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

Charlene Phillips  
District Manager

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**Monthly Public Meeting of Community Board 3**

**Monday, February 4, 2008 — 7:00 P.M.**

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

**Come Out to Hear More About Two Major Issues**

**Find Out How to File Complaints Against NYC Police Officers**

As part of its ongoing mission, the Civic Committee of Community Board 3 will present a representative from the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board who will explain how the public can file complaints about alleged police misconduct.

The New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) is an independent and non-police mayoral agency. The purpose of this board is to receive, investigate, hear, make findings and recommend action on complaints against New York City police officers which allege the use of excessive or unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, or the use of offensive language.

There are several ways to file a complaint, and those will be explained during the session. For more information, please contact (212) 443-8833, or follow the NYC.gov link.

In addition to the CCRB, representatives from our precinct councils will describe how to file complaints in other ways.

**PLEASE NOTE: NO COMPLAINTS WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE PUBLIC MEETING**

**Let Your Voice Be Heard: Agency Responses to CB3 FY 2009 Budget Priorities**

All community boards are mandated by the City Charter to have advisory input into the city's budget. This gives neighborhoods a voice to advocate for their local needs. This year, Community Board 3 has overhauled its entire budget process to bring it in line with guidelines from the Office of Management and Budget. We have presented two information sessions at public meetings regarding this process.

It is important for all of our neighbors to know how their tax dollars are spent, and to say what is needed in their community.

The Preliminary Budget was released on January 24, 2008. The next step in the Budget Process is for the Community Board to hold a public hearing to inform the public of the responses from the municipal agencies regarding each of the capital and expense priorities that we (public and board) decided would meet the needs of the Bedford Stuyvesant community.

Please see the list of budget priorities and agency responses on page two of this publication.

Once again, we need your input as we review responses we have received. **LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD**

**A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL HOMEOWNERS**

Attend the

**TAX LIEN INFORMATION SEMINAR**

**February 21, 2008, 5:00 pm—9:00 pm**

**Boys and Girls High School**

**1700 Fulton Street**

- **Find Out About the New Tax Lien Caused by Delinquent Water/Sewage Payments** ■  
[Special Presentation by Representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection]
- **Is Your Home in Foreclosure? Find Out Where to Go for Help.** ■
- **Learn How to Fight Against Predatory Lenders** ■

Sponsored by

Councilmember Al Vann, Bridge Street Development Corp., Pratt Area Community Council, Brownstoners of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Inc., Neighborhood Housing Services of Bedford-Stuyvesant, North East Brooklyn Development Corp., and Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corp.

**FUNDED PROJECTS**

- Reconstruction of Quincy St from Classon Avenue to Broadway
- Additional staff for the 79th Precinct
- Installation of Elevator at the Utica Avenue Subway Station (Included in MTA Capital Program fro 2007-2011)
- Construction of Sanitation Garage (We must ensure that the project moves to the next step—design contract.)
- Rehabilitation of the Von King Cultural Arts Center (We must find out what stages have been completed.)
- Renovation of Macon Branch Library (We must monitor the progress and support the project.)
- Construction of an assisted living facility (Included in HPD's ten year plan. This needs follow-up.)
- Additional litter baskets at strategic corners
- Enhanced outreach to socially isolated elderly

**SUPPORT FROM EXISTING FUNDING**

- Additional manpower for Sanitation Enforcement
- Additional After-school and Extended Day Programs (Principals can make the decision to provide these services.)
- Increased funding for cultural programs in public schools (Principals can make the decision to provide these services.)
- Increased technological capacity in public schools (Children First reforms and Contracts for Excellence yielded funding)
- Increased funding for obesity prevention and outreach programs (District Public Health Offices should be contacted.)
- Increased funding for workforce development (Provided by the Dept. of Education)
- Multi-agency collaboration for the prevention of predatory practices
- Matching salary grants for small businesses (Department of Small Business Services will provide technical assistance.)
- Electricity grants for small businesses

**PROJECTS NOT FUNDED**

- Additional staff for the 81st Precinct
- Reconstruction of Nostrand Avenue [DOT]
- Reconstruction of Herkimer St from Brooklyn to Albany Avenues [DOT]
- NOT FUNDED—SEEK SUPPORT FROM BOROUGH PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL PERSONS

- Rehabilitation of the Sumner Armory for Community Use [Parks and Recreation]
- Rehabilitation of Pulaski Park [Parks and Recreation]
- Convert Marcy Pool into a year-round facility
- Establishment of senior center in the Fulton/Howard/Broadway area
- Establishment of recreation center in the vicinity of CS21 and the Brevoort Houses [P and R]
- Establishment a public health center in the Fulton/Howard/Broadway area [Health and Mental Hygiene]

**MORE INFORMATION NEEDED**

- Additional inspectors for housing code compliance [Buildings]
- Rehabilitation of the ball field in Von King Park [Parks and Recreation]
- Increased "C" train service during rush hour

**The Brooklyn Free Clinic**

The Brooklyn Free Clinic is an independent, not-for-profit organization of volunteers affiliated with the SUNY Downstate Medical Center providing free health care for uninsured adults in the Brooklyn community. The Clinic will be opening on January 8, 2008.

Tuesday evening from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
 Services: general adult primary care (incl. specialist referrals, labs and imaging) preventative medicine, vaccinations, screenings (HIV, Diabetes, Cholesterol, etc.)  
 Screening for free or low cost health insurance and enrollment assistance provided  
 Located at the SUNY Downstate-affiliated Throop Center for Health Care Services clinic in Bedford-Stuyvesant.

Please call for an appointment  
 613 Throop Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216  
 718-920-8379 phone / 718-602-6215 fax

**ENERGY ASSISTANCE ALERT! HEAP**  
**(Home Energy Assistance program)**

HEAP helps qualified senior citizen homeowners or tenants, and low-income families with their fuel and utility costs.  
**YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR HEAP THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING IF:**

- You meet income guidelines
- You are 60 years of age or older
- You are the head of household and receive Social Security Disability
- You live alone or with a spouse only and receive SI Code A

Call 311 for information and applications  
 Applications may be obtained in the Community Board Office

**WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

If your building/home is heated with gas only, contact this program for Weatherization services such as boilers, windows, roofs, air sealing, doors, insulation of roof cavity and walls, refrigerators, and energy efficient lighting. [www.dhrc.state.ny.us](http://www.dhrc.state.ny.us) or 718-638-5705

**Home Ownership Opportunities (First Time Home Buyers Only)**  
**Bridge Street Development Corporation**

**Contact Tami Aikens 718-636-7596 Ext. 13**  
**Home Ownership Counselor**

<b>1133 Bedford Ave.</b>	<b>323 Quincy St.</b>	<b>366 Quincy St.</b>	<b>205 Madison St.</b>	<b>201 Sumpter St.</b>
1 Family Residential w/ Commercial Space Owners Unit 25% Down Payment \$550,000	2 Family Brownstone 3 story bldg. 5% down payment \$550,000	1 Family Brownstone 2 story Bldg. 5% down payment \$435,000	2 Family Brick 4 story bldg. 5% down payment \$560,000	2 Family Brick 2 story bldg. 5% down payment \$540,000

**CB3 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Mon	4th	7:00pm Public Board Meeting
Tues	5th	6:30pm Civic Committee
Wed	6th	7:00pm Parks, Arts & Culture
Thurs	7th	6:30pm Health / Social Services 7:00pm Transportation Committee 828 Greene Avenue-Antioch Bapt. Ch. 7:30pm Consumer Services Committee
Mon	11th	6:30pm Landmarks
Tues	12th	6:00pm Economic Development 6:30pm EP/Sanitation
Wed	13th	6:15pm Housing/Land Use
Thurs	14th	6:00pm Education and Youth Services
Mon.	18th	PRESIDENT'S DAY (CLOSED)

**Precinct Council Meetings**

81st Precinct Community Council,  
 February 12, 2008, 7:00 PM  
 757 Monroe Street, P.S. 309 (Corner of Ralph Avenue)

79th Precinct Community Council  
 February 27, 2008, 7:00 PM  
 Brooklyn Job Corps. (Corner of Dekalb and Nostrand)

**FREE AND LOW COST TAX PREPARATION**

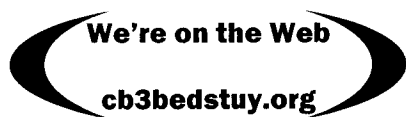
Sponsored by Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration in Collaboration with the Coalition for the Improvement of Bedford-Stuyvesant  
**Call Community Board for additional information**

**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.

To donate go to: [www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/support/macon](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/support/macon)  
 or call 718-230-2738.

## **EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING RESOURCES**



### **FREE JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS**

#### **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

February 6, 7, 8, 2008 at 9:30 am or 6:00 pm  
February 12, 13, 14, 15, 2008 at 9:30 am  
Classes meet Monday-Friday, 9:00-3:30 pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 6:00-9:00 pm

#### **Courses offered:**

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.

#### **Commercial Driver's License Training ST. NICK'S WILLIAMSBURG WORKS**

545 BARODWAY (BROOKLYN), 718-302-2057

CDL Training is the first step to becoming a truck driver. Orientation begins Mondays & Thursdays at 9:00 am sharp!

#### **Network Cable Installer Training BROOKLYN NETWORKS**

621 DeGraw Street (Park Slope), 718-237-2017

Brooklyn Networks is currently recruiting for its cable network installer training program. The course will begin on March 10th.

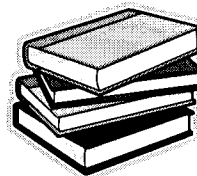
Requirements: 21 years of age or older; valid NY State drivers license; must pass reading and math test at/above 8th grade level.

### **CIVIL SERVICE TESTING OPEN**

The Department of Civil Service is offering the examination for their Motor Vehicle Representative, G-9 title on February 23, 2008. Applications are available in the Community Board Office or go online at [www.cs.state.ny.us/exams](http://www.cs.state.ny.us/exams).

### **IKEA IS HIRING**

IKEA is accepting online applications for the Brooklyn store, beginning February 4, 2008. Interested applicants can log onto the IKEA website at [www.IKEA-USA.COM](http://www.IKEA-USA.COM)



### **Educational Opportunities**

#### **UA Institute of Math & Science for Young Women**

The UA Institute is a New York City public school, that will housed in a new state of the art facility at 283 Adams Street (The Old Family Court Building in downtown Brooklyn. The school is for grades 6-12 and it is a single-sex environment. Slots for grades 6, 7, and 8 are available. For September 2008. The school supports a college preparatory curriculum, small classes, mentorship program, network of corporate partners, enrichment and clinics to target students' specific needs. In addition, there are guest speakers providing insight to opportunities, careers, and life after graduation. Elective classes such as forensics, art, yoga, robotics, technology, conflict mediation, graphic design, dance, drama, science of cooking and leadership are also available. Please call 718-778-5890 or visit [www.uainstitute.com](http://www.uainstitute.com).

#### **Kingsborough Community College "My Turn" Program**

Kingsborough Community College offers to seniors a great opportunity to attend regular college classes in a beautiful campus setting at Manhattan Beach, 2001 Oriental Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11235, My Turn Program, Room F-219. The program has no tuition fee, all New York State residents age 60+ are eligible, no previous educational requirements. There are more than 400 courses available: art, music, history, computers, health, education, literature, recreation, and more. Attend classes with traditional students. There is an \$80.00 registration fee. Fall and Spring sessions are 12 weeks. Winter and Summer sessions are 6 weeks. Daytime, evening and weekend classes available. Call 718-368-5079 or visit the website at [www.kingsborough.edu/myturn](http://www.kingsborough.edu/myturn)