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COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE

Dear Friends,

Does your organization have an event that you would like included in our newsletter? CB5 is happy to help get the word out. Email information to Cristina Vaccaro at cristina@cb5.org. Please note that the Board will only promote events that are free and open to the public.

Sincerely,
Gary Parker, District Manager

Community News and Events



Riders Up! - On Sunday, May 6, 2007, the 30th annual **Five Boro Bike Tour** will take place in New York City. 30,000 cyclists will ride 42 miles through the city ending at Ft. Wadsworth on Staten Island with a big festival to celebrate. 1,500 adult volunteers are needed to help with registration, rest areas and at the finish line at Ft. Wadsworth on Staten Island.

Volunteer marshals on bicycles are needed along the tour route to help direct traffic flow and assist cyclists. Adults 16 years and older should be comfortable working in crowds, enjoy helping people, and providing information and assistance as required. Flexibility and a willingness to help where and as needed are qualities that are especially helpful. If you're interested in being part of this annual New York tradition, visit www.volunteernyc.org and get rolling!

If you Build it . . . - The **Department of Buildings** (DOB) is pleased to announce that 50 of the total 71 chapters and appendices in the proposed NYC Construction Codes are available to you online. The remaining chapters will follow shortly. Visit DOB's updated [Model Code](#) webpage to review the drafted [chapters and appendices](#), and the



benefits of the new NYC Construction Codes at <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dob/html/model/model.shtml> And did you also know that eFiling is the number one way of filing electrical permit applications? DOB is expanding their eFiling system to provide customers a simple guided way to create and manage all job applications through their eFiling account. Not registered for eFiling? [Register now](https://a810-bisweb.nyc.gov/eRenewal/register.jsp) at <https://a810-bisweb.nyc.gov/eRenewal/register.jsp>.

Clean Up Your Act

The Union Square Partnership (USP) launched a new façade improvement program. This program is designed to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the area's shopping district in the Partnership's ongoing effort to ensure the area's vitality as one of New York City's main retail districts. The program, funded entirely by the Union Square Partnership, offers storefront property owners and retail tenants up to \$3,000 in financial assistance to undertake and complete certain physical improvements to their buildings and stores. "This new initiative is part of the USP's growing number of programs to bolster our retail business community by complementing our core security and sanitation services," said Danny Meyer, Co-Chairman of the Union Square Partnership. Any ground-floor business or retail space located in the Union Square Business Improvement District may participate in the program, as long as the business to receive the improvements meets the following criteria:

- The business must have a minimum of five years remaining on its lease;
- The existing signage or awning should either be non-compliant or in need of replacement due to damage; and
- The existing gate should be all or mostly solid metal.

The Bid's boundaries are 14th Street from First Avenue to Avenue of the Americas and the perimeter around Union Square Park. Any businesses wishing to participate in the facade improvement program should contact the Union Square Partnership at 212.460.1200

City Agency Announcements



Think Small! - In 2002, Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg created the **Department of Small Business Services (SBS)** to serve the needs of New York City's more than 200,000 small businesses. **SBS** serves as a single point of access for all questions that local businesses have when it comes to interacting with government, and can help resolve issues with city agencies, obtain permits and licensing, bid on government contracts, and take advantage of the benefits of being in New York City. Additionally, they work with communities and organizations in all corners of the City to invigorate neighborhoods and make them more business friendly. Take advantage of all the City has to offer by visiting their website by clicking [here](#).

Find the Help You Need - With so many resources available in NYC, it's hard to know where to turn or how to start. **ACCESS NYC** is a free service that identifies and screens for over 20 City, State, and Federal human service benefit programs.

ACCESS NYC is not an application process. Rather, it is a clearinghouse of information and can provide further details regarding what agencies to turn to. A short survey can get you the answers you need to find the support you're looking for. So take advantage of the many resources NYC has to offer and visit **ACCESS NYC** at https://a858-ihss.nyc.gov/ihss1/en_US/IHSS_homePage.do

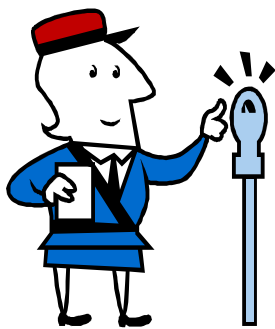


Sometimes it is Easy Being Green - The **New York City**



Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is

hosting a series of outreach events throughout the City to improve customer service for its account holders. **DEP** Customer Service representatives will be on hand with computers to check water usage and billing history, answer questions and set up payment agreements. The sessions are usually in the evenings between 5 and 8 p.m. to accommodate working New Yorkers. Many of these gatherings are hosted by New York City Council Members who want to make it more convenient for water and sewer customers to receive the help they need to better manage their accounts. DEP is also working with other City agencies that offer programs of interest to property owners. Staff members from the Departments of Finance, Aging and Housing Preservation and Development attend the meetings to assist with questions and problems relating to their own programs. For further information about future outreach events or to learn about New York City's water supply system, call 311 or visit [the DEP website at http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/home.html](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/home.html)



NYC Parking Regulations - There are many legally recognized holidays on which parking regulations are suspended. For the month of May, *Alternate Side Parking* regulations are suspended on the following days:

Thursday, May 17 - The Ascension
Wednesday-Thursday, May 23 & 24 -Shavout
Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day

For more information on Parking Regulations, visit the DOT Parking Calendar at

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/scriintro.html#calendar2006>.

Information can also be obtained by calling 311.

Check This Out!



So, you have a relative or friend out of town and it's their birthday. What to get them? After all, they're out of town! But, good friend that you are, you decide you want to send them something that is quintessentially New York. But what is that? A street pretzel? The Naked Cowboy? How about the vaguely Greek looking paper take-out cup that says, "Happy To Serve You?" Well, now you can! [The CityStore](http://a856-citystore.nyc.gov/) has all manner of NYC knick-knacks, bria-a-brac and tchochka to satisfy the New Yorker in everyone, no matter where they live. From clothing, jewelry and accessories, to posters, prints and designs (even home goods), [The CityStore](http://a856-citystore.nyc.gov/) is pure New York. So check it out the next time you want a bite of the Big Apple. <http://a856-citystore.nyc.gov/>



Precinct Community Council Meetings

Each month local Police Precincts hold **Community Council Meetings** where community members can voice their concerns for 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 and Joe Abruzzese 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

Attached is a spreadsheet listing this month's 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

May 2007 Preliminary Committee Meeting Schedule
*(Agenda is subject to change, please call (212) 465-0907
or visit www.cb5.org for the latest meeting information)*

**APRIL 23
MONDAY
6:00 PM**

Business Improvement District

Nicholas Bergman chairing at the Board Office, 450 Seventh Avenue, Suite 2109, between 34th and 35th Street

Agenda:

- *Update.*

**MAY 1
TUESDAY
6:00 PM**

Joint Landmarks and Parks

Joyce Matz, Layla Law-Gisiko and David Siesko co-chairing at Mid-Manhattan Library (5th Ave and 40th Street), 6th Floor, Conference Room A

Agenda:

- Request by the Wildlife Conservation Society/Central Park Zoo to present the new Snow Leopard exhibit at the zoo

**MAY 1
TUESDAY
6:00 PM**

Landmarks

Joyce Matz and Layla Law-Gisiko co-chairing at Mid-Manhattan Library (5th Ave and 40th Street), 6th Floor, Conference Room A

Agenda:

- *162 Fifth Avenue (Ladies' Mile Historic District)*, application to install signage.
- *17 West 32nd Street (Former Aberdeen Hotel) (Individual Landmarks)*, application to legalize the installation of signage without LPC permits.
- To be announced.

**MAY 1
TUESDAY
6:00 PM**

Human Services & Youth

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

Agenda:

- Discussion on public awareness of the nature of Alzheimer's disease
- Senator Serrano's bill to prohibit school construction on or near waste disposal sites
- Discussion on sufficient school capacity with increasing condo development in CB5

**MAY 2
WEDNESDAY
6:00 PM**

Transportation/Environment

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

Agenda:

- MTAs recent relocation of the East and West bound bus stops for the M23 on 23rd Street between Park Ave South and 6th Avenue
- Review of Parking Regulations on West 29th Street between 7th and 8th Avenue.
- To be announced.

**MAY 2
WEDNESDAY
6:00 PM**

Land Use & Zoning

Meile Rockefeller and Nancy Goshow co-chairing at FIT, 227 West 27th Street, "A" Building, 8th Floor, Room A803

Agenda:

- **Discussion Item:** Overview of the Moynihan Station project.
- **Other items to be announced.**

**MAY 3
THURSDAY
6:00 PM**

Parks

David Siesko chairing at Madison Club, 5 East 22nd Street and Broadway, 30th Floor

Agenda:

- **Times Square Alliance**, Application for Duffy Square:
 - **Broadway on Broadway – Sunday, September 16, 2007**
 - **Dog Day Masquerade – Sunday, October 21, 2007**
 - **Holiday Tree Lighting – Wednesday, December 5, 2007**
- **Elan V. McAllister**, Education for a Birth Fair event in Union Square Park, Saturday, July 21, 2007

**MAY 7
MONDAY
12 NOON**

Executive

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

Ongoing discussions

**MAY 7
MONDAY
6:00 PM**

Public Safety & Quality of Life

Vikki Barbero chairing at the Flatiron/23rd Street BID, 27 West 24th Street, Suite 800B.

Agenda Item:

- ***To be announced***

**MAY 10
THURSDAY
5:00 PM**

Consents & Variances

Howard Mendes and Larry Zucker co-chairing at the FIT, 227 West 27th Street, "A" Building, 8th Floor

Agenda :

- ***Hill Country NY, LLC, 30 West 26th Street and 6th Avenue***, application for an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 24 tables and 54 seats
- ***L&J Brazil Rest. Inc, 34 West 46th Street***, application for an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 2 tables and 8 seats.
- ***To be announced.***

Full Board Meeting

Thursday, May 10, 2007, 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 Diamond)

District Manager's Report (Gary Parker)

Adoption of April 2007 Minutes

Committee Reports:

Old Business/New Business:

Manhattan Community Board 5 - - 2007 – Liquor License Applications Notifications

On-Premises = OP, Additional Bar = ADD, Restaurant Wine & Beer =RWB, Alteration = Alt, Transfer = Trf, SLA Notice = Not, SLA 500 Ft Hearing = 500 ft.

Rcvd	Name	D/B/A	Address	New	Renew	SLA	Cabaret
3/23/07	Caesars Italian & Continental Restaurant		58 East 34 th Street		OP		
	New York Thai Grill Inc.		37 West 54 th Street		OP		
	Pop 58 LLC		14 East 58 th Street			SLA Notice/500 ft	
	CDL West 45 th Street, LLC	Millennium Broadway Hotel	136-150 West 45 th Street/ 143-153 West 44 th Street		OP		
	Natural Tofu Restaurant Corp	Bookchang Dong Soon Du Bu	34 West 32 nd Street. 2 nd Fl		OP		
	Platinum Z, Inc.		113-115 East 18 th Street		OP		
	1650 Broadway Associates, Inc.		1650 Broadway		OP		
	LA Café		200 Fifth Avenue		Beer		
	Busaras House Incorporated	Topaz Thai Restaurant	127 West 56 th Street		OP		
	Chynna New York Incorporated		1 East 36 th Street		OP		
3/27/07	CPS 1 Realty LP and Plaza Accessory Owner LP	Plaza Hotel	768 Fifth Avenue	Hotel and Additional bar			
	Plaza Accessory Owner LP	Palm Court	768 Fifth Avenue	OP			
	California Pizza Kitchen, Inc.		440 Park Avenue South			SLA notice	
	Casablanca Music Café Inc.		34 West 32 nd Street, 5 th Fl			SLA notice	
	22 East 54 th Street Rest. Corp.		22 East 54 th Street			SLA notice	
	Bistro Marketplace 90, Inc.		90 Park Avenue			SLA notice	
	125 East 54 th Street, Inc.		123-129 East 54 th Street			SLA notice	
	120 West 41 st Street Restaurant Corp.		120 West 41 st Street		OP		
3/28/07	Space Billiards Inc.		34 West 32 nd Street	RW			
	W. 40 th Rest. Corp		202 West 40 th Street	OP			
04/05/07	Russian Samovar, Inc.		256 West 52 nd Street		OP		
	RAME LLC	Tropica	200 Park Avenue	Relocate licensed premises from ground fl to another fl.			
	The New York Times Building	Inakaya New York LLC	620 Eighth Avenue	OP			
	CPS 5, LLC		768 Fifth Avenue	Catering			
	Cyber Café Properties Inc.	Cyber Café	250 West 49 th Street		WB		
	23 W 32 NY Inc.		23 West 32 nd Street, 4 th Floor.			SLA notice/ 500 Ft Notice	

	Michael Barrett or Corp to be Formed		268 West 47 th Street	OP			
	Custard's First Stand LLC	Shake Shack	Madison Avenue & 23 rd Street		Tavern Wine		
	NY Foods Enterprises LLC		979 Avenue of the Americas	Beer			
	Food International, LLC		1333 Broadway	Beer			
	CHIK Associates LLC	HELEN MILLS Event Space and Theater	135 West 26 th Street, 11A		Catering Liquor License		
04/09/07	Raso Foods Inc.	Café Fonduta	120 East 57 th Street		OP		
	Niles New York City		371 Seventh Avenue		OP		
	Vapor		143 Madison Ave & 32 nd Street		OP		
	New York Billiards Corp.		54 West 21 st Street			SLA Notice	
	Old Castle Corp.		160 West 54 th Street		OP		
	Kum Kang Inc.		49 West 32 nd Street/1260-1268 Broadway		OP		
	Erenler Inc.		19 West 46 th Street		B/W		
	Thirty East 30 th Street Owner LLC	Hotel Thirty Thirty	30 East 30 th Street	Hotel LL			
	57 th Street Owner LLC	Hotel 57	130 East 57 th Street	Hotel LL			
	Kavita Restaurants, Inc.	Chinese Mirch	120 Lexington Avenue		B/W		
04/10/07	MMR Ventures LLC	Mickey Mantle's	42 Central Park South		OP		
	Saigon Restaurant NY Inc.	Red Lantern Restaurant	6 East 37 th Street		OP		
04/11/07	265 Madison Edward Corp.		265 Madison Avenue		R/W		
	Milanes Spanish Restaurant, Inc.		168 West 25 th Street		OP		
04/13/07	RGT Restaurant Corp. 2 nd Fl Additional Bar	Punch Bar & Grill	913 Broadway		OP		
	35 th Street Hotel Corp.		45 West 35 th Street	Alt/ Add. bar			
	257 W 34 Lunch Box Buffet, Inc.		257 West 34 th Street	RW		SLA Notice	
	Futuba Corporation Inc.	Choshi Restaurant	77 Irving Place		BW		
	Bilbo Inc.	Silver Swan	41 East 20 th Street		OP		
	IRGR Corp.		25 West 23 rd Street		OP		
04/14/07	DK Hospitality LLC		365 Park Avenue South		OP		
04/16/07	Times Square Hotel Operating Lessee LLC		1568 Broadway			SLA/500 Ft Notices	
	30 Park Corp	Susie's Kitchen	444 Park Ave South			SLA Notice	
	Mani Restaurant Corp.		350 Fifth Avenue			SLA Notice	
	GK Grill	Le Marais Restaurant	150 West 46 th Street		OP		
	POCHA 32 INC		15 West 32 nd Street Store # 10 & 11		RW		
	RGT Restaurant Corp.	Punch Bar & Grill	913 Broadway		OP		
	52 Liberty Street Inc.	The Dylan Hotel	52 East 41 st Street	OP			
	Haru Park Avenue Corp.		280 Park Avenue		OP		
	Fedeli I LLC	Piano Due	151 West 51 st Street a/k/a 787 7 th Avenue		OP		
	Havana Central NY2, LLC		151 West 46 th Street		OP		