



Community Board Six Manhattan

News and Events - March 5, 2014

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Future of Police Academy Building still up in the air

Unnamed sources [told DNAInfo](#) that NYPD will continue using the Police Academy building in Gramercy even after the academy moves out this summer. Community leaders were surprised to hear of the NYPD's plans to keep the building, because they have been advocating for years for the city to turn it into a school. "We have not received any indication that NYPD would be staying," said Sandro Sherrod, chairman of Community Board 6. Since 2008, the board has been calling for the Police Academy to be converted to middle or high school. "While it is disappointing to hear that we might not be getting a school that the community needs," Sherrod said, "we will continue to work with the mayor's office, our local council members and NYPD to make sure that any future use of the space benefits the community as a whole." CB6 will continue to work with the Administration to explore the possibility of locating a school at the site in the future.

Night Work on Third Water Tunnel This Week

NYC Department of Design and Construction will be conducting test pit work overnight between Tues. March 4 and Fri. March 7 on 2nd and 3rd Avenues between E. 57th St. and E. 59th St. [Weekly updates about the project](#) are posted on the CB6 website.

Concrete Pouring on 37th Street

Construction is taking place on and beneath 37th Street and Park Avenue as part of the [East Side Access project](#). On March 4 there was concrete pouring all day.

Construction updates on the Halcyon Condominiums at 303 East 51st Street

Following a February 2014 meeting convened by Assemblymember Dan Quart, attended by representatives of developer HFZ Capital, CB6 and the Turtle Bay Association, the developer is sending updates to community members, which can be reviewed [at the CB6 website](#). Construction of the building's structure is expected to be complete by May, with enclosure of the structure expected by September, and construction fully completed by September 2015 a year later. The 32-story building will house 123 condos.

In other building news: a 19 story tower planned for 200 East 39th St., with rental apartments and commercial space on the corner of Third Avenue, [should be complete by 2015](#).

Con Ed Air Quality Testing from March 10 - 14 at Peter Cooper Village and Stuyvesant Town

As part of ongoing investigation of [former manufactured gas plant sites](#), routine testing is scheduled in a number of buildings in [Peter Cooper Village](#) and [Stuyvesant Town](#)

Events

Public Hearing on Mayor's Preliminary Budget on Monday, March 10, 6:30 PM

CB6's Budget & Governmental Affairs Committee is holding a public hearing on the Mayor's Preliminary Budget at the start of its monthly meeting, 6:30 PM, Monday March 10, at the Board office, located at 866 UN Plaza, #308, NY, NY 10017. Afterward, the Committee will review the FY 2015 Preliminary Budget Register for CB6. If you plan to attend or would like additional information, please contact the Board Office at [212-319-3750](tel:212-319-3750) or office@cbsix.org

Kips Bay Quality of Life Forum

Thursday, March 13, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Co-hosted by Manhattan Community Board Six and Kips Bay Neighborhood Alliance

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.

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. For more information, please

contact kbna.info@gmail.com or office@cbsix.org. Visit kbna.tumblr.com or cbsix.org.

Free Small Business Forum Sponsored by Baruch College and Flatiron Partnership, Tuesday, March 25, 8 - 10 AM

Newman Conference Center, Baruch College, 151 E. 25th St., Room 750. Keynote address from Council Member Robert Cornegy Jr., Chair of the Committee on Small Business. Networking breakfast and 3D printer demonstration. Workshops on accessing financing, building your personal brand, storing documents online in the cloud, and business growth management. While there is no charge to attend an RSVP is required. [Click here to RSVP](#) and for more information.

Free Greening Your Restaurant Sponsored by Solar 1 and NYSERDA, 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. 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 (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority), with speakers from Con Edison's Green Team, Baruch Small Business Development Center, NYC Dept. of Small Business Services, and the Mayor's Office of Composting. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Solar One at [212-505-6050](tel:212-505-6050) or email samuel@solar1.org. [RSVP here](#).

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

The Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance presents a roundtable discussion about improving public access to on-water activity in Stuyvesant Cove Park. Join Community Board 6, Stuyvesant Cove Park Association, Council Member Daniel R. Garodnick, Assemblymember Brian Kavanagh, Solar One, Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance, DockNYC, and other community groups and maritime users for a discussion of potential infrastructure improvements to facilitate more waterfront programming at Stuyvesant Cove Park. Skylight Room at Baruch College, 17 Lexington Ave. at 23rd St., Room 306. Please [RSVP online](#).

Services

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. Upcoming courses at their [lower Manhattan office](#) cover website fundamentals, writing a successful business plan, and business financial management.

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.

Send us your street repair requests

CB6 board member Lyle Frank alerted us to a roadway defect in his neighborhood. We brought it to Department of Transportation, who fixed the problem. "The hummock at 23rd Street and 1st Avenue is no more as DOT filled the problem area with asphalt. My neighbors and I will not have to hear the sound of trucks going over this area sounding like an explosion," said Mr. Frank. Contact 311 with your street repair request or send it to CB6 at office@cbsix.org.

Summer jobs at NYC Parks

NYC Parks is hiring for [summer camp counselors and lifeguards](#). To apply, please e-mail resume & cover letter to: SummerCampJobs@parks.nyc.gov.

Community groups seeking meeting spaces in east midtown

Local groups are looking for places where 5 to 25 people can get together for a meeting at no charge. Let us know if your nonprofit organization or house of worship would be interested and we'll make that information available to area groups on request.

Do you need litter baskets on your street?

Or are the litter baskets you already had damaged or missing? Request a new one with [this simple online form](#).

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.

Updates from our elected officials

[Councilmember Ben Kallos](#), replacing Jessica Lapin in District 5 on the Upper East Side, shares [some of his priority issues](#): the proposed marine transfer station on E. 91st St., expanding pre-K education, and funding for CUNY tuition and senior services.

NYS [Senator Brad Hoylman](#) has introduced a bill banning legislators from

having [additional part time employment](#). He pointed out the importance of knowing [the fire escape plan](#) of one's building. In high rise buildings, elevators may stop working in fires. Check your building's plan to see if it recommends using the stairs or sheltering in place. If there is a fire in your high rise building, sometimes the best thing to do is to stay where you are. Here are [some guidelines from the Fire Department](#).

Assembly Member Richard Gottfried is working on [a medical marijuana bill](#), and is seeking a grant that would make Broadway from Union Square up to 72nd Street a "[complete street](#)." Previous improvements in that area were temporary. Complete Streets is a policy that requires streets to be designed for safe, efficient travel for all users and modes of transit.

Assembly Member Dan Quart has introduced a bill which would enable [sanitation enforcement inspectors to issue summonses](#) to businesses for commercial waste if there is no reasonable doubt rather than requiring eyewitness evidence. Retailers are responsible for keeping their sidewalks clean.

Assembly Member Brian Kavanagh has introduced a bill [banning the sale of children's products containing the carcinogen formaldehyde](#) by manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers in New York State. He also has a new bill to [ban the use of antibiotics in animals sold for food](#) in New York, as well as stronger federal regulations.

Governor Cuomo Details Disaster Aid Plans

Recalling Hurricane Sandy, [Gov. Cuomo outlined how New York would spend](#) more than \$16 billion in federal disaster aid on items like high-tech weather stations and seals for entrances to subway stations. He announced more than 1,000 projects that he said would make New York better prepared for future storms. They include rebuilding tidal wetlands and upgrading the electrical grid. "Extreme weather is the new reality, like it or not," Mr. Cuomo said. "And we have to deal with it." The list includes repair or replacement of over 100 bridges that are vulnerable to flooding; creation of an undergraduate college dedicated to emergency preparedness, homeland security and cybersecurity; and recruitment of 100,000 volunteers to join a newly created Citizen First Responder Corps. Mr. Cuomo also promised to spend \$5 billion to fortify to bolster New York City's mass transit systems.

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](#).

