

# THE MANHATTAN MIDTOWN

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## COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE

Dear Friends –

Can't get away this summer? There is no better time to get good seats and go to the theatre than around the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. With everyone else out of town, it's your shot to snag a ticket on Broadway or off (and now you can see a show and still while away an hour on a beach chair, right on Broadway, without all that bothersome sand between your toes!). If cost is a factor, get ye to Central Park for "Twelfth Night" at the Delacorte, where Anne Hathaway, Audra McDonald, Julie White and Raul Esparza will, I assure you, make you merry.

Of course, there are also the movies in Bryant Park (details below). A wealth of entertainment possibilities is, as always, yours for the asking right here in Community Board Five.

Sincerely,  
Wally Rubin  
District Manager

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## Community News and Events



### **Speak For The Trees! - MillionTreesNYC**

**(MTNYC)** is a citywide, public-private initiative with a goal of planting **and caring** for one million new trees across the city's five boroughs by 2017. To date, **MillionTreesNYC** has planted more than 220,000 trees since its launch, including more than 30,000 street trees, 2,776 of those in Manhattan. In order to

keep those new trees healthy and happy, **MTNYC** will be offering stewardship workshops to train neighborhood groups, block associations and individuals in the care and maintenance of newly planted trees. Attendees will learn how to identify trees in their neighborhood, support the trees' healthy growth, and track their activities with the **MillionTreesNYC Adopt-a-Tree website**. They'll also receive free tools! A workshop is scheduled in Manhattan for **Wednesday, July 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the** Department of Parks and Recreation, The Arsenal, 830 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. For the latest workshop schedule and upcoming events visit [www.milliontreesnyc.org](http://www.milliontreesnyc.org)

**Don't Be A Grouch** - 8 million people in NYC means a lot of trash. And while there are trash baskets all around Midtown, after a while they just get overwhelmed. Ever take a look at one after the lunch rush? The **NYC Department of Sanitation** offers the **Sponsor-a-Basket** program through which sponsors can fund "high-end" litter baskets in their neighborhoods when the old ones just can't handle the load any longer. Interested parties – either individuals or organizations – must first contact Sanitation's **Office of Community Affairs** by email at [alafe@dsny.nyc.gov](mailto:alafe@dsny.nyc.gov) or by calling (646) 885-4503, for information on how to submit a request to sponsor a new basket.



**8<sup>th</sup> Avenue We Hardly Knew Ya** -

The Midtown fashion scene is expanding! No longer just relegated to Fashion Avenue, fashion, design, and visual arts are moving westward and strutting their stuff along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. **The Times Square Alliance** and **the Fashion Center Business Improvement District** have launched **BLANK SL8** (*Blank Slate*), a new retail showcase that will feature rotating exhibitions and displays created by New York-based artists and designers. With our very own Public Member Don Blakeney as one of its organizers, this groundbreaking collaboration is located on the corner of Eighth Avenue and West 41st Street. So stroll down 8<sup>th</sup> and let your creative side be inspired!



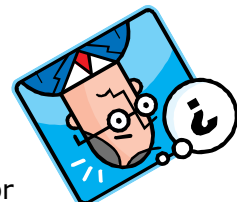
**It's Baaaaaack!** – The rain and cooler temperatures may not be letting up, but outdoor movie season has begun nonetheless!!! Bryant Park has kicked off the yearly ritual on June 15<sup>th</sup> with a showing of **The Sting**, that classic of perfect for NYC! The with such films as and **The Defiant** August with **Close Third Kind**. You advance order for **'witchcraft** kiosk in the park! So bring a blanket, a few friends and enjoy midtown in a whole new way! For a complete listing, as well as guidelines for the festival, visit the **Bryant Park website**.




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## City Agency Announcements

**Well. . . Now What?** - A question to all those students in Midtown: what are you doing this summer? If you're looking for real-world experience in city government, the **NYC Summer Internship Program** is just the thing. Each summer, NYC offers numerous internships for



graduate and undergraduate students in various city agencies, from the FDNY to City Planning to the Mayor's Office, giving students the chance to see the inner workings of government and take part in initiatives that can affect ever-developing Midtown. Interested applicants must be currently enrolled in a program of study. For more information and a listing of participating city agencies, [visit the NYC Summer Internship website](#).

**It's OK To Let Go** - New Yorkers may not have a lot of room, but they can sure have a lot of stuff! So much so,



that they often rent additional space just so they have someplace to put the stuff! Well, at a certain point, maybe you just need to get rid of the stuff. Sure, you can leave your stuff in the lobby of your building as an 'offering,' but there must be a better way. Now, you can offer your stuff up on the **NYC Stuff Exchange**, a website devoted to donating, buying, selling, renting and repairing stuff. You can search for stuff right here in Midtown using your zip code or a particular vendor name. Or you can search

citywide for places to donate, buy or sell. But be careful with the buying part, because, well, then you'll just have more stuff. [Click here to take a peek at the NYC Stuff Exchange!](#)

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## Parking Calendar

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



### July 4 - Independence Day

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

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## 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> St.  
Contact: P.O. Mike Hnatko at 212-477-7427
- **Midtown North Precinct** - Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm, 427 West 47<sup>th</sup> 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, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 34<sup>th</sup> St.  
Contact: Det. Adam D'Amico at 212-239-9846

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## 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](mailto:office@cb5.org).

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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.

