

# THE MANHATTAN MIDTOWN

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## COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE

Dear Friends –

The other day, Cristina, Kim and I strolled over and had a casual lunch at the brand new pedestrian plaza that popped up recently on Broadway between 35<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Who ever thought we'd live to say those words in one sentence?? Yet, there we were, on a sparkling bright day, sitting at metal tables and chairs (some with umbrellas to block the sun) and flower pots between them, eating our lunch and people-watching right in the middle of Broadway.

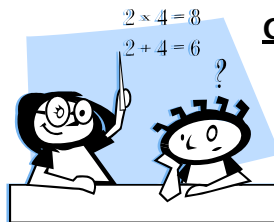
Congratulations to the Department of Transportation, the Fashion Center Business Improvement District, the Times Square Alliance and the 34<sup>th</sup> Street Partnership for coming together to make it possible.

The next time you're in the area, be sure to walk on by and have a sit, if only for a few moments. It's an exciting new opportunity to see a part of the heart of New York from a very new angle.

Sincerely,  
Wally Rubin  
District Manager

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## Community News and Events



**Go Back To School –** Summer's gone, September is here, and school has begun. Many students can benefit from out-of-school help with their schoolwork, and mentors and tutors are always needed. So make this the year you get involved! **Top Honors, Inc.** is an organization that partners with **The Mayor's**

**Office of Volunteers** to train tutors in a unique step-by-step curriculum that motivates students to learn with use of educational games and competitions. For more information on this chance to flex your intellectual muscle and help kids develop theirs, visit [www.volunteernyc.org](http://www.volunteernyc.org).

**Vanity, Thou Art Fair!** –Join *Vanity Fair* in celebration of 25 years in the spotlight and 95 years of cultural significance with **CAMPAIGN NEW YORK**, a dazzling two-week-long series of events that leverages the very best of what *Vanity Fair* has to offer against the dramatic backdrop of one of the world's most exciting venues: New York City. From September 15–26, *Vanity Fair* will rule Madison Avenue and beyond with exciting events, promotions, and more. For more information on this exhilarating event, visit their website at [www.vfcampaignny.com](http://www.vfcampaignny.com)



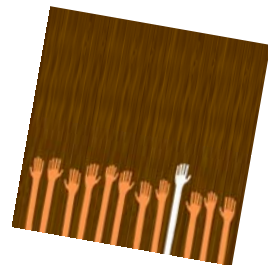
**Be In The Know** - The **Department of Education**, in association with **LinkEducation** will be holding an *Education Expo* on Saturday, September 27th from 12p until 4pm at the Kimmel Center at NYU, 60 Washington Square South. The *Annual Program Expo* is a daylong event designed to bring the many education programs and resources found online to a central venue where parents, educators, and education leaders can find education opportunities in person. Programs and opportunities available for students in grades k - 12 include theatre programs, art enrichment, charter schools, tutoring, professional development and much more. If you can't make it to the forum, you can find valuable information online at [www.linkeducation.org](http://www.linkeducation.org)



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## City Agency Announcements

**Vote Or Don't Complain!** – The voice of the people is heard only when the people open their mouths and SPEAK! One of the most important ways we do that is by voting; it's a civic responsibility that everyone needs to take seriously, most especially in times of conflict and hardship. The November presidential election is just around the corner, so make sure you're registered to vote and have a say in what happens. You can find out if you're eligible to vote and register if you're not already registered by visiting the NYC [Voter Assistance Commission's website](#). There you'll find all pertinent information for voting and registration in English, Spanish, Chinese and Korean. So take a stand and make some noise!



**'Tis The Season** – No, not the holidays yet, but **Fall Asthma Season**, so get your kids prepared. As the weather changes and children begin spending more time indoors, respiratory infections become more common. To protect children with asthma, parents should arrange an asthma check-up with their doctors because many children need to switch medications in the fall to cope with seasonal triggers. The **NYC Department of**



**Health** urges all parents to work with their doctors to establish an *Asthma Action Plan* to effectively manage and treat asthma symptoms. For more information on developing a plan, visit the **DOH** website at [www.nyc.gov/doh](http://www.nyc.gov/doh)

**Cut The Cord!** – Your computer's so old it's still running a Dos-prompt. Your cell phone can make only one call before the battery dies. Your TV has a dial. Ok, you concede: it's time to upgrade. But what do you do with your old electronics? Go **the green way** and recycle them! While safe to use, electronics contain hazardous materials, such as lead, mercury, arsenic, and cadmium. Recycling your unwanted electronic equipment keeps these hazardous materials out of the waste stream and the environment. The **NYC Department of Sanitation** will be holding city-wide electronics recycling events through the month of September where NYC residents (no businesses) can donate outdated and unwanted electronics for safe recycling. For more information on where and when, visit the SDNY website at [www.nyc.gov/sdny](http://www.nyc.gov/sdny)



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## Check It Out!

Get invited.

Looking for things to do but don't know where to look first? Well, look no farther - let the events come to you!! **EventMe.com** is a **free** subscription service that keeps track of your interest areas and then sends you invitations to events that match those interests. You can choose to go or not – no pressure, no worries. Categories include social, culinary, cultural and/or professional events and even the type of people you like to surround yourself with. It only takes a few minutes to fill out the online profile, and there's such a wide variety of events that you're bound to get information for something that piques your interest. So, broaden your horizons and check out **EventMe.com**

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## 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**

**The Seagull** – *Walter Kerr Theatre*

Previews: September 16

Opens: October 1

Closes: December 21

**To Be or Not To Be** – *Biltmore Theatre*

Previews: September 11

Opens: October 2

Closes: November 23

**13** – *Bernard Jacobs Theatre*

Previews: September 16

Opens: October 15

**A Man for All Seasons** – *American Airlines Theatre*

Previews: September 12

Opens: October 7

Closes: December 12

**All My Sons** – *Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre*

Previews: September 18

Opens: October 16

o **Upcoming Events**

**Broadway on Broadway** – *Times Square, 43<sup>rd</sup> & Broadway*

Free concert featuring excerpts from Broadway shows.

Sunday, September 14. [Click here](#) for more info.

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



**Tuesday and Wednesday, 9/30 – 10/2:  
Rosh Hashanah**

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

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## 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

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@cb5.org). To be considered for publication events must be free and open to the public.