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What's New

Job Fairs for Construction Inspectors & Architects and Engineers



On Wednesday, October 10, 2007, the Buildings Department will host two job fairs in Manhattan at 280 Broadway in the 6th floor training room. A job fair for construction inspectors will be held from 12pm to 3pm, and a job fair for architects and engineers will be held from 4pm to 6:30pm. Interested in joining our team? Visit our website for more [career opportunities](#) or view our [job fair schedule](#) (111 kb-pdf).

Elevator Office Extends Hours

Making It Easier

To better serve you, beginning October 22, 2007, Buildings Department representatives will be available five days a week to set elevator inspection appointments. Customers may call Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm to schedule an elevator inspection. View the [service announcement](#) (30 kb-pdf) for more information.

BSA Ruling for Low-Density Districts

Information You Need To Know

The Department of Buildings has just won a legal battle that will protect the quality of life in low-density residential districts in the outer boroughs. The owners of two Queens' buildings recently challenged the Agency's determination that setback regulations apply to an entire building containing both community facility and residential uses, and not just to the community facility portion of the building. Had the Board of Standards and Appeals agreed with the owner, no side setbacks would have been required. The Board's [decision](#) (28 kb-pdf) in this case affecting Elmhurst, Queens residents living beside a new development will be useful precedent for the Department's requiring such setbacks for similar developments throughout New York City.

Installing Outdoor Gas Heaters for Sidewalk Cafés

Dedicated to Safety



The [Department of Buildings](#), [Department of Consumer Affairs](#) and the [Fire Department](#) have teamed up to allow restaurants with DCA-licensed sidewalk cafés to install approved portable natural gas heaters. View the [fact sheet](#) (65 kb-pdf) for more information on how to obtain a permit for your sidewalk heater. To learn more about the new rule, view DCA's [press release](#) and [FAQs](#).

Buildings Around Town

BOMA/NY Annual Conference and Trade Show

On Wednesday, October 10, 2007, Buildings staff will attend the Building Owners and Managers of Greater New York's Annual Conference and Trade Show. At the event, Assistant Commissioner Benjamin Jones will give a presentation on the new [NYC Construction Codes](#) and [PlanNYC](#). [BOMA/NY](#) serves a membership that includes building owners, professional property management firms, professional service providers and contract services including construction, elevator maintenance, and cleaning services among others.

To learn more about the new [NYC Construction Codes](#) training sessions, view the [press release](#).

General Building Contractors Training Session



On Thursday, September 27, 2007, Buildings staff delivered presentations at the New York State General Building Contractors' educational breakfast. These presentations focused on the [Energy Code](#), new [NYC Construction Codes](#) and [Construction Superintendent Registration](#). This training

session is part of the Department's ongoing effort to providing trainings to our industry partners and customers. View a [photo](#) from the event.

Reminder

Upcoming Holiday

Information You Need To Know



The Buildings Department will be closed Monday, October 8, 2007 in honor of Columbus Day. Visit us online for a complete listing of the [Department's holiday schedule](#).

Lighting Standards for Private Roads

Dedicated to Safety

To increase the safety of private roads, all plans filed for the installation of private roads must meet lighting standards. View the [service announcement](#) (28 kb-pdf) for more information.

Notification Required for Outrigger Beams & C-Hook Scaffolds

Dedicated to Safety

To ensure the safety of the public and workers who use suspended scaffolds, notification to the Department of Buildings must be made within 24 - 48 hours before the use or installation of c-hooks and outrigger beams. Additionally, an individual confirmation number must be obtained for each outrigger beam and c-hook scaffold. View the [service announcement](#) (54 kb-pdf) for more information.

Did You Know?

Did you know that since [B-SCAN](#) was implemented in the Bronx on June 25, 2007, more than 819 construction permit applications have been scanned? This means more than 9,703 pieces of paper are now available for the public online in the Bronx. To learn more about the Bronx launch, view the [press release](#).

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