



**NEWS** from Manhattan Community Board No. 4

## Chelsea & Clinton/Hell's Kitchen

...serving Manhattan's West Side neighborhoods between 14<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup> streets.

January 2007

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### News, events & happenings:

#### POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

##### **Midtown North Police Precinct:**

January 15th (3rd Tuesday of every month)  
Fountain House, 425 W. 47th St. (9th/10th)  
7:30 PM

##### **13th Police Precinct:**

January 15th (3rd Tuesday of every month)  
Stationhouse, 230 E. 21st St. (2nd/3rd)  
6:30 PM

##### **Midtown South Police Precinct:**

January 17th (3rd Thursday of every month)  
New Yorker Hotel, 8th Avenue (34th/35th)  
Web site: <http://www.midtownsouthcc.org>  
7:00 PM

##### **10th Police Precinct:**

January 30th (last Wednesday of every month,)  
Hudson Guild Sr. Center, 119 9th Ave. (17th/18th)  
or 343 8th Avenue, Penn South - check with precinct  
7:30 PM

##### **PSA 4: (covers Fulton & Elliot-Chelsea Houses)**

January 15th (3rd Tuesday of every month)  
130 Ave.C (8th/9th Sts.)  
7:00 PM

**ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING RULES SUSPENSION CALENDAR.** The City suspends alternate side parking regulations on 34 legal and religious holidays. This includes 2 dates in January 2008: Tuesday, Jan. 1 and Monday, Jan 21.

**RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE.** The NYC Dept. of Sanitation will collect unadorned Christmas trees left curbside from Thursday, Jan. 3 to Wednesday, Jan. 16. The trees will be chipped and mixed with leaves to make compost. Want to do more? Participate in MulchFest by bringing your tree to a designated location on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 5 & 6 between 10 AM and 2 PM. Two nearby locations: W. 63rd St. & Central Park West and Washington Square Park at 5th Ave. For more info & more locations go to [www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks) and type MulchFest in the search box.

**NEW JOBS AT THE HIGH LINE.** In preparation for the opening of the High Line in fall 2008, Friends of the High Line will be expanding its staff. They are now hiring for five positions. Two of them, the Director of Horticulture and Chief of Park Operations, will be directly involved with the management of the park. The Development Assistant and Foundation and Corporate Relations Associate will work in the development department. A Planning and Design Fellow will work with the Director of Planning on various projects. Visit

[www.thehighline.org](http://www.thehighline.org) for detailed job descriptions, and application instructions.

**VOLUNTEER ONE NIGHT TO HELP THE HOMESLESS.** HOPE (Homeless Outreach Population Estimate) 2008 is NYC's 6th annual street count and will take place on Monday, January 28th. Join thousands of volunteers across NYC to canvass streets, parks and subways to count the number of homeless people living unsheltered. Volunteers will be trained and work in teams. The results will be used by outreach workers to help homeless people leave the streets for a better life. For more information, and to register to help, dial 311, or go to [www.nyc.gov/dhs](http://www.nyc.gov/dhs).

**EXPEDITED PROCESSING FOR DISABILITY CLAIMS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL.** The Social Security Administration has announced that men and women serving in the U.S. military who become disabled while on active duty can receive "expedited processing" of disability claims. They may apply for disability benefits at any time while in active military status, or after discharge, whether they are still hospitalized, in a rehab program or undergoing out-patient treatment in a military or civilian medical facility. Visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors) for information about Social Security and military service, including a link to apply for disability benefits online. Groups interested in a speaker or written materials about this program can call Debbie Figueroa, Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Administration, New York Region, at 212-262-4124.

**REGISTER TO VOTE.** January 12 is the deadline for registering to vote for the Feb. 5, 2008 NYS Primary for President.

**FREE ICE SKATING AT BRYANT PARK.** The Pond is open until January 15, 8 AM to Midnight, Friday & Saturday, 8 AM to 10 PM Sunday through Thursday (except 12/31: 8 AM-8 PM). Skate rental available for \$10. For more information call 866-221-5157 or visit [www.bryantpark.org](http://www.bryantpark.org).

**US CENSUS BUREAU DATA.** Information collected every year, not just every ten years, as part of The American Community Survey, provides economic, social, demographic and housing info. It is available broken down into "Public Use Microdata Areas (PUMAS)". Manhattan Community Board 4 & Manhattan Community Board 5 together make up PUMA 3807. Go to <http://factfinder.census.gov> to find out more. Census employment opportunities listed there also.

**URBAN CONVERSATIONS:** Strengthening the Middle Class. Friday, January 25, 5 - 7 PM. Session III: Strong Economies for America's Cities. A free series sponsored by Milano and the Center for NYC Affairs at the Theresa Lang Student & Community Center, Arnhold Hall, 55 West 13th St, 2nd floor. To RSVP and for updated program information, visit [www.newschool.edu/milano](http://www.newschool.edu/milano).

**MEALS ON WHEELS.** Hudson Guild provides home-delivered meals six days a week to Chelsea seniors who meet certain eligibility requirements. If you or someone you know is 60 or older, physically or mentally incapacitated and need some help, are unable to prepare nutritious meals for yourself and don't have friends or family who can, and are receiving only limited or no home care services, call 212-924-6710 to find out if you or someone you know is eligible.

**SATURDAY NIGHT TEEN CENTER.** Free. McBurney YMCA, 125 W. 14 St. Every Saturday night, 8 - 11 PM. Open to any teen between the ages of 13 - 19. Must show valid School ID. Volleyball in the pool & in the gym; basketball; weight training; computer lab; video game room; pool; cardio room.

**HELL'S KITCHEN CSA.** To learn more about the 2008 season for Upper Meadows Farm-Hell's Kitchen Community Supported Agriculture group come to a meeting at Hartley House, 413 W. 46 St. Meetings are from 7 - 9 PM on January 9 & 29, February 13 & 28, March 10 & 25, April 9 & 21, May 6 & 22. More information available at [www.uppermeadowsfarm.com/CSA](http://www.uppermeadowsfarm.com/CSA) or by calling 212-265-5469. Accepts WIC/FMNP. Food Stamp authorized.

**SMOKE ALARMS NOT ENOUGH! FDNY** reminds all residents to test smoke alarms at least once a month, to replace batteries twice a year AND to develop and practice a fire escape plan. They recommend drawing a floor plan and using it to discuss escape routes with everyone in your home. Then have a realistic fire drill, beginning by sounding your smoke alarm, to make sure everyone can clearly hear and recognize the sound. Include in your drill the responsibility of waking a child or older adult; having family members practice escaping through smoke by crawling low on hands and knees; having family members close doors behind them and

reminding family members not to stop to get dressed or collect possessions. For more fire safety information, visit [www.nyc.gov/fdny](http://www.nyc.gov/fdny).

**FORECLOSURE PREVENTION.** Comptroller William Thompson is estimating that NYC will suffer approximately 15,000 foreclosure filings because of the growing subprime mortgage crisis. He warns that at-risk borrowers should take immediate action. If you believe that your home may be in jeopardy, immediately contact the Foreclosure Prevention Helpline: 212-669-4600. They can help you review your financial situation & determine what options are available to you; discuss the various workout arrangements lenders have available; protect yourself from future credit problems before you get too far behind on mortgage payments; and obtain information regarding services & programs in you area that provide legal, financial, medical or other assistance.

### Next Full Board Meeting:

**DATE:** December 5, 2007

**TIME:** 6:30 pm

**PLACE:** Fulton Center Auditorium - 119 Ninth Ave. (b. 17/18) [\[map\]](#)

#### AGENDA:

##### Public Hearings:

**BSA Cal.No. 271-07 EZ re 213-219 West 23rd Street** - application to the Board of Standards and Appeals for a variance and special permit for a physical cultural establishment

**Public Session:** John Weis

**Adoption of Agenda:** Jean-Daniel Noland

**Adoption of Minutes:** Jean-Daniel Noland

**Borough President's Report:** Hunter Johanson

**Local Elected Officials' Reports:** Various

**District Manager's Report:** Robert J. Benfatto, Jr.

**Chair's Report:** Jean-Daniel Noland

**Letters/Resolutions:** Jean-Daniel Noland

**Old Business:** Jean-Daniel Noland

**Adjournment:** Jean-Daniel Noland

**New Business:** Jean-Daniel Noland

#### EXPECTED BUSINESS (LETTERS & RESOLUTIONS):

**Item 1:** [Resolution re CIVIC Channel TV](#)

**Item 2:** [Letter to SLA re Greenwich Village Entertainment Group LLC. - 431 West 16th Street \(2nd fl.\)](#)

**Item 3:** [Letter to SLA re Manhattan Music Group Inc d/b/a Terminal 5 - 605 W. 55th St./610 W. 56th St. \(@11Ave\)](#)

**Item 4:** [Letter to SLA re Yulz Restaurant Inc. - 764 10th Avenue \(51/52\)](#)

**Item 5:** [Letter to SLA re Scott Talbot d/b/a Charity Lounge - 530 West 27th Street, 6th Floor \[withdrawn\]](#)

**Item 6:** [Letter to SLA re Safran Inc. d/b/a Safran - 88 7th Avenue \(15/16\)](#)

**Item 7:** [Letter to SLA re LLC to be Formed - 169 8th Avenue \(18/19\)](#)

**Item 8:** [Letter to SLA re Anthony Piazza & Manny Kess or Corp to be formed - 297 10th Avenue \(@27\)](#)

**Item 9:** [Letter to SLA re 615 9th Ave LLC d/b/a Circus Bar - 615 9th Avenue](#)

**Item 10:** [Letter to DCP re American Institute of Architects Zoning Text Amendment, ULURP # 080080 ZRY](#)

**Item 11:** Sign-on to Sen. Schumer Letter to Deputy Mayor Doctoroff re funding for the second station on the #7 subway extension

**Item 12:** [Letter re Highline Plaza](#)

**Item 13:** [Letter re New Ballfield Dewitt Clinton Park](#)

**Item 14:** [Letter re Support for Trees South Hell's Kitchen](#)

**Item 15:** [Letter to BSA re 213 West 23rd Street, BSA Cal.No. 271-07 EZ](#)

**Item 16:** Letter to HPD re 303 Tenth Avenue re Lower Income Housing Plan

**Item 17:** Letter to HPD re 421-a financing issues [withdrawn]

**Item 18:** Letter to DAC re Seta Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Amarone Restaurant, 686 Ninth Avenue sidewalk café renewal [returned to Committee]

**Item 19:** Letter to SAPO re Chelsea Reform Democratic Club (September 6, 2008) Sixth Avenue (14th-23rd Street)

**Item 20:** Letter to SAPO re Chelsea Midtown Democrats (May 24, 2008) Sixth Avenue (14th Street-23rd Street)

**Item 21:** Letter to SAPO re 10th Precinct Community Council (July 12, 2007) 23rd Street (7th-8th Avenue)

**Item 22:** Letter to SAPO re Saint Bernard Church (July 19, 2008) 14th Street (7th-8th Avenue)

**Item 23:** Letter to SAPO re Congregation Emmath/Chelsea Jewish Center (April 6, 2008) 23rd Street (7th-8th Avenue)

**Item 24:** Letter to SAPO re Chelsea Community Council (April 12, 2008) 23rd Street (8th-9th Avenue)

**Item 25:** Letter to SAPO re Holy Apostels Soup Kitchen (August 9, 2008) 23rd Street (8th-9th Avenue)

**Item 26:** Letter to SAPO re Chelsea Visiting Neighbors (April 26, 2008) Eight Avenue (14th-23rd Street)

**Item 27:** Letter to SAPO re West 44th-48th Block Associations (September 21, 2008) Eight Avenue (42nd-57th Street)

**Item 28:** Letter to SAPO re Midtown North Community Council (October 11, 2008) Eight Avenue (42nd-57th Street)

**Item 29:** Letter to SAPO re Ninth Avenue Association (May 17-18, 2008) Ninth Avenue (37th-57th Street)

**Item 30:** Letter to SAPO re Ass. Tepeyac de NY ( July 27, 2008) West 14th Street (7th-8th Avenue)

**Item 31:** Letter to FDNY re ITMS safety device for fire department vehicles at West 38th Street and 9th Avenue

**Item 32:** Letter to DOT re pedestrian crossings at West 41st Street and Ninth Avenue

## Meeting calendar & agendas:

Meeting dates, times, locations and agendas are current as of and are subject to change. Please visit CB4's [online calendar](#) or call the CB4 Office (212-736-4536) for confirmation.

### **JANUARY 2 - Full Board Meeting**

6:30 p.m.

Roosevelt Hospital - 1000 Tenth Av. (b. 58th / 59th). [\[map\]](#)

### **JANUARY 7 - Quality of Life/Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs**

6:30 p.m.

CB 4 Office, 330 W. 42nd St., 26th floor [\[map\]](#)

1. Updates on Community Issues
2. Old/New Business

### **JANUARY 8 - Business Licenses & Permits**

6:30 p.m.

Holland House, 351 W. 42nd St. (b. 8th / 9th), Basement [\[map\]](#)

- 1. Cabaret License Applications:** GCJ Holdings LLC. d/b/a Sapphire - 182 11th Avenue a/k/a 565 W. 23rd Street; 621 Events LLC. - 621 W. 46th Street (11th/12th)
- 2. New Liquor License Applications:** 668 Restaurant Corp. - 668 10th Avenue, Store 1

### **JANUARY 15- Housing, Health & Human Services**

6:30 p.m.

Hudson Guild, 441 West 26th Street [\[map\]](#)

1. Presentation: St. Vincent's Medical Center re Urgent Care
2. Old/New Business

### **JANUARY 16 - Transportation Planning**

6:30 p.m. **TENTATIVE AGENDA**

Holland House, 351 W. 42nd St. (b. 8th / 9th), Piano Room [\[map\]](#)

- 1. Update** on outstanding actions by the chair of the Transportation Planning Committee
- 2. City and/or other agencies: updates / information**
  - MTA - Number 7 Extension - Update
  - MTA / DOT - Locations of Bus Stops on Ninth Avenue
  - DOT - Ninth Avenue 14th - 23rd Street: parking for businesses and other issues related to implementation of bike lane
  - DSNY - Garbage cans - replacement program DSNY
- 3. Applications Street Activity Permits 2008**
  - GMSMA, July 22, 2008, West 28th Street between 10th-11th Avenue

(@47); Dan Doohan or Corp to be Formed - 733 9th Avenue (49/50); 733 Restaurant Corp. - 733 9th Avenue (49/50); Atrio LLC - 604 10th Avenue (43/44); Thunderbird Enterprise Corp. - 137 West 14th Street (6/7); Corp to Be Formed d/b/a La Locanda - 737 9th Avenue (49/50); 34th Street Pizza Inc. - 460 W. 34th Street (9/10); Thompson Rest. Inc. d/b/a Don Giovanni - 358 W. 44th Street (8/9); Mamma Ristorante Corp. - 939 8th Avenue (55/56)

### **3. Transfers and Alteration Applications:**

*Transfers* - none

*Alterations* - none

**4. Renewal Applications:** Momo Sushi - 947 8th Avenue - Renewal; Spanish Benevolent Society d/b/a La Nacional - 239 W. 14th Street; Pisello Inc. d/b/a Cuba Libre - 200 8th Avenue - Renewal-Retail (Exp. 3/31/08); Grand Sichuan Intl. Inc. - 229 9th Avenue; GNGY Realty Corp. - 314 W. 36th Street; Nothing Heavy Inc. d/b/a Empire Diner - 210 10th Avenue; Kalesmeno Corp. d/b/a The Flame Coffee Shop - 893 9th Avenue; NGBG Restaurant Inc. d/b/a La Locanda - 737 9th Avenue

### **JANUARY 9- Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use**

6:30 p.m.

John Jay College - 899 10th Ave., 6th Floor, Rm 630T (b. 58th / 59th) [[map](#)]

1. 310-328 W. 38th Street (Glenwood Management); zoning text amendment re: street wall and special permit for 400-space public parking garage; ULURP Nos. N070462ZRM and 070463ZSM.

2. Hudson Yards Community Advisory Committee response to MTA re: West Side Yard proposals.

### **JANUARY 10 - Waterfronts and Parks**

6:00 p.m.

CB 4 Office, 330 W. 42nd St., 26th floor [[map](#)]

1. Pier 40
2. Other-TBD

### **JANUARY 14 - Chelsea Preservation & Planning**

**6:15 p.m. NOTE NEW LOCATION**

CB 4 Office, 330 W. 42nd St., 26th floor [[map](#)]

1. Office Tutorial
2. DD 11 Avenue LLC, 316 11th Avenue - ULURP: C 070233 ZSM re Special permit pursuant to Sections 13-562 and 74-52 of the Zoning Resolution for a 108-space public parking garage in an as of right mixed use building

- PTA P.S. 11, October 18, 2008, West 21st Street between 8th and 9th Avenue

- Penn South, May 31, 2008, West 26th Street between 8th and 9th Avenue

- Tenth Precinct Community Council

### **4. Applications Sidewalk Cafes Permits**

- Seta Restaurant Corp. 686 Ninth Avenue, d/b/a Amarone (revised renewal)

- 953 Associates LLC, 798 Ninth Avenue, d/b/a Eatery restaurant (renewal)

- 356 West 44th Str. Rest. Inc., 356 W. 44th Str., d/b/a The Irish Rogue (renewal)

- 160 Bistro Inc., 160 Seventh Avenue, d/b/a Le Single Vert (renewal)

- Pam Real Thail Corp., 402 West 47th Street, (NEW)

### **5. Traffic Issues:**

- Truck traffic West 55th Street (10th 11th Avenue) - complaint

### **6. Parking Issues:**

- illegal parking of rental trucks on the street (45th Street between 9 and 10th Avenues) - complaint 45th Block Ass

- zoning requirements on street parking new developments

### **7. Pedestrian and other safety issues:**

- Tenth Avenue, West 45th Street - complaint

**8. Discussion:** Outdoor weather installations in front of restaurants (Storm Enclosure), sidewalk café heaters and enforcement of marking of the sidewalk café on the sidewalk

### **9. New Business:**

- List of bicycle racks sites approved by DOT: review and comments

### **JANUARY 17 - Landmarks Task Force**

6:15 p.m.

CB 4 Office, 330 W. 42nd St., 26th floor [[map](#)]

### **Current issues for report and discussion, possible action:**

- West Chelsea Historic District

- 339 West 29th Street

- Calendaring of former firehouse at 304 West 47th Street (To be "calendared for hearing" by LPC on January 15; i.e., to be put on list for an eventual hearing for landmark designation, but at this time no date will be set, hearing held, or other action taken, although future building permits will be reviewed by LPC staff)

### **Planning for future:**

- Discussion and setting up of Task Force to seek designations in Clinton/Hells Kitchen

- Discussion and planning for seeking designations in Chelsea

### **Old/New Business**

### **JANUARY 28 - Executive Committee**

6:30 p.m.

CB 4 Office, 330 W. 42nd St., 26th Floor [\[map\]](#)

**FEBRUARY 6- FULL BOARD MEETING**

6:30 p.m.

Fulton Center Auditorium - 119 Ninth Ave. (b. 17/18)

[\[map\]](#)

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