



Community Board Six Manhattan

Current News, Meetings, and Resources November, 2015

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Highlights: **News:** *East Midtown Steering Committee Report; Borough President Brewer's Urban Gardening Symposium; East Side Coastal Resiliency Updates; Housing News.* **Free Events:** *Stein Senior Center Community Health Fair, Nov. 11; Forum on the Media and the War on Women, Nov. 16; Affordable NY Events at the Museum of the City of NY; Business Resiliency Workshop, Dec. 9.* **Services:** *Parks Dept. Recreation Centers within CB6; Find City Officials Online; Interactive Sidewalk Cafe Map; CB6 Zip Code Map; NYC Rent Freeze Program; and other services.*

News

East Midtown Steering Committee Issues Report

After a year-long community planning process for the rezoning of the area around Grand Central Station, the East Midtown Steering Committee, co-chaired by Borough President Gale Brewer and Council Member Daniel Garodnick, has issued recommendations. [Click here for their report.](#)

Borough President Gale Brewer's Urban Gardening Symposium

Urban gardening projects in Manhattan including hydroponic farms, greenhouses, and over 170 community gardens teach valuable skills while producing fresh, healthy, locally-grown food. On October 14, Borough President Brewer hosted a symposium to connect community members with urban agriculture experts and leaders. Participants discussed how to start a new program or expand an existing one. BP Brewer has committed \$1 million in capital grants for Manhattan public schools to invest in urban agriculture programs, and administers a grant program to spur composting programs in community gardens. [Here's a video about the symposium.](#)

East Side Coastal Resiliency Updates

The ESCR website, www.nyc.gov/escr, is now available online. 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. Construction is anticipated to begin in mid-2017. A recent meeting [showcased 3D models](#)

[of flood protection plans.](#)

Housing

A [recent report found](#) that many NYC property owners collecting tax breaks failed to register their apartments for rent stabilization. Is your apartment one of the estimated 50,000 that may be entitled to rent limits? [Enter your address online here](#) and find out your building's registration status and tax breaks.

[Stuyvesant Town and Peter Cooper Village has been sold](#), with 5,000 apartments to remain affordable for 20 years.

[Semiperm Housing](#) is a housing project that serves homeless families, and enabled developers who build such housing to increase the size of a luxury residential property in that same community district. Some [advocates say that supportive housing](#), which combines affordable housing with on-site services, can positively address homelessness while saving the public money.

Ferry Upgrades

The City plans to upgrade the ferry services at E. 34th St., and add a new landing at Stuyvesant Cove at about 20th Street. Click on the links for a [ferry presentation](#) by NYCEDC, and for more about [NYCEDC ferry plans](#).

Also of interest...

[Trader Joe's](#) is coming to Kips Bay.

NYC Health Department is [stepping up its rat abatement efforts](#).

Here's a Dept. of Transportation [presentation about the M23 Select Bus service](#), that provides crosstown service on 23rd Street.

Community Organization Profile

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

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

Meetings and Events

Stein Senior Center Community Health Fair, Wednesday, November 11

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). 10 AM to 1:30 PM. 204 East 23rd St., NY NY 10010. <http://steinseniorcenter.org/>

Forum on the Media, the War on Women, and How to Fight Back, Monday, November 16

Anti-woman sentiment in America keeps escalating. Senator Liz Krueger is hosting a forum with: Micky Blum, Director of Baruch College Survey Research; Ariel Chesler, lawyer and author, Good Men Project; Katie Halper, comedian and writer, host of The Katie Halper Show on WBAI; and Tanya Melich, political analyst and author of The Republican War Against Women: An Insider's Report from Behind The Lines. 6 - 8 PM, Baruch College Newman Conference Center, Rackow Room 750, at 151 E. 25th St. Space is limited, so please RSVP to 212-490-9535, or via email at spasquan@nysenate.gov.

Affordable NY Events at Museum of the City of NY

CB6 is a co-sponsor of this series, so residents can purchase tickets for only \$10 instead of the usual \$16 by using the code RENT.

- [Designing Better Affordable Housing](#) on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30 PM – With Jean-Louis Cohen (New York University) and Theo Prudon (Prudon & Partners and Docomomo)
- [Housing a Growing City](#) on Tuesday, January 19 at 6:30 PM – With Seema Agnani (National CAPACD), Purnima Kapur (NYC Department City Planning), Ritchie Torres (Council Member), Sarah Watson (Citizens Housing and Planning Council), and Ingrid Gould Ellen (the Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy)
- [Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods, and Communities](#) on Thursday, February 4 at 6:30 PM – With Sam Marks (LISC New York City)

Business Resiliency Workshop, Wednesday, December 9

NYC Dept. of Business Services will help you and your business prepare for emergencies. Challenges that can impact your operations and assets run from gas leaks and fires, to major storms and flooding. What you will learn:

- How to stay in business: Identify your key business functions, employees, and documents.
- Understand how to protect your assets and navigate insurance processes.
- How to be ready for action: Create an emergency plan for your business and your employees.

[Click here for more information and to register.](#) 6 - 8:30 PM. No charge to attend.

Other Events

Click [here for the schedule](#) of free business and employment workshops at the Science Industry & Business Library (SIBL). It offers evening and afternoon [seminars and classes for job seekers](#), as well as one-on-one coaching with career coaches. [SIBL](#) is located at 188 Madison Ave. at 34th St.

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

Services

NYC Parks Department Recreation Centers within CB6

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

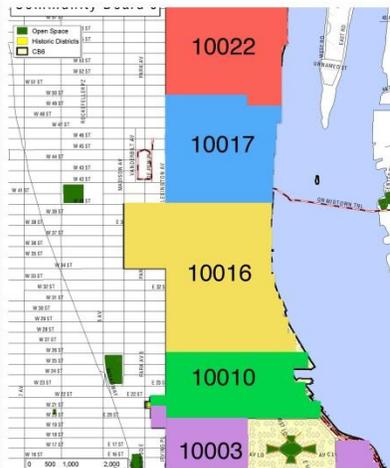
Find City Officials Online

The latest edition of NYC's [on-line Green Book](#) is online. It contains contact information for city, county, state and federal elected and appointed officials, departments, agencies and courts. Find [elected officials serving CB6 here](#).

Interactive Sidewalk Cafe Map

The NYC Dept. of Consumer Affairs licenses and regulates sidewalk cafes. Here is their [interactive sidewalk cafe map](#).

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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