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COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE

Dear Friends,

Everything grows in Spring; so do Community Boards. Thanks to the efforts of Borough President Scott Stringer, Community Board Five now has a full compliment of board members for the first time in many years. We welcome the 12 new members that were appointed in April and look forward to hearing their views as we focus on issues of importance to Midtown Manhattan. Be sure to check out this month's **On Board** feature, which focuses on one of CB5's newest members, Kenyatta Skyles.

With the arrival of new members also comes the departure of those who have served the Board well. CB5 wishes to thank those members who have left the Board in the past few months: Phil Beer, Judith Breidbart, Connie Ress, Mickey Schwartz, Jenny Song, and Bonnie Williams. Their service is appreciated and their absence will be felt.

Regards,
Gary Parker, District Manager

Community News and Events



Ask and you Shall Receive –

The Foundation Center is sponsoring a free event, **Dialogue with Donors and Grantees**, being held at Foundation Center headquarters at 79 Fifth Avenue on Wednesday, May 3, 2006 from 9am to 11am. Members of the community who are affiliated with nonprofits

involved in the fields of health and domestic violence prevention are invited to join in a discussion with grantmakers to explore issues of mutual interest and to learn from one another in a small group setting. Panelists include representatives from the *Altria Group, Inc.*, *Sisterhood Mobilized for AIDS Research and Treatment (SMART)*, *WomensLaw.org*, and the *Ms. Foundation for Women*. This event is free and open to the public. **Advance registration is required.** Please call 1-212-620-4230 for more information. An online registration form and invitation is available at <http://www.fdncenter.org/newyork/dwdhealth.html>.

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Go Green for the Neighborhood –

Want a little shade for your street? The **NYC Department of Parks & Recreation** will plant a tree, free of charge, on sidewalks in front of homes, apartment buildings, and businesses. The process is a lengthy one because of high demand and preparation, and it may take a full year before a request can be filled. If you wish to plant sooner, you may do so at your own expense. Applications can be obtained through the [CB5 office](#) or by visiting the NYC Parks website at www.nyc.gov/parks or calling the **Street Tree Planting Office** at 718.760.6794.



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Push Yourself to the Limit - On Saturday May 6, 2006, 40,000 men, women, and children will unite with a common desire -- the desire to find a cure! For the last eight years, the **Revlon Run/Walk For Women** has been raising critically-needed funds to support cancer treatment and research. Since its inception, the Revlon Run/Walk For Women has distributed nearly 37 million dollars dedicated to the fight against

women's cancers. Join them this year and walk with thousands united by the power of the human spirit. The Revlon Run/Walk will take place on Saturday, May 6, 2006 starting in Times Square (opening ceremonies beginning at 8:15am) and finishing in the East Meadow of Central Park. For information on participating or volunteering, visit their website at www.revlonrunwalk.com/ny

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On Board! - Meeting the Members of CB5



Kenyatta Skyles

Kenyatta Skyles' work was what first brought her in contact with Community Board Five. "I work at a drop-in center for homeless individuals" and at one time, there was to be a center located near a school in the CB5 district that brought up a lot of issues. "I attended a Board meeting to make myself available to answer any questions people may have had regarding that center." Helping people, whether they are homeless individuals or whole communities, is what Kenyatta does.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Kenyatta followed her passion and worked with young people while in college, eventually earning an MS in Urban Affairs from Hunter College. She currently works for the **Grand Central Neighborhood Social Services Organization**. It made perfect sense for her to join the Community Board. Kenyatta was appointed to the Board by Councilmember Rosie Mendez and is one of 12 new members recently appointed to CB5. She says that she is interested in learning more of the ins and outs of how a Community Board works.

“When I went to the [CB5] meetings, I heard a lot about safety, which is a big issue of concern for me.” The idea of being safe in ones environment hit close to home about a year and a half ago when Kenyatta was robbed in broad daylight. “I felt helpless in that situation and it really made me think that you never know when or where it can happen to you. It made me more aware of things.”

In addition to safety, cleanliness is also a concern. Garbage pick-up may not be a glamorous topic, but it is a necessary aspect of daily life. “Garbage leads to rodents, which can possibly lead to fines for health code violations and affect businesses, which can in turn affect the well being of the neighborhood.” The Community Board can bring these kinds of issues, both large and small, to elected officials in a way that demands attention.

“I am very happy to be on the Community Board – I kept my fingers crossed! I hope to make a significant impact and I look forward to reaching out to officials (through the Board) to let them know the concerns the residents of the district have. One voice may not be heard, but a chorus of voices must be listened to.”

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City Agency Announcements

Better Safe Than Sorry – The **NYC Office of Emergency Management (OEM)** recommends you periodically update your disaster plans, and restock Emergency Supply Kits. Review your disaster plan with family members to ensure that all understand what to do, how to find one another, and how to communicate in an emergency. Be sure to update any contact numbers that may have changed in the last year. Check your **Emergency Supply Kit** to make sure it includes enough food and water for you and your family for at least three days; include a flashlight, radio and first aid kit. Don't forget about your **Go Bags!** What's a Go Bag? It is a collection of items you may need in the event of an evacuation. For example, bottled water and non –perishable foods, as well as copies of important documents, medications, and adequate cash. For more information on how and what to prepare, visit www.nyc.gov/readynewyork or call 311 for a free copy of the **Ready New York Household Guide**. A few simple steps can go a long way when disaster strikes.



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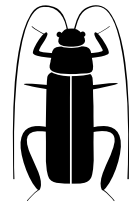
Trim the Trees Year-Round - **Trees New York (TNY)** is a non-profit organization dedicated to tree care and education. Every fall and spring **TNY** offers a course in street tree care. By successfully completing the 12-hour **Citizen Pruner Course**, participants will be licensed by the **NYC/Department of Parks & Recreation** to care for NYC trees. The course fee is \$90 and includes a comprehensive manual and other

materials. Other courses throughout the summer include Young Citizen Pruner program, for children in grades 9 – 12, as well as Forestry Career Training, an entry level job training course in tree related industries for inner city youth and adults. For more information these and other programs, call **Trees New York** at 212.227.1887 or visit their website at www.treesny.com

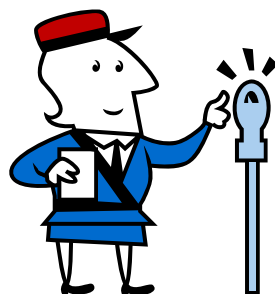
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They're Back! – The US Dept. of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service will treat approximately 51,000 trees susceptible to the **Asian Long Horned Beetle (ALB)** in NYC this spring.

The beetles can cause severe damage to healthy trees, and even lead to the death of the tree. Early detection is vital to eliminating these pests and saving the trees. The Davey Tree Expert Company is the contractor applying treatments to NYC trees. Their representatives will be in uniform with the company name, and will have identification. Contractors will either be treating the soil surrounding the trees, or injecting insecticide directly into the tree. If you see ALB's on the trees in your neighborhood, please call **1.877.STOP.ALB** to report a possible infestation. More information can also be found at the Dept. of Agriculture website at www.aphis.usda.gov



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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:

Solemnity of Ascension – Thursday, May 25th
Memorial Day – Monday, May 29th

For more information on Parking Regulations, visit www.nyc.gov/finance and follow the links. Information can also be obtained 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 Abruzzese 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.



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