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**BUILDINGS NEWS**

*What's New*

**Every Tuesday is Homeowner's Night!**



Homeowners are invited to the borough offices every week to meet with Buildings staff. Experts are available to provide homeowners with one-on-one assistance, answer questions and provide project guidance. Homeowner's Night is held every Tuesday from 4:00pm - 5:30pm at each borough office. See location and contact information below for the borough offices.

**Bronx Borough Office:**

1932 Arthur Avenue, 5th Fl, Bronx  
718-579-6920

**Brooklyn Borough Office:**

210 Joralemon Street, 8th Fl, Brooklyn  
718-802-3675

**Manhattan Borough Office:**

280 Broadway, 3rd Fl, Manhattan  
212-566-0042

**Queens Borough Office:**

120-55 Queens Boulevard, Queens  
718-286-0600

**Staten Island Borough Office:**

10 Richmond Terrace,  
Borough Hall, 2nd Fl, Staten Island  
718-816-2300

## New Legislation to Enhance Building Safety

Dedicated to Safety



On August 12, Mayor Bloomberg signed into law three new pieces of legislation that will increase the safety of existing buildings and structures and will enhance safety on the jobsite. [Intro 687-A](#) requires structurally compromised buildings to undergo periodic inspections. [Intro 763-A](#) re-classifies certain housekeeping violations, such as failure to secure loose materials, as hazardous, making them subject to higher penalties. [Intro 793-A](#) mandates a five-year inspection cycle for retaining walls ten feet or higher that front public streets. These three bills are part of the Department's [aggressive legislative](#) agenda announced in June to enhance construction safety. To learn more about these bills, view the Mayor's Office [press release](#).

## Maintenance Log Required for Scaffolds and Sheds

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To ensure contractors are maintaining supported scaffolds and sidewalk sheds, the Department now requires these structures to be inspected daily with the results recorded in a maintenance log. This log must be readily available on-site at all times. In February, the Department launched its [SAFE Scaffold & Shed Initiative](#) to crackdown on unsafe, non-compliant supported scaffolds and sheds. To learn more about the new requirement, view the New Scaffold and Sidewalk Shed Maintenance Log Requirement [fact sheet](#) (38 kb-pdf).

## New Special District Required Items

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To promote compliance with Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations, a new required item now automatically applies to properties with Air and/or Noise Little 'E' designations within the Hudson Yards and West Chelsea Special Districts, Downtown Jamaica and Manhattanville Mixed Use District. Beginning August 13, applicants filing New Building or alteration applications for properties with these designations within the specified special districts must include more detailed information from DEP. To learn more, view the New Special Districts Required Items [service notice](#) (31 kb-pdf).

## General Contractor Registration Required

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To advance public safety and ensure construction work is performed by registered, insured general contractors, all contractors seeking to build one-, two- and three-family homes must register with the Department by November 1 to obtain a New Building permit. This includes general contractors who already have a tracking number with the Department. To learn more, view the New General Contractor Registration [fact sheet](#) (28 kb-pdf) and read the [press release](#) announcing the registration.

## Contractor Insurance Requirements

Information You Need To Know

To ensure work is performed by insured contractors, all contractors conducting business with the Department must submit or update their insurance with the [Licensing unit](#) by October 31. Those who fail to meet the deadline will not be issued permits until they update with the Licensing unit. View the General Contractor Insurance Requirements [fact sheet](#) (33 kb-pdf) for more information.

## Regulations Require Noise Mitigation

Information You Need To Know



[Section 24-220](#) of the NYC Administrative Code requires that a noise mitigation plan must be implemented for a construction site when certain devices are used or construction activities are conducted. The plan should outline mitigation strategies and best management practices (as defined in 15RCNY Section 28-102) when such devices or activities are employed. To learn more, view the [form](#) and visit the Department of Environmental Protection's [website](#).

## Code Compass: Enhanced Tenant Protection

Information You Need To Know



The 2008 Building Code enhances protection for tenants in buildings undergoing construction by requiring applicants to indicate on the PW1 which units will be occupied. It also requires more detailed information on the means and methods that will be used to safeguard occupants' safety and health.

To learn more, view the Code Compass Tenant Protection Plan [fact sheet](#) (260 kb-pdf).

## Buildings Around Town

### Acting Commissioner LiMandri Participates in National Night Out



On August 5, Acting Commissioner LiMandri presented a Mayoral Proclamation to the 112th Precinct in Forest Hills as part of the 25th annual [National Night Out Against Crime](#).

LiMandri was joined by Councilmember Melinda Katz, Deputy Queens Borough President Karen Koslowitz, Councilmember Anthony Como and New York State Senator Serph Maltese.

National Night Out originated in Pennsylvania 25 years ago in response to rising concerns about crime. Since then, on the first Tuesday of every August communities gather to show criminals that they are not afraid of crime. National Night Out brings together citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, neighborhood organizations and local officials from 9,500 communities across America.

## Training & Workshops

### Limited Alteration Applications

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The Buildings Department is holding a workshop for individuals who would like to learn more about the new [Limited Alteration Application](#) (LAA1) and the new [Ordinary Plumbing Work Report](#) (OP128). The two-day workshop will review the filing procedures associated with these documents, as well as other service changes. The workshop will be held:

**Tuesday, September 23, 2008**

280 Broadway, 6th Floor Training Room  
1:00pm - 3:30pm

**Wednesday, September 24, 2008**

280 Broadway, 6th Floor Training Room  
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Space is limited. Please register by email, fax, or phone, if you plan to attend this workshop. To ensure your individual questions are answered, please send us your comments or questions by September 12. To RSVP or send comments and questions:

**Email:** [ara-pr@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:ara-pr@buildings.nyc.gov)

**Fax:** 212-566-5823

**Phone:** 212-566-4579

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