

Electeds: suspend bar's liquor license

BY ROBERT WIRSING

The party might be over, but the hangover still lingers.

Last month, the Bronx Beer Garden held a 'World BBQ' event which far exceeded its occupancy rate by over 500 guests and advertised free food; hoo-kah smoking; and free jungle juice, a highly intoxicating homemade mixture of liquor, according to local electeds.

When the event turned chaotic due to irresponsible management, and over promotion through social media, they claimed, the 45th Precinct and Fire Department were dispatched to regain control and evacuate everyone from the 3392 E. Tremont Avenue premises resulting in the bar's current owner voluntarily surrendering her liquor license to the 45th Precinct.

On Tuesday, June 2, the bar's current owner Michelle Kauffman and prospective owner Jerald Taylor met with community and elected officials to address concerns raised by World BBQ.

During the meeting, Kauffman explained she was overwhelmed and was not equipped, nor possessed the management skills required to operate the establishment and was in negotiations to sell the location to Taylor and his wife.

Afterwards, the lieutenant in charge returned the liquor license to Kauffman who claimed no other events aside from a weekly meeting with police and corrections officers were scheduled for this location.

According to a spokesperson from Senator Jeff Klein's office, Kauffman and Taylor misrepresented themselves during the meeting after it was discovered

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CROTONA PARK TENNIS CENTER A GRAND SLAM

12,000 sf
clubhouse opens

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Bronx leaders and tennis lovers came together to celebrate the grand opening of New York Junior Tennis and Learning's Cary Leeds Center on Monday, June 15.

"This new facility will be an invaluable resource to the surrounding neighborhood," said Bronx parks commissioner Iris Rodriguez Rosa, of the private-public partnership.

The multi-use 12,000-square foot, two-story clubhouse contains classrooms, a youth lounge and fitness center, and a technology learning lab that will facilitate NYJTL's educational initiatives, as well as a fully-functional tennis club with locker rooms and a pro shop. Gluck+ designed

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Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. plays tennis with kids from New York Junior Tennis and Learning's programs at the grand opening celebration of NYJTL's Cary Leeds Center for Tennis and Learning on Monday, June 15 in Crotona Park.

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DCP releases Hutchinson River Parkway traffic study

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The completion of a Department of City Planning study of the Hutchinson River Parkway has many in the community contemplating their next moves to make progress on alleviating traffic congestion.

The 140-plus page report includes recommendations for a traffic corridor spanning the Hutchinson River Parkway from the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge to Co-op City: a roughly four-mile

route along the highway and ancillary streets.

The findings addressed traffic and public transportation in areas north of East Tremont Avenue (focusing on the Hutch Metro Center area, proposed Metro North station and Westchester Square) and south of the avenue, where the study looked at accessing the Bruckner Interchange and Brush Avenue.

ADCP spokesmansaid that the agency believes that it achieved

its goals.

"We have some quick, easily implementable recommendations," stated the DCP spokesman. "Each concern brought to us by the community was analyzed as part of the process and some required long-term recommendations or additional study."

Some activists with the East Bronx Traffic Coalition, a consortium of civic groups, indicated that the report was a good first step.

"The hope of the EBTC is that since the plan is now in writing, we can approach our elected officials and see if we can nail down funding for some of the recommendations," said member John Marano.

The EBTC is concerned about mitigating traffic from a growing number of developments coming online.

"Finding funds for any project is always a challenge, but we be-

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Detective Victor DiPierro will retire on June 30 after 20 years with the 49th precinct.

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DiPierro retires after 20 years with 49th Pct.

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The community will have to say goodbye to a longtime member of its local police force when Detective Victor DiPierro retires on June 30 after 20 years with the 49th Precinct.

After graduating from the police academy in 1996 at age 27, DiPierro spent the entirety of his career with the NYPD at the precinct on Eastchester Road, policing Morris Park and its surrounding neighborhoods.

He spent more than 10 of those years as a community affairs officer, which he describes as being a buffer between local residents and the police department.

His office absorbs all the community's complaints about nuisances like loud music or speeding cars, and other quality of life issues.

"We can't correct everything, but we try building relationships with that person and help them the best we can," said DiPierro.

Those discussions can also include more sensitive issues that people feel comfortable confiding in the officers, who can steer them towards helpful resources.

"We try to do the right thing all around for everyone," said DiPierro.

Before getting into community affairs, DiPierro patrolled the Morris Park area, making him a familiar face to many residents, including local teens who would get into trouble.

Years later, DiPierro said several of those former kids have told him they're grateful that he prompted them to straighten their life out.

"They've come up to me and thanked me for being a pain in the neck back then," he said. "That's the best feeling."

DiPierro joined the police department after working for a few years with former Community Board 10 district manager James Vacca, where he became a one-man graffiti-removal team.

He also worked for Assemblyman Stephen Kaufman, where he learned he enjoyed trying to make a positive impact in the community. His interaction at the time with the 45th Precinct inspired him to join the police force.

In the end, DiPierro feels that he reached his career goal.

"I achieved what I wanted to do — which was to make a difference in the community," said DiPierro.

He called leaving the precinct bittersweet, because the 4-9 is his second home, but he feels ready to move on to start a new chapter in his life.

DiPierro's partner Officer Jay Sturdivant, who has worked with him in community affairs for the past several years, will take over as the lead community affairs officer.

"He's good at what he does," said DiPierro about his successor. "I'm confident walking out the door knowing he's taking over the ship."

But while DiPierro will no longer be working in the neighborhood, he said he'll still be around, as he lives nearby in Country Club and frequents Morris Park often.

"I hate to say goodbye," said DiPierro. "I'll see you guys around."



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Crotona Park tennis center opens



The new Cary Leeds Center for Tennis and Learning opened on June 15 in Crotona Park.

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(l to r): famed tennis coach Nick Bollettieri, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., and former mayor and NYJTL supporter David Dinkins. Photo courtesy of the Borough President's office

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and built the facility.

The center's 20 tennis courts, 10 of which will be covered for weather, plus two under-construction exhibition courts with stadium seating, will host more than 6,000 hours per year of free tennis for New York City youth.

The center will offer a variety of programming for adults throughout the year, in addition to hosting a number of tournaments.

"This project is huge," said Bor-

ough President Ruben Diaz Jr. at the event.

It's another example of economic development in the Bronx, he said, as well as an incredible opportunity for kids to be introduced to a sport they wouldn't ordinarily have access to. As a mental sport in addition to a physical one, tennis offers incredible benefits, said Diaz, and NYJTL's academic programming builds on that.

"[NYJTL] makes sure our kids are ready and prepared, not only for col-

lege but to take control of the future of the City of New York," said Diaz.

Andrea Davis say NYJTL's existing community tennis program has helped her young kids come out of their shells and make friends, as they love going to tennis each week.

"They feel more comfortable around kids their age," said Davis.

The program has helped 13-year-old Summer Blackshear learn about focus and sportsmanship, and has given her leadership opportunities, she said.

She's excited to use the brand new facility as she continues with NYJTL.

"I think its really cool," said Blackshear of the center.

The center is a tribute to Cary Leeds, a star on Yale's tennis team who went on to become a world-ranked player, competing in six U.S. Opens and five Wimbledon tournaments, where in 1981 he reached the semifinals in mixed doubles. After retiring from professional tennis, he attended business school and then co-founded a software company, while he coached youth tennis until he passed away in 2003. A column by his father, Larry Leeds, can be found on page 68.

"Cary really knew how important sports could be in changing the lives of children," said NYJTL CEO Deborah Antoine.

NYJTL will not disappoint, said founder Skip Hartman, and will offer incredible opportunities for kids in the surrounding neighborhoods for years to come.

"This will be a path to success in life."

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another event similar to World BBQ was still set occur despite them stating otherwise.

Senator Klein, Councilman James Vacca, and Assemblyman Michael Benedetto wrote to the New York State Liquor Authority commissioners Jeanique Greene and Kevin Kim on Thursday, June 4, calling for the immediate suspension of the Bronx Beer Garden's liquor license.

"At the meeting, the current owner Michelle Kauffman and prospective owner Jerald Taylor apologized and discussed at great length their remorse, willingness to cooperate with the community and shared desire to turn over a new leaf," the letter reads. "Nonetheless, it has come to our attention that both the current owner and prospective owners misrepresented themselves at that meeting."

"Beyond that, they neglected to inform the community of another event that is scheduled for June 13, which is expected to be of a similar size and caliber as the one that occurred on May 30, yet again having partnered with an outside promoter. It is obvious now that the reason why Michelle Kauffman would not surrender her license is that she planned on continuing these irresponsible business practices right up until the point where she can hand off this thorn in the community's side to an inexperienced and unprepared new owner, if in

fact she was being honest about her intent to sell," the letter stated.

Both the senator's spokesperson and Councilman Vacca confirmed the Bronx Beer Garden cancelled this past Saturday's event.

"We're very disturbed and outraged by what happened at the Bronx Beer Garden last month and that is something we do not want to happen here again," Assemblyman Benedetto said. "We don't mind having bars or taverns in the neighborhood, however we expect them to be mindful of the community and to have control over their establishment as well as in the events they hold."

"This letter is strong and I believe we all must be strong as well to protect our community's quality of life," Councilman Vacca said. "We hope the SLA will act upon this letter and we will be keeping a closer eye on the Bronx Beer Garden."

"The Bronx is our home and as such I refuse to let negligent, deceitful business owners endanger the safety and security of local families and children. The out of control party that occurred at the Bronx Beer Garden last month demonstrates that the current operator is unfit to run this business in our community," Senator Klein expressed.

The Bronx Beer Garden is in the process of being sold, Kauffman confirmed to the Bronx Times Reporter. Calls to Taylor were not returned.



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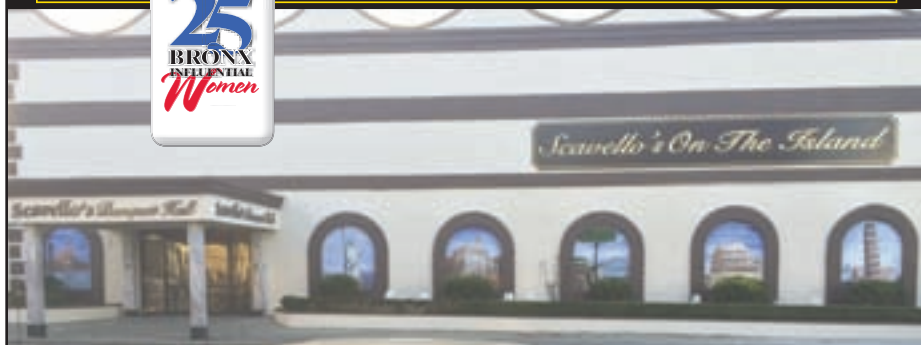
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(l-r) Delia McGee, granddaughter; Elizabeth, daughter; Mildred McGee, widow; Gibson, Greene; Kenneth Agosto, 36th Senate District special assistant; Assemblyman Keith Wright; Assemblyman Mike Blake; Judge Leland McGee and son pose at the street co-naming ceremony. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth McGee

Late judge honored at street naming ceremony

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A street co-naming was recently held to honor and commemorate the life of a late judge, founder and community activist.

On Saturday, June 13, Judge Hansel McGee was honored at a street co-naming ceremony at the corner of East 165th Street between Boston Road and Cauldwell Avenue.

At the ceremony, Judge McGee, who passed away in July 2002 at age 76, was honored for his tenure as the New York State Supreme Court Justice and co-founding of the Harriet Tubman Charter School.

McGee was born on June 13, 1926 in Miami, Florida, before his family relocated to Harlem when he was an infant.

After his mother died and his father abandoned him, he spent time with various relatives before moving in with his sister in Morrisania in the 1940s.

Shortly after, he joined the US Navy, serving during World War II.

McGee graduated from City College in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry while working full-time as a research chemist at the Manhattan VA Hospital before he attended Polytechnic Institute and earning a Master's of Science in Organic Chemistry in 1960.

While working as a research chemist at IBM's Yorktown Heights, McGee began studying law at Brooklyn Law before being transferred to IBM's Washington D.C. Patent Law Office so he could attend the George Washington University Law School at night. He graduated in 1966.

In 1981, McGee was elected as a judge to the New York Civil Court and began his term in 1982. A few years later, he was appointed and then elected as a New York State Supreme Court Justice and served in that role until 1996.

As a community activist, Judge McGee served as the board chairman of the South Bronx Neighborhood Centers and the

founder and chairman of the Bronx Chapter of the African American Legal Defense and Education Fund, while playing active roles within countless Bronx organizations such as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolence.

As an advocate for children and their education, he was also responsible for co-founding the Harriet Tubman Charter School with Cliff Frazier, chair of the MLK Center for Nonviolence, in 2000. The school, approaching its 15th academic year, teaches students kindergarden through eighth grade.

"Children receiving an education was very important to my father - he wanted them to strive for a better life," said daughter Elizabeth, who started the Hansel and Mildred McGee Foundation with family members and friends, a program that offers college scholarships to average Bronx high school seniors going to college. "He loved children, he loved people and he did everything that he could to help the community."

"One of the most beautiful things about Judge McGee is that he loved the community and all of the people within it," said Frazier. "The man was so easy to love."

"The man was a very strong advocate for youth and he made it his mission to assist children and young students in the Bronx," said Damyn Kelly, executive director of the South East Bronx Neighborhood Center, Inc., who worked with the judge when he was the chair of SEBNC in the late 1980s and early 90s. "This street co-naming was a reminder to everyone of how much he was involved in the community and how much he accomplished."

The street co-naming ceremony was attended by Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson, Deputy Borough President Aurelia Greene and Councilwoman Vanessa Gibson, as well as assembly members and members of the McGee family.

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Bronx Business Expo set for Mall

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Business and Health Expo at the Mall at Bay Plaza on Tuesday, June 30.

The free event, taking place from 2 to 7 p.m., will feature networking opportunities, workshops and guest speakers.

While the annual event typically takes place in a catering hall, chamber president Lenny Caro said this year's special because it's taking place in the mall, which makes it easier for people to attend.

"We're welcoming the public to be a part of the great things happening in the Bronx," said Caro.

The chamber's event is the first business expo to take place in the Mall at Bay Plaza, which was the first enclosed mall in New York City in 40 years when it opened to great fanfare last August.

In addition to highlighting the chamber's members and vendors in attendance, the expo will recognize the borough's economic development brought on by the new shopping center.

"We're celebrating the 100



The Bronx Chamber of Commerce's Business Expo in 2014 created opportunities for networking.

File photo

companies that have opened in the mall or in the Bronx this year," said Caro.

Local elected officials will gather at 5 p.m. to commemorate

the new additions.

The mall has brought upscale shopping to a borough where it was previously lacking, said Caro.

"It's what our Bronx residents needed," he said.

The expo is a way to celebrate that economic development as well as the numerous existing

businesses in the Bronx, creating a space for the community to interact with the businesses.

"It will give great support and visibility to members of the chamber," said Caro. "It's another way to support local businesses."

The event will include workshops about health and financial literacy. Visitors can learn about health care providers, financial services, and other Bronx businesses, and government agencies will also be on hand to answer questions about health benefits for seniors, as well as allow residents to learn if they are eligible for any unclaimed funds held by the state.

But ultimately, the expo is about providing an opportunity for local businesses to connect with the community.

"The chamber's goal is to promote Bronx businesses and let the community know the many great things they are doing," said Caro. "We're showing off the pride of the Bronx."

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P.S. 304 dedicates flag-filled Liberty Lawn

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

P.S. 304 students dedicated their Liberty Lawn on Flag Day as a fitting tribute to 'old glory' with rows of flags planted on what had been a barren vacant lot next to the school.

Students from every grade in the school and classes from two other schools that share P.S. 304's Throggs Neck campus planted the flags in honor of those who serve in the armed forces, first responders and Americana.

They held a star-spangled dedication of the Liberty Lawn on Friday, June 12.

At the ceremony, P.S. 304 principal Joe Nobile indicated that the project connected both patriotism and academic goals.

"Planting flags is not new," said Joe Nobile, P.S. 304 of the project, who added "We had this vacant property (next to the school grounds), and the staff and I talked this over."

The Liberty Lawn includes flags planted on a vacant parcel adjacent to the school and placards featuring lessons on bits of Americana like the Declaration of Independence and the United States Capital.

The lawn will be open to com-



P.S. 304 students gather on Friday, June 12 on the Liberty Lawn with its rows of planted flags in honor of America and all those who have served their country. The students learned about the flag and what it represents.

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munity groups who would like to visit it, said Nobile.

Groups will be welcome to visit the site by appointment only until Saturday, July 4, and the Liberty Lawn may become a community fixture with flag plantings on future Memorial Days and Veterans Days.

Attending the ceremony were various members of the community, local non-profit organizations

and elected officials: Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, Councilman James Vacca, Theodore Korony American Legion Post #253, Throggs Neck Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Throggs Neck Merchants and Community Board 10.

"I think very few schools do something like this," said Councilman Vacca. "The Throggs Neck community has always been supportive of veterans, and this is

another indication of how we can show that we honor them always."

During his remarks, Assemblyman Benedetto pointed out that it was the 99th celebration of Flag Day, and he told the children that when people all around the world see the American flag, they think of freedom.

John Cerini, treasurer of the Throggs Neck Merchants Association who was serving as P.S. 304

"Principal for a Day" told the children that this year's Flag Day is the 238th anniversary of the U.S. Congress adopting the stars and stripes as the national flag, way back in 1777.

Local activist John Marano and Community Board 10 district manager Kenneth Kearns, both representing the board, spoke to the children.

Marano told the children that they could now teach their friends about the flag's meaning, while Kearns recalled the historical events that led to the writing of one of the songs sung during the ceremony, The Star Spangled Banner.

Judy Lanci and John Lanci represented Korony Post #253: the former preformed a flag retirement ceremony, and the latter dressed as Uncle Sam.

Special thanks were offered to the P.S. 304 custodial crew, who cared for and prepared the grounds where the Liberty Lawn is located, even though technically, it is not on school grounds.

For more information on having a group visit the Liberty Lawn, contact Mary Mutze at mmutze@schools.nyc.gov.

Orchard Beach fireworks set for June 25

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The annual New York Salutes America fireworks show and promenade festival will be held in Orchard Beach, and all are welcome to attend.

Billed as the borough's official kick-off to Independence Day celebrations, this year's event will take place on Thursday, June 25 at the 'Bronx's Riviera.'

Over 10,000 people are expected to be in attendance, according to event organizers.

Senator Jeff Klein and Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. host the event every year.

"The annual Fourth of July fireworks celebration marks a special time for the Bronx community - bringing together families and children to commemorate our nation's independence and enjoy the summer season," said Klein.

This year's event will feature an eating contest, with local restaurants offering food, and prizes and giveaways.

Borough President Diaz said "things will definitely be heating up with this year's firework extravaganza and eating contest."

"It is a fun-filled evening when family, friends and the entire community comes together from across the city to experience our great borough," Diaz added. "Everyone will have a blast."

Longtime attendee John Marano said that he believes the event brings together the community.

"Speaking as a citizen of Throggs Neck, I think it is a great event and it brings community together, especially since it has been years now that fireworks are illegal," he said. "The kids today can actually see a beautiful display of fireworks in a safe manner."

John Doyle of the City Island Civic Association, who has attended numerous New York Salutes America fireworks shows and festivals, said that a great deal of work goes into the event.

New York Salutes America is a nice place to see friends and neighbors, and also serves as a gathering of community activists for networking, he said.

"It is also a showcase of the beauty of Orchard Beach, and that should be a source of pride

for all Bronxites," said Doyle.

New York Salutes America is a free event that is open to the public. It will include activities for children like balloon makers, music, and magicians.

Every year there is also a ceremony at the stage at the Orchard Beach Pavilion where Klein and Diaz address the crowd.

The extravaganza begins at 6 p.m., with the eating contest starting at 7:45 p.m. and the professional fireworks show at 9:20 p.m.

There are 20 spaces available for the eating contest, and anyone interested in taking part in this just-for-fun competition can either submit their names by e-mail to bkemraj@bronxbp.nyc.gov by Wednesday, June 24, or give their names to event coordinators at Orchard Beach before 6:30 p.m. on the day of the celebration.

The participants in the first-ever eating contest will be selected at the beach prior to the contest.

Winners will receive a Bronx Prize Package, according to event coordinators.



A free fireworks display on Orchard Beach is part of New York Salutes America.

File photo

BP Diaz meets with CNG's owners, staff

BY ROZ LISTON

Major League Soccer is still casting an eye at Aqueduct as the site for a new stadium after talks in the Bronx failed to come up with an agreement, the Bronx borough president told a meeting of the Community News Group earlier this month.

Ruben Diaz, Jr., who was elected borough president in 2009, visited the Brooklyn headquarters of CNG, the parent company of the Bronx Times Reporter for a wide-ranging discussion with the newspaper chain's editors.

Asked about the status of MLS's efforts to build a stadium in the Bronx for New York City's first professional soccer team, Diaz said the search had shifted back to Queens.

He invited the league to consider the Bronx after its proposal to put a stadium in Flushing Meadows Corona Park drew fire from preservationists, activists and some elected officials as well as the Mets, who play nearby at Citi Field.

The New York City Football Club, owned by the New York Yankees and the Manchester City Football Club, began playing at Yankee stadium this year. The team is MLS's first entry into the city, but Diaz said the science of Yankee stadium is not ideal for soccer and MLS would like to construct a more appropriate stadium.



Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr. File photo

A potential spot was found right across from Yankee Stadium that would have involved removing a major Bronx company that manufactures the brain parts of elevators and employs 420 people, 80 percent of whom are from the Bronx.

Diaz insisted that Major League Soccer purchase the company and relocate it

within the borough, to keep the jobs and tax stream in the county.

The city did not want to invest any money in the deal because there were too many pieces in play and the Abu Dhabi royal family, which owns Manchester City, is flush with money in its own right, Diaz said.

"The Yankees are back looking at Aqueduct," said Diaz, who expects to lose a longstanding bet with state Assemblyman Francisco Moya of Corona, Queens that the stadium will ultimately be built in Queens—not the Bronx. The loser will have to give the winner an empanada.

There were no details on whether talks are now underway about Aqueduct, but in September Senator Joseph Addabbo, of Howard Beach, Queens said MLS was looking at a city-owned parking lot south of the Aqueduct race track as a possible site.

Addabbo, who opposes building a stadium at Aqueduct because of traffic concerns and limited public transportation, said the parking lot was under a long-term lease arrangement with the Port Authority.

The Bronx may lose soccer to Queens, but it will eventually be the home to a large group of disenfranchised auto shop owners from Willets Point, which is the site of an ambitious \$4 billion retail, commercial and residential project.

The Sunrise Cooperative's 46 owners entered into an agreement with the city to move to the Bronx as they faced the threat of losing their property to eminent domain.

"The group got a raw deal," Diaz said. "The city should have given them more resources—sizable subsidies."

He said the Bronx was not very enthusiastic initially about having the Sunrise shops move to the south Bronx because the co-op would compete with the borough's existing industry and bring more traffic to Hunts Point.

But after a series of meetings with the community board and other groups, Diaz said it was decided that the Bronx needed to support the Willets Point auto owners.

The plan is to build a state-of-the-art facility with cutting-edge technology once Sunrise completes the steps to get the work started at the auto-repair facility.

The co-op is now facing eviction from Willets Point because the paperwork for certificate of occupancy and other basic requirements was not filed. The court-ordered deadline to move to the Hunts Point was June 1.

Diaz said he was confident the project would happen, but there was no timeline for when it would be done.

"It's up to Queens," he said.



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Bronx-based Sanitation Salvage celebrates 30th

BY ROBERT WIRSING

For over 30 years one Bronx-based sanitation company has been doing its fair share to clean up the entire tri-state area.

Based in Hunts Point, Sanitation Salvage Corporation has been servicing many New York communities including the Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Westchester county for over three decades by serving the waste management needs of families, commercial businesses and industrial development companies.

The multitude of services Sanitation Salvage Corp. provides includes residential waste services and clean outs, commercial business waste solutions, medical waste disposal, installing and servicing compaction systems, on-site secure document and hard drive destruction, roll-off containers ranging from 10- to 40-yards as well as mini-containers, complete recycling programs, 35- to 100-yard transfer trailers and organic waste solutions.

Fully licensed and insured, this waste management provider prides itself as being the industry standard through providing customized and intelligent waste management solutions for its approximately 10,000 diverse commercial customers and clients.

Family owned and operated by broth-



Bronx-based Sanitation Salvage Corp. has been serving the entire tri-state area for over three decades.
Photo courtesy of Sanitation Salvage Corporation

ers John, Andrew, and Steven Squitieri, Sanitation Salvage Corp. started in May 1985 with only two garage trucks.

Since then, the company has grown to include a fleet of over 20 packer and roll-off waste management vehicles and 25 pieces of state-of-the-art equipment.

Sanitation Salvage Corp.'s vehicles also include shredding trucks which provide on-site secure document and hard drive destruction.

A technological marvel, Sanitation Salvage Corp.'s shredding trucks have cameras installed inside and allow customers to view their sensitive materials' proper destruction while providing them

peace of mind knowing it will not fall into the wrong hands.

In addition, the company operates a state-of-the-art transfer station and recycling facility, allowing the company to offer the most competitive pricing in today's sanitation marketplace while also being environmentally conscious through its complete composting programs.

According to John Squitieri, Sanitation Salvage was founded after the brothers purchased a small carting company.

Having previously worked alongside his father and his brothers during his teens and at another boutique sanitation firm, it seemed like a dream come true

for the Squitieri family to own and operate their own waste removal company.

"We had always worked for somebody else, so when this opportunity came for us to own and operate our own business, we didn't want to pass that up," Squitieri shared.

He added this company is very committed to providing quality service for all of its customers and it is highly involved within the community.

Sanitation Salvage Corp. sponsors many community groups here in the Bronx such as the Bronx Chamber of Commerce, Van Nest Little League, Aging in America, Morris Park Columbus Day Parade Committee, St. Patrick's Home, La Union Dominican Men's Softball League, Carolei Club, Sons of Italy, Bronxchester Little League, and many others.

Raised in Morris Park and currently residing in Indian Village, Squitieri expressed excitement to be working in his family's company and in his home borough.

"We make our living working in the community and we want everyone to know we are always here to help," he said.

For additional information, contact Sanitation Salvage Corp. at (718) 893-9300 or visit www.sanitationsalvagecorp.com.

DCP releases Hutchinson River Parkway traffic study

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lieve that the community, elected officials, and all the other stakeholders can collaborate to find ways to implement these capital improvements," the spokesman stated. "We are committed to being a part of that process."

The DCP spokesman said that the agency provides an overview of the roads in an area, and then it is up to either the state or city Departments of Transportation to study the engineering details.

Among the recommendations are:

- providing additional access to the Hutch Metro Center
- exploring other access points over Westchester Creek to alleviate congestion at the Bruckner Interchange
- exploring the northern part of the study area to find another way for vehicular traffic from Hutch Metro to reach Pelham Parkway.
- improving the Bruckner Boulevard and Brush Avenue interchange by expanding the northbound approach, making signal timing adjustments and moving a bus stop.



Community Board 10's Municipal Services Committee meeting at Monsignor Scanlan High School on Tuesday, June 9 included remarks by a DCP representative and a discussion of aspects of the traffic study with a focus on the Ferry Point community.
Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

- extending Bassett Avenue to Pelham Parkway
- providing an east-west connection over a rail line as part of the proposed Morris Park Metro North station.
- resolving ongoing issues as to the maintenance of the 'ring

road' through Ferry Point Park.

One of the members of EBTC, John Doyle, said that the report added little new information, but he did give the agency complements for the idea of extending Bassett Avenue. He said at a Community Board 10 Municipal

Services Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 9 that he felt more could have come out of the study.

"Many of the coalition members told DCP to 'go back to the drawing board' last year, as their report was short on solutions to our problems," said Doyle. "This report and the solutions written are nearly identical to the presentations shown at that time."

He added that the traffic problems troubling the community have been years in the making, and will require a substantial amount of investment in both the Hutch and I-95.

"It is definitely not going to be fixed by new directional signals," he added.

The East Bronx Traffic Coalition is inviting all interested in the issues of traffic to a public forum at Providence Rest, 3304 Waterbury Avenue, on Tuesday, June 23 from 7 to 9 p.m.

To learn more about DCP's Hutchinson River Parkway Transportation Corridor Study, which had been ongoing since early 2013, visit: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/html/hutchinson_river_pkwy/index.shtml

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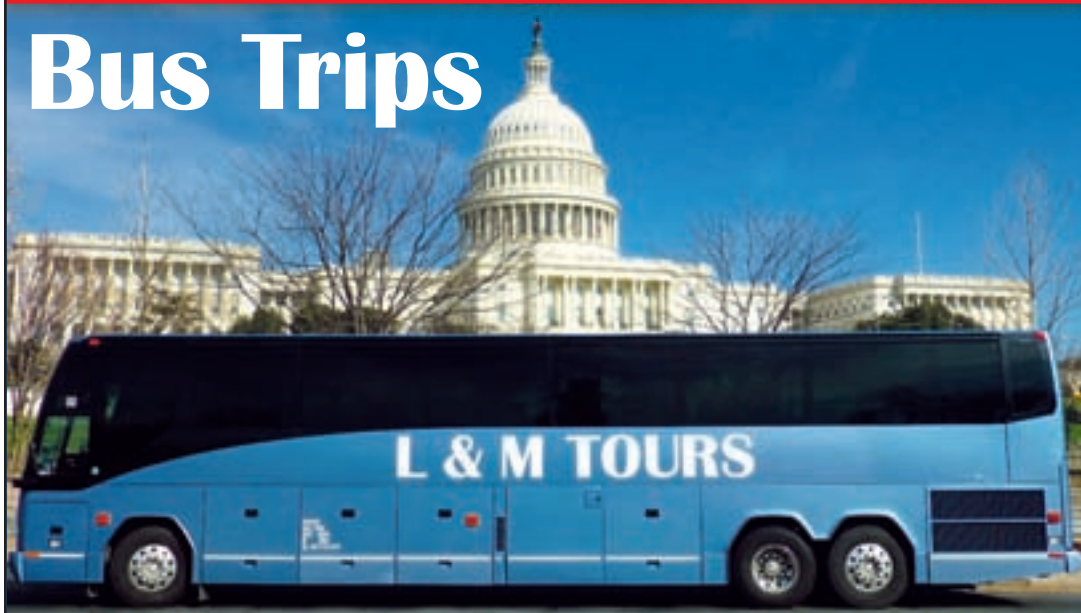
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