

Bedford-Stuyvesant Clarion  
Newsletter of Community Board 3

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**Monthly Public Meeting of Community Board 3**

**Monday, May 5, 2008 — 7:00 P.M.**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Gateway Business Improvement District for the Bedford-Stuyvesant Commercial District

**LAST DAYS TO SETTLE  
WATER BILLS AND PROPERTY TAXES  
PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD  
*We Do Not Want to Lose One Home in Our Community!***

**KEEP THESE DATES IN MIND**

**May 16th — Last Day to Settle All Accounts**

All bills must be paid or installment arrangements made.

For water charges — Go to the office of Department of Environmental Protection  
250 Livingston Street, 8th Floor, 718-595-7000

For property taxes — Go to the office of the Department of Finance  
66 John Street, 2nd Floor, NY 10038, 212-232-1776

**May 18th — Liens will be sold by the City of New York.**

The City will sell the liens to two lienholders [collections agencies] that have been authorized to retrieve the money that is owed. This does not mean that *property* is sold immediately. The lienholder will make attempts to collect the money. During this time, interest charges mount (18%, plus service fees!) However, if the debt is not satisfied, the property eventually will go into foreclosure [sold at auction.]

ONE AND TWO FAMILY HOMES ARE EXEMPT FROM *THIS YEAR'S* LIEN SALE.  
HOWEVER, NONPAYMENT OF WATER/SEWER CHARGES MAY  
RESULT IN THE SHUT-OFF OF WATER, AND UNPAID TAX BILLS WILL MOUNT.

**FORECLOSURES CAN BE AVOIDED — GET ASSISTANCE FROM THESE AGENCIES  
[PLEASE READ YOUR NEWSLETTERS FROM SENATOR MONTGOMERY AND COUNCILMEMBER VANN FOR  
MORE FORECLOSURE HELP]**

The Parodneck Foundation—Low-cost loans for seniors—Call 212-431-9700

The Office of the Comptroller—Foreclosure Counseling—Call 212-669-4600

Neighborhood Housing Services of Bedford-Stuyvesant—Foreclosure Counseling—Call 718-732-8027

Bridge Street Development Corporation—Foreclosure Counseling—Call 718-636-7596 X13

**4th ANNUAL  
BOOKS FOR PARENTS PROJECT**



*Last Call for Books*

Donate Books Suitable for Adult Interests

Must Be in Good Condition

Books Are Donated to Parent Rooms in Our  
Public Schools

Please Bring Books to Community Board 3

Project sponsored by the Education Committee of CB3,  
the Education Task Force, and the Brownstoners of Bedford-Stuyvesant

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**CB3 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Thurs	1st	6:30pm Health and Social Services
Mon	5th	7:00 pm Public Board Meeting
Tues	6th	6:30 pm Civic Committee
Wed	7th	7:00 pm Parks/Arts & Culture
Thurs	8th	6:00 pm Education & Youth Services
		7:30 pm Consumer Services
		7:00pm Transportation Committee
		828 Greene Avenue-Antioch Baptist Church
Mon	12th	6:30 pm Landmarks
Tues	13th	6:00pm Economic Development
		6:30pm EP/Sanitation
Wed	14th	6:15pm Housing/Land Use
Mon	19th	7:00 pm Executive Committee
Mon	26th	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED

**Precinct Council Meetings**

81st Precinct Community Council,  
May 13, 2008, 7:00 PM  
757 Monroe Street, P.S. 309 (Corner of Ralph Avenue)

79th Precinct Community Council  
May 28, 2008, 7:00 PM  
Brooklyn Job Corps. (Corner of Dekalb and Nostrand)



**VOLUNTEER FOR  
COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY**

On May 17, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, City Year New York is sponsoring a Bed-Stuy-Wide Community Service Day at PS 308, located at 616 Quincy Street, and PS 305, located at 344 Monroe Street. The purpose of this day is to unite, transform and solidify the youth in this community. Some of the projects will include indoor and outdoor painting of murals, planting and gardening, and light construction of bookshelves. To volunteer, contact Sadie Robins-Murov: SRobinsMurov08@cityyear.org or 917-650-3240. Let's get our young people involved!

Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation  
Presents

WEALTH BUILDING TUESDAYS, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm  
1368 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216, 718-636-6924  
bmcrae@restorationplaza.org

**May**

Fundamentals of starting a small business  
Presenter: Daniel Delehanty, Vice President of  
Economic & Community Development, North Fork Bank  
May 6th Planning for Success  
May 13 Budgeting & Credit  
May 20 Essentials of Small Business Financing  
May 27 Sustaining Success

**JUNE**

Personal Finances Basics  
Presenter: Gina L. Bolden-Rivera, President  
Carver Community Development Corporation  
June 3 Introduction to Bank Protection Investments  
June 10 Budgeting and Credit 101  
June 17 Financing a Home: New Purchase & Existing Homes  
June 24 Protect Your Money & property



**CELEBRATE THE  
50TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE  
FULTON ART FAIR**

**Stroll Around Fulton Park to View  
Fine Art by Noted  
African-American Artists  
Meet Many of Our Art Heroes and "Sheroes"  
Stay For Special Programs  
Sundays, June 15, 22, 29  
Fri, Sat., Sun., July 4, 5, 6  
Noon to 6:00 p.m.  
Fulton Park is located at  
Fulton Street and Stuyvesant Avenue**

**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.

**File Your Street Activity Applications Now!**

Don't wait until the last minute. Requests should be filed at least 90 days in advance. Applications must be filed in the office of the Community Board. A letter of request from the block association president or other sponsor and a money order for \$15.00 must be presented when filing. The Community Board does not make decisions regarding these events. All applications are forward to the Mayor's Community Assistance Unit. For more information, call us at (718) 622-6601.

**YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK ... 2010 CAPITAL AND EXPENSE BUDGET**

**- LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD -**

Dear Neighbors,

One of the major objectives of Community Board 3 during this session has been to provide information to the community on how the capital and expense budget process works. Community boards are mandated by the City Charter to have a voice in how your tax dollars are spent. We can request funding for many projects that benefit our neighborhood.

For the past three years, we have been asking people who attend our monthly Board meetings to tell us about the needs in our district. Those responses have helped us to totally revamp our budget requests so that they reflect the broadest input from the community. I invite you to be a part of this important endeavor by telling us what we should include in the 2010 budget. Any items that come under city services are acceptable. [Examples: more parks personnel, more sanitation trucks, reconstruction of certain streets, and better street lighting.]

The listing of park projects and activities in this issue is a graphic illustration that the process really does work. It can work even better with your help. Let us hear from you. Attend the May and June Board meetings and complete our survey. Surveys will also be available in the Board office. Your information will be compiled into a report which we will use to develop our budget requests for 2010. You can also call in your recommendations. Contact us at [718] 622-6601.

We will continue to report to you on progress with both the 2009 and 2010 budgets. Remember that an informed community is a community that commands its own destiny.

Sincerely,





## YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK ... "GOTTA HAVE PARKS!"



Parks are great places for children and families to gather. It is important to know how the money comes to our community and where it goes. Funding is provided for needed renovations by our local councilmembers, the Borough President, and through the Mayor's budget. This is a partial list of park upgrades. Let the Community Board know if you see parks in disrepair. Your voice can help keep our parks safe and beautiful.

**Capital Projects**—Costs at least \$35,000 and lasts 5 or more years. Specific projects are usually funded by City Council Members. Additional funding can also come from the Mayor, the Borough President, State officials or from grants and donations. The process usually takes 2 or more years.

**Requirement Contracts**—These are a special type of Capital Project that designed to be more streamline (quicker and cheaper). Projects under this category usually address specific problems rather than redoing the whole park. Requirement Contracts are typically funded by the Mayor and additional funds may come from the Borough President and City Council. The selection process is determined by the need (the worst will first) and usership.

Project	Funded by	Amount	Features
Taaffe Playground	2008 Requirement Contract Mayor	\$300K	New safety surface, additional swings, new, smooth handball walls and floor and fence on Myrtle Avenue
Von King Cultural Arts Center Multi-Phase	2008 Capital Project Councilmember Al Vann	\$3M	New HVAC system, roofs, reception area, rest rooms, lighting, windows, and a ceramics kiln
Carver (PS 40)	2008 Capital Project Councilmember Darlene Mealy	\$850K	Reconstructed play equipment, seating, spray shower
Brevoort Playground	2008 Capital Project Councilmember Darlene Mealy	\$2.5M	All new playground with play equipment, swings, spray shower, seating, lawn, informal performance area, hedges, basketball courts and adult fitness equipment
<b>UPCOMING</b> Saratoga Square Park	Councilmember Darlene Mealy	\$350K	Restore the monument and provide new landscaping around it
Banneker (PS 256)	Councilmember Al Vann	\$750K	Reconstruct comfort station
Carver (PS 40)	Councilmember Darlene Mealy	\$250K	Reconstruct park, including basketball and tennis courts, asphalt field, playground, seating, spray shower
Marcy Playground	Requirement Contract Borough President	\$900K	Presently closed
Pulaski PS (304)	Requirement Contract Mayor		

### Summer Park Events ... Keep This List Handy ... Come Out and Enjoy! the More We Use Our Parks .... The More Funding We Can Request

05/10/08	Fulton Park	Domestic Violence Awareness Walk	12:00 pm—2:00 pm
05/31/08	Fulton Park	Health & Education Fair	10:00 am—5:00 pm
06/07/08	Von King Park	All Star Game	10:00 am—4:00 pm
06/28/08	Von King Park	Health Fair	11:00 am—4:00 pm
07/03/08	Von King Park	Concert	7:00 pm—9:30 pm
07/10/08	Von King Park	Concert	7:00 pm—9:30 pm
07/13/08	Fulton Park	Musical Event	7:00 pm—11:00 pm
07/17/08	Von King Park	Concert	7:00 pm—9:30 pm
07/19/08	Von King Park	Dance Program	3:00 pm—6:00 pm
07/20/08	Von King Park	Dance Program	3:00 pm—6:00 pm
07/20/08	Fulton Park	Musical Event	2:00pm—7:00 pm
07/21/08	Von King Park	Theatre Production	7:00 pm—11:00 pm
07/22/08	Von King Park	Theatre Production	7:00 pm—11:00 pm
07/23/08	Von King Park	Theatre Production	7:00 pm—11:00 pm
07/24/08	Von King Park	Theatre Production	7:00 pm—11:00 pm
07/25/08	Von King Park	Theatre Production	7:00 pm—11:00 pm
07/27/08	Von King Park	Theatre Production	7:00 pm—11:00 pm
07/27/08	Fulton Park	Musical Event	2:00 pm—7:00 pm
07/28/08	Von King Park	Theatre Production	7:00 pm—11:00 pm
08/10/08	Von King Park	Free Theatre Performance	1:00 pm—3:00 pm
08/15/08	Sumner Playground	Youth Community Event/Sumner	10:00 am—3:00 pm
09/13/08	Hernandez Park	Anti Drug Counseling/Maria Hernandez	12:00 pm—4:00 pm