



Community Board # 4
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Monthly Community Board #4 Meeting
Hope Gardens Multi-Service Center
195 Linden Street (Corner Wilson Avenue), Brooklyn, NY 11237
Wednesday, December 15, 2010

Regular Board Meeting

Agenda:

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| 1. First Roll Call | 7. Recommendations |
| 2. Acceptance of Agenda | 8. Old Business |
| 3. Acceptance of Previous Meeting's Minutes | 9. New Business |
| 4. Chairperson's Report: | 10. Announcements (1.5 minutes only) |
| Introduction of Elected Officials (Representative) | 11. Second Roll Call |
| 5. District Manager's Report | 12. Adjournment |
| 6. Committee Reports: | |
| • Economic & Development | • Housing and Land-Use |
| • Environmental Protection/Transportation | • Public Safety |

The Next CEC 32 Meeting
Thursday, December 16, 2010
I.S. 383
1300 Greene Avenue (Between Wilson & Myrtle Avenues)
6:00PM-Working Session / 7:00PM-Public Sessions
TOPIC: PROPOSED FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR NEW YORK CITY
NEW YORKERS FOR BETTER NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT APPLICATION.
Application Deadline: January 31, 2011
Have a great idea for a community improvement project?
Apply for a New Yorkers for Better Neighborhoods Award!

Through New Yorkers for Better Neighborhoods, Citizens Committee for New York City awards grants of \$500 to \$3,000 to volunteer-led groups to work on community improvement projects.

We believe that people can make important change happen on their streets and in their communities by working together. We support New Yorkers across the city in their efforts to build stronger communities. In addition to small grants, we offer one-on-one project planning assistance, skills-building workshops, and a resource center with access to computer stations, conference space and an equipment loan library. We also bring people together to share ideas, experiences, and expertise.

Download Application: www.citizensnyc.org/grants

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Brooklyn Task Force Meeting—Housing Court Answers

Help tenants navigate their rights to essential services in a foreclosure or abandonment situation

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

2pm

141 Livingston Street, Room 801

As there are more foreclosures and abandonment of multiple dwelling buildings and private houses, what can tenants and tenant advocates do to prevent utility shut offs, or restore service after a shut off has occurred?

**Ask these and other questions to representatives of
National Grid and Con Edison.**



Energy-Saving Tips

Staying Warm, Saving Energy

- Set your thermostat at 68 degrees during the day and 60 degrees at night. Thermostats in homes with infants, elderly, or ill individuals should be set higher.
- Prevent heat loss by sealing air leaks around window and door frames with caulk or weather stripping.
- Retain heat by installing storm or thermal windows and doors, double-paned glass, or plastic sheeting over doors and windows.
- Keep shades and curtains open during the day so the sun can make your home warmer. Close them in the evening to keep the heat in.
- Move drapes or furniture from around radiators so that heat can flow freely.
- Clean or replace the furnace filter once a month or as needed.
- Use ceiling fans to circulate the warmer air found near the ceiling throughout your home.
- Install glass doors in front of your fireplace to prevent heat from escaping up the chimney.
- Remove window air conditioners in the winter. If you can't, enclose the unit with an air conditioner cover to stop drafts.
- A two-degree adjustment to your thermostat setting (lower in winter, higher in summer) can lower heating/cooling bills and prevent 500 pounds of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere each year.
- If installing a new heat pump (or central air conditioner) you should know that recent field studies suggest that approximately 75 percent of installed cooling equipment may have incorrect amounts of refrigerant. An incorrect refrigerant level can lower efficiency by five to 20 percent, and can cause the equipment to fail prematurely.



To Combat Bed Bugs, Sanitation Sets New Rules for Disposing of Mattresses and Box Springs.

Beginning December 3rd, 2010, the New York City Department of Sanitation will require all City residents to fully encase within a sealed plastic bag all mattresses or box springs being discarded for DSNY collection. This new rule will help prevent an increase in bed bug activity, with bed bugs being found in homes and apartments. Bed bugs are generally nocturnal and tend to live in bedding, such as mattresses and box springs, hiding in their crevices until they are ready to feed.

Under the new rule, failure to place a mattress or box spring out in a proper bag can result in a \$100 fine. The Department will delay enforcing the new set-out rule for 30 days, followed by full enforcement beginning January 3rd, 2011.

"There has been a rise in bed bug-related complaints within the City, and bedding is the prime nesting place for most bed bugs," said Sanitation Commissioner John J. Doherty. "With this new rule, and thanks to the support of Councilmember Gale Brewer, we will safeguard our workers and help to mitigate the spread of bed bugs throughout the City. We also suggest that the plastic mattress bags be placed around the bedding before it is removed from the room out to the curb to further limit bed bugs from infesting other parts of the home or apartment."

Plastic bags to contain the bedding are available at department stores, home improvement centers, at other home supply businesses, and online, at a modest cost. Bedding stores also provide removal options with purchases.

For further information, go to www.nyc.gov/sanitation, or call 311.

Stop Bedbugs

NO! **Yes!**

MATTRESSES and BOX SPRINGS MUST BE BAGGED for COLLECTION

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Notice of FY 2011 Annual Public Meetings

Please note that the meeting location has moved from "T" building to the "D" building located on Clarkson Avenue near East 37th Street

Brooklyn

Tuesday, December 14, 2010—6PM

Kings County Hospital Center

451 Clarkson Avenue near East 37th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203

"D" Building—Lobby

Advance Registration Deadline: Dec. 10, 2010



NYC Department of Health

Watch Out For Certain Hazards in Toys and Children's Jewelry

Fact Sheet: Toy Safety Tips

Harmless looking toys and children's jewelry can be dangerous if they contain lead paint, sharp edges or small pieces. In recent years, millions of individual toys have been recalled in the United States because they posed lead or injury hazards. You can find a complete list of recalled toys by visiting the [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#).

Be aware of the potential hazards in certain toys and jewelry.

Here are some tips for protecting your children:

- Choking and suffocation hazards that can cause inability to breathe account for many toy-related injuries and deaths.
- Avoid toys with parts small enough for a child to swallow or choke on.
- Button batteries can cause serious injuries if swallowed. Buy toys with battery compartments that are sealed or require a screwdriver to open.
- Children can choke or suffocate on un-inflated or broken balloons. Supervise children when playing with balloons and keep un-inflated balloons out of reach. Discard broken balloons at once.
- Magnetic parts can cause serious injury or death if swallowed. Read the label to determine whether a toy has magnets. Avoid building or play sets with small magnets for young children.
- Discard plastic wrappings or other packaging once the toys are opened.
- Toys with cords or strings can pose a strangulation hazard. The cords or strings can form a loop which can become tangled around a young child's neck. Young children should have adult supervision when playing with toys that have cords, strings, elastics or beads.
- Sharp edges, points and hinges can cut or squeeze skin. Look for smooth, rounded edges, especially for young children.
- Electrical or mechanical toys that have chargers, adapters and batteries can burn or shock children.
- Young children should charge toys or batteries with adult supervision.
- Keep toys appropriate for older children away from younger children
- Projectile toys such as air rockets, darts and sling shots are for older children. Improper use of these toys can result in serious eye injuries.
- Many children are injured each year while playing with ride-on toys such as scooters, skateboards and bicycles. Remember to buy safety equipment such as helmets that fit properly and knee pads when you buy a ride-on toy. Children under 14 years of age must wear an approved helmet when riding a bicycle in New York City.

Lead paint and lead metal have been found in toys and jewelry. Lead is a toxic metal known to cause learning and behavior problems in young children. Other harmful chemicals such as arsenic and cadmium also have been found in some children's products.

Parents Can Protect Their Children

- Learn about toy safety and avoid toy hazards above.
- Read recall notices and do not buy toys that have been recalled. Check old toys at home to make sure they are not on the recall lists. Visit the [NY State Lead Hazard Product Recalls Page](#) or the [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#) for more information.
- Check labels. Follow age recommendations listed on toy labels. Age recommendations are based on safety concerns as well as ability. Read and follow all safety instructions on the labels.

Test children for lead poisoning at ages 1 and 2. Talk to your doctor about having older children tested if they have been exposed to lead.

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