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Community groups join with Treasurer to reach out to delinquent taxpayers

Representatives from more than 20 Wayne County neighborhood organizations will be gathering together Monday morning at the International Center building in Greektown to join with Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz in reaching out to the last remaining delinquent taxpayers who own occupied properties and who still have not paid their 2005 property taxes.

The meeting, which will take place on Monday, June 30, at 10 a.m. in the 8th Floor Conference Room of the Wayne County Treasurer's Office, located at 400 Monroe Street downtown, is the prelude to the actual effort which will begin in July when participants will be going door-to-door by zip code. This door-to-door campaign represents the second phase of Operation Normandy, the Treasurer's comprehensive outreach campaign which was launched in February of this year. Among those organizations expected to attend will be representatives from United Community Housing, Mission of Peace, Boston Edison Community Block Club, the Black Caucus Foundation, and others.

Due to payments already made after the March 31, 2008 deadline and responses to earlier door-to-door efforts made in April, the actual number of delinquent occupied properties is now down to 1,489. There are 1,207 residential properties included in that number. Lists to be given out at Monday morning's meeting will identify the property as commercial or residential, by zip code.