

30 YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE - BUILDING ON A STRONG FOUNDATION
NEWSLETTER OF COMMUNITY BOARD

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**COMMUNITY BOARD 3
FIRST PUBLIC MEETING OF THE 2007-8 SESSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2007**

7:00 P.M.

**BEDFORD-STUYVESANT RESTORATION COMPLEX
1368 FULTON STREET
LOWER LEVEL COMMUNITY ROOM**

Agenda Items Will Include:

The Swearing-in of New Officers and Board Members
The Community Board's Action Agenda for this Session
Informational Presentations on Bed-Stuy Alive! and Wealth-building Tuesdays
Update on the Bedford-Stuyvesant South Rezoning Plan

Please Note: Persons wishing to make **announcements** regarding free community events are asked to complete a blue card, with the name, type of event and the date. Persons wishing to address the Board on **complaints or concerns** are asked to complete a white card, noting name and nature of the issue. All cards must be completed by 7:30 p.m.

Dear Neighbor,

This newsletter will serve as your notice of our public meetings from now on. We will endeavor to include information of interest to the community in each issue. If you have **free** community events that you would like to include, please contact the Board office three weeks before the next public meeting.

We are looking forward to a rewarding year, and we invite you to join us on the journey. We have planned an informative series of informational presentations based on feed-back that we received from the many people who attend our meetings each month. There is serious work to be done, and you will hear all about our major initiatives at this first meeting. However, we will not forget to celebrate 30 years of the Board's service to the Bedford-Stuyvesant community.

Please share this newsletter with your neighbors and block associations. We hope to "pack the house" at every meeting. As the new Board chairperson, I look forward to greeting you in September.

Sincerely,

Brenda Fryson

Brenda Fryson, Chairperson

**NEWS FROM THE CIVIC COMMITTEE
THE STAR SCHOOL TAX REBATE**

Check to see if you are eligible for the 2000 Middle Class Star Property Tax Rebate. You should receive an application by the end of September. Seniors 65 and older should receive the STAR rebate check automatically. You can obtain more information by calling 877-678-2769, or on the web at www.nystax.gov. **Deadline for filing is November 30, 2007.**

**PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO YOUR
BLOCK ASSOCIATION**

COMMITTEES ARE OUR BACKBONE

Did you know that you do not have to be a Board member to serve on committees that are open to the public? Think about helping your community by volunteering for one of these committees.

Call the Community Board for more information.

COMMITTEE	CHAIRPERSON
Arts, Culture and Parks	Marion Little
Civic	Kim Best-Simms and Eddie Hampton
Consumer Services	Hardy "Joe" Long
Economic Development	Richard Flateau
Education and Youth Services	Mildred Vann
Environmental Protection & Sanitation	Nelson M. Stoute
Housing and Land Use	Cynthia Doris Pinn
Landmark/Historian	Bernice Brown
Postal Advocate	Beatrice Jones
Religion (Faith-based Services)	Rev. Eugene Blount
Senior Services	Gloria Boyce
Social Services and Health	Mary Jemison Head
Transportation	Rev. Robert Waterman

**NEWS FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION/SANITATION COMMITTEE
AMR PILOT [WATER METERS]**

During the months of July and August, the Department of Environmental Protection is conducting a pilot to test two automatic meter reading (AMR) designs. Property owners within Community Board 3 were part of the 800 people involved in the project. The AMR devices replaced existing meters. According to DEP, "This pilot is the first stage in implementing a City water meter system that will ...all but eliminate estimated readings." Since so many of our residents have been hit with high water bills, the Community Board would like to have feed-back from anyone who participated in the pilot. Please contact the Board, and leave call-back information.