



Community Board Six Manhattan

District News and Events

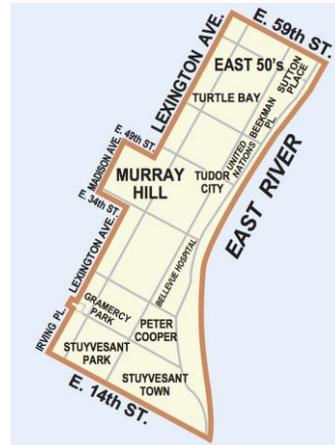
Reminder: Update on East 58th St. Water Main *Tonight*

NYC Department of Design and Construction will give a detailed update on the installation of the water main at E. 58th St., as part of the 3rd Water Tunnel project, at tonight's meeting of the Public Safety, Environment and Transportation Committee. NYU Medical Center, 550 First Avenue, NY, NY 10016, Coles 101, from 7 - 9 PM.

Visit our Project page for more about the [Third Water Tunnel](#). For more about the meeting, and other committee meetings this month, visit [our calendar page](#).



Photo collection of health and personal



CB 6 District Map

Upcoming CB6 Committee Meetings

Meetings are subject to change, please visit [our calendar page](#) for updates.

**Public Safety,
Environment and
Transportation
Committee**
Monday, 10/7

**Housing,
Homeless &
Human Rights
Committee**
Tuesday, 10/08

care resources in Murray Hill, Kips Bay, and Tudor City [at our Facebook page](#).

News

Nighttime Street Asphalt Grinding in CB6

Starting on or about Monday, October 7, NYC Dept. of Design & Construction will begin milling the top layer of street asphalt on a number of streets in Community Boards 4, 5 and 6. The work will take place Mondays through Fridays, between the hours of 7 PM and 5 AM. Streets will include East 31st, 33rd, 41st, 42nd, 50th and 41st Streets and Mitchell and Beekman Places. [See the schedule here](#). According to [DDC](#): "Much of the work is done at night in order to minimize disruptions to traffic. Although DOT takes steps to minimize the inconvenience, milling requires trucks, special machinery and portable lights. To minimize disruption, machinery is fitted with noise reduction equipment and crews attempt to keep noise to a minimum." For more information see the NYC DOT [Streetworks Manual](#).

Preview of Proposed Public Plaza at 616-626 First Avenue

Developers of 616-626 First Avenue gave a presentation on September 30 on the public plaza they plan to build alongside their two proposed luxury rental towers. They are scheduled to open in early 2016 at the intersection of the FDR Drive and 36th Street. [See the presentation about the plaza](#) on our

Budget & Governmental Affairs Committee

Wednesday, 10/09

Full Board Meeting

Wednesday, 10/09

Youth & Education Committee

Tuesday, 10/15

Executive Committee

Wednesday, 10/16

Health, Senior & Disability Issues Committee

Tuesday, 10/22

Business Affairs & Street Activities Committee

Thursday, 10/24



Important Links

[NYC Street Closure Map](#)

[311 Service Request Map](#)

website.

[NYC Schools
Calendar](#)

Discolored Water Reported as New Water Mains Activated

On Friday, Oct. 4, NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection staff began operating the trunk water main valves that were recently installed along E. 59th Street between 1st and 3rd Avenues. Some residents reported discolored water. This is caused by sediment in some of the distribution mains stirred up by changes in the water pressure. According to DEP staff, this is only an aesthetic problem and does not pose any health risk. DEP will be opening hydrants to flush the mains. If you do experience discolored water in your faucet, please let it run for a few minutes until the water becomes clear and cold.

East Midtown Rezoning Proposal Headed to City Council

A group of politicians, advocates and community board members [gathered outside City Hall last week](#) in opposition to the Bloomberg Administration plan that would rezone a 73-block swath of East Midtown to make way for newer, larger skyscrapers. The proposal was approved by the City Planning Commission and now awaits a vote by the City Council by the end of November. Here's [more about the proposal](#), which is being actively contested by Manhattan Community Boards One, Four, Five and Six.

P.S. 281, the River School, opens on East 35th Street

Chancellor Dennis Walcott and local officials held a [ribbon cutting ceremony for the new, state of the art building on September 25](#). Board Chair Sandro Sherrod and Youth & Education Committee Chair Maxine McIntosh represented CB 6. It opened on September 9 to serve 640 students in grades pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, as well as special education students at P.S. 94. It will serve students in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade by adding one grade level each year. The new building, located at 425 East 35th Street will address a need for elementary seats in the neighborhoods of Kips Bay, Murray Hill, and Tudor City.

Gramercy Park Block Association featured

Arlene Harrison, head of the [Gramercy Park Block Association](#), was profiled in [this month's issue](#) of Scene Magazine. GPBA recently completed a back to school drive, benefiting children from homeless shelters. This spring, it oversaw the redesign of Gramercy Park's flower beds.

East Midtown visioning report in the works

At a series of workshops on envisioning use of open space in East Midtown, participants expressed the desire for streets to both allow pedestrians to move quickly from point A to B, and also to enable socializing or sitting quietly. Publication of a comprehensive [visioning report for East Midtown's public realm](#) is expected shortly.

At Dag Hammar skjold Plaza Greenmarket

[The market is open Wednesdays year round](#) from 8 AM - 4 PM, on E. 47th St. and 2nd Avenue. Amidst the vast array of fruit and vegetables, shoppers can also find sustainably raised meats, fresh and smoked fish, artisanal cheeses, and baked goods.

Drop off organic wastes as well as clothing & textiles at the greenmarket, from 8 AM - 3 PM. See NYC [recycling guidelines](#) and [composting information](#).

NYC steps up organic waste recycling program

Aiming to double the city's recycling rate to 30% by 2017, the city has followed last spring's expansion of recycling for all rigid plastics by [boosting organic waste recycling efforts](#). Food scraps, paper towels and napkins, yard waste and the like makes up over 35 % of NYC's residential waste stream. After starting as a pilot project in 90 public schools, the organic waste recycling program is now being tested in two Manhattan high-rise developments. Apartment buildings with 10 units or more can sign up for on-site collection of electronics, clothing and textiles. Dept. of Sanitation officials said that last year, it cost taxpayers \$336 million to deposit NYC residential waste in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina landfills. It costs \$86 per ton to send paper to a landfill, and only \$10 per ton to recycle it. Metal, glass and plastic are also cheaper to recycle than bury. Drop-off sites for organic waste, clothing and textiles exist at 26 of the city's Greenmarkets. [More about NYC recycling programs here](#).

Flatiron Walking Tours

Each Sunday at 11 AM the Flatiron BID offers a free, historic walking [tour](#) of the neighborhood. The tour lasts 90 minutes and takes place rain or shine.

Apartments are now being listed at [Halcyon](#), the new luxury tower on East 51st Street.

Events

October Workshops at Baruch Small Business Development Center

Baruch SBDC offers free workshops year-round geared towards both start-ups and established businesses at 55 Lexington Ave. (at 24th Street), Suite 2-140. Click here for [more information and to register](#).

Identifying needs and finding resources for your startup business - Mon. Oct. 7

Basic principles of marketing - Wed. Oct. 9

Managing your company's finances - Wed., Oct. 16

Financing your social enterprise, Mon. Oct. 21

Planning the project plan and launch of your new business - Thurs. Oct. 24

Business plan basics - Mon. Oct. 28

Forum on Federal Health Care Reform, Tues., Oct. 8

Moderated by NYS Senator Liz Krueger, and co-sponsored by area elected

officials and CB 6. The health plan marketplace is changing - find out if you're eligible to enroll in new, affordable health insurance plans. 6 - 8 PM, at Lighthouse International, 111 E. 59th St. [More details here.](#) RSVP [online.](#)

Senator Liz Krueger's 7th Annual Senior Resource Fair, Thurs. Oct. 17, 2 - 5 PM

Temple Emanu-El, 1 East 65th St. at Fifth Ave. [More information.](#) Over fifty exhibitors, no charge to attend. Contact alicefisher@gmail.com or call 212.490.9535

East Midtown Partnership Networking Event, Tues. Oct. 22

Meet business and residential neighbors on the evening of Tuesday, October 22, for the next Social Stop. This free informal networking event will kick off at 5:30 PM at Anassa Taverna at 200 East 60th Street on Third Avenue. For more details, [click here.](#)

Medicare Rights Town Hall, Wednesday, October 30

Hosted by [Assemblymember Richard Gottfried.](#) The [Medicare Rights Center](#) will be discussing enrollment awareness, changes to Medicare's 2014 program, and Medicare Savings Programs and Extra Help for the Part D Prescription Drug Benefit. Newman Conference Center at Baruch College, 151 East 25th Street, 6:30 PM. Contact 212-807-7900.

Halloween tours of haunted Stuyvesant Cove Park

Solar One will offer free guided tours of Stuyvesant Cove Park, [which will be temporarily haunted](#), and will feature a haunted graveyard and laboratory, with witches surrounding a smoky cauldron and sea creatures emerging from the East River. The tours will run from 5 to 8 PM on Oct. 31 and will be suitable for children ages 5 and up. Tours will start at the 20th St. and Ave. C.
