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## What's New

### Low Rise Site Safety Pilot



To further enhance site safety for new low rise buildings, the Department of Buildings is launching a New Low Rise Site Safety program. Effective April 2nd, all new low rise buildings (buildings greater than or equal to 7 stories but less than or equal to 14 stories) being built in New York City will be monitored by the Buildings Enforcement Safety Team. View the fact sheet (43 kb-pdf) for more information.

### New Services Available at Central Inspections

We're making it easier for you to do business with us by now accepting the following transactions at the 4th floor Central Inspection Division cashier:

- Boiler and Elevator Civil Penalties
- Elevator Application and Elevator Building Notice Microfilm Fees

View the <u>service announcement</u> (30 kb-pdf) for additional services available to you at the Central Inspection Division.

#### **New Automated Required Item For Calendared Properties**

Effective March 26th, the existing process of providing a 40 day review period for all applicable job filings on properties calendared for landmark consideration will be automated in <u>BISWeb</u>. The review period allows the <u>Landmarks Preservation Commission</u> to determine if the property should be designated as an official New York City landmark and ensures that the appropriate requirements are in place when permits are issued. View the <u>service announcement</u> (25 kb-pdf) for more information.

## Public Hearing for Proposed Rule 19-04

A public hearing on proposed rule amendment 19-04, expanding the authority of the Master Plumber and Master Fire Suppression Piping Contractor License Board, will be held at the Department of Buildings, 280 Broadway, 3rd Floor Conference Room on April 19th at 1:00 p.m. The proposed amendment is intended to allow the Department to grant and deny applications for Master Plumber and Master Fire Suppression Piping Contractor licenses more effectively. To learn more, view the proposed rule (34 kb-pdf).

## Buildings Around Town \_\_\_\_\_

#### Commissioner Lancaster Speaks at City Law

On March 16th, Buildings Commissioner Patricia J. Lancaster was the guest speaker at the Center for New York City Law March Breakfast. The Commissioner addressed the reform initiatives of the first term, the impact of rising real estate prices on regulatory reform, and the 2006 - 2009 Strategic Plan (2,746 kb-pdf). View pictures or watch the video from the event.

# Training & Workshops \_\_\_\_\_

#### Housing Preservation and Development Owners' Night

On April 10th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m, the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, and Council Member Thomas White Jr. will host Owners' Night at York College Performing Arts Center. Come to learn more about low-interest loans and free education courses and counseling available to you.

#### NYSA Professional Technical Forum

Join us on March 29th as Buildings Department Director of Plumbing, Arthur Cordes, discusses the Plumbing Order of the Cordes, discusses the Plumbing Code, filing procedures and upcoming initiatives at the New York Society of Architects 25th Professional Technical Forum. Seating is limited and reservations must be received by 3:00 p.m. at NYSA on March 23rd. View the NYSA flyer (26 kb-pdf) for more information.

# Did You Know?\_\_\_\_\_

Did you know Local Law 86/2005 (118 kb-pdf) is the City's "green" buildings law? Requiring capital projects funded by the City to be in accordance with LEED standards, Local Law 86/2005 continues the City's commitment to green building. View a summary of the LEED requirements (26 kb) or visit the U.S. Green Building Council for more information on the LEED Green Building Rating System. For more resources, visit the Green Building section of our website.

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