

STAR PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

The STAR (School Tax Relief) is a tax-relief program that lowers property taxes and can mean a refund of as much as several hundred dollars a year. It is available to any shareholder who is using 875 West 181st Street as his or her primary residence and whose total combined annual income is \$500,000 or less. Additional programs are available to qualifying senior citizens (SCHE) and people with disabilities (DHE). If eligible, you will receive your yearly tax rebate passed along to you as a credit on your monthly maintenance bill.

The deadline for applying for these programs is March 17th. Those shareholders not currently enrolled will soon receive more specific information, including an application, from Pride Property Management.

HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE COVERAGE

It is the responsibility of each shareholder to make sure that his or her insurance coverage is up to date. It is essential that your coverage (including mandatory \$500,000 in liability coverage) not be allowed to lapse. Please make sure that your insurance is still in effect and whenever you renew your policy, remember to send proof of renewal to our managing agent, AJ Ursillo at aj@pride22.com.

IMPROVED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION

Our managing agent is compiling a list of email addresses of all residents of Stirling Towers to be used to communicate more quickly and effectively in an emergency. Please send your email address to aj@pride22.com.

NEW MATTRESS DISPOSAL PROCEDURE

When disposing of a mattress for any reason, please contact our super at **917-557-0205**. Sam will arrange to pick up your mattress, put it in a specially designed bag and dispose of it for you.

STIRLING TOWERS 100TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

The Party and Events Committee has announced the postponement the 100th Anniversary Party originally scheduled for January, until early spring. The new date will be announced shortly.

The Board wishes to thank to Diane Battle, Yasmin Moorman and Chris Japely for organizing the wonderful December 14th holiday party as well as the end-of-summer and Halloween events.

COMPOSTING IN WINTER

Composting continues all year long; please don't stop depositing your compostables into the garden composters. This will improve our garden - our soil needs the nutrients the compost will provide!

FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVES

Thanks to the generosity of Stirling Towers' residents, our holiday food drive was a great success. We collected 200 pounds of food for **City Harvest**. In addition, according to **re-fashionNYC**, we collected 2475 pounds of clothing for those in need through the Housingworks clothing recycle bin in the basement. Congratulations to all.