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COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE

Dear Friends –

Those folks at the **Department of Transportation** don't rest for a moment! Last month, they came to us with their plans for a 34th Street Transitway and on Monday, April 26th they will be back to talk us through their ideas to improve traffic and safety around Union Square while expanding Broadway's bicycle route and extending the line of pedestrian plazas. Come join us at 6pm at the McBurney YMCA (125 West 14th Street), and as a bonus you can hear about plans for Phase I of the renovation of historic Moynihan Station, at long last – ***How poor are they that have not patience.***

Sincerely,
Wally Rubin
District Manager

News and Events

Green Is Indeed The Color Of Lovers



Now that we've got your attention . . . NYC is sliding into spring and the weather is getting nicer and nicer, windows open and fresh air fills rooms. While we enjoy the sights and smells of spring, we must also remember that summer is just around the corner. August. Humidity. Sweat. As the temperature starts to climb, so does energy usage.

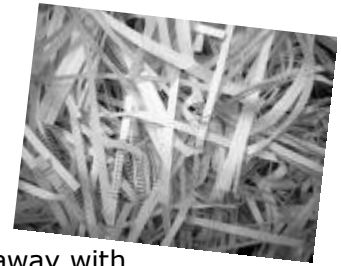
And if you own a business, those costs can take a big bite out of your bottom line. Con Edison is offering businesses with an average monthly peak demand of less than 100kw *free* energy surveys; *free* energy conservation measures, such as CFL's (compact fluorescents) and water heater thermostats; and incentives up to 70% of installed cost for major heating, cooling, and lighting upgrades. If you've been considering greening your business, now is the time to take advantage of big incentives to upgrade your business.

For more information, visit [Con Ed's website](#) for information or call Con Edison's contractor at 1-888-willdan (1-888-945-5326).



Reputation, reputation, reputation! O, I have lost my reputation! –

With the kind of information that can be stolen by simply going through the trash, protecting your identity is more important than ever. But fear not your reputation, not when NYC is sponsoring its 3rd annual **Shred Fest!!** This multi-agency event is intended to help you do away with all those papers you no longer need, but without the risk of any vital information falling into the wrong hands. What kinds of things can be shredded?



- Bank statements that are at least one year old and do not contain tax-related information
- Pay stubs (only after you receive your Form W-2)
- Credit card applications
- Any other documents that contain your Social Security Number, account numbers, password/PIN information, your birth date, private contact information, and signature

This paper-palooza is happening on May 23rd from 10a through 4p in several locations around the city, but in Midtown it will take place at Columbus Circle and Union Square. So get a jump on spring cleaning and protect yourself all at the same time. Win-win.



All The Worlds A Stage . . .-

Here we are in Midtown, the heart of Manhattan. To the south, Chelsea and Union Square. To the north, the crossroads of the world – Times Square. And in Times Square: Broadway, boulevard of dreams. Ok, enough with the rhetoric. You know Broadway's there; you see the marquees and the

names up in lights. But did you ever wonder how the whole thing works? How all the pieces of the Broadway machinery fit together so that when the curtain goes up everything runs smoothly?

BroadwayBlogSpot.com can take you behind the scenes to see the nitty and the gritty, the bread-and-butter actors whose names don't appear in lights, and the stagehands that make Mary Poppins fly. Through video clips and interviews, **BroadwayBlogSpot** shows you how Broadway works, who works on Broadway and all the men and women [who] play their part.



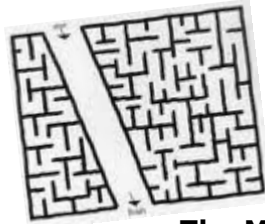
What's Past Is Prologue; What To Come, In Yours And My Discharge -

September 11, 2001 was a seminal moment in the history of this country, and continues to shape who we are and how we perceive the world. The **National September 11 Memorial & Museum** will be sponsoring a series of talks – **9/11 Today and Tomorrow** - exploring our on-going evolution after this event. Topics include challenges of post-9/11 security, the trial of 2001 attack mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and other current subjects related to the ongoing implications of the September 11, 2001



attacks. The talks take place at **9/11 Memorial Preview Site**, located at 20 Vesey Street. For more information, directions and to RSVP, visit [9/11 Memorial](#).

Neither A Borrower Nor A Lender Be – Sound advice, but



sometimes you just have to ask for help, more so in today's economy. The money crunch has been hard for most, but especially for non-profit organizations that rely so much on philanthropic gifts and grant programs, which can be overwhelming in their complexity.

To help in finding the way through the grant maze,

The Manhattan Borough President's Office is sponsoring and informal workshop entitled **Help For Non-Profits: Navigating the City Grant Process**. The workshop will cover such topics as Borough Needs Grant Program and requirements for city funding. There will also be an opportunity to have specific questions answered. The workshop takes place on Tuesday, April 27th at 9:30a, in the Adam Clayton Powell State Office Building, 163 West 125th St. To register call 212-669-4462 or send an e-mail to conference@manhattanbp.org



Not Marble, Nor The Guilded Monuments Of Princes, Shall Outlive This Powerful Rhyme -

April 23rd marked the 446th anniversary of William Shakespeare's birth. It also marked the 394th anniversary of his death. But who's counting? It is widely believed that Shakespeare had a vocabulary of approximately 29,000 words. The average English speaker regularly uses roughly 3500 words. Um...er... According to the *Oxford English Dictionary*, Shakespeare coined over 3000 words and phrases that have become part of our common everyday English, so in appreciation of the man who gave so much to our Mother Tongue, the headings of all the items in this newsletter are from one of Shakespeare's works – some familiar, some not. It's really rather amazing how many words and phrases came into existence because Shakespeare willed it so. Below is a brief - and nowhere near complete - reminder of what art can do.

"If you have ever refused to budge an inch or have suffered from green-eyed jealousy; if you have played fast and loose, have been tongue-tied, a tower of strength, hoodwinked or in a pickle; if you have knitted your brow, made a virtue of necessity, insisted on fair play, slept not one wink, stood on ceremony, laughed yourself into stitches, had cold comfort or too much of a good thing; if you have seen better days or lived in a fool's paradise – why, it is a foregone conclusion that you (as luck would have it) have quoted Shakespeare."

--Bernard Levin in **The Story of English**.



Parking Calendar

NYC Parking Regulations – There are many legally recognized holidays on which parking regulations are suspended. For the month of May, parking regulations are officially suspended on the following days:



Thursday, May 13: Solemnity of the Ascension
Wed/Th, May 19-20: Shavuot
Monday, May 31: Memorial Day

Changes occur often, so call 311 for daily updates. For more information on Parking Regulations, visit the [DOT Parking Calendar](http://www.nyc.gov) at www.nyc.gov.

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 or Det. Diane Menig 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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