

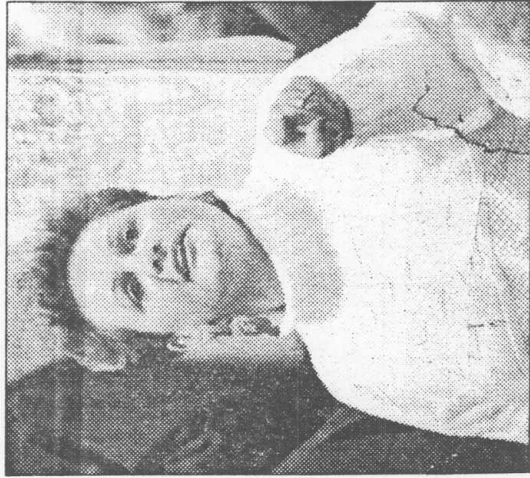
Group home for 8 adults draws objections of fearful neighbors

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Great Kills residents strongly protested a proposed state-run group home last night because they fear the value of their homes will decrease with eight developmentally disabled adults living in their community.

A public meeting was held in Community Board 3's Rossville headquarters in response to a proposal by the Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Service Office (SIDDSO) — the local agency of the state office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) — to purchase and renovate a privately owned home for more than \$230,000 at 931 Armstrong Ave.

About 100 Great Kills residents came out to protest the group home — for eight developmentally disabled adults ranging in age from 21 to 40 — last night because they felt it



A woman makes her point about social services in residential neighborhoods.

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