

THE MANHATTAN MIDTOWN

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COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE

Dear Friends –

As we move into the holiday season, there will be all manner of events happening in the midtown area, from parades to tree lightings to the world's biggest celebration, New Year's Eve. CB5 will keep on top of the festivities and post on our website www.cb5.org all pertinent information necessary to not only enjoy this time of year, but to navigate the ever increasingly crowded streets.

So, keep checking our site and stay warm!

Sincerely,
Wally Rubin
District Manager

Community News and Events

Boo! – Who knew being scary could be so much

fun?! Well, New Yorkers have known for the last 35 years. That's how long *New York's Village*

Parade has been traipsing through town full of fun and fright. Begun by a mask maker as a stroll through the

neighborhood for family and friends, this event has evolved into a welcome tradition attended by thousands of revelers each year.

The parade winds its way uptown along 6th Avenue from Spring Street to 23rd, where viewers can see all manner of costume, puppet, and other-worldly creature. In celebration of what was most likely the first Halloween costume – a white sheet with two holes for eyes - this year's theme is *Ghosts*. If you're planning to

watch the procession of spectral images float by, know that the most crowded section of the route is between Bleecker and 14th, so you might want to get there early. For information on how to join the parade, visit their website at www.halloween-nyc.com



On You Marks...Get Set...



- Runners from around the globe are descending on NYC for the annual running of the **NYC Marathon**. First run in 1970 with participation of 55 people and a handful of spectators, the **NYC Marathon** now boasts upwards of 38,000 runners and millions of viewers worldwide. But you don't have to be a runner to enjoy this thrilling, quintessentially New York event; nothing spurs on a runner like hordes of well-wishing supporters cheering from the sidelines. The marathon runs through all five boroughs so finding a spot to watch isn't a problem. For course information, start times, and other marathon matters, visit the official website at www.nycmarathon.org

Stretch Out Your Arms -

There's just not enough space in NYC. Especially if you're in the theatre profession. As part of an agreement with the City, developers of a new luxury building on the corner of 8th Avenue and 46th Street have set aside three office spaces of 1023 square feet each for non-profit theatre organizations. According to the developers, "tenant must be a not-for-profit organization that promotes legitimate theater, trains individuals to participate in on- or off- stage roles in theatrical production, produces legitimate theater productions and/or engages in other comparable programs in support of the legitimate theater industry." Sorry, the space is not intended for rehearsals or performances of any kind. For more information contact us at **Community Board Five** at 212.465.0907 or office@cb5.org



A Stitch In Time -

With everything that's going on in the world today, at least we get a little more time this weekend. **Daylight Savings Time** is upon us once again, so don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday. And get into the habit of changing the batteries in your smoke alarm, too. Now that you've got the time!

City Agency Announcements

Sniffle, Sniffle, Wheez –

If you think the Flu is just a really bad cold, think again; influenza is responsible for the deaths of 2500 New Yorkers each year. That's one strong bug. One of the best ways to protect yourself is by getting a flu shot.



The **NYC Dept. of Health** strongly urges that all New Yorkers, except those who have an allergy to eggs or the vaccine, to get vaccinated at the start of the season, which is right now. You can obtain a flu shot from your family physician, your employer (check with individual employers), NYC senior centers (for the elderly only), and for *free* at **NYC Health Dept. Immunization Centers**. For information on where to find one, visit www.nyc.gov/health/flu or call 311.

Theatre Geeks Unite! - At long last, the new **TKTS** booth is open for business. Located right at the intersection of Broadway and 7th Avenue (@ 47th), the new structure is a state-of-the-art amphitheatre-style red glass staircase to nowhere. Actually, the 27 steps of non-slip ruby glass lead to a truly unique view of Times Square from within. New Yorkers can now *really* see the Crossroads of the World while at the Crossroads of the World. People are invited to sit atop the stairs with their lunch or just people-watch. For more information on the revitalization process of Duffy Square (the official name of that parcel of land) view the [Dept. of Parks press release](#). Oh, yes, and you can still buy discount tickets to shows from the newly expanded booth underneath the staircase – for the first time taking credit cards!



Get Schooled – It's painfully obvious to everyone nowadays that credit and credit cards are nothing to be taken lightly. Even the most prudent spender can fall into the trap of easy credit. More



than ever, college students are being marketed credit cards with flashy logos, gimmicky perks, and high interest rates. NYC wants students to get educated! So, they've created the website **Consumer Campus**, a service of the **Dept. of Consumer Affairs** to educate, enlighten and engage undergraduate and graduate students on the ins and outs of personal finances. Though geared specifically toward students, information on the site is presented in a straightforward and easily understandable way that can serve as a refresher course in credit for anyone. Topics range from how to read a credit card statement and understanding commonly used terms, to student loans, identity theft and comparison shopping for cell phones. So be a life-long learner and educated yourself on good credit.



In The Heat Of The Night -

Landlords are required by law to provide heat 24-hours a day according to specific guidelines during **Heat Season**, October through May. If you're having issues with heat as the weather cools down, first contact your landlord. If that proves ineffective call 311. New Yorkers don't shiver!!!

COLD WEATHER HEAT REQUIREMENTS
October 1st - May 31st

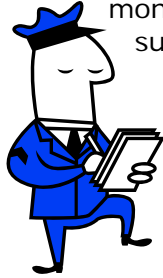
Day	Night
<p>BELOW 55° OUTSIDE</p>	<p>BELOW 40° OUTSIDE</p>
6 a.m. - 10 p.m.	10 p.m. - 6 a.m.

Tenants Without Heat Should Call (24 Hours a Day - 7 Days a Week)
3-1-1
Citizen Service Center

Parking Calendar

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

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:



All Saints' Day – Saturday, November 1
Election Day – Tuesday, November 4
Veteran's Day – Tuesday, November 11
Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 27

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. 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.

Contact Community Board Five

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We're on the Web!

www.cb5.org

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
November 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)

OCT 27
MONDAY
6:00 PM

Transportation/Environment

Thomas Miller chairing at the McBurney YMCA, 125 West 14th Street

Agenda:

- Discussion of proposal to move Tour Buses at 50th Street and 8th Avenue north one block
- Grand Central Partnership application to participate in DOT's Public Plaza program, establishing a multipurpose plaza on both sides of Park Avenue b/t 41-42nd Sts.
- DOT presentation on the rehabilitation of the Park Avenue Tunnel
- 400 Fifth Avenue (36th Street) request for a parking regulation change to accommodate a hotel loading zone on the north side of 36th Street
- Presentation by MTA on progress of East Side Access Project to connect LIRR to Grand Central Station

OCT 28
TUESDAY
6:00 PM

Housing, Human Services & Youth

Robin Hatcher chairing at the Board Office, 450 Seventh Avenue, Suite 2109, between 34th and 35th Streets

PUBLIC HEARING:

To review New York School Construction Authority's site plan for a New Public Primary School to be located at 6th Ave & 17th Street (site currently occupied by the NY Foundling Hospital). There are currently NO public elementary or middle schools within CB5 borders. Public Comment is being sought.

OCT 30
THURSDAY
6:00 PM

Consents & Variances

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

Agenda :

Newsstand Applications:

- *Application # 1299916, NEC West 40th Street & 8th Avenue*
- *Application # 1297018, IFO 620 8th Avenue*
- *Application # 1298137, NWC Broadway & West 43rd Street.*

Revocable Consent Application:

- *1 Bryant Park aka 1111 Avenue of the Americas, application for the installation of bollards.*

Street Renaming Request:

Constituent request to rename a street in the Theater District after "**Judy Garland**".

NOV 3
MONDAY
6:00 PM

Parks

Meile Rockefeller chairing at Madison Club, 5 East 22nd Street and Broadway, 30th Floor

Agenda:

- ***DeBeers and the Forever Diamond Campaign*** application for a commercial product installation in Madison Square Park, early Dec. - held over from last month
- ***Verizon Blackberry Device*** launch promotional event in Duffy Square on Nov 11th
- ***Big Apple Classic*** not for profit event for the Amer Cancer Society in Duffy Square on Dec. 6th

NOV 4
TUESDAY
6 :00PM

Landmarks

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

Agenda:

- ***5 West 20th Street, between 5th & 6th Avenues (Ladies Mile Historic District)***, application to replacing the second floor windows.
- ***46 West 22nd Street (Ladies' Mile Historic District)***, application to install new storefront infill.
- ***11-13 West 18th Street (Ladies' Mile Historic District)***, application to legalize the installation of windows without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits.
- ***2 East 52nd Street aka 651-653 Fifth Avenue (Morton and Nellie Plant House)***, application to install awnings at the upper floors and to legalize the installation of three flagpoles without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits.
- ***Other items to be announced***

NOV 5
WEDNESDAY
6:00 PM

Land Use & Zoning

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

Agenda:

- ***400 Park Avenue South***, application for the renewal of ULURP # C 04095 ZSM pursuant to ZR 11-43 of a special permit granted pursuant to ZR 74-721(a) to facilitate the construction of a new building within a C5-3 zoning district.
- ***148 West 48th Street, Sun Garage***, application pursuant to Section 11-411 for the renewal of Special Permit for an existing 220-space public parking garage.
- ***Other items to be announced***

**NOV 10
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.

Preliminary Agenda Item:

- *Items to be announced*

**NOV 12
WEDNESDAY
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, November 13, 2008, 6:00 p.m.

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

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 October 2008 Minutes

Committee Reports:

Old Business/New Business:

Manhattan Community Board 5 - - 2008 – Liquor License Application Notifications

On-Premises = OP, Summer On-Premises + SOP, Additional Bar = ADD, Restaurant Wine & Beer =RW, Wholesale Wine = WW, Eating Place Beer = EPB
 Alteration = Alt. Transfer = Trf. CAB= Cabaret. CAT=Caters. SLA Notice = Not.. 500 Ft Hearing = 500 ft. Hotel Liquor License = HLL

Rcvd	Name	D/B/A	Address	New	Renew	SLA	Cab	Q/nnaire (Y/N)
9/11/08	Blue Smoke LLC	Blue Smoke Restaurant & Jazz Standard Jazz Club	116 East 27 th Street (between Park Avenue South and Lexington Avenue)	ALT				
	Vignaioli Ltd	Vignaioli Selection	18 West 27 th Street, front loft 7 th Floor (between Broadway and 6 th Avenue)		WW			
	HPL House NYC Inc.		127 East 55 th Street (between Park Avenue and Lexington Avenue)	HLL				
9/12/08	Empire State Brewing Corp	Heartland Brewery	350 5 th Avenue, between 33 rd and 34 th Streets	ADD	OP			
	Dean & Deluca		1 & 9 Rockefeller Plaza (between West 48 th and West 49 th Streets)		RW			
	Misoya Inc	Shanghai Mong	30 West 32 nd Street (between 5 th Avenue and Broadway)		OP			
	Arbesa Rest. Corp	Nino's Tuscany	117 West 58 th Street (between 6 th and 7 th Avenues)		OP			
	Tisserie 55 LLC		870 Seventh Avenue (between 55 th and 56 th Streets)	RW				
	Sun & Moon Corp		25 West 35 th Street (between 5 th and 6 th Avenues)	TRF				
9/16/08	Carrd Enterprises Inc	Don Pepi Pizza	Penn Station Grand Concourse		EPB			
	BA Crew Club Inc.		127 East 55 th Street (between 6 th and 7 th Avenues)		OP			
	536 Restaurant Corp.		536 Madison Avenue (between East 54 th and 55 th Streets)					
	Govardhan Corp.	Happy Coffee Shop & Restaurant	24 West 38 th Street (between 5 th and 6 th Avenues)		EPB			
	Milbel Enterprises, Inc.		45 West 21 st Street (between 5 th & 6 th Avenues)		OP			
	RAME LLC	Tropica	200 Park Avenue					
9/19/08	43 West 24 th St. Rest. LLC		43 West 24 th Street (between B/way & 6 th Ave)			500 ft		
	37B West 26 th Street LLC		37B West 26 th Street (between B/way & 6 th Ave)			500 ft		
	Vermilion NYC, LLC		480 Lexington Ave (between E. 24 th & 25 th Streets)			500 ft		
	Park Cake Inc.	L'Express	249 Park Avenue South (between E. 19 th & 20 th Streets)		OP			
	Oceana Restaurant Corp.	Oceana Restaurant	55 East 54 th Street (between Madison & Park Avenues)		OP			
9/23/08	Grand Hyatt New York		109 East 42 nd Street (between DePew		HLL			

			Place & Lexington Ave)					
	The Peoples Improvisational Theater LLC	Peoples Improv Theater	154 West 29 th Street, 2 nd Fl. (between 6 th and 7 th Avenues)		BW			
9/24/08	Spin NYC, LLC		48 East 23 rd Street – Basement a/k/a 304 Park Ave. South	OP				
	F&J Steaks 37 th Street LLC		32 West 37 th Street (between 5 th & 6 th Avenues)		OP			
	Iguana New York Ltd	Iguana	240 West 54 th Street (between B/way & 8 th Avenue)		OP			
	245 Gourmet Food Inc.		245 5 th Ave (between E. 27 th & 28 th Sts)		RW			
9/25/08	Aramark Corporation Citigroup EDR		399 Park Ave, 2 nd Fl. (between E. 53 rd & 54 th Streets)					Letter of agreement not to file until
	Manhattan Gourmet Market Inc.		35 West 45 th Street (between 5 th & 6 th Avenues)		RW			
	No. 604 Fifth Avenue Rest. Inc.	T.G.I. Friday's	604 5 th Avenue (between E. 48 th & 49 th Sts)		OP			
	Brisam West 36 LLC		52 West 36 th St. (between 5 th & 6 th Aves)	HW				
9/26/08	Cosi Inc.	Cosi	1633 Broadway (bet. W. 50 th & W. 51 st Streets)		OP			
	Sunburger LLC		287 7 th Avenue (bet. W. 26 th & W. 27 th Streets)		RW			
	JC 32 nd St Deli, Inc.		138 West 32 nd Street (bet. 6 th & 7 th Aves)		Retail/Wine			
	Alpine Gourmet Farms Inc.		480 7 th Ave (bet. 35 th & 3th Streets)		OP			
	Restaurant Andes Inc.	Hangawi	12 East 32 nd Street (bet. 5 th & Madison Aves)		BW			
	HPA Restaurant LLC		255 5 th Avenue (bet. 28 th & 29 th Sts.)			500 ft.		
	Alfredo		4 West 49 th Street (bet. 5 th Ave and Rockefeller Plaza)					
9/29/08	Tabla, LLC		11 Madison Avenue (bet. 24 th & 25 th Sts.)		OP			
	'21' Club		21 West 52 nd Street (bet. 5 th & 6 th Aves)		OP			
	Union Square Burger Corp.		870 Broadway (bet. E. 17 th & 18 th Sts.)		OP			
	Mimoune Inc		125 West 43 rd Street (bet. 6 th & 7 th Aves)		OP			
	AMC 35 th Street Food Corp.	International Food House	240 West 35 th Street (bet. 7 th & 8 th Aves)		OP			
10/2/08	Olympic Atrium LLC		645 5 th Ave (bet. E. 51 st & E. 52 nd Sts.)	OP (Note that this is a change in class)				

	The Shoreham LLC	Shoreham Hotel	33-39 West 55 th Street	Alt			
	Midtown Market, Inc.		8-10 West 45 th Street (bet. 5 th & 6 th Aves)		OP		
	55 W 55 th Street Corp.		55 West 55 th Street (bet. 5 th & 6 th Aves)	OP			
10/3/08	Restaurant Saltimbanco, Inc	Osteria Del Circo	1345 Avenue of the Americas (bet. W. 54 th & 55 th Sts.)		OP		
	Finer Diner LLC	The Brooklyn Diner	1500 Broadway (bet. W. 43 rd & 44 th Sts.)		OP		
	Chennai Café Inc.	Chennai Garden	129 East 27 th Street (bet. Park Ave So. And Lexington Avenue)		OP		
10/6/08	JPL Food Corp.		18 West 56 th Street (bet. 5 th & Madison Aves.)		BW		
	Neptuno Restaurants LLC		35 West 19 th Street (bet. 5 th & 6 th Aves.)		OP		
	PQ 53 rd Street, Inc.		7 East 53 rd Street (bet. 5 th & Madison Aves.)	RW			
	GMRI Inc.	The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant # 1451	201 West 42 nd Street (bet. 7 th & 8 th Aves)		OP		
	Hatsuhana Park Inc.		237 Park Avenue (bet. E. 45 th & 46 th Sts.)		OP		
10/08/08	Limerick House, Inc.	The Limerick House Restaurant	69 West 23 rd Street (bet. 5 th & 6 th Aves.)		OP		
	Planetesimals LLC		119 East 17 th Street (bet. Pk. Ave So. & Irving Place)	RW			
	Wichcraft Operating LLC		11 East 20 th Street (bet. 5 th & Broadway)	Alt on the roof for dining			
	Blue Chili Restaurant (# 1133602 and 1146571)		251 West 51 st Street (bet. B/way and 8 th Ave)		OP		
10/10/08	Local West LLC		1 Penn Plaza		OP & ADD		
	Chonnie Ahn	Judy & Manhattan Inc.	380 Fifth Avenue (bet. E. 35 & 36 Sts.)	OP			
	Cara Foods LLC	Galway Hooker	389 5 th Avenue (bet. E. 35 & 36 Sts.)		OP & ADD		
10/13/08	Sandbar Concession, Inc. (License #'s 1027934; 1027935; 1027936	Marriott Marquis Theatre	1535 Broadway (Bet. 7 th Ave & Shubert Alley)		OP		
	Sandbar Concession, Inc. (license #'s 1027937 & 1027938)	Richard Rogers Theatre	226 West 46 th Street (bet. Bway & 8 Ave)		OP		
10/15/08	City Nights One LLC		1221 6 th Ave (bet. 6 & 7 Aves.)	OP			
	Metro Rock Corp		1221 6 th Ave (bet. 6 & 7 Aves.)		OP		
10/16/08	Aryan Bake Shop Inc.		1634B Broadway (bet. W. 50 & 51 Sts.)	Alt			
10/17/08	SCB Entertainment LLC		251 West 30 th Street (bet. 7 & 8 Aves.)		OP		
	Ginza 2, LLC		41 East 20 th Street (B/way & Park Ave So.)			500 ft	
	Caniones Pizza Corp.	Pronto Pizza	30 West 48 th Street (bet. Rockefeller		RW		

			Plaza and 6 Ave.)				
	R&J Restaurant Corp.	Pig N Whistle Restaurant and Bar	165 West 47th Street (bet. 6 & 7 Aves.)		OP		
	Aquavit Inc.		65 East 55th Street (bet. Madison & Park Aves.)		OP		
	732 Eighth Avenue Corp.	Playwright Tavern Act II	732 8th Avenue (bet. W. 45 & 46 Sts.)		OP		
	Jennifer Yung Jung Kang	Third Floor Café	315 5th Avenue (bet. E. 31 & 32 Sts.)		OP		
	Marco Polo Caterers Inc.	Tocqueville Restaurant	15 East 15 Street (bet. 5 Ave & Union Square West)		OP		
10/20/08	Union Square Hospitality Group	Tabla	11 Madison Avenue (bet. E. 24 & 25 Sts.)		OP		
	Marurie, Inc.		9 East 38th Street (bet. 5 & 6 Aves.)	Alt			
	Montenapo LLC		620 8th Avenue (bet. W. 40 & 41 Sts.)	OP			
10/22/08	JHA Alliance Corp		27 West 24th Street (bet. B/way & 6 Ave)				trf