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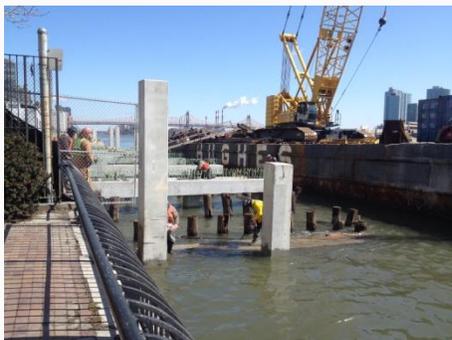
East Midtown News and CB 6 Activities - 3/31/15

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*In this issue: **News:** updates on East River Greenway, 34th St. Transitway, Queens Midtown Tunnel; Albany bill tracker, Make Music NY. **Events:** 17th Precinct Community Council, 3/31; Senator Hoylman's Earth Day Open House, 4/24. **Events and Info for Businesses:** Social Media Workshop, 4/16; Paid Sick Leave law presentation, 4/08; presentation from our 3/18 marketing event now available on request; report on help for storefront businesses. **Services:** requesting pothole repairs; options when someone can't take care of themselves; bedbug basics; summer internships; DDC project tracker; join the CB6 list of leaders of East Midtown coop and condo boards and tenant associations; and more.*

News

Installing pylons for East River Greenway



A future Greenway platform is now under construction north of Glick Park on the East

River esplanade between 36th and 38th Streets. These concrete pylons will go down 110 feet into the river bed, reports photographer Burton Rubin.

Elected officials ask residents to attend resiliency design workshops

At recent East Coast Resiliency Project design workshops, elected officials asked residents to help [prepare the community for rising sea levels](#), future storm surges and other disasters by coming to future events in the ongoing design process.

34th Street Transitway traffic changes

As part of the [34th St. Transitway project](#), NYC Dept. of Design and Construction (DDC) is installing an emergency lane on E. 33rd St. between 1st and 2nd Avenues. Until the end of the project in fall of 2016, a DDC storage area has been installed on that street as well. Some of that area will be reduced in size about six feet next weekend, and the Transportation Committee has asked DDC to set up another storage area on 35th St. between 1st and 2nd to reduce congestion. [Subscribe for updates](#) on the project.

Lexington Avenue pedestrian safety improvements

NYC Dept. of Transportation will conduct work along Lexington Avenue from E. 42nd to E. 45th St., building new pedestrian space on the west side of the avenue, shortening crosswalks, and adding pedestrian crossing time at 43rd St. For updates on this and other projects, visit www.nyc.gov/dotnews.

Queens Midtown Tunnel repairs start

Work will begin this summer on a 4-year project to repair and upgrade the [Queens Midtown Tunnel](#), which was heavily damaged by Hurricane Sandy. Expect night and weekend tube and lane closures.

Track New York State legislation

[Here's a website](#) on which some Albany bills are introduced and tracked as they make their way through the State legislative process. Here is one from [the NY State Assembly itself](#), and one from [the Senate](#).

Make Music NY seeks venues in CB6 for free concerts on June 21



[Make Music New York](#) is a single day event, based on the French holiday of the Fête de la Musique, with over 1,300 free concerts on streets, sidewalks, parks, and other public spaces throughout NYC, all on June 21st. There is no charge to participate or to attend: MMNY is open to all who wish to perform, enjoyed by all who wish to listen. The day celebrates our city's diverse cultural richness, and the

power of music to unite people from all walks of life. Contact MMNY if you are a musician willing to play or if you represent a venue willing to host a performance.

In other news...

["Format of sanitation garage 'open house' a surprise to attendees...."](#)

Ess-a-Bagel is [closing after 40 years](#) on 1st Avenue and 21st St., and the site of a new location is still unknown.

NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection has just released its [2014 report](#) on city drinking water.

Events

NYPD 17th Precinct Community Council, Tues. March 31, 6 PM

One of the topics will be enhancing the commercial strip on Third Ave. between 32nd and 33rd Streets. Bring your community concern to the [17th Precinct](#) meeting at Sutton Place Synagogue, 228 East 51st Street (between 2nd & 3rd Ave.).

Senator Brad Hoylman hosts Earth Day Open House, Fri. April 24, 4 - 6 PM

Light refreshments, giveaways, and informal conversation about the environment and any other issues you'd like to discuss. Bring your old batteries for recycling! [Details and location here](#). For more information or to RSVP, please email hoylman@nysenate.gov or call 212-633-8052.

CB6 Events and Info for Businesses

Social Media Workshop, Thurs. April 16

Free workshop, co-sponsored by CB6 and the [US Small Business Administration](#) (US SBA) at [Science, Industry and Business Library](#) (SIBL), 8:30 – 10:30 AM. Which of the many social media platforms will be the most effective for your business, and what are the best ways to market your business through them? This workshop with Lauren Yothers will help you determine which is right for your business. RSVP to office@cbsix.org.

[SIBL](#) is a premier public business library with comprehensive print materials, electronic resources, and services for start-ups and established businesses seeking expansion, and for job seekers from entry to executive levels. Library staff provide roving assistance and consultations. Advisory services are offered on-site by experienced business owners, career coaches, certified financial planners and financial fitness coaches. [US SBA](#) offers free workshops & counselors.

Get the presentation from the CB6 marketing workshop from March 18



East Midtown business people enjoyed an enlightening workshop from SCORE presenter Diane Drey, pictured above. More pictures on [our Facebook page](#). We'll [send you her presentation](#) on request.

Paid Sick Leave Law presentation for businesses, Wed. April 8

From 8:30 - 10 AM on Wed., April 8, representatives from the [NYC Department of Consumer Affairs](#) will hold a session in the East Midtown Partnership conference room, 875 Third Avenue, Mezzanine Level (between East 52nd Street and East 53rd Street). While the focus will be updating and informing business owners on the Paid Sick Leave law, they will also be discussing other DCA initiatives that can benefit your business. To [RSVP, click here](#).

New report to help storefront businesses

Borough President Gale Brewer is drafting legislation that would make it mandatory for building owners to [allow retail tenants to negotiate](#) to keep their space. A [new report from her office](#) recommends ways to help retail businesses by "taking the pressure off lease renewals, modernizing policies governing street vending, helping established small businesses threatened by rent increases by encouraging "condo-ization" of

storefront space, and creating “low-intensity” commercial districts.”

Services

Spring is the season to report pot holes



NYC Dept. of Transportation takes requests to repair potholes, street cave-ins, utility damage, and other street defects. [See the full list](#). Enter your pothole repair requests [to 311 at this page](#). Keep the service request number so you can [check on its repair status](#).

When someone can't take care of themselves

If people are physically or mentally impaired and are at risk of harming themselves or others, contact the [Office of Adult Protective Services](#) (APS) at the NYC Human Resources Administration. APS can arrange for services and support to promptly remove risks and help clients live independently and safely within their homes and communities. To refer people in need of assistance to APS, contact them at 212-630-1853 or [refer them online](#).

Bed bug basics

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's [Bedbug Website](#) provides detailed information on how to inspect for bedbugs and how to get rid of them, and how to select and work with a pest management professional. The Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) has an interactive [online training on bedbugs](#). Here's a link to [file a bedbug complaint with 311](#).

Summer Internships with NY State Assemblymember Brian Kavanagh

Highly motivated undergraduate, graduate, or law student interns who are interested in legislation, policy, advocacy, community outreach, or media/communications are invited to apply. Topics include housing, environment, economic equity, gun violence prevention and media/communications. [For more information and to apply, click here](#).

Summer Internships at DDC

This summer, DDC will be running two internship programs designed for high school and college students interested in architecture, engineering, building trades, public administration, business administration or information technology. [Click here](#) for more

information.

Details on NYC Dept. of Design and Construction Projects

There are several DDC projects within CB6, including the third water tunnel project at E. 58th St. and the E. 34th St. Transitway project. See [details on all DDC projects on this map](#).

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

- 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

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