

# THE MANHATTAN MIDTOWN

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## COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE

Dear Friends,

With the holidays upon us, I would like to take a moment to wish you all much happiness and good health in the New Year!

Regards,  
Gary Parker, District Manager

## Community News and Events



**10 ... 9 ... 8 ...** Every year as the clock nears midnight on December 31st, the eyes of the world turn once more to the dazzling lights and bustling energy of **Times Square**. Anticipation runs high. New Year's Eve at the symbolic center of New York City has become more than just a celebration - it's a global tradition. The world holds its

breath...and cheers as the clocks strike twelve. As the famous **New Year's Eve Ball** descends from the flagpole atop One Times Square, 750,000 people in Times Square, millions nationwide and over a billion watching throughout the world are united in bidding a collective farewell to the departing year, and expressing our joy and hope for the year ahead. If you're thinking of joining the maddening throngs who cram into the crossroads of the world, then there are a few basics you should know.

- Revelers begin to gather in the late afternoon on New Year's Eve, December 31st. The best advice we can give is to get there as early as possible.
- The New York Police Department will begin closing down access to Times Square starting at 43rd Street and Broadway and moving north as revelers arrive. It is likely that there will be no vehicular traffic on either Broadway or Seventh Avenue as of approximately 4:00 p.m.
- The best way to come to Times Square is via public transportation. To get to Times Square, the # 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, A, B, C, D, E, F, N, Q, R, W, V and S shuttle trains all service 42nd Street.

For more information on the festivities, visit the **Times Square Alliance** website at [www.timessquarenyc.org](http://www.timessquarenyc.org)

**LEARN WHAT YOU CAN  
DO WHEN DISASTER  
STRIKES**

**Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)** are groups of community-based volunteers that undergo an intensive, 30-hour training program aimed at teaching disaster preparedness and basic response skills, such as fire safety, search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. In addition, **CERT** members are trained in community organizing skills such as effective outreach, public information campaigns, and building a strong, long-lasting community volunteer group. Trainees join a committed team of disaster-trained individuals who can:



- Inform, educate, and train their neighbors on disaster preparedness.
- Assist public safety agencies and local community boards with public events.
- Respond to locally occurring disasters and support emergency personnel upon their arrival & request.

**Citizens for NYC** understands that most community volunteers already have a lot on their plate, and adding preparedness is a challenge. As the tragic events of Hurricane Katrina demonstrated however, we cannot wait to prepare our communities. So please don't hesitate to contact Citizens for NYC for assistance in putting together a CERT. For more information call 212-989-0909 or visit [www.citizensnyc.org](http://www.citizensnyc.org)

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## Committee Schedules and Agendas

**Schedules and agendas are subject to change.**

### **PARKS:**

**Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

*Phil Beer chairing at F.I.T., 227 West 27<sup>th</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> fl., Building "A", Rm. A802*

#### **Agenda:**

- **To be announced**

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## **HUMAN SERVICES & YOUTH:**

**Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

*Susan Baida chairing at the Donnell Library, 20 west 53<sup>rd</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues, Conference Room (basement level).*

**Agenda:**

- **To be announced**

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## **LANDMARKS:**

**Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

*Joyce Matz and Layla Law-Gisiko co- chairing at Fashion Institute of Technology, 227 West 27th Street, Building "A", 8th fl., Rm. A802*

**Agenda:**

- **130 West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street**, Certificate of Appropriateness application to install windows on the eas side of the 10-story building
- **43 West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street**, Certificate of Appropriateness application

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## **LAND USE & ZONING:**

**Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

*Meile Rockefeller and Nancy Goshow co- chairing at Fashion Institute of Technology, 227 W. 27th St. Building "A", 8th fl., Rm. A803*

**Agenda:**

- **Items to be announced**

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## **TRANSPORTATION/ENVIRONMENT:**

**Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

*John Mills chairing at F.I.T., 227 West 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Building "A", 8<sup>th</sup> floor, Rm. A802*

**Agenda:**

- Wholesale District/Flower Market parking
- New York City Transit proposal to install ADA accessible elevator at the 47<sup>-50<sup>th</sup></sup> Street/Rockefeller Center subway station at 49<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue street level
- New York City Transit ventilation project to install

street decking on West 30<sup>th</sup> Street, between 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Broadway

- Removal of 57<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Avenue bus stop w/o Community Notification
- 50<sup>th</sup> Street Ventilation Plant for LIRR East Side Access Project

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## **EXECUTIVE:**

**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m.**

*David Diamond chairing at the Board Office, 450 Seventh Avenue, Suite 2109 (between 34th and 35th Streets) **Proper ID required to enter building***

**Agenda:**

- Ongoing discussions

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## **PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE:**

**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

*Vikki Barbero chairing at FIT, 227 West 27th Street, "A" Building, 8th fl., rm. A802*

**Agenda:**

- **The Cake Group** – 49 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street, application for an On-Premises liquor license
- **Manhattan Entertainment Enterprises LTD.**, 105 West 27<sup>th</sup> Street, application for an On-Premises liquor license
- Other items to be announced

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## **CONSENTS & VARIANCES:**

**Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**

*Mickey Schwartz, Lawrence Zucker, and Phil Beer co-chairing at F.I.T., 227 West 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Building "A", 8<sup>th</sup> floor, Rm. A802*

**Agenda :**

**Street Renaming Request :**

- **Actors' Equity** request to co-name the northeast corner of 46<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue "Actors' Equity Corner"
- **ASPCA** request to co-name 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, between Park Avenue South and Broadway, or 26<sup>th</sup> Street at Madison Avenue "HENRY BERGH WAY"

**Distinctive Sidewalk:**

- **47<sup>th</sup> Street BID** application to install two information

kiosks at northeast corner of 47<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
and the southeast corner of 47<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue

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## **FULL BOARD MEETING:**

**Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

*Fashion Institute of Technology, 227 West 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Building "A",  
8<sup>th</sup> 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 December 2005 Minutes

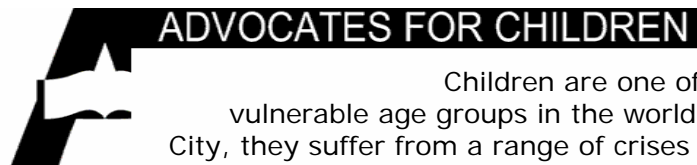
### **Committee Reports:**

### **Old Business/New Business:**

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## Community Spotlight



Children are one of the most vulnerable age groups in the world. In New York City, they suffer from a range of crises that prevent them from accessing the resources around them. Many are at risk for school-based discrimination as well as academic failure. Others live at or below the poverty level; many others live with a disability, are immigrants, homeless, or are in the foster care program.

For over twenty-five years, Advocates for Children (AFC) has been providing services for the City's at-risk children. AFC provides a full range of services: free individual case advocacy, technical assistance, and training for parents, students, and professionals about children's educational entitlements and due process rights in New York City. AFC is located right in our district, with their offices on West 30<sup>th</sup> Street!

AFC provides outreach programs that empower and educate their clients about their rights and about policies that are in action regarding their educational needs. Their focus on the access to good education has enabled them to modify policies for the underprivileged children of New York City.

Their current projects include a report on LGBT students and their issues with harassment and discrimination in NYC schools.

They also have an Autism Spectrum Disorders Guide, as well as a Healthy School Environmental Action Guide, all of which are available on their website at: [www.advocatesforchildren.org](http://www.advocatesforchildren.org).

For more information, to donate or volunteer, visit their website or call them at 212.947.9779.

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## *On Board! - Meeting the Members of CB5*



***Nicholas Turner***

"When people all over the world think of New York City, they think of what we have in Community Board Five," so says Nick Turner, one of CB5's newest members. "It's important to preserve the nature of this district while encouraging growth for tomorrow." It was the recognition of Midtown's uniqueness that prompted this Native Nebraskan to join the Community Board just three months ago. "I've always had an interest in city government, and when I moved to New York...almost two years ago, I knew that joining a community board would be a great way to get involved and learn more about my new home."

And learning all there is to know can be an overwhelming task. "It is challenging because you realize how dense New York City really is....My first board meeting was daunting because there were a lot of new terms to pick up. Now I'm proud to say that now I know exactly what a sliver building is!"

With the increase in residential zoning within the district, the challenge to the Board is to find the means to preserve "important landmarks...encourage healthy development and [make] sure we have plenty of clean, safe and accessible transportation and parks [for us to enjoy!]"

Outside of his role on the Community Board, Nick oversees public relations for Fenwick-Keats Realty, one of the city's fastest growing residential firms. "The things I'm learning at Community Board Five are helping me do my job better by [helping me to] understand what makes neighborhoods great to live in."

Nick is optimistic about the future of the CB5 district and the ongoing task of addressing the many changes that are taking place, and thankful that "there are a lot of friendly and informed people who are willing to help me learn."

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## City Agency Announcements

**Go Green!** – As the holidays wane, it's time to put away the presents, throw away the fruitcake, and sweep up the pine needles. But what to do with the tree? It gave its life for your festivities; give it a shot at reincarnation!



**Bring your holiday tree to a designated City park to be recycled into mulch!** The mulch will nourish plantings across the five boroughs. Remember to remove all lights and ornaments! **Mulchfest** will take place on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at:

- *Washington Square Park* – 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Washington Square North
- *Central Park West* – 79<sup>th</sup> & West Drive
- *Tompkins Square Park* – East 9<sup>th</sup> St. b/w Ave. A & Ave B
- *Carl Schurz Park* – East 86<sup>th</sup> St. & East End Ave.
- *Riverside Park* – Various drop-off locations b/w 72<sup>nd</sup> and 153<sup>rd</sup>

Additional pick-up will take place in Union Square Park East on January 8<sup>th</sup>. For more information about **Mulchfest** and for additional location, visit [www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks) or call 311.



**No Excuse Left!** – The New York City **Department of Health Flu Shot Clinics** are up and running. Flu shots are offered from October through March. No appointment is necessary and patients will be seen on a first come first served basis. Children between the ages of 4 and 18 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, or have a signed consent from the guardian. Each clinic will have vaccines

on hand and will administer them to New Yorkers who request them. The shots are free of charge for patients with no health insurance.

- **In Manhattan:** **Chelsea Health Center**  
**303 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue – 1<sup>st</sup> fl.**  
**Between 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> streets**

The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 2:30pm. Take the C or E trains to West 23<sup>rd</sup> St., or the #1 train to West 28<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information about where you can get a flu shot, call 311.

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### **Applications Available for Rental Apartments in the Bronx and Manhattan**

The New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) has updated its web content concerning apartments for rent. For information about HPD-sponsored rental apartments in the Bronx and Manhattan, visit the [HPD Web site at www.nyc.gov/hpd](http://www.nyc.gov/hpd)

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## 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. (April's meeting will be held at 343 W. 25th St.) Contact: Bob Cusick, Det. Mike Petrillo at 212-741-8226
- **13th Precinct** - Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. Contact: P.O. Mike Hnatko and Joe Abruzzi at 212-477-7427
- **Midtown North Precinct** - Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. Contact: Det. Stephen Giaco or P.O. Diane O'Connor 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

Attached is a spreadsheet listing this month's applicants. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader to access this document. It is available free by clicking on the below icon.



If you have any questions regarding this list, please call the office or email [cindy@cb5manhattan.org](mailto:cindy@cb5manhattan.org).

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**We're on the Web!**

**[www.cb5manhattan.org](http://www.cb5manhattan.org)**

If your organization would like to publicize an event in **The Midtown Manhattan**, email your request to: [office@cb5manhattan.org](mailto:office@cb5manhattan.org). To be considered for publication events must be free and open to the public.

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