

# THE MANHATTAN MIDTOWN

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## COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE

Dear Friends –

Just yesterday, we were astonished to hear that the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) approved a cabaret license to one of the worst clubs in our district, a place called Promenade on West 28<sup>th</sup> b/t 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Promenade has given its neighbors and our community serious trouble for a very long time. There have been stabbings and shootings and quality of life issues of such seriousness that a nightly police presence on the block was required. In addition, Promenade was operating as a dance club without a cabaret license, which is illegal. Already, they had a series of violations longer than my arm, but after they were cited for this flagrant violation, they actually applied to DCA to get their cabaret license.

With the fulsome support of the police, all the local electeds (especially Speaker Quinn's office!), FIT (located across the street) and the neighbors on the block [everybody pulled their weight so we could make our strongest case, which, under the egregious circumstances, wasn't hard to do] we thought it was a slam-dunk that DCA would reject this application. Imagine our shock when we heard that DCA, against any conceivable set of rules or norms, granted this license.

The battle continues...

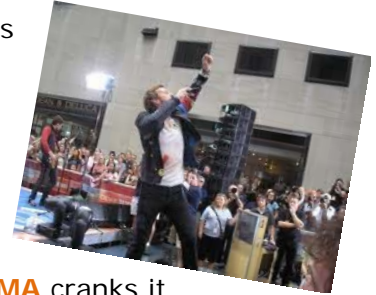
Meanwhile, pray for a cool August, everyone!

Sincerely,  
Wally Rubin  
District Manager

## News and Events

### **They'll Be Dancing In The Streets -** It's

August. The dog days of summer are upon us, and spirit crushing humidity hangs in the air. But on Friday mornings, more than just a hot wind blows through the canyons of Midtown. **Good Morning America** and **The Today Show** sponsor FREE weekly concerts for all New Yorkers! **The Today Show** broadcasts live from Rockefeller Plaza, and **GMA** cranks it up in Times Square. Artists booked for the remainder of the summer include *Train*, *Katy Perry*, *The Jonas Brothers* and *Black Eyed Peas* – they're on this Friday! The only catch – and it's a small one – is that the shows start by 7am. Oy. And in order to position yourself for a good view, you probably need to be there by 6am. Oy oy. But, the shows are free and the feel is pure NYC. For a complete listing of artists and scheduled performance dates, [click here for GMA](#) and here for [The Today Show](#).



### **You Know You Have An Opinion! -**

It seems everyone in NYC has an opinion about NYC, especially when it comes to our parks. There are four parks that CB5 concerns itself with – *Union Square*, *Madison Square*, *Bryant* and *Central Parks*. These green spaces offer all manner of events and activities, and their use is always a matter of contention. **The**



**Union Square Partnership** is offering residents of the district the chance to weigh in on what works about the park and what might need some tender loving care. If you frequent Union Square, or even if you don't but care about the use of NYC's parks, take a moment and fill out the survey. It's pretty quick, you get to sound off, and you might win a prize! Oooh . . . a prize. [Click here for the survey](#).



### **Right In Your Own Back Yard -** Central

Park. What do you know about it? It's big (843 acres); it has lots of water (7 individual bodies); and there are a lot of trees (26,000 to be exact). But what can you **do** in the park? Hmmm. Good question. Let's list a few of the attractions that are there at your fingertips every day. You can:

- hop on one of 57 hand-carved horses on an original 1871 carousel (not just a hoot for kids, trust me!)
- take a ride on **The Lake**, 22 acres of water right in the middle of the park, complete with 100 new row boats and some lovely kayaks
- jam to free music at **SummerStage**



- take an outdoor yoga class
- take any number of tours exploring the flora and fauna of the Central Park woodlands. You know, those *other* inhabitants of NYC!
- explore Belvedere Castle, pretend you're a Queen and strut your best Shakespeare



You get the idea. Central Park is chock full of adventure and discovery, so before the summer ends, and even into the fall, take a moment and treat yourself to the wonders of the best damned urban outdoor space around!! For more information on all Central Park has on tap, [click here](#).

**Food for Thought** - Quick, how many restaurants are there in Midtown? (Cue Jeopardy theme music.) Ok, we don't know either. But we do know how you can find out all about the cleanliness of those ever-present eateries. **The NYC Department of Health** has developed a website that offers **Restaurant Inspection Information** for



every single space that sells succulent (and not so) snacks – even Starbucks. (Would you believe there are over 200 in NYC?! Of course you can.) You can search for an establishment by name, and see the date of inspections, violations that were issued, and how many violation points that were scored. Which may not make you stop going to your favorite Thai place for that fabulous Masaman Curry, but it's always good to know how what goes into the preparation of your food. **Check it out.**

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## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> St.  
Contact: P.O. Mike Hnatko at 212-477-7427
- **Midtown North Precinct** - Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm, 427 West 47<sup>th</sup> St.  
Contact: Det. Stephen Giaco or Det. Diane Menig at 212-767-8447

- **Midtown South Precinct** - Every 3rd Thursday at 7pm at the Hotel New Yorker, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 34<sup>th</sup> St.  
Contact: Det. Adam D'Amico; Det. Joe Bunster at 212-239-9846

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## Liquor License Applicants

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

If you have any questions regarding this list, please call the office or email [office@cb5.org](mailto:office@cb5.org).

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