

THE MANHATTAN MIDTOWN

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Dear Friends –

You may have already heard about the Department of Transportation's pilot plan called **Green Light for Midtown**. In varying ways, it will affect traffic on Broadway from 57th to 23rd Streets. It's most dramatic feature will be to close Broadway completely to vehicular traffic at Times Square and Herald Square. The plan is slated to go into effect Memorial Day weekend and continue at least through the end of the year. This should be a fascinating experiment. A true Broadway boulevard. Times Square may never be the same again!

Sincerely,
Wally Rubin
District Manager

Community News and Events

The World Beneath Our Feet -

There's a lot more going on underground than most people think. And we're not just talking about rats. The **New York Transit Museum** is pleased to present a series of discussions at Grand Central Terminal in connection with the exhibit *The Future Beneath Us*, on display in the Museum's Grand Central Gallery Annex through July 5. Key engineers, architects, and urban planners involved in MTA Capital Construction's current mega-projects will explore issues of scope, sustainability, technology and impact. Talks begin at 6 p.m. Reservations are not required, and tickets are free, available first come, first serve basis. For information please call 718-694-1794.





They Say The Neon Lights Are Bright

– They say, too, that all you need for a performance is a space and someone to watch. Well, the **Times Square Alliance** has the space – **The Crossroads of the World** – and goodness knows they have the people to watch! They’re looking for a few good street performers to take part in a new

entertainment initiative happening in Times Square. Performers can submit applications/performance videos via the [Times Square Alliance website](#) no later than Friday, April 10th. Finalists will be contacted by April 20th to schedule an audition. Break a leg!

Don’t Just Throw It Away! – There’s a green side to everything – transportation, building, manufacturing of all kinds. But did you know



that more than just newspapers and tin cans are *recyclable*? You can recycle your old clothing and textiles as well as fabric at the **Union Square Greenmarket** every Monday and Saturday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Acceptable donations include used clothing, shoes, boots, hats, jackets, towels, bedding,

linens, and more. Donations can be brought to 16th Street and Union Square West. And while you’re there, you can pick up some farm fresh produce!

In Your Easter Bonnet – Do people still wear bonnets? Well, if you’re walking along 5th Avenue on April 12th you’ll see plenty! New Yorkers of all stripes will be flocking to Fifth Avenue from 49th to 57th Streets in their best haberdashery for the annual **Easter Parade!**

Beginning around 10am, participants will parade along the avenue in their elaborate bonnets, ranging from

incredible floral displays to those with live animals – really! Begun as a spontaneous event in 1870 (see photo above), this is a NYC tradition that is just plain fun. There are also special Easter services at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on 50th Street and 5th Avenue, at St. Thomas Church on 53rd Street and 5th Avenue and at the 5th Avenue Presbyterian Church, as well. So put your best hat on and show off a little!



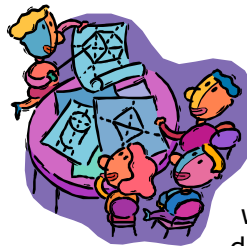
City Agency Announcements



Law & Order- While many people take years to find their true calling, some young people develop an interest early in life. High school students between the ages of 14 and 17 interested in law can apply to the Manhattan District Attorney’s **LEGAL BOUND Summer Internship Program**. For over 10 years, this program has allowed junior high and high school

students to learn about criminal law and the workings of the DA's office. Viable applicants will be contacted to schedule interviews through April 24th. Students are asked to send a resume and an essay explaining their interest in law to the DA's office: *NY County DA's Office, Community Affairs Unit, Attn: Ms. Carol Ragsdale, One Hogan Place, NY, NY 10013*. For more information, log on to the DA website at www.manhattanda.org

Not Just For Students – The Graduate Center, CUNY, offers free public presentations on a variety of topics. As part of a new initiative, the **Center for the Humanities** will be hosting **The Great Issues Forum**. Critical issues of the day will be viewed through a single thematic lens. Their inaugural theme is Power. Through a series of free public events involving prominent civic leaders, artists, and intellectuals, the *2008-2009 Forum* will examine the ways in which various categories of power – political, economic, military, cultural, and educational – work in our increasingly globalized world. For more information on the events at the Graduate Center, visit their website at www.gc.cuny.edu



The Weight Of The World - Today more than ever recycling isn't just for the tree-huggers among us; it's an important and necessary activity that everyone needs to care about. On Wednesday, April 8, the Manhattan Borough President's Office will be hosting a panel discussion on the current debate over NYC's recycling law and how the recession and budget pressures may shape the future of the program. The panel, ***What is the Future of Recycling in New York City?***, will include representatives from the **Natural Resources Defense Council** and the **NYC Independent Budget Office**, and will be moderated by **Borough President Scott Stringer**. The event will take place at 114 W. 47th St., in the ground floor auditorium from 8:30a until 10a and breakfast will be provided. To RSVP contact RSVP@manhattanbp.org or call 212.669.4462.

Parking Calendar

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



April 9: Holy Thursday
April 10: Good Friday
April 9-10: Passover (1st & 2nd day)
April 15-16: Passover (7th & 8th 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 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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If your organization would like to publicize an event in **The Manhattan Midtown**, email your request to: office@cb5.org. To be considered for publication events must be free and open to the public.

