



NEWS from Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Chelsea & Clinton/Hell's Kitchen

...serving Manhattan's West Side neighborhoods between 14th and 59th streets.

MARCH 2008

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Upcoming hearings / presentations:

Mayor's FY 2009 Preliminary Budget: As mandated by the City Charter, the Board will review and comment upon the Preliminary Budget. Members of the public are encouraged to comment on the Budget as well.

News, events & happenings:

POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Midtown North Police Precinct:

March 18th (3rd Tuesday of every month)
Fountain House, 425 W. 47th St. (9th/10th)
7:30 PM

13th Police Precinct:

March 18th (3rd Tuesday of every month)
Stationhouse, 230 E. 21st St. (2nd/3rd)
6:30 PM

Midtown South Police Precinct:

March 20th (3rd Thursday of every month)
New Yorker Hotel, 8th Avenue (34th/35th)
Web site: <http://www.midtownsouthcc.org>
7:00 PM

10th Police Precinct:

March 26th (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)

March 18th (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 March 2008: Thursday, March 20 and Friday, March 21.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT. The General Theological Seminary invites one and all to its annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt will take place on the seminary's beautiful grounds in Chelsea Square at precisely 3:00 pm with the ringing of the historic chimes in the chapel bell tower. There will be a special

hunting area just for toddlers and younger children. Dozens of colorful eggs will be filled with candy and toys. Remember to bring your own basket! Children and parents should meet at the 20th Street gate (between 9th & 10th Aves.) at 2:45 pm.

RED CROSS JOB ANNOUNCEMENT. Part Time CPR/First Aid Instructor. The American Red Cross in Greater New York is currently seeking several part time CPR/First Aid Instructors to teach within the five boroughs. Pre-employment training will be provided. Instructors must be available to teach a minimum of two days per week (Monday - Sunday) between the hours of 7 AM and 7 PM four or more hours per day. They are also currently seeking several instructors dedicated to teaching in their Lower Hudson Valley locations - Orange, Sullivan, Rockland and Putnam counties as well as West Point. Requirements: A High School diploma or GED required. Associate's or Bachelor's degree is preferred.

Also, good presentation and verbal communication skills; excellent customer service, interpersonal and problem solving skills; valid driver's license preferred. Bilingual Spanish speaking preferred. To apply via e-mail, send resume and cover letter to recruiting3@nyredcross.org. Please list the position title in the subject line of the e-mail. To apply via fax, send to 646-557-5835. Only candidates who are being considered will be contacted. The American Red Cross is an Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D/V.

THE HIGHLINE. Your questions answered: A Q&A document is now available from the October 23, 2007, Community Input Forum on Section 2 Design. The input forum, part of Friends of the High Line's ongoing series, was the first opportunity for the community to see the design team's preliminary designs for Section 2 (20th Street to 30th Street.)

After a slide show presentation by James Corner, of landscape architecture firm Field Operations, and Ric Scofidio, of architects Diller Scofidio + Renfro, members of the audience were encouraged to ask questions. All questions were also submitted in writing, and have been compiled in this document, with answers by the design team, the Parks Department and Friends of the High Line. Questions include: Will dogs be allowed on the High Line? Will the park be open at night? Will there be public bathrooms, and where will they be? How will people get up on the High Line, and where will access points be located? Visit www.thehighline.org for more information.

WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES AT ST. LUKE'S AND ROOSEVELT HOSPITALS. FREE. Pre-registration required. Call the Events Hotline at 212-523-4001 to register or for more information.

" Meditation. "Journey's to Joy" - A beginners guide to meditation with Joan Goldstein author of "The Joy Within" meditation series. A 4-part series that will instruct all participants on the foundation of meditation and its many beneficial effects, such as lowering high blood pressure, decreasing anxiety and stress management. Tuesdays, 2/26, 3/4, 3/11 and 3/18, 9:45 - 11 AM at St. Luke's Hospital. Monday, 3/10, 9:30 - 11:30 AM at Roosevelt Hospital. Tuesdays, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, 10 - 11:30 AM at Roosevelt Hospital.

" Senior Citizen's Health Conference. Thursday, 4/3, 9 AM - 1 PM, St. Luke's Hospital, Muhlenberg Conference Center

" Stroke Conference, Saturday, 4/19, 9 AM - 1 PM, St. Luke's Hospital - Muhlenberg Conference Center

CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR NYC NEIGHBORHOOD GRANTS. New Yorkers for Better Neighborhood Awards - looking for creative ideas for community improvement projects. Dress Up Your Neighborhood Contest - looking for creative ideas for community beautification projects; and Dress Up Your School Awards - support student led projects that beautify schools or neighborhoods immediately surrounding schools. The deadline for these applications is March 14th. For information contact Scott Codey, Director of Advocacy, Citizens Committee for NYC, 305 7th Ave. 212.822.9563 or 212.989.0983 or visit www.citizensnyc.org

AMERICAN RED CROSS SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS TRAINING SCHEDULE. Second Quarter 2008 training courses include the latest science for first aid, CPR and emergency cardiovascular care. Classes begin on Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 PM at 520 W. 49th Street, and are scheduled through June. Call 212-875-2222 for more info.

RUBIN MUSEUM OF ART. 150 West 17th St. Last month's newsletter article failed to note that the museum has weekend hours: Saturday and Sunday, 11 AM to 6 PM. Visit www.rmanyc.org or call 212-620-5000 for more info.

SIGN UP FOR A FINANCIAL COACH. Know someone who needs help with saving and budgeting? Setting up a bank account? Improving their credit history? The Community Service Society's (CSS) Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has trained a team of volunteer financial coaches, all retired professionals.

They are part of RSVP's Financial Education Program which is designed to help build the financial capabilities of low-wage individuals, families and young adult populations in NYC. Individuals who would like free assistance from a financial coach should call 212-614-5586.

5 BORO BIKE TOUR. This May 4th 42 mile event includes up to 30,000 cyclists and requires about 1500 volunteers. To register, to apply to be a volunteer, or to get more info, visit www.BikeNewYork.org or call 212-932-2453 x 128.

PRESERVATION 2030. Historic Districts Council 14th Annual Preservation Conference. March 7-9. The conference will utilize original research, real-life case studies, panel discussions and community tours to talk about preservation and development in the future, especially through the lens of the "PlaNYC 2030" and its land-use section. Conference details are available at www.hdc.org, or call 212-614-9107.

MARCH AT THE MCBURNEY YMCA. 125 W. 14th Street. (Activities free unless otherwise noted.) 3/2, 9 AM - 1 PM: Women's Self Defense Workshop (Low Fee). Contact Alfred Rutherford (212) 912-2319 or arutherford@ymcanyc.org. 3/5, 12:30 - 2:30 PM: Blood Pressure screening in the Kuttner Room. 3/6 & 3/20, 6:30 - 8 PM: Single Mom's Group. A bi-weekly support group for single mom's to talk, share ideas and get support. Free childcare will be provided through age 7. Contact Julissa Paulino (212) 912- 2322 or jpaulino@ymcanyc.org. 3/13, 6:30 - 8 PM: Detox Cleanse. To celebrate National Nutrition Month, Dr. Barry Goldstein will design a detoxifying nutritional healing program to fit your specific needs. Contact Heather Chandor (212) 912- 2324 or hchandor@ymcanyc.org. 3/15, 10 AM - 3 PM: Summer Camp Fair. Learn about McBurney summer camp options. Contact Jacqueline Misla (212) 912-2326 or jmisla@ymcanyc.org. 3/27, 6:30 - 8 PM: Breast Feeding Support Group. Contact Johana Teran (212) 912-2316 or jteran@ymcanyc.org

ASK DHCR. (NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal). Have questions about Rent Stabilization and Rent Control, including rent overcharges and leases, service reductions, tenant harassment, major capital improvements (MCI's), Senior Citizens & Disabled Rights? Come get answers! Talk to State Housing Agency staff. Thursday, March 6, 3 - 7 PM, Hartley House, 413 W. 46th St.(9-10 Ave.) Hosted by Assembly Members Dick Gottfried and Linda Rosenthal and State Senator Tom Duane. Or Friday, March 7, 3 - 7 PM. Assembly Member Gottfried's District Office, 242 W. 27th St. (7 - 8 Ave.) Hosted by Assembly Member Dick Gottfried and State Senator Tom Duane. Appointments are necessary to speak to a DHCR rep. RSVP by calling Assembly Member Gottfried's office at (212) 807-7900. Co-sponsored by: U.S. Rep. Jerrold Nadler, NYC Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn & Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer.

NEW YORK METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (NYMTC) ANNUAL MEETING. Vision for regional growth to be focus of meeting on March 13, 11 AM at NYU Kimmel Center, 60 Washington Sq. So., 4th floor auditorium. NYMTC invites the public to a presentation of its vision, built around ten desired growth areas, 5 in NYC and 1 in each of the adjoining counties. Free. Registration is requested. Reply to Andrea Miles-Cole at amiles-cole@dot.state.ny.us or call 718-482-4551.

CARING FOR STREET TREES WORKSHOP. Thursday, March 15, 6:30 - 8:30 PM at The Arsenal in Central Park. Basic workshop offered by Partnerships for Parks & NY Tree Trust. Registration required. Contact channaly.oum@parks.nyc.gov or 212-676-1929. More about trees and greening at www.nyc.gov/parks.

CHELSEA WATERSIDE PARK ASSOCIATION invite you to join them for their **ANNUAL MEETING** reception & refreshments, Wednesday, March 19, 2008, 6:00 pm German Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul's Church, 315 West 22nd Street (between Eighth and Ninth Avenues). Guest speaker is Diana Taylor, chair of Hudson River Park Trust. Everyone is Welcome!

DATE: March 5, 2008

TIME: 6:30 pm

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

AGENDA:

Public Hearings:

Mayor's FY 2009 Preliminary Budget:

As mandated by the City Charter, the Board will review and comment upon the Preliminary Budget. Members of the public are encouraged to comment on the Budget as well.

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
Board Reports

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: [Letter to HFA re Glenwood Development Group \(ratification\)](#)

Item 2: Preliminary Budget Response

Item 3: [Letter to United Cerebral Palsy re site at 369 Eighth Avenue \(ratification\)](#)

Item 4: [Letter to SLA re Thunderbird, 137 West 14th Street](#)

Item 5: [Letter to SLA re 34th St Pizza, 460 W. 34th Street](#)

Item 6: [Letter to SLA re 668 Rest Corp., 668 Tenth Avenue](#)

Item 7: [Letter to SLA re Mamma Ristorante d/b/a Guantanamera, 939 Eighth Avenue](#)

Item 8: [Letter to SLA re Sehera Enterprise, 625 Eighth Avenue](#)

Item 9: [Letter to SLA re Thompson Rest. Inc d/b/a Don Giovanni, 358 West 44th Street](#)

Item 10: Letter to SLA re Go West d/b/a Scores, 533 West 27th Street

Item 11: [Letter to EDC re Passenger Ship Terminal \(Pier 88-90\)](#)

Item 12: [Letter to HRPT re Pier 57 \[withdrawn\]](#)

Item 13: [Letter to SWC re Don Giovanni, 214 Tenth Avenue](#)

Item 14: [Letter to SWC re Mercury Bar West, 659 Ninth Avenue](#)

Item 15: [Letter to SWC re Rogue Bar and Lounge, 757 Sixth Avenue](#)

Item 16: [Letter to SAPO re West 44th Street Block Association Garage Sale](#)

Item 17: [Letter to SAPO re Tenth Precinct Community Council](#)

Item 18: [Letter to DOT re Distinctive Street Lighting Project, 42nd Street-53rd Street](#)

Item 19: [Letter to DOT re approved bike racks](#)

Item 20: [Letter to Council Speaker Quinn, CM Brewer et al. re Intro. 639 - illegal curb cuts](#)

Item 21: [Letter to MTA re #7 Line extension \(The Project\) \[referred to Executive Committee\]](#)

Item 22: [Letter to DCP re sidewalk café zoning \[withdrawn\]](#)

Item 23: [Letter to DOT re snow melt conduits](#)

Item 24: [Letter to DCP, DOT, DCA, DPR re sidewalk obstructions \[withdrawn\]](#)

Item 25: [Letter to LPC re 451 West 24th Street application for changes to rear facade](#)

Item 26: [Letter to LPC re preservation of Saint Vincent de Paul Church, 23rd Street](#)

Item 27: [Letter to LPC re designation of 304 West 47th Street](#)

Item 28: [Letter to NYS Historic Preservation Office re proposed Garment Center State/National Historic Register District](#)

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.

MARCH 4 - Environmental Task Force

6:15 p.m.

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

1. Start scoping environmental position papers
2. Updates from committees

MARCH 5 - Full Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

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

MARCH 10 - Quality of Life/Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs

6:30 p.m.

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

1. NYC Department of Consumer Affairs

Presentation: the sidewalk cafe application process, rules, regulations and guidelines, and how it works in practice.

2. Committee review of mission statement in preparation for additional responsibilities

3. Presentation/Discussion: ~~Nations Academy, 614-632 West 58th Street – proposed new private school for children in pre-school through 12th Grade~~ [postponed]

MARCH 11 - 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) [POSTPONED]

2. Catering License: Access Food & Beverage Inc. d/b/a Sonnier & Castle Food - 554 W. 48th St; Skyline Studios LLC. - 461-463 10th Ave

3. New Liquor License Applications: Pita Grill of Hell's Kitchen Inc. d/b/a Pita Grill - 790 9th Ave; SD Hospitality Corp. d/b/a Scruffy Duffys - 690 9th Ave(47/48); MDDCAR Corp. - 401 W. 43rd St. a/k/a 607-609 9th Ave; LJJ Food Corp d/b/a Market Diner. - 572 11th Ave; Beatiz M. Rodriguez or Corp. to be Formed - 207 W. 14th St; Mejo LLC - 259 W. 19th St.; Dan Doohan or Corp to be Formed - 733 9th Ave

4. Transfers and Alteration Applications:

Transfers - Adam Honig or Entity to be Formed - 785 9th Ave; Aidan Fogerty or Corp to be Formed - 401 West 50th St.; Daniel Kane or Corp to be formed - 149 8th Ave; Alterations -

MARCH 12 - Executive Committee (Emergency Meeting called by the Chair pursuant to Article IX, Section E of the By-Laws)

6:00 p.m.

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

1. Letter to MTA re #7 Line extension (The Project)

MARCH 12- 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. Hudson Yards Additional Text, ULURP # N080184 ZRM - presentation and vote
2. Brookfield Properties, development on Ninth Avenue, between 31st and 33rd Streets - informational presentation
3. Office of Manhattan Borough President's Draft re Development Principles for Manhattan - discussion
4. TBD

MARCH 13 - Waterfronts and Parks

6:00 p.m.

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

1. Gansevoort - update and possible new action
2. Street Trees continued
3. Pataki Park - Letter
4. HRP dollars linked to Javits land sale - possible letter

MARCH 17 - Chelsea Preservation & Planning

6:15 p.m.

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

1. Zoning Basics continued - homework assignment
2. Office of Manhattan Borough President's Draft re Development Principles for Manhattan - discussion

MARCH 18- Housing, Health & Human Services

6:30 p.m.

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

1. ~~Lower Income Housing Plan – 605 West 42nd Street~~ [withdrawn]
2. Informal Presentation - 301 and 307-311 West 46th Street Development Project
3. Update/Informal Presentation: NYCHA/HPD development site at Harborview, 55th to 56th Street btwn. 10th and 11th Avenues
4. ~~Amalgamated Bank, Penn South re certificate of need~~ [withdrawn]
5. Office of Manhattan Borough President's Draft re Development Principles for Manhattan - discussion
6. Presentation - Community residence at 1 River Place, Cerebral Palsy Associations of NYS

Earth Inc. d/b/a Earth NYC - 116 10th Ave

5. Renewal Applications: Westward Gallery & Café Inc. d/b/a Bamboo52 - 344 W. 52nd St; Leitrim Pub Inc. d/b/a D.J. Reynolds - 351 W. 57th St; 44th & Ninth Restaurant Inc. d/b/a L'Allegria - 623 9th Ave; Gotham City Partners LLC d/b/a Quo - 511 W. 28th Street; Nid & Loy Corp. d/b/a Olieng - 644 10th Ave; Kiku Sushi Inc. - 235 9th Avenue; Trailer Park Lounge & Grill - 271 W. 23rd Street; Caffè Rafaella Inc. d/b/a Rafaella on Ninth - 178 9th Ave; Classic Harbor Line LLC d/b/a Imagine - Pier 59 Chelsea Piers; Classic Harbor Line LLC d/b/a Adirondack - Pier 59 Chelsea Piers; Crystal Cruises Inc d/b/a Crystal Symphony - 711 12th Ave; Crystal Cruises Inc d/b/a Crystal Serenity - 711 12th Ave; Chelsea Brewing Company LLC. - Pier 59 Chelsea Piers; Carnival Corp. d/b/a Carnival Victory - 711 12th Ave; Carnival Corp. d/b/a Carnival Legend - 711 12th Ave; Carnival Corp. d/b/a Carnival Triumph - 711 12th Ave; Carnival Corp. d/b/a Carnival Miracle - 711 12th Ave; Carnival Corp. d/b/a Seabourn Pride - 711 12th Ave; Circle Line Sightseeing Yachts Inc. d/b/a Circle Line VII - Pier 83 West End of 42nd St; Circle Line Sightseeing Yachts Inc. d/b/a Circle Line VIII - Pier 83 West End of 42nd St; Circle Line Sightseeing Yachts Inc. d/b/a Circle Line XI - Pier 83 West End of 42nd St.

MARCH 19 - Transportation Planning

6:30 p.m. **UPDATED 2/29/08**

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

1. Street Activity Permit Application

a. San Jose Day Nursery, June 6, West 20th Street (8th - 9th Ave)

b. Citizens Committee for NYC, May 9, West 26th Street (Hudson Guild Place)

2. Side Walk Café Permit Applications (RENEWAL)

c. Dana's LLC d/b/a Marseille, 630 Ninth Avenue (bet W 44th - 45th St)

d. Tutto Pizza Inc. d/b/a Mangia E Beve, 800 Ninth Avenue (@ W 53rd St)

e. 206 7th Ave Corp. d/b/a Salsa Mexican Kitchen, 206 Seventh Avenue (@ W 22nd St)

f. Eros Café Inc. d/b/a Eros Café, 190 Sevent Avenue(@ W 21st St)

g. Arriba Arriba Mexican Rest. Inc. d/b/a Arriba Arriba, 762 Ninth Avenue (@ W 51st St)

3. Side Walk Café Permit Applications (NEW)

h. Little Siam Corp d/b/a Yum Yum Bangkok, 658 Ninth Avenue (@ W 46th St)

i. La Scala Rest. LLC d/b/a Five Napkin Burger, 630 Ninth Avenue (bet W 44th - 45th St)

j. Il Melograno LLC d/b/a Ristorante Il Melograno, 501 West 51st Street (@ 10th Ave)

k. Larry Kevin K Corp d/b/a The Snug, 751 Ninth Avenue (@ W 51st St)

l. Emera Group Inc. d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 610 Tenth Avenue (@ W 44th St)

4. Update on outstanding actions

City and/or other agencies: updates / information

5. MTA - Bus Stop Locations Ninth Avenue between 30th - 42nd Street

6. 42nd Street Light Rail - presentation by Vision 42

7. Pedestrian and other safety issues:

a. Proposal Hess to improve pedestrian safety gas station @ 10th Ave - W 44th -45th St

b. Complaints London Terrace Tentants' Association regarding bad traffic

8. Parking Issues:

a. Request for Loading/Unloading zone in front of business 116 West 24th Street

b. Charter Bus Garage - Discussion

c. Dangerous corner - West 46th Street/Tenth Avenue (southeast corner)

9. Traffic Issues:

a. Eleventh Avenue Bus Lane - Discussion

10. Old/New Business

a. Proposed historic signage at West 34th Street - Presentation by 34th Street Partnership

MARCH 20 - Landmarks Task Force

6:15 p.m. **UPDATED 03/20/2008**

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

1. Applications: - **2. Updates; action as needed:** a. 304 West 47th Street (Fire House) -- report b. West Chelsea Historic District -- update **3. For discussion and action:** a. 450 West 15th Street - request for historic comments b.

Chelsea designation -- first steps **4. Other business**

MARCH 24 - Executive Committee

6:30 p.m.

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

APRIL 1 - Environmental Task Force

6:15 p.m.

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

1. TBD

APRIL 2- FULL BOARD MEETING

6:30 p.m.

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

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