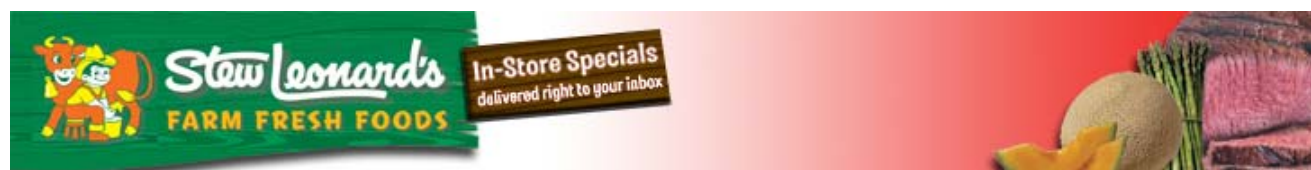

HOME DIRECTORY SEARCH WEATHER OBITUARIES CLASSIFIEDS SUBSCRIBE ADVERTISE ABOUT CONTACT



Housing for homeless raises neighbors hackles



By Aliza Appelbaum

Residents of Kingsbridge's Cannon Place, a narrow, mostly quiet street between the Major Deegan Expressway and the Jerome Park Reservoir, might soon be getting some new neighbors: a 90-unit facility mainly for formerly homeless people with special needs.

At a recent meeting held by Community Board 8's Land Use Committee, more than 100 people living on or near Cannon Place showed up to voice their concerns.

"People had problems with having those facilities in the area," said Charles Moerdler, chair of the Land Use Committee. "Those units, they now tell us, are going to be occupied by people who have substance abuse issues, who have schizophrenia issues, who have other issues. There are concerns."

Sixty percent of the facility would be set aside for formerly homeless people who require special assistance, whether with substance abuse issues or because they have some form of mental illness. The other forty percent will be affordable housing, set aside for people who could not otherwise afford to live in the area, said Frederick Shack, executive director of Urban Pathways, the not-for-profit organization that would build and maintain the facility.

The people being helped by Urban Pathways "are able to participate and work in the community," and should not be a cause for concern, Mr. Shack said.



The Economist

Special Online offer!



Great expectations

*** Get 12 issues of *The Economist* for \$12.**

SAVE Now. 

We want to know

Have a breaking news story? Want to comment on an article? Need to post a community event or announce a family milestone? [Click here.](#)

Audio slideshows

To view all available picture stories, [click here.](#)

The
RIVERDALE
PRESS

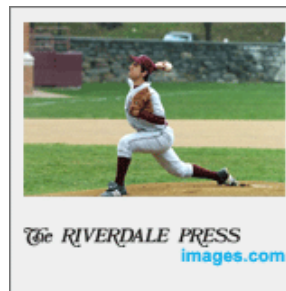
Ramblings

Local Thoughts.
Your Comments.
Our Blog!!

Career opportunities at

The
RIVERDALE
PRESS

[click here.](#)



[Site Map](#)

News content published by
The Riverdale Press.
Internet Edition managed
using

[First Day Story.](#)

© 2009. All Rights Reserved.