



**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.

February 2008

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### News, events & happenings:

#### POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

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

February 19th (3rd Tuesday of every month)  
Fountain House, 425 W. 47th St. (9th/10th)  
7:30 PM

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

February 19th (3rd Tuesday of every month)  
Stationhouse, 230 E. 21st St. (2nd/3rd)  
6:30 PM

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

February 21st (3rd Thursday of every month)  
New Yorker Hotel, 8th Avenue (34th/35th)  
Web site: <http://www.midtownsouthcc.org>  
7:00 PM

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

February 27th (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)**

February 19th (3rd Tuesday of every month)  
130 Ave.C (8th/9th Sts.)  
7:00 PM

**FEBRUARY ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING RULES SUSPENSION CALENDAR.** Wednesday, Feb. 6;  
Thursday, Feb. 7; Tuesday, Feb. 12; Monday, Feb. 18.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES.** Applications for a total of 28 apts, sized from SRO to 3BR available at Clinton Housing Development Company, 300 West 46th Street, until 8 PM on Monday, Feb. 4, 2008. Completed applications must be returned by Monday, Feb. 18, 2008. Max. allowable family incomes range from \$24,800 to \$42,540. AND: Applications are also now being accepted for 59 affordable housing rental apartments now under construction at 451 West 16th Street/450 W. 17th St., at 10th Ave. Max. family incomes here range from \$19,840 to \$35,450. Apts. Include 25 studios, 25 1 bedrooms and 9 2 bedrooms. Request an application by mail from: W17 Applications Request, 328 Eighth Avenue, Box 229, New York, NY 10001. Completed applications must be returned by mail and postmarked by March 15, 2008. Current and eligible residents of Manhattan Community Board 4 will receive preference for 50% of the units.

**TEMPORARY "L" LINE STATION CLOSURES.** The MTA has announced that on the weekends of Feb. 2 and Feb. 9 the 3rd Ave., 6th Ave. and 8th Ave. "L" line subway stations will be closed. "L" line trains will operate in 2 sections: between the 14th St.-Union Sq. and Bedford Ave. stations, and between the Bedford Ave. and Rockaway Parkway stations. For travel information call 718-330-1234 or visit [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info).

**FREE TEST PREP.** [www.PrepareAngel.com](http://www.PrepareAngel.com) is an open source website offering free online lessons with detailed approaches to the SAT, ACT, PSAT, LSAT, GRE and GMAT.

**FREE RAPID HIV TESTING ON FEBRUARY 7.** While African Americans represent approximately 13 percent of the U.S. population, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that the group accounts for almost half (49%) of the nation's AIDS cases. On Thursday, February 7, 2008, the Ryan/Chelsea-Clinton Community Health Center will observe National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day by offering free rapid HIV testing to all members of the Chelsea-Clinton community. To schedule an appointment, or for more information, please call (212) 265-4500.

**FREE HIV/AIDS AND OLDER ADULTS TRAINING.** The Council of Senior Centers and Services of NYC, is offering these 4 hour sessions for senior service providers throughout February and March. For more information and to get training dates, go to [www.cscs-ny.org](http://www.cscs-ny.org) or call Karol Markosky at 212-398-6565 x227.

**HOUSING CONSERVATION COORDINATORS LEGAL CLINIC.** Monday Evenings at 7 PM, except federal holidays. Consultations are on a first come, first served basis. Bring all relevant documents. [www.hcc-nyc.org](http://www.hcc-nyc.org). 777 Tenth Ave. (52nd and 53rd Street) (212) 541-5996 (t); (212) 541-5966 (f).

**LIFEGUARDS WANTED.** For NYC pools & beaches. Call 311 to sign up. Free instruction & conditioning provided at pools in all 5 boroughs including the Municipal Lifeguard Training School at 533 W. 59th Street.

**LINCOLN CENTER CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH.** Jan. 30-Feb. 28. Presentations by Lincoln Center resident organizations and in partnership with community and educational institutions. Highlighting the celebration are 2 concerts in Lincoln Center's American Songbook series: R&B singer Bettye LaVette (Feb. 8) and jazz singer Jimmy Scott (Feb. 22). Jazz at Lincoln Center will offer the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis performing "Ellington Love Songs" (Feb. 14-16) and jazz innovator, pianist Randy Weston as featured guest for "Jazz Talk" (Feb. 28). The Juilliard School will present 2 free events: a discussion/performance with African-American composer Adolphus Hailstork (Feb. 11) & Juilliard Jazz in concert performing the music of Billy Strayhorn (Feb. 25). The NY Public Library for the Performing Arts will present a free talk by the author of a new book about entertainer Bert Williams (Feb. 2). ImageNation will collaborate with Lincoln Center to present a screening of the landmark 1920 silent film, "Within Our Gates" to live music by Burnt Sugar the Arkestra Chamber, and a panel discussion of Black Cinema (Feb. 21.) Lincoln Center partners with York College/CUNY Performing Arts Center, 94-20 Guy R. Brewer Blvd., Jamaica, Queens to present a concert by blues performer Guy Davis (Feb. 23). For more information visit [www.LincolnCenter.org](http://www.LincolnCenter.org).

**FREE Jazz Battles at Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola.** 5th floor, Frederick P. Rose Hall, home of Jazz at Lincoln Center, on Broadway at 60th St. (212) 258-9595 / (212) 258-9795; Sat., Feb. 2, 2008, Trombone Battle featuring Vincent Chandler & Luis Bonilla, Xavier Davis Trio - rhythm section, 12:30pm & 2:30pm . Sat., March 1, 2008, Trumpet Battle featuring James Zollar & Joe Magnarelli, Xavier Davis Trio - rhythm section, 1:00pm & 3:00pm . First come, first served. For information, visit [www.jalc.org](http://www.jalc.org). (Schedule subject to change.) Time Warner, Inc. is a lead Corporate Sponsor of Jazz Battles.

**RUBIN MUSEUM OF ART'S FREE SENIORS DAY.** The first Monday of every month seniors (65 and older)

receive free Museum admission at this cultural and educational institution dedicated to the art of the Himalayas at 150 West 17th Street. In addition, there will be a 10% discount on selected items in the Shop and Café, a free film at 1 PM, and a free guided tour at 3 PM. RMA is open from 11 AM -5 PM on Mondays.

**ALSO AT THE RUBIN:** Verbal Imaging and Touch Tours for partially sighted and blind audiences. Free with museum admission, tours are one-hour in length and take visitors on a journey-through audio description and handling materials-that weaves together the culture, history, religion, and arts of the Himalayas. Museum opens Mon. - Fri. at 11 AM, except Tues. Closing hours are Mon. & Thurs. 5 PM, Wed. 7 PM, Fri. 10 PM. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$7 for students, seniors, artists, & neighbors (10010 and 10001) with ID. Free to all Friday 7 - 10 PM. To book a tour, call Group Visits at 212-620-5000 x345, or email [reservations@rmanyc.org](mailto:reservations@rmanyc.org). AND: K2 Lounge-Free Friday Nights at RMA. An array of activities every Friday night, beginning at 6 PM. Cocktails and conversation; live music and DJs; exhibitions and films; contemporary artists leading walks through the galleries compose this nucleus of activity every Friday night at RMA.

**FRIENDS OF CLINTON COVE MOBILIZING.** Clinton Cove is a small section of Hudson River Park between commercial piers along the West Side Highway at 55th St. & the Hudson River. Friends of Clinton Cove, whose purpose is to involve local stake-holders and community members in the use of the Clinton segment of Hudson River Park, as well as to provide support to programs there, is in formation. One of the current needs is to advocate for improved public access to the Clinton Waterfront. There are many opportunities for involvement in Clinton Cove including: program planning, event execution, financial or in-kind sponsorship, membership solicitation, flyering, tabling at events to promote your organization, graphic design. To join Friends of Clinton Cove, or to find out more, contact Laura Hughes, Program Director at 212-757-0981 x205 or [laura@fohrp.org](mailto:laura@fohrp.org). The first 2008 meeting of Friends of Clinton Cove will take place in late February.

**FREE HELP WITH TAX RETURNS.** From mid-February to April 15th, Community Tax Aid, Inc. invites single NYers with incomes under \$25,000 and families with incomes under \$40,000 to receive free tax preparation by trained volunteers. CPA's and/or lawyers are on site to supervise and review all work. In the CB4 neighborhoods, locations are: HCC, 777 Tenth Ave at 53rd St. from 6 to 8:30 PM on Wednesdays, starting 2/13; and at the Hudson Guild Fulton Center, 119 9th Ave. (b. 17 - 18 Sts.) on Thursdays from 6 to 8 PM starting 2/14. For more information & other locations throughout the city: <http://communities.msn.com/ctanyc>.

### Next Full Board Meeting:

**DATE:** February 6, 2008

**TIME:** 6:30 pm

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

### AGENDA:

#### Public Hearings:

**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

**310-328 W. 38th Street (Glenwood Management) - ULURP Nos.**

### EXPECTED BUSINESS (LETTERS & RESOLUTIONS):

**Item 1:** Letter to HRPT re Pier 40 (ratify)

**Item 2:** Letter to DCA re Amarone, 686 Ninth Avenue (ratify)

**Item 3:** Resolution re Times Square Alliance Eighth Avenue Improvement Proposal (ratify) [moot]

**Item 4:** Letter to SLA re Circus bar, 615 Ninth Avenue (43rd/44th)

**Item 5:** Letter to SLA re Royal Thai Cuisine, 318 West 36th Street

**Item 6:** Letter to SLA re 559 W 22nd Rest. Corp., 559 W. 22nd Street a.k.a. 162 Eleventh Avenue

**Item 7:** Letter to DCP re 310-328 W. 38th Street (Glenwood

**N070462ZRM and 070463ZSM** re zoning text amendment for street wall and special permit for 400-space public parking garage

**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

Management) - [ULURP N070462ZRM/ 070463ZSM](#)

**Item 8:** [Resolution re Hudson Yards Community Advisory Committee response to MTA](#)

**Item 9:** [DD 11 Avenue LLC, 316 11th Avenue - ULURP: C 070233 ZSM](#)

**Item 10:** [Letter to SWC re Eatery, 798 Ninth Avenue \(53rd\)](#)

**Item 11:** [Letter to SWC re Singe Vert 160 Seventh Avenue \(19th\)](#)

**Item 12:** [Letter to SWC re Pam Real Thai, 402 West 47th Street](#)

**Item 13:** [Letter to SWC re The Irish Rogue, 356 West 44th Street](#)

**Item 14:** [Letter to DOT re Parking for businesses along Ninth Avenue Bike Lane](#)

**Item 15:** [Letter to MTA re Ninth Avenue Bus Stop Locations](#)

**Item 16:** [Letter to SAPO re GSMA](#)

**Item 17:** [Letter to SAPO re Mutual Development House](#)

**Item 18:** [Letter to SAPO re PTA of PS 11](#)

**Item 19:** [Letter to MTA re #7 Line extension \(The Project\) \[deferred\]](#)

**Item 20:** [Letter to MTA re #7 Line extension \(Financing Concerns\)](#)

**Item 21:** [Letter to DEP re fire hydrant at W. 28th \(11/12\)](#)

**Item 22:** [Letter to NYS HFA re Hudson Mews](#)

## 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.

### **FEBRUARY 5 - Yet to be named "Environmental Task Force"(ENV)**

6:30 p.m.

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

1. Organizational Meeting

### **FEBRUARY 6 - Full Board Meeting**

6:30 p.m.

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

### ~~**FEBRUARY 11 - Quality of Life/Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs -**~~

~~6:30 p.m.~~

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

~~Cancelled due to "State of the Borough~~

### **FEBRUARY 12 - Business Licenses & Permits**

6:30 p.m.

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

### **FEBRUARY 18 - Chelsea Preservation & Planning**

6:15 p.m.

Penn South Community Room, 343 8th Ave, [\[map\]](#)

1. Zoning Handbook - what it's good for
2. NYC Zoning Resolution, pages 1-1563

### ~~**FEBRUARY 19 - Housing, Health & Human Services -**~~

~~6:30 p.m. CANCELLED -~~

~~300 W. 46th St., Community Room [\[map\]](#)~~

- ~~1. Lower Income Housing Plan - 310/317 W. 46th Street~~
- ~~2. Preliminary Budget Response~~

### **FEBRUARY 20 - Transportation Planning**

6:30 p.m.

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

#### **1. Update/Discussion:**

- i. Outstanding actions by the chair of the Transportation Planning Committee
- ii. Intro. 639 - illegal curb cut legislation from NYC Council

#### **2. City and/or other agencies: updates / information**

**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 (@47); Dan Doohan or Corp to be Formed - 733 9th Avenue (49/50); 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); Mamma Ristorante Corp. - 939 8th Avenue (55/56)

**3. Transfers and Alteration Applications:**  
*Transfers* - Thompson Rest. Inc. d/b/a Don Giovanni - 358 W. 44th Street (8/9) *Alterations* - Sehera Enterprise Inc. d/b/a Deli Plus - 625 8th Avenue (@42)

**4. Renewal Applications:** Momo Sushi - 947 8th Avenue (@56); Spanish Benevolent Society d/b/a La Nacional - 239 W. 14th Street (7/8); Pisello Inc. d/b/a Cuba Libre - 200 8th Avenue (20/21); Grand Sichuan Intl. Inc. - 229 9th Avenue (@24); GNGY Realty Corp. - 314 W. 36th Street (8/9); Nothing Heavy Inc. d/b/a Empire Diner - 210 10th Avenue (@22); Kalesmeno Corp. d/b/a The Flame Coffee Shop - 893 9th Avenue (57/58); NGBG Restaurant Inc. d/b/a La Locanda - 737 9th Avenue (49/50); Big Bowl LLC d/b/a Leisure Time Bowl - 625 8th Avenue, 2nd Floor (@42); Helen's Café LLC - 169 8th Avenue (18/19); 547 West Street Partners LLC d/b/a Suzie Wongs - 547 W. 27th Street (10/11); Vrisa Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Morning Star Restaurant - 401 W. 57th St. (@8); Manganaro Foods Inc. - 488 9th Avenue (37/38); 407 West 42nd St. Corp. d/b/a West Bank Café - 407 West 42nd Street (9/10); Reno Productions - 407 West 43rd Street (9/10); Greek Kitchen Inc. d/b/a Greek Kitchen - 885 10th Ave (57/58); TKNYC LLC d/b/a Bouchon Bakery & Cake - 10 Columbus Circle; TRIAN ENTERPRISES INC d/b/a Pom Pom Diner - 610 11th Avenue; Renebruno Inc. d/b/a Osteria Pepe Rosso - 346 W. 52nd Street; El Azteca Mexican Restaurant - 783 9th Avenue; Go West Entertainment Inc. d/b/a Scores - 533-535 W. 27th Street (10/11); East of Eighth Restaurant & Bar - 254 W. 23rd Street

### **FEBRUARY 13- 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. Preliminary Presentation - Nations Academy on Durst site @ 57th Street btwn. 10th and 11th Avenue
2. Hudson Yards Additional Text, ULURP # N080184-ZRM [deferred to March 12, 2008]
3. Presentation by Chekpeds re: traffic issues & 11th Ave. rezoning

- i. DO: Deputy Commissioner Maurice Bruet presentation on the Times Square Alliance Distinctive Street lighting Project (42nd Street to 53rd Streets)
  - ii. DOT: List of bicycle racks sites approved by DOT: Review and comments
  - iii. MTA: Locations of Bus Stops on Ninth Avenue between 30th and 42nd Street
- 3. Applications Street Activity Permits 2008**
- i. West 44th Street Better Block Association Garage Sale, West 44th Street between Ninth & Tenth Avenue, May 31, 2008
  - ii. Tenth Precinct Community Council, West 25th Street between Eight & Ninth Avenue, May 9-11, 2008
- 4. Applications Sidewalk Cafes Permits**
- i. Gallo Nero W44th, Inc d/b/a ?, 402 West 44th Street, NEW
  - ii. Kem Rest Inc. d/b/a Don Giovanni, 214 Tenth Avenue (West 22nd-23rd Street), renewal
  - iii. 659 Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Mercury Bar West, 659 Ninth Avenue (at West 45th Street), renewal
  - iv. 757 Rest LLC d/b/a Rogue Bar & Lounge, 757 Sixth Avenue (West 25th Street), renewal
- 5. Traffic Issues:** West 55th Street (10th -11th Avenue)
- 6. Parking Issues:** Zoning requirements on street parking new developments
- 7. Pedestrian and other safety issues:**
- Hess / P.S. 51 proposal to improve pedestrian safety at Tenth Avenue and West 45th Street: review and recommendations
  - Tenth Avenue, West 46th Street
- 8. Outdoor weather installations** in front of restaurants (Storm Enclosure), sidewalk café heaters and enforcement of marking of the sidewalk café on the sidewalk: Discussion
- 9. Preliminary Budget Response:** Discussion

### **FEBRUARY 21 - Landmarks Task Force**

6:15 p.m.

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

- 1. Applications**  
451 West 24th Street - rear yard addition
  - 2. Updates; action as needed**
    - West Chelsea Historic District
    - Moynihan Station
    - 339 West 29th Street
    - Glad Tidings Tabernacle
    - Saint Vincent de Paul
    - Other current issues
  - 3. For discussion and action**
    - Proposed Garment Center Historic District (State/National Register)
    - 304 West 47th Street
    - Designation process in CB4
- Clinton  
Chelsea

### **FEBRUARY 25 - Executive Committee**

6:30 p.m.

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

**4. Old/New Business**

**FEBRUARY 14 - Waterfronts and Parks**

6:00 p.m.

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

1. NYC Economic Development Corporation - Design of Passenger Ship Terminal (Piers 88-90)
2. Pier 57 - What Next?
3. Pier 92/94 Designation (TBD)
4. Preliminary Budget Response

**MARCH 4 - Yet to be named "Environmental Task Force"(ENV)**

6:30 p.m.

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

1. TBD

**MARCH 5- FULL BOARD MEETING**

6:30 p.m.

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

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