



# Community Board Six Manhattan

## East Midtown News and CB 6 Activities - 12/09/14

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*In this issue: **News:** Alternatives to a Sanitation Garage at Brookdale site are set forth in planning report; and much more. **Events:** Many holiday events; NYS preparedness training on 12/13; E. 25th St. public plaza design workshop on 12/15. **Services:** Join the CB6 list of leaders of East Midtown coop and condo boards and tenant associations; new electronic waste disposal rules; and more.*

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## News

### **CB6 reviews planning report offering alternatives to Department of Sanitation's proposal to place a garage project at Brookdale site on E. 25th St.**

The Land Use Committee has reviewed a final draft of a planning report prepared in collaboration with BFJ Planning that presents two alternatives to the NYC Department of Sanitation's proposal for a sanitation garage on the Brookdale campus site located on East 25th Street between First Avenue and FDR Drive. One alternative is the construction of a partially underground garage at the Brookdale site allowing other uses above ground like affordable housing, senior housing or health related facilities. This would allow for a significant amount of new green space to be created. The other alternative is the siting of the garage at Avenue C and 16th St. allowing for adaptive reuse of the existing Brookdale site building while increasing open space and enhancing the active ball fields between Avenue C and the FDR Drive. [Review the BFJ report and related materials](#).

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## Events

## **Sutton Area Community Annual Holiday Tree Lighting, Dec. 10**

Complimentary refreshments and holiday carols performed by the PS 59 Children's Choir at 6:30 PM in the Cul-de-SAC Park on 57th Street. [Flyer here.](#)

## **Citizen Preparedness Training Program, Saturday, Dec. 13, 1 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. The 69th Regiment Armory, 68 Lexington Avenue (between 25th & 26th Streets), NY, NY 10010. All participants must register in advance at [www.prepare.ny.gov](http://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 Boards 5 and 6 invite you to participate.

### **What's next after getting your "go bag"?**

Review [the Four Steps to Preparedness presentation online here](#): creating a household emergency plan; preparing an emergency kit; becoming aware of potential disruptions and learning what to do before, during and after; and lastly, volunteer opportunities.

CB6 would like to share what your building or civic group is doing to become more prepared and resilient and to assist residents in upcoming newsletters. [Contact us here.](#)

## **Workshop on design of E. 25th St. Public Plaza, Dec. 15**

The public plaza on E. 25th St. between between Lexington and 3rd Avenues, currently built with temporary materials, is slated to be redesigned to create a new, permanent public space. Come to a workshop sponsored by NYC DOT, NYC DDC and Baruch College/ CUNY to share your input about plaza design opportunities. 6 - 8 PM, Baruch

College/CUNY, Newman Vertical Campus, Room 1-107, 55 Lexington Avenue at 25th St. between Lex & 3rd Ave. Contact David Breen at NYC DOT, 212-839-6693 or [dbreen@dot.nyc.gov](mailto:dbreen@dot.nyc.gov).

### **Sutton Place Menorah Lighting, Dec. 21**

Come enjoy live music and refreshments. Cul-de-SAC Park on East 57th Street, 4 - 5 PM. Sponsored by [Chabad](#) at Beekman-Sutton.

### **December events at Church of the Covenant**

Gospel concert on Sun. Dec. 7, 2:30 PM; Mandolin orchestra on Mon. Dec. 8, 7 PM; Blessing of the animals, Sun. Dec. 14, 4 PM - bring your pets to church. 310 E. 42nd St. [More here](#).

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## **Construction**

Due to the holiday construction embargo, there will be no work on Third Avenue between East 34th Street and East 35th Street and on East 34th Street from Lexington Avenue to FDR Drive between Thanksgiving and New Years.

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## **Services**

### **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.

### **Electronic waste disposal changes coming soon**

Starting in January 2015, it will be illegal for New Yorkers to discard electronics in the trash. There are many FREE, convenient options to properly recycle your unwanted electronics.

Visit [nyc.gov/electronics](http://nyc.gov/electronics) for more info.

- Department of Sanitation's [e-cycleNYC](#) program. Apartment buildings with more than 10 units can enroll for this free and convenient pickup service.
- Retail drop-off programs. There are over 90 locations where you can drop off electronics (no purchase required), including any Goodwill, Salvation Army, Best Buy, Staples (no TVs). See map of [NYC Electronics Drop Off Locations](#).
- Free mail-back programs. Check your brand's website for details.
- Electronics recycling events. Bring to drop off events run by organizations such as Lower East Side Ecology Center, or DSNY's [SAFE Disposal Events](#).
- Donate or sell working electronics through the [NYC Stuff Exchange](#).

### **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](http://www.nyc.gov/311) or from a smartphone.

Contact [office@cbsix.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@cbsix.org) with your comments, questions and service requests.

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## December CB6 Committee Meetings

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

Transportation, Monday, 12/01

Parks, Landmarks & Cultural Affairs Committee, Tuesday, 12/02

Land Use/Waterfront Committee, Wednesday, 12/03

Housing, Homeless & Human Rights Committee, Monday, 12/08

Full Board Meeting, Wednesday, 12/10

Public Safety & Environment, Monday, 12/15

Health & Education, Tuesday, 12/16

Executive Committee, Wednesday, 12/17

Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee, Thursday, 12/18

Budget & Government Affairs, No Meeting Scheduled