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BUILDINGS NEWS

What's New



On August 13, the Department of Buildings and the [New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects](#) launched the [urbanSHED International Design Competition](#) with support from the [Alliance for Downtown New York](#), [Association for a Better New York Foundation](#), [Illuminating Engineering Society New York City Section](#), and the [New York Building Congress](#).

The competition challenges the global design community to create a new standard of sidewalk shed design that improves the pedestrian experience while maintaining or exceeding the required safety standards in New York City. To register for the competition, go to [urbanshed.org](#). View [photos](#) from the launch party.

DEP Hearing – Asbestos Control Program

Information You Need To Know



On August 31, the Department of Environmental Protection will hold a public hearing on [proposed amendments](#) to Chapter 1 of Title 15 of the Rules of the City of New York governing the Asbestos Control Program.

The hearing will be held from 10:00am to 12:00pm on the 6th floor of the Department of Environmental Protection headquarters, located at 59-17 Junction Boulevard in Flushing. The proposed amendments will affect DOB job approval and permit requirements.

Energy Code Compliance

Information You Need To Know



On October 5, the Department will begin [formal audits](#) of construction applications for compliance with the Energy Conservation Construction Code of New York State ([ECCCNYS](#)). Objections found through these audits may result in permit revocation.

The Department is developing a rule that formalizes application and progress inspection requirements.

Sewer Connection Proposal for Coney Island

Information You Need To Know

All sewer connections in the recently re-zoned areas of the Coney Island Special District must be [reviewed](#) by the Department of Environmental Protection before the Buildings Department will issue a permit for the work.

Applicants cannot elect to self-certify sewer connection applications for any proposed developments or enlargements in the re-zoned area.

Summer Streets

Information You Need To Know

While DOT's [Summer Streets](#) program is underway, the DOB Manhattan Borough Office will not issue [after-hours variances](#) on August 22 for work at locations along Park Avenue, 4th Avenue and Lafayette Street (from Brooklyn Bridge to Central Park).

Tax Abatements for Going Green

Information You Need To Know



New York State offers tax abatements for the installation of green roofs and solar-electric generating systems.

The Department has [revised](#) the [required item checklist](#) for professionally certified jobs ([PC1 form](#)) to include tax abatement-related items.

For green roof installation, applicants must select the "PTA3: Green Roof Tax Abatement Application" and the "PTA3: Tax Abatement Eligibility Approval" items on the PC1. DOB will verify and approve the eligibility of the [PTA3](#) submission before granting sign-off.

For solar electric-generating system installation, applicants must select the "PTA4: Solar Panel Tax Abatement Application" and the "PTA4: Tax Abatement Eligibility Approval" items on the PC1. DOB will verify and approve the eligibility of the [PTA4](#) submission before granting sign-off.

Reduce Default Penalties by Certifying Correction

Information You Need To Know

Under [Local Law 47 of 2009](#), individuals who fail to attend [Environmental Control Board](#) hearings and have the higher "default" penalty imposed may be able to reduce the amount of fines owed. From September 15 through December 15, fines will be reduced for those who admit to the violation and submit proof to the Department that the violating condition has been corrected. Keep reading *Buildings News* for more information. Visit the "[Violations](#)" section of our website to learn more about [ECB violations](#).

BSCAN Requirements

Information You Need To Know



To comply with [B-SCAN requirements](#), all plans submitted to the Department must be 36" X 48" or less. Plans that do not meet these specifications will not be approved.

Buildings Around Town

National Night Out



On August 4, Commissioner LiMandri visited the 100th and 101st Precincts in Queens to present a mayoral proclamation in honor of the 26th Annual [National Night Out Against Crime](#). This nationwide event promotes community spirit through block parties, cookouts and parades, while connecting citizens with local officials to promote unified neighborhoods against crime.

Reminders

NCCCO Certification – October 1 Deadline

Dedicated to Safety



Licensed [Class C Hoisting Machine Operators](#) must [obtain certification](#) from the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators ([NCCCO](#)) and submit it to the Licensing Unit by October 1 or the license will no longer be valid.

Safety Registration Numbers – October 1 Deadline

Dedicated to Safety



Individuals and organizations supervising certain construction projects must obtain a [Safety Registration Number](#) from the Department by October 1. Click on the hyperlink above to see requirements.

A Safety Registration Number [must be obtained](#) even for those individuals or organizations that already have a tracking number.

Did You Know?

Did you know that construction permits now display the name of the person who obtained the permit? Permits also now include the associated business name and the Department-issued tracking number.

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