



Community Board Six Manhattan

East Midtown News and CB 6 Activities - 11/05/14 CB6 Rat Prevention Forum 11/13, East Midtown Public Hearing 11/17

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*In this issue: **News:** 25 MPH City speed limit, recent CB6 events, and more. **Events:** Rat Prevention Forum 11/13, East Midtown Task Force public hearing 11/17. **Construction:** Overnight construction ends for E. 34th St. Transitway; overnight work on 2nd Ave. between E. 57th & 59th Streets continues. **Services:** Join the CB6 list of East Midtown coop and condo board and tenant association leaders; food truck location rules; eviction prevention resources guide; tips for using 311.*

News

NYC Speed Limit of 25 MPH Starts November 7

The [new citywide speed limit](#) will soon be 25 MPH, unless otherwise posted. The law is part of Mayor de Blasio's Vision Zero Action Plan, aimed at reducing the number of crashes and traffic-related fatalities. 140 new speed cameras placed near school zones will assist NYPD enforcement. [Click here for more information.](#)

CB6 events in October



CB6 held its first Business to Business Networking night at the Japan Society, bringing together many neighborhood business people. [More pictures](#) on our Facebook page.

CB6 also organized a free workshop for owners and managers of bars and restaurants on noise regulations. Staff from NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection

shared [tips on how businesses can minimize noise issues and fines](#), such as by installing soundproofing for walls and ceilings.

In other news...



Dept. of Parks installed three bronze sculptures made by Juan Soriano in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. Soriano was active in artistic circles in Mexico City and Europe in the 1930s, and became known worldwide for monumental abstract sculptures of animals and birds. The sculptures will remain until April 30, 2015. [More pictures on our Facebook page.](#)

Lexington Ave. between 42nd and 45th Streets is in the top 10% of high crash corridors in Manhattan. Safety improvements are planned - [click for details](#). This area borders CB6.

The new [37th Street Greenway Connector](#) bike lane will be opened for use on Nov. 5.

Citizens Committee for NYC has announced that resident volunteer groups can apply for [grants of up to \\$1,000](#) for projects that improve their block. In addition, CCNYC holds its next [free workshop on grassroots fundraising](#) on Nov. 15.

Thought you'd like to know...

Kudos to [Cleo Spa and Salon](#), for adopting, repairing and planting a tree bed on the NW corner of E. 21st St. and Third Avenue. CB6 Vice Chair Claude L. Winfield met a senior citizen watering the tree in front of 236 East 24th St. The 90-year old resident said he was scheduled for a shoulder replacement within the week, but plans to continue taking care of the tree.

Video about architects [planning to keep NYC dry](#) while creating new public spaces.

In this [short virtual tour of an NYPD police precinct](#), see the day to day operations of a typical police precinct, a housing police service area and a transit district, as well as some community programs offered by the NYPD.

In November, [Grand Central Library](#) is collecting personal care products for residents of the [New Providence Women's Shelter](#). They seek donations of new and unopened shampoo, conditioner, cosmetics, hair, skin and nail products, brushes and combs. Contact susanmontross@nypl.org.

Ebola updates from [NYC Dept. of Health](#), [NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation](#), [NY](#)

[State Dept. of Health](#), and [US Centers for Disease Control](#).

Events

CB6 Rat Prevention Forum, November 13, 6 - 7:30 PM

Join us for a discussion on how to prevent and respond to rats on your property, in your business, and in your neighborhood. Caroline Bragdon, the Director of Neighborhood Intervention for Pest Control Services at NYC Department of Health, has worked with numerous neighborhood groups. She will explain how vigilant residents and property managers can maintain cleanliness and minimize pests and trash, and the responsibilities of private citizens, property owners and City agencies. Representatives from NYC Departments of Sanitation and Parks will answer questions about trash removal and rat abatement. To review recent rodent activity in your neighborhood or to learn more go to the [Rat Information Portal](#). Sutton Place Synagogue, 225 E. 51st St., b/w 2nd & 3rd Avenues. To RSVP contact office@cbsix.org or call 212-319-3750.

Health Insurance 101 Workshop, November 14, 8:30 AM - 1 PM

Learn the latest about Medicare and enrollment resources for the uninsured. Bellevue Hospital Center, 462 First Ave. at E. 27th Street. Seats are limited. Please [register online](#) or call (212) 788-3450. Light refreshments will be provided.

East Midtown Task Force public hearing, November 17, 6 PM

The Department of City Planning is proposing zoning changes to facilitate new commercial development along Madison and Vanderbilt Avenues between 42nd and 47th Streets (the "Vanderbilt Corridor"). Concurrently, developer SL Green is seeking special permits to redevelop the block between 42nd and 43rd Streets and Madison and Vanderbilt Avenues (the "One Vanderbilt" site). The [Tri-Board Task Force](#) on East Midtown and Community Boards Five and Six will hold a public hearing on November 17th at 6 PM at the Celeste Bartos Forum, in the NY Public Library's Schwarzman Building at 5th Avenue and 42nd St. to hear public comment on the proposals for One Vanderbilt and the Vanderbilt Corridor. Come hear first-hand from the City and SL Green about their proposals and ask questions. [Background information here](#).

Citizen Preparedness Training Program, Thursday, November 20, 6 PM



Through the Citizen Preparedness Corps Training Program, approximately 100,000 New Yorkers will be provided with the tools and resources to prepare for emergencies and disasters, respond accordingly, and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions. High School for Health Professions and Human Service, 345 East 15th St. (between 1st and 2nd Ave.), NY NY 10003. All participants must register in advance at www.prepare.ny.gov. Trainings participants (one per family) will receive a free [Citizen Preparedness Corps Response Starter Kit](#).

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Congress Member Carolyn Maloney, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, Senator Brad Hoylman, Assembly Member Brian Kavanagh, Council Members Dan Garodnick and Rosie Mendez and Community Board 6 invite you to participate.

Construction

Overnight construction ended for E. 34th St. Transitway Project

Overnight construction noise from [the project](#) generated many resident complaints. According to the office of Council Member Mendez, NYC Dept. of Transportation allowed Dept. of Design and Construction to shift to work during daytime and evening hours. Here is [the current update](#). More about [the project](#).

Night work on 2nd Ave. between East 57 - 59th Street through November

Until mid-November 2014 there will be [overnight work from 10 PM - 5 AM](#), Monday - Friday, on 2nd Avenue between East 57th and East 59th Street. Here is [the fall update](#) for the project, and an overview of the [third water tunnel](#) project of which it is a part.

Services

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

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.

The rules for food trucks



While food trucks and carts are restricted from some streets, and some placement constraints apply, they can generally set up shop wherever they wish. Here's [our short guide to permitted locations](#) for food trucks and carts, and applicable NYC Dept. of Health regulations.



Eviction Prevention Resource Guide

A small but growing number of area residents may be at risk of eviction from their home. CB6 has compiled a list of [eviction prevention, housing and tenant advocacy resources](#).



Use 311 for City service requests

Post or forward [our flyer](#) that explains how calling 311 can help keep our neighborhood clean and orderly. You can also enter 311 requests online at www.nyc.gov/311 or from a smartphone. Contact office@cbsix.org with the 311 request number you are given to expedite service.

Call 911 to report emergencies or crimes in progress. [Download the flyer here.](#)

Learn More About CB6 and Community Boards

Go to our [resources page](#) to learn about how CB6 and community boards work, and other items such as directories of community organizations, senior services and elected officials.

Submit your Questions and Complaints

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

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November CB6 Committee Meetings

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

Transportation Monday, 11/3

Land Use/Waterfront Committee Wednesday, 11/5

Housing, Homeless & Human Rights Committee, Monday, 11/10

Full Board Meeting Wednesday, 11/12

Public Safety & Environment Monday, 11/17

Health & Education Tuesday, 11/18

Executive Committee Wednesday, 11/19

Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee Thursday, 11/20

Parks, Landmarks & Cultural Affairs Committee No Meeting Scheduled

Budget & Government Affairs No Meeting Scheduled

For location, time and details see [our calendar page](#).