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COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE

Dear Friends –

Summer is a time to be out and about. There is always so much to do but it isn't always easy to keep track of all that is going on. Well, have I got a website for you! Just go to NYC's [Calendar of Events!](#) You can browse by date, by category of event, by borough or search for a particular event, such as "Piano in the Park" in our district's very own Bryant Park, during which some of the city's best pianists play the music of Scott Joplin, the Gershwins, Fats Waller, Eubie Blake, Jelly Roll Morton, and more under the trees on the park's custom made piano. Piano in the Park is June 9th –13th from Noon to 1:45pm. But don't take my word for it – look it up for yourself, then go and enjoy!

Sincerely,
Wally Rubin
District Manager

Community News and Events

Celebrate Commitment - *The Hispanic AIDS Forum, Inc.* (HAF) created **The Sol Award** (Sun Award) in 2007 to honor individuals and entities who demonstrate compassion, leadership and commitment to working tirelessly in the ongoing, collective endeavor to make the fundamental human right to healthcare a reality.

The Sol Awards celebrate the achievements of notable figures who are leaders in their field and in the fight against HIV/AIDS. To honor those whose dedication is invaluable to this fight, this year's **Sol Awards** will be an unforgettable summer evening with wonderful people, delicious food, great music, and an astonishing view of the New York harbor. The awards take place June 5th, 2008 at Battery Park Gardens, from 6 - 9pm. For information and tickets, you can visit the website at www.solawards.com or contact Hillary Peña at (212) 563 4500 x302.



Let's Go To The Movies – Nothing says New York like cinema under the stars. *Bryant Park* will once again be showing free movies throughout the summer. Pack a picnic supper and set up for an evening of viewing beginning June 16th and running through August 18th. All films show on Monday evenings and start at sundown, generally between 8p and 9p. The lawn opens at 5:00pm for blankets (*no plastic tarps please*) and socializing. This summer's titles have yet to be announced, but keep checking the [Bryant Park website](#) for updated information.



The Play's The Thing - Feeling dramatic this summer? Then get your imagination and playfulness together and team with professional actors from the [New York Classical Theatre](#) to hone your Shakespearean acting skills against the beautiful backdrop of Central Park. Geared toward children ages 7 to 12 and their families, this free workshop delves into what's needed to put on a Shakespearean play. Participants will learn the story of William Shakespeare's play, *Cymbeline*, how to get ready for a performance that will be playing in the park that night, and get a chance to act from the script. Bring a picnic dinner to enjoy between the workshop and the free roving performance of *Cymbeline*, which begins at 7:00 p.m. in the same location. The event will be held on **Sunday, June 15, 2008** beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Pool Lawn in Central Park (enter the Park at 103rd Street and Central Park West). For more information call (212) 860-1370.

City Agency Announcements

Everybody In The Water - It's all around us but how often do we ever actually go in it? The water, that is. Manhattan is an island, remember, and what better way to see that island than from the water?! This summer, make a big splash by kayaking on the Hudson River. *The Downtown Boathouse* offers instructional kayaking each weekend through October, from 10am to 5pm.



And it's FREE! *The Downtown Boathouse* is located (oddly) at 72nd Street and the Hudson River. For more information call (212) 408-0219.

All's Fair In The Summertime - Summer is when everyone comes out to play and NYC becomes the land of street fairs. There are more street fairs than one can mention, but here's the heads up on a few that are happening in the Midtown area during the month of June:



Sunday, June 15 - *International Cultures Festival* (6th Ave. from 42nd-56th)

Saturday, June 21 – *Times Square Expo* (7th Ave. from 47th-57th)

Saturday, June 28 – *Times Square Block Party* (46th between 7th & 8th)

Fight For The Right - Affordable housing is almost like a contact sport in NYC – every year tenants and landlords do battle to ensure that they come out on top in the quest for fair pricing. The Rent Regulations Guidelines Board will be passing its final vote on increases for rent stabilized apartments on June 19th. Whether you're a tenant or a landlord, make your voice heard at one of the upcoming public hearings:



Wednesday, June 11th - NYC College of Technology, 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM (public testimony), Kiltgord Auditorium, 285 Jay Street, Brooklyn

Monday, June 16th - The Great Hall at Cooper Union, 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM (public testimony) 7 East 7th Street @ 3rd Avenue, Manhattan

Thursday, June 19th - The Great Hall at Cooper Union, 5:30 PM – 9:30 PM (final vote) 7 East 7th Street @ 3rd Avenue, (no public testimony)

Check It Out!

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You think everything is fine and you've no need to worry. You don't spread your personal information all over the internet; you shred documents with sensitive material; you don't even make purchases on line. But a clever identity thief can find ways to get your information and use it before you even realize what happened. Here are some common sense approaches to identity safety:

- 1. Shred first, trash last.** Never throw out papers with sensitive information, such as your Social Security Number.
- 2. Be careful when you receive suspicious telephone and e-mail offers.** Never give personal information over the phone and never click on unfamiliar e-mail links.
- 3. Safeguard your computer.** Using antivirus and firewall software can help prevent hackers from finding sensitive info.
- 4. Opt out of mail solicitations.** Register your address at www.optoutprescreen.com or call toll-free 1-888-567-8688.
- 5. Pay Attention.** View all credit card and bank statements carefully and regularly for any unusual activity.



Another way to keep tabs on your information and who else may have access to it is to view your credit report every year. There are three main credit reporting agencies that provide credit reports, **Experian**, **Equifax**, and **Trans Union**, and you can request a free report from each one once every twelve months. In addition, these three organizations sponsor the website www.annualcreditreport.com, a clearinghouse for all credit information. You can also order your report through them. So be proactive in your security, click on the icons above to get started and check out your credit report!

Cultural Calendar

There's so much culture in Midtown it's hard to keep track. Below are some current and recent events and openings.

- **Upcoming Openings**

Cirque Dreams: Jungle Fantasy – Broadway Theatre

Previews: June 16

Opens: June 26th

- **Events**

New York Times' TimesTalks

A Celebration of Talento Artístico: Meet John Leguizamo

Monday, June 9, 2008

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

The Times Center, 242 West 41st Street

Debra Winger: Undiscovered

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

The Times Center, 242 West 41st Street

An Evening with Sam Shepard

Monday, June 23, 2008

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

The Times Center, 242 West 41st Street

Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.thetimescenter.com

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:



Monday, June 9 – Shavuot (Day One)

Tuesday, June 10 – Shavuot (Day Two)

Changes occur often, so call 311 for daily updates. For more information on Parking Regulations, visit the [DOT Parking Calendar](http://www.dot.ny.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. Contact: Det. Mike Petrillo at 212-741-8226
- **13th Precinct** - Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm. Contact: P.O. Mike Hnatko at 212-477-7427
- **Midtown North Precinct** - Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. Contact: Det. Stephen Giaco or Det. Diane Menig at 212-767-8447
- **Midtown South Precinct** - Every 3rd Thursday at 7pm. 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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