



# Community Board Six Manhattan

East Midtown News and CB 6 Activities - March 24, 2014

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## Events

### **FREE Small Business Forum Tues., March 25, 8 - 10 AM**

Networking breakfast and 3D printer demo. Workshops on accessing financing, building your personal brand, storing documents online in the cloud, and business growth management.

RSVP required. Newman Conference Center, Baruch College, 151 E. 25th St., Room 750. Sponsored by Baruch College

and Flatiron Partnership. Keynote address from Council Member Robert Cornegy Jr., Chair of the Committee on Small Business. [Click here to RSVP](#) and for more information.

**FREE Greening Your Restaurant Workshop, Tues., March 25, 2 - 4 PM**

A free workshop at Baruch College for restaurants and the food service industry to learn about cutting costs and energy efficiency. Sponsored by Solar 1 and NYSERDA. Panelists will describe best practices for reducing waste and conserving energy in the commercial kitchen, incentives and financing for upgrading commercial equipment, and programs to help you save water and compost. Sponsored by Solar 1 and NYSERDA (NY State Energy Research and Development Authority), with speakers from Con Edison, Baruch Small Business Development Center, NYC Dept. of Small Business Services, and the Mayor's Office of Composting.

Refreshments will be provided. Contact 212-505-6050 or email [samuel@solar1.org](mailto:samuel@solar1.org). [RSVP here](#).

**Vision Zero Manhattan Town Hall Meeting  
Wed., March 26, 6 - 8 PM**

The Vision Zero Action Plan is the City's foundation for ending traffic deaths and injuries on our streets. Come out and offer your feedback. Your ideas are needed to improve street safety, to identify problem locations, and to hammer out site-specific solutions that match realities on the ground. John Jay College, Gerald Lynch Theater, 524 West 59th St. between 10th and 11th Avenues. Sponsored by NYC Council, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and NYC Dept. of

Transportation. RSVP to 212-341-2644 or [Events@council.nyc.gov](mailto:Events@council.nyc.gov).

**Stuyvesant Cove Park Community Meeting**  
**Thurs. April 3, 6:30 - 8 PM**

Join a community discussion about improving public access to on-water activity in Stuyvesant Cove Park, and potential infrastructure improvements to facilitate more waterfront programming. Sponsored by CB 6, Stuyvesant Cove Park Association, Borough President Gale Brewer, Council Member Daniel R. Garodnick, Senator Brad Hoylman, Assembly Member Brian Kavanagh, Solar One, Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance, DockNYC. Skylight Room at Baruch College, 17 Lexington Ave. at 23rd St., Room 306. Please [RSVP online](#).

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**Big Turnout at CB6 / Kips Bay Neighborhood Alliance Quality of Life Forum**



Councilmembers Garodnick and Mendez did a great job in moderating a panel of City agency representatives, digging into issues

including parks, street trees, traffic safety, newspaper boxes, garbage, cabbies, and homeless services.

Over 100 residents turned out, many of

whom got up to ask questions of their own. [Click here for notes](#) from the panel. See more pictures at [our Facebook page](#).

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## Services

CB6 serves the community in monitoring delivery of services to maintain and improve the quality of life. Please call the Board Office at 212-319-3750 or [email us](#) to report service needs in your neighborhood. Here are a few recent examples

### **Misuse of parking permits makes driving harder for law-abiding car owners**



A car had been parked for many weeks in the cul de sac off 24th St. and Second Avenue, and reportedly had not been moved day or night. We alerted NYPD Traffic Enforcement, and learned the vehicle had a [disabled parking permit](#), allowing its driver to park at most NYC curbsides including all no parking zones, and at no parking and no standing spaces. However, a CB6 board member recently sighted two apparently healthy young women get into the car. They moved the car and returned shortly, parking the car in the same location. It is possible that the driver may be using a permit given to someone else. Unfortunately, [pretending to be disabled is a national trend](#). People with disabilities have a legal right to reserved parking, according to [NYS Dept. of Motor Vehicles](#), but it

should only be used when the person who received the permit or plates is actually in the vehicle. Those who misuse this legal protection make parking in NYC difficult for law-abiding drivers. Contact 311 or CB6 at 212-319-3750 to report parking problems or other service requests.

### **Chaining signs to NYC street lights is illegal**



Signs like this one, reported on the corner of 33rd St. and First Ave., will be promptly removed by either Dept. of Transportation or Dept. of Sanitation, and the business referenced in the sign will receive a

summons. [Contact CB6](#) with the exact location of any such signs you find.

### **Services for your small business**

NYC Business Solutions is a set of free services offered by the Department of Small Business Services to help businesses start, operate and expand. Check their list of [upcoming courses](#).

The Baruch Small Business Development Center's [upcoming free classes](#) cover marketing, strategic planning, cash flow, financing and business plan development. The [SBDC](#) is at 55 Lexington Ave. at 24th St.

### **March 31 deadline to enroll in NY State of Health Marketplace**

The Marketplace offers affordable, free or low-cost health insurance options. [Visit the website](#) to check your eligibility for free

insurance through Medicaid or Child Health Plus, and to determine if you qualify for financial assistance for purchasing a private plan. For assistance, make an appointment with trained independent enrollers. To make an appointment with them, [email](#) or call 888-614-5400.

### **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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## **Updates**

### **Third Water Tunnel Project - March & April Update**

NYC Dept. of Design & Construction is installing the connection to Water Tunnel No. 3 along East 58th Street between First and Third Avenues. DDC will install new trunk water mains, replace distribution water mains and existing gas mains, upgrade electric and telephone facilities, install new catch basins and restore roadway, curbs and sidewalks. This project is anticipated to be completed by summer of 2016. In March and April, work will include: replacement and tie-in of gas mains and installation of a new 12-inch distribution water main on 1st Avenue. [Click here for the newsletter](#).

This week, [safety barricades are being installed](#) in the roadway prior to the installation of gas mains on E. 58th St. between 2nd and 3rd Avenues.

**Construction update - 303 East 51st Street (Halcyon Condominiums)**

There will be after hours work on Tues., Wed. and Thurs. evenings. [Details here.](#)

**Gramercy area roadway upgrades**

Dept. of Transportation roadway milling and resurfacing will take place on March 27 around Gramercy Park.

**Don't take a chance: report gas odors**

Con Edison reminds customers to call 1-800-75CONED if they smell gas. [Click here](#) to view a video on gas safety, or to [read more](#) information about it.

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**March CB6 Committee Meetings**

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

Transportation Committee  
Monday, 3/03

Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs Committee  
Tuesday, 3/04

Land Use and Waterfront Committee  
Wednesday, 3/05

By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee  
Thursday, 3/06

Budget and Governmental Affairs Committee  
Monday, 3/10

Housing, Homeless and Human Rights Committee  
Tuesday, 3/11

Full Board Meeting  
Wednesday, 3/12

Quality of Life Forum  
Thursday, 3/13

Public Safety and Environment Committee  
Monday, 3/17

Executive Committee  
Wednesday, 3/19

Health and Education Committee  
Tuesday, 3/25

Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee  
Thursday, 3/27

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