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COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE

Dear Friends –

This Thursday (2/26), a **Joint Land Use and Zoning/Transportation and Environment Committee** meeting will be discussing and voting on a huge new proposed project that is currently going through ULURP (Uniform Land Use Review Procedure). The project is called **ARC (Access to the Region's Core)**. One result of the project will be major new subway entrances/exits in the 34th Street corridor between 6th and 8th Avenues. Having previewed the plans, I can tell you that if you spend much time around 34th Street or use Penn Station, you may not want to miss this presentation and the chance to hear the debate surrounding this issue. As always, you are welcome to join us for this meeting at the *First Alliance Church* (127 West 26th Street). Check our webpage, cb5.org, for details.

Sincerely,
Wally Rubin
District Manager

Community News and Events

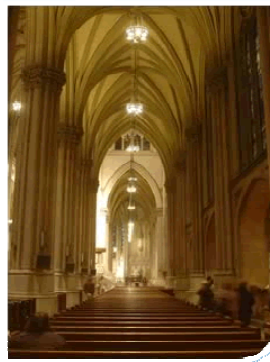
The Best Laid Plans - In winter things turn inward; it's a time to take stock and make plans. The **Union Square Partnership** is hosting a **Winter Speakers Forum** on Tuesday, March 10th at the Vineyard Theatre, 108 East 15th Street. **Obama & New York: What's Next?** will be a roundtable discussion, moderated by political



columnist Dan Gerstein, focusing on President Obama's economic policies and how they will impact NYC. The forum begins with a networking breakfast at 8am, followed by a discussion at 8:30am. RSVP to secure a place by visiting the [USP website](#).



Broadway Bears the Cold – As if there weren't reason enough to come to Times Square, every Wednesday **SIRIUS XM** radio hosts *Live on Broadway*, with interviews and performances of current Broadway performers. Each Wednesday at 12p in the *Broadway Concierge & Ticket Center*, cast members from popular Broadway shows sing, chat with radio hosts, then stick around for autographs and photos. Past performers included Bebe Neuwirth and Cheyenne Jackson, and on Wednesday, March 4th, John Treacy Egan of **The Little Mermaid**, **The Producers** and **Jekyll & Hyde** will be there. **The Broadway Concierge & Ticket Center** is located inside the Times Square Information Center at 1560 Broadway, between, 46th and 47th streets.



Music For The Masses - As March approaches, all things Irish begin to take hold. *St. Patrick's Day* is right around the corner, after all. What better place to celebrate the Irish heritage that is such a part of New York than **St. Patrick's Cathedral**? On **Thursday, March 12**, the Cathedral becomes a concert hall as selections of traditional and contemporary music float through the air. The *Cathedral of St. Patrick Choir* shares the space with *Mick Maloney & Friends* and the *Cathedral Organ* for an evening in which everyone is Irish. General seating is free and open to the public. For more information about this or other cultural events at St. Patrick's visit their website at www.stpatrickscathedral.org

Did You Say Free?! - You live in **NYC**, the cultural capital of the world. Some of the world's finest cultural institutions live here with you. But how often have you visited the **Metropolitan Museum of Art**? A sad fact of living in **NYC** is that we often don't take full advantage of the many activities and events that some people travel halfway around the world to experience; going to the Upper West Side is seen as a hike. But now that the economic winds are blowing harshly, perhaps it's time to investigate our own backyard. Many of the city's museums and cultural institutions offer free or low-cost programming, such as lectures, concerts, readings and screenings. The **Rubin Museum of Art**, for example, has free Friday night music events; **MoMA** has gallery talks, poetry readings and brown bag lunch lectures all free or low-cost; and **The Met** offers free concerts with the price of admission. Remember, fun doesn't need to cost an arm and a leg. Be creative - be a tourist in your own hometown and see the world!



The Bare Necessities - New Yorkers living with HIV/AIDS deserve affordable housing. **NYS Senator Tom Duane** and **NYS Assemblymember Deborah Glick** will be holding a **Town Hall Meeting** to discuss legislation that provides housing protection for members of the



community living with HIV/AIDS. The Town Hall will take place on **Friday, March 6th from 3p to 5p** at the Judson Memorial Church, located at 55 Washington Square South. The focus of the meeting will be to discuss strategies in support of HIV/AIDS housing legislation and how to move forward on this vital issue. For more information, contact Jaron Benjamin at the NYC AIDS Housing Network at jaron@nycahn.org or call 718.864.3932

City Agency Announcements

A Bright Idea - It may seem like an odd time to start a business, but the fog must lift at some point. Be ready when it does! **NYC Small Business Solutions** offers two programs for those wishing to start out in business, and those who wish to stay in business.

FastTrac NewVenture is a 6-week program designed to help entrepreneurs develop a working business plan, identify market targets, and build a successful team. **FastTrac GrowthVenture** is an 8-week program that can prepare business owners to revise their business plan, re-envision goals, and reshape your existing business. For more information on this valuable source of business information, visit the **Small Business Solutions** website at www.nyc.gov/sbs Application deadline for classes beginning in April is **March 16th**.



Keep What You Earn - Spring may be springing, but the tax man is also calling. There's no escaping it, the piper must be paid. But each year, millions of people are unaware that they are eligible for the **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)**, a credit that returns federal, state, and New York City tax dollars to qualifying families and individuals to help cover basic expenses. Though there are eligibility requirements and certain criteria that must be met



in order to claim the **EITC**, a working family may be able to claim up to \$6500. In the Midtown area, **Chelsea Hudson Guild** will be offering free tax prep on the following dates: March, 3, 10, 24, and 31, and April 7 and 14, from 6p to 8p at 119 9th Avenue, between 17th and 18th streets. No appointment is necessary, but there are income requirements to be aware of: individual income must be less than \$25,000 and family income less than \$35,000. For more information on what exactly the **EITC** is and to see if you qualify, as well as information on other important tax credit programs, visit www.nyc.gov But hurry, April 15th is just around the corner!

Parking Calendar



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

Purim – Tuesday, March 10

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 at 212-239-9846

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.

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