



Community Board Six Manhattan

CB6 News, Meetings, Events and Services October 2015

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News

New City Housing Initiatives

As a key part of Mayor de Blasio's housing plan, Housing New York, the Department of City Planning has a proposal for a Mandatory Inclusionary

Housing program. It would increase the number of affordable housing units in new construction, and increase the number of units that will be permanently affordable. [Read more here](#). Zoning regulations are being updated to encourage affordability and improve the quality of new buildings. The new [Zoning for Quality and Affordability proposal](#) aims to address those issues.

Update on the Solow project



Developer Sheldon Solow [has filed plans](#) for a 770,000-square-foot tower on his lot at [685 First Avenue](#), which is at 39th Street just south of the United Nations. The project is slated to include 550 residential units, along with 10,000 square feet of commercial space and another 56,000 square feet of manufacturing space. Richard Meier & Partners is the architect of record. Solow bought the plot in 2005 from Consolidated Edison, along with an adjacent 3-acre plot for \$630 million in 2005.

Top Ten Scams Targeting Seniors

From the Office of the Manhattan District Attorney
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Be careful of scams!
The Elder Abuse Unit at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office helps prevent financial exploitation from crimes of physical abuse, emotional violence, financial exploitation, and neglect.
Anyone who believes that he or she may be or know a victim of elder abuse should call the Manhattan District Attorney's Office's Elder Abuse Hotline: 212-335-9007

Top Scams Targeting Seniors

LOTTERY: Victims are informed that they have won a lottery or some type of game that, and that they will need to make a payment to unlock their prize. Often, scammers will ask for credit card information or payment by phone.

BIL SPINETS: Prospectors target older Chinese victims, convincing them that they are cursed by evil spirits and offering to cure them by "charming" their valuable possessions, including cash and jewelry. The scammers then make off with the cash and jewelry.

FAMILY MEMBERS/AT HOME HEALTHCARE AIDES: According to the National Council on Aging, 30% of all reported crimes against seniors are committed by their own family members. Similarly, a high number of thefts, abuse, and scams are committed by aides hired to assist and care for seniors.

CHARITY: This scam involves phone solicitors who claim to represent a charitable organization, such as a global foundation or group supporting natural disaster victims, by accepting "donations" under false pretenses.

GRANDPARENT: Scammers will place a call to a senior. When the victim answers, they will say something along the lines of, "Hi, Grandma, do you know who this is?" Often the unsuspecting grandparent guesses a grandchild of theirs, the scammer has established a false identity, which they use to solicit money. In a similar version of this scam, perpetrators tell the victim that their grandchild has been arrested and they are unable to reach their parents to pay the bail. This scam requires a perpetrator with some inside knowledge of the victim's family.

GREEN DOT: A caller claims to be collecting a pass-alike bill, often from a utility company, the IRS, or an settlement for a car accident. Victims are threatened with the loss of utilities, possible incarceration, or prosecution if they don't make immediate payment using a Green Dot Money Mail or order product card.

HEALTHCARE/MEDICARE: Prospectors pose as an insurance representative offering retrograde services for seniors or research made direct. They provide their personal information. The scammers then use the information to submit a bill for false services and pocket the money.

DECEPTION BURGLARY: Scammers working in pairs impersonate utility or charitable workers conducting a safety check of water, electricity, or gas. Once inside the victim's home, one perpetrator distracts the victim while the other steals property.

INVESTMENT: From high-level Ponzi schemes to emails from far-away provinces that need help utilizing their funds, investment scams are broadly used and prominent in senior communities. They are generally perpetrated via phone, mail, and email.

HOMESWAP/REVERSE MORTGAGE: Prospectors involved in this predatory lending scam offer money or a free house renovation when in exchange for the title of a victim's property. Often these perpetrators don't own the home they offer to fix or pay, leaving victims of the scam homeless.

*See reverse side for tips to protect yourself and your loved ones from scams, abuse, and fraud

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[Office](#) helps protect senior citizens from crimes of physical abuse, domestic violence, financial exploitation, and neglect. Click on the flyer to enlarge it and see their list of the top ten scams targeting seniors, and security tips. Anyone who believes that he or she may be or know a victim of elder abuse or a scam should call the Manhattan District Attorney's Office's Elder Abuse Hotline: 212-335-9007.

East Side Coastal Resiliency Updates

The ESCR website is now available online at www.nyc.gov/escr. Community feedback on design alternatives for Stuyvesant Cove Park can be found in the most recent presentation, under the Progress/Meetings and Workshops tab. The ESCR Project is about 3/4 of the way through concept design, with construction anticipated to begin in mid-2017.

Grants for Neighborhood Projects

Resident-led volunteer groups can receive a grant of up to \$1,000 and City services for block beautification projects from Citizens Committee for NYC. [Apply here](#) by November 6. [Neighborhood grants](#) offer up to \$3,000 and are due January 25.

Update on the Park at One Sutton Place South

The park, originally [scheduled to open this fall](#), has been delayed. NYC Parks Department expects to begin construction in June 2016, with the new park open to the public in mid-2017.

New Report on Police-Community Relations

Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer has released [a report on improving police-community relations](#).

See what Manhattan looked like in 1609.

[The Welikia Project](#), formerly known as the Manahatta Project, uses

historical and satellite maps to create an [interactive map](#). Enter your address and go back in time.

Community Organization Profile



Friends of Art & Design (FAD) is an all-volunteer organization incorporated in 1994 as a 501 (c) 3 not for profit. It is dedicated to working with the students, faculty and administration of the High School of Art & Design to help achieve measurable success for students. The High School of Art & Design is a public high school with a commercial art focus located at 245 E 56 Street.

FAD is currently looking for new members to help out in the following ways: tutor students at FAD's Learning Center, provide internships or jobs, raise funds, generate publicity, donate art supplies, and make a tax-deductible contribution. [Donations to FAD](#) go towards: academic scholarships, college application fees, art and academic awards, gallery exhibitions, class trips. For more information about FAD, please visit <http://www.fadnyc.org/> and [FAD's facebook page](#), or [contact its president Alexandra Matusinka](#).

We'd like to feature your community neighborhood nonprofit in the CB6 newsletter

Please send us a paragraph that includes your mission, services projects, events, website and contact information. Here are our directories of [East Midtown civic groups](#), [houses of worship](#), and [libraries & schools](#).

Meetings and Events

Jazz Concert at St. Peter's Church, Sun. October 11

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Jazz Ministry at Saint Peter's Church, 619 Lexington Avenue (at East 54th Street), with the annual ["All Nite Soul"](#) on Sunday, October 11, from 5 PM on.

Urban Gardening Symposium, Wed. October 14

Manhattan [Borough President Gale Brewer](#) invites you to learn from an array of urban gardening experts. Museum of Natural History, 2 - 6 PM, no charge to attend. [RSVP here](#).

It's My Park Volunteer Day, Sat. October 17

Help clean up the park near you and meet some neighbors. Events include [Sutton Park](#), [Glick Park](#) East River Esplanade, [St. Vartan](#) Park, [MacArthur Park](#) at E. 49th Street and the FDR, and [Vincent Albano](#) Playground. For volunteer parks events around the city, [click here](#).

Open House NY, Sat. October 17

[Open House NY](#) (OHNY) is nonprofit that allows the public to visit often inaccessible examples of architecture, engineering and design;. As part of OHNY, the Manhattan Borough President's Office will set out a room size display of the 1820 [Randel map](#) of Manhattan.

Hurricane Sandy +3: Building Resilient Neighborhoods, Tuesday, October 20

Heat waves, hurricanes, fires, floods: A growing body of research shows that when such major disasters strike, neighborhoods with strong local networks of support endure them better and recover from them faster than communities that lack a sound social infrastructure. As the third

anniversary of Hurricane Sandy nears, join [Center for New York City Affairs](#) for a panel discussion with experts in the field of neighborhood recovery and climate change, and organizers from the most affected communities: Klaus Jacob, special research scientist at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory; Onleilove Alston, executive director of Faith in New York; Hugh Hogan, executive director of the North Star Fund; Daniel Zarrilli, director of the Mayor's Office of Recovery and Resiliency. Theresa Lang Community and Student Center, Arnold Hall, 55 West 13th Street, 2nd Floor, 9 - 11 AM. [Admission is free, click here to RSVP](#)

Senator Krueger's Ninth Annual Senior Resource Fair, October 22

2 to 5 PM, Temple Emanuel at 1 East 65th Street at 5th Avenue. Over 50 exhibitors, no charge to attend, no RSVP needed, light refreshments will be served. [Click here](#) for more information.

East Midtown Tree Census, Sat. October 24, 10 AM

Volunteers across the city are helping to map and inventory street trees, as part of NYC's third ever citywide street tree census. Meet at E. 43rd Street and 2nd Avenue at 10 AM on Oct. 24 to count trees with volunteers from CB6 and other groups, NYC Parks Dept. and your neighbors. [Details about this and other tree count events here.](#) See how much of each neighborhood [has been mapped](#). The event is free, no prior experience is necessary. Equipment will be provided; bring photo ID. Here's how to volunteer:

1. Visit the [TreesCount! 2015 website](#) and create an account (1 minute).
2. Confirm your account, and complete the brief online training and short quiz (1/2 hour)
3. [Sign up](#) to map with CB6 by clicking the RSVP button at this [link](#).

Trick-or-Treat with East Midtown Partnership, Friday, October 30

Children 12 and under and their families are invited to celebrate Halloween by gathering at 4 PM at Tramway Plaza (60th St and 2nd Ave) and Harman (527 Madison Ave, at 54th St) to check families in and to distribute trick-or-treat bags and maps listing participating businesses. Enjoy a special

Halloween film screening in the upstairs café at Whole Foods on East 57th Street. Contact [East Midtown Partnership](#) at 212-813-0030.

Stein Senior Center Community Health Fair, Wednesday, November 11

10 AM to 1:30 PM. 204 East 23rd St., NY NY 10010. Information tables and education sessions on health & wellness topics and community services including: banking, dental, fire safety, food, nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy, podiatry, yoga, and more. Organized by the Registered Nurses of NYC College of Technology (CUNY). <http://steinseniorcenter.org/>

Police Precinct Community Council Meetings in October and November

The [13th Precinct](#) Community Council meets on the first Tuesday of the month. The next one will be November 3, at 6:30 PM, at 230 East 21st Street, between 2nd and 3rd Avenues. There will be no meeting in December.

The [17th Precinct](#) Community Council will next meet on October 27 and November 24 - at 6 PM at Sutton Place Synagogue, 225 E. 51st St. There will be no meeting in December.

Other Events

Click [here for the schedule](#) of free business and employment workshops at the Science Industry & Business Library (SIBL). [SIBL](#) is located at 188 Madison Ave. at 34th St.

The Karpas Health Information Center at Mount Sinai Beth Israel [offers many events](#).

Services

Securing Steel Plates in NYC Street Repair Projects

During street repair projects, deep trenches often have to be covered by steel plates. Unless properly secured, the plates can make quite noise when traffic passes over them. [Contact CB6](#) to report unusual overnight noise from these projects. According to NYC Dept. of Design & Construction, these are the NYC Dept. of Transportation regulations for securing plates:

1. All plating and decking installed by the permittee shall be made safe for vehicles and/or pedestrians and shall be adequate to carry the load.
2. The size of the plate or decking must extend a minimum of 12 inches beyond the edge of the trench, be firmly placed to prevent rocking, and be sufficiently ramped, covering all edges of the steel plates to provide smooth riding and safe condition.
3. All plating and decking shall be fastened by splicing, spiking, pinning, countersinking or otherwise protected to prevent movement. When the plates are removed all pins and spikes must be removed and the holes must be filled with a fine asphalt concrete mix.
4. Where deflection is more than 3/4", heavier sections of plates or decking or intermediate supports shall be installed.
5. All permittees who install plating and decking during the winter moratorium, as determined by the Department, shall post signs at the site indicating "Steel Plates Ahead" or "Raise Plow" and countersink said plates flush to the level of the roadway. All signs shall comply with all applicable requirements pursuant to §2-01.1 of these rules. These signs shall be placed on the sidewalk, adjacent to the curb, facing vehicle traffic five feet prior to the plates. On two-way streets, signs shall be placed on both sides of the street five feet prior to the plates.

NYC Parks Department Recreation Centers within CB6

[Asser Levy Recreation Center](#) at 23rd St. and the FDR posts its [schedule of activities](#), and its [indoor pool](#) is now open. The [54th St. Recreation Center](#) between 1st and 2nd Avenue also posts its [schedule of activities](#) and [indoor pool hours](#). [Click here](#) for more about Parks programs.

Find City Officials Online

Thanks to Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer for calling our attention to the latest edition of NYC [on-line Green Book](#). Find [elected officials serving CB6 here](#).

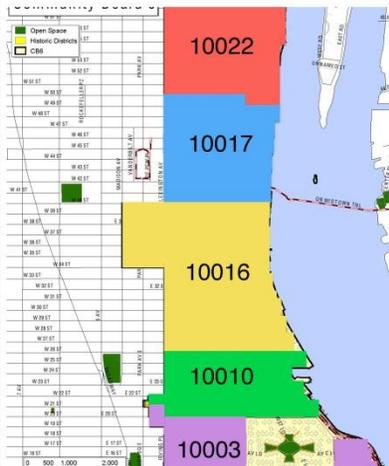
New Interactive Sidewalk Cafe Map



The NYC Dept. of Consumer Affairs, which licenses and regulates sidewalk cafes, has released a [new interactive sidewalk cafe map](#).

- See the type of sidewalk cafés allowed by NYC Department of City Planning (DCP) zoning regulations in your neighborhood and across the city.
- Find existing sidewalk café locations near you and see the details about the café, including the maximum number of tables and chairs allowed.
- Get the inspection checklist for sidewalk cafés, with required dimensions and distances.
- Track new and renewal license applications.
- Learn when public hearings are scheduled for license applicants.
- Generate and easily export a list of sidewalk cafés located in a Community Board district.
- Link to the Dept. of Health inspection results for the café.

Map of ZIP Codes within CB6



Find this map [at the CB6 website](#).

NYC Rent Freeze Program - formerly known as SCRIE and DRIE

Tenants who qualify for the [NYC Rent Freeze Program](#) (SCRIE) for senior citizens 62 and over, and people with disabilities (DRIE) can have their rent frozen and exempted from future rent increases. For more information [download this brochure](#).

NYC Dept. of Transportation Resources

- DOT takes requests to repair potholes, street cave-ins, utility damage, and other street defects. [See the full list](#). Request pothole repairs: call 311 or [enter your request online](#).
- Check on DOT street construction permits by entering the location [into this page](#).

Join the Community Board 6 List of Leaders of East Midtown Coop and Condo Boards and Tenant Associations

CB6 can provide information about an array of city services and assist boards of coops, condos and tenant associations in addressing city service delivery concerns and expediting service requests. [Join the contact list](#). Send us the name, email and other contact information for your president or representative, along with the address of your building. We'll add you to our [list of community organizations](#) - or if you prefer, we'll keep it private.

On the CB6 Resource Page

- Details on all NYC Dept. of Design and Construction projects [on this map](#)
- CB6 list of [community organizations](#), tenant groups and coop board contacts
- List of [houses of worship](#) in CB6
- CB6 list of [eviction prevention, housing and tenant advocacy resources](#).
- Maps of street tree locations in CB6, and [tree care resources](#)
- [Our short guide to permitted locations](#) for food trucks and carts.
- New electronic waste disposal rules and [free recycling options](#)
- What's next after getting your go bag? Review [the 4 Steps to Preparedness](#): household emergency plans; emergency kits; becoming aware of potential disruptions and learning what to do before, during and after; and lastly, volunteer opportunities.
- Call 311 to expedite service requests. Contact office@cbsix.org with the 311 request number you are given to expedite service.
- [Our 311 flyer](#) explains the benefits of calling 311 for neighborhood issues, or entering requests online at www.nyc.gov/311. Copy or customize it for your building.
- List of CB6 [Full Board meeting minutes](#) and resolutions
- Other [CB6 resources](#), such as the FAQ on how community boards work; and directories of elected officials, police precincts and senior services
- [The CB6 newsletter archive](#), to catch up on what you may have missed

Submit your Questions and Complaints

Please contact CB6 at office@cbsix.org with your comments, questions and service requests.

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