



Community Board Six Manhattan

District News and Events



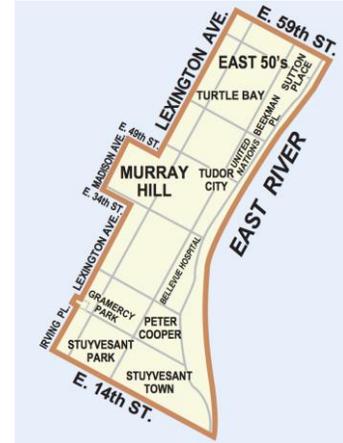
Mayor Bloomberg, Deputy Mayor Holloway and DEP Commissioner Strickland activated the final stage of Water Tunnel No. 3 in Manhattan.

In this newsletter: news, area events from Oct. 26 - 31, and services

News

Third Water Tunnel begins operation

The Third Water Tunnel, first mapped out in 1950, provides a third route for water to travel from reservoirs in the Catskill Mountains upstate to New York City, a critical valve engineers say is necessary in case Water Tunnel Number One, the only operational tunnel, fails. "Until today, if there was ever a major failure of Water Tunnel Number One, the potential for public safety consequences in Manhattan could have been really



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, 11/04

**Land Use and
Waterfront
Committee**
Wednesday, 11/06

**Budget and
Governmental
Affairs**

grim," Bloomberg said. The city's only operational water tunnel has not been inspected since 1917, when it was completed. "If we were to lose one of the tunnels without backup, that part of the city would be uninhabitable," Bloomberg said. Last week he and other officials activated the final stage of the tunnel, which is 8.5 miles long and cost \$1.1 billion to construct.

The next step is to complete the tunnel running through Brooklyn and Queens, a project that is expected to be complete in 2021. "Today, the city faces another water crisis," said Cas Holloway, the deputy mayor for operations. "The seas are warming and sea levels are rising, threatening our coastal city... So, as we mark this major milestone in the city's history, it's worth noting that we are far from finished."

East Midtown Public Realm Vision Report Released

After a three month collaboration among city agencies, consultants and local stakeholders, the final Places for People East Midtown Public Realm Vision report is now available. It proposes projects and guidelines for enhancing public spaces in the area.

East Midtown Rezoning goes down to the wire

The Bloomberg administration is scrambling for City Council support for its plan to re-zone a 73-block area and clear the way for a new generation of skyscrapers, the New York Times reports.

Queens Midtown Tunnel Partly Closed this Weekend

One tube of the Queens Midtown Tunnel will be closed for repairs from 1 AM, Sat. Oct. 26 - 5 AM, Mon. Oct. 28. The downtown Manhattan exit ramp will be closed starting 7 PM on Friday. Motorists are advised to expect delays and use an alternate route into Manhattan.

Asser Levy Place is being turned into a playground. The street will close for work on Oct. 28.

Parking-Protected Bike Path on 2nd Avenue from

Committee

No meeting this month

Housing, Homeless and Human Rights Committee

Tuesday, 11/12

Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs Committee

Tuesday, 11/12

Full Board Meeting

Wednesday, 11/13

Health and Education Committee

Tuesday, 11/19

Executive Committee

Wednesday, 11/20

Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee

Thursday, 11/21



Important Links

[NYC Street](#)

23rd Street to 14th Street

NYC DOT is installing a Parking-Protected Bicycle Path on 2nd Avenue between 23rd Street to 14th Street. The path is intended to create safer pedestrian crossings, increase safety for all road users, and maintain vehicular traffic capacity. The work is scheduled to begin on October 25th. Painted pedestrian islands will be added to shorten crossing distance and improve safety at approximately 13 locations. Sign up for NYC DOT [updates here](#).

[Closure Map](#)

[311 Service Request Map](#)

[NYC Schools Calendar](#)

Area Events

Halloween Open House at Turtle Bay Music School, Sat. Oct. 26

Free family event. [RSVP and more information here](#).
Noon to 3 PM.

Kips Bay Neighborhood Alliance Fall Bulb Planting, Sun. Oct. 27 & Sat. Nov. 2

Join the KBNA gardening crew at 9 AM on both days at Second Avenue and 33rd St., for planting of bulbs in Second Ave. tree beds from 23rd to 34th Streets.

NYPD 17th Precinct Community Council Meeting, Tues., October 29, 6 PM

Share your concerns about area safety and quality of life. Sutton Place Synagogue, 225 East 51st Street. [More NYPD information here](#).

Medicare Open Enrollment Forum, October 30 & November 13

Oct. 30, 6:30 - 8 PM, Newman Center, Baruch College, 151 East 25th St.
Nov. 13, 6 - 8 PM, Hudson Guild, 441 West 26th Street.

Co-sponsored by: State Senators Brad Hoylman & Liz Krueger; Assembly Members Richard Gottfried & Brian Kavanagh; Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer; Councilmembers Dan Garodnick, Rosie Mendez, & Christine Quinn; and Community Boards 4, 5, & 6.

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. The Medicare open enrollment period is running from October 15 to December 7, 2013. For more information on these events: 212-807-7900. For questions regarding Medicare, please call 800-333-4114 or visit www.MedicareRights.org.

Free Breakfast Energy Workshop for small businesses and nonprofits, Wed., Oct. 30

Find out how to get a free energy assessment for your small businesses and nonprofit facility. Staff from NYSERDA, Con Ed and Empire Clean Cities will explain how to identify energy savings opportunities and use incentives to offset the cost of an energy efficiency project, and save thousands of dollars on energy bills. Discounts of up to 70% on building energy efficiency upgrades are available. A following session for lenders will focus on using NYSERDA's low-interest loan products. [Click here](#) for more information and to pre-register. 8 – 9:30 AM, 3 West Club, 3 W 51st Street, NY, NY 10019

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.



Services

Where's the next bus? Find out with MTA Bus Time

MTA Bus Time uses global positioning system (GPS) hardware and wireless communications technology to track the real-time location of buses. Now you can use your computer, cell phone, smartphone or other tech device to find out when the next bus will arrive at your stop, even if you are still at home, or doing something else. MTA Bus Time can also be used on accessibility-friendly text-only desktop websites, and can use SMS text messaging on any mobile phone.

Quality of life problems in your neighborhood?

To help the police and other City agencies address quality of life problems in your neighborhood, please call 311 or 911. 311 complaints become part of the City's electronic record, and are routed to agency staff for action. More calls guarantee closer attention to the area. Enter 311 requests online at www.nyc.gov/311. Call 311 to report: litter, loitering, panhandling, overflowing garbage cans, missing trees, dirty or cracked sidewalks, or homelessness. Call 911 for emergencies, disorderly behavior or crimes in progress. Contact CB6 for a customized flyer to share with your neighbors.

Free street trees for NYC residents

NYRP and partners are giving away free trees, and showing how to plant and care for them. It's ideal for the empty sidewalk tree pit on your block. Oct. 27, Nov. 10, and Nov. 16 at East Harlem & Lower East Side locations.

Please contact the CB6 office with your questions and service requests.
