



Community Board # 4
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Monthly Community Board # 4 Meeting
Hope Gardens Multi-Service Center
195 Linden Street (Corner of Wilson Avenue), Brooklyn, NY 11237
Wednesday, May 18, 2011 / 6:00PM

Public Hearing Item(s)

1. U.S. Census Bureau NY—Rosemary Forgarty-Information Services Specialist
- **2010 Data Roll-Out Information Department of City Planning-Neighborhood Tabulation Areas.**

Regular Board Meeting

Agenda:

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| 1. First Roll Call | 7. Recommendations |
| 2. Acceptance of Agenda | 8. Election of Officers |
| 3. Acceptance of Previous Meeting's Minutes | 9. Old Business |
| 4. Chairperson's Report | 10. New Business |
| Introduction of Elected Officials (Representative) | 11. Announcements (1.5 minutes only) |
| 5. District Manger's Report | 12. Second Roll Call |
| 6. Committee Reports: | 13. Adjournment |
| • Civic & Religious-Elvena Davis | |
| • Housing & Land-Use-Martha Brown | |
| • Parks & Recreation-Austen Martinez | |
| • Public Safety-Barbara Smith | |

83rd Precinct Community Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 2011
480 Knickerbocker Avenue
corner Bleecker Street
(Muster Room—6:30PM)

The Next CEC 32 Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 2011
I.S. 347
 35 Starr Street
 Between Central & Wilson Avenues.
 6:00 PM-Working Session / 7:00 PM-
 Public Sessions



Buildings Commissioner Robert LiMandri Launches Annual No-Penalty Retaining Wall Inspection Program

Buildings Commissioner Robert LiMandri today announced the launch of the Department's annual **No-Penalty Retaining Wall Inspection Program**, allows homeowners to call 311 to request a free retaining wall inspection. Between May 2 and June 3, 2011, property owners can call for an inspection without the threat of a penalty. During inspections, inspectors examine structural conditions of the retaining wall, such as bulging, displaced material or leaning of the wall, and record the conditions. If repairs are needed, or the conditions do not pose an immediate safety hazard, the Department will defer issuing violations to allow property owners time to take corrective action. "Taking precautions is the best way to protect you and your family,". "Following the severe weather conditions we experienced this winter, we are reminding New Yorkers that every rainfall and snowfall can have a lasting impact on their properties. Homeowners can call 311 to have a Department inspector evaluate the condition of their retaining walls and determine whether there is any potential danger. To learn more about retaining wall maintenance, visit the Department's website at www.nyc.gov/buildings.

Brooklyn Urban Gardener

GreenBridge, the Community Environmental Horticulture Program of Brooklyn Botanic Garden 1000 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225-1099/ bbg.org/718-623-7209

GreenBridge, the community environmental horticulture program of Brooklyn Botanic Garden, promotes urban greening through free educational workshops, conservation initiatives, and creative partnerships. The new Brooklyn Urban Gardener (BUG) certificate program is a ten-week course that covers the basics in urban gardening and community greening. Working in teams, BUG students also partner with Brooklyn based organizations to complete real-life projects that meet existing needs throughout the borough. Upon completing the course and volunteering for 30 hours, graduates become certified as Brooklyn Botanic Garden BUG volunteers and support greening projects at community organizations such as schools, senior centers, block associations, community gardens, and more. If you know of anyone who would make a great BUG community volunteer, applications for the BUG certificate course are due no later than June 1. Applications are available online at www.bbg.org/greenbridge, or call (718) 623-7250. Classes take place in the fall. If you know of a community project that could benefit from the help of BUG volunteers or a team of BUG students, or if you have any further questions about the program, please contact Nina Browne-GreenBridge Program Manager at nbrowne@bbg.org or (718) 623-7209. Thanks for helping plant the seeds of a greener Brooklyn!

The Next Meeting of

Neighborhood Advisory Board Brooklyn 4

Will occur on

Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 7:00pm

The meeting will be held at

**Broadway Bushwick Community Coalition
871 Himrod Street, Brooklyn, NY 11221**

Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact

**Susan Patterson, Liaison
NAB/CAB Liaison Unit
(212) 442-5880**

Housing Court Knowledge = Power

Housing Court Answers

2011 Spring Training Series

- Rights of Tenants in Supportive Housing, Illegal Apartments and 3/4 Houses—May 20
- Overview of Rent Regulation—June 3
- Getting Rent from the City: Public Assistance and One Shot Deals—June 10
- Getting Repairs: HP Actions and Small Claims Court—June 17
- Rights of Tenants in Project—Based Section 8 Buildings—June 24

These workshops are for advocates who assist litigants in Housing Court or clients/constituents with housing problems. All sessions will be held on Friday afternoons in May and June, except Friday, May 27th (Memorial Day weekend)

New Location:

Legal Services NYC, Legal Support Unit
40 Worth Street, Suite 606
Between Church Street & West Broadway
New York, NY 10013

Trainings are free, and refreshments will be served, but you MUST register and space is limited. To register online go to: housing-courtanswers.org and click on the upcoming events page.

Or call to register/questions: (212) 962-4795

Dear Bushwick,

Please join us as we celebrate our community's rich diversity and many different cultures on Thursday, June 9, 2011. (Brooklyn Queens Day) CB#4 is hosting our 6th Annual Parade and Community Bar B Que. During the past five years we've hosted a community wide Parade where we celebrated one another. If you love your community and our rich culture won't you please join us as we pay tribute to some of our leaders and most importantly ourselves. Please show your pride in our community by joining in with the festivities. Use the form on page 4 to register. Thank you, **Nadine Whitted District Manager, Community Board #4.**

S & S Security Training & Services

1198 Myrtle Avenue

718-919-2642

www.sssecuritytrain.com**Office Hours:**

Monday–Saturday

10 a.m.–10 p.m.

BSVAC EMT Training is coming to Bushwick!Learn to become an EMT from the best**Bedford Stuyvesant Ambulance Corps**

- **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)**
- **Emergency Medical Technician (Recertification)**
- **First Responder**
- **First Aid/C.P.R**

Call us for rates and schedule:

(888) 894-1161

Or visit us:

1198 Myrtle Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221**SSI and SSDI Benefits Training****Myths, Tips, Tricks & How to Make It Work**

Presenters: John B. Allen Jr., Special Assistant to the

Commissioner NYS Office of Mental Health

Joe Swinford, Deputy Director, Bureau of Consumer Affairs,

NYS Office of Mental Health

- Do you know how to help someone get benefits within 60 days?
- Do you Know how to go work AND keep your benefits?
- Do you know how to ask for a waiver if Social Security notifies you of overpayments?

Even if you answered **YES to any of these questions, you will benefits from this intensive two day training.**

This Training is **FREE!!**

Here is the catch: **All Participants who register for this comprehensive training have to share the information to help someone else obtain Social Security Disability Benefits or SSI.**

Dates:

May 26th and 27th, 2011

Time: 8:30am-4:30pm**(Lunch on your own each day)****Location:**

Kingsboro Psychiatric Center Auditorium

681 Clarkson Avenue

Brooklyn, NY 11203

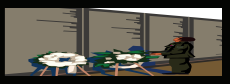
To Register:Send E-Mail to: ssinfo@omh.state.ny.us

(no internet access? Call 518-474-4888)

Please specify **WHICH** training you are registering for.



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**2011 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL LIENS
DO NOT LOSE YOUR HOUSE OR PROPERTY**

WHAT IS A LIEN SALE?

A lien is a legal claim against real property for unpaid property taxes, water, sewer or other property charges, including the interest due on the taxes and charges.

The sale is the transfer of the lien to a single authorized buyer which hires collection agencies. It is not a sale of the property, but if the taxes and/or charges are not paid or resolved, the lien holder can begin a foreclosure proceeding in court.

WHAT DOES THIS NOTICE MEAN?

It means that the City's records show that you owe:

- Property taxes and accrued interest to the Department of Finance.
- Water and sewer charges and accrued interest to the Department of Environment Protection (DEP).
- Emergency Repair Program (ERP) or Alternative Enforcement Program (AEP) charges and accrued interest, which are assessed by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) and billed by Finance.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

To prevent the sale of a lien on your property, you must resolve your debt by **August 1, 2011**. There are 3 ways to do this:

- Pay the full amount of your debt to Finance and/or DEP.
- Arrange a payment agreement with Finance and/or DEP.
- Dispute the charges to correct the City's records if you think you do not owe the money.

Customer Assistance:

- For Property Taxes: Phone (212) 504-4039; Online: nyc.gov/liensale
- For Water & Sewer Charges: Phone (718) 595-7000; Online: nyc.gov/liensale

Brooklyn Public Library Business Library

You Can Do It, Too!

The Entrepreneur Series for Startups

Seminar:

Tuesday, May 17th at 6:00pm

Expo:

Saturday, May 21st at 11:00am

Tuesday, May 17th, 2011 at 6:00-7:30pm

Brooklyn entrepreneur Monique Greenwood, owner of Akwaaba Inns, explains how she got started and what she's planning next.

Expo: Saturday, May 21, 11am-2pm

Meet lenders, business counselors, tech providers, marketing specialists, mentors and other entrepreneurs.

To register, visit www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/business or call 718-623-7000 (option 4).