



THE MANHATTAN MIDTOWN

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COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE

Dear Friends –

Most folks may be thinking about summer but here at Community Board Five we're not slowing down. In fact, June will be one of our busiest months of the year so far. On Monday, June 1st, at our **Parks Committee** meeting, we will be having a public discussion of potential uses for the restored Pavilion in Union Square Park. Two nights later, on June 3rd, our **Land Use and Zoning** (LUZ) Committee will be reviewing the Hines/MoMA project, the hotly debated tower proposed for the slim vacant space beside the Museum of Modern Art on 53rd b/t 5th and 6th. Immediately following that discussion, LUZ will take up a plan to add-on a new and transparent connecting building to FIT's midblock "C" Building, potentially transforming a street that for years has been virtually nothing but a brick wall. As always, you are welcome to join us at all these meetings. Check out details at our website, www.cb5.org.

Then this summer, release it all at a free yoga class in a park or street in our district (see below).

Sincerely,
Wally Rubin
District Manager

Community News and Events

Om Shanti - Celebrate the start of summer in the most relaxing way you can – practice some yoga right in the heart of the Crossroads of the World, the center of Midtown!! **The Times Square Alliance** celebrates the Winter Solstice in grand style – the world renowned New Year's Eve celebration. Now, they want to give equal time to summer. Celebrate the first day of summer with some comfort for the soul, a free yoga class! On Sunday, June 21, roll out your mat with hundreds of others and show the world that NYC knows how to slow down. For information on this unique experience, visit the [Times Square Alliance website](#).



Art All Around Town - Now that the weather is getting warmer, everyone starts looking for outdoor activities. **CBS** is lucky to be home to one of the most beautiful green spaces in NYC – **Bryant Park**. On a daily basis, the *Reading Room at Bryant Park* hosts all manner of free events, from readings to lectures, to singing events. Coming up in June, satirist Christopher Buckley reads from his



memoir, and celebrity chef Tom Colicchio (host of t.v.'s **Top Chef**) talks about the perfect sandwich! For a full schedule of events and times, visit the [Bryant Park website](#).



Run On! - They say that **Central Park** is NYC's backyard. And as happens in warm weather, people plan outdoor events in their backyard and Central Park gets busy. June is the unofficial start of the running season in NYC, when thousands of runners begin their pilgrimage to run to, in and around Olmstead's masterpiece, and 5000 runners careening through the streets in and around midtown can make for a traffic meltdown on the weekend. Keep abreast of the dates of races taking place in Central Park so you can plan your travels through midtown by clicking on the [New York Road Runners website](#) for calendar listings of all races that are happening in the Park this summer. Hey, you might even want to register and run!



Fun and Free! - It might be under construction, but **Union Square Park** is as busy as ever this summer with myriad programming for all ages. Beginning on June 16th, free fitness classes will be offered each Thursday morning, including yoga, fitness boot camp and low-impact cardio. And rock out this summer to the sounds of musicians of all genres from NYC and beyond. For a complete listing of events visit the [Union](#)

[Square Partnership website](#) and enjoy the outdoors!

City Agency Announcements

Taken For A Ride - Hope may spring eternal, but this spring hope has run out. Effective June 28th, the new base fare for a single ride **Metrocard** will be \$2.25, and a monthly will cost you \$89. Cards purchased prior to the switch can still be used, but beginning at 12:01 a.m. on June 28, 2009, the higher fare will be deducted. To get the full value of a **MetroCard** purchased prior to June 28, you must begin using the card on or before July 6. All this and lack of air-conditioning, too. Sigh. For more information on fare increases visit the [MTA website](#).



He Who Opens a School Door, Closes A Prison - For all there



is in NYC, sometimes there just isn't enough. Here in Midtown, with continued building and conversion of residential living spaces, municipal services often fail to keep up with the influx of new residents who use them, and schools are particularly needed in the district. So much so that CB5's

Health, Human Services & Youth committee sponsored a *New School Forum* in January to discuss the issue. The **Department of Education** (DOE) has unveiled a new section to their website called *Changes to Our Schools* that provides key information about the need for new school development. Based on conversations with Community Education Councils, District Leadership Teams and community leaders, the **DOE** has made preliminary assessments of need for neighborhoods throughout the city. As the year moves forward, conversations will continue with parents, elected officials, and **DOE** staff. To view the assessments for the Midtown area and your neighborhood, visit the [DOE website](#).

Parking Calendar

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



Sorry, no day on which alternate side is *officially* suspended.

Changes occur often, so call 311 for daily updates. For more information on Parking Regulations, visit the [DOT Parking Calendar](#) at www.nyc.gov.

Precinct Community Council Meetings

Each month local Police Precincts hold **Community Council Meetings** where community members can voice their concerns on 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, 119 9th Avenue, Hudson Guild Senior Center.
Contact: Det. Mike Petrillo at 212-741-8226
- **13th Precinct** - Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm, 230 East 21st St.
Contact: P.O. Mike Hnatko at 212-477-7427

- **Midtown North Precinct** - Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm, 427 West 47th St.
Contact: Det. Stephen Giaco or Det. Diane Menig at 212-767-8447
- **Midtown South Precinct** - Every 3rd Thursday at 7pm at the Hotel New Yorker, 8th Avenue and 34th St.
Contact: Det. Adam D'Amico at 212-239-9846

Liquor License Applicants

[Click here](#) to be taken to the CB5 website for information on Liquor License applicants.

If you have any questions regarding this list, please call the office or email office@cb5.org.

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