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POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Midtown North Police Precinct:

March 16th (3rd Tuesday of every month)
Fountain House, 425 W. 47th St. (9th/10th), 7:30 PM

13th Police Precinct:

March 16th (3rd Tuesday of every month)
Stationhouse, 230 E. 21st St. (2nd/3rd), 6:30 PM

Midtown South Police Precinct:

March 18th (3rd Thursday of every month)
New Yorker Hotel, 8th Ave. (34th/35th), 7:00 PM
10-18, 11/15
visit www.midtownsouthcc.org

10th Police Precinct:

March 24th (last Wednesday of every month,
Hudson Guild Sr. Center, 119 9th Ave. (17th/18th) 7:30PM

PSA 4: covers Fulton & Elliot-Chelsea Houses
March 16th (usually 3rd Tuesday of every month)
130 Ave. C (8-9th Sts.), 7:00 PM

ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING RULES SUSPENSION CALENDAR. The City suspends alternate side parking regulations on 37 legal and religious holidays. This includes 2 dates in March: 3/30 (Mon.) and 3/31 (Tue.).

GREEN LIGHT FOR MOYNIHAN STATION. The transformation of the James A. Farley Post Office into Moynihan Station took a significant step on Tuesday, February 16th, 2010 when Moynihan Station was awarded an \$83 million federal grant to complete the budget for a \$250 million first phase that includes providing two new entrances to the station through the corners of the Post Office building, doubling the length and width of the West End Concourse (mostly used by LIRR) so it provides access to more platforms, adding 13 new sets of escalators/elevators/stairs down to the platforms, as well as other equally important infrastructure upgrades (ventilation, catenary, etc.). This is the first of two phases. Phase Two is not presently funded and would include the new glass-domed train hall. But Phase One will have an immediate effect in that commuters will then be able to exit the platforms and the station west of Eighth Avenue. New York State and Amtrak have signed a Memorandum of Understanding that outlines the terms of agreement under which Amtrak will move to Farley once the actual station is built. Governor Paterson also officially charged his Empire State Development Corporation as well as the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey with seeing the project through. This will involve coordinating the multiple agencies involved, negotiating a final agreement with Amtrak, and seeking out federal funding. Since the Port Authority is a bi-state agency, NJ Governor Christie and the Port's board will have to agree to take on the project but the money's there, the MOU with Amtrak is signed, environmental approvals and design plans are almost complete so construction might actually begin by the end of this year.

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THE BROADWAY EXPERIMENT CONTINUES. This month the New York City's Department of Transportation recommended that the trial experiment of closing portions of Broadway at Times and Herald Squares to vehicle traffic and opening them to pedestrians be made permanent. In coming to its recommendation, the city's DOT under Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan assessed how well the experiment performed in several desired objectives. One motivation for this project was to eliminate the diagonal through-street that complicates and slows traffic where Broadway crosses both Sixth and Seventh Avenues. The assessment concluded that the traffic got better in the north-south directions and little worse in the east-west directions. While the benefits to vehicular traffic were minor, those to pedestrians, to businesses and to the general atmosphere of these people centers were according to DOT immense. The assessment showed sidewalk space in Times Square doubled and even tripled in spots, easing the crush of pedestrian congestion and walking off the curb and into the street has dropped by 80%. Crosstown crosswalks are shorter now that former street space is dedicated to walkways. The result: 29 fewer injuries in the last six months. DOT believes this project's success will lead to others around the City.

MAMMOGRAM MONDAYS. When: First Monday of each month from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. What: Mammograms for women ages 40 and older, with or without insurance who are New York City residents. Mobile mammogram unit provided by American Italian Cancer Foundation. Where: In front of CHN's Helen B. Atkinson Health Center, 81 W. 115th Street, New York 10026. To Make An Appointment: Call (212) 426-0088.