



# THE MANHATTAN MIDTOWN

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## WELCOME TO THE NEW EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Community Board Five, I would like to welcome you to our new e-newsletter, **The Manhattan Midtown**. Although preview versions of this newsletter have been sent to Board members for the last two months, we are pleased to have this edition be our premier issue for all to enjoy. Enclosed you will find community news and articles, as well as all **Community Board Five committee schedules and agendas**. (Use the **Quick Links** on the left to quickly navigate to features within the newsletter.)

Be sure to check out the newest feature, [On Board!](#) Each month we will take a brief look at a member of Community Board Five. This month we are starting at the top with a candid profile of the Chair of Community Board Five, David Diamond.

Once again, welcome and we look forward to sharing important and relevant information with you each month.

Regards,

Gary Parker, District Manager

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## Community News and Events



### **Early detection of breast cancer saves lives!** –

The American-Italian Cancer Foundation (AICF) announces their **Free Mobile Mammography Program**. AICF's program encourages annual mammograms and removes economic and cultural barriers to cancer screenings by providing bi-lingual health education and

mammography screenings. Community "partners" (like schools, churches, and community centers) give AICF unique access to underinsured and underserved women. The van goes directly to where underserved women live, work, and worship and provides

women who lack health insurance, have no primary care physician, do not have time to travel to clinics or hospitals, or who have a language barriers access to this most important health care procedure. This program is accessible to women with or without health insurance. AICF covers any co-pay and there is no out of pocket cost. *For additional information, please call 212.628.9090.*

**Locations in Manhattan include:** *Al Hirschfeld Free Health Clinic, 475 W. 57<sup>th</sup> St. Tuesdays, 5/10, 6/14, 7/12, 8/9, 9/13, 10/11, and 11/8 at 8:30am.*

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**Spring Into Action! - Partnerships for Parks** works to increase community support for and involvement in parks throughout New York City. Each season, parks across the city host a large variety of events, from Tai Chi classes to Jazz Under the Stars. Among the many activities available to NYC residents this summer are:

*Green Thumb Gardeners* – Between May 12 and May 14, Green Thumb will offer tips on creating a market garden and how to grow healthy vegetables. For exact times and locations, and for details about other Green Thumb events, call 212.788.8070 or visit [www.greenthumbnyc.org](http://www.greenthumbnyc.org)

*Free golf, tennis, and track & field lessons* - City Parks Foundation offers weekly lessons in parks around the city starting the week of July 4. Introductory and intermediate lessons are for children ages 5 to 14. To register or to obtain more information, please call 718.699.4200 or visit [www.cityparksfoundation.org](http://www.cityparksfoundation.org)

*Dress Up Your Park!* – Citizens for NYC is awarding up to \$500 for neighborhood beautification through the Mollie Parnis “Dress Up Your Neighborhood” Award. Any project that beautifies a neighborhood or increases awareness of beautification efforts is eligible. Funds can be applied to murals, plantings, clean-ups, and educational events. For more information and to download an application, visit [www.citizensnyc.org](http://www.citizensnyc.org)

Additional information on these and other events may also be obtained from the Partnership for Parks website at [www.partnershipforparks.org](http://www.partnershipforparks.org)

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### **Fighting Hunger Through**

**Film** The Food Bank's Third annual *CANS Film Festival* returns this May, partnering with New York City theatres, the hospitality industry, media outlets and other retail sponsors to raise funds and awareness for hunger. During this month-long campaign, movie-goers can give back to their community by showing their support at local theatres, participating in special movie-oriented events and logging on to support the Food Bank's Virtual Food Drive. Log on to their website at [www.foodbanknyc.org](http://www.foodbanknyc.org) for more event details and for a chance to win a round-trip ticket from JetBlue Airways.

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### **Donnell Media Center June Film/Video Programs –**

June's *"Do You Remember New York City?"* recollects about a time when a nickel would get you a ride on any New York City bus, a hot dog, or a Hershey Chocolate Bar with Almonds. Come take a nostalgic look back in time to view the changing face of NYC during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Revisit forgotten neighborhoods, long gone amusement parks, architectural wonders, and the disparate places that were once part of every New Yorker's life experiences. Films to be screened include: **The World of Tomorrow**, **Loew's Paradise Theatre**, **Coney Island** and **George Washington Bridge: Crossing The Hudson**.

June's Viewpoint series, **Russia En Pointe** combines the strengths of Russian ballet with the strengths of Russian film. This overview of Russian ballet as seen by Russian filmmakers features several views of the Bolshoi Ballet, including Ulanova's **Romeo and Juliet**, paired with a portrait of that great ballerina, Maya Plisetskaya. The fascinating film, **World's Young Ballet** documents the 1<sup>st</sup> International Ballet Competition, held in Moscow in 1969, where Mikhail Baryshnikov won a Gold Medal and first came to the world's attention as a great young dancer.

All programs are held in the Donnell Library Center Auditorium located at 20 West 53<sup>rd</sup> Street (between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues). Admission is free. For more information call 212.621.0609 or visit the New York Public Library website at [www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org)

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## Committee Schedules and Agendas

*Schedules and agendas are subject to change.*

### **PARKS:**

#### **Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

Phil Beer chairing at Fashion Institute of Technology, 227 West 27th Street, "A" Building, 8th Floor, Rm. A802

Agenda:

- Proposed public art project in Union Square.

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### **LANDMARKS:**

#### **Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

Joyce Matz and Bonnie Williams co-chairing at F.I.T., 227 West 27th Street, Building "A", 8th Floor, Room A802

Agenda:

- **16 West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street**, application to install new storefront.
- **24 West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street**, application to legalize banner installed without Landmarks Preservation Commission's permit.
- **20 West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street**, application to renovate lobby, replace doors, ceilings and finishes, façade work and temporary construct fence.
- **670 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue**, application for renovation.
- **1501 Broadway (Paramount Building)**, application to change the interior signage.

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### **HUMAN SERVICES & YOUTH:**

- MEETING CANCELLED

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### **TRANSPORTATION/ENVIRONMENT:**

- MEETING CANCELLED

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## **LAND USE & ZONING:**

### **Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

Aaron Block and Meile Rockefeller co- chairing at F.I.T., 227 W. 27th St. Building "A", 8th Floor, Room A803

Agenda:

- Items to be announced.

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## **BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT:**

### **Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

Kyle Merker chairing at F.I.T., 227 W. 27th St. Building "A", 8th Floor, Room A803

Agenda:

- Discussion Items

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## **EXECUTIVE:**

### **Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m.**

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

- Presentation by Joel Roger, Conflict of Interest Board.

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## **PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE:**

### **Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

Vikki Barbero chairing F.I.T., 227 West 27th Street, "A" Building, 8th Floor, Rm. A802

Agenda:

- Items to be announced.

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## **CONSENTS & VARIANCES:**

### **Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**

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

Agenda:

- ***NY Persian Parade***, application for a street festival on 21<sup>st</sup> Street, between Madison and Fifth Avenues on Sunday, March 19, 2006
- ***World Outreach***, application for a block party on 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway, on Friday, August 5, 2005

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## **FULL BOARD MEETING:**

**Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**

Fashion Institute of Technology, 227 West 27<sup>th</sup> Street, "A"  
Building, 8<sup>th</sup> 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 May 2005 Minutes

Committee Reports:

Old Business/New Business:

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## **On Board!**

### **David Diamond – Chair of Community Board Five**

It seemed natural for *David Diamond* to get involved in an organization whose purpose is to help shape a vision for the neighborhood. In addition to his work with Community Board Five, David is a theatre consultant and career coach for theatre artists. As a career coach, David works with individual theatre artists assisting them in goal setting, strategizing and actively pursuing their chosen career. It was a logical step from helping individuals achieve their goals to helping the community achieve its goals.

His interest in New York City arts funding led David to first join the Board back in 1993. His first committee assignment was on the City Services and Budget Committee, which gave him the chance to learn how a community sets its budget priorities. That led to a broader interest in community issues. In the twelve years since then, David has taken on greater responsibilities on the Board, having assumed the role of Board Chair just one year ago, in June of 2004. When asked recently about his experience on the Board, David mentioned his enjoyment of "interacting with all the various people," from other Board members, to community members and elected officials. "I like getting all sides of an issue." He states that what interests him about his new role as Chair is the chance it gives him to have an overview of all the business before the Board, as well as the opportunity to work with each Committee Chair on the issues that come before them. "As Chair, I interact with a lot more people!"

Of the twelve Community Boards in Manhattan, David feels that what makes CB5 so unique is that "it covers the Central Business district of NYC, encompassing the city's biggest cultural

institutions, residential and commercial areas, and mixed-use locations.” While addressing the concerns of all interested parties isn’t impossible, David does believe that “one of the bigger challenges we face in Community Board Five is balancing the divergent needs of the many different constituents CB5 represents.”

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## Community Spotlight

### **The New York Organ Donor Network**



On any given day, there are 7,000 people on the organ transplant waiting list in our region. Many die waiting because no organs could be found in time. In addition, there are thousands

of people waiting for life-saving and life-improving tissues, such as corneas, skin, bone, and heart-valves. **The New York Organ Donor Network (NYODN)** is a nonprofit, federally designated organ procurement organization that serves the Greater New York metropolitan area. Of the 58 organ procurement organizations in the United States, NYODN is the second largest. In 1987, Congress passed the National Organ Transplant Act that mandated the establishment of the Organ Procurement Transplantation Network (OPTN) and Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients. The purpose of the OPTN is to improve the effectiveness of the nation's organ procurement, donation and transplantation system by increasing the availability of and access to donor organs for patients with end-stage organ failure. This is where the New York Organ Donor Network plays such a pivotal role - coordinating all organ and tissue donations in New York City and its surrounding counties, and by educating the general public and health care professionals about donation and transplantation. For more information on the services and programs offered by the NYODN, including how to become a donor, visit their website at [www.donatelifeny.org](http://www.donatelifeny.org)

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## City Agency Announcements

**Sanitation Loans Tools to Volunteers** – The Department of Sanitation loans tools to community groups that conduct neighborhood beautification programs in their areas. Brooms, shovels and rakes can be borrowed from DOS facilities for short-term loans and must be returned soon after clean-ups. Gloves and bags are also available and don't need to be returned. The first step is to call the program's director, Betty Leftridge, at 212.410.8834, and provide the following information:

- Name of group and complete mailing address
- Name and phone number of contact person
- Date and location of clean-up

- Number of participants

The Department's tool depots are open April through October, on Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 8:00am and 2:00pm. In Manhattan the location is **Lot Cleaning Division, 177 East 123<sup>rd</sup> St** (b/w Third and Lexington), and the phone number is 212.410.8834/35.

**Hot Time in the City!** – Hot weather can cause very serious illness, particularly among older people and people with medical conditions. Hot weather can cause you to sweat too much or it can stop the body from sweating. These conditions are called heat stress and can be dangerous. Some signs of heat stress are nausea, dizziness, weakness, muscle cramps, pale and clammy skin, a throbbing headache, or disorientation. The following are steps you can take to prevent heat stress:

- Avoid strenuous activity
- Drink plenty of fluids such as water and fruit juice. Avoid caffeine and alcohol
- Keep rooms well ventilated and close blinds or draperies to keep sun out
- Wear lightweight, light colored, loose fitting clothing

NYC has established **Cooling Centers** – public places where you can stay cool during the day. To find out where the nearest **Cooling Center** is call 311 (TTY users use 212.442.3079) For more information on heat stress and tips for staying cool, call con Edison's EnergyLine at 1.800.609.4488

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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: Det. Mike Petrillo at 212-741-8226
- **13th Precinct** - Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. Contact: P.O. Scott Kimmins 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 spread sheet listing this month's applicants. If you have any questions regarding this list, please call the office or email [cindy@cb5manhattan.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@cb5manhattan.org). To be considered for publication events must be free and open to the public.

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