TENANTS, ADVOCATES, CELEBRATE VICTORY AT CITY HALL

By Carmen Glover

Tenants and advocates savored the sweet taste of victory during a celebratory rally on the steps of City Hall on Wednesday, August 9, as a precursor to the City Council’s vote later that morning. The City Council voted to reform the Department of Buildings’ enforcement regulations so that landlords can no longer drive residents from their homes through construction-as-harassment measures.

The City Council voted to put an end to the discriminatory tactics which unscrupulous landlords use to force vulnerable tenants from low-income properties, after which the landlords make the repairs and raise the rents to astronomical prices which the tenants cannot afford.

“We are confident that passage of the Stand for Tenant Safety (STS) legislative package will ensure quicker response times and enforcement from the Dept. of Buildings when tenants are experiencing construction-as-harassment from their landlords,” said Southside United HDFC-Los Sures Tenant Organizing Director Barbara Schliff. “This should prove as a deterrent to landlords who would engage in work without permits and failure to provide tenant protection plans. They will know that they will face stiff fines and penalties, since the City will no longer tolerate such practices. We applaud the City Council and especially Councilmember Antonio Reynoso for his leadership in getting this important legislation passed.”

For affected tenants, landlords ignore repeated requests to repair collapsed ceilings and damaged floors, remove lead-contaminated dust and piles of construction debris. Determined to drive out low-income tenants, landlords sometimes fail to provide heat, hot water and a clear path to building entrances and exits.

“If I feel good because we have changed the law. This time they’ve heard us. If we hadn’t gone to [City Hall] so many times, they wouldn’t have listened to us,” said Milagros Jimenez, an active Lucha member, who has repeatedly traveled to City Hall from the Southside to fight for STS legislation to be passed.

The rally was organized by STS, a citywide coalition of community organizations fighting to protect the lives and homes of New York City tenants where landlords are using construction-as-harassment tactics. Rosa Garcia, a Lucha member and a very passionate tenant leader within her tenant association, anticipates positive changes now that the Stand for Tenant Safety Act has passed.

“I hope that [landlords] will stop abusing us, the tenants, and many more who are going through similar situations but who are afraid to speak out and who are terrorized,” she said.

“That’s why we are here. So that they may protect us, and we are very happy that [the bills are being passed]...with [these bills] we are going to keep fighting so that everyone is protected.”

As long-time members of STS, Southside United HDFC-Los Sures led a large contingent of staff, tenants, advocates and volunteers, to participate in the rally, which represented a culmination of sustained advocacy through countless rallies, marches, workshops and appeals. The sense of achievement felt by the coalition members was palpable, even as they acknowledged that they have to keep the pressure on to protect the rights of tenants at all times.

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-Rosa Garcia, Lucha member.
PARENTS, CHILDREN, BOND THROUGH READING

By Stephanie Pinilla

Generally, parents want to be actively involved in the lives of their children. Parents at Southside United HDFC-Los Sures are no different, and recently they described the satisfaction they get from reading with their children.

“I try to give the most time I can,” said Los Sures Superintendent Jasmani Santillan, while discussing spending time with his youngest child, Jayanne. “I really try to read with her.” Santillan explained that he reads *Cat in the Hat* and princess books because they are his seven-year-old daughter’s favorites.

Los Sures Superintendent Edwin Guzman also described the bond he shares with his children through reading daily.

“I read to all my kids. We try to read at least an hour-and-a-half each day and go through who’s the main character and the plot,” he said.

Guzman, like Santillan, primarily reads to his youngest daughter, Yassira, who is two years old, but he enjoys getting all his children involved with reading stories. Guzman does so by reading each child’s favorite book, which ranges from Marvel Superhero books, to Disney princess books.

“When parents read to their kids I think they develop more.” -Maria Rojas, Los Sures Bookkeeper.

Rojas explained that her daughter’s reading was more advanced than her grade level because they read together, and that it is fun to see how much it helps.

Beyond a sense of personal fulfillment, parents often help their children because they hope to see them succeed. Whether a person is a parent, older sibling, or a tutor, it is fulfilling to be part of the reason a child learns to read well.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY SPOTLIGHTED STEM EDUCATION

By Stephanie Pinilla

The Williamsburg branch of the Brooklyn Public Library offered many reading programs this past summer, under the theme, “Build a Better World.” The theme, which focused on a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) curriculum, taught children through creative projects.

“Build a Better World highlights STEM programs,” said Kimberly Grad, Coordinator of School Age Services at Brooklyn Public Library, during a conversation with Los Sures this past summer. “Students will learn about building, and design, being kind to the environment and community development throughout Brooklyn.”

The summer programs were offered from June 8 to September 1, and allowed children to work on projects that answer the question, “What is your vision of a better world?” Grad stated that the age group that was most enthusiastic was the six to 12-year-olds.

“We currently have about 72,000 kids ages six to 12 signed up for Summer Reading, and almost 1,500 kids signed up for summer projects.”

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LOS SURES’ 45TH ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER

9/08: Last Glimpse of Los Sures Opening Reception at El Museo de Los Sures, 120 S. 1st (bet. Bedford & Berry) at 6:00 PM.

9/09: Grandparents’ Day Celebration, Los Sures “David Santiago” Senior Center, 201 S. 4th St., from 1:00-6:00 PM.

9/23 (Rain Date 9/24): Brooklyn Harvest Customer Appreciation Day Celebration, 204 Union Ave, 11:00 AM-6:00 PM.
LOS SURES DELIVERED BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

By Carmen Glover

Shopping for back to school supplies is often challenging for families because the cost and number of items needed increase every year. But for residents in the Southside of Williamsburg, the financial burden was eased due to a local nonprofit providing assistance.

Southside United HDFC-Los Sures gave out back to school supplies to appreciative families on Thursday, August 24 and Friday, August 25, ensuring that children in the community, aged 5 to 13, were able to stock up in time for school.

“Our former Executive Director had an idea to have a concert and back to school event, however, because of other commitments, we didn’t have the concert,” said Los Sures Community Organizer Raul Flores, describing the event’s origin.

“We received a donation from the Food Bank and JP Morgan Chase, of backpacks with all the basic items that kids need. We got a limited offer of 150 backpacks so we thought about targeting this year’s event in our buildings,” he said, explaining that he hopes to expand the program.

“In the future we hope to deliver the backpacks to more people in the community but for the pilot program we are targeting our buildings,” he said. “Most of the children in our buildings attend school in the community so we’re helping the families, the community, the schools and most importantly, the kids.”

The organization was able to give out supplies because of generous donations from the Food Bank and JP Morgan Chase.

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SENIORS CONTRIBUTE ARTISTICALLY

The sense of belonging, acceptance and pride that was etched on the faces of seniors from the Swinging Sixties Center, during the opening reception for their art exhibition on August 1, was heart-warming and poignant.

The seniors exhibited their work at Dime’s Williamsburg branch from August 1 through 13, garnering positive feedback and interest.

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BQGREEN UPDATES

After a successful rally held on Wednesday, July 26, the Friends of BQGreen met to debrief and discuss the next phase of the BQGreen plan.

During the 5:00 p.m. meeting on Wednesday, August 16, Deputy Borough President Diana Reyna and the Friends of BQGreen talked about the outcome of the rally. They also discussed what next steps could further call the attention of the Mayor and Governor to address the need for a park in the Southside of Williamsburg.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13, at 5:00 p.m.

BLOCK PARTY CELEBRATED 211 AINSLIE STREET CENTER’S SURVIVAL

The 211 Ainslie Street block party kicked off with children playing table games and residents mingling as they celebrated their community center being saved. The Thursday, August 17 event, that started at 3:00 p.m., brought in different supporters, most of whom did not think the center would remain, after being threatened with evictions.

“This is a celebration of victory,” said Mary Ciocciari, Director of Elder Care at St. Nick’s Alliance. The community got together, led by St. Nick’s and with the help of many elected officials, and it’s been a three-year battle but we finally got the building two months ago.”

Ciocciari explained that for years they had rented from a private owner, but that on Christmas Eve they were given eviction notices because the new buyer of the building planned on building condos. With the help of Deputy Borough President Diana Reyna, Councilmember Antonio Reynoso, other elected officials, community members, and St. Nick’s Alliance, the community center was saved.

“We belong to the Swinging Sixties Senior Center. That’s why we came out here today,” said Margaret Dalton. “We thought the center was going to close but we’re happy it’s here.” Cyrus Lewis, another community resident, agreed.

“I came out to the block party because my son is at the daycare,” Lewis said. “Community Board 1 meets here and there’s a senior center so I think it pretty integral to the neighborhood.”

BQGREEN UPDATES

(1) Scene from the rally. (1-7) Los Sures Fund & Development Director Monica Duran, Acting Executive Director Robin Sirota Bassin and Communications Director Carmen Glover (far right) participate in interview about the BQGreen project with Greenpointers’ freelancer Lucie Levine.

Los Sures Lucha also met at on August 31, and the members will continue to agitate for the rights of tenants to live their lives in peace and comfort.

For more information and to get involved, please email bschliff@lossures.org or treniquis@lossures.org.

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Artwork depicting tranquil beaches, luscious fruits, colorful birds and other beautiful scenes from nature, adorned the walls of Dime’s Williamsburg branch on Havemeyer St., during an exhibition on August 1. Artists from the Swinging Sixties Senior Center proudly pointed out their creations, among the dozen pieces that were displayed, as patrons admired the range of talent captured in each masterpiece.

“Have people been saying anything?” Connie Leist, who had two pieces on display, asked Dime Vice President and Branch Manager Gail Morris.

“Yes, our customers have taken interest in the exhibition and they asked a lot of questions about the work,” Morris replied. For Dime, seizing the opportunity to showcase the seniors’ artwork is nothing new.

“Dime has a rich tradition of working with local communities, including organizations that make a difference in the lives of our neighbors. Local branches will reach out to different organizations and lend our support whether financially or just our time,” said Morris, who developed the idea for the exhibition during conversations about another venture.

“I contacted Mr. John Pelle, Director, and Ms. Roseann Tuoby, Program Coordinator, and proposed the possibility of conducting a financial literacy and elder abuse seminar at the center. They were receptive to our proposal and we conducted both seminars at the center,” she explained. “It was on one of these visits that I noticed the artwork which was done by the seniors. I thought they were talented so I suggested to Roseann that we could have the art displayed at our Williamsburg branch to showcase the seniors’ talents.”

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By Stephanie Pinilla

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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

SENIORS PARTICIPATED IN TENANT MEETING

Luz Martinez speaks while Los Sures staff and tenants listen.

Tenant raises her hand to pose a question during the forum.

Los Sures tenants are eager to share their feedback. -Stephanie Pinilla Photos.

By Stephanie Pinilla

A Southside United HDFC-Los Sures tenant meeting on Thursday, July 27, touched on the topics of security, cleaning, activities, and use of the community room. Los Sures staff members Majorie Marcellus, Senior Housing Occupancy Specialist; Nilsa Gonzalez, Social Service Coordinator, and senior building tenant Luz Martinez, conducted the meeting.

“We are in charge of taking care of our apartments. We need people that want to volunteer, be involved, and know what’s happening with the building,” said Martinez. “You can’t say ‘oh I leave the door open and I don’t care.’”

Gonzalez seconded Martinez’s statement and explained that while Los Sures was in charge of the building overall, tenants have a responsibility to maintain the security and cleanliness of the building.

“You need to throw garbage away with bags, and it’s okay to use bug spray. It will not hurt your health,” said Gonzalez, sharing tips with tenants.

Tenants agreed to be receptive to the advice given and Los Sures staff agreed to resolve all concerns within the building.

Volunteers participate in the Garden Club on July 27, planting vegetables and flowers. -Zach Williams Photos.

Los Sures “David Santiago” Senior Center members enjoy birthday celebrations in July. -Norma Ruiz Photos.

Senior celebrates her birthday at Los Sures “David Santiago” Senior Center in July.

Artwork from James McCracken Jr’s Last Glimpse of Los Sures exhibition that is currently on display at El Museo de Los Sures, 120 S. 1st St., (between Bedford Ave and Berry Street).
Por Carmen Glover

Inquilinos y activistas saborearon el dulce sabor de su victoria durante la manifestación de celebración en las escaleras del Ayuntamiento el miércoles 9 de agosto antes del voto. El Consejo de la Ciudad votó para reformar las regulaciones del Departamento de Edificios con la finalidad de que los propietarios de edificio no puedan forzar a sus inquilinos fuera de sus casas utilizando la construcción como método de hostigamiento.

El Consejo de la Ciudad votó para detener las tácticas discriminatorias utilizadas por propietarios para forzar a inquilinos de bajos recursos a abandonar sus hogares para así poder hacer ciertas reparaciones y aumentar la renta a precios astronómicos, mismos que son inaccesibles para los inquilinos previos.

“Estamos seguros que el paquete legislativo de Stand for Tenant Safety (STS) asegurará mejores tiempos de respuesta y mayor cumplimiento de la ley de parte del Departamento de Edificios en momentos en los que los inquilinos estén siendo víctimas de la construcción como método de hostigamiento,” dijo la Directora del Departamento de Organización de Inquilinos de Southside United HDFC-Los Sures, Barbara Schliff. “Esto debería ser un impedimento para los propietarios llevan a cabo construcciones sin permisos y sin planes de protección de inquilinos. Ahora ellos saben que enfrentarán duras multas, y que la Ciudad ya no tolerará este tipo de prácticas nocivas. Aplaudimos al Concejo de la Ciudad y especialmente al Concejal Antonio Reynoso por su liderazgo en la aprobación de esta importante legislación.”

Los inquilinos alegan que los propietarios ignoran continuos pedidos para reparar techos colapsados, pisos dañados, y remover polvo contaminado con plomo, así como también escombros de construcción. Determinados a desplazar a inquilinos de bajos recursos, los propietarios a veces dejan de proveer gas, agua caliente, y acceso fácil y claro al edificio.


La manifestación fue organizada por STS, una coalición de organizaciones comunitarias que opera a nivel de la ciudad para proteger las vidas y hogares de inquilinos que han sido víctimas de la construcción como táctica de hostigamiento.

Rosa García, miembro de Lucha, y una muy apasionada líder de inquilinos, anticipa cambios positivos ahora que la legislación ha sido adoptada. “Espero que [los propietarios] dejen de abusar de nosotros los inquilinos y otras personas que has pasado por situaciones similares pero que sin embargo han tenido miedo de sacar la verdad a la luz,” dijo. “Es por eso que estamos aquí. Para que nos protejan, y estamos muy felices …… con esto [legislación] vamos a seguir luchando para que todos estén protegidos.”

Como miembros de STS, Southside United HDFC-Los Sures ha liderado un gran grupo de personal, inquilinos, activistas y voluntarios a participar en la manifestación, misma que representa una culminación del trabajo de abogacia sostenido a lo largo de protestas, marchas, capacitaciones y apelaciones. El sentido de éxito experimentado por los miembros de la coalición es palpable, aun cuando reconocen que aún se necesita hacer más presión para seguir protegiendo los derechos de inquilinos.
Por Stephanie Pinilla

Generalmente los padres desean estar involucrados en las vidas de sus hijos. Quienes son padres en Southside United HDFC-Los Sures no son la excepción, recientemente describieron la satisfacción que trae leer con sus hijos.

“Intento dedicar el mayor tiempo posible,” dijo Jasmani Santillan, superintendente de Los Sures, mientras discutía los momentos compartidos con su hija menor, Jayanne. “Realmente intento leer con ella.” Santillan explicó que él lee Cat in the Hat y libros de princesas ya que los mismos son los favoritos de su hija.

El superintendente de Los Sures Edwin Guzman también describió la conexión que comparte con sus hijos a través de la lectura.

“Cuando los padres leen a sus hijos, esto les ayuda a su desarrollo,” dijo Guzman, así como Santillan, primordialmente lee junto a su hija menor Yasira, quien tiene dos años de edad. Sin embargo, él disfruta de esta actividad con todos sus hijos. Guzman lee los libros favoritos de cada niño, que incluyen superhéroes de Marvel hasta princesas de Disney.

“Cuando los padres leen a sus hijos, esto les ayuda a su desarrollo,” dijo María Rojas, contadora de Los Sures, cuando nos contaba como leía junto a su hija, quien también se llama María.

“Cuando ella está en la escuela yo me aseguro de leer junto a ella, y cuando ella no entiende una palabra la motivo a utilizar el diccionario.” Rojas explicó que el nivel de lectura de su hija es mucho más avanzado que el de sus compañeros y que esto se debe a que ellas leen juntas en su tiempo libre. También recalcó que es divertido ver cuánto ayuda esta actividad.

A parte de la satisfacción a nivel personal que esto trae, los padres ayudan a sus hijos porque esperan verlos crecer y ser exitosos. Ya sea que la persona sea un padre, un hermano mayor, o un tutor, es satisfactorio ser parte de la razón detrás del crecimiento educativo de un niño.

“Yo leo con todos mis hijos.” -Edwin Guzmán, El Superintendente de Los Sures

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**Niña participa en las actividades de STEM.-Gregg Richards Fotos**


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Debido a que el costo y número de útiles escolares incrementa cada año, las compras de regreso a clase se han convertido en una carga financiera grande. Gracias a la ayuda de una organización local, este gasto fue aliviado para algunos residentes del Southside de Williamsburg.

El jueves 24 y viernes 25 de agosto, Southside United HDFC-Los Sures repartió suministros escolares a familias del barrio, de esta manera asegurándose de que niños de la comunidad entre 5 a 13 años puedan abastecerse para este regreso a la escuela.

El Organizador Comunitario de Los Sures Raul Flores y la Directora Ejecutiva Interina Robin Sirota Bassin exhiben parte de los útiles escolares que fueron distribuidos a los inquilinos en los edificios manejados por la administración de Los Sures -Stephanie Pinilla Fotos.

Los útiles escolares que fueron entregados a los inquilinos de los edificios de Los Sures para facilitar que los niños regresen a la escuela preparados para el año escolar.

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PERSONAS DE TERCERA EDAD CONTRIBUYEN ARTÍSTICAMENTE

Durante la recepción del primero de agosto, las caras de los adultos mayores del Centro Swinging Sixties emanaban sentimientos de pertenencia, aceptación y orgullo. La imagen fue conmovedora. Los adultos mayores exhibieron su trabajo en la sucursal de Dime Williamsburg del 1 al 13 de agosto, atrayendo interés y retroalimentación positiva. Con mucha frecuencia, al ser percibidas como incapaces de hacer contribuciones significativas, las personas de tercera edad se sienten marginadas por la sociedad. A través de esta exhibición de arte, los adultos del centro Swinging Sixties desafiaron esta percepción errónea, y a la vez ganaron admiradores.

Las piezas de la exhibición estaban inspiradas en la naturaleza, siendo un refugio ante los retos de la vida. Pájaros, playas, frutas, flores y otras imágenes representativas de la belleza de la naturaleza fueron incorporadas en las obras. La próxima vez que usted camine al lado de una persona mayor, tenga en cuenta que usted podría estar mirando al siguiente genio artístico.

LOS SURES LUCHA

Miembros de Los Sures Lucha estuvieron en el centro de la manifestación de Stand for Tenants Safety (STS) para celebrar el voto del Consejo de la Ciudad de Nueva York que evita que propietarios usen la construcción como medio para acosar y forzar a inquilinos a abandonar sus hogares. La lucha ha sido larga y difícil pero la coalición vio que sus esfuerzos de resistencia tuvieron resultados cuando el Ayuntamiento votó y mandó un mensaje a los propietarios para que éstas prácticas de negocios paren de manera inmediata.

Los Sures Lucha se reunirá el 31 de agosto, los miembros de la coalición continuarán luchando para que los derechos de los inquilinos de vivir en paz y comodidad sean respetados.

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ACTUALIZACIONES DEL BQGREEN

Por Stephanie Pinilla

La fiesta del barrio 211 Ainslie comenzó con la recepción del primer de agosto. BQGreen discutieron el resultado de la manifestación. Tampoco hablaron sobre estrategias para llamar la atención del Alcalde y el Gobernador para que reconozcan la necesidad de crear este tipo de espacios en el Southside de Williamsburg.

La siguiente reunión se llevará a cabo el miércoles, 13 de septiembre, a las 5:00 pm.

LA FIESTA DEL BLOQUE CELEBRÓ LA SUPERVIVENCIA DEL CENTRO COMUNITARIO 211

Rebecca Morosoff, Asociada de Comunicaciones de St. Nick’s Alliance (en la mesa), se une a los ancianos y los niños en la fiesta del barrio.-Stephanie Pinilla Fotos.

Por Stephanie Pinilla

La fiesta de la calle 211 Ainslie comenzó con niños jugando juegos de mesa, y residentes compartiendo la celebración la salvación del centro comunitario. El evento del jueves 17 de agosto que comenzó a las 3:00 p.m., trajo a diferentes partidarios, la mayoría quienes, después de haber sido amenazados con desalojo, pensaban que el centro no se quedaría. “Esta es una celebración de la victoria,” dijo Mary Ciorciari, directora de cuidados para personas de tercera edad en St. Nick’s Alliance. “La comunidad unió fuerzas, bajo la dirección de St. Nick’s y con la ayuda de muchos funcionarios electos, y ha sido una batalla de tres años, pero finalmente conseguimos el edificio hace dos meses.”

Ciorciari explicó que durante años han alquilado el espacio a un propietario privado, pero que en la víspera de Navidad se dieron avisos de desalojo porque el nuevo dueño del edificio planeaba construir condominios. Con la ayuda de la Diputada Presidenta de Brooklyn Diana Reyna, el concejal Antonio Reynoso, otros funcionarios electos, miembros de la comunidad y St. Nick’s Alliance, se salvó el centro comunitario.

“Pertenecemos al Centro para Mayores de Swinging Sixties. Por eso salimos hoy aquí,” dijo Margaret Dalton. “Pensamos que el centro iba a cerrarse, pero estamos felices de que permanezca abierto.” Cyrus Lewis, otro residente de la comunidad, estuvo de acuerdo.

“Vine a la celebración porque mi hijo está en la guardería,” dijo Lewis. “La junta comunitaria 1 se reúne aquí y hay un centro para personas mayores, así que creo que es una parte íntegra del vecindario.”

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DIME PRESENTA EXHIBICIÓN DE ARTE DE PERSONAS DE TERCERA EDAD

La obra de June Cheng.

Por Carmen Glover

DURANTE LA EXHIBICIÓN DE ARTE DEL PRIMERO DE AGOSTO, ILUSTRACIONES DE PLAYAS SUCRENTAS, SUCELENTAS FRUTAS, PÁJAROS COLORIDOS Y OTRAS ESCENAS DE LA NATURALEZA, ADORNARON LAS PAREDES DE LAS OFICINAS DE DIME EN LA CALLE HAVEMEYER. LOS ARTISTAS, ADULTOS MAYORES DEL CENTRO SWINGING SIXTIES, MOSTRAN SUS DOCE CREACIONES PARA ORGULLO MIENTRAS LAS PERSONAS QUE FUERON AL EVENTO ADMIRABAN EL TALENTO REFLEJADO EN CADA PIEZA.

"¿HA ESTADO DICIONANDO ALGO LA GENTE?" PREGUNTÓ CONNIE LEIST, QUIEN TENÍA DOS PIEZAS EN Exhibición, AL VICEPRESIDENTE Y GERENTE DE SUCURSAL DE DIME, GAIL MORRIS.

"SÍ, NUESTROS CLIENTES HAN MOSTRADO INTERÉS EN LA Exhibición Y HAN INQUIRIDO RESPECTO AL TRABAJO" RESPONDIO MORRIS. ESTA NO ES LA PRIMERA VEZ QUE DIME HASTA PRESTADO SU ESPACIO PARA ESTA CLASE DE ExhibICIONES.

DIME TIENE UNA RICA TRADICIÓN DE TRABAJAR CON LA COMUNIDAD, INCLUSIVE CON ORGANIZACIONES QUE HACEN LA DIFERENCIA EN LA VIDA DE NUESTROS VECINOS. CON FRECUENCIA, SUCURSAL LOCALES CONTACTAN A UN GRAN GAMMA DE ORGANIZACIONES PARA PRESTAR ASÍ SEA UNA AYUDA FINANCIERA, O NUESTRO TIEMPO." DIO MORRIS, QUIEN DESARROLLÓ LA IDEA DE PRODUCIR ESTA ExHIBición.

"CONTACTÉ CON EL SEÑOR JOHN PELLE, DIRECTOR, Y A LA SEÑORA ROSEANN TUEBY, COORDINADORA DEL PROGRAMA, Y PROPUSE LA POSIBILIDAD DE REALIZAR UNA SERIE DE TALLERES EN EL CENTRO RELACIONADOS A LA CAPACITACIÓN FINANCIERA Y EL ABUSO HACIA MAYORES. ELLOS FUERON RECEPTIVOS A LA IDEA Y EJECUTAMOS AmbOS TALLERES," EXPlicó GAIL. "EN UNA DE MIS VISITAS AL CENTRO NOTÉ LAS OBRAS DE ARTE. ME PARCÉ QUE LAS MISMAS REFLEJABAN MUCHO TALENTO POR LO QUE LE SugIRÍ A ROSEANN EXHIBIRLAS EN NUESTRA SUCURSAL DE WILLIAMSBURG.

EL ASISTENTE DE LA SUCURSAL KALIL TAVAREZ ESTÁ CONTENTO CON LA REACCIÓN DE LOS CLIENTES ANTE LA Exhibición.

"Hemos recibido muchos comentarios respecto a las obras. La respuesta ha sido meramente positiva," dijo TAVAREZ. "Varios clientes han tomado fotos de las piezas, inclusive vi a un señor tomarse una serie de selfies con la famosa obra: ‘tazón de fresas’.

El personal de Dime posa con la artista mayor y el director del arte.-Stephanie Pinilla Fotos.

La exposición presentaba diferentes formas de arte. (DERECHA y ABAJO).

El Museo de Los Sures hasta el 11 de septiembre con una recepción de apertura oficial el 8 de septiembre a las 6:00 p.m. El horario de la galería son los lunes, jueves y viernes de 12:00 a 7:00 PM, y con cita previa.


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EL MUSEO ES EL ANFITRIÓN DE THE WITNESSING EVENT

La obra de Sau Yam ha generado mucha interés.

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"DESCARTADAS, A VECES OLVIDADAS, PERO ESTÉTICAMENTE AGRADECIBLES Y EDUCATIVAS," Son las palabras que el Curador RASHMI VISWANATHAN UTILIZó PARA DESCRIBIR LAS ILUSTRACIONES DE LA Exhibición, THE WITNESSING EVENT, MISMA QUE finalizó RECIENTEMENTE.

Las obras de Anna ORlickowska, ŽELJKA BŁAkiś, JOSHUA NIERDZiński y GEORg PETERMICH, Cuatro artistas de Residency Unlimited (RU), expuestas del 8 al 29 de julio en EL MUSEO DE LOS SURES, abordaron verdades personales y sociales.

"LOS ESTILOS DE LOS ARTISTAS INCLUYAN FACetas SOCIALES HASTA LO QUE PODRÍA SER CONSIDERADO BELLAS ARTES," Dijo Viswanathan, Explicando que, aunque cada artista se especializó en estilos diferentes, todas las obras de la Exhibición desempeñaron, de una manera u otra, un rol en la historia. "Son historias abandonadas, culturas que fueron olvidadas," dijo, señalando que la Exhibición ofreció un tipo de educación cultural que no siempre es incluida en la narrativa o considerada importante.

"RU trae Exhibiciones únicas al espacio y creo que Rashmi ha hecho un gran trabajo congregando diferentes medios," dijo ALAN YU, director y curador del Museo de Los Sures. "La intersección de estos medios discute la manera cómo la estética es percibida, es muy interesante y relevante.

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EMPLEADO DE LOS SURES JASMANI SANTILLAN DISFRUTA DE TIEMPO FAMILIAR

La obra de June Cheng.
ADULTOS MAYORES PARTICIPAN EN UNA REUNIÓN DE INQUILINOS

Luz Martínez habla mientras el personal de Los Sures y los inquilinos escuchan. Una inquilina levanta la mano para hacer una pregunta durante el foro.

Por Stephanie Pinilla

El jueves, 27 de julio, se discutieron temas de seguridad, limpieza, actividades y uso del salón comunal en una reunión de inquilinos de Southside United HDFC-Los Sures. Miembros del personal de Los Sures Majorie Marcellus, Especialista en vivienda para adultos mayores; Nilsa Gonzalez, Coordinadora de Servicios Sociales y la inquilina Luz Martínez, facilitaron la reunión.

“Nosotros somos los encargados del cuidado de nuestros apartamentos. Necesitamos personas que quieran ser voluntarios, y que sepan que está pasando en el edificio,” dijo Martínez. “No se puede decir ‘oh deje la puerta abierta y no me importa.’”

Gonzalez apoya a las declaraciones de Martínez y explica que a pesar de que Los Sures estaba a cargo del manejo del departamento, los inquilinos eran los responsables de mantener al edificio seguro y limpio.

“Necesitamos de botar la basura en bolsas, y está bien usar repelente de insectos. Eso no va a afectar tu salud,” dijo Gonzalez mientras compartía consejos con los inquilinos.

Los inquilinos fueron receptivos a los consejos dados y accedieron a resolver todos sus problemas con el edificio.

Los voluntarios participan en el Club de Jardinería el 27 de julio, plantando vegetales y flores. Los voluntarios del Centro para Mayores participan en el Club de Jardinería.

Los miembros de Los Sures “David Santiago” Centro para Mayores disfrutan de celebraciones de cumpleaños en julio.

Una anciana celebra su cumpleaños en el Los Sures “David Santiago” Centro para Mayores en julio.

Obras de Last Glimpse of Los Sures la exposición de James McCracken Jr que actualmente está en exhibición en El Museo de Los Sures, 120 S. 1st St., (entre Bedford Ave y Berry Street).

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