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What's New?

New Outdoor Sign Registration Program Begins Friday



In an effort to better regulate existing and new signs near arterial highways and parks, the City of New York has enhanced its sign registration program. Effective August 25th, the [Rules of the City of New York Chapter 49 \(Rule 49\)](#) imposes certain new registration requirements for outdoor advertising companies (OACs). OACs will have 60 days to apply for an OAC registration number and submit their sign inventory. Once approved, the OAC will have 90

days to display the OAC name, OAC registration number and work permit number on all signs. Any OAC that fails to register or violates the sign registration program may be subject to fines of up to \$25,000 per day and the signs may be removed by the City. For detailed information about the OAC Sign Registration Program, view the [Sign Enforcement Unit's webpage](#).



Stop Work Orders are Now Flagged in BISWeb

We've improved our online database to make it easier for you to identify properties with active Stop Work Orders (SWOs). All properties with an active SWO are now prominently flagged in red on the property profile overview page in [BISWeb](#). Read the [service announcement](#) (196 kb-pdf) for more information.

New Window Hours for the Manhattan Electrical Unit

To better serve you, the Manhattan Electrical Unit has established window hours to speak to the Chief or Assistant Chief. Visit us on Wednesdays from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Training & Workshops



Licensing Open House

Want to ensure that your paperwork is accepted? In an ongoing effort to make it easier for you to do business with the Licensing Unit, the Department of Buildings will hold an information session to provide a general understanding of corporate documents and insurance policies and procedures. Join our Licensing experts on September 26th to ensure your paperwork is always accepted. Reservations are required. Read the [flyer](#) (53 kb-pdf) for more information.



Owner's Night in Brooklyn

The New York City [Department of Housing Preservation and Development](#), in cooperation with Council Member Bill de Blasio, invite you to an Owner's Night in Brooklyn. This event is an evening dedicated to helping New York City's property owners learn about the availability of low-interest loans, take free educational courses and receive free owner counseling. Come join us!

Tuesday, August 29, 2006, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Holy Name Church
245 Prospect Park West (Shepherd's Hall)
Brooklyn, NY 11215

Directions: F Train to Prospect Park Station (Entrance through school yard)

Buildings Around Town

Buildings Department Hosts Russian and Ukrainian Building Delegation

On August 10th, the New York City Department of Buildings hosted five buildings officials and scientists from Moscow and Kiev, and their U.S. host from the Institute of Market Transformation in Washington, D.C. The purpose of their visit was to learn about the operational processes of the Department, from its pre-filing to construction inspections, and to explore the different ways the Department promotes energy conservation and sustainability. Read the [press release](#) and view a [photo](#) from the event.

Did You Know?

Did you know that all expeditors must obtain their new photo identification cards before August 31, 2006? After that date, the old badges will no longer be accepted as valid identification to file with the Department. View the [service notice](#) (28 kb-pdf) for more information.

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