



NEWS from Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Chelsea & Clinton/Hell's Kitchen

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

JUNE 2008

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News, events & happenings:

POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Midtown North Police Precinct:

June 17th (3rd Tuesday of every month)
Fountain House, 425 W. 47th St. (9th/10th)
7:30 PM

13th Police Precinct:

June 17th (3rd Tuesday of every month)
Stationhouse, 230 E. 21st St. (2nd/3rd)
6:30 PM

Midtown South Police Precinct:

June 19th (3rd Thursday of every month)
New Yorker Hotel, 8th Avenue (34th/35th)
Web site: <http://www.midtownsouthcc.org>
7:00 PM

10th Police Precinct:

June 25th (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)

June 19th (usually 3rd Thursday 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 33 legal and religious holidays. This includes 2 dates in June 2008: Mon.-Tues., 6/9-10.

SUMMER SOLSTICE YOGA-FEST. Saturday, June 21. Times Square (46th - 47th St.) Join both experienced and beginning Yoga enthusiasts. Go to www.timessquarenyc.org for more information, to register and to see the list of participating yoga studios.

MEN'S HEALTH CONFERENCE. 7th Annual. Saturday, June 21, 9 AM - 3 PM. St. Luke and Roosevelt Hospitals. FREE. Includes breakfast & lunch. Pre-Registration is Required. Call the Events Hotline at 212-523-4001 to register or for more information.

DANCING AT THE CROSSROADS. Sunday, June 8, 5pm - dusk in Times Square. Free. More than 20 local, international and student dance companies performing some of the best dance that NYC has to offer. For more information, including a list of all performing dance companies, go to www.timessquarenyc.org.

GET READY FOR PARK(ING) DAY. Transportation Alternatives is planning, and enlisting volunteers for Park (ing) Day, September 19th. Organizations, groups and individuals are welcome to submit locations where you would like to build a park on Park(ing) Day or an ideal spot for another group to use. The goal is 50 Park(ing) spots in 2008. If you have a location in mind, contact Lindsey Lusher at lindsey@transalt.org or 646-873-6039. One location already planned is a space in front of Council Member Gale A. Brewer's District Office, 563 Columbus Avenue, 7 AM to 10 AM, with coffee, bagels and juice!

\$ FOR GREENWAY PROJECTS. Kodak American Greenways Awards Program provides small grants for activities such as mapping, ecological assessments, surveying, conferences, and design activities; developing brochures, interpretative displays, audio-visual productions, or public opinion surveys; hiring consultants, incorporating land trusts, building infrastructure, or other creative projects. Maximum individual grant award is \$2,500. Visit www.conservationfund.org for complete program information. Deadline is June 15.

NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR GARDEN CRUSADER AWARDS. The Garden Crusader Awards were created by Gardener's Supply to honor individuals who are improving the world through gardening. There is no age requirement. Nominees may be volunteers or may be paid for their garden work. Self-nominations are accepted. Award categories for 2008 are Education; Feeding the Hungry; Urban Renewal; and Restoration. The grand-prize winner will receive \$2,500 in cash and a \$2,500 gift certificate from Gardener's Supply. To nominate a gardener, use the online entry form at www.gardeners.com. Deadline: June 15, 2008

FRIENDS OF THE HIGH LINE HAS MOVED. New Address: Friends of the High Line, 529 West 20th Street, Suite 8W, New York, NY 10011. Phone number has remained the same: (212) 206-9922.

COMMUNITY QUALITY OF LIFE SMALL GRANT PROGRAM. Independence Community Foundation (ICF) provides modest grants of \$500 or less for grassroots, community-based efforts such as: neighborhood community service projects, sponsorship of local initiatives including community festivals or competitions, youth sports teams, school performances, essay contests, and scholarship awards. These grants may be submitted any time during the year. To apply online, visit www.icfny.org.

JUNE STREET FAIRS IN MANHATTAN BOARD 4 NEIGHBORHOODS:

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

June 21, Saturday, Fountain House, West 47th St (9-10 Ave.)

June 22, Sunday, West 28th Street (10-11 Ave.)

MEETING/CONFERENCE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR RENT. Cicatelli Associates Inc., a non-profit organization with headquarters in community district 4 specializes in training, technical assistance and organizational development. It has two floors of meeting space at 505 8th Ave. & 35th St.: 7 conference rooms, accommodating 8-150 people, most with great window views, computer lab, A/V equipment, and copy center on site. Go to http://www.cicatelli.org/Training&Conferences/CAI_CTCCBrochure.pdf

MONDAY EVENING MUSIC ON THE HUDSON. Clinton Concert Series, June - September. Enjoy FREE live music performances while watching the sun set on the Hudson. Friends of Hudson River Park, Friends of Clinton Cove, Dewitt-Clinton Park Conservancy and the West 44th Street Better Block Association/ Friends of Pier 84 co-sponsor this music series (2nd Mondays on Pier 84 at 44th St., 4th Mondays at Clinton Cove at 55th St.) 6 PM start. Lawn seating. Free kayaking is also available on site. 6/9: singer/songwriter Stephanie

Rooker blends a range of styles from R&B, Reggae and Funk, to Blues, Ballads and Spirituals. 6/23: Kelsey Jillette will perform classical jazz, bearing modern & world music influences. For more info call 212-757-0981.

CLEAN SANCTUARY CAMPAIGN RIVER CLEAN UP. Saturday, June 28, 9 AM, Gansevoort Peninsula, south of 14th St. Campaign created to help care for the 400+ acres of water in Hudson River Park's Estuarine Sanctuary by removing debris from the river. Coffee and donuts for participating volunteers. Rain or shine. Interested? Call Laura Hughes at 212-757-0981x205 or write laura@fohrp.org. Registration required.

CHILDREN'S GALLERIES FOR JEWISH CULTURE. 515 West 20th Street, Suite 4E; 212-924-4500; www.jclcm.com. Admission: \$8.00 - includes arts & crafts projects. Strollers cannot be accommodated. Sundays 2-5pm & Mondays 3-6pm. Over 80 fun-filled interactive stations for children ages 5-12.

FREE WEST SIDE HOUSING CLINIC. Wednesday, June 18. 6 - 8 PM at Goddard Riverside Community Center, 92 St. and Columbus Ave. Sponsored by Council Member Gale A. Brewer, the Urban Justice Center, and the West Side SRO Law Project. Presentation on personal use, followed by a question and answer session. A staff attorney will meet with individuals who are seeking specific legal advice. For questions, contact the Urban Justice Center at 646-459-3017 or the office of Council Member Brewer at 212-873-0282.

RENT REGULATIONS. Rent Guidelines Board (RGB) will take public testimony on Wed., June 11 at NYC College of Technology, 285 Jay St., Brooklyn, 4 - 10 PM & Mon., June 16 at Cooper Union, 7 E. 7 St., 10 AM - 6 PM. Submit written testimony by email to chair@housingnyc.com or write to RGB, 51 Chambers St., Suite 202, NY, NY 10007. Final RGB vote scheduled on Thurs., June 19 from 5:30 - 9:30 PM at Cooper Union.

OPEN DANCE AUDITIONS. Syren Modern Dance Company. Tuesday, June 17, 1 - 4 PM. NYC Center Studios, Studio 5, 130 W. 56th St. Looking for female & male dancers with strong modern and ballet technique for its August '08-March '09 season. Paid performance contract & rehearsal time compensation. The audition will be led by Co-Artistic Directors Kate Mehan & Lynn Peterson; it will include excerpts from company repertory involving partnering, as well as improvisation. RSVP with your resume and photo to info@syrendance.org. Bios of current company members and video excerpts at www.syrendance.org

NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY. At the Ryan/Chelsea-Clinton Community Health Center. On Friday, June 27, 2008, the Ryan/Chelsea-Clinton Community Health Center will observe National HIV Testing 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

Next Full Board Meeting:

DATE: June 4, 2008

TIME: 6:30 pm

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

AGENDA:

Public Hearings:

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. ULURP #s C 080400 ZSM, C 080401 ZSM, N 080402 ZAM, N 080403 ZAM, M 080404 HDM,

EXPECTED BUSINESS (LETTERS & RESOLUTIONS):

Item 1: [Letter to DCA re Fillips Catering Inc. d/b/a Champignon, 200 7th Ave \(21/22\)](#)

Item 2: [Letter to DCA re 156 Tenth Avenue Restaurant LLC. d/b/a Cookshop, 156 10th Ave \(19/20\)](#)

Item 3: [Letter to DCA re 156 Seventh Ave Group LLC d/b/a Elmo, 156 7th Ave \(19/20\)](#)

Item 4: [Letter to DCA re MNY Chelsea LLC d/b/a Merchants NY, 112 7th Ave \(17\)](#)

Item 5: [Letter to DCA re The Original Homestead Rest. Inc. d/b/a Old Homestead Steakhouse, 56 9th Ave \(14/15\)](#)

Item 6: [Letter to DCA re Seventh Avenue Tomato Inc. d/b/a Restivo Ristorante, 209 7th Ave \(22\)](#)

and M 080405 ZAM

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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 (election): 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

Item 7: Letter to DCA re 505-23 Bar Inc. d/b/a The Half King, 505-507 W. 23rd Street

Item 8: Letter to DCA re Buckwheat & Alfalfa Inc. d/b/a The Rocking Horse Mexican Café, 182 8th Avenue (19/20)

Item 9: Letter to SLA re Pacifica, 362 West 23rd Street

Item 10: Letter to SLA re Le Madelaine, 321 West 51st Street

Item 11: Letter to SLA re HK Café, 523 Ninth Avenue (39)

Item 12: Letter to SLA re Braai 329 West 51st Street

Item 13: Letter to SLA re Chowdhury-Kashmir, 601 Eighth Avenue

Item 14: Letter to SLA re La Romana d/b/a Antique, 234 West 27th Street

Item 15: Letter to SLA re Barroco, 110 Ninth Avenue

Item 16: Letter to SLA re Hudson Café, 601 West 57th Street

Item 17: Letter to DCP et al. re Harborview Affordable Housing Site, 513 West 55th Street and 520 West 56th Street

Item 18: Letter to HPD re Amendment of Clinton Urban Renewal Plan

Item 19: Letter to DCP re 133-145 West 22nd Street

Item 20: Letter to DOT re 360 Tenth Ave. (30th Street) - Application for a Revocable Consent for a bridge to the High Line Spur

Item 21: Letter to DCA re newsstand at 59th Street and Tenth Avenue

Item 22: Letter to 34th Street Partnership re Historic signage on West 34th Street

Item 23: Letter to DOT re parking regulations at 127 West 24th Street

Item 24: Letter to LPC re 152 Ninth Avenue

Item 25: Letter to NYS Governor Paterson re Oversight of Moynihan Station Project

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.

~~June 3 - Environmental Task Force~~

6:15 p.m.

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

1. CANCELLED

JUNE 4 - Full Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

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

JUNE 9 - Quality of Life/Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs

JUNE 11- Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use

6:30 p.m. **NOTE LOCATION: P.S. 51 Elias Howe School, 520 West 45th Street (bet. 10th & 11th Avenue)**

1. Proposed Eleventh Avenue Rezoning - presentation by Department of City Planning

2. Discussion: Statement of District Needs

JUNE 12 - Waterfronts and Parks

6:00 p.m.

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

1. DSNY District Garages/Marine Transfer Station 2. Pier 57 Update 3. Pier 40 Update

6:30 p.m. **NOTE NEW LOCATION**

Minetta Room, Westin Hotel, 270 W. 43 St.
(Near 8th Ave.) [\[map\]](#)

1. Street Activity Permit Renewal:

Elliott/Chelsea's Family Day, West 26th St
(9/10) on Saturday June 23, 2008

2. Sidewalk Café Renewal:

--662 Ninth Avenue Corp. d/b/a Blue Point -
662 9th Ave (46)

--Meatpacking Restaurant LLC. d/b/a The
Diner Restaurant - 44 9th Ave (14)

--Thompson Rest. Inc. d/b/a Don Giovanni -
358 W. 44th St (8/9)

3. Sidewalk Café New :

--Q Chelsea LLC. d/b/a Qdoba Mexican Grill -
216 8th Ave (20/21)

-Xai Xai Wine Bar LLC. d/b/a Xai Xai - 369 W.
51st St (8/9)

4. Discussion: Statement of District Needs

JUNE 10 - Business Licenses & Permits

6:30 p.m. **NOTE NEW LOCATION**

Minetta Room, Westin Hotel, 270 W. 43 St.
(Near 8th Ave.) [\[map\]](#)

1. Catering License Application: 621

Events Corp. - 621 West 46th Street,
Chelsea Corporate Events LLC. d/b/a The
Glasshouses - 545 W. 25th St (11/12)

2. New Liquor License Applications:

Chowdhury Services Inc. d/b/a Kashmir
Restaurant- 601 8th Ave (39), 742 Terrace
Corp. - 742 9th Ave, Choock & Gek Inc. - 171
West 23rd St, Wyndham Garden Inn Hotel -
341-343 W. 36th St, Thailand Restaurant
Corp. - 856 10th Ave, Middlesex Hospitality
Group Inc. - 465 10th Ave, Marc of New York
59 LLC - 10 Columbus Circle, Fashion Time
Square LLC - 330 W. 40th St (8/9), Time
Square West LLC - 326 W. 40th St (8/9),

3. Transfer/Alteration Applications:

Transfers -Dylman Restaurant Group LLC d/
b/a Lincoln Park Bar & Grill - 867 9th Ave
Alterations - Earth Inc. d/b/a Earth NYC - 116
10th Ave (17/18), JMED Holdings LLC d/b/a
Pacha - 618 W. 46th St (11/12)

4. Renewal Applications: Lazar Edibles Inc.

- 440 west 57th Street, Pita Grill Restaurant -
299 Broadway, C&J Tapas Corp. d/b/a el Cid
- 322 West 15th Street, Chelsea Savoy
Restaurant, Inc. - 204 West 23rd Street,
Meson Sevilla Ltd., 344 West 46th Street,
West 23rd Street Food Fair - 100 West 23rd
Street, Chai NY Inc., 930 8th Avenue

4. Discussion: Statement of District Needs 5. New
Business: Skate Park Pier 62

JUNE 16 - Chelsea Preservation & Planning

6:15 p.m.

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

1. Presentation and Vote: 110 West 26th Street,
~~application to BSA to legalize residential use of the second
and third floors [withdrawn - Board's prior resolution still in
effect].~~

2. Informal Presentation: 565 West 23rd Street aka 182
Tenth Avenue development plans

3. Presentation and vote: NY Sunworks Rooftop
Greenhouse Project 259 Tenth Avenue

4. Discussion: Statement of District Needs

June 17- Housing, Health & Human Services

6:30 p.m.

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

1. Lower Income Housing Plan - 439 West 53rd Street

2. Discussion: Statement of District Needs

JUNE 18 - Transportation Planning

6:30 p.m.

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

1. Update on outstanding actions

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

3. DOT Presentation - Pedestrian Safety Improvement &
Bike Lane Extension on Ninth Avenue (23rd -31st Streets
and Eighth Avenue (Bank-23rd Street)

4. Pedestrian safety issues: a. illumination on public pay
telephones b. LPI @ W 34th St & Dyer Avenue

5. Parking Issues: parking restrictions and compliance
with clean air act

5. Discussion: Statement of District Needs

JUNE 19 - Landmarks Task Force

6:15 p.m.

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

1. Applications: a. review of proposed design **425 West
22nd Street**

2. Updates:

- Proposed West Chelsea Historic District Report

- St. Vincent de Paul Report

- 339 West 29th Street Report

- Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Landmarks Working Group

- Chelsea Landmarks Working Group

- 145-147 Eighth Avenue (Federal Houses)

- 351 West 21st Street Report

3. Discussion: District Needs Statement

4. Old/New Business

JULY 1 - Environmental Task Force

6:15 p.m.

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

1. TBD

JULY 7 - COMBINED MEETING Transportation
Planning Committee, Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Land Use
Committee and Chelsea Preservation Planning
Committee to discuss Special Permits for Parking
6:30 p.m. Red Cross 520 West 49th Street (bet. 10th &
11th Ave)

JULY 14 - Executive Committee
6:30 p.m. **NOTE MONTH AND DATE**
CB 4 Office, 330 W. 42nd St., 26th Floor [\[map\]](#)

JULY 23- FULL BOARD MEETING
6:30 p.m. **NOTE MONTH AND DATE**
Roosevelt Hospital - 1000 Tenth Av. (b. 58th / 59th).
[\[map\]](#)

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