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COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE

Dear Friends,

After over a year of hard work and fine tuning, **Community Board Five's** new website, www.cb5.org is finally on line! Just click the Quick Link to the left for meeting times, locations, agendas and other useful information that are updated in real time. (See the article below for more information on additional website features.)

This office is committed to continually improving communication between the Board and the community and we're confident the new website will prove a valuable resource by providing the most up-to-date information on the Board's activities.

Regards,
Gary Parker, District Manager

Community News and Events

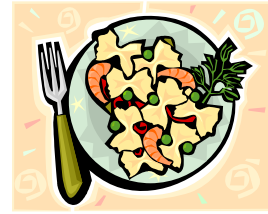


Live and in Living Color – **Community Board Five** is please to announce that its brand new, updated website is live and accessible to all. The new site at www.cb5.org offers meeting schedules and agendas updated in real time, as well as archives containing resolutions passed by the Board. Visitors to the site will have access to a wide range of community resources, from mental health facilities to senior centers and listings of community events in Midtown. The site features an interactive map so residents can find which elected officials represent the different neighborhoods within the district, the location of Business Improvement Districts, libraries, cultural organizations and more. Visitors will also be able to submit a complaint regarding city services directly on line. The new site is located at www.cb5.org

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Delivered Fresh Daily - Hudson Guild

currently has meals on wheels available for residents of the Chelsea community aged 60+. If you (or someone you know) live on the West Side between 14th and 34th Streets and are homebound, ill and/or otherwise too frail to prepare a nutritious meal for yourself, you may be eligible to receive a hot midday meal delivered to your home 6 days a week. Meals are ready to eat upon delivery. For more information, contact Annette Kaye of the Hudson Guild at 212.924.6710



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Moving Forward – Union Square Park is in for a facelift. At February's Full Board Meeting, CB5 voted to approve the redesign plan for the Park, which was sponsored by *Union Square*



Partnership business improvement district and the *City Department of Parks and Recreation*. CB5 is sensitive to the Community's concern that the Pavilion needs to be accessible to the public, and not be used solely for private enterprise. In approving this plan, the Board felt a compromise was reached and that all

sides were heard. If you'd like to view the CB5 resolution concerning the Union Square redevelopment, you can click on the link [here](#).

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Information You Need - Housing

Conservation Coordinators Legal Clinic provides free consultations in all areas of the law on a walk-in basis. Our volunteer lawyers can refer you to other resources, assist with writing letters and explain your legal rights.

The Clinic is for consultations only. The attorneys cannot represent you. Consultations are on a first come, first served basis. Please call ahead to confirm that the Clinic is open. Bring all relevant documents. **Clinic times for the month of March are the 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th.** The clinic is located at 777 Tenth Avenue, between 52nd and 53rd Street. For more information about HCC's services contact them at (212) 541-5996 or check out their web site at www.hcc-nyc.org



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Community Spotlight



Building on
strengths in individuals,
families & communities

In a city as large as ours, sometimes it's difficult to get the help we

need. But thanks to many committed individuals from various social service agencies around the City, countless children and families are looked after and cared for, and most importantly, not forgotten.

For nearly sixty years, **Good Shepherd Services** has positively affected the lives of more than 18,000 children and families annually. Their work began nearly 150 years ago when the organizations founders began providing residential services for vulnerable young women who could no longer live at home. In 1972, they opened the *Family Reception Center*, and in partnership with the community, they have built a continuum of neighborhood-based educational, social, vocational, and family support services that now include more than twenty programs — all dedicated to meeting the needs of vulnerable children, teens, adults, and families.

Good Shepherd's mission remains constant in a changing world. They strive to lead in the development of innovative programs that ensure a more promising future for participants. They advocate zealously empowering those with whom they serve and to provide quality service to individuals consistent with their dignity and to communities consistent with their needs.

Good Shepherd's work has grown out of a strong belief in the dignity and value of each person and the conviction that no matter what one's life experiences have been, each person has the ability to change and to grow. This remarkable agency has served our city for over a century, and continues to do important work. What's even better is that they are located right in our Community Board, in the heart of Midtown!

To learn more about volunteering or making a donation, visit their website at: www.goodshepherds.org, or call them at: 212.243.7070. You can also visit their offices, which is located at 305 Seventh Avenue, on the 9th Floor.

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On Board! - Meeting the Members of CB5

Connie Ress

It's safe to say that politics is in Connie Ress' blood. A native of Racine, Wisconsin, Connie grew up in a household that was, "very, very, very political! My dad was an FDR Democrat and very active in the area with local issues." Talking politics with her dad allowed for a close bonding experience and also made Connie aware of what was going on around her and in the world. A '93 graduate in Journalism and Communications from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Connie moved to NYC after graduation and became involved in gay rights issues, and in the mid-90's joined the then-fledgling organization, *Marriage Equality*. In late 2001 Connie decided to join Community Board Five because she saw it as "a great chance to help make a difference."

As a new member to CB5, she was interested in seeing how the Board works, but also found it hard to get a handle on all the new information. "I couldn't wait for the day I knew as much as my colleagues. I still sit in the same place that I sat on that first day."

In addition to her committee work on Parks and Land Use, Connie is interested in the special role that Business Improvement Districts play within the community. "Sometimes government money isn't always enough to make things better and I like that private enterprise can help in partnership, but it is important to keep a balance between the public and private uses of space." Affordable housing is also an ongoing concern. "When people talk of affordable housing they often think of low-income housing. But people who make \$ 60,000 or \$70,000 can't afford to live in Manhattan because they are just priced out!"

And one of the current challenges for the Board is to join the fight for greater NYC representation on the State Liquor Authority board, which grants liquor licenses for business – an ongoing concern in the CB5 district. "Community Boards have a voice, but sometimes not enough of a voice. They can't be heard on all issues, but a little more influence on issues that can re-define a neighborhood is important."

Lately there has been a large turnover in Board membership, a result of new appointments and member retirements. Connie feels it is important to be respectful of Board history and tradition, while at the same time incorporating the many new perspectives that are brought to the table. Again, a sense of balance needs to prevail. As for combining a professional life and a personal life with the requirements of Board membership, Connie feels that time is the greatest obstacle. "It's a serious commitment."

And one she works to keep in balance.

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City Agency Announcements



Get a Jump Start on a Legal Career –

The Manhattan District Attorney's Office invites junior and senior high school students to apply for the **2006 Summer Internship Program**. The program is designed for young people interested and allows students to be part of the workings of the Manhattan DA's office. Qualified students should send a resume and an essay explaining their interest in the law to:

- Community Affairs Unit
New York County District Attorney's Office
One Hogan Place, Room 824
New York, NY 10013

Application materials should be postmarked no later than April 7th.

The DA's office will contact each student who sends materials and schedule and interview. Interview appointments are limited and are scheduled Monday through Thursday (after school) from mid-January through April 28th. Students must also bring two letters of reference (one from the current school) to the interview. For more information, visit the District Attorney's website at www.dany.org, or call 212.335.9082.

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Where there's Smoke, there's Fire –

With the Winter firmly upon us, maintaining a warm home brings unique concerns. During the winter months, home-heating equipment becomes the second leading cause of home fires. To safely heat your home, follow these guidelines:



- Schedule regular cleaning of boiler, furnace and hot water heater, including the chimney.
- Never burn charcoal indoors because it gives off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.
- Give space heaters space! Heaters should be at least 3 feet from any combustible material such as furniture.
- Use only equipment that has the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) mark.
- Turn off space heater whenever you leave the room or go to sleep.

For more information on home fire safety, visit the NYC Fire Department's website at www.nyc.gov/fdny

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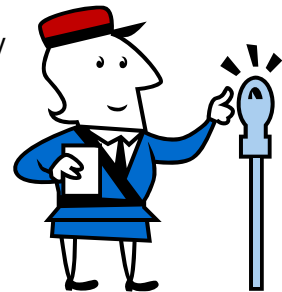


Nowhere to Run – To foster a marketplace that consumers trust and in which honest businesses thrive, **The Department of Consumer Affairs** has been active in its enforcement during the month of November. A total of 205 violations were issued, 21 tobacco violations were issued resulting in a 91% compliance rate for Manhattan. In addition, one restaurant was padlocked for unlicensed sidewalk café activity.

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NYC Parking Regulations – There are many legally recognized holidays on which parking regulations are suspended. For the months of February and March, *Alternate Side parking* regulations are suspended on the following days:

- Ash Wednesday – February 9
- Lincoln’s Birthday (Observed) – February 11
- Lincoln’s Birthday – February 12
- Washington’s Birthday (President’s Day) – February 21
- Holy Thursday – March 24
- Good Friday – March 25
- Purim – March 25



For more information on Parking Regulations, visit www.nyc.gov and follow the links. Information can also be found by calling 311.

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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 6:30pm. 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@cb5.org.

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We're on the Web!
www.cb5.org

If your organization would like to publicize an event in **The Midtown Manhattan**, email your request to: office@cb5.org. To be considered for publication events must be free and open to the public.

To be removed from our mailing list, simply reply to this email with **"REMOVE"** in the subject line.

Manhattan Community Board 5 - - 2005 – 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.

Date Rcvd @ CB5	Name	D/B/A	Address	License New	License Renewal	SLA	Cab
01/24/06	Coam Enterprise Inc		5 West 36 Street		Wine		
01/25/06	BD Gorham LLC		136-138 West 55 Street		OP		
	Zanaca Restaurant Corp	Cinqvanta Ristorante	50 East 50 Street		OP		
	Penn Plaza Gourmet Deli Corp		367 Seventh Avenue		OP		
	401 Hotel Trs Inc.	Hotel Pennsylvania	401-415 Seventh Avenue		OP		
	Kuraoka & Company Inc	Soba Nippon	666 Fifth Avenue		OP		
	Pocha 32 Inc		15 West 32 Street			Notice	
02/02/06	Stout Inc		127-135 West 33 Street	Alt			
	Hooters of Manhattan Ltd	Hooters	211 West 56 Street	OP			
	Thirteen Group LLC		128 West 26 Street	Alt			
	La Petite Auberge Inc		116 Lexington Ave		OP		
	Brendans Bar & Grill		42 West 35 Street		OP		
	Suwa Enterprises Inc	Restaurant Tokyo	342 Lexington Avenue		OP		
	PS Wolf Bay Deli Rest		32 West 38 Street		OP		
	Club 101		101 Park Avenue – Lobby FI		OP		
	The Shoreham LLC	Shoreham Hotel	33-39 West 55 Street		HL		
	Café 19 Corp		138 Fifth Avenue		RW		
02/06/06	SR Deli Corp	New Star Café	552 Fifth Ave (b/t 45 & 46 St)	OP			
	O'Reilly's Townhouse		21 West 35 Street		OP		
	Berb LLC	Sasha Bar & Lounge	255 West 55 Street		OP		
	Hatsuhana		17 East 48 Street		OP		
02/07/06	Broadway SRJ LLC		1515 Broadway (b/t 44 & 45 St)	OP			
	35 H & Y Duet Inc		53-55 West 35 Street, 2nd Fl	OP			
	Ktima Restaurant Corp	La Parisienne Restaurant	910 Seventh Avenue		OP		
	Fitzgerald & Fibles Inc	PJ Carneys	906 Seventh Avenue		OP		
02/08/06	G & B Pizza Corp		552 8th Ave a/k/a 265 W 37 St	RW			
	41 East 58 St Rest Corp		41 East 58 Street	TRF			
	Russian Vodka Room Inc		888 Eighth Ave / 256 W 52 St		OP		
	Payam Inc	Colbeh Restaurant	43 West 39 Street		OP		
	Rave Restaurant Inc		232 West 48 Street		OP		
	Mangia	Joanna Sasha & Friends	50 West 57 Street		BW		
	Imperial Theatre		236 W 45 Street		OP		
	Imperial Theatre	(additional Bar)	236 W 45 Street		OP		
02/09/06	NY Palm Tree, Inc		4 East 28 Street	OP			
	Sheraton Hotel & Towers		801-819 Seventh Ave	TRF			
	Estoril Sol Restaurant		382 Eighth Ave (b/t 31 & 32 St)		OP		
	371 Seventh Avenue Co LLC	Southgate Tower	371 Seventh Ave (b/t 30 & 31 st)		HL		
	43 rd Street Deli Inc	Time Square Delicatessen	211 West 43 Street		B/W		
	Aliset NY Inc	Crestanello Gran Café Italiano	475 Fifth Ave (41 Street)		WB		

Manhattan Community Board Five, 450 Seventh Avenue, Suite 2109

March 2006 Preliminary Committee Meeting Schedule

(Agenda is subject to change, please call (212) 465-0907

or visit www.cb5.org for the latest meeting information)

**FEB 27
MON
6:00 PM**

Parks

Phil Beer chairing at FIT, 227 West 27th Street, "A" Building, 8th Floor, Dining Room

Agenda:

- **Central Park Conservancy**, proposed reconstruction of the playground at East 85th Street and Fifth Avenue in Central Park
- **NYC Alliance Against Sexual Assault**, application to hold a awareness campaign in Union Square Park, South Plaza on Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22
- **SpaceX: Space Exploration Technologies**, application to hold an event in Duffy Square on Thursday, May 18
- **The Kalavant Center for Music and Dance, Inc.**, application to Indian Music Performance in Madison Square Park on Saturday, May 20
- **The Kalavant Center for Music and Dance, Inc.**, application to Indian Music Performance in Union Square Park on Saturday, May 27
- **Madison Square Park Conservancy**, event application:
 - Madison Square Art – May 1
 - Plant Sale – May, 10,11,12
 - Madison Square Music – Every Wed, June 21 to Aug 9
 - Spring Festival – June 3
 - Madison Square Kids – Every Tues & Thurs, June 6 – Aug 31
 - Madison Square Read – Tuesdays beginning June 20
 - Plant Sale – October 5 & 6
 - Fall Festival – October 14

**FEB 28
TUE
6:00 PM**

Human Services & Youth

Susan Baida chairing at the Fashion Institute of Technology, 227 West 27th Street, "A" Building, 8th Floor, Dining Room

Agenda:

- **To be announced**

**FEB 28
TUE
6:00 PM**

Landmarks

Joyce Matz and Layla Law Gisiko co- chairing at FIT, 227 West 27th Street, "A" Building, 8th Floor, Rm. A802

Agenda:

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**MAR 1
WED
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:

- **Items to be announced.**

**MAR 1
WED
6:00 PM**

Transportation/Environment

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

Agenda:

- **Items to be announced**

**MAR 6
MON
12 NOON**

Executive

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

Ongoing discussions

**MAR 6
MON
6:00 PM**

Public Safety & Quality of Life

Vikki Barbero chairing at FIT, 227 West 27th Street, "A" Building, 8th Floor, Rm. A802

- **Items to be announced**

**MAR 9
THUR
5:00 PM**

Consents & Variances

Mickey Schwartz and Larry Zucker co- chairing at the FIT, 227 West 27th Street, "A" Building, 8th Floor, Rm. A802

Agenda :

- **Items to be announced**

Full Board Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2006, 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 February 2006 Minutes

Committee Reports:

Old Business/New Business: