



Community Board Six Manhattan

News and Notes – Dec. 15, 2015

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In and Around CB6

Transition of Board Officers is afoot at CB6. We welcome our new Chair Rick Eggers. He previously served as First Vice Chair, Chair of the Budget and Governmental Affairs Committee, and Chair of the By Laws Committee. Rick is a resident of the outskirts of Murray Hill and an avid photographer.



Past Board Chair Sandro Sherrod received a proclamation from Borough President Gale Brewer in recognition of his

service, presented by Deputy Borough President Aldrin Bonilla and Director of Community Affairs Lucille Songhai. Senator Brad Holman also honored Sandro with a proclamation.



Becoming a Community Board Member

The Manhattan Borough President's office is currently accepting applications for Community Board membership. Community Boards represent their neighborhoods on crucial issues including real estate development & land use, historic preservation and even liquor licenses. To apply, [fill out the online application](#). [Click here](#) for complete application instructions and a link to download a paper copy of the application. After submission you may be contacted regarding the next steps in this very selective screening and interview process.

Holiday Volunteer Opportunities

The holiday season often inspires people to volunteer. Want to prepare and serve meals at soup kitchens, tutor K-12 students, help people improve their interviewing skills, or offer companionship to seniors? Find volunteer projects that interest you sorted by locations, activities, and available days and times at [NY Cares](#), the City's premier volunteer search portal. It has a network of over 1,300 community partners and nonprofits, and runs its own [winter coat drive](#).

Contact [City Harvest](#), which collects and delivers surplus food to New Yorkers in need, or [God's Love We Deliver](#),

which prepares and delivers meals to the homebound. Help build homes with [Habitat for Humanity](#), and offer homework help, tutoring and mentoring through [New York Public Library](#).

East Midtown Sounds of the Season

The East Midtown Partnership presents "[Sounds of the Season](#)," [their holiday concert series](#) bringing community-based performances to district streets from December 5 - 19. Performers will include the 5th and 6th graders from the PS 59 Chorus, the Cathedral High School band, the Lighthouse Guild Vocal Ensemble, and others.

Here's To Your Health

- The de Blasio administration launched [a set of mental health initiatives](#), connecting New Yorkers requiring mental health services with resources and service providers in their own neighborhoods
- The NYC Department of Health has released [profiles for each of Manhattan's community districts](#), with detailed health and demographic statistics. [Here is the profile for CB6](#).
- Winter is coming. [Get your flu shots](#).

News

Manhattan Borough Board Passes Resolutions Opposing MIH and ZQA Zoning Proposals

The Borough Board, representing all of Manhattan's Community Boards, voted against on the de Blasio Administration's [Mandatory Inclusionary Housing \(MIH\)](#) and [Zoning for Quality and Affordability \(ZQA\)](#) proposals. The MIH proposal is intended to increase the number of affordable housing units in new construction, and increase the number of units that will be permanently

affordable. The ZQA proposal aims to encourage affordability and improve the quality of new buildings.

Save Money by Upgrading Building Heating Systems

According to [the New York Times](#) repairing steam heating systems or replacing them with new models is a smart way to meet environmental goals, save building owners money, and improve resident comfort.

East Midtown Arts and Cultural Organizations Directory

Here's [a new page in the CB6 website's resource section](#).

Maybe you know about the Japan Society and the Scandinavia House, but do you know about the Museum of Tolerance, the Spanish Cultural Center and the Korea Society? [Let us know](#) what else should be on this list.

Family & Social Services Directory

Families living within CB6 have access to a host of social services programs aimed at strengthening family bonds and optimizing youth development. [This new page on our website](#) includes programs related to daycare, child development, incarcerated mothers, and at-risk-youth.

Top ten secrets of Turtle Bay: Did you know?

10. It was originally named for its knife-like shape, or for a turtle-filled creek. 9. It was originally a 40-acre farm. 8. A former Turtle Bay mansion played a role in the Revolutionary War. 7. Nathan Hale was tried and sentenced at that mansion. 6. Edgar Allan Poe used to row and swim here. 5. Draft riots damaged the area during the Civil War. 4. It was once home to a power plant and many slaughterhouses. 3. One of the smallest historic districts is in Turtle Bay, with secret gardens hidden from the street. 2. A developer planned a huge office and residential complex where the United Nations now stands. 1. The Seamen's Churches of Sweden and Norway contain hidden cafes that are open to the public. [Click here for more details.](#) (Thanks to CB6 fall intern Nasita Haque for researching new resources for our

website and many projects for our Transportation, Land Use, and Health & Education Committees.)

Meetings and Events

Affordable NY Events at Museum of the City of NY in January and February

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

- [Housing a Growing City](#) on Tuesday, January 19 at 6:30 PM
- [Affordable Housing, Neighborhoods, and Communities](#) on Thursday, February 4 at 6:30 PM

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](#).
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Services

Map of ZIP Codes within CB6

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

On the CB6 Resource Page

- The [on-line NYC Green Book](#) contains contact information for city, county, state and federal elected and appointed officials, departments, agencies and courts. To identify your elected representatives, [enter your address at this website](#), or use the [CB6 directory of elected officials serving east midtown](#).
- Find and research sidewalk cafes through the NYC Dept. of Consumer Affairs [interactive sidewalk cafe map](#).
- 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.
- Department of Transportation 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 CB6](#) list of leaders of East Midtown coop and condo boards and tenant associations. Send us your building name and address, and your contact information. We'll add you to our [list of community organizations](#).
- 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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