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New York City's Newest Park on the West Side's Elevated Rail Structure

On Monday, April 10, 2006, Mayor Bloomberg and Friends of the High Line Co-Founders Robert Hammond and Joshua David hosted a unique groundbreaking ceremony on top of the High Line elevated rail structure, heralding the start of construction of the first phase of New York City's eagerly anticipated park. To mark the occasion, the City's contractors lifted one of the few remaining railroad tracks in the first section of the 1.5-mile-long High Line to be converted to park use. Read the [press release](#), view [photos](#) and watch the video in [dial-up](#) or [broadband](#).

Open Applications and Issuance of Certificate of Occupancy - Pilot Initiative - Expanded Citywide

The Department of Buildings is expanding the Open Applications Initiative pilot program to all five borough offices. The program will consider issuing a final Certificate of Occupancy while allowing certain alteration applications to remain open. The initiative is limited to applications filed with the Department other than those involving base building life safety systems (examples: standpipe, sprinklers, fire alarms and egress, etc.) View the [service notice memorandum](#) (50 kb-pdf) for contact information and additional details about the requirements of the program.

New License Exam Format for Site Safety Manager, Elevator Director and Elevator Inspector

Beginning April 18, candidates for the Site Safety Manager certificate, Private Agency Elevator Director license, and Elevator Inspector license will be able to [schedule an exam at their convenience](#) (28 kb-pdf). Exams will be available at five computer testing centers throughout the five boroughs weekdays between 9 am and 8 pm. For additional information about qualifications and exam information, review the [Site Safety Manager](#) (56 kb-pdf), [Elevator Director and Elevator Inspector](#) (68 kb-pdf) candidate information bulletins. Download the [Exam Application](#) (139 kb-pdf).

Cranes & Derricks Advisory Council Minutes

The [Cranes & Derricks](#) Advisory Council conducted a meeting on March 6, 2006. For more information about the meeting, download a [copy of the minutes](#) (28 kb-pdf). For minutes from previous months, click on [Other Publications](#) under [Guides & Publications](#).

Upcoming Training Opportunities



Buildings University Presents:

ARA, Permit Renewal and eFiling Workshop

April 26 & May 3, 2006: Classes are full

Additional Class Added: May 17, 2006

The Department of Buildings will host a workshop for Alteration Repair Applications (ARA) and Permit Renewal services including eFiling. The workshop will focus on ARAs, OP-98 filing procedures, Permit Renewal updates and eFiling registration. **Reservations are required.** Please review [workshop flyer](#) (24 kb-pdf) for more information.

GNYSC Presents:

Free Required Safety and Health Training

March 8, 2006 to June 23, 2006

Various Times and Three Convenient Training Locations

The Greater New York Safety Council (GNYSC), under a grant from the New York State Occupational Safety & Health Training and Education Program, is offering this free training series. GNYSC is a non-profit organization dedicated to workplace safety. These courses have been designed for both labor and management personnel. All courses are free; **advance registration is required** and classes will be limited to 40 attendees. For more information, review the [GNYSC Flyer](#) (49 kb-pdf).

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