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COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE

Dear Friends,

I'd like to thank all of you who made **Community Board Five's First Annual Holiday Food Drive** such a success! Because of your kindness and generosity, six large shopping bags filled with food items were collected for the needy. All food – from canned soup, to boxed grains and more - was donated to the **Grand Central Neighborhood Social Services Corporation**, who was grateful for the extra assistance. Read more about them in this month's [Community Spotlight!](#)

Thanks again for being part of a new holiday tradition, and on behalf of the **Community Board Five** staff, I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Regards,
Gary Parker, District Manager

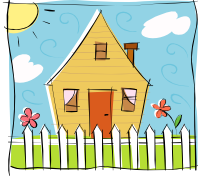
Community News and Events

Everyone loves a parade! Macy's

is ready to serve up another healthy helping of fun and laughter at the 78th annual **Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade**®. On November 25th at 9AM, 10,000 Macy's employees, volunteers and all-around Parade enthusiasts will

convene on 77th and Central Park West to kick off the longest running show down Broadway. To the delight of 2.5 million spectators along the line of march, wondrous balloons, fantastic floats, heart-pounding marching bands and hordes of clowns will fill the streets of the Big Apple at the sound of *LET'S HAVE A PARADE!* Further information on the Parade can be obtained by calling Macy's Parade Hotline at (212) 494-4495 or via www.macysparade.com.





Housing for All – St. Phillip's Senior House is a development that has offered housing to individuals 62 years of age or older since 1974 and is currently accepting applications for their waiting list. They offer one and two-bedroom units to low income individuals under the guidelines of the New

York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal.

Applications can be obtained from **Community Board Five**, or by contacting St. Phillip's directly at 212.234.7980 or

seniorhouse@verizon.net

Knowledge is Power – Did you know that 20.8 million Americans have diabetes? Or that everyday approximately 4,110 people are diagnosed with diabetes? Or 6.2 million American citizens are *unaware that they have diabetes*? Play an active role in your life and take charge of your health. The American Diabetes Association will be hosting a **Diabetes Expo** designed to educate people about the causes, risks, and treatments of diabetes. Everything you need to know about diabetes, including:



- Exhibits featuring the latest products and services
- Question and Answer sessions with medical professionals
- Cooking demonstrations and activities for kids
- Free Health Screenings and Flu Vaccines

All under one roof! **The Diabetes Expo** takes place on Saturday, December 3, 2005 at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, located at 34th Street and the West Side Highway, from 10am to 4pm. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.diabetes.org/nyc-expo or call 1.888.DIABETES

Committee Schedules and Agendas

Schedules and agendas are subject to change.

PARKS:

Monday, November 28th, 6:00 p.m.

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

Agenda:

- **To be announced**

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HUMAN SERVICES & YOUTH:

Tuesday, November 29th, 6:00 p.m.

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

Agenda:

- Proposed housing clinic planning update

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LANDMARKS:

Tuesday, November 29th, 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:

- **Central Park Precinct**, renovation and restoration presentation
- **200 Fifth Avenue**, application to construct rooftop addition and install mechanical equipment at the roof

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LAND USE & ZONING:

Wednesday, November 30th 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:

- **ULURP No.060211 ZSM**, a special permit to allow a 34-space public parking garage at 1107 Broadway.
- **ULURP No.060210 ZMM**, application to rezone portions of three blocks located in the Flatiron district (bounded by West 23rd Street, Fifth Avenue, Broadway, West 26th Street and Avenue of the Americas, to a depth of 275 feet from Fifth Avenue) from M1-6 to C5-2 to allow for new residential use.
- **ULURP # 050257 ZSM**, application submitted by Continental Residential holdings, LLC, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for the grant of a special permit pursuant to Sections 13-562 and 74-52 of the Zoning Resolution to allow an attended public parking garage with a maximum capacity of 174 spaces on portion of the first floor, cellar, and sub-cellar, of a proposed 41-story mixed use building located at 325 Fifth Avenue.

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TRANSPORTATION/ENVIRONMENT:

Wednesday, November 30th, 6:00 p.m.

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

Agenda:

- Wholesale District/Flower Market parking
- MTA Bus Stop removal
- MTA Discussion of changes made to the 50th Street Ventilation Facility.
- NJ Transit – Access To Region's Core update

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EXECUTIVE:

Monday, December 5th, 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, December 5th, 6:00 p.m.

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

Agenda:

- To be announced

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CONSENTS & VARIANCES:

Thursday, November 10th, 5:00 p.m.

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

Agenda :

Street Renaming Request :

- **Request by Actors' Equity** to co-name the northeast corner of 46th Street and 7th Avenue "ACTORS' EQUITY CORNER"
- **Request by ASPCA** to co-name 22nd Street, between Park Avenue South and Broadway, or 26th Street at Madison Avenue "HENRY BERGH WAY"

Street Activity Permit Application:

- **Knights of Vartan** application to hold an event on Broadway, between 43rd and 44th Street on Sunday, April 23, 2006.

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FULL BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, December 8th, 6:00 p.m.

Fashion Institute of Technology, 227 West 27th Street, Building "A", 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)
- Presentation by Landmarks Preservation Commission
- Adoption of October 2005 Minutes

Committee Reports:

Old Business/New Business:

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Community Spotlight

Grand Central Neighborhood Social Services Corporation



With thousands of New Yorkers finding themselves homeless, the holiday season should not be the only time to think about the less fortunate. Thankfully, the **Grand Central Neighborhood Social Services Corporation** (GCNSSC) works year round to help those living in shelters and on the street.

In the 1980s, homelessness around *Grand Central Station* grew to an all-time high; hundreds were living on the streets, and businesses were not doing well. Several drop-in shelters were opened, but they could not assist the vast amount of people that needed help. By 1989, **GCNSSC** took over one of those shelters and established what is today New York's largest multi-service drop-in center for single adults.

The mission of the **GCNSSC** is to provide immediate assistance to homeless people on the east side of Midtown Manhattan on a 24-hour-a-day basis. On average, they provide services to over 400 homeless adults each day! They provide food, clothing, showers, a place to relax, lockers, mailing addresses, and limited medical services. In addition, they offer a wide range of social services such as crisis intervention, substance abuse services, and counseling. Some clients are referred to treatment programs as well as job-training/placement programs and self-help centers. Transitional and permanent housing and legal workshops for their clients are also available.

Of their staff, about half are former clients. This clearly demonstrates that they are succeeding in their mission to help those who are homeless expand their own resources and build networks and skills to achieve their goals. The **GCNSSC** partners with community and local businesses to serve this needy population. In fact, **GCNSSC** was the first recipient of **Community Board Five's First Annual Food Drive!**

To get more information, volunteer or to make a donation, you can visit their website at www.mainchance.org, or call 212.883.0680 ext. 307.

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City Agency Announcements



Spring Ahead, Fall Back - The end of Daylight Savings Time should be just the beginning of emergency preparations. The **NYC Office of Emergency Management (OEM)** recommends that all New Yorkers update their disaster plans, and restock their *Emergency Supply Kits* and *Go Bags*. Just as the City constantly reviews, drills, and updates

emergency plans, residents should make sure their plans are ready to go in the event of a disaster.

- Review your **Disaster Plan** with household members to ensure they understand what to do, how to find each other, and how to communicate in an emergency. Update any contact numbers that have changed and make sure all household members have a copy of the plan to carry in their wallets, purses or backpacks.
- Check your **Emergency Supply Kit** to make sure it includes enough food and water for you to survive at home for at least three days, the batteries in your flashlight and AM/FM radio are charged and working, and your first aid kit is fully stocked.
- Replenish your **Go Bag** – the collection of items you may need in the event of an evacuation – with supplies such as bottled water and nonperishable food. Make sure important documents are up to date, medications have not expired, and you have adequate cash.

If you have not yet taken the basic steps to prepare, visit www.NYC.gov/readynewyork or call **311** for your free copy of the **Ready New York** household guide. A few simple steps can go a long way when disaster strikes.

Hold that Rent Increase!– The Department of Finance is now administering a new program called the **Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE)**, which was recently enacted into law by the City Council and the Mayor.

Just as the **Senior Citizens Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE)** Program protects seniors in rent-regulated buildings against rent increases, **DRIE** now protects rent-regulated tenants who have disabilities and limited incomes against future rent increases. The program will also provide for an abatement credit for landlords to compensate them for the rent increase they would have received from their tenant approved for **DRIE**. For more information on the **DRIE** program regarding who qualifies and how to apply, visit the **Department of Finance** website at www.nyc.gov/finance and follow the links for **Property**, or call the **Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities** at 212.788.2830 (TTY: 212.788.2838).





On the Up and Up -- The Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) has been thorough and diligent in its enforcement during the month of September, performing 339 inspections resulting in 41 violations, from Licensing violations to Consumer Protection Law violation. In Manhattan, the compliance rate was 88%. As the holiday season approaches, **DCA** will undertake four more initiatives:

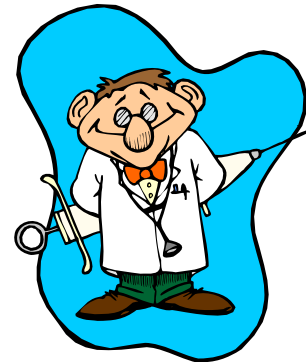
- Insuring that all conditions regarding the use of gift cards are displayed at the point of sale
- The control of sales of weapons which resemble the real thing.
- Requiring funeral service providers to make disclosures as to who is operating the company.
- Monitoring immigration service providers who must disclose the rules and regulations governing them.

More information regarding DCA can be found at their website: www.nyc.gov/dca

Time to Get the Flu Shot -

Influenza (flu) is a highly contagious and sometimes deadly respiratory illness with fever, cough, muscle aches, and sore throat. You need *this year's* flu shot for *this year's* flu; last year's shot will not protect you now. People at high risk for complications from the flu should always get a flu shot and will be offered flu shots first this year:

- People age 65 and older
- Children age 6 to 23 months
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities
- Pregnant women
- Persons with long-term health problems and compromised immune systems.



Remember, you can't get the flu from a flu shot. Sometimes soreness at the injection site may occur, but serious problems from flu shots are very rare. For further protection, stay home when sick, cover all coughs and sneezes, and wash hands often with soap and water.

Information regarding where to get flu shots, and who is eligible for free flu shots can be found at www.nyc.gov/health or by calling 311.

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

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.

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If your organization would like to publicize an event in **The Midtown Manhattan**, email your request to: office@cb5manhattan.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	Lic. Renew	SLA	Cabaret
From 10/26/05 to 11/18/05	Lucky Deli Inc		12 East 37 Street	OP			
	291 Madison Avenue Corp		291 Madison Avenue		✓		
	Paradox Productions, Inc.	Sage Theatre	711 Seventh Avenue, 2nd Fl	OP	✓		
	W Time Square		1567 Broadway		✓		
	Chennai Café Inc	Chennai Garden	129 East 27 Street		✓		
	Roseland Development Associates		239 West 52 Street	Alt	✓		
	Pizza Villagio Inc		153 West 57 Street		✓		
	Caniones Pizza Corp		30 West 48 Street		✓		
	47 McPub Inc		47 East 29 Street	ALT	✓		
	Southern Nirvana Foods	Ixta	48 East 29 Street	ALT	✓		
	Metro Café & Wine Bar		32 East 21 Street		✓		
	The Graduate School & University		365 Fifth Ave		✓		
	M&S 276 Corp	Café Au Bon Gout	276 Fifth Ave (30/31 St)		✓		
	May Kwan Si Inc.	Ollie's Noodle Shop	200B West 44th Street aka 1501 Broadway		✓		
	Restaurant Associates, Inc (# 1029562)		365 5th Avenue		✓		
	Restaurant Associates, Inc (# 1026877)		100 E. 53rd Street aka 365 5th Avenue		✓		
	Half Full Enterprises	Mayrose Restaurant	920 Broadway		✓		
	American Restaurant Corp	Tossed	295 Park Avenue South		✓		
	Flatiron Entertainment, LLC	Avalon	656 6th Avenue aka 47-49 West 20th St.		✓		
	Waldorf – Astoria Hotel		301 Park Avenue		✓		
	Witchcraft Operating LLC		2 Kiosk locations in Bryant Park	✓			
	Trattoria Tre Colori Inc.	application to remove on premises liquor license from restaurant located at 133 West 45th Street to new restaurant location to be established in the ground floor store and the floor immediately above at 254 West 47th Street					
	East Balcony Restaurant Associates LLC	Metrazur	Grand Central Terminal		✓		
	Cranberry II Inc. (1023170)		115 West 45th Street		✓		
	Cranberry II Inc. (1103124)		115 West 45th Street		✓		
	Sushi Gen, Inc.		132 West 58th Street (bet. 6 & 7 Aves)	Transfer of on-premises			
	1626 Broadway LLC		1626 Broadway		✓		
	Best Ray Pizza Inc.		874 Avenue of the Americas		✓		
	Café Spice 54 LLC		54 West 55th Street		✓		
	Butterfield 8 NYC, LLC		5 East 38th Street			500 Foot Hearing	