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COMMUNITY BOARD FIVE

Dear Friends –

On Tuesday, October 19th at 12 Noon there will be a **Rally to Save American Manufacturing Jobs** at the Button and Needle, otherwise known as 7th Avenue and 39th Street.

The main focus of the rally will be on the national need for the preservation and creation of manufacturing jobs, using the Garment Center as a microcosm of other domestic industries.

Among the speakers lined up so far: Arianna Huffington of the Huffington Post, Ohio Congressman Tim Ryan, who is co-chair of the Congressional Manufacturing Caucus, and Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer.

The Garment Center is smack dab in the heart of our district. As this recession awakes us to the vital role manufacturing must play for us to have a healthy, well-rounded economy, what better time to join this rally and show your support for keeping and growing manufacturing jobs in our own district?

Come join us on Tuesday, October 19th – meet'cha at the Button!

Sincerely,
Wally Rubin
District Manager

News and Events

There's Lots To Look At! - It seems everywhere you look in NYC, there's something to catch the eye – and not just **The Naked Cowboy**. The architecture that surrounds us is world-class, including stellar examples of



Gothic Revival, Art Deco, Beaux Arts, and the International Style. They serve as a wonderful reminder of NYC's glorious past. But how do they figure into NYC's fabulous future? **The Municipal Art Society of New York and Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation** are sponsoring a conference to address how to insure NYC's great old buildings survive and thrive in the 21st Century. Questions such as, can old buildings help make New York a more sustainable city? How will climate change affect the city's historic buildings and neighborhoods? And how can we make the city's landmarks more energy efficient? The all-day **Conference on Preservation and Climate Change in New York City** will take place on Saturday, October 16th, and will be kicked off by an opening lecture and reception on **October 15th**, and be followed by special tours on **October 17th**, including **Going Green in the Flatiron District**. For a more detailed agenda and to register, [visit the Municipal Art Society website](#).

Now's Your Chance - You see it all over the place as you walk down the street – soaring architecture and delightful design. But wouldn't you like to do a bit more than just look at it from a distance? Well, get out your inner aesthete and mark your calendars for the **8th Annual**



openhousenewyork, a weekend of talks, tours, performances and workshops all centered around NYC's rich environment of architecture and design. Concerts and dance performances set against, and inspired by, the dramatic architecture, sculpture and landscape of New York City will take place throughout the weekend. In addition, tours of famous and soon-to-be famous sites will take visitors through the past and future of NYC architecture, including sites in Midtown: *The Chrysler Building*, 240 Central Park South at 59th St, 16 West 21st Street in Chelsea, and 330 West 38th in the Garment District! And to gild the lily, **all events are FREE!** For information on schedules, sites and reservations, visit [openhousenewyork](#).

Make Some Noise! – **Community Board Five** is looking for youth to become part of their first ever **Youth Council!** A Youth Council is made up of middle and high school students who meet once a week to identify issues of importance and directly affect change in their communities. Not only do students learn about the political process and how it can be used to better their communities, but they also gain firsthand experience with grassroots efforts and may also fill their community service requirements. In the face of budget cuts, many after school programs are disappearing. This is an opportunity to create a youth infrastructure that does not depend on the ebbs and flows of the city budget. Meetings will be held every Thursday at 5p at **NYU's Silver Center, 62 Waverly**



Place, Room 504. Meetings began in September, but it's not too late to join! If you know a young person between the ages of 14 and 21 who'd love to have their voice heard, contact Chester Arthur at chester@transformamerica.org or call or text 646.918.4616.

Bartering Is Alive And Well In NYC! – Did you ever think that shoveling snow could help you learn a language? Or walking a dog could get your apartment painted? Well, NYC is bringing bartering back into vogue! **TimeBanksNYC** is a free service exchange program offered by the city that lets you trade your skills for services from your neighbors. The concept is simple: donate your time and skills to someone and earn



a credit, which you then “cash in” to obtain services from someone else. Donate piano lessons and find someone to walk your dog! All kinds of services are on offer in the exchange, from office support and workshops to wellness services and errands. No limits on imagination! It takes a moment to register and there are no

minimums of time that you need to donate, simply do as much or as little as you like. Intriguing, no? For more information, visit the **TimeBanksNYC** website, and start cashing in!

Help For The Vulnerable - October is **Domestic Violence Awareness Month.**

Last year, there were 61 family related homicides in NYC; police responded to over 250,000 domestic violence incidents; and more than 2100 people sought emergency shelter beds due to family violence. The **Manhattan District Attorney's Office** has established the **Special Victims Bureau**, to more fully



integrate the services provided by their *Sex Crimes Unit, Elder Abuse Unit, and Family Violence and Child Abuse Bureaus*. The consolidation of resources into one bureau ensures greater support for victims. These offices will also be working in greater physical proximity to one another, located within the *Special Victims Center* at the DA's office, which will have dedicated space to cater to the needs of victims, along with interview rooms and counseling services. There are a number of ways you can help a victim of domestic violence: donate old cell phones to any Verizon Wireless location and they will be reprogrammed to 911 and given to domestic violence victims ([several locations right here in Midtown](#)); businesses can display informational posters for their shops by calling the Mayor's Office at (212) 788-3156; you can even [volunteer your time](#) in one of the city's domestic violence centers. The more you know, the more you can help those in need.

An Arts Extravaganza! - The Fashion Center BID is hosting the **6th Annual Fashion District Arts Festival**, a



district-wide celebration of the artists, crafters, galleries, and

theatres that populate the neighborhood. From October 14th through October 16th, you can take a behind-the-scenes peek into artist's studios, take a dance workshop, enjoy an outdoor concert, or wander through one of the many galleries in the district. Events are at different times during the day, lasting from a few hours to all day, so you can meander your way through an aesthetic wonderland of the creative arts! For more information, as well as a schedule of events, visit the [Fashion Center BID website](#).



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; Det. Joe Bunster 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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