

THE MANHATTAN MIDTOWN

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Dear Friends,

Whether it's the turning of the leaves, the chill wind, or the start of shopping as a contact sport, the signs of autumn in New York are all around. The many parks in CB5 are a bustle of activity this time of year, so make sure you check out the websites for Union Square, Madison, and Bryant parks to see what fall festivities are in store.

And don't forget about the two most fun parades ever- Halloween and Thanksgiving. You can read about them in the following articles.

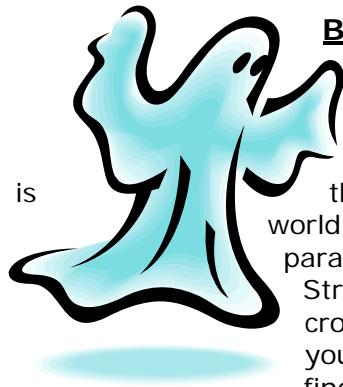
Sincerely,
Community Board Five

Community News and Events



*** Gobble . . . Gobble . . . Gobble . . . –** It's one of those truly New York events - the 80th Annual **Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade!** Crisp air, large crowds, and giant balloons all ring in the start of the holiday season. The parade travels down Central Park West from 77th Street to Columbus Circle (59th Street at Broadway), and then down Broadway to Macy's Herald Square (34th Street). Many people make it a tradition to start their Thanksgiving day by cheering the many floats and bands that cruise down the avenue. Die-hard parade goers arrive as early as 6:30am to get a good viewing spot. The night before the parade has become a celebration in itself, with crowds gathering to watch the inflation of balloons. Wednesday, November 22nd, you can see the giant creations of fabric and wire come to life from 3pm until 10pm just off Central Park West between 77th street and 81st street, near the American Museum of Natural History.

For more information, visit Macy's official parade website at www.macysparade.com



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BOO! – 34 years ago a Greenwich Village mask maker and puppeteer started a house to house walk on Halloween for his children and neighbors. 34 years later, **New York's Village Halloween Parade**

the largest celebration of its kind in the world. Don't you want to be a part of that?! The parade runs along 6th Avenue from Spring Street up to 21st. The streets are most crowded between Bleeker and 14th Street, so you might consider getting there early or finding another place along the route. Or

better yet, join the parade!. For information on how to do that, visit their website at www.halloween-nyc.com

It /s Easy Being Green – It's easier than you think. Just a few small steps can significantly reduce the amount of energy you use and help make NYC a healthier and green town. Below are a few ideas to get you on your way to greener pastures:

- *Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs* (or CFL's) have come a long way since their debut. They use 75% less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs and can last up to 10 times longer. Make the switch.
- *Unplug appliances when not in use.* Sure, maybe that's a hassle, but 40% of electricity used to power appliances is used while they're turned off!
- *Switch to on-line bank statements.* You know you just shove them in the drawer anyway!
- *Choose Energy Star appliances,* which can use up to 10% - 50% less energy.



For more information on how to make NYC greener, cleaner, and leaner visit www.nyc.gov/greenyc or call 311.

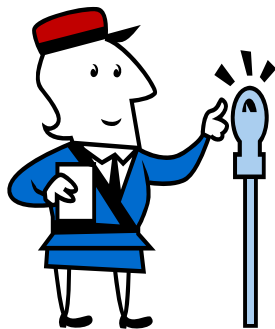
City Agency Announcements



Bon Appetite! - True - garbage trucks rattling past, horns honking, and scaffolding hovering overhead might not sound like fun, but there is something so satisfying about eating outside in NYC.
NYC Department of Consumer Affairs

wants business owners and consumers to know that licensed unenclosed sidewalk cafés can now install approved outdoor heaters, extending the sidewalk café season and offering patrons the quintessential *al fresco* dining experience - all year round! To install approved portable natural gas heaters, restaurants must first have a license to operate a sidewalk café from **DCA**, and then must receive clearance from both the Department of Buildings and the Fire Department. The whole process should take no more than 18 days, and restaurant owners can access a simple [Q&A](#) that walks applicants through the process, by visiting www.nyc.gov and following the links to the **DCA** homepage.

Get Dirty! - Fortunate are those in NYC that have a green space with plants and veggies to call their own. But wait; can't window boxes have plants and even a few smaller veggies? Not to mention herbs! And all that vegetation needs compost! Urban gardeners have a knack for creating life out of decay, and NYC wants to help them do that. Residents can receive unlimited amounts of free, high-quality compost for their little slice of heaven. Just bring a shovel and sturdy containers to any of New York's composting sites on scheduled days and you can walk away with delicious, nutritious (for plants, anyway) compost. For more information, visit www.nyccompost.org or call 311 and ask about composting.



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

- Thursday, Nov. 1 - All Saint's Day
- Tuesday, Nov. 6 – Election Day
- Friday, Nov. 9 – Diwali
- Sunday, Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day
- Monday, Nov. 12 – Veteran's Day Observed
- Thursday, Nov. 22 - Thanksgiving

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 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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