

Rally against Bruner detention center

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

Residents of Baychester want their voices to be heard.

Dozens joined Councilman Andy King on July 29 for the second time that month to protest a planned juvenile detention center at 3030 Bruner Avenue, on a quiet residential street.

The planned Limited Secure Placement facility, run by the Administration of Children's Services, will house adolescents who were arrested before they turned 16-years-old for committing an act that would have been a crime if they were an adult, according to information provided by ACS.

But the residential neighborhood is not zoned for the institutional facility, said King, and will pose a safety risk to the neighborhood.

"We're here today to express our outrage, and demand that the Administration of Children's Services and the Department of Buildings reverse their decision for a limited secure placement facility to open here at 3030 Bruner," said King.

"Our outrage is based on ACS's blatant attempt to skirt zoning laws, and consequently compromise the community's safety by miscategorizing the youth facility," he added.

The residents marched through the neighborhood, chanting and alerting neighbors to the situation.

"It's going to bring property values down, and it's not going

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OUTBREAK OF LEGIONNAIRES'

Disease kills seven Bronxites

BY JAIME WILLIAMS

The largest outbreak of Legionnaires' Disease in the city's history has hit the south Bronx.

There were 86 reported cases of the form of pneumonia in the area and seven dead as of a Tuesday press conference with Mayor de Blasio and Department of Health commissioner Mary Bassett at Lincoln Hospital. An eighth was reported dead on Wednesday.

The legionella bacteria has been found in cooling towers at five buildings including Lincoln Hospital, and the outbreak spans the neighborhoods of High Bridge-Morrisania and Hunts Point-Mott Haven, according to the health department.

The mayor emphasized that the cooling towers are not the same as water tanks, and that there has been no contamination of the city's water supply.

"There is no risk to our drinking water," said de Blasio.

The cooling systems use recirculated water that can develop bacteria, and can release contaminated mist into the air leading to the current outbreak, as opposed to exposure within specific buildings, the mayor said.

No infection has been contracted within Lincoln Hospital by staff or patients.

All five cooling towers identified have been decontaminated,

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A GIFT FROM THE HEART

Aleksander Nilaj gave a statue that he made of Mother Teresa to Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj as a gift. Mother Teresa was originally from Gjonaj's native Albania. The presentation took place at the assemblyman's fundraiser at Don Coqui Restaurant on Tuesday, July 28. Photo by Miriam Quin

Triangle Plaza Hub signs two tenants

BY ROBERT WIRSING

Space at a new multi-use complex is filling up fast, but there's still some commercial opportunities available.

On Monday, July 27, New York-based developer Triangle Equities announced it completed two lease transactions, totaling 24,900 square feet, at its \$35 million, 88,000 square foot multi-use complex in the south Bronx.

Joining a nearly full roster of tenants including Fine Fare Supermarket, Metropolitan College of New York, Vistasite Eye Care and Boston Market are Brightpoint Health and Da-Vita Dialysis Center.

Brightpoint Health is a leading non-profit providing high quality medical and mental health care as well as social support care and services and

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Gina Hooks (r) with her husband, Michael and their daughter, Olivia.

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Fundraising event aids cancer patient's fight

BY ROBERT WIRSING

Instead of going out tonight for dinner you can help save a life.

This Friday, August 7 at 7 p.m., a fundraising event will be held at the Turner Club/Michael's Restaurant to help Waterbury-LaSalle resident Gina Hooks continue her three-year long battle against colorectal cancer.

With friends and family by Gina's side throughout it all, they have decided to help support and comfort her by hosting this evening's fundraising event.

Tickets are \$75 which includes door prize, buffet, drinks and live band and can be purchased through Paypal.

Raffle will be sold at the fundraiser at \$20 each or 6 for \$100 for a host of great gifts.

Prizes up for grabs include a grand prize one-week stay at a three-bedroom villa in Malaga, Spain with airfare for two, another prize includes four nights at any Hyatt Hotel in the U.S. and the final big prize winner earns two NY Giants vs Carolina Panthers football tickets.

Other raffles include weekend getaways, designer bags and shoes, Yankee vs Red Sox tickets, Broadway shows, concert tickets, golf lessons, hair salon gift certificates, restaurant gift certificates and many more.

Winners need not be present at the event's drawing.

Three years ago, Gina and Michael Hooks were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Olivia.

Six weeks after her birth, Gina was diagnosed with this disease.

Her mother, Donna Pandolfo explained Gina was experiencing bowel issues and underwent a colonoscopy revealing a stage-three polyp which was removed.

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer found in men and women in the United States.

Since her diagnosis, Gina's cancer has metastasized to her lung and brain.

Pandolfo explained her daughter had a tumor fully removed from her brain this January, but she still has a tumor measuring five centimeters located on her lung which has collapsed a portion of this organ.

Determined to fight this disease, she is currently undergoing alternative cancer treatments at Immunity Therapy Clinic, a cancer treatment center located in Tijuana, Mexico, but unfortunately this treatment is not covered by insurance and is extremely costly.

Gina is currently receiving a variety of different treatments at this clinic which include ozone therapy meant to oxygen-

ate her blood, whole body hyperthermia, where thermal chambers and hot water blankets raise her body temperature in an induced controlled fever to activate her immune cells to combat cancer cells, localized hyperthermia applied to her lung daily as well as laetrile therapy which helps fortify her immune system while targeting and killing cancer cells through laetrile, a substance related to amygdalin, a compound found in pits of fruits such as apricots, her mother said.

"This has been especially difficult for my daughter and my son-in-law and has set them back a lot," Pandolfo said. "Michael loves his wife so much that he would do anything to help her."

"Gina remains optimistic and we've been very blessed with people's support during this extremely difficult time," she added.

Grand prize raffles for this event will be sold in advance as well as during the event.

If interested, contact Joanalyce Hooks Attis, Ara Jane Hooks, Jessica Lynn Beitz or Joel Attis through Facebook private messenger to purchase these raffles.

If you are unable to attend, but would still wish to donate to this cause, visit www.paypal.com or to Gina's Go Fund Me account at www.gofundme.com/khzd40.

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Legionnaires' Disease kills seven Bronxites

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and it is unclear at the moment whether one or more of those cooling towers caused the outbreak, said Bassett.

According to the DOH, groups at high risk for Legionnaires' disease include people who are middle-aged or older—especially cigarette smokers—people with chronic lung disease or weakened immune systems and people who take medicines that weaken their immune systems.

Those that have died from the disease, which is treatable with antibiotics and has a 5-10 percent fatality rate, had underlying health issues, said the mayor.

Symptoms include fever, cough, and difficulty breathing, and neighborhood residents should seek treatment if they observe them.

The incubation period for the disease is 10 days, so new cases could emerge in the coming week despite remediation.

"It's crucial that each case be identified early on, and that treatment be reached quickly, and achieved quickly," said de Blasio.

While the DOH continues to address the ongoing outbreak, which they believe peaked on July 30, the mayor has turned his



NYC health commissioner Mary Bassett addresses Bronxites' concerns about Legionnaires' disease at a town hall meeting at the Bronx Museum on Monday, August 3.

Photo by Silvio Pacifico

attention to a legislative solution, which he said would be introduced to the City Council within the week.

That legislation would require building owners with cooling towers to register with the city, would require regular inspections, and would establish consequences for non-compliance.

"We now have to not only finish addressing this immediate outbreak, but we have to position ourselves for the future," said

de Blasio. "And we're determined to do everything in our power to minimize the possibility of this ever happening again."

The mayor's support of legislation is encouraging, said Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr in a statement Tuesday.

"It is the responsibility of government to protect the health and well-being of the public, and this common sense proposal will help do just that," said Diaz in a statement. "It cannot be forgotten that seven Bronx residents have died during this outbreak. An appropriate inspection mechanism could have saved lives."

Monday night, Diaz attended a town hall meeting with local elected officials and the health commissioner at the Bronx Museum, where more than 250 concerned residents attended and another 150 received information from DOH representatives outside the venue.

The DOH is continuing to investigate the outbreak to determine the specific cause of the unprecedented outbreak, which could take weeks.

"People have asked 'Why the south Bronx?'" said Bassett. "We have to wait for more information to be able to answer that more fully."



Councilman Andy King led a second rally on July 29 to protest the upcoming arrival of a juvenile detention center at 3030 Bruner Avenue in Baychester. Community News Group / Jaime Williams

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to be safe for the kids," said Bruner Avenue resident Michael Blackwood, who was very concerned about the facility.

"It's too close to the park," said his neighbor, Yvette Phillips.

King's office said the councilman has plans to sit down and discuss his concerns with ACS.

The planned facility is part of the state's Close to Home initiative, which allows young people adjudicated in family court to be placed in or near New York City under the care of the ACS, where they will receive educational credits toward graduation in

NYC Department of Education schools, reside close to their communities enabling their families to be part of the rehabilitation process, and benefit from aftercare services that are tailored to the strengths and needs of the young people and their families, according to ACS.

The programs have a 1 to 3 staffing ratio, and LSP facilities will be locked and will have multiple safety and security measures both to protect residents and to ensure the safety of the surrounding community, ACS notes.

"ACS expects to launch the second and final phase of Close to Home, Limited

Secure Placement in Fall 2015," a statement from the agency reads. "Construction work is being completed on Limited Secure Placement facilities to provide a safe, stable, and close-knit environment for young people to receive residential rehabilitation services while in our care, and to also ensure the safety of residents and the surrounding community."

The Department of Buildings has previously stated that the plans for the project at this location were reviewed and determined to be in compliance with the NYC Construction Codes and the Zoning Resolution.



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Calvary Hospital celebrates Bronx century

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A local hospital is celebrating 100 years in the Bronx.

Calvary Hospital, an institution that has called the Bronx its home since 1915, is celebrating a century of growth, operation, and most importantly, patient care in the borough.

Calvary's original roots stem back earlier than 1915, when in 1842, young widow Madame Garnier founded lay organization Women of Calvary in France and opened a hospital for cancer patients with other widows.

In 1899, the Women of Calvary was introduced to New York City.

After initially caring for patients in their own homes, the Women of Calvary began treating patients in two private houses on Perry Street in Manhattan.

After a brief move to an abandoned school building, Calvary moved to their first Bronx location, on Featherbed Lane and Macombs Road, as the House of Calvary in 1915.

Since Calvary's move to the Bronx, the changes have been just as monumental, if

not more so.

In 1968, Calvary was certified by New York State an acute care specialty hospital and officially became Calvary Hospital.

In 1978, Calvary moved to its current location at 1740 Eastchester Road, after six decades in the west Bronx.

The new location offered in-patient care for 200 patients, which has since increased to 235 in the present day.

In 1985, Calvary opened the Palliative Care Institution, which has trained thousands of health care professionals and medical students from over 30 countries worldwide.

Bereavement support for children and teens was started in 1997 and now includes groups Precious Moments, ages 6-11, Teen Groups, ages 12-17 as well as Calvary's Camp Compass, a camp for youth and adolescents who have lost family members and/or loved ones - at no charge.

Even the past 15 years has seen numerous improvements for Calvary, which in 2001, opened a 25-bed Brooklyn Satellite at Lutheran



(l-r) Monsignor John Farley greets Richard Tilearcio in Calvary.

Photo courtesy of Calvary Hospital

Medical Center.

In 2004, Calvary opened the Family Care Center and the Center for Curative and Palliative Wound Care, which greatly benefits wounded patients with diabetes.

In addition, Calvary began offering short-term in-patient care at the Dawn Greene Hospice in Manhattan, a 10-bed unit at the Mary Manning Walsh Home - once again extending their services beyond the borders of the Bronx.

Along with these additions, Calvary, which operates in connection with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York, also provides Calvary Hospice Home Care, the Patient Activity Center for holiday gatherings and parties as well as Psychotherapy group meetings.

The hospital conforms to the religious beliefs of the patient and the patient's family during the time period that they are admitted.

"Calvary Hospital has a

tremendous reputation for patient care primarily because we admit patients as well as their families" said Frank Calamari, who has been president of Calvary Hospital for 30 years and previously held the same position at Jacobi Hospital. "However, this mission wouldn't be able to continue without funding and fundraising events, which is the reason why we are able to provide care not only in the Bronx, but extensive care to (NYC) and the greater New York area."

"I didn't intend to stay at Calvary for a very long time," said Dr. Michael Brescia, executive medical director and co-founder of Calvary Hospital, who began his tenure by covering for friend Dr. James Cimino for a weekend and is still with Calvary 50 years later.

"However, once I started helping patients I couldn't stop and as a result, I couldn't leave. Our hospital has loved, and continues to love patients by being present in a physical and psychological sense and show them that we will never abandon them," he added.

"I had heard a little bit about Calvary initially, but after they cared for my husband and I, it was clear that Calvary was the perfect choice," said Terri Levine, whose husband passed away in 2013 after being diagnosed with cancer. "He was able to celebrate his final birthday, his final holidays and, eventually, he was able to die with dignity. Throughout the whole process, and even after his passing, Calvary has been there to provide me with support and I will always thank them for that."

"No question - I would definitely use Calvary again," said Deborah Degregorio, both of whom's parents were cared for in their homes with Calvary's Hospice Home Care. "I was the care taker for my mom for seven years while working full time and my father was diagnosed with multiple cancers during the same time, so it was very difficult. Calvary's services to my family and I made the process very doable. If I can help somebody else who was in my situation, I will - by recommending Calvary to care for them or their loved ones."

Young innovator focuses on his future

BY STEVEN GOODSTEIN

A local high school student has his eye's set on a successful career in computer science.

High school student Shemar Dacosta, a 14-year old Castle Hill resident, is looking to use his knowledge of computers, science and technology towards his career path and future success.

Shemar, who will be going into tenth grade at the Bronx Academy for Software Engineering this coming September, has already gained recognition amongst his school peers.

Dacosta was recently honored, along with other NYC students, with an inaugural '10 Under 20: Young Innovators to Watch' award as part of CE Week, NYC's largest consumer electronics and

technology event.

The award presentation was held for NYC high school or college students, ages 13 to 19, who are at the forefront of science, technology, engineering, arts and math innovation, honoring individuals who are developing products that exemplify an application of those fields and also demonstrate exceptional creativity, user design and civic mindedness.

Out of the ten honored NYC students, Shemar was the only student from the Bronx to receive this award.

At the presentation, Dacosta won an award for his project, 'Voices', an app developed for students to anonymously post problems in their school community so that they can be heard by teachers, princi-

pals, parents, etc.

Shemar plans to launch the app at his school in the fall.

Along with a special '10 Under 20' plaque, Dacosta also received a gift bag valued at \$1,000, consisting of goods for academics and other purposes.

"I didn't think that I would be honored as one of the award winners and I was extremely surprised," said Dacosta, modestly. "It was a really great feeling to be recognized as a young innovator and to see my app receive such positive responses."

Dacosta has lived in the Bronx for almost his entire life, having been born in Brooklyn and moving to Castle Hill a short time later.

Shemar, who previously attended Soundview

Academy for Culture and Scholarship before high school, currently volunteers at the Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club, and said that his focus as a teenager is to continue accomplishing goals, winning awards and increasing his knowledge regarding computer science, which Dacosta intends to major in when he attends college.

He credits his mother for being the driving influence in his life.

"My mom always proved to be my biggest influence because she always persevered and never gave up - both traits that she passed on to me," said Dacosta.

"When it comes to my career, my idol would have to be Bill Gates," he added.



Shemar Dacosta is presented with a special plaque while being honored as one of ten NYC innovators at the '10 Under 20: Young Innovators to Watch' awards presentation, which took place on Wednesday, June 24. Photo courtesy of CE Week



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'Deceased' veteran fights to keep benefits

BY ROBERT WIRSING

An Afghanistan and Iraq War veteran who was mistakenly declared deceased is fighting to keep his benefits.

When veteran Eric Deravin discovered his benefits were cancelled after an error declared him deceased, it seemed as if the former serviceman was fighting a losing battle until he reached out to a local elected official for assistance.

Eric Deravin III, an Allerton resident who served two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan, shares the same name as his late father, Eric Deravin, Jr., a retired 36-year Army command sergeant major who worked at the New York City Department of Corrections at Rikers Island for over 20 years.

When Deravin's father passed away on May 10, he informed the VA and the New York City Employee Retirement System of his father's death.

Both organizations asked for his father's information

which Deravin provided and about a week later he received notices stating he and his father were dead.

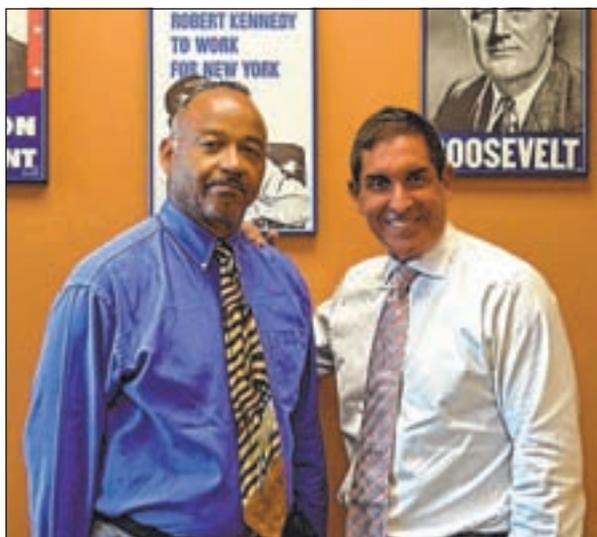
When the retired Army lieutenant colonel submitted his father's death certificate to Social Security, all of his social benefits were cancelled and for months, he did not receive any money from neither the NYCERS or the VA.

Deravin explained his father's birthday and Social Security number are completely different from his own and this was all the information he was required to give the two agencies.

The veteran requested a check to be mailed from NYCERS on June 1, but there was no follow through with Deravin's request.

He filled out and sent proof of life forms to the VA, NYCERS and Defense Finance and Accounting Services to prove he was alive and entitled to his benefits.

He received signed letters from Social Security stating that his own number was still



Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Eric Deravin (l) received help from Senator Klein after his benefits were mistakenly cancelled.

Photo courtesy of Senator Jeff Klein's Office

valid.

"This is a case of the left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing," Deravin said. "They're getting this wrong on the people who are still alive."

After countless phone

calls to NYCERS and the VA which went nowhere, Deravin decided to reach out to Senator Jeff Klein.

Deravin contacted Senator Klein's office for assistance and the senator's office immediately contacted NYC-

ERS who informed the office that they would not be able to send Deravin a check until July 29.

Working continuously with NYCERS, the senator's office was able to get the check disbursement sped up and were told by NYCERS that they would be mailing checks for May and June to Deravin.

"Protecting our military service members and ensuring those retired from active duty receive the benefits they are entitled to is critically important," Klein said.

"If I didn't have money in the penny jar, this would be very harrowing," Deravin expressed. "Senator Klein and his people did a wonderful thing and they were very proactive in helping with this issue."

Deravin explained his medical benefits were returned to him this past July 24 and he received a check from NYCERS on July 30.

However, he is still waiting to receive his New York tax



Deravin's late father, Eric Deravin, Jr. was a retired 36-year Army command sergeant major who worked at the New York City Department of Corrections at Rikers Island for over 20 years.

Photo courtesy of Eric Deravin

refund, his VA check, Army pension check and having his store credit reinstated, adding he will have to wait until the end of this month to see if everything is back in place.

James J. Peters VA holds press roundtable

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

The Veterans Health Administration is reaching out to local media in an attempt to show all of the positive aspects of an agency that has been under fire the past year.

In a roundtable discussion with the Bronx Times on Monday, August 3, senior officials at the James J. Peters VA Medical Center in Kingsbridge Heights highlighted what they feel are innovative approaches to administering health care to veterans from borough and beyond.

They also sought to reassure veterans that they would have adequate access to healthcare at the facility.

On a national level, the Department of Veterans Affairs hospital facilities are seeking to recover after the Obama Administration found in 2014 what it termed chronic failures in access to healthcare, and the media reported on a scandal in Arizona where about 35

veterans died while waiting for treatment at a VA hospital there, according to published reports.

This negative news may have had some impact on morale, but the facility's leaders continue their work, according to the James J. Peters leadership.

"VA has asked facility leaders in the field to reach out to local media, to discuss their organizations in a way that is meaningful for our veterans and other stakeholders," said James Connell, a James J. Peter's VA spokesman, of the roundtable. "In keeping with that request, we are working hard to let folks know that the James J. Peters VA Medical Center is open for business and ready to provide world-class, state-of-the-art healthcare to America's heroes."

Dr. Sarah Garrison, the chief of staff at James J. Peters, said that this particular VA location had an initiative regarding access

to healthcare about 15 years ago, and said that the facility has always provided good access.

Among the topics discussed were:

- combating veterans homelessness.
- Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing, a Section 8 program that includes a social work component.
- ongoing research into infectious disease, traumatic brain injury and post traumatic stress disorders
- efforts to outreach to younger veterans through social media and online interaction.
- a new mammography unit slated to open in the coming months.
- investments in imaging and scanning, including technology that should reduce more invasive procedures.

"We are doing a lot of very innovative things here, and those innovations are only going to improve care," said Vincent Immiti, associ-

ate director for the James J. Peter's facility, adding that the Bronx location has, in his opinion, a really good team.

Stopping by the meeting with the Bronx Times was Gene Laureano, a U.S. Army veteran from Soundview who was learning to walk again at James J. Peter's using a newly approved technology called the ReWalk™ Exoskeleton.

He had spent more than a decade in wheelchair, and served as a guard at the Berlin Wall in the 1980s.

According to Connell, the Bronx's VA location is affiliated with the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Columbia University School of Medicine.

He added that the James J. Peter's VA Medical Care uses state-of-the-art technology.

"We want people who live and work in the community to think of us as a great community resource, and to know that our first and fore-



The Bronx Times Reporter's Patrick Rocchio met with U.S. Army Veteran Gene Laureano of Soundview, who was demonstrating the ReWalk™ Exoskeletal assisted walking program on Monday, August 3. The meeting came after a roundtable discussion with top personnel at the James J. Peters VA Medical Center executive offices.

most mission is to proudly serve those who have served us, with the best healthcare available anywhere," said

Connell, adding "Some of the best medicine in New York City is right here under this roof."



Commissioner Bill Bratton speaks to City Islanders during the town hall meeting
Community News Group / Patrick Rocchio

NYPD Commissioner visits City Island town hall meeting

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

New York City Police Department Commissioner Bill Bratton visited a City Island town hall meeting where he shared his vision for the department moving forward.

Commissioner Bratton answered pre-submitted questions about policing, speaking for about 30 minutes to a packed crowd inside of P.S. 175 on Tuesday, July 28.

It was Bratton's first visit to the island, he said.

The commissioner lauded the most recent police budget, calling it the best in 15 years, referencing the increased funding for law enforcement and the first increase in manpower over that time.

He highlighted a range of initiatives the department is undertaking, including:

- allocating 400 officers specifically for counterterrorism operations, to free up other officers to patrol neighborhoods.
- ending the removal of two officers from both day and evening tours from precincts for counter-terrorism operations, resulting in an extra police car on the beat two shifts per day.
- installing Global Positioning Systems in every police vehicle, and equipping officers with tablets and smartphones, allowing cops to file reports from the field.
- hiring roughly 450 civilians to fill jobs currently being performed by police

officers, so they can be reassigned to actual policing.

- combatting ISIS, which Bratton said can recruit individuals via social media for acts of terror.

Bratton also announced, as reported in the Bronx Times Reporter in December, that Rodman's Neck firing range will remain completely open.

Many in the community believed the range would significantly reduce operations when city officials said in 2007 and later that an indoor firing range would be included in the new police academy opening soon in College Point, Queens.

A group of residents living nearby have been concerned about noise and other issues for decades.

The commissioner said that the opportunity to relocate the range had been lost when the funds needed for a proposed indoor firing range were never appropriated.

Instead the NYPD will spend \$150 million to renovate the Rodman's Neck facility, he said, which is in poor condition.

The town hall meeting with the police commissioner was arranged by Bill Stanton, the president of the City Island Civic Association.

Senator Jeff Klein and Councilman James Vacca attended.

Bob Bieder, president of the 45th Precinct Community Council, said that he

was particularly pleased to hear about increased manpower at the local level.

"The one thing that I was thrilled to hear was that there will be an extra car available for shifts because they won't be pulling them for the counterterrorism detail," said Bieder, adding that he was happy to see an overall trend in the NYPD toward community policing.

He added that in some communities some people are afraid of police and that if the community gets to know the officers on patrol it might be beneficial.

As for Rodman's Neck, John Doyle, the corresponding secretary of the CICA and a board member of the 45th Precinct Community Council, said that he wanted to find out more about what the commissioner said regarding the facility.

"Every police commissioner since the Dinkins Administration has promised some substantive improvement regarding noise in Rodman's Neck, and that has yet to occur," said Doyle.

He also lauded the increased amount of cops that should be on patrol in the precinct.

Two protestors twice briefly stopped the meeting, and a small group of protestors demonstrated against NYPD tactics outside of the school during Bratton's visit.

All Hallows alum appointed president

BY ROBERT WIRSING

Life for one All Hallows High School alum came full circle as he was named his alma mater's new president.

Ronald Schuttè was appointed by the All Hallows High School board of directors as president at the private Catholic high school effective Wednesday, July 1.

Schuttè, a Class of 1974 alum and 1970 graduate of the bygone All Hallows Elementary School, succeeds Paul Krebbs who retired this June 30 after 51 years of service at All Hallows.

Krebbs will now serve as a part-time consultant at the 106-year old private Catholic high school.

A Bronx native, Schuttè grew up on East 165th Street in the Grand Concourse.

He credits All Hallows for providing him with the necessary leadership skills needed for a successful life and career.

Schuttè attended Fordham University with an Army ROTC scholarship and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science in 1978.

From 1978 to 1982, he served as a United States Army Military Intelligence Officer after receiving his basic training at Fort Huachuca in Arizona and serving his active duty at Fort Bragg in North Carolina as a Psychological Operations Battalion.

During his military career, he had spent four years on active duty and two years in the reserves.

Schuttè earned the rank of captain and says his time in the military better refined his leadership skills.

In 1982, Schuttè earned his Master's of Business Administration in Management at Campbell University laying the groundwork for a successful business career.

Schuttè would own, operate and manage many companies serving as president and chief executive officer of Creative Bakers Inc., president and CEO of the Brooklyn Cheesecake and

Desserts Company, Inc. and international sales manager for Mother's Kitchen which was a merger of Creative Bakers and Baby Watson.

Schuttè was a board member on the school's board of directors from 1990 to 2000 and was appointed as co-chairman from 2000 to 2006.

As one of the founding members of All Hallows Foundation, Schuttè was a board member of the foundation's board from 1998 through 2007 which helped raise money to fund capital projects for the school.

From 2008 until this past June, Schuttè aided the foundation board's as their executive director.

Now president, Schuttè will work as a steward of the Edmund Rice philosophy of educating the marginalized and urban poor while embodying a more business oriented role ensuring the school is financially sound.

He will assist principal Sean Sullivan, a Class of 1973 alum, who has served the school for 40 years, and currently oversees the aca-

demical aspects of the educational institution.

"It's all come full circle for me," he said. "I've attended here since I was six-years old so this school to me is a major part of my life. I'm very excited because it's a very passionate role for me and believe I have a lot to offer in supporting our school and our students."

Schuttè noted that the graduating class of 2015 was composed of nearly 150 students and had a 98% four-year college acceptance rate.

He added that All Hallows' incoming freshman class totals approximately 140 students.

Schuttè is not alone living the school's mantra of "learn, earn, return" as he explained about a third of All Hallows faculty are alumni.

"This school becomes an extended part of all our students' family. We expect them to return to share their experiences with our students and never lose that connection they share with All Hallows," he said.



Ronald Schuttè was recently appointed as All Hallows High School's new president.
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Police, youth in TN Houses b-ball tourney

BY PATRICK ROCCHIO

Police, community youth, local leaders and officials came together to build better relations between law enforcement and youth in the Throggs Neck Houses.

The first annual Throggs Neck Houses Basketball Tournament, also called the Pulse Tournament, was held on Saturday, August 1 and Sunday, August 2 in Ferry Point Park with youth from the New York City Housing Development and police playing together on teams in a two-day basketball extravaganza that ended in a large celebration of unity and an awards ceremony.

The effort in coordinating the event included Senator Jeff Klein, Throggs Neck Houses Resident's Council and its president Monique Johnson, New York City Housing Authority, 45th Precinct, the Police Service Area 8 precinct of the NYPD Housing Bureau and the NYPD's Transit Division.

Participating in the event were youth from Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club.

"By working together to transform police-community relations from the ground up, we are making a lasting investment in the Bronx that will transform our communities and lift up future generations," said Senator Klein, who added he was proud to co-host the tournament. "This year's event was a slam dunk — bringing together lo-



Senator Jeff Klein celebrates with medal and trophy winners and MVPs.

Photo by Laura Stone

cal residents and encouraging people of all ages to get out and have some fun."

Johnson confirmed that younger residents in the development don't always view the police in the most favorable light, and said that two previous efforts to hold a town hall meeting between the police and youth did not work when they could not draw enough youth.

This event, however, she said, was a resounding success.

Johnson added that she believes the

basketball tournament, which included 16 teams, figuratively broke down barriers between the two groups.

"By hosting our first ever Throggs Neck Houses Basketball Tournament, we are encouraging local residents and their families to get involved and make a difference right here at home," said Johnson, adding that help from Klein's office was key in making the event possible.

"The simple fact is, a unified community creates a stronger community, and a

loving community," she added.

One of the participants in the tournament, Kaheem Allen, 17, a most valuable player winner, said that he thought the competition was a good experience for many of the players in part because many of his peers don't have the opportunity to play five-on-five basketball.

Allen added that he thought he saw more of the police officers' humanity because of the experience.

"I saw them as basketball players and that is how I saw everyone who stepped on the court," said Allen, who added that he and his brother also attended Nike Basketball Camp thanks to funding from Senator Klein's office.

In a statement, 45th Precinct Community Affairs officer John Souhrada said that developing trust between the police and the community does not happen overnight, but he indicated that events like the tournament could help.

"Community events like the Throggs Neck Houses Basketball Tournament are a great way to bridge the gap and encourage local residents to collaborate with law enforcement and work together towards shared goals," stated Souhrada.

Sinclair Hollingsworth, Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club director, thanked Senator Klein "for continuing to invest in the community."

Triangle Plaza Hub signs two tenants

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will lease 16,000 square feet on the complex's second floor.

DaVita Dialysis Center, a leading dialysis services provider treating patients with chronic kidney failure and end stage renal disease, will take 8,900 square feet of ground floor retail space.

With its anticipated fall grand opening drawing near, only 8,200 square feet remain available for lease at this community-oriented project.

"We are thrilled with the leasing velocity and overall level of interest tenants have shown for space at Triangle Plaza Hub," expressed Lester Petracca, Triangle Equities president. "With our grand opening fast approaching, we're excited to finally bring the services and amenities of this community-centric development to a deserving area, which, we believe, will catalyze con-

tinued improvements to this outstanding neighborhood."

According to Triangle Equities, there are two ground floor spaces of 3,900 square feet and 1,300 square feet still available in addition to an available 3,000 square foot pad site adjacent to the public plaza which presents a prime opportunity for a single tenant to develop a stand-alone building.

Located at the Hub, a Bronx transit center that over 200,000 people travel through daily, Triangle Plaza Hub was completed this August and will convert what was an under-utilized municipal parking lot in a generally underserved area into an active mixed-use commercial and community facility complete with 83 rooftop parking spaces.

Adding to the project's commercial and retail attributes, an 8,000 square foot plaza at the intersection of Bergen Avenue

and East 149th Street is also being constructed.

Fine Fare Supermarket will provide vital access to fresh food as part of NYC's Food Retail Expansion to Support Health initiative.

The project enables MCNY to relocate from its existing Bronx campus to offer residents potential new job creation and more higher education opportunities.

Triangle Plaza Hub has been developed in accordance with energy efficiency and green building principals with a minimum goal of LEED Silver certification.

It is expected Triangle Hub Plaza will create approximately 188 permanent jobs and has created over 150 construction jobs.

Triangle is working with the city's HireNYC program to develop a specified local hiring and workforce development plan to fill the newly cre-



An artist's rendering of Triangle Plaza Hub, a \$35 million, 88,000-square-foot multi-use complex in the south Bronx set to open this fall.

Photo courtesy of Triangle Equities

ated jobs.

Established in 1986, Triangle Equities was honored last year for this project with the Novogradac Journal of

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