

Bryant Gardens

NEWSLETTER

Energy Fair Picnic Edition

August 2008

Come to the Fair

You're invited! Bring a Friend!

Bryant Gardens will host the first-ever Energy Fair Picnic on Saturday, August 9, 2008 from 2:00-5:00 pm, rain or shine.

Pack a blanket and a picnic lunch and join us at the Playground at Building 3.

Enjoy a summer picnic with neighbors and find out about the Bryant Gardens Energy Reduction Plan.

Talk with experts: Hudson Valley Energy Consultants, Con Edison, EmPower, NYSERDA Home Performance, Consulting Engineer Werner Tietjen, and others.

At the Aladdin Tables, turn in two incandescent bulbs for two high-efficiency compact fluorescent bulbs. See if you qualify for a new Energy Star refrigerator.

FREE drinks, treats and entertainment for the kids.

The Back Story

Soaring energy prices and an aging infrastructure got us started, but Going Green is more than that. It's about a better quality of life at less cost to us all.

Although the economy is weak, the time is right because substantial grants, subsidized loans, and other incentive programs are available now, *but only for a limited time*. Bryant Gardens is already benefiting from Con Edison programs, and will soon receive NYSERDA grants and below-market loans.

Our Energy Reduction Plan includes not only a completely overhauled heating and hot water system, but also insulation, replacement windows, common area lighting upgrades, staff training, and replacement lighting and refrigerators for apartments with older equipment.

Saving energy saves money, and helps Save the Planet!

The Goal: A 20+% Energy Reduction

NYSERDA grants up to \$400,000 are available. To receive the maximum grant, we need to reduce **overall energy use** by more than 20% by 2010. And that means everyone needs to help. You too!

Three Target Areas

Three things you can do at little or no cost that will generate over \$1,000,000 in savings to you and Bryant Gardens:

- Replace incandescent with fluorescent bulbs.
- Remove window air conditioners in the winter.
- Use showerhead and sink low-flow aerators.

(More tips at the Fair.)

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Bryant Gardens: Growing Green



A/C Thermostats

Under **Con Edison's Central Air-Conditioning Program**, Bryant Gardens received — at no cost — new, remote access programmable thermostats to replace the existing single-setting thermostats that came with our hallway air conditioners.

Con Ed supplied **4-zone Carrier thermostats** and paid Honeywell Building Solutions (see photo) to install them. The 'stats can be read and programmed via the Internet using wireless satellite communications (similar to GPS).

A local supplier offered similar thermostats, without Internet access, for \$6,000 installed. Our **FREE** thermostats are **expected to save \$8,000-\$10,000 annually** at current electric rates.

Installation of the thermostats was **completed at the end of July**. Staff training by Con Ed personnel will take place in early August.

The Board and Management extend a **hearty "Thank You" to Superintendent Rob Compasso** for finding and coordinating this valuable program.

P.S. You can thank Rob yourself at the Energy Fair Picnic.

For More Information About the Energy Fair Picnic

Board Members Rose Hogan, John Carlucci and Lou Bruno are coordinating the Energy Fair Picnic. Contact them by email to EnergyFair@BryantGardens.com or by calling 914-574-2269.

Blame It On the Stars

More accurately, on the Star Rebate. If your monthly maintenance just went down (Seniors getting Enhanced Star) or up (everybody else getting a Star Rebate), it's because NYS and the White Plains School District cut a deal to make up a shortfall in school taxes by decreasing the Star Rebate amount. The school district got the state money instead of you.

Seniors: If you're over 65 and your household income is less than \$70,650, you may be entitled to the Enhanced Star Rebate. Lisa Frezzo in the Management Office can help you file.



Bryant Gardens: We Just Keep Growing Greener