

**Bedford-Stuyvesant Clarion**  
Newsletter of Community Board 3

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**Monthly Public Meeting of Community Board 3**

**Monday, April 7, 2008 — 7:00 P.M.**

**1368 Fulton Street, Lower Level, Community Room**

**PUBLIC HEARING IN THE MATTER OF:**

48 Units of Affordable Housing to be located at 924 and 928 Madison Street and 1025,1013,1007,1052 and 1054 Putnam Avenue. The project is offered by the NYC Dept. of Housing Development, through its Cornerstone Program.

**TWO THREATS TO OUR PROPERTY ... THE DOUBLE WHAMMY**  
THERE ARE NOW TWO WAYS THAT A LIEN MAY BE PLACED ON THE DEBT YOU OWE.

**NEW LIEN ON DELINQUENT WATER/SEWAGE CHARGES**

- ▶ Are you up-to-date on your water and sewage charges?  
If you have not paid your bills in more than one year, and/or you owe more than \$1,000, *you are at risk!*

**RETURN OF THE LIEN ON PROPERTY TAXES**

- ▶ Are you up-to-date on your real estate taxes?  
If you are three years, or more, behind on your taxes, *you are at risk!*

GET THE HELP YOU NEED AT OUR OWN  
**COMMUNITY WATER AND TAX HELP NIGHT**  
**APRIL 23RD AT 5:00 P.M.**

**BOYS AND GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL**

Representatives from DEP and Finance will be on hand for one-on-one sessions. Both agencies will have computer access for up-to-the-minute changes. Our neighbors will be able to pay what they owe; make installment arrangements, or check on their accounts.

**HOW TO GET HELP FROM DEP .... THEY ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH YOU!!!**

DEP has special incentive programs that **GREATLY REDUCE WHAT YOU OWE!**. However, you must go in to see one of their customer service representatives.

- ▶ **Payment Incentive Programs** – Available to owners of Single and Multi-family Homes [Deadline—April 22nd]

CONTACT DEP AT (718) 595-7000

VISIT THE BROOKLYN OFFICE AT 250 LIVINGSTON ST., 8<sup>TH</sup> FL.

**HOW TO GET HELP FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE .... THEY ARE READY TO HELP!**

Finance can assist with low down payments and installment agreements.

CONTACT FINANCE AT (212) 504-4039

VISIT THE BROOKLYN OFFICE AT 210 JORALEMON ST., 1<sup>ST</sup> FL.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

- ▶ LIEN SALE MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>
- ▶ LAST DAY TO SETTLE ALL ACCOUNTS MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>
- ▶ TAX HELP NIGHT AT BOYS AND GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup>

You may also receive information in the mail from Bridge Street Development Corporation.



## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

LOCAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING RESOURCES

### FREE JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS

#### Young Adult Internship Program (YAIP)

Under the auspices of: Vannguard Urban Improvement Assn., Inc.  
613-619 Throop Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216-718-453-3330  
Kevin Hicks, Program Director

YAIP is designed to serve the most job-ready among disconnected youth, ages 16-24 (not enrolled in school or currently employed).  
Short-term paid internships

#### Specific Activities:

During this 14 week program, young adults receive concentrated orientation services for the first four weeks.

#### These services include:

- Career Education & Exploration
- Workplace Readiness
- Academic Skills Building
- Computer Skills Training
- College Prep

Community Institutions and businesses can help: For Information, please contact Kevin Hicks at number written above.

#### Covenant House

75 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 718-348-2410 or  
718-452-6733

#### Courses offered:

Customer Service Training (National Retail Federation Certification), Microsoft Office Specialist, Bank Teller Training, NYS Certified Nurse's Aid Training, Culinary Arts Training NYS Certified Security Guard Training (Adult Classes available), Pre-GED & GED Classes

Requirements: 18-21 years of age, NYS ID, Drug Free, HSD/GED preferred but not required.

#### The Brooklyn Adult Learning Center

475 Nostrand Avenue, (Old Girls H.S.), 718-638-2635

#### Courses offered:

Basic Education, GED, and English As A Second Language

#### Occupation Training:

Microsoft Office, Web Page Design, Computer Literacy, Virtual Enterprise (Practice Firm), Computer Repair (Comp TIA A+), Comp-TIA Network+, Introduction to Health Careers, Licensed Practical Nursing, Certified Nurse Assistant, Medical Billing, EMT Tech, Automotive Repair, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, C-Tech Cable Installation, Plumbing, Carpentry

Requirements: Must 21 years of age or older. Have a high school diploma or GED. Bring ID, pen and pencil. No children, please.

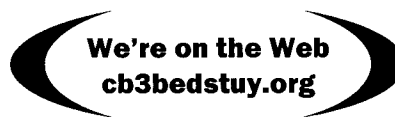
Classes offered during the day, evenings, and Saturdays

Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corp  
In partnership with

Literacy Partners & Brooklyn Adult Learning Center  
Is providing GED Services

For Further Information, please contact  
Kizzy Brown at 718-636-6996

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### CB3 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tues	1st	6:30pm Civic Committee
Wed	2nd	7:00pm Parks/Arts and Culture
Thurs	3rd	6:30pm Health / Social Services 7:00pm Transportation Committee 828 Greene Avenue-Antioch Baptist Church
Tues	8th	6:00pm Economic Development 6:30pm EP/Sanitation
Wed	9th	6:15pm Housing/Land Use
Thurs	10th	6:00pm Education and Youth Services 7:30pm Consumer Services
Mon	14th	6:30pm Landmarks
Mon.	21st	7:00pm Executive Committee

### Precinct Council Meetings

81st Precinct Community Council,  
April 8, 2008, 7:00 PM  
757 Monroe Street, P.S. 309 (Corner of Ralph Avenue)

79th Precinct Community Council  
April 23, 2008, 7:00 PM  
Brooklyn Job Corps. (Corner of Dekalb and Nostrand)

### Launching of the Buy a Book for Macon Campaign!

Brooklyn Public Library's (BPL) Macon Library, located in Bedford-Stuyvesant, is currently under renovation and is scheduled to re-open in spring 2008. Buy a Book for Macon is a fundraising campaign to enhance the collection at the historic branch and support the establishment of BPL's first African American Heritage Center which will be housed at Macon. BPL needs your support for this campaign! Every dollar raised will be matched by the Independence Community Foundation.

### 4<sup>TH</sup> Annual Book Drive and Bedford-Stuyvesant Reading Awareness Campaign

December 2007 through May 2008

Sponsored by  
**The Education Committee of Community Board 3**  
&  
**The Brownstoners of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Inc.**

As in the three previous years, the Book Drive collects books for adults to be placed in the Parent rooms of our local schools.

**Please bring all books to the Community Board Office # 1360  
Fulton Street, 2nd level, between 10:00 and 4:00pm**

For Information: **Please call the Community Board Office 718/622-6601**

**BLOCK ASSOCIATION CORNER****2008 Greenest Block in Brooklyn Contest ... Come on Bedford-Stuyvesant!**

For the past several years, blocks in our community have won top prizes in the Greenest Block in Brooklyn Contest. In 2007, the Macon/MacDonough/Lewis/Stuyvesant Block Association took the coveted First Place. The Macon/Reid/Patchen Block Association came on strong in Second Place. Come on block associations and join in the excitement this year. We want to have a record number of our blocks in the competition. The contest is sponsored by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. The entry deadline for the Greenest Block contest is Monday, June 2nd.

**WINDOW BOX KITS FOR SALE**

Block associations can order window box kits at nominal cost. There is still time to order, but hurry. The deadline is April 25th. Call the Greenbridge Program at the Botanic Garden for more information on both events. The number is [718] 623-7250.

**Local Services for Small Businesses**

These are tough times for our economy. Businesses are suffering. The resources below are options that can provide assistance. We ask all of our neighbors to support our local shops and stores. Save gas money by shopping where you live.

**Project Enterprise**

212-678-6734 X11 ... [www.projectenterprise.org](http://www.projectenterprise.org)

Project Enterprise provides business training, ongoing technical assistance, and low-interest loans.

**Peer Classic (Perfect for start-ups)**

First loan up to \$1,500  
Loan sizes grow with your business  
No credit check or collateral required  
Supportive group of entrepreneurs

**Fast Track**

Loans starting at \$3,000  
Credit history not a determining factor  
Flexible program that fits your busy schedule

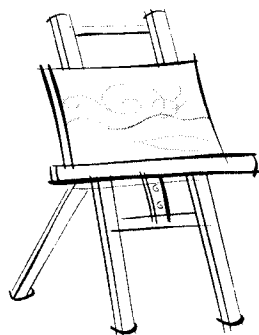
**Direct**

Loans from \$5,000—\$12,000  
Supportive application process  
Perfect credit not needed

The Workshop in Business Opportunities (WIBO)  
55 Exchange Place, New York, NY 10005  
212-684-0854 phone / 212-684-1096 fax  
[www.wibo.org](http://www.wibo.org)

WIBO Business Consulting Services provides affordable 5-session consulting package with personalized business assistance. A free introductory consultation is available.

**The Fulton-Rostrand Merchants Association**  
**The Shops of Lewis Avenue**  
**The Bedford-Stuyvesant Business Alliance**  
**The Throop Avenue Merchants Association**  
**All Invite You to ... Shop Bed-Stuy**



## 50th Anniversary of the Famous Fulton Art Fair

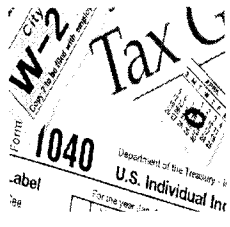
**ON THE FENCE EXHIBITION at FULTON PARK**

**Sundays ... June 15, 22, 29**

**Week-end ... July 4, 5 and 6**

**Come After Sunday Services and Meet Our Great Artists**  
**Bring Family, Friends, and Neighbors to View Fine Art**  
**by African-American Artists**

For updated information on the gala, exhibitions, talks and workshops planned, please visit our website at [www.fultonartfair.com](http://www.fultonartfair.com)



## **ATTENTION SENIORS, VETERANS, AND WAGE-EARNERS WHO DO NOT LEGALLY HAVE TO FILE TAX RETURNS DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR ECONOMIC STIMULUS PAYMENT**

Millions of citizens will start receiving tax rebates within the next two months. It is part of the government's plan to bolster the economy in the hope that people will spend the rebate dollars. Most people who ordinarily file tax returns have already received a notice in the mail. However, many others do not know that they can receive a rebate, even if they do not have to file tax returns.

Do you fall into one of these categories?

- ▶ Do you receive Social Security Benefits? [SSI participants are not eligible]
- ▶ Are you receiving disability, survivors', or pension benefits from the Veterans' Administration?
- ▶ Did you work part-time or receive wages below the legal cut-off for filing tax returns?

If your income from these sources totals at least \$3,000, you can receive a check for \$300.00 or more. Don't miss out. All that is necessary is that you fill out a few lines on the 2007 federal tax return, form 1040. If you cannot complete the form yourself, there is help at the following neighborhood tax preparation centers:

307 Tompkins Avenue (between Lexington Avenue and Quincy Street),  
1224 Bedford Avenue (at Hancock Street) – Sundays only 2 pm – 6 pm),  
582 Park Avenue – Marcy Houses (between Nostrand and Marcy Avenues) Wed – Fri. 1 pm – 8 pm,  
Sat., 10 am – 5 pm. – There is a fee of \$10.00 at this site.

You may also file online at the [Fileyourtaxes.com](http://Fileyourtaxes.com) site. You can also call or visit the Taxpayer Advocate Office at 10 Metro Tech Center, 625 Fulton Street, 1-877-777-4778 or 718-488-2080.

**NOTE: THIS IS A ONE-TIME REBATE. YOU MUST FILE BY APRIL 15TH**

### **FREE AND LOW-COST TAX PREPARATION RESOURCES**

**THERE'S A LOCATION NEAR YOU — SPREAD THE WORD!**

Sponsored by the Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation, the Coalition for the Improvement of Bedford-Stuyvesant, New York City Housing Authority, and Brooklyn Cooperative

#### **FREE TAX PREPARATION SITES**

[ACCEPTING CLIENTS WHO MAKE UNDER \$40,000 WITH CHILDREN AND \$20,000 WITHOUT CHILDREN]

**BLACK VETERANS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE**  
Location: 665 Willoughby Ave. (Throop and Marcus Garvey)  
Days and Times: Tuesday-Thursday—9 a.m. -5 p.m.  
By Appointment Call: (917) 671-1000

**FOOD CHANGE**  
Location Restoration Plaza,  
1368 Fulton St (New York and Brooklyn)  
Days and Times: Monday—Friday—12 noon—7 p.m.  
Closed on April 4 and 11

**ST. JOHN'S BREAD AND LIFE**  
Location: 75 Lewis Ave. (Willoughby and Hart)  
Days and Times: Wednesday—5:30 p.m.—8 p.m.  
Call (718) 574-0558, ext. 10 for information

#### **LOW-COST TAX PREPARATION SITES**

[ACCEPTING CLIENTS WHO MAKE UNDER \$40,000 WITH CHILDREN AND \$20,000 WITHOUT CHILDREN]

COST: \$10.00 OFF-PEAK—\$20.00 PEAK

**MARCY HOUSES**  
Location: 582 Park Ave. (Nostrand and Marcy)  
Days and Times: Wednesday—Friday—1 p.m.—8 p.m.  
Saturday—10 a.m.—2 p.m.

**307 TOMPKINS AVENUE** (Lexington and Quincy)  
Day and Time: Mondays—10 a.m.—7 p.m.

**666 WILLOUGHBY AVE.** (Throop and Marcus Garvey)  
Day and Time: Tuesdays—1 p.m.—8 p.m.

**1224 Bedford Ave.** (corner of Hancock)  
Dates: Sundays—April 6 and 13

#### **COMMUNITY BOARD WANTS TO TACKLE SEWER PROBLEMS**

Community Board 3 is attempting to compile information on neighbors who have experienced sewer problems. We would like to make the case for a full survey of specific areas, but we need documentation. Please call the office at (718) 622-6601, and tell us your story.