



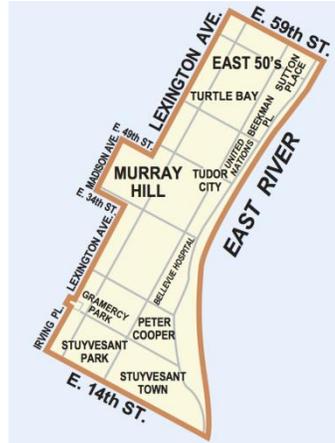
Community Board Six Manhattan

District News and Events



CB6 Board members Claude L. Winfield & Nick Smolney at Kips Bay Neighborhood Association's bulb planting event on Second Avenue, as photographed by Board member Molly Hollister. **More bulb planting photos on [our Facebook page](#).**

In this newsletter: news, area events, and services



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 Committee**
No meeting this month

Housing, Homeless

News

CB6 Board Members Testify at Council Hearing on East Midtown Rezoning

NYC Council held a hearing on the Mayor's proposed rezoning of East Midtown on October 22, and is [expected to vote on it](#) within the next month. Many stakeholders have come out against the plan, including Manhattan Community Boards 1, 4, 5 and 6. As CB6 [Board Chair Sandro Sherrod testified](#), the proposal doesn't address the district's current dire need for infrastructure improvements, let alone the even greater infrastructure upgrades that would be required for the rezoning and the new tenants and commuters it would attract. At that hearing, [CB6 Board Members Ellen Imbimbo, Terence O'Neal, Gene Santoro, Larry Scheyer and Kathy Thompson also testified](#). Several officials call for [delaying final action on the proposal until next year](#).

M15 Express Bus Stop at First Avenue and 29th Street to get Bus Bulb

[M15 SBS service](#) operates daily between South Ferry and 125th Street, making stops about every 10 blocks. The [Select Bus Service](#) - sometimes called Bus Rapid Transit - operates between 5 AM and 10 PM southbound and between 6 AM and 11 PM northbound on this route, while the local M15 bus service operates 24 hours a day. To use the high capacity SBS express buses, customers must pay their fare before they board at ticket vending machines at the bus stop. NYC Transit and DOT are constructing "bus bulbs" at 12 locations along First and Second Avenues. The bus bulbs are sidewalk extensions that create more room for waiting customers and allow the bus to

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 Closure Map](#)

[311 Service Request Map](#)

[NYC Schools Calendar](#)

stay in the bus lane without pulling to the curb. Construction of a bus bulb has begun at First Avenue and 29th Street.

Flood-proofing NYU Langone Medical Center

After being severely impacted by Hurricane Sandy, a brand-new emergency department is being built [with measures to protect against future storms](#). The 32-bed emergency facility will have three times its current capacity, be encircled with flood walls for protection and will have all important equipment moved to a higher level when it opens by April 2014.

Post-Sandy renovations at Solar One

A year after Solar One and Stuyvesant Cove Park was flooded, Solar One has replanted the park with thousands of hardy, saltwater-tolerant plants. [Plans for the Solar One building's eventual replacement](#) - Solar 2, a new state-of-the-art 8,000 square foot educational facility - have been significantly upgraded. The first floor has been raised 15' to allow storm surges to pass underneath, and the new design follows Passive House guidelines, creating the most energy efficient building possible. Solar 2 will be New York City's first fully resilient, LEED Platinum, energy positive, water reuse demonstration facility. Their new community solar initiative in central Brooklyn is organizing residents to purchase solar energy systems as a group.

Area Events

Make your building smoke free, Wed.

November 13, 6 - 8 PM

Although there is no safe level of second-hand smoke exposure, up to 70% of air is shared in multi-unit apartments. Cigarette smoke creeps in through pipes, vents, doors and outlets. Children who are exposed to secondhand smoke at home are more at risk for SIDS, asthma, ear and respiratory infections. A panel of experts will explain the benefits of smoke-free housing, and how buildings can adopt smoke-free housing policies. American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, 132 W. 32 St. Please RSVP to Tiffany Rivera at trivera@healthsolutions.org or call 646.672.2353. [Click here](#) for more information.

Free flu shots, Friday, November 15, 11 AM - 2 PM

Municipal Building, 1 Centre Street, 19th Floor South, NY, NY 10007. Sponsored by Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer and Visiting Nurse Service of New York; co-sponsored by all of Manhattan's Community Boards. RSVP to 212-669-8141 or rsvp@manhattanbp.org.

Roundtable for boomers & seniors, Nov. 21, 8:30 - 10 AM

A series of five monthly events, hosted by Senator Liz Krueger, which will look at issues around how we age physically, mentally, emotionally, creatively, and socially. Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 331 East 70th Street.

November 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](#).

Basic principles of marketing, Nov. 6
Operational views of cash flows, Nov. 14
Business plan basics, Nov. 18
Managing your company's finances, Nov. 20

November events at NYC Library Kips Bay Branch

Baby and toddler playtimes; chair yoga for seniors; Workforce 1 job recruitment events; Tuesday afternoon movies. No charge. 446 Third Ave. at E. 31st St. [More info here](#).

Free concerts at Turtle Bay Music School

Classical to contemporary works for violin on Nov. 15. Coming next month: a contemporary Columbian jazz ensemble on Dec. 6 and Handel's Messiah on Dec. 11. More [info here](#).



Services

Hailing a cab in the boroughs now

possible with Boro Taxi

In June, the NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission started issuing boro taxi licenses, which allow livery cab drivers and owners to legally pick up hailing passengers off the street in northern Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx and Staten Island. Boro taxis, also known as green cabs, will have many of the same features as yellow cabs. The metered rate will be the same for hailing passengers but those that are dispatched by a car service can offer a quoted fare.

[Click here](#) for more.

Responding to rats

Contact 311 or the CB6 office to report a problem with rats. Rats can be a property, block or neighborhood problem, requiring property owners, tenants, businesses and government to work together. To get the facts about rats in NYC, and find out what can be done about them, visit the NYC Department of Health [rat information resource page](#).

Get your Social Security information online

Do you need proof of your monthly Social Security income? Register for your [My Social Security account](#). This free, online service allows people who currently receive a monthly Social Security and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefit to obtain proof of income without having to visit their local Social Security office or call their national toll-free number. Due to budget constraints, mailings of annual Social Security earnings have ceased but the information is available online. Click here for more information [on creating an online account](#).

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. Nov. 10 and Nov. 16 at [East Harlem & Lower East Side locations](#).

Please [contact the CB6 office](#) with your questions and service requests.