



THE MANHATTAN MIDTOWN

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COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE

Dear Friends –

As many of you know, **Community Board Five** takes a short break in August, but will be reconvening beginning Monday, August 25th (the Transportation Committee) as we begin our September cycle of meetings. We will have many issues to tackle this fall and look forward to your input. So, remember to check out our website at cb5.org, the calendar page, for all the latest updates.

And, have a wonderful rest of summer at some of these fabulous events featured below!

Sincerely,
Wally Rubin
District Manager

Community News and Events

Money For Nothing– Well, not really, but there is money to be had if you just ask for it. **The Lower Manhattan Cultural Council**



(LMCC) announces two grant opportunities for artists and arts organizations with projects slated for presentation anywhere in Manhattan in 2009. Grants of up to \$5000 for artists, projects and non-profits are available for every arts discipline in every corner of the borough.

Application deadline is September 23rd, and an information session is required. For detailed information on eligibility and application procedures, and for a schedule of information sessions, visit the LMCC website at

www.lmcc.net

Wednesday's Child - There are so many children in NYC in need of a loving and stable home environment it seems almost overwhelming. You can offer the much needed family that is longed for by so many. Get the facts about being a Foster Parent at the next *Recruitment and Orientation Event* sponsored by **The Salvation Army**, being held on Wednesday, August 13th from 5:30p until 8:00p. You'll get all the information you need to help you decide if becoming a foster parent is right for you. To reserve your place please call 212.352.5611 or e-mail Gloria.baksh@use.salvationarmy.org



Free and Outdoors! – Two of the best words in NYC in the summertime are free and outdoors! The folks at **Lincoln Center** understand this and are presenting a variety of programs in August during *Lincoln Center Out of Doors*, a season jam-packed with dynamic, *free events* that offer something for absolutely everyone, from tributes to beloved cultural icons to cross-cultural collaborations that blur the lines of genre and geography. For a list of events visit the **Lincoln Center** website at www.lincolncenter.org



A Feast for the Senses – **Union Square Partnership (USP)** is readying for their annual *Harvest in the Square*, a premier food and wine event in Union Square Park. The event, to be held on Thursday, September 18th, features chefs from some of the most popular restaurants in the Union Square district preparing their signature dishes using fresh farm produce from the Union Square Greenmarket. In addition, NYS microbrews and wines are paired with dishes for an exquisite taste sensation. Tickets are available now at the **USP website** and all proceeds are dedicated to the continued beautification of the park. All that and food, too!



City Agency Announcements

They're Going Back! – It seems like just yesterday summer had gotten underway. Now August is firmly on the move and the countdown to the new school year has begun. The **NYC Department of Education** is hosting its first *Back to School* event to prepare families for the upcoming school year by providing them with as many resources as possible. The event takes place on Saturday, August 16th in Central Park from 10am until 3pm, in the East Meadow section of the park at E. 98th Street and Fifth Avenue. Get the lowdown on what's happening, as the new school year approaches. For more information you can call 212.374.2323 or e-mail ofea@schools.nyc.gov



A Birds' Eye View – 150 years ago landscape architects *Frederick Law Olmstead* and *Calvert Vaux* designed a bit of paradise in the heart of NYC. **Central Park** celebrates its long and illustrious history in a unique way: hot-air balloon rides! This anchored, helium-filled, state-of-the-art balloon floats to a height of 300 feet – that's 30 stories! Rides are offered daily from now until August 22, 2008 at Cherry Hill in Central Park (72nd Street, west of Bethesda Fountain), and will take up to four passengers at a time for a 10 minute ride, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. See NYC like only our fine feathered friends can, bright lights, treetops and all. For more information, visit the [NYC Parks Department website](#).



Check It Out!



You work in Midtown. What to do for lunch? Hmmmmm. Once you find a place that offers palatable food you become a regular. But it gets boring after a while, doesn't it? Have faith foodies, **Midtown Lunch** is the website you've been hoping for! Dedicated to the center of this food-centric city, **Midtown Lunch** offers maps, descriptions, reviews and all manner of information on the multitude of eating establishments in Midtown (and only Midtown), from Cajun to food carts to Mongolian BBQ. All at the click of a mouse! So check out [their website](#) and expand your epicurean escapades.

Cultural Calendar

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

- o **Upcoming Openings**

A Tale of Two Cities - *Al Hirschfeld Theatre*

Previews: August 9

Opens: August 18

Equus – *Broadhurst Theatre*

Previews: September 5

Opens: September 25

Closes: February 4

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



Friday, August 15 – Feast of the Assumption

Changes occur often, so call 311 for daily updates. For more information on Parking Regulations, visit the [DOT Parking Calendar](#) 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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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.

Manhattan Community Board Five, 450 Seventh Avenue, Suite 2109
September 2008 Preliminary Committee Meeting Schedule
(Agenda is subject to change, please call (212) 465-0907
or visit www.cb5.org for the latest meeting information)

AUG 25
MONDAY
6:00 PM

Transportation/Environment

Kevin Finnegan chairing at the McBurney YMCA, 125 West 14th Street

Agenda:

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AUG 26
TUESDAY
6:00 PM

Housing, Human Services & Youth

Magda Aboulfadl & Robin Hatcher Co- chairing at the Board Office, 450 Seventh Avenue, Suite 2109, between 34th and 35th Streets

Discussion items:

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SEPT 2
TUESDAY
6:00 PM

Landmarks

Howard Mendes chairing at First Alliance Church, 127 West 26th Street (6th & 7th), 2nd Fl., Press #3003

Agenda:

- *230 Park Avenue, (Helmsley Building), application to install door and desks.*
- *60 Madison Avenue, application for a new master plan.*
- *Other items to be announced.*

SEPT 3
WEDNESDAY
6:00 PM

Land Use & Zoning

John Mills chairing at FIT, 227 West 27th Street, "A" Building, 8th Floor, Room A802

Agenda:

- *to be announced.*

SEPT 4
THURSDAY
6:00 PM

Consents & Variances

Layla Law-Gisiko, chairing, at the Flatiron 23rd Street Partnership BID, 27 West 24th Street, Suite 800B

Agenda :

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SEPT 4
THURSDAY
6:00 PM

Parks

Maxine Teitler chairing at Madison Club, 5 East 22nd Street and Broadway, 30th Floor

Agenda:

- *To be announced.*

SEPT 8
MONDAY
6:00 PM

Public Safety & Quality of Life

Vikki Barbero chairing at First Alliance Church, 127 West 26th Street (6th & 7th), 2nd Fl., Press #3003.

Agenda Item:

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SEPT 9
TUESDAY
12 NOON

Executive

David Siesko chairing at the Board Office, 450 Seventh Avenue, Suite 2109 (between 34th and 35th Streets)

Ongoing discussions

Full Board Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

Fashion Institute of Technology, 227 West 27th Street, "A" Building, 8th Floor

Public Session:

- **Members of the public are encouraged to speak at either the Committee meeting or the Public Hearing session of the monthly Board meeting**

Business Session:

Chair's Report (David Siesko)

District Manager's Report (Wally Rubin)

Adoption of July 2008 Minutes

Committee Reports:

Old Business/New Business: