

Board planning tour of group home site

Community Board 3 members plan to tour a proposed group home in Tottenville with state officials tomorrow morning, and the board will hold a hearing on the home in its Princes Bay office Wednesday evening.

The tour is designed to familiarize board members with the proposed site and area.

After the tour, the board's Health and Hospital Committee will make a recommendation concerning the proposed group home. District Manager Frank Beraud said that the board will vote on the proposal at its monthly meeting Sept. 28.

Although the board cannot reject the home, its recommendations are often accepted.

Anyone interested in speaking

about the proposed group home will have an opportunity to do so at the hearing, Beraud said.

Notices mailed to area residents earlier this week said that a home for 10 disabled to moderately retarded adolescents and young adults is planned for 7768-7770 Amboy Rd. Beraud said the facility is supposed to house eight residents from the Staten Island Developmental Center in Willowbrook and two from the Community Board 3 area.

According to Board Chairman Jack Potenza, discussion of the home should "be a pretty hot item."

"These things do generate those kind of reactions," added Beraud.

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