



Community Board Six Manhattan



East Midtown News and Events

December 4, 2013



DOT Restores Left Turn from 23rd St. onto First Avenue

Earlier this year, the CB6 Board asked NYC Dept. of Transportation to remove the left turn restriction and restore the left turn signal for eastbound East 23rd Street onto northbound First Avenue. NYC DOT has completed the requested traffic change. "Traffic was making u-turns & other dangerous moves to get back onto 1st Avenue since the left turn was restricted when Select Bus Service (the express bus) was added. Hopefully, the new turn signal will be a good solution for everyone," said Molly Hollister, chair of the CB6 Transportation Committee. [See our Facebook page](#) for more pictures of the intersection.

In this newsletter: news, area events, and services.

News

Convert NYPD Police Academy to public school, says CB6

The NYPD Police Academy, now at 235 East 20th Street, is moving to a new campus in College Point, Queens by the end of 2014. Community Board 6 members have [called for the conversion of the facility](#) to a K-12 school. "Rather than turning it into another high-rise for luxury apartments...it would be great to keep it as city property," said Sandro Sherrod, chairman of CB6. The building already contains classrooms, a gym, locker rooms, an assembly area, a library, a lecture room and offices.

Public Advocate-Elect Letitia James to Hold 1st Transition Town Hall Meeting

On Monday, December 9 at 5:30 PM, Public Advocate-Elect James is hosting a transition town hall meeting as part of her effort to make the transition inclusive and allow New Yorkers to shape the Public Advocate's initiatives. Along with James, members of the transition team will attend the town hall meeting and take input from local leaders, members of the not-for-profit sector, and residents. The event will be held at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 524 West 59th St., NY NY, between 10th and 11th Avenues, in the 9th Floor Conference Room.

Awaiting Drunken Santas

SantaCon, the annual daylong bar crawl, is coming up on Saturday, December 14. The exact route will be revealed the night before. In anticipation of thousands of costumed revelers, the 13th and 17th NYPD Precincts [are planning an increased presence](#) on that day. Police officials in many areas [are discouraging bar owners from participating](#).

Some of the event's [original organizers](#) have criticized what it has turned into. Contact 311 to report inappropriate behavior, and call 911 to report a crime in progress.

East Midtown Rezoning Tabled

The Bloomberg Administration's plan to rezone 73 blocks of East Midtown to allow building new skyscrapers was [rejected by the City Council](#) and subsequently withdrawn. Council Speaker Christine Quinn and Councilman Dan Garodnick [said in a statement](#) that they believed the neighborhood needed rezoning, but not the way currently proposed. "A good idea alone is not enough to justify action today," Garodnick and Quinn said in the statement. "We should rezone East Midtown, but only when we can do so properly." They cited concerns over the price, methodology, and timing of the air rights to be sold by the city, and both the certainty and funding level of the needed infrastructure improvements.

East 58th Street Water Main Project Construction Updates

As part of the implementation of the Third Water Tunnel, a new water main is being installed on and around East 58th Street. [Check here](#) for the latest construction

updates.

Area Events

Free training for community organizations from Citizens Committee

On December 7 learn how to support your community group's work through grassroots fundraising efforts. On January 25, polish up your community organizing skills to get neighbors together around local issues. [More information here.](#)

Blessing of the animals service, Dec. 15

Bring your animal companion. Church of the Covenant, 310 East 42nd St. 6 - 7 PM, doors open at 5:30. Contact David Michel at 917-573-3296 or faithinactionNYC@gmail.com.

Project Renewal Scan Van Offers Free Mammograms, Dec. 16

On December 16, from 1:30 to 4:30 PM, the [Project Renewal Scan Van](#) will be in front of Stuyvesant Town at First Avenue between 16th and 17th Streets be offering free mammograms to women 40 and over who have not had a mammogram in the past year. All insurance plans are accepted, and co-payments and deductibles are waived. Mammograms are free for uninsured women over 40. NYS Senators Liz Kreuger and Brad Hoylman are co-sponsors. Appointments are required. Call (800) 564-6868.

Services

Got a question?

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

STAR Property Tax Exemption Deadline

All recipients of the STAR Property Tax Exemption must reapply by December 31, 2013 to continue to receive the exemption in 2014 and beyond. [Reapply online](#) or call 519-457-2036.

Get NYPD Email Updates

To receive more information about NYPD's crime prevention programs, safety tips, Police Athletic League, Youth Police Academy, Operation Safe Child, Summer Youth Employment or At-Risk Youth Programs, contact 17th Precinct Community Affairs Officer Jeffrey Arlotta at 212-826-3228 or jeffrey.arlotta@nypd.org.

See previous CB6 newsletters

Visit [our newsletter archive page](#). Our [resource page](#) also has directories of community organizations, senior services, and elected officials.

At the library

In December, the Kips Bay branch of the NYC Public Library has a number of afternoon movie screenings and computer classes. There are frequent events for babies and toddlers as well as senior exercise classes. [See the calendar](#).

Free Youth Street Hockey Classes

NYC Parks offers [free street hockey clinics](#) at many locations, from December through February. Open to ages 5 - 17, no previous experience needed.

