



Community Board Six Manhattan

CB6 News, Meetings, Events and Services – May 2015

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*In this issue: **News:** CB6 speaks out against megatowers; CB6 holds spring senior forum; volunteers tend to local parks for It's My Park Day; construction update on E. 36th St.; the Kips Bay bird seed mystery; the needs of local libraries, and more. **Events:** citizen preparedness training, 6/02; Murray Hill Annual Street Fair, 6/06; East Midtown Challenge, 6/10; NYC EDC Sanitation Garage public hearing, 6/22; free CB6 B2B networking night, 6/23; free CB6 business marketing workshop, 6/24; Bellevue Community Advisory Board Annual Meeting, 6/24. **Services:** bike racks for businesses; reporting bikes illegally chained to trees ... and more.*

News



Terrence O'Neal, Chair of the CB6 Land Use and Waterfront Committee, [testified at a City Hall news conference against](#) the new 900 foot mega-tower proposed for E. 58th Street, urging that parts of the neighborhood be rezoned. CB6 passed a resolution calling on the City Council to consider a moratorium on mega-towers until their impact can be understood.

CB6 Holds Spring Senior Forum

On May 5, a keynote by Council Member Corey Johnson, Chair of the Council's Health Committee was followed by introductions to the [Service Program for Older People](#) and the [Smart MH project](#), and a presentation on how to treat hoarding behavior, [which you can read here](#). More pictures on [our Facebook page](#).

Volunteers Tend to Local Parks for It's My Park Day



On Sat. May 16, neighborhood groups including Kips Bay Neighborhood Alliance, Gramercy Neighborhood Associates, the parents and kids of PS 40, and Rutgers University alumni cleaned up Glick Park and Augustus

Saint-Gaudens Playground. CB6 board members were on hand for the planting of trees and bushes at 344 E. 28th St. [See more pictures at our Facebook page.](#)

Construction update: E. 36th Street between 1st Avenue and FDR Drive

Excavation for new building construction at 616 1st Ave. caused some damage on both East 35th and 36th Streets from 1st Ave. to the FDR. City agencies, utilities and contractors are working around the clock on abatement. E. 35th St. has been reopened for public use but E. 36th St. is expected to remain closed until sometime this summer. E. 38th Street has been temporarily routed for two way traffic to improve local vehicular circulation.

The Kips Bay Bird Seed Mystery

Someone is dumping bird seed in Kips Bay tree beds. (Something like this has taken place on the [Upper West Side](#).) Even if meant for pigeons, it becomes food for rats, and is thus a public health threat. Report it to 311 by phone or online using this [dirty sidewalk complaint](#). Send the day, location and service request number [to CB6](#).

Then, please sweep it up and put it in the garbage. The responsibility for removing bird seed dumped in front of any residential or commercial property - whether on the sidewalk or a tree bed or up to 18 inches out in the curb - belongs to the property owner or tenant. NYC Dept. of Sanitation will ticket those who don't clean up their own sidewalks. Meet other neighbors who are concerned about cleanliness and quality of life through one of one of [our community groups](#).

The Needs of Local Libraries

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. CUNY Graduate Center, Recital Hall, 365 Fifth Ave. (between 34th & 35th Streets). There is no charge to attend but [all participants must register in advance](#) at www.prepare.ny.gov

Murray Hill Annual Street Fair, Sat. June 6



Locally baked pastries, live music, flea market, book boutique, silent auction, 50-50 raffle, tables for local organizations, vendors and food booths. The street fair will mark the 50th anniversary of the NYC Landmarks Law with three guided walking tours of Murray Hill, and local actors playing historic Murray Hill residents. West side of Park Avenue between 34th and 40th Streets, from 11 AM to 6 PM. To volunteer call 212-886-5867 or email horan.tc@gmail.com. Find out how to get involved with the [Murray Hill Neighborhood Association](#).

East Midtown Challenge, Wed., June 10

The East Midtown Partnership will host the second annual "[Great East Midtown Challenge](#)," an evening of

fun, trivia, and interactive activities for teams of between 2 and 5 people.

NYC EDC Sanitation Garage Hearing, Mon., June 22

A public hearing on the draft scope of work for a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Brookdale redevelopment project will be held on June 22 from 6 - 9 PM at the Hospital for Joint Diseases, Loeb Auditorium, 301 East 17th Street. Comments may be delivered orally or in writing at the meeting. Additionally, written comments will be accepted until July 3 and should be sent to Abas Braimah, City Planner, DSNY Bureau of Legal Affairs, 125 Worth St., Room 708, NY, NY 10013. A copy of the draft scope [can be found here](#).

Free CB6 Business to Business Networking and Business Card Exchange, Tues. June 23



Another not-to-be-missed opportunity for small business owners/managers of commercial & retail establishments and vendors of goods & services.

Tues., June 23, 5:30-7:30 PM.
Bilotta Kitchens Showroom,
150 E 58th St #904, between 3rd and Lexington
Avenues.

Meet colleagues and neighbors.

RSVP to office@cbsix.org or 212.319.3750.

Complimentary wine, soft drinks and light fare.

Free CB6 Business Marketing Workshop, Wed., June 24, 8:30 - 10 AM

Join CB6 for a free talk on making effective use of digital media to attract and retain customers with [NYC SCORE](#) mentors Sandy Eames and Carlos Ronisky. [Science, Industry & Business Library](#). 188 Madison Ave. at 34th Street.

RSVP to office@cbsix.org or 212.319.3750.

Bellevue Hospital Community Advisory Board Annual Public Meeting, Wed., June 24

Learn about new developments at Bellevue on June 24, 5:30 PM, at Saul Farber Auditorium, Bellevue Hospital Center, 462 First Ave. at 27th St. RSVP to 212-562-6185 or communityadvisoryboard@bellevue.nychhc.org.

Services

Bike Racks for Businesses



Members of [Murray Hill Neighborhood Association](#) convinced Giuseppe's Pizza at 514 Lexington to get [a free Dept. of Transportation bike rack](#) for their delivery bikes.

Chaining bikes to trees is illegal.

Many businesses chain their delivery bikes to trees repeatedly. Report each instance of bikes chained to trees to [NYC Parks](#) and keep the service request numbers you'll receive. Collect several request numbers for the location and forward it to [CB6](#). If a Parks Dept. enforcement officer happens to see the bike chained at this location the business may get a ticket.

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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