

# THE MANHATTAN MIDTOWN

The Official Newsletter of Community Board Five  
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## COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE

Dear Friends,

Recently, Assemblymember Deborah Glick introduced legislation to create a **Problem Bar Task Force** specifically designed to deal with bar owners who choose to operate in bad faith. Even though passed into law, Governor Pataki unfortunately has indicated that he may not implement this and other laws which the legislature passed over his veto.

With the increase of residential units in the CB5 district, community oversight of quality of life issues is more important than ever. Community Board Five has written the Governor expressing its support of the legislation and urging him to reconsider his views on the matter. We have posted the letter on our website at [www.cb5.org](http://www.cb5.org)

Regards,  
Gary Parker, District Manager

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## Community News and Events

**You Think It's Crowded Now!** – There are no fewer than 84 street events scheduled for Manhattan during the month of June. And that's just the first month of summer! The streets of Midtown flood with activity in the summertime, from parades, to protests, to street fairs. Keep abreast of the numerous events in Midtown this summer so you don't get stuck in traffic, vehicular or pedestrian! Check [NYC's Events Calendar](#) or visit [www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov) on a regular basis for the latest information. The following events are scheduled for CB5 during the month of June:



- **Sat. June 3 – 17<sup>th</sup> Precinct Street Fair**  
Lexington Ave. between 42<sup>nd</sup> & 57<sup>th</sup> St. – 11am-6pm

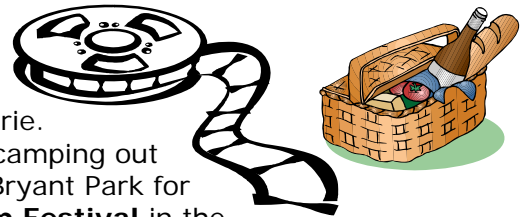
- **June 4<sup>th</sup> - Philippine Independence Day Parade/Festival** - Madison Ave. (23<sup>rd</sup> & 41<sup>st</sup> St.) –Noon
- **June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> - Big Apple BBQ Block Party**  
Madison Ave. between 23<sup>rd</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> – Noon -6pm
- **June 12<sup>th</sup> - Taste of Times Square**  
West 46<sup>th</sup> Street between 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. & B'Way – 4pm-9pm
- **June 18<sup>th</sup> - Kidney & Urology Foundation Festival**  
Lexington Ave. between 34<sup>th</sup> & 42<sup>nd</sup> St. – 11am-6pm
- **June 18<sup>th</sup> - International Immigrants Foundation Festival** - 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. between 42<sup>nd</sup> & 56<sup>th</sup> St.
- **June 24<sup>th</sup> - NY Young Republicans Club Festival**  
7<sup>th</sup> Ave. between 47<sup>th</sup> & 57<sup>th</sup> St. – 11am-6pm

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### **Pass the Popcorn!** – Or in

this case, the Chardonnay and Brie.

Nothing is more New York than camping out on a lovely summer evening in Bryant Park for movie night! **The Summer Film Festival** in the park gets underway on June 19<sup>th</sup> with the Hitchcock classic **The Birds** (can you say “avian flu”?) Upcoming films include, **To Have and Have Not**, **M\*A\*S\*H**, and **High Noon**. The lawn opens at 5:00pm for blankets (*no plastic tarps please*) and picnicking, and films begin at dusk (typically between 8pm and 9pm). For the full summer schedule of viewings, visit [www.bryantpark.org](http://www.bryantpark.org). Bryant Park is located between 40th and 42nd Streets, and 5th and 6th Avenues.



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



### ***David Siesko***

“Concern about the environmental affects of all the construction in the city” is what initially prompted David Siesko to join Community Board Five. That was three years ago.

In that time, David has served on a number of committees, including Transportation and Environment, City Services and Budget, Land Use and Zoning, and was the East Midtown BID representative. Currently, he is 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair and Chair of the Parks committee, an area of particular interest to him. “[I see an] over-use of our parks in the city – too much commercial activity.”

An attorney and executive in the financial services industry,

David's attention to detail serves him well in his work on the Board. "Issues are becoming more complex."

As the "first line of feedback to City government...the committee work the Board does is very important." And though the "pressure to get things done" can be great, "it is great to [now] have a full board; with all of the new board members we have a great chance to assist them in learning about all of the complex issues that we face."

It may be difficult to juggle the responsibilities of work and Committee requirements, but "being on the Community Board for the last three years has been a great honor and I look forward to continuing my service."

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## City Agency Announcements



**Cheap Rooms - Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty** is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for 12 affordable housing rental apartments now under construction at 231 East 77th Street in the Upper East Side section of Manhattan.

This building is being constructed through the Inclusionary Housing Program of **New York City's Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)**. Seniors will be required to meet income guidelines and additional selection criteria to qualify. Applications may be requested **by mail from: East Side Senior Housing LP, P.O. Box 428, Woodmere, NY 11598**.

Please include **a self-addressed envelope** with your request. Completed applications must be returned by regular mail only to a post office box number that will be listed with the application, and **must be postmarked by June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006**. For more information, visit the HPD website at [www.nyc.gov/hpd](http://www.nyc.gov/hpd).

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**Everyone Loves a Hero** – If you've never considered being an **Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)** or a Paramedic, maybe you should. With competitive starting salaries, choice of excellent health plans, and three weeks vacation, **FDNY\*EMS** is a great career. Candidates must pass medical and psychological exams, as well as extensive background checks. For more information and questions to frequently asked questions visit [www.nyc.gov/fdny](http://www.nyc.gov/fdny)



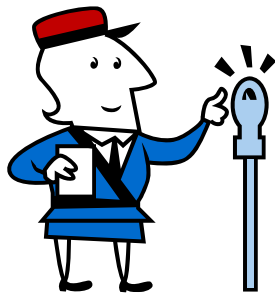
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**All Aboard!** – The Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) is pleased to announce the start of the **Bus Transportation Program** for 2006-2007. The program operates from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. DYCD provides free bus transportation year-round to youth service organizations so they can

provide trips for the City's young people to participate in cultural, recreational, and education activities. Each organization not already funded by **DYCD** is eligible for one trip and one bus per year. Applications are available through the **CB5 office** and must be submitted six weeks prior to the date of the trip. For more information visit the **DYCD** website at [www.nyc.gov/dycd](http://www.nyc.gov/dycd) or call 212.442.6009.

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

**Shavout 1<sup>st</sup> Day – Friday, June 2**  
**Shavout 2<sup>nd</sup> Day – Saturday, June 3**

For more information on Parking Regulations, visit the DOT Parking Calendar at [www.nyc.gov/finance](http://www.nyc.gov/finance). 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. Contact: 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.



If you have any questions regarding this list, please call the office or email [cindy@cb5.org](mailto:cindy@cb5.org).

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**We're on the Web!**

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

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