

ASSEMBLYMAN FARRELL *and* COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Working to bring to the **OBAMA PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY** *to New York City*

Locating the Barack Obama Presidential Library at Columbia University will add another historically-important landmark to our already historic urban community that is rich in political, intellectual and cultural assets.



Assemblyman Farrell recently met with Maxine Griffith of Columbia University to discuss Northern Manhattan's nomination as a host community for the Barack Obama Presidential Library.

Dear Neighbor,

I have had the great pleasure of visiting many of the block parties and wonderful summer events that are held in our neighborhoods. It was wonderful to meet many of you and talk about the important issues we face.

For many years, I have worked closely with the commanding officers of the New York Police Department's 28th, 30th, 32nd and 34th Precincts to keep the peace in the community and protect the quality of life. It has been a pleasure to once again work with Police Commissioner Bratton, who recently returned to New York, as well as City Council Member Mark Levine on these important issues.

As always, the doors of my District Office are open to you if you have a problem, or an idea that you believe will help solve a problem in the community.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herman D. Farrell, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

*Herman D. Farrell, Jr.
Member of Assembly*

During the last few months, I have been involved in an exciting and ongoing project: working to have President Obama's Presidential Library located in our community at Columbia University, which he attended as a young man. Several months ago I wrote a letter of support to the Barack Obama Foundation in Chicago, nominating Columbia as the obvious location for this project. I pointed out the unique qualities our community has to offer and stated my belief that the President and First Lady, as well as the Obama Foundation, would be well-served by the talent, resources and energy of New York City and Columbia's staff and student body.



Assemblyman Farrell, Congressman Rangel and Comptroller Scott Stringer discuss issues of concern before taking part in a recent meeting of the Mitchell-Llama Residents' Coalition.

HOUSING LEADERS JOIN FARRELL AT TOWN HALL MEETING



A number of the State's top housing officials recently came to the district to meet with you and discuss problems with bad landlords, the shortage of affordable housing and related issues. My invitation to attend was accepted by Darryl C. Towns, Commissioner of New York State Division of Homes and Community Renewal; Assemblyman Keith Wright, who is Chair of our Housing Committee; and Richard White, Deputy Commissioner of the Tenant Protection Unit.

Also in attendance were Legal Aid Society attorneys Ellen Davidson and Adriene Holder (pictured at left), who go to court with tenants who need their help. As you may know, in most cases landlords go to Housing Court with their own lawyers, but most tenants do not have a lawyer of their own to represent them. Because of this, the work of the Legal Aid Society is incredibly important, and it is my pleasure to support them.

FARRELL AROUND THE COMMUNITY



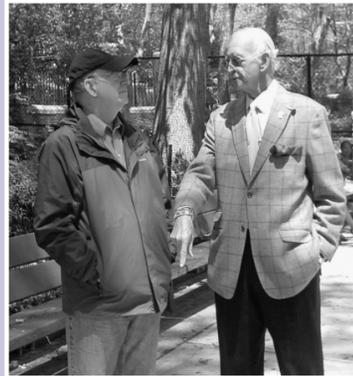
Assemblyman Farrell attended the opening of the Sugar Hill Development at West 155th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue, an important new affordable-housing development in the community.



Assemblyman Farrell attended a workshop held by Harlem Advocates for Seniors on preventing falls, which was held in late spring at New Mount Zion Baptist Church.



Assemblyman Farrell and audience members listen to Jean Lee Poggi, who worked with Assemblyman Farrell during the 1990s to get the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to build George Washington Bridge Park, during a ceremony on It's My Park Day, May 2014. During the event, Ms. Poggi looked back to the Park's construction, forward to its pending renovation, and presented awards to volunteers who helped keep the Park clean and sanitary in the interim.



Assemblyman Farrell and Parks Department Manhattan Borough Commissioner William T. Castro discuss ongoing efforts to improve public parks during It's My Park Day 2014.



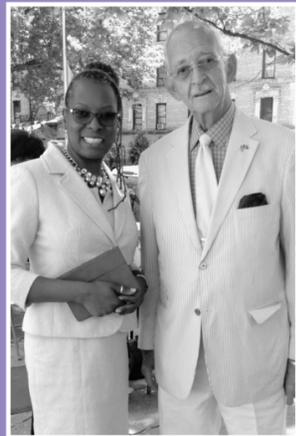
Assemblyman Farrell visited William A. Harris Gardens at West 153th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue on It's My Park Day 2014. Water for the gardens is collected on the roof of a nearby 1200-square-foot building and fed into a 1,000 gallon storage tank until it is needed.



Assemblyman Farrell poses with members of the community who attended the New York City Multicultural Festival on St. Nicholas Avenue between 141st and 145th streets.



Assemblyman Farrell pauses for a photo with Senior Pastor Lisa Jenkins and with the Guardian Angels HIV/AIDS Ministry of St. Matthew's Baptist Church in early summer. During an event that day, the Guardian Angels and other members of the church community came together to dedicate a New Life Community Garden at 43 Rev. Dr. John J. Sass Place in memory of those who have died from HIV/AIDS.



Assemblyman Farrell caught up with City Council Member Mark Levine and former City Council Member Robert Jackson during a June 2014 event at The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. The event, during which Council Member Inez Dickens was honored for her work in the community, was also attended by Congressman Rangel and Congressman John Lewis of Georgia, a lifelong crusader for equal rights. At the age of 21 he became one of the original Freedom Riders, six African-Americans and seven Caucasians who rode a bus together from Washington, DC to New Orleans to challenge the anti-integration laws that were in force at that time. The Freedom Riders were physically attacked, and their bus was firebombed. Undeterred, John Lewis continued his efforts to achieve equality.



KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE

As you may have heard, earlier this year Mayor de Blasio made changes to the leadership of the Police Department. This was done in order to make the best use of their resources and place commanders in precincts where their talents can be put to the greatest use in order to protect and preserve the safety of our communities.

Over the years I have developed excellent professional and personal relationships with the commanding officers of the New York Police Department's Precincts in my District as we worked together to improve the quality of life in Northern Manhattan. During the weeks after these leadership changes, I had the opportunity to meet with the new commanders in order to introduce myself, provide an overview of the past methods that have been used to control noise in the parks and other problems, and to make myself and my staff available in order to help them.



I recently met with Deputy Inspector Luis A. Despaigne, commanding officer of the NYPD's Housing Bureau Police Service Area 6, which is in charge of policing New York City Housing Authority properties (also known as the projects). We had a lengthy and informative discussion of his agency's responsibilities and the challenges they face and talked about how my staff and I may be of assistance in pursuit of a better quality of life.

I met with Deputy Inspector Michael Baker, who had recently replaced Deputy Inspector Ruel Stephenson as commanding officer of the 30th Precinct. We discussed problems in the community, including dangerous motorcycle racing in the streets and noise in our public parks, and how I could be of assistance.

I also met at the 28th Precinct station house with Deputy Inspector Olufunmilola F. Obe. She replaced Deputy Inspector Kevin Williams, who was reassigned to the NYPD's counterterrorism unit.

I also recently met with Deputy Inspector Michael A. Davidson, pictured at left, who had recently replaced Inspector Rodney Harrison as commanding officer of the 32nd Precinct. I look forward to working with the new commanding officers to improve the quality of life in the District, and wish their predecessors great success in their future endeavors.



Assemblyman Farrell and Deputy Inspector Michael Baker.



Assemblyman Farrell and Deputy Inspector Olufunmilola F. Obe.



Assemblyman Farrell and Deputy Inspector Michael A. Davidson.



Assemblyman Farrell and Police Commissioner William J. Bratton recently attended a Police Athletic League event, closing part of West 151st Street between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue to allow children to safely play. For over 100 years, the PAL has closed streets and other public areas to give children safe, supervised places to play during the summer. The PAL currently operates 40 play streets, 10 of which are in Manhattan.



Assemblyman Farrell and Deputy Inspector Chris Morello, commanding officer of the 34th Precinct.



Assemblyman Farrell and Deputy Inspector Fausto B. Pichardo, commanding officer of the 33rd Precinct.

SUPPORTING LOCAL NON-PROFITS FOR A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE

Assemblyman Farrell recently joined City Comptroller Scott Stringer (center) and City Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez (right) among others at an event honoring Deborah Hes, Executive Director of the Jewish Community Council of Washington Heights-Inwood (JCC). During the last 20 years, Ms. Hes has worked for and later led the JCC as it has grown into a pillar of the local community, providing vital food, transportation and housing services to Northern Manhattan residents no matter their religion or background.

Under her leadership, in recent years, JCC has worked to strengthen the neighborhood's institutions, improve safety in the community and assisted many families in their time of need by providing food, working to prevent eviction or stop utilities from being shut off. As someone who has worked to support JCC for many years, Assemblyman Farrell applauds this recognition of Ms. Hes' years of hard work.



MEET THE 2014 HERMAN D. FARRELL, JR. SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!



Every year, the New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators gives each of its members \$2,000 to pass along to worthy and hardworking students from our community in support of their educational goals. Please allow me to introduce the 2014 winners, Dante Crews and Teshan Ashley. Mr. Crews, who recently graduated from Frederick Douglass Academy, will be attending City College in the Fall. Ms. Ashley, who recently completed her studies at Manhattan Village Academy, has been accepted to SUNY Buffalo State and plans to study psychology. I hope you will join me in congratulating them.



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