



Community Board Six Manhattan

East Midtown News and CB6 Activities - Jan. 28, 2014

Transit News

CB6 Members call for new entrances at crowded 1st Ave L station

Residents and CB6 members are [pushing Metropolitan Transportation Authority to make safety improvements](#) to the overcrowded, potentially hazardous L train platforms at First Avenue. At a recent CB6 Transportation Committee meeting, they asked the



MTA [to build a second entrance for both the eastbound and westbound platforms of the station](#) to ease the congestion. The station was built in 1924 with only one stairwell, which often turns into a bottleneck at rush hour. Sandro Sherrod, chairman of CB6, suggested creating a new entry point to the platform at the eastern side of the station, near Avenue A, and urged MTA to come up with a ballpark figure for the cost of such a project so residents could advocate for its funding. (CB6 has not yet taken an official position on the matter.) On a related note, [real time train arrival estimates](#) for the L Train are now available on phones and online.

NYC report on making safer streets

Smart and innovative street design can dramatically improve the safety of our streets. [The results in this report](#) are based on before and after comparisons of crash data for projects implemented in the last 7 years. DOT claims its analysis is the largest examination of the safety effects of innovative roadway engineering conducted in any major American city.



The blog [BikeShareNYC](#) tracks daily usage of the bike-sharing program. Turtle Bay recently [made their list of top ten neighborhoods](#) with bike stations where one cannot get a bike because they're empty or drop one off because they're full. The [bike-sharing program](#) serves many Brooklyn and Manhattan neighborhoods.

Everything you ever wanted to know about how NYC streets are designed

The [Street Design Manual](#) is New York City's comprehensive resource for street design standards, guidelines, and policies. It draws from a wide range of resources and experience to present a coherent set of choices for street design. These range from ubiquitous features, such as standard sidewalk concrete and street lights, to newer design elements like pedestrian safety islands, bus bulbs, and protected bicycle lanes

Events

Super Bowl events closing down Broadway from Jan. 29 - Feb. 1

Prior to the Super Bowl on Feb. 2 in NJ, a [Super Bowl event free to the public](#) will occupy Broadway between 34th and 47th Streets, from noon to 10 PM daily. There will be extensive street closures affecting all of midtown.



Kips Bay Quality of Life Forum
Thursday, February 13, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Co-hosted by Manhattan CB6 and KBNA

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, moderated by City Council Members Dan Garodnick and Rosie Mendez, with representatives from NYC agencies.

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. Visit kbna.tumblr.com or cbsix.org.

Next meeting of Kips Bay Neighborhood Alliance, Tues. Feb. 18

[KBNA](#) seeks volunteers for their flower planting in March, and to help assemble a youth group. Contact kbna.info@gmail.com for time and location of their next organizational meeting.

Apply by Feb. 27 for capital funding grants for your nonprofit group

Each year, Borough Presidents receive a portion of the city's capital budget for capital funding -- purchase or improvement of fixed assets such as buildings or other infrastructure. Each Borough President then allocates that funding to city agencies, cultural institutions, or nonprofit organizations that have applied. This procedure is separate from the Community Board budget request procedure. The applications are

now available, and the deadline for submitting applications is February 27, 2014. [Click here for more information.](#)

Minutes from CB6 Committee Meetings in December and January

- At the [Transportation Committee](#) in January, members discussed bus delays and supported Council bills on electric vehicles. In its [December meeting](#), held jointly with Public Safety & Environment, they discussed increasing bike safety education.
 - In December, [Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee](#) reviewed a number of liquor licenses.
 - Health & Education, acting jointly with Land Use and Waterfront, discussed [turning the current Police Academy](#) into a much needed new K-12 school. [Land Use & Waterfront](#) also heard a presentation from JDS Development on their project at 626 First Ave. at 35th St.
 - [Housing, Homeless & Human Rights](#) looked at NYCHA payments for policing services, and new ideas for 2014.
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At Upcoming CB6 Committee Meetings in February

- The Transportation Committee on Mon. Feb. 3 will discuss: a DOT study on LED street lighting; city slow zones; the locations at which DOT should assign street safety managers to educate bikers about safe driving; and traffic changes from the closing of Asser Levy Place.
- The Parks Committee on Tues. Feb. 4 will hear updates on St. Vartan Park, One Sutton Place South Park, Asser Levy Park and Stuyvesant Park.
- The Land Use & Waterfront Committee on Feb. 5 will hear a presentation on NYU's Kimmel Center, and review the 197a plan of 2008, the long range plan for CB6.
- The By-Laws Committee will continue to review the by-laws on Thurs. Feb. 6.
- A public hearing will be held at the Budget and Governmental Affairs Committee meeting on Monday, February 10 if the preliminary budget is available by that time. Otherwise, a public hearing will be held within 30 days after release of the budget.
- The Public Safety and Environment Committee on Monday, Feb. 24 will hear a presentation by the Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning & Sustainability; and discuss an Assembly bill that would increase the authority of enforcement officers to issue violations relating to removal of commercial waste.
- The Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee will review a number of liquor license applications on Thurs. Feb. 27.

See [the CB6 committee calendar page](#) for details.

Services

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.

Reporting Snow or Ice on City Sidewalks

After the snow stops falling, property owners must clear a path for pedestrians and remove snow from sidewalks next to bus stops and hydrants as follows:

- If snowfall ends between 7 AM and 5 PM, property owners must clear sidewalks within 4 hours.
- If snowfall ends between 5 PM and 7 AM, property owners must clear sidewalks before 11 AM.

The City may issue property owners a summons for a failure to clear the sidewalks within these time frames. You can make a complaint at any time about snow or ice on sidewalks in front of public property, such as bus stop shelters, park paths, or schools. [You can also make a complaint about snow or ice on sidewalks in front of private property](#) after property owners have had an appropriate amount of time to clear their sidewalks.

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February CB6 Committee Meetings

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

Transportation Committee, Monday, 2/03

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

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

By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee, Thursday, 2/06

Budget and Governmental Affairs Committee, Monday, 2/10

Housing, Homeless and Human Rights Committee, Tuesday, 2/11

Full Board Meeting, Wednesday, 2/12

Quality of Life Forum, Thursday, 2/13

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

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