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Brooklyn Borough President▶ **OFFICIAL NOTICE** ◀**Monthly Public Meeting of Community Board 3****Monday, January 7, 2008 — 7:00 P.M.****1368 Fulton Street, Lower Level, Community Room****COMMUNITY BOOK DRIVE FOR P.S. 5**
Please bring new books, appropriate for grades K-5**PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS**

One of the goals of Community Board 3 for this session is to provide as much information as possible to our neighbors. The monthly public meetings are a great venue to get the word out about a variety of resources that are available in Bedford-Stuyvesant. We have particular concerns about our youth. High drop-out rates, gang activity and gun violence continue to plague our community. Our Board is working on these issues in a number of ways.

Through our own research, we know that one of the major stumbling blocks that needs to be eliminated is a lack of information. Young people, and their families, are unaware that there is help close at hand. At our January meeting, the Education and Youth Services Committee, along with the Health and Social Services Committees will introduce several organizations that offer free programs for young people and adults. We are hopeful that you will share this information with family, neighbors, and friends.

The following programs will be highlighted at the January meeting:



The **Stuyford Eagle Association** engages youth in the opportunity to learn skills such as: computers, electronics, woodcraft, swimming, sports and more. Boy Scouts build the principles of character, leadership, integrity and service. This is the embodiment of a well rounded experience. Children can begin as early as age 5 through the age of 17. The Eagle Scouts, which includes girls, is young people, ages 16 and up. Please contact Marilyn Navarro, Scout District Executive at 212/651-2942, Stuyford Eagle Assoc., Odus Williams Scout Center, 212 MacDonough Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216

The **Young Adult Borough Center (YABC)** is a much needed community resource that is geared to over-aged, under-credited high school students. It provides students with an opportunity to build workplace skills and enhance career exploration through work-based learning. The Learning To Work Internship Program accepts High School students between the ages 17-21. For information contact Elizabeth Stephens, 718/218-9391 X1102, Episcopal Services, Automotive High School, 50 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11222

Covenant House, offers free employment services and free training in the areas of: job readiness, employment assistance, scholarship assistance, bank teller, nurse's aide, A+ Computer Repair and much more. For additional information, contact Sandra Jean Francois-Ultimo at 718/348-2450 X2447, 75 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

The **Brooklyn Adult Learning Center**, operated by the Department of Education, is in its 42nd year of offering the full spectrum of workforce development services to adults 18 years of age and above. There is no upper age limit. Courses are offered during the day, evenings, and on Saturdays. ESL, Basic Education, GED preparation help prepare people for the job market. Occupational training includes A+ Computer Repair, LPN to RN articulation, and a variety of computer certification courses. For additional information, call (718) 638-2635, 475 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216

The **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene**, now has a new initiative called, "The Newborn Home Visiting Program". This valuable resource, supports mothers, their newborn babies and the/ or other such hindrances to services. For more information and to find out how to become enrolled, contact Chris Larkin, 646/253-5700, 485 Throop Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11216

PUBLIC HEARING

ULJRP Application #C080134HAK
The Noel Pointer Condominium Project,
located at 790-794 Lafayette Avenue

The Department of Housing Preservation and Development, along with Bridge Street Development is seeking to develop a 23 unit condominium project to increase affordable homeownership opportunities here in Bedford-Stuyvesant. This proposed project consists of one 3-bedroom, fourteen 2-bedroom, and eight 1-bedroom apartments, which will be priced at levels.

**DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR FLU SHOT!**

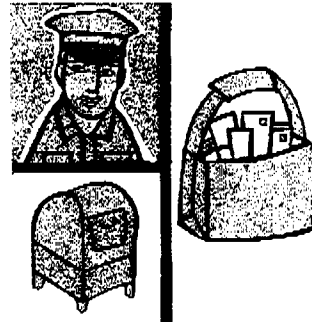
DISCOVER YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD EXPO BRINGS OUT BLOCK ASSOCIATIONS AND ADDRESSES YOUTH ISSUES

The Civic Committee hosted a highly successful Resource and Safety Expo on November 29th. More than four hundred people passed through the doors of M5 258 during the evening. One of the objectives of the event was to support our tenant and block associations. Over fifty organizations signed in! The Community Board will be presenting other activities that are aimed at building new block associations, and strengthening those that have been in existence for some time. As a result of a grant from Councilmember Al Vann and the City Council, block and tenant associations will receive custom-made signs for their streets or buildings.

Another centerpiece of the Expo was the opportunity for young people and parents to discuss the rise in gang activity and the many issues surrounding police interaction. Two separate workshops dealt with these issues. The parents participated in a session that focused on signs of gang involvement and strategies to overcome the lure of these groups. The Youth Forum was attended by over seventy young people and adults. It was a frank discussion of how our children feel about their interactions with the police, as well as other matters such as education and jobs. We realize that after the headlines have waned, the commitment to turn around negative situations must continue.

POSTAL SERVICES ARE IN OUR SIGHTS

Community Board 3 has a very active Postal Committee. We need to hear from you if there are concerns that you have regarding services in our local post offices. Please call the Community Board office, at 718/622-6601, and tell us your story. We will follow-up and contact you. Would you like to volunteer for this committee? Just let us know.



4th Annual Book Drive

Bedford-Stuyvesant Reading Awareness Campaign

December 2007 through May 2008

Sponsored by

The Education Committee of Community Board 3 & The Brownstones of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Inc.

Please bring books of interest to adults. The books will be donated to parent rooms in our public schools.

Books should be brought to the Community Board Office

1360 Fulton Street, 2nd level—between the hours 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The books should be in good shape ... No reference books, please.

Please call the Community Board Office at 718/622-6601 for additional information.

CB3 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tues	1st	TBA	Civic Committee
Wed	2nd	7:00pm	Parks, Arts & Culture
Thurs	3rd	6:00pm	Health / Social Services
Mon	7th	7:00pm	Public Board Meeting
Tues	8th	6:00pm	Economic Development
		6:30pm	EP/Sanitation
Wed	9th	6:15pm	Housing/Land Use 6:30pm
Thurs	10th	6:00pm	Education and Youth Services
		7:00pm	Transportation Committee
			828 Greene Avenue—Antioch Bapt. Ch.
Mon	14th	6:30pm	Landmarks



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

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

COMMUNITY BOARD BULLETIN

ALERT ALERT ALERT

If you or someone you know is experiencing sewer problems (flooding, back-ups and the like) please notify Community Board 3. We are attempting to gather information to see how wide spread this problem is. Thank you.

The deadline for multi-block for multi-block participation deadline is December 31, 2007. If you hurry you can still get it in before it is too late. For a single block permit, you must submit your application no later than 60 days prior to the event. Please be advised that we cannot circumvent the Street Activities Permit Office policy, which is now under City-wide Events. Be prompt and file your applications in a timely manner!