

## Community board is asked to pick site for handicapped

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Representatives from Willowbrook Developmental Center last night requested the assistance of Community Board 3 in selecting a community-based support center for former Willowbrook residents and an unspecified number of non-institutional residents within the board's area.

Speaking at a board meeting in Messiah Lutheran Church hall, Annadale, Elin M. Howe, Willowbrook's acting director, said at least 87 former Willowbrook clients will be returned to the board's area and a support center site should be chosen within six months.

"Let us also emphasize that the support center will include handicapped persons who do not presently receive any kind of services," Miss Howe said.

She explained the center will presumably have a physician and nurse on its staff, as well as case workers, counselors and program coordinators.

"Clients will be moving through on a daily basis and there will be no overnight services," she said.

Those former Willowbrook residents will be housed, according to their indi-

vidual circumstances, in nursing homes, group homes and private homes.

Though no specific site has been mentioned, it must have 6,200 square feet of space and adequate transportation services accessible to the area's handicapped.

The Willowbrook spokesman stressed the center will be designed to the particular needs of the community and urged the cooperation and guidance of community residents.

Board chairman Frank Beraud said the board would provide suggestion for finding a site. He also asked Miss Howe to find out the total number of Willowbrook residents that will be returning to the board's area.

The transfer of Willowbrook patients into communities is the result of a court order requiring the center's population to be reduced to 250 persons by 1981. It presently has 1,680 residents.

Another speaker at the board meeting was Aniello Madonna, the Sanitation Department's district supervisor for Community Board 3, who announced the recent implementation of night pickups in

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Eltingville, Bay Terrace, Great Kills and Oakwood.

He announced that pickups are being made between midnight and 8 a.m. in certain areas until April 15 to allow Sanitation Department personnel to be on duty if needed to combat snow storms throughout the evening.

"Those residents in the following designated areas whose refuse will be picked up during the night shift are requested to put out their garbage out the night before their scheduled pickup day," Madonna said.

"The change is necessary due to the shifting of personnel for adequate manpower in case of a storm," he went on.

Bi-weekly night pickups are being made Monday and Thursday in the following areas in Eltingville and Bay Terrace:

Richmond Ave. to Armstrong Ave. from Arthur Kill Rd. to Wilson Ave. Both sides of Amboy Rd. from Richmond Ave. to Greaves Ave and both sides of Giffords Lane from Amboy Rd. to Arthur Kill Rd.

Night pickups, also in the Great Kills and Eltingville area, will take place Tuesday and Friday in the following area:

Both sides of Richmond Ave. to both sides of Armstrong Ave. from Amboy Rd. to Hylan Blvd. on both sides.

Wednesday and Saturday pickups in-

clude both sides of Guyon Ave. to both sides of Chesterton Ave. from both sides of Hylan Blvd. to the waterfront areas.

In the same area of Oakwood and Bay Terrace, the same schedule applies for both sides of Buffalo St. to Justin Ave. from Hylan Blvd. to Durant St.

The shifted personnel accounts for about 15 percent of the Island's total manpower and the change has already taken place in the other two community board areas.

In other action, the board voted to approve two amendments to its bylaws.

The first states that any board member who misses three consecutive meetings (at least one of which is unexcused) or six meetings (excused or unexcused) in one year can be removed at the next regular board meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present. All members who have been remiss in attendance will be informed off their precarious standing before any action is taken.

The second amendment impowers the board chairman — with the consent of a majority of the board's executive board — to "uphold all covenants, restrictions and conditions agreed upon between Community Board 3 (and any predecessors or successors) any applicants or successors in interest submitting land use applications."

The board also requested the construction of a public day care center and a center for bat-

tered persons within its boundaries.

A tentative budget was passed for 1978-79 that amounts to a \$45,000 and called for an additional \$15,000 from the city for its coming budget allotment.

The board requested the Traffic Department consider using meter maids serve as crossing guards during busy times, as well as issuing traffic summonses.

\* It also submitted 76 possible bus shelter sites and called for the speedy repair of a small bridge near the foot of Seguire Ave., Princes Bay, which will remain closed indefinitely until the Highway Department decides whether the structure should be repaired or replaced.