



Community Board Six Manhattan

CB6 News, Meetings, Events and Services September 9, 2015

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News

CB6 Draft 2017 District Needs Statement

As required by the City Charter, Community Boards must hold a public hearing on their district's capital and expense budget requests prior to submitting them to the Office of Management and Budget. For the first time, these requests have been merged with the annual District Six *Needs Statement*. The full document will be reviewed at the hearing, which will take place on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 6:30 PM, at St. Peter's Church on Lexington Ave. and 54th St. [Review the Draft 2017 CB6 DNS and Budget Requests here.](#)

Upcoming Traffic Disruptions

[The UN General Assembly](#) opens on September 15. Due to security precautions and requirements, anticipate traffic disruptions.

[Pope Francis](#) will be in town on September 24 and 25.

Updates on Homeless Issues

- Mayor Bill de Blasio announced [the launch of NYC Safe](#), a \$22 million program that aims to help mentally ill individuals who pose a concern for violent behavior. [The plan](#) will employ teams of mental health professionals to provide 24 hour individualized services for individuals who are unresponsive to traditional treatment, as well as better integration of agencies involved in serving the homeless.
- The Mayor has also introduced a [new rental assistance measure](#) to tenants facing eviction, domestic violence survivors timing out of shelters, recovering addicts discharged from treatment and former residents of [three-quarter homes](#).
- [New officers and extra lighting](#) are coming to the 30th St. men's homeless shelter.
- Parents want the nearby [homeless drop-in center](#) to move.

New Interactive Sidewalk Cafe Map



The NYC Dept. of Consumer Affairs, which licenses and regulates sidewalk cafes, has released a [new interactive sidewalk cafe map](#).

- See the type of sidewalk cafés allowed by NYC Department of City Planning (DCP) zoning regulations in your neighborhood and across the city.
- Find existing sidewalk café locations near you and see the details about the café, including the maximum number of tables and chairs allowed.
- Get the inspection checklist for sidewalk cafés, with required dimensions and distances.
- Track new and renewal license applications.
- Learn when public hearings are scheduled for license applicants.
- Generate and easily export a list of sidewalk cafés located in a Community Board district.
- Link to the Dept. of Health inspection results for the café.

Corner of Lexington and 51st Street Becomes a Bright New Public Space



There are over 500 privately owned public spaces (POPS) in NYC. Many of them, having earned development credits for their builders, provide the bare minimum of civic amenities. Congratulations to the Rudin Organization, owners of [560 Lexington Ave. at 50th St.](#), for completing a major renovation of its POPS.

Community Organization Profile

Stein Senior Center

The Center's mission is to provide support, stimulating activities and health and wellness programs for seniors enabling them to continue to be vital members of the community and avoid institutionalization. Executive Director Jane Barry reports there are a lot of great new programs as well as ongoing programs, including: arthritis exercise, opera appreciation, Zumba class, knitting, strength training, play reading, tai chi, beading, meditation, belly dancing, meditation, feldenkrais, bridge club, computer lab, Shakespeare, Yiddish Club, chorus and voice clinic, and a new art appreciation class. They also offer assistance with benefits/entitlements, legal clinic, tax prep (in season), trips, performances, book club and more. United Firefighters Building at 204 East 23rd Street, 2nd floor. Contact them at info@steinseniorcenter.org or 646-395-8083 or visit <http://steinseniorcenter.org/>

We'd like to feature your community neighborhood nonprofit in the CB6 newsletter

If you would like your group to be featured in a future issue of the CB6 newsletter, please send us a paragraph that includes your mission, services projects, events, website and contact information. Here are our directories of [East Midtown civic groups](#), [houses of worship](#), and [libraries & schools](#).

In Other News...

- According to [Washington Monthly magazine's annual ranking](#), four of the top five 'best bang for the buck' four year colleges in the Northeast are City University of NY schools: Baruch

College in Manhattan is first, followed by Lehman College in the Bronx in third place, John Jay College of Criminal Justice in fourth and Queens College in fifth.

- Hat tip to [East Midtown Partnership](#) for this article on [the hot market for east midtown office space](#).
- Construction begins on the [flood wall](#) at the Veterans Administration Hospital next to Asser Levy Park.

Meetings and Events

Check Your Eligibility for Benefits, Thurs. Sept. 17, 1 - 5 PM

Check your eligibility for benefits that help to pay for food, rent, and medicine - Medicare, SCRIE, SNAP and HEAP. For more information about what documents to bring, call (347) 815-5930 or email benefits@liveon-ny.org. Kips Bay Public Library, 446 Third Avenue at 31st Street. NY, NY 10016

City University of NY (CUNY) Annual Manhattan Borough Public Hearing, Mon. Sept. 21

Individuals who wish to communicate with CUNY leadership, staff and colleges are invited to attend at speak at this meeting. Speakers are limited to three minutes, and must preregister with at (646) 664-9050 prior to Sept. 18. Written statements of any length can be submitted. The hearing is scheduled for 5 PM in room 14-220, Baruch College Vertical Campus, at 55 Lexington Ave. on the corner of 24th St. More details about [the CUNY September hearing](#)

NYPD Precinct Community Council Meetings this Fall

The [13th Precinct](#) Community Council meets on the first Tuesday of the month - September 1, October 6 and November 3 - at 6:30 PM, at 230 East 21st Street, between 2nd and 3rd Avenues. There will be no meeting in December.

The [17th Precinct](#) Community Council meets on the last Tuesday of the month - October 27 and November 24 - at 6 PM at Sutton Place Synagogue, 225 E. 51st St. on . There will be no meeting in December.

Neighborhood Leadership Institute - Fall 2015

Join Citizens Committee for NYC for the next session of their [Neighborhood Leadership Institute](#) - a series of free, participatory workshops to build community organizing skills. Attend four workshops (including Basics of Community Organizing) and receive a Neighborhood

Leadership Certificate. [RSVP here](#). Questions? [Contact CCNYC](#) or call 212-822-9567. Workshop schedules:

- Group structure: how to build and maintain it. Oct. 3.
- Media tools: increase public support, frame your message, alert local media. Oct. 24
- Navigating City government: how to have your community issues addressed. Nov. 7
- Grassroots fundraising, Nov. 14.

Business Events at the Science Industry & Business Library (SIBL)

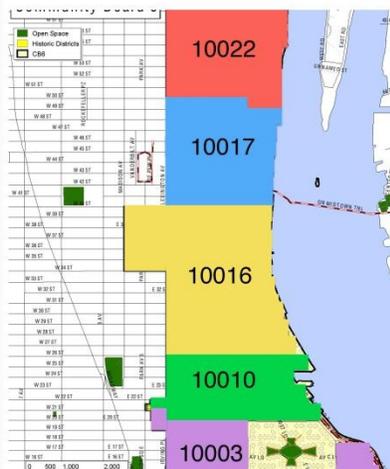
Click [here for the schedule](#) of free business and employment workshops. [SIBL](#) is located at 188 Madison Ave. at 34th St. and offers a wide range of services.

Services

Back to school resource - free neighborhood guide to kids activities

[Kidz Central Station](#) is a website where parents can search for activities and enroll kids in classes. Parents can search by neighborhood, age, schedule, class type, and price.

Map of ZIP Codes within CB6



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

Protect Your Building from Trespassers

Tenants concerned about unknown individuals entering their building and / or loitering in public areas, can contact the District Attorney's office to enroll in their [Trespass Affidavit Program](#). Once enrolled, you will receive “no trespass” signage and NYPD will have access to the premises and may take appropriate action. Contact the [Community Partnerships Unit](#) for details.

NYC Rent Freeze Program - formerly known as SCRIE and DRIE

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. For more information [download this brochure](#).

NYC Dept. of Transportation Resources

- DOT 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 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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