

Honorable Jeffery Jones, Mayor Presents  
**Paterson's Quality of Life e-Newsletter**

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### **This Month's Features:**



*April is National **Autism** Awareness Month*



### **NEWS FROM DHHS...**

#### *Drinking water update...*

**Remember** to run the cold water for 2 minutes every morning and whenever you have standing water in your pipes for any length of time. **It is always better to be safe than sorry!**

- ◆ The applications responding to the **Social Services 2013-2014** Division of Planning & Program Analysis RFP's are due: **April 29, 2013 @ 3:30 p.m. DHHS 125 Ellison Street;**
- ◆ The **Division of Senior Services** are working diligently on creating their 501 (c) 3 Paterson Seniors Association, Inc. organization. They are excited about the presentations that they have received from the Paterson Fire Department the Office of Emergency Management and Community Development and now the seniors are looking forward to hearing from: Paterson Public Library, and the Finance Department;
- ◆ The **Division of Health** staff worked long hours last week! We extend our warmest appreciation to **Kate Bond, LaTanya Brown and Tabitha Pridgen** for giving up their Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> to help citizens with understanding what they need to do in the event of a disaster/emergency. Their display was awesome and informative. They helped to make the **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Disaster Preparedness Day** a huge success.
- ◆ In addition, **Lenore Bertolero and Robin Regenburgh** gave up April 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday also to help citizens increase their awareness regarding health. The **Paterson Housing Authority's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Health Fair** proved to be a great success and we are so thankful that **DOH** has compassionate, talented, and professional staff willing to give their time generously to give their health care knowledge to Paterson citizens. It was a great week-end!

## Department of Health & Human Services

### Social Services

One of our Social Services grant recipients scheduled an Open House Tour and on Tuesday March 19, 2013 our City's Department Director, Donna R. Nelson-Ivy and Social Services' Director Cesar Lopez visited, toured and enjoyed the late afternoon program.

**Madison Avenue Crossroads Community Ministries, Inc. (MACCM)**, formed in 1998, is the outreach and service arm of the Madison Avenue Christian Reformed Church which has been in the City of Paterson since 1910.

Some of the services provided:

- ◆ After School Care — Students K—8th Grade
- ◆ Child Care Center— Children 2 1/2—5 years old
- ◆ Summer Day Camp — Bible lessons, crafts, music, sports, and educational & recreational field trips.
- ◆ Fitness and Wellness— Recreation & Martial Arts
- ◆ Emergency Assistance Food Pantry
- ◆ ESL – English as a Second Language
- ◆ Crossroads Crusaders
- ◆ Discipleship Houses

**Madison Avenue Crossroads Community Ministries** is always looking for volunteers as well as donations, especially with the Summer Day Camp program preparing to launch. If interested please contact Director Tom Henion at 973-278-5627 or email him at [thenion@hotmail.com](mailto:thenion@hotmail.com) and also visit their website for more information on their services: [www.madisonavcrossroads.com](http://www.madisonavcrossroads.com).



## Division of Health

### COOLING CENTER INFO HOTLINE

973-321-1277 Ext. 2757

When outside temperatures climb into the triple digits for a period of several days or even weeks, this prolonged period of excessive heat is known as a "heat wave." In the event of a **heat wave** please call the **Paterson Division of Health Cooling Center Info Hotline** to be reminded of where you may want to go to cool down for a couple of hours:

- ◆ **South Paterson Library located at 930 Main Street:**  
Mondays -12-8pm  
Tuesdays through Thursday 9-5 pm  
Closed on Fridays  
Saturdays 9-5 pm  
For more information call 973-357-3020
- ◆ **Totowa Branch Library is located at 405 Union Avenue:**  
Tuesday 12 -8 pm  
Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays 9-5pm  
Closed on Fridays  
Saturdays 9-5 pm  
For more information call 973-942-7198
- ◆ **Division of Senior Services – Riverside Vets is located at 165 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue** and is open Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. their telephone number is 973-653-5932;

Perhaps you can also cool down while window shopping at Center City Mall located at 301 Main Street or visit your local churches, movie theaters, etc.

### Steps to survive a heat wave:

- ◆ A cool shower is an effective way to cool off.
- ◆ Stay hydrated: be sure to drink lots of fluids, especially water and avoid caffeine.

**Never leave children or pets in parked cars, even for brief periods of time;**  
**Check on neighbors, family, and friends, especially those who are elderly, sick, or not able to take care of themselves without assistance and those who live alone.**

**Stay Safe and Enjoy the Summer Season!**

## School Based Youth Services

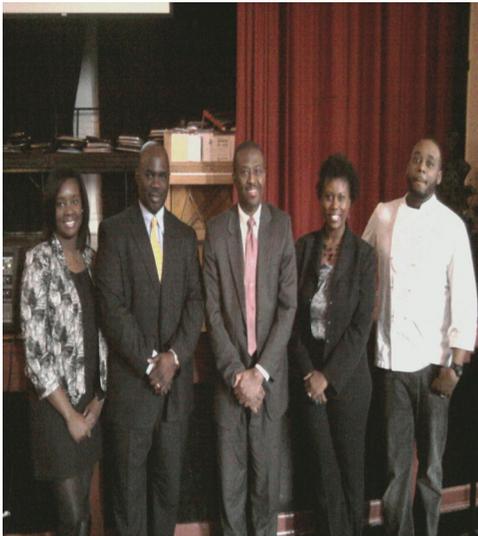
On March 28, 2013 School-Based and the UMOJA Club (Female Developmental Club) hosted their Annual Women History Month Award Ceremony. We honored Mrs. Gina Johnson (Board of Education), Ms. Toni Greene (TV host) and three UMOJA seniors that will be graduating in June, Je'Saiah Scott, Shadasis Walker and Tara Santiago. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!

THE NEXT FAMILY EVENT WILL BE: Kaci Taylor Girly Expo Seminars Marriott Hotel on April 27, 2013. The B.U.D.S young men attended a Teen Summit where there were 200 teens in-house on April 13, 2013 at International High School.

For more information on Positive Development Workshops for Parents contact: **Mr. William "Raheem" Smallwood 973-321-0541** located at **JFK High School, Preakness Avenue, Pat., NJ**



## A Final Quality of Life Report



As the student Intern serving in the capacity of Chair for the Quality of Life Steering Committee I am pleased to report our accomplishments:

- ◆ **DHHS Quality of Life Initiative and Paterson Public Schools Career Day Event** Speakers shared their academic and employment experiences with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at MLK- School 30 and School 13 to encourage them to pursue their academic goals and assist with their career choices prior to entering High School. Speakers: (Left-Right) Nataki Williams-VP of Finance, Colven Benjamin-Computer Programming Specialist, Melka Davis-Director of Global Marketing and Kwane Williams-Sous Chef; This was organized by Michael Goodwin- QOLI Steering Committee Chair (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) and Tonya Haney-Supervisor of Guidance & Counseling K-12.
- ◆ **Recognition Awards Presentations** On Martin Luther King Jr. Day we honored three Paterson Residents for their contributions to the city. Through their hard work, dedication and unselfish actions, they have left a positive and infinite mark on this city. Recipients of the 2013 Quality of Life Recognition Awards were: **Alonzo Moody ~ Marie Magda-O'Keeffe ~ Gloriese Zimmerman!**
- ◆ **Quality of Life Facebook Page** was designed to reach a wider audience—Please Like Us!
- ◆ **Paterson Quality of Life "Downtown Clean-up Kickoff "** Special Improvement District, Clean Communities, DPW, the Department of Health and Human Services' School-Based Youth Services and Youth Service Bureau joined in a collaborative effort to spruce up Downtown Main St.. This was the start in the "Adopt-A-Block Project" to focus on bringing a cleaner appearance throughout Paterson.

Sincere appreciation to the members of the Quality of Life Steering Committee for volunteering their time and participation .... Special thanks to:

- ◆ Pastor Michael Odom Sr.- Whole life Community Church
- ◆ Nancy Grier - Community Development—Neighborhood Association
- ◆ Anthony Wilson - Silk City School-Based Youth Services Program
- ◆ Michael Rosenthal - Owner—Paterson Men's Shop
- ◆ Lyle Silverman- New Jersey CDC - Youth Worker

City of Paterson, NJ - Department of Public Works



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## Recycling

**ATTENTION PATERSON RESIDENTS YOU CANNOT PUT ELECTRONICS IN TRASH...**

*This includes: COMPUTERS, TV'S, ELECTRONICS, WHITE GOODS/METALS*

As a result of **New Environmental Laws**, TV's, computers, and other electronics can no longer be collected with **regular household trash**. Do not put electronics out on your normal scheduled garbage pick-up day as it will not be picked up. Instead, these items must be placed on the curb after you place a call to the Recycling Office to arrange a pick-up. Note: That refrigerator doors must be removed prior to placing on the curb for pick-up. Failure to do so may result in a littering fine.

- ◆ For TV'S and Electronics Pick-up call 973-321-1490
- ◆ For White Goods/Metals Pick-up call 973-321-1393

**Our citizen litter, recycling and/or park patrol team is being led by Diane Polifronio and she can be reached at 973-321-1393** Community volunteers are needed to help patrol our streets and report findings accordingly.

**See someone dumping illegally**, take a photo or jot down their license plate # and call it in to DPW. A summons will be mailed to the owner of the vehicle! **With your help we can stop illegal dumping!**

## Community Development

### *WHAT DOES BEING SAFE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD MEAN TO YOU?*

Drug-free zones around schools offer communities one way to give students a place where they can play and talk without being threatened by drug dealers and drug users. Federal law and many state and local laws increase penalties for drug-related activities in drug-free school zones. It is a law and a community-wide commitment to reduce drug use among young people. For more information call **Ms. Nancy Grier at 973-321-1212 ext. 2233**.

**We need you to get involved!** Together we can secure safer streets, community spirit, stronger relationships with law enforcement and so much more. Participate in Neighborhood watch, become an active group, contact your Neighborhood Assistance Office at 125 Ellison Street 2<sup>nd</sup> floor - **Ms. Nancy Grier at 973-321-1212 ext. 2233** or **Sgt. Sharon Easton, PPD at 973-321-1272**.

To ensure our advertisements are offering a look of professionalism, please call - **Mr. GianFranco Archimede at 973-321-1355** to help with patrolling and reporting signage-commercial/business windows.

Please call **Ms. Kathy Easton at 973-321-1233** if you are interested in helping with Paterson's Re-development plan as we continue to address vacant & abandoned property.

This e-newsletter provides information about upcoming activities, projects and meetings as it relates to addressing our Quality of Life issues throughout the City of Paterson. **Please join the areas that interest you...**

**In our efforts** to increase the level of communication throughout the community QOL has designed a Facebook page. Here you will find current information on local events, employment opportunities and so much more. We welcome all residents, organizations and businesses to be part of this media collaboration.



Look for us & be sure to like us on Facebook



**"Paterson- NJ Quality of Life"**

**Michael Goodwin Chairperson, QOLI Steering Committee at 973-321-1242 ext. 2798 (Mon and Wed only) or Hilda Perez at 973-321-1242 ext. 2416.**

## This Month's Calendar of Events:

**In addition to previously mentioned events...please look to support the following:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Monthly** – Pregnant & New Mothers' Group 3:30pm – 4:30 pm Paterson Public Library 3<sup>rd</sup> floor;

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Monthly** – Pregnant & New Mother's Group 3:30 pm – 4:40 pm Hispanic Multi-Purpose Center 2<sup>nd</sup> floor;

**First Time Moms** – call **973-942-3630**;

**Every Wednesday—Senior Wellness Aerobics - Free low impact aerobics class**—All ages are welcome. United Presbyterian Church, 375 Van Houten Street 11:30AM - 12:30PM call 973-742-9755;

**Every First Saturday of Each Month — Souper Saturday Free Community Meal** - from 12 noon - 2PM United Presbyterian Church, 375 Van Houten Street Call 973-742-9755;

**Afterschool Program/Evening Center provides;** Homework Center; Open Gym; Arts & Crafts; Field Trips; Lecturers Workshops. For Information call **Paterson Recreation at 973-321-1313**;

**Apr. 15th—Paterson Great Falls Rotary Presents Athletes Making a difference 4—Beefsteak Fundraiser @ 7pm @ the Brownstone 351 West Broadway— \$60.00 Donation—Tricky Tray- 50/50—for tickets & info call 973-200-0013, 973-427-7267 or 862-262-9009;**

**Apr. 17th—The Paterson Free Public Library & City Green Present: Food Inc.** This is a Robert Kenner's Documentary/The Farm & Food Film Series—Free admission @ 250 Broadway, Paterson, 5pm in the Assembly Room for more info call 973-321-1223 or go to [www.patersonpl.org](http://www.patersonpl.org);

**Apr. 18th - Passaic County Community College** is hosting a Job Fair Day @ the college 10am -1pm – For more info: call **973-684-6100** or visit [www.pccc.edu](http://www.pccc.edu);

**Apr. 20th - Paterson Public Library & Project H.O.P.E present: Cinderella for a Day 3rd Annual Prom Dress Give-away!** Donate a Dress & Make a Difference! - 12-5pm @105 Church Street in Totowa, NJ - For more info & registration: Ms. **Natasha 973-393-7503** - [beingcinderella@yahoo.com](mailto:beingcinderella@yahoo.com) or Ms. **Michelle 973-321-1223** [petrasek@patersonpl.org](mailto:petrasek@patersonpl.org);

**Apr. 20th - Humble Beginnings—Feeding the Community @ 1pm—6pm @ 2 Auburn St. Paterson, NJ—for more info call 973-870-9023;**

**Apr. 21st - Retirement Celebration for a Living Legend Alonzo "Al" Moody @ the Brownstone House 351 West Broadway , Paterson @ 6pm - Tickets \$75 - for more info: Sharon Easton 973-703-2387 - Make checks payable to Zatiti Moody;**

**Apr. 21st - The United Presbyterian Church of Paterson welcomes United Way of Passaic County** to an after-church conversation on **Urban and Community Gardening**. United Presbyterian Church, 375 Van Houten Street -12 Noon — call 973-742-9755;

**Apr. 25th— The New Jersey Transportation Planning Authority & City of Paterson** present a public workshop **"Where We Are now and Where we are headed," @ 6pm @ PCCC** for more info call 848-932-3714;

**Apr. 28th—Passaic County Prosecutor's Office of Victim Witness Advocacy Hosts: NEW CHALLENGES—NEW SOLUTIONS 16th ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT VIGIL** on Sunday April 28th from 3pm-5pm @ PCCC. Call to register by April 23rd @ 973-881-4887 973-881-4890—973-225-3618 or email [jnixon@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:jnixon@passaiccountynj.org);

**Apr. 28th—11th Annual Women's Interfaith Dialogue @ 2pm—6pm @ 245 Broadway—\$ 20.00 Donation—for more info call 973-523-5627;**

**May 4th— The Inner Faith Performing Arts Center, Inc. (IPAC) in Collaboration with PCCC Presents Dealing With Image Workshop—**Dealing with Self-Esteem, Self-Image for girls ages 8-14 only—Session begins 10:30am-12noon, Free Admission/Giveaways— Theater—Registration required call 973-684-4062;

**May. 5th— New Jersey AIDS WALK 2013 @ Ridgewood Duck Pond—**Saddle River County Park—Bergen County—11am Registration online @ [www.njaidswalk.org](http://www.njaidswalk.org)— more info—201-489-2900 or email [ray@njbuddies.org](mailto:ray@njbuddies.org) or go to [www.njbuddies.org](http://www.njbuddies.org) or call 201-489-2900.

**May. 18th—Mature Sistah's & Integrity Lodge #51 proudly present 2nd Annual Community Outreach Day @ 224 Martin Luther King Way (Broadway), Paterson, NJ form 11am—3pm—Free Giveaways;**

**Paterson Task Force offers the public assistance for PSE&G** – For more info: call **973-279-2333**