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COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE

Dear Friends –

Our event last month, **A Garment Center Town Hall**, was a happy success, with almost 200 people in attendance. Moderator Stan Herman was universally acclaimed for his smarts and his panache, and we can't thank enough the wonderful people at Parsons, where the event was held, and all the remarkable people and organizations that helped us put the evening together. For those of you who inexplicably missed this enlightening evening, you can watch it, in its entirety, by going to **CB5's website**.

Speaking of which, and entirely off-topic, anyone with a love of all things Rodgers and Hammerstein (and the Rodgers and Hammerstein Organization is housed, appropriately, in our district) will be interested in looking at this treasure-trove from the **New York Public Library's photo collection**. What a world at our fingertips! Happy Spring.

Sincerely,
Wally Rubin
District Manager

News and Events

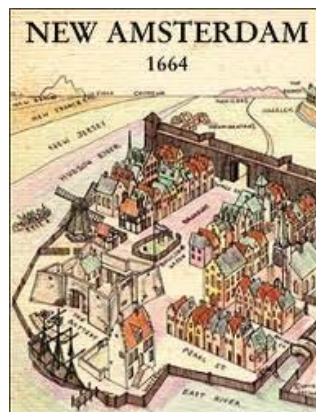
As Flies To Wanton Boys Are We To The Gods - The images were



overwhelming. To see whole villages and towns, people's livelihoods and lives, swept away in minutes was heartbreaking. And humbling. The earthquake and subsequent tsunami in Japan was a shocking reminder that natural catastrophes can happen with stunning swiftness, and no matter how prepared we might think we are, devastation comes

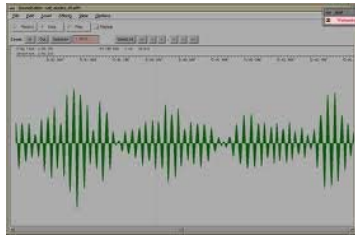
quickly upon us. NYC is a microcosm of the world, and as such, when the world hurts, so do we. **The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City** has set up an option on its homepage to donate to Japan. **100% of all donations will go directly to relief efforts.** As little as \$5 – or as much as you want – will be funneled directly to those who need it most.

The Mayor's Fund was established in 1994 to provide much needed assistance to public projects that need help. Such organizations as *Materials for the Arts*, *NYC School Gardens Initiative*, and *MillionTreesNYC*, among others, are beneficiaries of The Mayor's Fund. For more information on this much needed resource, [click here](#).



Be Not Afraid Of Greatness - You're a teacher and you're looking for some interesting ideas for class. Hmm. Enter, the **Museum of the City of New York**. This free lecture series specifically designed for educators explores aspects of the city's past that have made New York great: how transportation shaped the city, the role of street vendors in the city's cultural life, and what New York was like when it was still New Amsterdam. Oh, the many facets of this city! All lectures are free and require only an RSVP. For more information on all the lectures in the series, [click here](#).





Though This Be Madness, Yet There Is Method In't - If you've got a mobile device, you've got the means to be a part of an interactive, multi-location, public art happening. The Times **Square Alliance Public Art Fund** and **UrbanRemix** invite you to explore, share, and remix the sounds of Times Square. UrbanRemix combines location-based

cellphone technology, a database, and a web application to allow citizens to record and contribute media such as sound, images, and ultimately videos in their city, and position them in a digital map. Free web-based software allows anyone anywhere to explore the contributed sounds, view them on a virtual map of Times Square, and mix and share their own soundscapes. You, your fellow New Yorkers, and your city become the work of art! In May, musicians will perform live remixes of the collected sounds in a free performance in Times Square, and musicians from around the world will be invited to submit their own remixes of the sounds to an online contest. Point, click, art. For more information and to download the app, [click here to visit the Times Square Alliance website](#).



The Most Unkindest Cut Of All - You think the sidewalk in front of your building is nice and clean. Well, at least it's clean enough. But you just got a ticket for some loose rubbish and dog poop. Oh, the indignity – it's not even your dog! You contemplate fighting it but don't want the hassle of having to 'go downtown' to make your case. Well friend, life just got a little easier. NYC has implemented a new program called



One-Click Hearing – a way to contest a ticket without having to haul yourself into court. The **Environmental Control Board (ECB)**, which reviews tickets for such matters as canine corruptions, allows you to contest and submit evidence on-line. The site even gives you advice on how to state your case according to what a judge may ask. It may not be



the most fun thing to deal with, but at least it's now a little easier. [To view the One-Click Hearing page and to get more information, click here.](#) And good luck.



What's Gone And What's Past Help Should Be Past Grief- Be honest – how many phone chargers, outdated routers, obsolete keyboards and lonely non-functioning mice do you have crowding drawers and closets? Maybe you even have a VCR that you no longer use. Time to get rid of them! In an environmentally safe way, of course. On April

9th, the **Upper West Side Recycling Center** will be having an **E-Cycling Event** so you can safely discard all that clutter that



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was once near and dear to your gadget-loving heart. Items that can be brought in include: Working & non-working computers, monitors, printers, scanners, fax machines, copiers, keyboards, mice, cables, TV's, VCR's, DVD players, phones, audio/visual equipment, cell phones & PDA's. Heck, you can even bring batteries. The event runs from noon to 5pm at the **PS 87 Playground on West 77th St.** between Columbus and Amsterdam.

The Uncertain Glory Of An April Day -

Ah, the smell of Spring . . . soft earth, yellow daffodils, new grass. Even in New York City, where the seasonal change is glorious, New Yorkers often long for a lawn of their own to wiggle their toes in. Well, yard or not, you can still have a garden! On Tuesday, April 12th, from 11:30a to 6p, the **Madison**



Square Park Conservancy will be hosting **Home Farming Day** – a home-garden workshop where New Yorkers can learn the fine points of teeny, tiny gardens. Attendees will be guided through the planting process by planting experts, and will plant fresh chives to take home. You'll even get a Home Farming Kit to start planting in your window box, balcony planter, deck, rooftop, or backyard. Oooh, home farming kits. So role up your sleeves and feel the dirt! For more information, visit [Madison Square Park](#).



Not Marble Nor The Gilded Monuments

Folk Art? Admit it, you're stumped. You've heard the term, but . . . Well, if you visited the **American Folk Art Museum** maybe you'd know! The Museum is devoted to the aesthetic appreciation of traditional folk art and creative expressions of contemporary self-taught artists from the United States and abroad. They're located at 45 West 53rd St., between 5th and 6th. And guess what? Admission is free on Friday evenings from 5:30p – 7:30. There's even live music. Who knew?! For more information visit [their website](#).



Precinct Community Council Meetings

Each month local Police Precincts hold **Community Council Meetings** where community members can voice their concerns on local issues affecting their quality of life. Council meetings are open to all residents of the precinct. The four precincts located in **Community Board Five**, and their respective Council meeting times are:



- **10th Precinct** - Last Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm, 119 9th Avenue, Hudson Guild Senior Center.
Contact: Det. Mike Petrillo at 212-741-8226
- **13th Precinct** - Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm, 230 East 21st St.
Contact: P.O. Mike Hnatko at 212-477-7427
- **Midtown North Precinct** - Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm, 427 West 47th St.
Contact: Det. Stephen Giaco at 212-767-8447
- **Midtown South Precinct** - Every 3rd Thursday at 7pm at the Hotel New Yorker, 8th Avenue and 34th St.
Contact: Det. Adam D'Amico; Det. Joe Bunster at 212-239-9846

Liquor License Applicants

[Click here](#) to be taken to the CB5 website for information on Liquor License applicants.

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