



EXPLORE LOWER MANHATTAN STONE STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT



The Great Fire of December 1835 leveled more than 20 downtown blocks in the area bounded by Wall Street, Broad Street, Coenties Slip and the East River. It took 2,300 firefighters to bring the fire under control, but not before the city had sustained property losses of \$15 to \$20 million, bankrupting most of New York's fire insurance companies.



After the Second World War, much of the Lower Manhattan waterfront fell into disuse as the city's economic base shifted away from shipping and manufacturing. By the 1960s, a coalition of young intellectuals, writers, filmmakers, artists and poets had moved into the area's inexpensive work spaces. This was one of the first realizations of "loft living" — that is, artists inhabiting and making art in former industrial buildings favored for their space, light and cheap rents. The group included Robert Rauschenberg, Jasper Johns, Ellsworth Kelly, Robert Rindone and Agnes Martin. Sometimes referred to as the artists of the Coenties Slip, this group is recognized today for their departure from the time's popular Abstract Expressionism movement. Their pioneering work inspired postwar Pop Art, minimalism and other movements.



One of the first paved streets in the city of New York, Stone Street's stores and loft buildings were built for dry-goods merchants and insurers shortly after the Great Fire of 1835, but in the 20th century, the street fell victim to neglect. In 1996, the Landmarks Commission, other city agencies, the Alliance for Downtown New York and Stone Street building owners came together to transform the area into a vibrant historic district, restoring the street to its period grandeur and turning it into one of downtown's liveliest dining scenes.



Manhattan Community Board 1 Chairperson's Report

May 2021 Updates

MAY UPDATES....

• SINCE LAST MONTH

- 5WTC COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING BEGAN
- DOT WALKTHROUGH FOR BROOKLYN BRIDGE BANKS – UPDATE
- Climate Coalition for Lower Manhattan – NYCEDC & MOR
- THE BATTERY CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING- SUMMER UPDATES
- DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE Board of Directors Meeting – SEE NEWSLETTER
- BOROUGH BOARD
- NYPD 1st PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
- BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (BMCC)
- CM CHIN, CB1, PS/IS 276 Battery Park City School and CUCS
- BOROUGH BASED JAILS NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
- DI Hellman/MBPO - Business District Recovery Initiative Detail
- LETTERS FROM THE CHAIR: SPEAKER JOHNSON RE: POSITION ON GI ZONING ULURP; LETTER TO PDC RE: SBPC RESILIENCY, WHICH COVERS PIER A AND THE BATTERY

• NEW ENGAGEMENT

- CB1 AND BMCC CO-SPONSORED EVENT: June 17th Tentative title: “The Untold History of African Americans and Native Americans in lower Manhattan.”
- CB COLLABORATIONS with other Community Boards



**LOOK AHEAD:
VIRTUAL MEETINGS CONTINUE FOR JUNE**

NEW BOARD MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED SOON

MAY:

GOVERNORS ISLAND/ CITY COUNCIL VOTE- MAY 27

- NYPD 1ST PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS – MAY 27
- TOMMY MORAN/ NYPD RETIREMENT – MAY 28
- 9/11 MUSEUM – MAY 30

HOT TOPICS FOR JUNE:

- 2 MORE CITYWIDE ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS
Open Restaurants Citywide Zoning Text Amendment
Health & Fitness Citywide Zoning Text Amendment
- 250 WATER STREET ULURP - Hearing June 14 @ 6PM
- SEAPORT MARKETPLACE LEASE RENEWAL ULURP CERTIFICATION
- BPCA -WAGNER PARK, PIER A, THE BATTERY – PDC SUBMISSION IN JUNE/ HEARINGS IN JULY

IN THE WORKS & WAITING TO HEAR:

- Set up a meeting with DCP to be stricter with POPS as the principal gatekeeper.
- 240 Greenwich Street FOIL REQUEST- CITY has pushed back to JULY (from MAY)
- Working with the MBPO office to renew the contract Independent Consultant for 250 Water Street
- 5WTC COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL UPDATES
- DOT NOTES - BROOKLYN BRIDGE BANKS MEETING





HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

Thank you to all of those who serve this great country.

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