

# CB6 Newsletter, January 2, 2014

## News

### New East River Ferry sites proposed

A newly updated Citywide Ferry Study examined 58 waterfront sites across the City. A promising new route between Wall St. and East 34th St. would include additional ferry sites at East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Grand Street. Here's a link to the [preliminary report](#).

### Christmas tree collection underway



NYC Dept. of Sanitation's annual [Christmas tree curbside collection and recycling program](#) will run through January 15. Clean, non-bagged trees without ornaments left on curbside will be collected, chipped and composted. The compost is spread on city parks and ball fields. "Christmas Day has come and gone, but New Yorkers can continue the spirit of giving by 'tree-cycling' their Christmas trees," said NYC Parks Commissioner Veronica White. Each year about 140,000 trees are collected.

### Proposed micro unit project to be more affordable

Council Member Rosie Mendez, in consultation with CB6 Board Member Claude L. Winfield and the Housing, Homeless and Human Rights Committee, has negotiated with the Bloomberg Administration to upgrade the affordability of the [pilot micro-unit building proposed for 335 East 27th St.](#) Now, 40% of the 55 units will be affordable, and their rent levels will be set for thirty years. 20% of the total units will be affordable to households whose incomes are up to 80% of Area Median Income, and 5% of units to households with incomes up to 130% of AMI. The City will include a 25% preference for NYCHA residents, including but not limited to a preference for tenants from CB6

### Delay in sanitation garage project requested

Area elected officials have asked the City to [hold off on plans for the sanitation garage](#) proposed for First Avenue between 25th and 26th St., to be built in 2020, until a comprehensive plan for the entire site is provided. Nearby residents still have

unanswered questions about potential air quality impacts from a steady stream of garbage trucks, and the safety of its placement in a flood zone.

### Post-SantaCon hangover



Discarded Santa hats the morning after. Photo by CB6 board member Mark Thompson

Elected officials [plan a face to face review](#) of the annual gathering with the previously anonymous organizers. If you're curious to see what you missed, here's a [compilation of SantaCon 2013 videos](#), which includes the widely circulated video of brawling Santas on 16th St. and Third Avenue.

### NYC neighborhood crime data on interactive map

A new [NYPD website](#) enables the public to access information on felony crime occurrence by location, category and rate per 1,000 residents. It provides data for the past calendar year, the current year and by month of the current year. [Crime statistics by precinct](#) have been available on the Police Department's website since 2003 and are updated weekly. The [13th Precinct](#) covers the southern portion of CB6, and the [17th Precinct](#) covers the northern section.

### Local church increases hourly bell ringing to 13 times a day

For many years, the bells at Church of Our Saviour on Park Ave. and 38th St. rang twice a day, at noon and again at 6 PM. When a new pastor arrived in September he increased the schedule to of hourly ringing to 13 times a day, including weekends. As the NY Times reported, [neighbors are asking for a return to the previous schedule](#). On the day that article appeared, [the bells rang hourly through the night](#). Church officials claimed it was a mechanical problem - but gave no indication if they would reduce their bell-ringing schedule.

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### January CB6 Committee Meetings

Meetings are subject to change. Please visit [our calendar page](#) for updates.

Land Use and Waterfront Committee - Thursday, 1/02

Transportation Committee - Monday, 1/06

Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs Committee - Tuesday, 1/07

Full Board Meeting - Wednesday, 1/08

Budget and Governmental Affairs Committee - Monday, 1/13

By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee - Monday, 1/13

Housing, Homeless and Human Rights Committee - Tuesday, 1/14

Executive Committee - Wednesday, 1/15

Health and Education Committee - Tuesday, 1/21

Public Safety and Environment Committee - Monday, 1/27

Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee - Thursday, 1/30

For location, time and details see [our calendar page](#).

### **At CB6 Committee Meetings in January**

- The Transportation Committee will discuss: flashing lights on SBS buses; overcrowding of the L station on 14th Street; issues with 1st Avenue bus stops; electric vehicle charging stations; LED street lighting, and implementation of 20 mph slow zones.
- The Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs Committee will discuss an application to install a tower light at Peter's Field Playground, and hear updates on St. Vartan and Asser Levy parks.
- The Budget and Government Affairs Committee will discuss legislation that can improve the voter experience, and the budget calendar for 2014.
- The Housing Homeless and Human Right Committee will hear an update on the Phipps Houses-Phipps Plaza North project at 323-329 E. 25th.St.
- The Health and Education Committee will hear a presentation about [Take Care NY](#), the City's public health agenda, and discuss bills in the NYS Senate and Assembly on marijuana regulation.
- The Public Safety and Environment Committee will discuss: a City Council bill to reduce the use of carryout bags; Labor Law 240; how insurance costs will negatively impact the NYC School Construction Authority budget; and the link between construction materials and health problems

See [the CB6 committee calendar page](#) for dates, times, locations and details.

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## Events

### Workshops at Baruch Small Business Development Center

Baruch SBDC offers free workshops year-round geared towards both start-ups and established businesses at 55 Lexington Ave. at 24th Street. Click here for [more information and to register](#).

- Basics of loans and credit options for all business situations, Mon. Jan. 13
- Business plan basics, Mon. Jan. 27
- Legal organizational structures for businesses, Tues. Jan. 28
- Managing your company's finances, Wed. Feb. 19

### Free concerts at Turtle Bay Music School

Classical piano works, Jan. 17. Flute quartet plays an evening of music by NYC composers, Jan. 31. .... More [info here](#).

### Events at the Kips Bay Library

Exercise class for seniors at 2 PM every Monday; chair yoga every Saturday at 1 PM; events for babies and toddlers; afternoon movies. See [their events page](#).

Local events from [Town & Village](#)

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## Services



This sewer manhole cover at East 35th St. and Park Ave. was loose, banging loudly whenever a car went over it. Dr. David Mantell reported it to CB6. We brought the issue to NYC DOT, and it's scheduled for repair.

### Got a question or complaint?

Please [contact the CB6 office](#) with your questions and service requests.

## **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.

### **Idling vehicles is against the law**

Since the early 1970's, NYC law restricts the idling of motor vehicle engines while parking, standing or stopping as part of the City policy to reduce air pollution. [No motorized vehicle can idle for longer than 3 minutes](#) unless it is being used to operate equipment. Report idling events to 311, and include a detailed description of the vehicle including license plate numbers and photos.

### **See previous CB6 newsletters**

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