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What's New?

New Permit Search, [My Community](#), Available Online



[My Community](#), a new user-friendly search feature was launched today to allow users an easy mechanism to search for new building permits, major alterations and full demolitions in their local community board. *My Community* is a simplified version of the Department's [Building Information System](#) (BIS), a database of over 950,000 properties located throughout the five boroughs. Read the [service announcement](#) (31 kb-pdf) and [press release](#) for more information.

Job Fair for Registered Architects and Professional Engineers



On Wednesday, November 15, 2006, the NYC Department of Buildings will host a Job Fair for Registered Architects and Professional Engineers at 280 Broadway on the 6th floor in Manhattan from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Join us to learn about the great opportunities that are available. View the [flyer](#) (52 kb-pdf) for more information. For current job openings, visit the [Career Opportunities](#) section of our website.

Changes to Staten Island Self-Certification Notification Process

To ensure that inspections are scheduled throughout the day, the Staten Island Borough Office will accept a maximum of eight Plumbing Self-Certification Notifications (OP-98) for self-certification of plumbing, sprinklers, standpipe inspections and tests per inspection appointment, beginning November 13th. If the request exceeds eight appointments, the contractor will be notified and will be offered the next available appointment. View the [service announcement](#) (31 kb-pdf) for information.

Electrician License Renewals Begin Today

It's time to [renew your electrical license](#) (37 kb-pdf), so be sure to schedule an appointment and bring in all the required documentation. If you haven't already registered for eFiling but want to, bring your seal and a Buildings representative will be on hand to walk you through the registration process. eFiling is the easiest, most efficient way to file electrical jobs. View the [service announcement](#) (24 kb-pdf) for some important reminders.

Fees for Central Inspections Division Now Accepted on 4th floor

To make it easier for you to do business with us, we're now accepting all Central Inspections Division fees on the 4th floor. View the [service announcement](#) (32 kb-pdf) to see all the elevator fees that can be paid on the fourth floor. Remember, the Department of Buildings only accepts certain methods of payments for Civil Penalties and fines. View the Civil Penalty Policy [service announcement](#) (28 kb-pdf) for more information.

DOI Investigation Results in Arrest

DOI's investigation resulted in an arrest of an individual for allegedly paying a Department of Buildings inspector to overlook violations for unlicensed plumbing work and for work without a permit at a Brooklyn apartment building. The investigation began after a DOB inspector alerted DOI that the defendant attempted to bribe him. If convicted the defendant could receive up to seven years in jail. View the [press release](#) (35 kb-pdf) for more information.

Training & Workshops



Cranes & Derricks Open House - November 9th

Space is limited and reservations are required to attend this important information session. Our experts will walk you through various functions and policies governing the operation of cranes and derricks throughout the five boroughs. Please make your reservations by November 6th and view the [flyer](#) (40 kb-pdf) for more event details.

Buildings Around Town

Buildings Department Encourages Safe Homes

On October 18, 2006 the Buildings Department participated in the HPD's "Healthy Homes, Healthy Families" at La Guardia Community College in Queens. Lynette Mitchell, Queens Borough Manager from the Department of Buildings, held three workshops to educate homeowners on the importance of obtaining the proper permits when making home improvements. View the [PowerPoint presentation](#) (3,729 kb) to learn more about the workshop.

Reminder

Upcoming Holidays

The Buildings Department will be closed on the following days:

November 7th - Election Day
November 10th - Veterans' Day
November 23rd - Thanksgiving Day

Visit us online for a complete listing of the Department's [holiday schedule](#) and the [Cranes & Derricks weekend schedule](#).

Did You Know?



Did you know the Department of Buildings borough offices will be hosting the proposed new [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\) Flood Maps](#) during the official public [appeals process](#) which begins on November 4th? All appeals should be submitted by mail or in person, to the New York City Department of Buildings, Technical Affairs: FEMA Flood Maps 280 Broadway, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10007. The Buildings Department staff will review your appeal for completeness and forward it to FEMA for their consideration.

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