

October, 2013

## REMINDER: DEADLINE TO BE CERTIFIED FOR HURRICANE SANDY FEE WAIVER IS OCTOBER 31, 2013



[website](#).

A law signed by Mayor Bloomberg waives various fees required for rebuilding, recovery, and operation of businesses (including vehicles) impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Business owners must apply for certification of eligibility at the Restoration Business Acceleration Team (RBAT) for a fee waiver by October 31, 2013, but may have fees waived until December 31, 2013. For more details on fee relief and RBAT services, visit the [RBAT](#)

## YOU'RE INVITED: REGULATORY AND SERVICE CHANGES TO SAVE BUSINESSES TIME AND MONEY



On Wednesday October 23, come learn how you can save time and money with improved services across New York City. NYC Business works to make it easier, faster, and cheaper for businesses to understand and comply with law. Discussion will address current progress on improving law, improving in-person service, and improving services online. Come meet your peers, see what improvements benefit you, and learn how you can help carry this important work forward. Coffee and light morning food will be served. The event is October 23, 8:30 am – 10:00 am at 110 William St. 4th Floor. For more information and to register, visit the [registration page](#).

## NBAT HELPS 1,500TH BUSINESS

NBAT marked a major milestone in September. Since NBAT's inception, client managers have accelerated the opening process for more than 1,500 food and beverage businesses, participating in the creation of over 20,000 jobs in New York City. In addition, more than 10,000 businesses have taken advantage of at least one NBAT service. On average, businesses opened two months earlier than they would have without working with NBAT. Businesses taking advantage of all NBAT services – client management, plan review, consultations, and inspections – gain the most advantage.

Help us help more businesses! [Contact NBAT today!](#)

## NEW ONLINE AND ELECTRONIC SERVICES



### **Fire Suppression Plan Review Electronic Submission at NBAT**

Applicants filing fire suppression plans and amendments with NBAT can now submit their documents to NBAT through email. Filing should be completed at the Department of Buildings' (DOB) borough office and pay required fees. At that time, applications can be emailed to [rangehood@nbat.nyc.gov](mailto:rangehood@nbat.nyc.gov) with the subject "DOB Job Application" number and the application address. For new filings, applicants must include in the email, the completed Fire Department TMR-2 form, the contractor affidavit, and the 11x17 fire suppression drawing.

Amendment submissions must include a copy of the amended plans and a copy of the DOB PW-1 form. Approved plans can be emailed to the applicant and contractor or may be picked up from the NBAT office.

### **NBAT Customer Portal Allows Clients to Check Statuses at NBAT**

NBAT clients, including business owners and their professionals and representatives, have a brand new tool to see the status of various services they are receiving at NBAT. In its first phase, the Customer Portal allows users to check the status of NBAT fire suppression and health inspections, contact the client management team, submit requests or questions to NBAT and request updates to contact information. The ability to check the status of additional services, including plan reviews, will be available soon. For access to the Customer Portal, contact your NBAT client manager.

### **Now Online! Renew Your Food Service Establishment Permit**

Save time and a trip by applying and renewing online. You can now apply for and renew almost all NYC Health permits and licenses online. Your food establishment's annual permit renewal is one of the nearly 65,000 transactions that businesses once had to do by paper – and we now invite you to do yours online. Learn more about renewing your Food Service Establishment Permit by going to [on.nyc.gov/fsep](http://on.nyc.gov/fsep).

## **BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: HOMETOWN BAR-B-QUE**



[Hometown Bar-B-Que](#), located at 454 Van Brunt Street in Red Hook, Brooklyn has traveled a long road to bring us their “classic American barbecue steeped in tradition and history yet done with a little Brooklyn flair.” The counter-service Bar-B-Que hall was on its way to opening when Hurricane Sandy devastated Red Hook and the Hometown space. Owners William Durney and Paul Pinko contacted the Restoration Business Acceleration Team (RBAT) and senior client manager Michael Kim has worked to coordinate a variety of services to help them open their doors. RBAT provided Department of Buildings (DOB) and Fire Department (FDNY) plan reviews, two consultations from

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene inspectors, DOB and FDNY inspections. RBAT also assisted Hometown with DOB plumbing approvals and with obtaining their TCO. The space has experienced significant flooding and RBAT is working with the Department of Environmental Protection to ensure a solution that allows Hometown and all Van Brunt Street business owners to operate without the threat of floods.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **NYC Business Public Presentation and Discussion: New Changes to Save Businesses Time and Money**

Date: October 23, 2013, 8:30 am to 10:00 am

Description: Come learn how to save time and money with improved services across NYC.

NYC Business works to make it easier, faster, and cheaper for businesses to understand and comply with law. Presentations, panels, and question and answer sessions will address current progress on improving law, improving in-person service, and improving services possible online. Come meet your peers, see what improvements benefit you, and learn how you can help carry this important work forward. Coffee and light morning food provided.

Location: 110 William Street, 4th Floor

Cost: Free

[More information and registration](#)

### **Franchising: The Road to Business Success**

Date: October 23, 2013, 8:00 am to 10:30 am

Description: The franchise model offers more control over time and lifestyle. It is also an opportunity to diversify your portfolio and build a platform for creating wealth, and providing an equity-building vehicle for the future. This event will examine issues such as: why business ownership, how franchises work, benefits, and pitfalls of a franchise, growth trends in franchising, models that offer stability and success in weak and strong economies, financing the purchase, legal considerations, and costly mistakes to avoid.

Location: Adelphi University, 75 Varick Street, Room 260-261, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10013

Cost: Free (Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Members & Veterans), \$20 (Non-Members)

[More information and registration](#)

### **The Business of Dining: Operating NYC Restaurants**

Date: October 24, 2013, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Description: Whether it's the Letter Grade system, community board/liquor licenses issues, sidewalk cafés, or paid sick leave, operating a hospitality establishment in New York City has its own set of unique challenges. Join the Union Square Partnership and the NYC Hospitality Alliance's executive team as they discuss the specific regulatory issues NYC's hospitality operators face and what current and upcoming reforms could make your restaurant operations easier. Panel discussion including Robinson Hernandez, Executive Director of NBAT.

Location: Citibank Flagship Branch – 52 East 14th Street New York, NY

Cost: Free

[More information and registration](#)

### **Small Business Legal Academy**

Date: October 29, 2013

Description: The Small Business Legal Academy is a one-day event bringing together corporate law firms, financial services consultants, City and State agencies, and other service providers to strengthen New York City's vibrant and diverse small-business community. Receive free consulting services, learn about starting and managing your business or nonprofit, and uncover solutions to the legal and financial challenges facing your organization.

Location: Apollo Theater, 253 W 125th St New York, NY 10027

Cost: Free

[More information and registration](#)

### **Workshop in Business Opportunities Loan Fair**

Date: October 29, 2013, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Description: Need a loan? Want to compare investors? Or understand the benefits of a loan? Then come to WIBO's Loan Fair to get all of the answers to your burning questions!

Location: BNY Mellon - 101 Barclay Street (near Greenwich St.), New York, NY

Cost: Free

[More information and registration](#)

### **Workshop in Business Opportunities Accounting Clinic**

Date: November 21, 2013, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Description: Meet one-on-one with an Accountant to address business related questions such as:

- \* Does my business structure (i.e. sole proprietor, corporation, limited liability, or partnership) affect my taxes?
- \* What deductions am I allowed to take for State and Federal taxes?
- \* How do I determine when taxes are due?
- \* How do I avoid audits?
- \* Does registering my business in another state affect my taxes?

Location: BNY Mellon, 101 Barclay Street, New York, NY

Cost: \$20

[More information and registration](#)

Send us your event for our next issue! Email: [nbat@nbat.nyc.gov](mailto:nbat@nbat.nyc.gov)

## **IN THE NEWS**



### **That's So New York: New Business Acceleration Team**

[http://a002-vod.nyc.gov/html/thats\\_so\\_new\\_york.php?id=2168&pn=1](http://a002-vod.nyc.gov/html/thats_so_new_york.php?id=2168&pn=1)

### **With a Helping Hand, Healthy Eatery Opened Faster**

<http://thevillager.com/2013/09/19/with-a-helping-hand-healthy-eatery-opened-faster/>

## CONTACT US

For general inquiries concerning new food and beverage businesses or any businesses impacted by Hurricane Sandy, call 311 or email [nbat@nbat.nyc.gov](mailto:nbat@nbat.nyc.gov).

NBAT Mailing Address:  
100 Gold Street, Fl. 2  
New York, NY 10038

To Schedule a Construction Inspection:  
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/nbat/html/inspections/construction.shtml>

To Schedule a Food Service Pre-Operational Health Inspection:  
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/nbat/html/inspections/food.shtml>

To Schedule a Range Hood Inspection:  
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/nbat/html/inspections/hood.shtml>

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