



NEWS from Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Chelsea & Clinton/Hell's Kitchen

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

MAY 2008

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Upcoming hearings / presentations:

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Application to Board of Standards and Appeal for a special permit to allow Use Group 3A school in a M1-1 zoning district.

News, events & happenings:

POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Midtown North Police Precinct:

May 20th (3rd Tuesday of every month)
Fountain House, 425 W. 47th St. (9th/10th)
7:30 PM

13th Police Precinct:

May 20th (3rd Tuesday of every month)
Stationhouse, 230 E. 21st St. (2nd/3rd)
6:30 PM

Midtown South Police Precinct:

May 15th (3rd Thursday of every month)
New Yorker Hotel, 8th Avenue (34th/35th)
Web site: <http://www.midtownsouthcc.org>
7:00 PM

10th Police Precinct:

May 28th (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)

May 22nd (usually 3rd Thursday of every month)
130 Ave.C (8th/9th Sts.)
7:00 PM

ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING RULES SUSPENSION CALENDAR. NYC suspends alternate side parking regulations on 34 legal & religious holidays. Included are 2 days in May 2008: Thursday, 5/1 & Monday, 5/26.

MAY 4-18. UPPER WEST FEST 2008 For details about this festival of arts, theatre and culture on the Upper West Side visit www.upperwestfest.com.

6TH COUNCIL DISTRICT SPRING OPEN HOUSE. Sunday, May 18, 4-7PM & Monday, May 19, 5:30-8:30 PM; Council Member Gale A. Brewer's District Office at 563 Columbus Ave. (at 87th St.) Refreshments.

SUPPORT LOCAL CHELSEA STORES. Saturday, May 3rd, 1 - 3 PM. Gather on 9th Avenue between 17th & 18th Streets. The 8 businesses threatened with displacement include: Chelsea Liquors, 9th Ave. Gift Shop, Sweet Banana Candy Store, New Barber Shop and Famous Deli. For more information contact Miguel Acevedo at 646-671-0310 or Gloria Sukenick at 212-741-3562.

MAY 10TH WELCOME SPRING EVENT. Clinton Housing Development Company & Hell's Kitchen Neighborhood Association invite you to participate in this annual event on 35th St. (east of 10th Avenue). Saturday, 5/10, 10am - 4pm. BBQ served at 1:00. Bring your garden gloves & tools to help plant flowers in the street tree pits of our many new trees; plus balloons, face painting and a jazz band. Come welcome Spring!

42 ST. LIGHT RAIL INFO OFFERED. Vision 42, a non profit group promoting installation of light rail on 42nd St., offers a presentation of their proposal for light rail in a landscaped, auto-free 42nd Street. Block Associations, or other community groups located within five blocks of 42nd St. should contact Roxanne Warren, Chair, rwaa@erols.com, or George Haikalis, Co-Chair, geo@irum.org. This plan would add nearly six acres of green, car-free open space to the community west of Eighth Avenue. The plan has undergone technical studies on its economic benefits, costs, financing without public funding, and traffic and construction phasing implications. These are posted at www.vision42.org. Vision42, 1841 Broadway, #1208, NY, NY 10023, is an initiative of the Institute for Rational Urban Mobility, Inc. 212-957-0550.

STELLER ADLER STUDIO OF ACTING FREE SUMMER TEEN SHAKESPEARE PROGRAM, 7/ 7-8/1. For students ages 14-18 who attend a NYC public school. Write to www.stellaadler.com/outreach or call 212-689-0087. Students who are interested in Summer Shakespeare must schedule an interview as soon as possible.

TEACH YOUR CHILD TO RIDE A BIKE. Saturday, 5/17, 10 AM - 1 PM, Riverside Park, on the Promenade between 83rd & 86th Streets. FREE. Offered by Bike New York in association with NYC Parks & Recreation. Children with their parents; recommended for ages 5 and up. Bikes and helmets required. Pre-register at http://www.bikenewyork.org/education/classes/teach_child.html. Hannah Borgeson, Communications Director, Bike New York, 891 Amsterdam Avenue, Suite 101. 212 932 BIKE x 130 or hannahb@bikenewyork.org

HELL'S KITCHEN CSA. Information meetings for the Hell's Kitchen Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) on May 6 & May 22, 7 PM, Hartley House, 413 West 46 St., (9th - 10th Ave.). The CSA accepts WIC/Food Stamps. Certified organic, seasonally harvested farm fresh vegetables and fruit. Affordable and accessible; good for the environment; supports and preserves small-scale farming and local economies. Visit <http://www.uppermeadowsfarm.com/CSA.html> or telephone (212) 265-5469 for more info. Memberships available through mid-June; season is 22 weeks.

6TH COUNCIL DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE. Sunday, 5/18, 4-7 pm & Monday, 5/19, 5:30-8:30 pm; Council Member Gale A. Brewer's District Office Spring Open House, 563 Columbus Ave. (at 87th St.). Refreshments.

COMMUNITY BASED NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN. The Upper West Side Streets Renaissance Campaign is organizing design workshops (May 17th & May 31st), where residents' ideas are translated into viable, Livable Streets blueprints. This is a community-led effort to advocate for and win great walking spaces, safer streets, less traffic, a world-class bike network, and cleaner air on the Upper West Side. Another way to participate: complete the survey at <http://www.nycstreets.org/uws>. Information: Peter Goldwasser, Director, UWS Streets Renaissance Campaign at Transportation Alternatives. peter@transalt.org or 646-873-6020.

WORKSHOP PANEL: HOUSING, NOT WAREHOUSING. Thursday, May 8, 2 PM, CUNY Grad Center, 365 Fifth Ave. (at 34th St.), Room C204 - C205 (lower level) A Panel on Vacant Property, Gentrification, and the possibilities for Resistance. Contact Sam J. Miller at (646) 314-6423, or sam@picturethehomeless.org. Organized by Picture the Homeless.

PUBLIC ART ON THE HIGHLINE. Tuesday, May 6, artist Spencer Finch will discuss plans for the public art work he's mounting on the High Line. Cedar Lake Theater, 547 W. 26th Street (10th - 11th Ave.), 6:30-8 PM.

FREE. RSVP to Friends of the Highline at www.thehighline.org.

SPACE AVAILABLE. Friends of the High Line is growing - and moving. Lease for their offices at 430 W. 14th Street is available. 1,680 sq. ft., 3rd fl. of a 5-story historic meatpacking building. Open layout, partially furnished, a conference room, and a storage area. West-facing windows look out on the High Line and the Hudson River. Less than a block from the future High Line access point on 14th Street. For more info, email rick@thehighline.org or contact Maranda Kosten of Grubb & Ellis: (212) 326-4834.

MAY 2008 STREET FAIRS IN CHELSEA AND CLINTON/HELL'S KITCHEN.

May 9, Friday, Citizens Committee for NYC, West 26th Street (Hudson Guild Place)
May 9-11, Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 10th Precinct Community Council, West 25th St. (8th - 9th Ave.)
May 10, Saturday, CHDC/HKNA, on West 35th Street (10th Ave.-Dyre Ave.)
May 17-18, Saturday/Sunday, on Ninth Avenue Association, 9th Avenue (37th - 57th St.)
May 24, Saturday, Chelsea Midtown Democrats, on 8th Avenue (14th St. - 23rd St.)
May 31, Saturday, Penn South, on West 26th Street (10th 11th Ave.)
May 31, Saturday, West 44th Street Better Block Association Garage Sale, on West 44th St. (9th - 10th Ave.)

NYC HEPATITIS C WALK. Thursday, May 15 from Battery Park to City Hall Park. Registration 9 - 11:30 AM; walk begins at Noon. To register and/or volunteer call 718-720-4370 or visit the website of the Latino Organization for Liver Awareness (LOLA) at www.lola-national.org.

FREE STROKE ALERT SCREENINGS FAIR. Friday, May 16th. 11 AM to 3 PM. St. Vincent's Manhattan, 170 W. 12th St., Cronin Auditorium (10th floor). Call 1-800-227-3421 to register. Walk-ins also welcome. Refreshments will be served.

USPS FOOD DRIVE. May 3-10 the National Association of Letter Carriers is collecting non-perishable food items to help families in need in our community. Bring food donations to your local Post Office or make a donation to the Food Bank for NY and City Harvest by going to www.secondharvest.org/stampouthunger.com.

SIXTH ANNUAL PARKS ADVOCACY DAY. Wednesday, May 14, 9 - 11 AM at the NY County Lawyers Association, 14 Vesey Street. The event, sponsored by New Yorkers for Parks includes Town Hall Meetings by Borough and a Panel Discussion with Q & A. Log onto www.ny4p.org to register and to learn more.

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM. For youth ages 14-21. Applications deadline is Friday, May 16. To apply visit www.nyc.gov/dycd and complete the application online or complete a paper application, available from your community-based SYEP provider or Community Board 4. Completed applications will be entered into a lottery to determine who will be offered positions. For more info call 3-1-1 and ask about SYEP.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR 6TH & 7TH GRADERS. FREE program serving low-income, 1st generation college bound students. Final application deadline: Friday, 5/23. For more information and to get application packets call Talent Search offices at 212-237-8268 or email: etsp@jjay.cuny.edu.

Next Full Board Meeting:

DATE: May 7, 2008

TIME: 6:30 pm

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

AGENDA:

Public Hearings:

Nations Academy on Durst site at 57th and 58th Streets between Eleventh and Twelfth Avenues (614-632 58th Street; Block 1105, Lot p/o 5, 14, 19, and 43), BSA Cal. No. 58-08-OZ.

Application to Board of Standards and Appeal for a special permit to allow Use Group 3A school in a M1-1 zoning district.

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

Nominating Committee Report: Lee Compton

Board Reports: 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: [Letter to NYNJPA re ARC SDEIS](#)

Item 2: [Letter to SAPO re West 47th/48th Street Block Association](#)

Item 3: [Letter to SAPO re Friends of the Highline](#)

Item 4: [Letter to SAPO re London Terrace Tenants Association](#)

Item 5: [Letter to DCA re Orchestra of St. Luke's - 450 West 37th Street](#)

Item 6: [Letter to SLA re Bangkok Bistro 148 Inc. - 150 8th Avenue \(17/18\)](#)

Item 7: [Letter to SLA re Nora on 9th d/b/a Aura Thai - 462 9th Ave \(35/36\)](#)

Item 8: [Letter to SLA re Aceluck Thai Recipes Inc. d/b/a Aceluck Thai - 530 9th Ave \(39/40\)](#)

Item 9: [Letter to SLA re Zemi Restaurant - 130 9th Avenue \(18/19\)](#)

Item 10: [Letter to SLA re Three Brothers Baking Inc. - Pier 78 W. 39th St @ 12th Avenue](#)

Item 11: [Letter to SLA re Lucky Dee Inc. d/b/a Lucky Dee - 641 10th Avenue \(45/46\)](#)

Item 12: [Letter to SLA re Food & Gyro Inc. - 321 W. 42nd Street](#)

Item 13: [Letter to SLA re It's a Dominican Thing - 144 W. 19th Street](#)

Item 14: [Letter to SLA re Atrio LLC d/b/a Chamana - 604 10th Avenue \(43/44 Streets\)](#)

Item 15: [Letter to BSA re Nations Academy - on Durst site @ 614-632 58th Street](#)

Item 16: [Letter to IDA re funding for Nations Academy](#)

Item 17: [Letter to HRPT re Proposed Tugboat Museum](#)

Item 18: [Letter to LPC re Cedar Lake Contemporary Ballet, 547 West 26th Street](#)

Item 19: [Letter to DOB re 565 West 23rd Street](#)

Item 20: [Letter to MTA re M11 bus](#)

Item 21: [Letter to DOT/MTA re Bus Rapid Transit on 34th Street](#)

Item 22: [Letter to MTA re M42](#)

Item 23: [Letter to MTA re M16 bus routes](#)

Item 24: [Letter to NYPD re bus idling enforcement](#)

Item 25: [Letter to MTA/DOT re Eleventh Avenue Bus Rapid Transit Study](#)

Item 26: [Letter to LPC re rear extension at 351 West 21st Street](#)

Item 27: [Letter to LPC re addition of awning at 202 Ninth Avenue](#)

Item 28: [Letter to LPC re Proposed West Chelsea Historic District](#)

Meeting calendar & agendas:

Meeting dates, times, locations and agendas are current as of May 1, 2008 and are subject to change. Please visit CB4's [online calendar](#) or call the CB4 Office (212-736-4536) for confirmation.

MAY 6 - Environmental Task Force

6:15 p.m.

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

1. Discussion: mission and goals (continued)

MAY 7 - Full Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

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

~~**MAY 8 - Waterfronts and Parks**~~

~~6:00 p.m.~~

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

CANCELLED

MAY 12 - Quality of Life/Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs

6:30 p.m.

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

I. Sidewalk Café Renewal:

- Phillips Catering Inc. d/b/a Champignon - 200 7th Ave (21/22) License # 1165611
- 505-23 Bar Inc. d/b/a The Half King - 505-507 W. 23rd St. (10) License # 1109467
- Buckwheat & Alfalfa Inc. d/b/a The Rocking Horse Mexican Café - 182 8th Ave (19/20) License # 1000917
- 156 Seventh Ave Group LLC d/b/a Elmo - 156 7th Ave (19/20) License # 1127935
- Seventh Avenue Tomato Inc. d/b/a Restivo Ristorante - 209 7th Ave (22) License # 0936261
- MNY Chelsea LLC d/b/a Merchants NY - 112 7th Ave (17) License # 1160931
- The Original Homestead Rest. Inc. d/b/a Old Homestead Steakhouse - 56 9th Ave (14/15) License # 1097651

II. Sidewalk Café Petition to Modify:

- 156 Tenth Avenue Restaurant LLC. d/b/a - 156 10th Ave (19/20)- License # 1224204

III. Sidewalk Café New :

- Q Chelsea LLC. d/b/a Qdoba Mexican Grill - 216 8th Ave (20/21)- License # 1282396 [TENTATIVE]

MAY 13 - Business Licenses & Permits

6:30 p.m.

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

1. **Catering License Application:** 621 Events-Corp - 621 West 46th Street [deferred]
2. **Cabaret License Applications:** Marlo West Enterprises - 424-426 W. 54th St. (9/10)

MAY 14 - 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. Informal Preliminary Presentation: Sheffield Tower, 322 W. 57th St.- proposed changes to bonused plaza and arcades.

MAY 14 - Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use and Housing, Health & Human Services jointly

7:30 p.m.

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

1. Presentation/Vote: Harborview Affordable Housing Site, 513 West 55th Street and 520 West 56th Street - six ULURP applications by NYCHA (two special permits, two authorizations, and two modifications) to facilitate the development of two new residential buildings on vacant NYCHA property. This proposed development is part of the Hudson Yards Affordable Housing Commitments.

MAY 15 - Landmarks Task Force

6:15 p.m.

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

1. Discussion: West Side Chelsea Historic District application

2. Applications

- a. Review of proposed design: one-story rooftop addition 152 Ninth Avenue
- b. Review of proposed design: historic signage West 34th Street

3. Updates; action as needed

- Garment Center Historic District
- Saint Vincent de Paul
- 339 West 29th Street
- General Theological Seminary
- Enclosed sidewalk café, 23rd St. and Tenth Ave.
- Clinton/Hells Kitchen Landmarks Working Group

MAY 19 - Chelsea Preservation & Planning

6:15 p.m.

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

1. Presentation and Vote: 360 Tenth Ave. (30th Street) - Application for a Revocable Consent for a bridge to the High Line Spur

2. Presentation and Vote: 123-145 W22nd Street - Application for a Special Permit for a Public Parking Garage

3. Updates on recent special permit applications in CD4:

- Real Estate Industrials/Red Cross site - 534 West 49th Street.

3. New Liquor License Applications:

Laborator Corp. d/b/a Barroco Café - 110 9th Ave (17), La Romana Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Antique Café - 234 W. 27th St., Chowdhury Services Inc. d/b/a Kashmir Restaurant- 601 8th Ave (39), 742 Terrace Corp. - 742 9th Avenue (50), Marlo West Enterprises - 424-426 W. 54th St (9/10), Purdylicious Food Inc - 321 W. 51st Street, NY Hudson Group Corp. d/b/a - 601 W. 57th St (11/12)

3. Transfers and Alteration Applications:

Transfers - Aki-Sushi II Inc. d/b/a Aki-Sushi - 366 W. 52nd St. [withdrawn], Braai Wine Bar & Grill LLC - 329 W. 51st St., 311 W 43rd St. Rest. LLC. - 321 W. 51st St.; SLSC Restaurant & Catering LLC d/b/a Pacifica - 362 W. 23rd Street Alterations - 523 9th Avenue Inc. d/b/a Hell's Kitchen Café - 523 9th Ave (10/11), CDDF Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Bourbon Street - 346-346 W. 46th St., Earth Inc. - 116 10th Ave (17/18), JMED Holdings LLC d/b/a Pacha - 618 W. 46th St (11/12) [deferred]

5. Renewal Applications: Jin Won Food LLC - 575 8th Ave (38/39), Port Imperial Ferry Corp. d/b/a Frank Sinatra - Pier 78, 38th St & 12th Ave., Aunt Paul Inc. d/b/a Tia Pol - 205 10th Ave (22/23), Room Service II Inc. d/b/a Room Service II - 166 8th Ave (18/19), Manhattan Center Studios Inc. - 311 W. 34th St., 317 Restaurant LLC. d/b/a Bistecca Fiorentina - 317 W. 46th St., S & E Café - 202 9th Ave (22/23), 242 Tenth Avenue LLC. d/b/a Trestle on Tenth - 242 10th Ave (24/25), 42nd Street Pizza Corp. - 647 W. 42nd St., 58th Street Bar Company & Hudson Leaseco LLC - 353-61 W. 57th St a/k/a 356 W. 58th St., Jereton Entertainment Inc. d/b/a Xes Lounge - 157 W. 24th St., Port Imperial Ferry Corp. d/b/a John Stevens - Pier 78, 38th St & 12th Ave., Think Restaurant LLC d/b/a Vynl - 102 8th Avenue (15), 650 West 42nd Street Café Co. LLC d/b/a Busters Café - 650 W. 42nd St., Billy Marks West Inc. - 332 9th Ave (29), Vintner Café Inc. - 671 9th Ave (46/47)

-- 316 Eleventh Avenue (30th St.)

-- Glenwood- 310-328 West 38th Street

4. Discussion: 152 W26th St. - Hotel Construction

5. Old/New Business

MAY 21 - Transportation Planning

6:30 p.m.

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

1. **Update** on outstanding actions

2. **Application for new newsstand** at SEC West 59th Street and Tenth Avenue

3. **City and/or other agencies:** updates / information

a. DOT proposal for 34th Street Bus Lane: follow-up

b. DOT Bus Pad Installation: survey high maintenance bus stop locations

c. DOT Historic Street Signage West 34th Street

4. Parking Issues

a. Complaint alternate side of street parking West 19th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues

b. Request loading/unloading zone 127 W 24th Street

c. Public Parking and Accessory Parking Lots in CB4

5. Traffic Issues

a. West 58th Street between 8th and 9th Avenues

6. Pedestrian safety issues

a. Pedestrian Safety Town Hall meeting May 2, 2008: follow up

7. New Business

MAY 27 - Executive Committee

6:30 p.m. **NOTE DAY AND DATE CHANGE**

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

JUNE 3 - Environmental Task Force

6:15 p.m.

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

1. TBD

JUNE 4- FULL BOARD MEETING

6:30 p.m.

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