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SENATOR KLEIN HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL THROGGS NECK HOUSES BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

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Local basketball tournament works to build police-community relations

BRONX, NY - State Senator Jeff Klein (D-Bronx/Westchester), joined the New York City Housing Authority, Throggs Neck Residents' Council, New York City Fire Department, Police Service Area #8, NYPD Housing Bureau, and court officers hosted the second annual Throggs Neck Houses Basketball Tournament at Ferry Point Park this past weekend.

“In what is now becoming an annual tradition, I was proud to host the second Throggs Neck Houses Basketball Tournament, which brings together local residents and those sworn to protect them, in order to build a stronger community. Last year’s contest was a slam dunk, and this year’s was no different - it’s wonderful to see people of all ages in this community get outside for some fun and games,” **said Senator Jeff Klein.**

Hundreds of participants gathered to enjoy the two-day tournament, which focused on building relationships between residents and law enforcement, while fostering a stronger sense of local community.

The teams brought together players of all ages from both city agencies and the community. The final game was played on Sunday, with the court officers claiming victory over the Traveling NYPD team. Both teams are set for a rematch later this summer, at the Throggs Neck Houses Family Day.

Throughout the weekend, families enjoyed music, games, food, and drinks.

"This tournament brought everyone together for a day of fun and community spirit. Agencies and residents must continue to work together. This event reflects the pulse, the heartbeat of Throggs Neck Houses," **said Monique Johnson, president of the Throggs Neck Residents' Council.**