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Bronx Community Board No. 8 Announces Heating Fuel Conversion Forum

BRONX, NEW YORK, February 17, 2012 – On Monday, February 27, 2012, Bronx Community Board No. 8, Housing Committee invites the community to a public forum and discussion on the Heating Fuel Conversion process. The forum will take place at Manhattanville Health Care Center, 311 West 231st Street from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM. A distinguished panel will present information on the new law, access to funding and the impact on the buildings in our community.

The panel will include Steve Caputo from the Mayors Office of Long Term Planning & Sustainability, NYC Clean Heat Program, Cameron Bard from the New York State Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA) and Robert Carrano, a co-operative Board President whose building has converted oil to gas. The forum will be moderated by Tom Durham, the chairman of the Housing Committee of Community Board No. 8. The forum will discuss many of the regulation requirements, timeline for compliance, funding programs available and energy efficient improvements. The panelists will also answer questions from the audience.

“One of NYC’s most pressing public health issues is air pollution generated from the use of “heavy” forms of heating oil, known as No. 6 and No. 4 oil. In April 2011 the City of New York issued regulations that require buildings to transition to the cleanest fuels beginning in July 2012. 1,500 lives will be saved over the next two decades because of these rules. The goal of the Clean Heat program is to accelerate the transition to the cleanest fuels so we can realize these health benefits much sooner.” NYC Clean Heat Program.

Visit Bronx Community Board 8 website at www.nyc.gov/brxcb8 to check the map and [Find out if your building is using heating oil that has heavy pollutants](#) and needs to convert its heating oil. “Oil conversions can provide multifamily buildings with an impetus to evaluate additional energy saving opportunities throughout the site. NYSERDA’s Multifamily Performance Program can not only help building’s identify the necessary costs and steps to compliance with the phase out of #6 oil, but can also help target energy efficiency improvements that can lead to decreased expenses.” NYSERDA.

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