

THE MANHATTAN MIDTOWN

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Dear Friends,

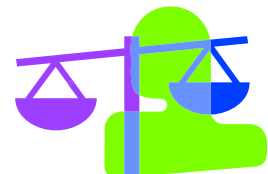
This past year, CB5 was fortunate to have with us Gretchen Miniman, a student from Rutgers University and a Land Use intern serving in the office as part of the Borough President's Land Use Fellows program. During this time, Gretchen prepared a report on issues of Land Use and Zoning entitled, **The State of Residential Construction in Community Board Five**. This report details the rapid increase of residential development within the last few years in CB5.

This work has been extremely valuable as Community Board Five tackles the question of commercial v. residential needs within its boundaries. You can view the report by visiting the [Land Use Committee](#) page on our website, www.cb5.org

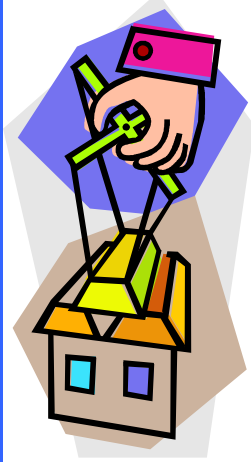
Sincerely,
Gary Parker, District Manager

Community News and Events

Is That Still on the Books?! - Is spitting illegal? How about jaywalking? What exactly *is* jaywalking?! Set your mind at rest and have plenty of trivia on hand for your next party because now you can access the laws of the City of New York online! The City has launched a new Web site granting public online access to the [New York City Charter and Administrative Code and the Rules of the City of New York](#). Now, instead of guessing that what you're about to do might be illegal, find out for sure! Click the link above or type <http://24.97.137.100/nyc/> into your browser.



Take a Deep Breath . . . - When do Landlord/Tenant issues



become more than just a difference of opinion? When it comes to housing in NYC, emotions can run as sky high as rents. The New York County District Attorney's office will be hosting an informational forum, **Tenant Issues: Criminal V. Civil**, on Monday, June 11, to address these issues and hear concerns. The forum will be held at the *Schwartz Lecture Hall E of the NYU School of Medicine*, located at 401 East 30th Street. The forum runs from 7pm until 9pm, and refreshments will be served at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact the DA's Community Affairs Unit at 212.335.9082.

You're Not Too Tough for a

Makeover! So, you have a loading dock on your property. It's there, it's functional, and you don't think much of it. Well, what about making that poor neglected loading dock stand proud?! The *Fashion District BID* wants you to **Brighten Up Your Loading Dock!** This new program offers property owners a *FREE PAINT JOB* for their loading docks or freight entrances. Get rid of drab and go stylish by choosing from a predetermined palette of colors to brighten that service entrance and draw attention to your property. The offer is on a first-come, first-served basis and the budget can go to a maximum of \$3000 per building. Intrigued? For more information, contact Bill Daly at the Fashion Center BID at 212.764.9600



City Agency Announcements



Make a Splash! - The lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are not so far away. What to do with all that free time now that schools out? Become a teacher! **The Parks & Recreation Department** is looking for a few good *Recreation*

Specialists to organize and instruct children in their **Learn to Swim Program** this summer at City pools in all 5 boroughs. Three years recreation experience, including 1 year of aquatics experience is required. *Instructor Aides* are also needed to assist swim instructors. The pay is good and the sun is fun – what more could you ask for except more information! For that, call 718.760.6969 or visit [their website](#).

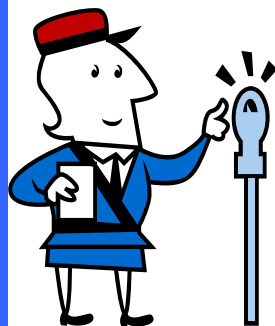
I Want to Ride My Bicycle, I want to Ride My Bike!

– What do Staten Island, Coney Island and City Island all have in common – aside from all being a part of New York? You can ride your bike on each one! Just in time for summer, the 2007 edition of the **New York City Cycling Map** is now available! The maps show on-street bicycle routes, bicycle lanes, and off-street greenway paths in all five boroughs. Bike shops, parks, schools, landmarks, museums, and other sites of interest are also shown on the maps, as are detailed bridge access graphics, safety tips and everything you need to know about bringing bikes on the subways, commuter rails and ferries. You can find these maps at your favorite bike shop, your local library or call 311 for a free copy.



Weeeeeeee!! -- The New York City Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) and Buildings Department today

kicked off the summer season by sending an important message to temporary amusement ride operators, ride owners, and event organizers: all rides at street fairs, block parties, festivals, and carnivals must be licensed and pass safety inspections. The City inspects and licenses temporary amusement rides, including Ferris Wheels, Tilt-a-Whirls, and Carousels, throughout the summer to ensure the safety of those operating and riding them. In addition to inspecting rides before they are operated, Buildings Department inspectors will be conducting unannounced spot checks during nights and weekends throughout the season to ensure rides are licensed and operating in a safe and compliant manner. Temporary amusement rides operating without a DCA license or without passing a Buildings Department inspection will be shut down. The Department of Consumer Affairs provides an updated list of licensed rides every week on its website at www.nyc.gov/consumers. To learn more about safety regulations and temporary amusement ride licenses, visit www.nyc.gov/buildings or call 311.



NYC Parking Regulations – There are many legally recognized holidays on which parking regulations are suspended. Unfortunately, for the month of June *Alternate Side Parking* regulations are in effect for the whole month! Exceptions can be made, so call 311 for daily updates.

For more information on Parking Regulations, visit the [DOT Parking Calendar](#).

Check This Out!



So you have a hobby that includes game playing. Or maybe you have an interest in wine. Or perhaps you want to share your love of Silky Terriers. Odds are whatever you're in to will have a **Meetup Group!** What's a Meetup Group, you ask? Meetup.com is a free website devoted to bringing together people with similar interests for the simple purpose of socializing. Whether it's weekly groups that play Scrabble or monthly adventures in city cycling, Meetup.com has hundreds of groups to check out and meet with. So stop taking your dog for walks all by yourself – you could use a change and he could use more friends! Check out Meetup.com and get out there!

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 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.

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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.