undecided on which project he backs, an endorsement that carries weight in the City Council, which will make a final decision once the city Economic Development Corporation picks a developer.

ABC's of CBA's

CBA's work as contracts that may or may not hold legal ground. They have no impact in talks between developers and the EDC. But they are critical to winning the community's hearts and minds.

One of the borough's bigger community benefit packages came during the Adolfo Carrion administration and the building of the new Yankee Stadium. A \$28 million CBA was worked out, including \$100,000 a year to maintain parks around the stadium, along with the dis-

tribution of 15,000 free tickets.

Board 4 was not at the negotiating table, and turned down the new Yankee Stadium plan. Four CB4 members were soon dismissed by Carrion.

KARA and CB7 Unite

The alliance between KARA and CB7 was surprising to some quarters, given some longstanding friction between the two groups. Tensions started in 2009 when the two were at odds over the re-development of the armory by the Related Companies, a plan eventually killed in the City Council. But the two sides are now moving beyond their differences, said CB7 chairman Paul Foster.

"KARA is not an enemy," said Foster. "We feel the community is more important than anything else."

For an updated story on the Kingsbridge Armory, go to bxtimes.com.

Hearings set to save Lehman and Clinton high schools

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is getting even with the United Federation of Teachers for its tough negotiating stands.

Benedetto outraged

"I have complete and utter rage towards the mayor and the administration for what they are doing at that school," said Benedetto. "It has nothing to do with education, it has nothing to do with them wanting to make better education at Lehman High School, because that school is on the right track and is moving ahead. It

has everything to do with getting even with the UFT."

In a Jan. 18 letter to Chancellor Dennis Walcott, Senator Jeff Klein stated that Principal Rose LoBianco has been able to make improvements to the school despite the stress of being on the DOE closure list. Lehman was placed on the closure list last year, but got a reprieve after a successful UFT lawsuit against the DOE to block the closures.

Klein cited the improvement of a total D grade on the

school progress report, with a B for college readiness, up from an overall F last year, as well as "across the board increases in student test scores." "I honestly believe that [the Bloomberg administration] want improvements in education, but they don't know how to do it," said Benedetto, a former teacher with almost four decades of experience.

Clinton proposal

DeWitt Clinton was saved from the axe despite an over-

all grade of an F on its latest school progress report for the 2011-12 academic year.

Two new schools opening on its "campus" will mean reducing Clinton's enrollment over the next four years to create sufficient space for the new schools, according to the DOE Education Impact Statement.

Councilman Oliver Koppell opposes the co-location plan, arguing the least capable students will be geared towards Clinton.

The same thing happened

at Kennedy High School - now in its final year - and Walton High School, will likely befall Clinton, he said. While the names of the campuses survive, the schools themselves have been phased out.

"I think that there is still a place for larger comprehensive high schools," said Koppell. "I think if they do this - putting these small schools there - Clinton will become a third choice, or people just won't want to go [because] they won't see it as a continu-

ing educational institution."

The DOE's plan for Clinton hinges on a hope that the school will be able to reorganize and improve by the 2016-17 academic year.

The Panel for Education Policy will vote on all school changes on Mon., Mar. 11.

For hearings on school phase outs and co-locations, visit the DOE website, and scroll down to: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm>



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Tracey Towers tenants given the big freeze by management

BY KIRSTEN SANCHEZ

After a 61.5% rent hike, shivering Tracey Towers tenants are wondering exactly what they are paying for.

They lost a court battle with RY Management last October, although the judge did trim the hike down from 65% over the next four years.

Tenants in 869 units at the two towering Mosholu Parkway buildings said since the first rent hike kicked in last November as renovations to the dilapidated buildings began, heat and hot water have been an off-and-on affair.

The early work included spending \$2.3 million in the heating and hot water systems, replacing two boilers and refurbishing a third one at the former Mitchell-Lama affordable housing property, built in 1974.

The first rent increase of 14% – or \$145 more a month – took place Nov. 14.

“We had no heat and hot water on Thanksgiving



Betty Woodard uses a thermometer, given to her by Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj, to demonstrate how cold her Tracey Towers apartment is. Photo by Kirsten Sanchez

and Christmas,” said Jean Hill, tenant association president. “Over the past weekend it was ice cold in the building and this morning the heat and hot water is still off. People have to get up and boil hot water just to get ready to get out of the house. We have seniors walking around in coats and hats.”

Besides trimming the rent hike by 3.5%, the final court deal included management giving the tenant

organization \$10,000 and strong oversight in the renovation work.

Will Madonna, attorney for the tenants, and newly elected Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj brought portable heaters and thermometers to keep a record of the heat to four elderly tenants on Friday, Jan. 25.

“We’re working with management to correct these very dangerous conditions and our patience is running very, very thin,”

said Madonna.

“Tenants have been more than patient with the renovations and it has gone on for far too long,” Gjonaj said. “The message has been presented to the management company to get it done.”

Tenant Margaret Mack said she had her water turned off without notice at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 29.

“Over the weekend, we had the option of turning our hot water on, but it wasn’t hot,” Mack said. “Now, when you turn on the hot water, nothing comes out. I have to boil water just to shower.”

“RY management keeps saying the boilers are working, and they don’t know what we are talking about,” said tenant leader Hill. “They told us the work was supposed to be done by January 22 or 23, but that day came and went. People here are paying this increase and they’re not getting the services they are

paying for. Why am I paying \$145 more and I can’t even get heat and hot water.”

RY Management spokesman Don Miller said the inconsistent heat and hot water is due to both the unusually cold weather and the renovation work on the boiler system.

“We apologize to our

residents who may have been inconvenienced, but we are confident that once operational, the new boilers will provide an ample supply of heat and hot water. As always our first concern is the safety and comfort of our residents and their guests.”



Margaret Mack prepares to take a shower in her Tracey Towers apartment, by boiling a pot of water on her stove. Mack said she has had inconsistent heat and hot water for three months. Photo by Kirsten Sanchez

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TNBA Dinner and Dance



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The Throggs Neck Benevolent Association knows how to get down and paarr-tee! The nonprofit group held its annual dinner dance fundraiser Jan. 26 at Marina del Rey. Top Notch Music Productions laid the soundtrack for the evening get-together featuring food, speeches and plenty of time for 300 guests to mingle. Money for the dinner-dance went towards its general fund.

(Above) President Matthew O'Brien offers a few words to TBNA members before they worked the dance floor.

(Top left) Belinda and Jim Mahoney taking a dance break.

(Top right) Marina de Rey server Christine Quinones gives a thumbs up to this soiree.

(Right center) Guest Kelly Heckmen tears it up on the dance floor.

(Right) (l-r) Jacquie Ventrella, Valene Casali, Bridget Byrne and Patricia Tibbatts dress like celebs for this Throgs Neck event. Looking lovely ladies!



Welcome TO THE SQUARE

bronx neighbors

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Lisa Sorin wants to put Westchester Square on the map for shoppers and tourists.

The new executive director of the fledgling Westchester Square Business Improvement District is settling into her job after years of experience as the first Latina and woman president of the Bronx Chamber of Commerce and owner of a public relations and marketing firm, LAS Consulting, for the past decade.

Sorin also brings ten years experience in community relations for two South Bronx sanitation and recycling companies, helping to organize the first of what has become the borough's annual Earth Day Celebration in St. Mary's Park in Mott Haven.

She also loves the Bronx and wants to promote it culturally, socially, and of course, economically.

Sorin sees her immediate goal as increasing foot-traffic there, and eventually building a transportation link to nearby Hutchinson Metro Center and local hospitals – the square's "true anchors."

"The vision of our merchants, the property owners, and myself is bridging the two and being the downtown of what we are calling our area," said Sorin.

"The biggest challenge



right now for the BID...is how do we get those thousands and thousands of people who step into our BID and make them our consumers? How do we get them to stop? How do we get them to invest in the area and maybe occupy some of our storefronts?"

To that effort, the BID is launching a new website, and also a newsletter to keep the community informed on the many changes taking place.

Sorin said she also would like to see the roughly 144-member BID put on the map as a stop for the Bronx Culture Trolley, extolling the history of the area.

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SQUELCHING THE ALBANY RUMOR MILL

Perspiring minds wanna know.

The buzz was on this week over whether Bronx Senator **Jeff Klein** had added another minority member to his breakaway – and co-ruling – five-member Independent Democratic Conference.

This after Brooklyn Democratic Senator **Eric Adams**, who is African-American, accepted Jeff and coalition partner GOP leader Dean Skelos' offer to chair the Aging Committee.

The quick answer from Jeff's camp was no, Adams is still with the Democratic Conference, whose members are grumbling they should rightfully rule the Senate with an ELECTED majority of 33 members, although one of them – **Simcha Felder** of Brooklyn – is now sitting with the Republicans.

But Adams' acceptance of the committee chairmanship is being seen in some quarters as an answer to charges of racism

by both the IDC, which recently added **Malcolm Smith**, who is black, and in the lily white Republican camp.

"Jeff and Skelos are trying to fix trap doors people are trying to set for them," said an Albany insider.

As for word that some lower case conservative Republicans having to face the voters are starting to bridle at Klein pushing Gov. Cuomo's more liberal legislative agenda (i.e. recently passed gun control, and upcoming minimum wage hike), "They know all the issues and are letting the process play itself out," said the insider. "Skelos and Jeff know what they can ask of each other."

SCRATCHED

That crowded horse race to fill the City Council seat in the central Bronx just narrowed down, with potential challenger **Radame Perez** scratching himself off the race card.

Radame called us Monday to let us know that between "increased responsibilities as a

community developer" and the expected birth of twins, now just wasn't the right time for the 36-year-old developer and community leader, who didn't rule a political role down the road.

But that doesn't mean he won't be a player in the race. As head of the Tremont Business & Community Organization, as well as president and CEO of dad Jose's Mastermind Development Corp., Radame can throw some heavy duty support to any candidate in the race to fill term-limited Council Majority Leader **Joel Rivera's** seat.

EMBERS

Speaking of the 15th C.D. race, last week we mentioned a bit of fracas candidate **William (Willie) Rivera** got into over his Aviation Volunteer Fire Company, taxes and donated fire engines after 9/11.

His press secretary **Thomas Musich** emailed us to clear up at least part of the mystery, writing that Rivera "voluntarily submitted their financial statements, in toto, to the Bronx

District Attorney's office for review. Said office proceeded to conduct an independent and extensive audit that led to William Rivera, and the organization being exonerated of any and all fiscal malfeasance suggested or implied..."

PARK THIS!

Forget about taking guns away, Bronx community board chairmen and cohorts around the city are swearing the city will have to pry their prized official parking placards "away from their cold, dead clammy fingers," as they say.

Feb. 1 was the deadline set for all chairs across the city to surrender those dashboard cards that allow the unpaid heads of the local boards to park just about anywhere around the city – short of fire hydrants and bus stops WHILE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS, of course.

But they may have some legitimate gripes. Morris Park Board 11 Chair **Tony Vitaliano** said it's ridiculous he'll now have

to make trips to Borough Hall on the car-unfriendly Concourse without help parking. "With all the money I'm making in this job," he joked sarcastically, "it's ridiculous."

Ditto complaint from north Bronx Board 12 Chair Father **Richard Gorman**, kvetching about parking downtown around City Hall and city agencies.

FOR BETTER OR WORSE

Riverdale City Council candidate **Andrew Cohen** picked up the endorsement last Friday of City Council Speaker **Chris Quinn**.

With the recent endorsement of the Ben Franklin Reform club, he's already looking like the 500-pound gorilla in this race to fill the seat of term-limited **Ollie Koppell**.

PARTY PARTY

It was packed last Wednesday night as the Bronx Democratic County Committee (that's its fancy name) held its annual Winter Reception (read that fundraiser) at Michaelange-

lo's Restaurant on Arthur Ave.

A party operative told us while other county organizations hold four fundraisers during the year to feed the party coffers, this one and the annual summer biggy at Marina del Rey pretty much stretch donors' pockets.

COP CORNER

Upped. If anyone deserves the title Mr. 49th Precinct, it's Police Officer **Vic DiPierro**, the longtime community affairs guy at the Morris Park/Allerton stationhouse. Now you can call him Detective DiPierro, upped to Detective Specialist in promotion ceremonies at 1 Police Plaza last Jan. 25.

Also promoted, Deputy Inspector **Michael Kemper**, newly arrived at Bronx Detective Boro, upped to full bird inspector; Soundview's 4-3 Detective Squad veteran **Rene (Birdman) Narvaez** making prized first grade rank, and Morris Heights' 4-6 downstairs/upstairs veteran **Gerald Heanue** to detective second grade. Congrats.

Landlord – Tear down that scaffold!

Tenants still waiting after years

BY DAVID CRUZ

Back in 2009, Elaine Feder noticed a newly-erected scaffold hugging the perimeter of her east Bronx apartment building.

But the wooden platform, intended as an added protection during exterior renovations, still remains virtually abandoned and a firetrap, according to Feder.

She and hundreds of tenants living in 2100-10 Bronx Park East are still holding their breath for any exterior work to get done utilizing the scaffold, long considered a black eye to the Pelham Parkway neighborhood.

"No one has seen any workers here doing work," declared Feder, who's lived in the six-story prewar building long enough to remember door and elevator men stand-

ing at their posts.

These days, they've been replaced by packs of pigeons perched on the scaffold's metal tubes, fouling the scaffolding with their droppings.

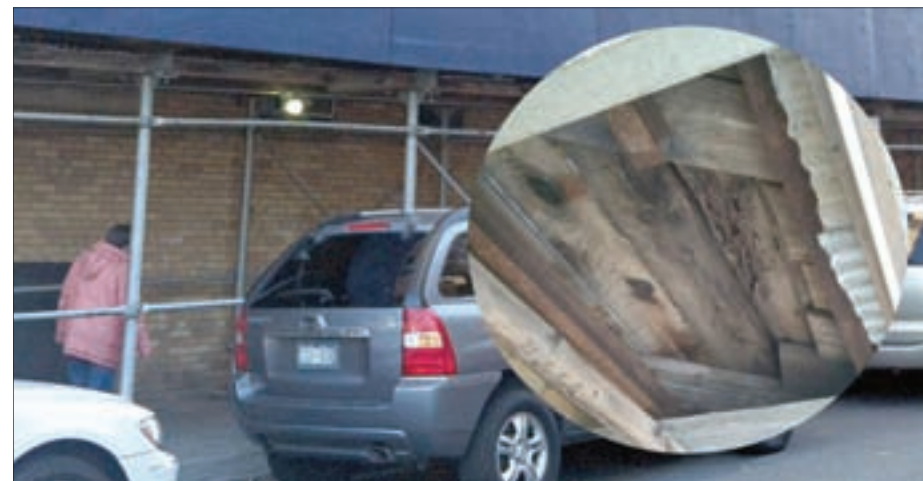
"When you walk under the scaffold, it stinks!" said Feder, treasurer of the Pelham Parkway Neighborhood Association and a frequent visitor of Community Board 11 and 49th Precinct Community Council gatherings.

On top of the overall look, tenants along the A line at 2100 Bronx Park East were forced to take a gamble with their lives after the hatch leaving room for the fire escapes was blocked. The Bronx Times gave a call to building managers, headed by 2100 Park Associates, who immediately removed the wooden planks hindering ac-

cess to ground level.

But another fire hazard has forced a number of visits by local firefighters to extinguish small flames sparked by lit cigarettes tossed outside by tenants, just some of the garbage left on the scaffold, according to one resident who simply went by Natasha. "They just throw it right up top," she said. "No one cleans it."

Westchester-based realty firm 2100 Park Associates is operated by real estate mogul Stanley Wasserman, who's overseen the 83-year-old building complex, four in all, for the past several years. Records from the city Buildings Department show property managers were hit with a \$10,000 fine in August for failing to maintain the building's facade.



Wooden panels like this (inset) blocked neighbors from using the fire escape at 2100 Bronx Park East.

Photo by David Cruz

Feder said she has taken her complaints to the PPNA, Councilman Jimmy Vacca and to the city by calling the 311 complaint line.

Building managers first green-lit the scaffold after deciding the building's brick and mortar facade needed repairs. Feder was thrilled to see the scaffold come up,

believing the work was long overdue.

But once workers erected the scaffold, they walked away. Workers finally did return following Hurricane Sandy, but it was simply to fix the scaffold.

But Jamie Van Bramer, a spokesman for the building owners, said the company

admits "the work was unfortunately delayed."

"Our architect is now working on drawings to file with the City in early 2013," said Van Bramer, adding the scaffolding will be removed as soon as the repairs are completed.

Reach reporter David Cruz at 718-742-3383.

WSMC: off life-support for good

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Westchester Square Medical Center is history.

Sadly, it will mean the loss of jobs as it is converted as the east Bronx's last full-service community hospital into an ambulatory surgery center and emergency department known as Montefiore Westchester Square.

The hospital has been on a roller coaster ride since being recommended for closure in 2006 by the Berger Commission.

The commission was established by Governor George Pataki to study how to modernize delivery of health care in New York State for the 21st Century.

Though the commission's recommendation first sent shock waves through the hospital community, by April

2008 it appeared that WSMC had found a savior in the form of an affiliation with New York Presbyterian brokered by Congressmen Charlie Rangel and Joe Crowley.

This came at the urging of Senator Jeff Klein, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, and Councilman Jimmy Vacca.

"Not only would [closing] be difficult for us, but it would be a big loss for the community," said Matteo Imperati, a employee at WSMC during a celebration in April 2008, when grateful hospital administrators presented elected officials with signed labcoats.

But that sense of optimism did not last very long.

When the economy tanked at the start of the Great Recession, the deal with NY Presbyterian fell through.

While the affiliation with

the Manhattan-based hospital did materialize, merger plans were taken off the table in December 2008 after they had already been approved by the state Department of Health.

"Tough fiscal times have made it impossible for New York Presbyterian to continue with the merger as originally discussed," Senator Jeff Klein said at the time. "However, I am committed to finding an appropriate hospital to partner with Westchester Square Medical Center."

And he did try, but the state DOH also did cut the number of beds. At one point, in the early 1990s, there were about 200 beds at WSMC, while today there are officially 140, but staffing for only about 70, according to reports.

A new wellspring of hope came to pass in April 2009,



During a celebration in 2008, one of several times when it looked like NYWSMC was saved, are pictured (l-r) Dr. Stan Friedman, Senator Jeff Klein, Dr. Wayne Osten, Dr. Louis Rose, Dr. Rudolph Nisi, Congressman Crowley, Westchester Square Medical Center CEO Alan Kopman, Councilman Jimmy Vacca, and Assemblyman Michael Benedetto. All agreed that Westchester Square Hospital was forever. by Walter Pofeldt

when St. Barnabas Hospital in E. Tremont appeared to be in talks to purchase WSMC to operate some kind of medical facility there. But those negotiations had broken down by

Mount Eden tenants hopeful now that "worst" landlord is out

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

These tenants have said a welcome goodbye to one of the city's "Worst Landlords."

Tenants in three west Bronx buildings are celebrating the purchase of the rental properties once owned by Eli Abbot of College Management, who ranked #1 on Public Advocate Bill de Blasio's Worst Landlords Watch List.

About 60 families gathered with de Blasio on Thursday, Jan. 24 to celebrate the sale of their buildings to Banana Kelly and Wavecrest Management. The celebration follows a successful organizing campaign by the New Settlement Apartments' Community Action for

Safe Apartments that first began in Aug. 2011.

The tenants at 1259, 1265, and 1269 College Avenue brought a "7A" legal action for an outside administrator against the owner, and along with the city Department of Housing Preservation and Development, saw the sale of the buildings to the new landlords who will likely take better care of the buildings.

Susan Blankley, director of housing organizing at CASA - New Settlement, who helped organize the building, called the outcome "amazing."

"They got rid of a horrible landlord, but so many times you can do a great organizing job, get rid of a horrible landlord and then have no say about who

comes in."

She said the new landlords are reputable and have agreed to make necessary repairs to problems as broad as those described by tenant Angel Caballero: recurring leaks, mold, rodent infestations, general lack of cleanliness, and in the winter, oftentimes lack of heat and hot water.

"These families showed that tenant organizing and public pressure can hold bad landlords accountable when they flout the law," said de Blasio. "We're proud of what they've accomplished, and we won't stop fighting until every Watch List building is turned around."

HPD worked with Banana Kelly and Wavecrest as they negotiated with the

owner and with New York Community Bank, the debt holder. HPD provided low-interest loans for rehabilitation through its Preservation Loan Program.

Caballero, who has lived in the building for 53 years and now resides there with his elderly mother, said that the management had told him that since he lives in a rent controlled apartment, he would be last on the list for any repairs.

He said he had to replace windows, kitchen cabinets and fixtures, and plaster from part of his apartment's ceiling at his own expense. He is looking forward to seeing long-standing issues with the building resolved.

"It's been a long, hard fight with this landlord,"



Public Advocate de Blasio (c) stands with tenants during a press conference regarding the sale of the three buildings. Photo courtesy of the Public Advocate's office

said Dominga Sanchez, a tenant leader of College Avenue Tenants United. "He just wanted to come collect rent, without provided basic services. We've been suffering with lack

of heat, hot water, chronic leaks—you name it! I am so excited that he is no longer our landlord! We are so hopeful that the new landlords will be different."

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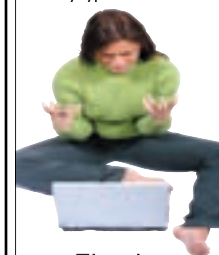
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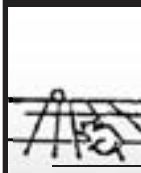
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