Community Board Six
Manhattan

News and Events - Feb. 19, 2014

In this newsletter: ***Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Town Hall*** *on Feb. 25.* ***Quality of Life Forum*** *rescheduled to Thurs. March 13. Topics at committee meetings from February 19-28. And lots more. Please forward this newsletter to your friends and neighbors. They can sign up to receive it here.*

Alert: NYC DOT to resurface portions of FDR Drive Sun., February 23

Two of three southbound lanes of the FDR will be closed between E. 49th Street and the United Nations underpass Sunday evening, with closure of the exit ramp at E. 49th Street; motorists are advised to use alternate routes. Targeted stretches will be milled and paved in one night, reducing impacts on drivers. Already this year DOT has addressed more than 84,000 potholes across the city, including more than 12,500 in Manhattan. For more information about DOT's efforts to maintain more than 6,000 miles of roadway, visit www.nyc.gov/dot, and please report any pothole condition to The Daily Pothole or to 311.

Events

Aging in the workplace: a panel discussion, Thurs., February 20, 8:30 AM

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 331 East 70th Street. Part of Senator Liz Krueger's series of events for boomers & seniors. Call 212-490-9535 or email anrielle.georgenyc@gmail.com for more information.

Counting Down to "Vision Zero"

A Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Town Hall
Tuesday, February 25, 2014, 6 – 8 PM

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 524 West 59th Street, 6th Floor, (between 10th & 11th Avenues). Presentations by: NYC Mayor's Office, NYC Dept. of Transportation, NYPD, Transportation Alternatives and CHEKPEDS. Please RSVP for this event as space is limited. Email hoylman@nysenate.gov or call 212-633-8052. Presented by State Senator Brad Hoylman. Co-Sponsors: U.S. Representatives Carolyn B. Maloney and Jerrold Nadler; Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer; State Senators Liz Krueger, José M. Serrano, Daniel Squadron, Assembly Members Deborah Glick, Dick Gottfried, Brian Kavanagh, Dan Quart, Linda Rosenthal; City Council Members Dan Garodnick, Corey Johnson, Mark Levine, Rosie Mendez, Helen Rosenthal; and Community Board Six. (List in formation.)

Kips Bay Neighborhood Alliance meeting, Wed. Feb. 26, 6:30 PM

Neighbors invited to their monthly meeting. KBNA seeks volunteers for their flower planting in March, and to help assemble a youth group. They will discuss their community day on May 17 and their board elections. 303 East 33rd St. Contact kbna.info@gmail.com

Quality of Life Forum, rescheduled to Thurs., March 13, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Podell Auditorium, 1st floor of Bernstein Pavillion, Beth Israel Medical Center, 1 Nathan Perlman Place, between 15th & 16th Streets and 1st and 2nd Avenues. A panel discussion with representatives from NYC agencies, moderated by City Council Members Dan Garodnick and Rosie Mendez. Co-sponsored by Manhattan Community Board Six and Kips Bay Neighborhood Alliance. Panelists will address quality of life issues in the

Kips Bay neighborhood, such as street safety, area greening, and improving communication with City agencies. Residents can submit questions prior to the forum, or in written form during the event. Contact kbna.info@gmail.com or office@cbsix.org.

Community groups seeking meeting spaces in east midtown

Local groups are looking for places where 5 to 50 people can get together for a meeting or an event at no charge. Contact CB6 if your restaurant, nonprofit or house of worship would be interested and we'll connect you.

CB6 Committee Meetings February 19 - 28

- Feb. 24: the Public Safety and Environment Committee will hear a presentation from the Mayor's Office of Long Term Planning, and will discuss a bill in relation to the authority of enforcement officers to issue violations for removal of commercial waste.
- Feb. 25: Health & Education will discuss local impacts of education issues - budgets, special ed reform, Common Core and testing.
- Feb. 27: the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee will review a number of liquor license applications.

March Preview

The Budget & Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a public hearing on March 10 to respond to the Mayor's Preliminary Budget.

See the CB6 committee calendar page for dates, times, locations and details.

Available Grants and Benefits

Request an NYC Parks Department Mobile Unit for your event

NYC Parks offers mobile units for events at no charge. The three different types of mobile units and Parks staff to run them come with a variety of children's activities. Sign up for a mobile unit for your event as soon as possible, as they are in high demand when warmer weather starts. Call (212) 408-0275 or apply online.

Win $1,000 to beautify your block

Citizens Committee for NYC and NYC Service are giving out grants of up to $1,000 to resident-led volunteer groups as well as access to city agency services for trash collection, vacant lot cleanup, graffiti removal, dead tree removal, tree planting, providing wood chip mulch for gardening projects, repair of and installation of street signs and street lights, traffic safety surveys, and more. The deadline to apply is February 20.

Neighborhood Updates

Police Academy Set to Move Out of Gramercy

The Police Academy is planning to leave its longtime home at 235 E. 20th St. near Third Avenue for a new campus in College Point, Queens. The NYPD has not yet said officially what will happen to the building. Councilmembers Garodnick and Mendez join CB6 in calling for the space being repurposed as a school.

Police Seek Suspects in Alleged Hate Crime Attack

Police were asking the public to help find three men in an anti-gay assault in front of 265 First Ave., across from Stuyvesant Town, on New Year's Day. Police have released surveillance images of three suspects. Anyone with information can call the NYPD Crime Stoppers at (800) 577-TIPS, log onto the Crime Stoppers website, or text tips to 274637 (CRIMES) and enter TIP577. The case is being investigated by the NYPD Hate Crimes Task Force.

East 58th Street Water Main Project Construction Updates

As part of the implementation of the Third Water Tunnel, a new water main is being installed on and around East 58th Street. Check here for the latest construction updates.

Subway cellphone access

Verizon customers can now use their cellphones in 35 of NYC's underground subway stations. Only one of them - the 28th St. station at Lexington Avenue - is within CB6.

Got a question or complaint?

Please contact the CB6 office with your comments, suggestions, questions and service requests.

See previous CB6 newsletters

Visit our newsletter archive page. Our resource page also has directories of community organizations, senior services, and elected officials.

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Transportation Committee - Monday, 2/03 - Cancelled

Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs Committee - Tuesday, 2/04

Land Use and Waterfront Committee - Wed., 2/05

By-Laws Special Committee - Thursday, 2/06

Budget and Governmental Affairs Committee - Monday, 2/10 - Cancelled

Housing, Homeless and Human Rights Committee - uesday, 2/11

Full Board Meeting - Wednesday, 2/12

Quality of Life Forum - Thursday, 2/13 - rescheduled to March 13

Executive Committee - Wednesday, 2/19

Public Safety and Environment Committee - Monday, 2/24

Health and Education Committee - Tuesday, 2/25

Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee - Thursday, 2/27

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