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Smiles and Waves for CB7



Photo by David Greene

COMMUNITY BOARD 7 members march proudly up the parade route during the 43rd annual Bronx Week Parade. The May 18 venue capped 10 days of events for Bronx Week, showcasing the best of the Bronx.

5-2 Cracks Down On Illegal BBQs

By **BRITTNEY WILLIAMS** and **DAVID CRUZ**

Sunny weather, an extended weekend and no school seem to give the green light for barbecues, but it's against the law in some areas. And the 52nd Precinct is warning everyone.

Along Mosholu Parkway, the green prairie revered by the community, red signs have been posted throughout the area reading "No Barbecuing in This Area." But it's not enough to stop Bronxites from setting up grills and cooking their meals in the park.

For this reason, two community groups, Northwest Bronx Democrats and Friends of Mosholu Parkland have kept tabs on any illegal barbecuing. For the past two years, the groups have created "block watcher" programs to fan out to the park Saturdays and Sundays to inform lawbreakers of the rules and regulations. In most cases, illegal activity is reported to authorities.

During the Memorial Day weekend, families spread out along Mosholu's greenspace. But not *(continued on page 5)*



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CB7 Pushes for Retail Space at D Train Station

By **RICHARD BUCEY**

For years, commuters in need of a newspaper, that stick of gum or even an umbrella were out of luck at the Fordham Road subway station on the B/D line. It's been that way since neighbors at the barren station remember.

But efforts by Community Board 7 have brought the issue to the forefront once again after members voted unanimously to send a letter to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority requesting the agency reconsider a store.

On May 21 members approved the letter to be sent to Jeffrey Rosen, Director of the Real Estate Department of the MTA to include retail space within the underground station.

It's a request that has been denied in the past, although Board chairwoman Adaline Walker-Santiago argues retail space is indeed needed.

"The request is driven by the Board's strong belief that the neighborhood within the Board's geographic boundaries needs new avenues to drive job creation and economic development," Walker-Santiago wrote. She already had a copy of the letter

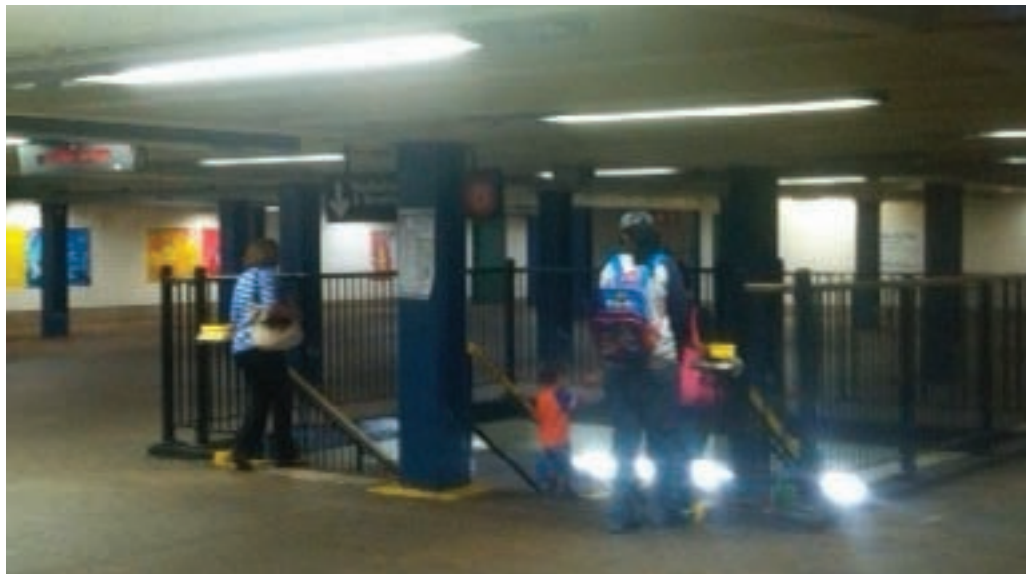


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ready to go. Once the motion was approved, she immediately signed it.

The reason behind the Board's request is one of simple economic practicality. Because nearly 4 million people frequent the

station yearly, a small barebones storefront typically located in a subway corridor, selling candy, drinks, and newspapers could yield generous profits for both the MTA and

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Klein Wins Ben Franklin Club Backing

By DAVID CRUZ

Senator Jeff Klein emerged victorious in securing an endorsement from the Benjamin Franklin Reform Democratic Club, after a lengthy evening of accusations of betrayal, debates, rebuttals and questions over whether their decision could cause a divide.

Klein, head of the power-sharing Independent Democratic Conference, won support over challenger and deep-rooted Ben Franklin Club member Oliver Koppell. The final tally was 96 votes for Klein, 38 for Koppell and 11 abstentions.

"I'm disappointed," said Koppell, shortly after the final count was announced. "I think it's a betrayal of the principles of the Benjamin Franklin Reform Democratic Club, which say that we are supposed to be loyal to and supporting of the Democratic party."

The tally culminated a raucous, drawn out meeting that re-hashed political maneuvers of Koppell and Klein that had roiled members before. Koppell used the speaking portion of the meeting to label Klein a turncoat for having formed the IDC, which he insists shifts power to Senate Republicans.

Klein, a Democrat, defended his position in forming the IDC as a method to resolve the notorious dysfunction that the Albany Legislature was known for. "When somebody is doing a

good job, you don't throw them out of office," said Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz, a key member of the club, who last week announced his support for Klein. Others also came out in support of Klein, including Koppell's successor, Councilman Andy Cohen.

And though a winner had indeed been picked, the outright hostility that coursed throughout the meeting certainly disturbed the current president Ellen Feld.

The move further erodes turf strength from Koppell. On May 16, Dinowitz and Cohen officially endorsed Klein. Dinowitz and Cohen, who succeeded Koppell, represent a large swath of Riverdale, the neighborhood where Koppell has always drawn the most support.

"Obviously he was not very happy that I told him I would support Senator Klein," said Dinowitz of Koppell. "But ultimately we have a good senator and I think it would be dishonorable for me, after I asked our senator to do a list of things for our community—to work with us to fight with us—and not repay him by not supporting him would not be the right thing to do."

Klein, the incumbent, received support from the northwest Bronx pols at the Tin Marin eatery. Dinowitz and Cohen, active members of the Ben Franklin Reform Demo-



Mess of the Month

Photo by David Cruz

TRACEY TOWERS, the futuristic-esque high-rise at Jerome Avenue and the Grand Concourse, was marred with cryptic graffiti (the only legible word seen is "AMMO") in early May. The *Norwood News* received several phone calls from several angry neighbors about this latest vandalism. Police at the 52nd Precinct advise to call the stationhouse at (718) 220-5811. Readers can also forward fresh pictures of graffiti to David Cruz at dcruz@norwoodnews.org.

cratic Club, were the last holdouts for key endorsements. A month back, Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., Bronx Democratic County party boss Carl Heastie and other lawmakers threw support for Klein when he launched his bid.

Koppell has long said that Klein, the president of the Independent Democratic Conference, has deserted Democrats by sharing power with Repub-

licans. It was a main reason Koppell decided to run.

Koppell did not return requests for comment. But in an email sent out to supporters on May 16, Koppell's wife Lorraine blasted Cohen and Dinowitz, saying their support for Klein has ramifications. "What neither Dinowitz nor Cohen realizes is they have lost whether Oliver wins or loses," she said.

Petitioning began May 29.

Cabrera vs. Rivera, While BronxTalk Organizes 13th CD Debate

In the latest chapter to an already interesting Bronx political season, Councilman Fernando Cabrera has officially announced his run against state Senator Gustavo Rivera of the 33rd Senate District. Cabrera, whose 14th Council District largely falls within the 33rd, has mulled a run for quite some time. Campaign manager Domingo Flores was unavailable for comment.

Insiders say Cabrera's decision to run is part of the machinations of state Senator Jeff Klein, president of the Independent Democratic Conference, who has worked behind the scenes in an attempt to neutralize Rivera. At the recent Benjamin Franklin Reform Democratic Club, Rivera publicly criticized Klein for creating the five-member IDC, which

he says gave Senate Republicans the upper hand in the state Legislature.

In a statement, Rivera avoided directly referring to his challenger, instead highlighting his legislative triumphs such as bringing millions of dollars to expand the pre-Kindergarten program, \$6 million to redevelop the empty Fulton correction facility, and fighting for tougher housing laws. "During the upcoming months, I look forward to having the opportunity to talk with my constituents about our accomplishments and how we can build a better future for our district and New York State," he said.

Meanwhile, in the race for 13th Congressional District, the top candidates in the race are deliberating whether to appear at a de-

bate on BronxTalk with Gary Axelbank, the political talk show on BronxNet.

"I am hopeful that the issues that have yet to be resolved can be easily resolved and we can bring all three candidates to the show," said Axelbank. "Those issues are nailing down a mutually agreeable time and date, and some

format questions."

All three candidates—state Senator Adriano Espaillat, Reverend Michael Walrond, and incumbent, Congressman Charles Rangel were extended invitations. Yolanda Garcia, the fourth candidate, gave no response.

The debate will June 16th.

By DAVID CRUZ and BRITTNEY WILLIAMS

Public and Community Meetings

• **BEDFORD MOSHOLU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** meets Wednesday, June 4 at 8 p.m. at 400 E. Mosholu Pkwy. So., Apt. B1 (lobby floor).

• **THE 47th PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL** meets Wednesday, June 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Nativity of Our Blessed Lady, 3893 Dyre Ave. For more information, call (718) 920-1211.

5-2 Warns of “Swipers” At Local Stations

By IMANI HALL

So-called “swipers” are taking over the D train subway line.

Police have been making the public aware of swipers on the train stations—con men who destroy an MTA ticket machine to compel commuters to use the men’s MetroCard for a fee. This phenomenon, though not new, has taken a great toll on D train riders, specifically at the 205th Street train station at the end that has no ticket agent or booth.

Con men are known to linger by the turnstiles asking commuters to buy a swipe from them. Some people decline the offer, but other hurried straphangers find it convenient to use their swipe for a fee.

These swipers often vandalize MetroCard machines to the point where riders can’t use the machines. This tactic may seem clever, but it is illegal. In addition, swipers who vandalize the machines create financial problems for the MTA because the MTA has to spend money to get the machines working again.

“I see those people all the time,” said a D train rider who would like to remain anonymous. “When the machine doesn’t work and I don’t have a MetroCard, I use them.”

On May 22, the 52nd Precinct held a Community Council meeting at Part

of the Solution (POTS), the food pantry on Webster Avenue. The 5-2 covers Bedford Park, Fordham, Norwood and University Heights communities in the Bronx.

At the meeting, a community member brought up the issue to police brass, mainly concerned with the Norwood/205th Street D train. He called the issue a major problem there since booth clerks aren’t always available. He also complained that the con men harass women at the train station.

When asked about the swipers, Bronx D train rider Kim Catrell said she is bothered by those people. “I don’t like when they ask me because I know it’s illegal, and they annoy me,” she said. “I don’t even like using train stations without the clerks because those people are always there.”

Usually this is a problem for people who frequent stations that don’t have booth clerks. However, this can be a problem for many Bronx train riders. To avoid being bothered by these swipers, commuters should enter train stations with MetroCards that have fares on them. Train riders should always refuse the offer of a MetroCard swipe because the act is illegal.

History Breathes at St. Ann’s School

By DAVID CRUZ

Call it Night at the Museum for this local Catholic school!

Third graders representing famous historical figures dating from ancient Egypt to modern history were present at a museum-style gallery at the School of Saint Ann on Bainbridge Avenue.

Twenty bright-eyed youngsters, functioning as a type of talking automaton, stepped into the shoes of notables such as Cleopatra, John Adams and Queen Elizabeth. “We have sports figures, we have historical figures from ancient times, we have astronauts here, we have several presidents here,” said Cecile Rodriguez, principal of St. Ann’s School. She was accompanied by the Archdiocese’s Regional Superintendent Ray Vitiello.

Students were equipped with a “button” that when pushed would inspire them to rise from their seats and deliver a one-minute monologue. “Hi, I’m Queen Elizabeth II,” said student Alana Santelle of Bedford Park, who remained in character during the presentation. “I have four children, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.”

“I don’t like when people think I was born blind and deaf,” said one student playing Helen Keller. “When I was small, I had a very high fever that left me both blind and deaf.

Natalie Miseses, 8, picked Amelia Ear-

hart, a historical figure in the world of aviation. “On May 10, I got my [pilot] license,” said Natalie as Earhart. “On May 15, I crossed the Atlantic.”

Students who took part in the project were asked to pick a historical figure they admired. They spent several weeks in April researching their historical figure through the Internet, and detailing key moments in that person’s life onto poster boards. Nancy Smith, mother to Peter, encouraged her son to play Rosa Parks, the African-American woman who refused to give up her seat on a bus before the early days of the Civil Rights Movement. The action sparked a yearlong boycott. The Smiths read up on Parks’ fortitude, inspiring many to endure 15 miles of walking to their job while the boycott continued. “That was the part that really got to me,” said Smith, who helped her son memorize his lines.

Interactive with a touch of theatrical flair, the overall goal third grade teacher Geraldine Gagliardi hopes students get out the exercise is a lesson in history and facing adversity.

“They just picked who their hero would be and who they would want to follow and maybe following them down the line,” said Gagliardi, following through a long time tradition at the New York City Archdiocese institution.

The lesson resonated with Natalie who learned Earhart “never gave up.”

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Inquiring Photographer

By DAVID GREENE

This week we asked readers about the recent spike in violent crime in the 47th Precinct and the 4-7's plan to build relationships with neighbors by visiting their homes.



I feel like it's kind of invading people's privacy for some reason. I feel like they shouldn't be knocking on people's doors. Something should be done, but neighborhoods like this... it's really quiet around here. I've seen the police towers and I think that's enough because it did stop crime in the south Bronx, and it does have a lot of officers now.

Claude Escobar



That would be kind of weird and I don't think most people would like that. A better deterrent would be more cops being outside, definitely. Nothing replaces the cop on the beat because I even get nervous when I see a cop on the corner. I'm like checking myself. Do I have any pot? Did I do anything? I guess that would work.

Brayhana Blair



I believe that due to the fact of what's going on in this neighborhood and in the 47th Precinct right now with all of the violence, it's necessary now to have more cops as long as they're willing to work with the community and not be out here harassing people for no apparent reason. I think it's a good plan. The presence of cops is the deterrent for crime. When criminals see cops, they know they can't do too much there.

Justice Allah



We really need law enforcement's presence more in the neighborhood because it's only when something happens that we really see them. If they were here it would make things much better and people would chill out. We really need to see their presence more in the community. They come out, but then go away, and the stuff happens when they go away. I'm not worried for myself because I've lived my life, but I'm scared for my family and my kids because they have a future. It's scary to know your kids are out there and you could get a call that somebody got shot or something; it's really scary.

Howard Brown



If people are hungry and they want food, they're willing to kill themselves. The police have to make a better effort in the community and be out here before a crime occurs. They should make their presence known.

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too far behind were officers from the 52nd Precinct. Summonses were not handed out this time, but warnings were, according to 52nd Precinct Inspector Nilda Hofmann. After having her officers order families to pack up, Hofmann instituted a policy where officers would conduct sweeps at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to issue summonses to violators over the summer.

But the issue is not only confined to Mosholu Parkway. At Williamsbridge Oval Park, Betty Diana Arce, a neighbor living near Mosholu Parkway, snapped photos of charcoal remains scattered near a tree, garbage bins overflowing with trash, and empty bottles.

The matter has concerned longtime neighbors in the area who've struggled to ensure picnicking is off the table. At a recent Bedford-Mosholu Community Association meeting, president Barbara Sronczer pressed officers to enforce the no-barbecuing law along Mosholu Parkway.

Lt. Paul Zangrilli, special operations with the 52nd Precinct, mentioned that Hofmann, who's dealing with the barbecue issue for the first time in the Five-Two, was briefed on the issue. "We sat down with a couple folks from [the New York City Parks Department] taking them around," said Zangrilli. "We're already on top of it."

Patrols have increased and the big red signs have been installed at park



Photo courtesy Betty Diana Arce

BARBECUE CRACKDOWN! Police hope residents heed the warning: barbecuing on park grounds is illegal.

areas well before Memorial Day, unlike last year, when they were put up around July 4.

Sheila Sanchez, vice president of Friends of Mosholu Parkland and a member of the Northwest Bronx Democrats, was at the meeting, offering to help officers report violators by identifying key barbecue spots along the parkway. More signs are being put up so parkgoers realize that open pit fires and barbecues are forbidden.

Hofmann has been very supportive of the community's efforts, according to Sanchez. Hofmann has made it clear that

she is ready to put in work to stop the littering and keep the parks preserved.

If anyone is seen starting a barbecue or refusing to acknowledge the signs, it is advised to call 311. This past Memorial Day, the 52nd Precinct received a few calls reporting people barbecuing illegally. "Every time the police were notified, they came immediately," said Sanchez, who was walking around the park Monday afternoon.

Police notified the families that although there were no consequences this time around, if they are caught breaking the law again, there would be a \$250 fine.

"Having a barbecue on any greenway is forbidden. Mosholu Parkway is not just a park," said Sanchez.

Anthony Riviuccio, the founder of Northwest Bronx Democrats, describes his continuing effort to protect the community as "an educational campaign to let them know that it is illegal. There is no option here, it is against the law." He argued that although it is illegal to barbecue along the parkway, the groups are meeting with Community Board 7 to find areas that could allow barbecuing and may even create areas for designated barbecuing.

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the community.

"A commercial vendor at the D train station would benefit everyone," said Eleanor Lundeen, the Board's chairwoman of the Economic Development Committee, who originally proposed the idea to the board.

Unfortunately, despite the obvious economic benefits to the request, it has been repeatedly denied by the MTA with little to no explanation given. "We've been requesting a vendor at the D train station for four years, and we still have no explanation as to why we keep getting denied," Lundeen added.

The MTA's decision on this matter seems to contradict what they have stated in the past regarding these sorts of issues. In an article published last November by *The Real Deal*, a New York real estate magazine, the MTA said "they encourage the establishment of retail spaces in subway corridors." In the article Jeffrey Rosen, to whom the Board's current letter is addressed, speaks for subway vendors saying, "These shops are not geared so much toward people who think they're in shopping mode, but toward people who are in a hurry and happy to be distracted for a few minutes, and that plays to our strengths."

The article went on to say that when space in subway corridors is available the MTA is perfectly willing to lease that space to private owners. With the combined factors of an overabundance of space, in addition to being one of the most heavily trafficked subway stations in the Bronx, leasing space to a vendor in Fordham's D Train Station would be pragmatic for the MTA.

The agency usually issues a Request for Proposals (RFPs) should retail space



Photo by Richard Bucey

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be available. But the decision to release an RFP is made internally. As it stands, there are no RFPs for retail space in the Bronx.

Most commuters at the station echoed the opinions of the Board. "I think it's a great idea, lots of people come through here," said Derrick Brown a frequent D train passenger. "It's all about convenience."

However, some commuters speculated that a retail space has yet to be

built because of the abundance of convenient stores located in the Fordham Business Improvement District, situated directly above the station. The MTA might not think a vendor could be profitable with so much competition in the area, said Shakira Knight. "There are lots of other places around here, but it could probably work," she said.

For Community Board 7 it is unlikely that they will receive an official response from the MTA until the end of

the year. "It could be a number of issues, physical, structural, or commercial, but we won't know until we hear back from the MTA" said Lundeen when asked why she thought the MTA had said no. Until then people working for the economic well-being of the Bronx like Lundeen are unable to do anything but speculate as to why the MTA has denied such a seemingly benign request.

As of press time, the MTA did not return emails requesting for comment.

Kingsbridge Heights Community Center to Honor Leaders

Krasdale Foods/C-Town executive Dennis Wallin and Ms. Foundation for Women leader Monique Hoeflinger will be honored Wednesday, June 4, by Kingsbridge Heights Community Center at its annual fund-raiser, the Summer Soirée, held at the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx.

Bogee Supermarket C-Town president John Bogovic will honor Wallin, who is also a KHCC Board member, for his dedication and generous support of the Bronx community. Wallin started his career in the grocery business at age 16 with Co-op Supermarkets in New York City. After graduating from St. John's University with a B.S. in Computer Science, Wallin realized his heart was in supermarkets, so he stayed with Co-op and entered into their management training program. He quickly advanced to store manager, then division supervisor, and in 1991 left to join Krasdale Foods as a retail specialist. In 1993, Wallin was promoted to director of operations for all 175 C-Town supermarkets, and in 2002 he was promoted to vice president of Business Development, the position he now holds.

Hoeflinger will receive the Bernice

Stern Award for Outstanding Community Service, which recognizes those who reflect the unwavering service and support which Mrs. Stern provides to countless families and their children through her philanthropic commitment. Stern has served on the Board of Children's Aid Society, Beth Israel Medical Center and is founder of the Stern Center for Learning Disabilities in Burlington, Vermont.

Hoeflinger will be presented the award by KHCC Assistant Executive Director Billye Jones Mulraine. She worked for more than 10 years in campaign development, capacity building, and leadership for social change, prior to joining the Ms. Foundation. As a lawyer and community organizer, her work has focused on violence against women, criminal justice reform, and organizing within the queer community. Hoeflinger's career includes positions at Obama for America, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Ohio Justice and Policy Center, the ACLU National Prison Project, and the Metlhaetsile Women's Center in Botswana.

"We're excited to honor both Dennis and Monique for their exemplary careers and involvement with our community.

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15 MILLION

Number of people suffering from food related allergies. (Source: Montefiore Medical Center)

Vital Stats

Monte Takes a Bite Out of Food Allergies

BY BRITTNEY WILLIAMS

In a time when food allergies are becoming more widespread, steps are being taken to provide better diagnosis and treatment to the nearly 15 million people suffering from food-related allergic reactions.

On May 1, Montefiore Medical Center opened its new Food Allergy Center, a part of the Division of Allergy and Immunology of the Department of Medicine at Montefiore. The hospital's satellite clinic, at 1515 Blondell Ave. near Morris Park, is the only one of its kind in the borough, offering a more specialized and focused approach to the treatment of food allergies, treating both children and adults.

With allergies affecting such a large number of people in this country, new ways of diagnosing and dealing with food allergies have been developed in recent years. As of now, the food allergy epidemic remains a mystery, though popular theories persist.

The development and industrialization of society plays a big role. Dr. Manish Ramesh, the new director of the Food Allergy Center, suspects that many food allergy cases happen in more industri-

alized nations. "The general consensus seems to be that we are evolving to a more excessively clean lifestyle and we are moving away from traditional foods and exposure," said Ramesh. "There seems to be an increasing coincidence of allergies and in particular, food allergies."

Research shows that 90 percent of food allergy reactions are caused by eight natural foods-- milk, eggs, peanuts and tree nuts (cashews, walnuts, almonds, pecans, and pistachios), wheat, soy, fish and shellfish. Other foods can cause reactions as well, but are less common.

Traditional tests, such as a skin prick or blood tests can be used to identify most food allergies, but they tend to have a large number of false positives. It is important to figure out if a person is actually allergic to specific foods. "Avoiding a number of foods has a great burden psychologically, nutritionally and economically for people," said Ramesh.

Refraining from eating certain foods require special diets, and can cause nutritional, emotional, social and financial problems. For this reason, it is crucial for a patient to be accurately diagnosed to help avoid allergic foods. "It's very

important to figure out if the person is truly allergic, and also if all they are going through is truly necessary," said Ramesh.

The Center provides advanced testing such as component tests and oral food challenges (OFC) to reduce false positives and help treat a wide range of allergies that are more troublesome. The oral food challenge is a more specialized approach where a patient is fed suspected food in measured doses and observed for signs of reaction.

Component testing involves breaking down foods into individual protein components to improve accuracy in contrast to traditional testing which looks at the food as a whole and causes problems in diagnosis.

With more accurate diagnoses, patients will be able to take necessary measures in staying away from the foods they are allergic to and be more aware of cross contamination. Although most people are not concerned or know of cross contamination, education about it will help more people become aware of the problem. At this time however, "the burden actually ends up being unfortunately on the patient to ask the right questions," said Ramesh.



Photo by David Cruz
DR. MANISH RAMESH, head of Montefiore Medical Center's newly opened Food Allergy Center.

The tests will also be able to help predict if a person is outgrowing their allergies, which is common. Ramesh encourages adult patients to come back annually and children twice a year to track their allergies.

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Bike Helmet Giveaway

Councilman Fernando Cabrera and the city Department of Transportation will give away free bike helmets on Monday, June 9 at Cabrera's office, 2100 Walton Ave. from 3 to 6 p.m. For more information, call (347) 590-2874.

BronxNet Internships

BronxNet has openings for summer internships to its public access television program *OPEN 2.0* for high school students. For more information, call (718) 960-8769 or marisa@bronxnet.org.

MMCC Day Camp Visits

Mosholu Montefiore Community Center offers tours of its summer day camps at Harriman State Park on Sunday, June 1 at 12:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 14 at 1 p.m. To register and for more information and trip details and costs, call (718) 882-4000.

Fordham BID Annual Meeting

The public is invited to the Fordham Road Business Improvement District's annual meeting on Thursday, June 5 at 9 a.m. at Fordham University, 441 E. Fordham Rd. For more information, call (718) 562-2104.

52nd Precinct Explorers

The 52nd Precinct Law Enforcement Explorers meets Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. at 3016 Webster Ave. The group is open to youth ages 14 to 20. Learn about law enforcement as a career, meet with local police officers, participate in projects, trips, and various activities. For more information, call PO Yvette Palermo-Ortega at (718) 220-5833.

Free Mammograms

The Health and Hospitals Corporation offers free and low-cost mammograms in the month of May. Screenings are held at North Central Bronx Hospital, 3424 Kosuth Ave., on Thursday, May 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call (718) 519-3086.

Finance Session

Learn about getting rid of debt at "Get Credit Savvy" on Wednesday, June 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Northwest Bronx

Resource Center, 2715 Bainbridge Ave. Attendees receive a free copy analysis of their credit report. For more information or to RSVP, call (718) 933-2539.

Keeping Fit for Seniors

CityParks Seniors Fitness offers free tennis lessons, yoga, and fitness walking to seniors 60 and over through June 20, at Pelham Bay Park, Soundview Park and Van Cortlandt Park. For more information and a detailed schedule, call (718) 760-6999.

MMC Seeks Volunteers

Montefiore Medical Center offers volunteer opportunities in both patient and non-patient settings for those ages 16 and over, willing to donate a few hours. In-person interviews are required and are by appointment only. All volunteers are screened and trained. For more information including requirements, call (718) 920-4321.

MetroCard Vans

MetroCard vans will be making stops on the second and fourth Friday of each month at Fordham Road and the Grand Concourse from noon to 2 p.m.; and Fordham Plaza from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Seniors with photo ID may apply for reduced fare cards

and others may add value or purchase cards. For more information, call (212) METRO-CARD or visit www.mta.info.

Summer Camp Applications

The Fresh Air Fund is accepting applications for its free 2014 summer camp program for eligible children ages 6 to 12 for the Volunteer Host Family Program, and ages 8 to 15 for the camping program in Fishkill, NY. For more information, call (800) 367-0003 or go online to www.freshair.org.

Registration is open for summer day camp at the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace. For more information, call Marlene Delgado at (718) 884-0700 ext. 168 or visit www.khcc.org.

Jerome-Gun Hill BID Annual Meeting

On Tuesday, June 10th at 6:00 pm, the Jerome-Gun Hill BID will hold their annual meeting at Montefiore Medical Center, Children's Hospital, Conference Room 1, at 3415 Bainbridge Avenue, Bronx NY 10467. For more information, please call the BID hotline at 718 324 4946.



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EDITOR'S PICK

MMC Hosts Health Fair

Montefiore Medical Center will host a community health fair, June 1 from noon to 4 p.m. on East 210th Street from Bainbridge to Steuben avenues. The event is to increase awareness about healthy living in the Bronx with activities including exercise classes, cooking demonstrations, health screenings, music, games, giveaways and more. For more information, visit www.montefiore.org.

Onstage

- The Bronx Library Center, 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents Verdi's opera "Aida," May 31; and **Alhambra in Concert**, June 7, featuring Sephardic music; both at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit www.nypl.org.
- The Mosholu Library, 285 E. 205th St., offers **Doo Wop**, the Creations in concert, May 31 at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (718) 882-8239.
- Lehman Center for the Performing Arts, 250 Bedford Pk. Blvd. W. presents singer/songwriter **Michael Bolton**, June 7 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$65 to \$125. Preconcert reception tickets are \$300 which includes preferred VIP concert seating or \$200 which includes the concert (advance tickets are required and must RSVP by May 30 at ext. 8232). A preconcert benefit reception will be held in Lehman Center's lobby from 6 to 7:30 p.m. featuring jazz pianist **Chris Gillespie**, and including food and wine. For more information, call (718) 960-8833.

Events

- Author Avery Corman showcases his film documentary which remembers the **Bronx of the '40s and '50s**, followed by a brief discussion with the audience, June 7 at 1 p.m. at the Bronx County Archives Bldg., 3313 Bainbridge Ave. For more information, call (718) 881-8900.
- The Bangladesh-American Community Council hosts a **street fair**, June 8 from noon to 8 p.m. at the intersection of Hull and Decatur avenues at 204th Street. Events include a multicultural show, dance, music, and more. For more information, call (718) 518-0470 or (917) 597-6349.
- The Montefiore Moses Community Advisory Board invites the public to **Walk for Your Health**, May 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, at the Williamsbridge Oval Park. Events include music, zumba dancing, health information distribution and a free tour of the recreation center. For more information, call (718) 920-7744/8133.

- The Friends of Van Cortlandt Park presents the 4th celebration of the **Seven Wonders of VC Park**, June 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Events include hands-on activities as well as a tour around the lake. Finger foods and refreshments will be served. Meet at the VC Golf House (enter park at Bailey Avenue and VC Park South. For more informa-

tion and to RSVP, call (718) 601-1460 or visit info@vancortlandt.org by June 9.

- Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse (165th Street), presents free **First Friday**, June 6, 6 to 10 p.m., featuring film, art performances, music and other special events. For more information, call (718) 681-6000.
- Bronx Green-Up presents **Caribbean Culture**, June 7, to join the festivities of NYC's annual Puerto Rican Day Parade, starting with gardening at Roberto Clemente Community Garden, then to El Flamboyant Community Garden in the South Bronx, ending with dancing to live drum rhythms coming from the Casita, Little Green/Rock Garden. Registration is required (\$30). For more information and departure details, call (718) 817-8026.

- Wave Hill, a Bronx oasis at 675 W. 252nd St. in Riverdale, offers **Family Arts Projects**: Moving Forest to make a mini inchworm pet or dress like one to parade along, May 31 and June 1; and **Rainbow Passage**, to create a spectrum of transparent materials to glue and frame into bright colorful window hangings, June 7 and 8; both in WH House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also scheduled is **free yoga**, for all levels (bring your own mat), June 7 (call for details). Additional event includes: **The Sunroom Project** offers a series of events through Nov. 20 (call for a detailed schedule). Grounds admission is free Saturdays until noon all year, and free until noon Tuesdays in May and June. **Glyndor Gallery tours** take place Tuesdays and Saturdays at 2 p.m.; garden walks are held Tuesdays and Saturdays at 11 a.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. from the Perkins Visitor Center. For more information and a schedule of events, call (718) 549-3200.

Exhibits

Urban Oasis: 30 Years of Painting Bronx Parks, features artwork by Daniel Hauben, through May 31, at Poe Park Visitor Center, 2640 Grand Concourse. For more information, call (718) 365-5516.

Library Events

The Bronx Library Center, 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents programs for adults including: **Single Stop Government Benefits at 9 a.m.:** May 29; Children can enjoy **Pre-**

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The Mosholu Library, 285 E. 205th St., offers for seniors and adults: **Knitting Circle:** Thursdays at 3 p.m.; and **Wii Program:** Tuesdays at 3 p.m. Children can enjoy **Buzzy Bots & Crawly Critters:** (ages 5 to 12; phone or in-person registration required), science-based hands-on workshop, June 4 and 11; and **Story/Songs:** (18 months to 3 years), June 5 at 2 p.m. Foreigners can attend **English Conversation Program:** (intermediate level, free), Tuesdays 6:30 to 8 p.m., June 3, 10, 17 and 24. For more information, call (718) 882-8239.

The Jerome Park Library, 118 Eames Place

(near Kingsbridge Road), offers for kids: **Chess Program at 4 p.m.:** (ages 5 to 12), June 3; **Active Health at 4 p.m.:** (ages 5 to 12), yoga and zumba, June 6; and **Toddler Story Time at 11 a.m.:** (ages 18 to 36 months), June 4 and 11. For adults: **Computer Basics Open Lab at noon:** May 29 and June 3, 5, 10 and 12. For teens/young adults: **Teen Science:** May 29 and June 12 at 4 p.m. For foreigners: **Free English Class:** May 29 at 6 p.m. For more information, call (718) 549-5200.

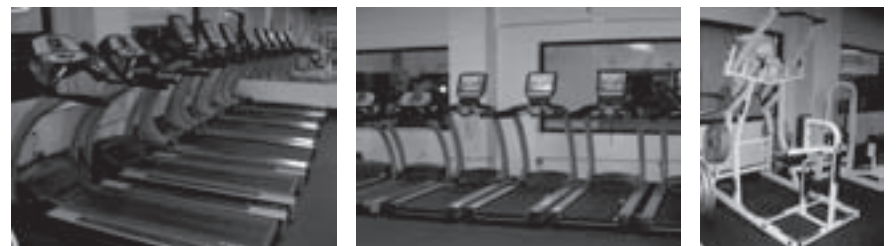
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