

THE MANHATTAN MIDTOWN

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COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE FOOD DRIVE

Dear Friends,

At this time of year it is so easy to rush through the days, running from one social event to the next, taking for granted the safety we have and the people in our lives.

This year, take the time to reach out to those less fortunate. Community Board Five invites you to join us for our **First Annual Holiday Food Drive**. Please bring any non-perishable food item to CB5's



next Full Full Board Meeting and we'll distribute them to a local food pantry. **CB5's November Full Board meeting is on Thursday, November 10th Fashion Institute of Technology, 227 West 27th Street, Building "A", 8th floor.** For more information call the Board Office at 212.465.0907.

Regards,
Gary Parker, District Manager

Community News and Events

And They're Off! - The NYC Marathon has

come a long way since its first race in 1970. Co-founded by Fred Lebow, the race was once confined to Central Park and the prizes were recycled bowling trophies. Today, more than 30,000 international runners race through all five boroughs in the city's most exciting sporting event, now sponsored by the *New York Road Runners Club*.



Join the many New Yorkers, running fans and others and experience the thrill of watching professional runners and first-timers test the limits of their bodies and strength of their spirits. For more information on the event and where best to cheer on the multitudes, visit the New York Road Runners website at www.nycmarathon.org

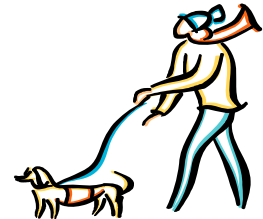


Up, Up and Away! - The night before the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is almost as classic as the parade itself. Every year since 1927, New Yorkers and city visitors have watched the giant beloved balloon characters slowly inflate to life thanks to the wonders of helium. The unwieldy creatures fill two full

city blocks and the awe-struck crowds fill in the gaps. Nets and sandbags keep the balloons from escaping during the night. The inflation takes place on **Wednesday, November 23rd, from 3pm-10pm**. Enter Central Park at 79th and Columbus and you'll be directed through the event. Admission is free. For more information call the Macy's Annual Event Hotline at 212.494.4495

Walk and Learn

Did you know that Vaudeville first began in the opera houses along 14th Street? Or that Ladies Mile, which included the original Macy's, Tiffany's and Lord and Taylor, prospered in the Union Square area in the late nineteenth century? **The Union Square Partnership** offers free, 90-minute, guided walking tours that delve into Union Square's rich history and explore its transformation into one of Manhattan's favorite neighborhoods.



Hosted by charismatic historian and devout New Yorker, Karl Michael Emyrs, the tour offers the real stories of Union Square - the ones left out of the history books. **Tours meet every Saturday at 2pm** at the Lincoln Statue near the Pavilion Building in Union Square Park. For more information, visit their website at www.unionsquareny.org

Committee Schedules and Agendas

Schedules and agendas are subject to change.

PARKS:

Monday, October 31st, 6:00 p.m.

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

Agenda:

- **To be announced**

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HUMAN SERVICES & YOUTH:

Tuesday, November 1st, 6:00 p.m.

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

Agenda:

- Restoration of Home Rule over New York City Rent and Eviction Laws
- Proposed CB5 forum on affordable housing

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LANDMARKS:

Tuesday, November 1st, 6:00 p.m.

Joyce Matz chairing at Fashion Institute of Technology., 227 West 27th Street, Building "C", 9th fl., Board Room

Agenda:

- **73 Fifth Avenue, Tocqueville**, application to install storefront
- **390 Fifth Avenue, City Sports**, removal and replacement of storefront
- **49 West 19th Street**, installation of a new stair bulkhead on the roof and installation of sidewalk hatch
- **200 Fifth Avenue**, application to construct rooftop addition and install mechanical equipment at the roof
- **610 Lexington Avenue**, request for a report pursuant to Section 74-79 of the Zoning Resolution to permit the transfer of unutilized development rights from The Seagram Building located at 375 Park Avenue to a new building to be constructed at 610 Lexington Avenue
- **375 Park Avenue**, The Seagram Building, application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the relocation of an alley door on the landmark site and the construction of a screen above this door to shield mechanical equipment

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LAND USE & ZONING:

Wednesday, November 2nd 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:

- **30 Central Park South**, application to amend Fifteenth Floor Plan
- **1515 Broadway**, special permit to allow the conversion and expansion of a 225 parking garage to a 386 public parking garage
- **ULURP** 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** A special permit to allow a 34-space public parking garage at 1107 Broadway
- **27 West 19th Street (Block 821, Lot 24) new building in the Ladies Mile Historic District**, application for a special permit pursuant to Section 74-712 (New Buildings in Historic Districts) to modify applicable height and setback and rear yard regulations

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TRANSPORTATION/ENVIRONMENT:

Wednesday, November 2nd, 6:00 p.m.

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

Agenda:

- Department of Transportation Traffic Study for Union Square Park
- Termination by the City of 311 taking complaints on defective sidewalks

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EXECUTIVE:

Monday, November 7th, 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, November 7th, 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, Alcove

Agenda :

Unenclosed Sidewalk Application:

- **BICE Ristorante**, 7 East 54th Street, application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 30 seats

Physical Culture Application:

- **410 Eight Avenue**, application for a physical culture establishment on the second floor mezzanine

Street Renaming Application:

- Application to rename East 54th Street between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue "Regione Campania Way"

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FULL BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, November 10th, 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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On Board! - Meeting the Members of CB5

Helen Marie Guditis

Trained as an actor and dancer, it seemed natural for Helen Guditis to become involved in the community that is the Theatre Capital of the world. Originally from Chicago, Helen became a member of CB5 in May of this year. "It's important to be an active member in the community." Her work as President of **The Theatre Museum**, the only not-for-profit theatre museum in New York State with presentations ranging from exhibits on theatre history to arts in education programs, makes Helen a daily spectator to the controlled chaos that is Times Square.

Having grown up in Chicago, where the waterfront serves as the City's playground, Helen says she was surprised upon coming to NYC to see the vast waterfront underdeveloped. It made sense for her, therefore, to join the Parks Committee, saying "I am excited to see development for public use along the beautiful river's edge." Helen is also a member of the Times Square Ad Hoc committee and the City Services and Budget committee.

When asked why Community Boards are important, Helen responded, "Because it is an opportunity for individuals to express their concerns in a grassroots way and have their voices heard. Hopefully, the Community Board has an impact on Elected Officials [who make the decisions, and I feel that] they recognize the presence of the Community Boards and that they take notice."

Happy to have a voice in one of the most vibrant communities in the most vibrant city in the world, Helen further underscores the need to become involved. "It is so important to recruit a wide variety of interests within the neighborhood to represent all aspects of those that live and work here."

Lastly, Helen invites members of the Community Board Five district, and all New Yorkers, to explore the history of theatre and its impact on Times Square, the City, and the culture at large by visiting **The Theatre Museum's** website at www.ttmnyc.org

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Community Spotlight



The future starts with a place to live

AIDS has affected our community for over two decades, and thousands of New Yorkers are living with this disease. What's worse is that those affected by AIDS are often from low-income households and risk homelessness. For over two decades, Bailey House (once known as the AIDS Resource Center) has been taking great strides to help those who are often left alone in the dark.

Founded in 1983 by a group of West Village businesspeople, clergy and activists, Bailey House is the nation's first (and the city's oldest) AIDS Housing organization. Bailey House is a nationally recognized leader providing innovative housing and support services for formerly homeless men, women and children living with AIDS. What's even better is that they are located in our very own district!

Their mission is to empower people living with HIV/AIDS, their loved ones and the communities and agencies that serve them to achieve their fullest potential through the development and provision of housing and supportive services.

Bailey House has many programs that support their clients in many ways, resulting in a greatly improved quality of life. They are aided by a multitude of volunteers who help clients to read, paint homes, as well as some who monitor fundraisers. Bailey House needs dedicated long-term volunteers as well as those who can help with one-time events. So even if you think your schedule is too busy, there's always something you can do to help.

To learn more about volunteering or making a donation, visit their website at: www.baileyhouse.org, or call them at: 212.289.6008. You can also visit their office, which is located at 275 Seventh Avenue, on the 12th Floor.

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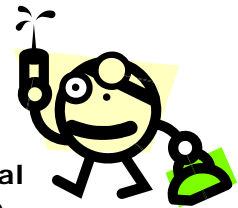
City Agency Announcements



Come in from the Cold - By law, residential owners must provide adequate heat between October 1 and May 31. During this period, between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., if the outside temperature is below 55 degrees Fahrenheit, owners must heat apartments to **at least 68 degrees** Fahrenheit. Between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., if the outside temperature is below 40 degrees

Fahrenheit, owners must heat apartments to **at least 55 degrees** Fahrenheit. Owners must also provide hot water at a minimum constant temperature of 120 degrees Fahrenheit all year round. Tenants whose building owners fail to provide adequate heat or hot water should first speak with the owner or building manager about the problem. If an owner does not restore heat and hot water, tenants should then call the **City's Citizen Service Center (CCSC) at 311**, available 24 hours per day, seven days per week, to lodge a complaint (311 can be accessed outside of New York City by dialing 212-NEW-YORK). For more information on tenants heating rights, visit www.nyc.gov/hpd. The CCSC can also receive complaints from hearing-impaired tenants via **TDD** at 212-504-4115.

It's Not as Bad as it Looks – It's that time of year again! Cold weather, hot houses, and sneezes galore means that the Flu is lurking just around the corner. Protect yourself with a yearly flu shot. This year, the **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene** will offer flu shots to anyone age 4 and older at a special clinic that will take place next **Tuesday, November 1st, from 7:30am to 9:00pm, at 346 West 17th Street (between 8th and 9th avenues)**. This effort will also test the City's readiness for a large-scale distribution of medication. So, getting a flu shot will not only protect you from the flu, but it will also help the City prepare for emergencies. For more information call 311 or visit the Dept. of Health website at www.nyc.gov/health



Live and On-Line! - The New York City **Housing Development Corporation (HDC)** has re-launched its Website, which now includes menu items for easier access to information on HDC-financed affordable housing. New features include a **Now**

Renting section which lists developments that currently have applications available, as well as a **Program Finder** section to assist apartment seekers with determining program eligibility. Residents are encouraged to visit HDC's improved website at www.nychdc.com



Dig In! - The importance of safe digging cannot be emphasized enough. Every day, careless digging causes far reaching consequences, from serious personal injury and environmental damage to costly delays

in services. **The New York City and Long Island "Once Call" Center** is designed to help you dig safely. If you're excavating, contact the One-Call Center at 1.800.272.4480 prior to digging. Be ready with the following information:

- Municipality
- Street Address
- Extent and Type of work
- Date and start time
- Contact Person's name and number

By not calling, you risk injuring yourself or someone else and damaging your neighborhood, as well as legal problems and possible civil penalties. Even when all precautions are taken, accidents can still happen. For more information, visit the website at www.ops.dot.gov

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.

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