



NEWS from Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Chelsea & Clinton/Hell's Kitchen

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

APRIL 2008

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Upcoming hearings / presentations:

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News, events & happenings:

POLICE PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Midtown North Police Precinct:

April 15th (3rd Tuesday of every month)
Fountain House, 425 W. 47th St. (9th/10th)
7:30 PM

13th Police Precinct:

April 15th (3rd Tuesday of every month)
Stationhouse, 230 E. 21st St. (2nd/3rd)
6:30 PM

Midtown South Police Precinct:

April 17th (3rd Thursday of every month)
New Yorker Hotel, 8th Avenue (34th/35th)
Web site: <http://www.midtownsouthcc.org>
7:00 PM

10th Police Precinct:

April 30th (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)

April 17th (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 6 dates in April 2008: Sunday-Monday, April 20-21; Thursday, April 24; Friday, April 25; Saturday-Sunday, April 26-27.

PUBLIC SCHOOL SPRING RECESS. No school the week of April 21st to April 25th.

KINSHIP CAREGIVER LAW PROJECT. Free legal assistance for grandparents and others caring for related children not in the formal foster care system. The project helps kinship caregivers to understand their legal rights and options and connects caregivers with attorneys who provide representation in custody, guardianship and adoption proceedings. Call 212-417-3743, Mondays & Wednesdays, 10 AM to 4 PM. A city-wide project.

GED TESTING EXPANDED. The Manhattan Educational Opportunity Center (MEOC) has expanded its testing schedule to 4-6 times each month. Dates include weekdays and Saturdays. The GED testing service complements the 10-week prep course offerings. Tutorial assistance is also available. Programs are offered at no charge to adults who meet NYS's low-income requirements. MEOC is funded by SUNY and administered by Borough of Manhattan Community College/CUNY. 163 West 125th St, NYC 10027. 212-961-4400.

CAMPAIGN FOR COMMUNITY-BASED PLANNING. Forum Series explores the potential of neighborhood-led plans to shape equitable development & growth in the city, from the perspective of elected officials, community advocates, and planners. Free. 6 PM. The Urban Center, 457 Madison Ave. Monday, April 14: "PlaNYC 2030 Post Bloomberg: Using Community Plans to Achieve a Sustainable City" and Wednesday, May 14: "David vs. Goliath: Neighborhood Planning in the Face of Large-Scale Development." RSVP to 212-935-2705 or rsvp@mas.org. For more info see www.communitybasedplanningnyc.org or www.mas.org.

RESEARCH HELP FOR NON-PROFITS & OTHERS. The NYU/Wagner Graduate School of Public Service brings together teams of graduate students with client organizations over an academic year with its "Capstone Program." Teams conduct organizational assessments, evaluate key programs, gather & synthesize empirical data, look at financial management & forecasting, and more. For information and proposal guidelines, visit www.wagner.nyu.edu/capstone or call 212-998-7474. Deadline for 2008-2009 proposals is May 30, 2008.

RHYTHM IN THE KITCHEN MUSIC FESTIVAL. March 27-29 @ The Church for All Nations, 417 W 57 St. (b/w 9-10 Ave.) For more info and detailed lineups: www.hkculturalcenter.org or 212-765-8446. Festivities start @ 8 PM each evening. \$15/evening, \$35/3 night pass, \$12 children & seniors.

DOT TRANSPORTATION STUDY COMMUNITY INPUT MEETING. Wednesday April 30th, 6 PM, Holy Cross School, 332 West 43rd St. (b/w 8th & 9th Avenue). NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) is conducting a transportation study of Clinton Hell's Kitchen (29th to 55th Streets, 8th to 12th Avenues) with the participation of CHEKPEDS (Clinton Hell's Kitchen Coalition for Pedestrian safety) and other community groups. The goals of the study are to improve pedestrian safety and quality of life for the residents while reducing traffic congestion and maintaining balanced access for all users of the street system. NYC DOT, Community Board 4 and CHEKPEDS invite you to a Community Input Meeting to share your ideas with the project engineers and planners. Your input will be most valuable to the DOT as they develop short and long-term solutions. Space is limited. Please RSVP by email to DOTCIM@chekped.com

CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES. Thursday, April 3, 10 AM to noon. Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, 515 Malcolm X Blvd. "E Pluribus Unum: Reconciling Diversity & Community in the 21st Century." Speaker: Robert D. Putnam, Prof. of Public Policy at Harvard, author of *Bowling Alone*. RSVP to 212-306-7560.

UPPER WEST FEST 2008. May 4-18. A festival of arts, theatre and culture on the Upper West Side. Details TBA. The Zabar's are the major sponsors. 20+ local cultural institutions are involved so far. Contact Symphony Space staff at 212-864-5400 to become a cultural partner or a community partner.

"I IN THE SKY." Until April 26. A street-level photo-booth at the chashama gallery, 112 West 44th St. (6th - 7th Ave.), is paired with the Lumacom electronic display sign atop the 4 Times Square building. The Lumacom will broadcast digital portraits taken by photo-booth visitors that have been animated by artist Raul Vincent Enriquez. The process will take about 20 minutes and is free. The portraits are also online at ww.durst.org/iinthesky. For more info, please visit www.TimesSquareNYC.org.

OLDER ADULTS HEALTH CONFERENCE. Tuesday, April 1, 9 AM - 1 PM at Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center, 250 West 65th St. (bet. Amsterdam & West End Avenues) Council Member Gale A. Brewer and the Council of Senior Centers and Services host training workshop on HIV and Older Adults. All welcome.

THE GREAT SAUNTER OF 2008. Saturday, May 3. Join the Shorewalkers for their 23rd Annual 32-mile walk around the rim of Manhattan. The walk starts and ends at the South Street Seaport. Press conference in front of the Circle Line Terminal at 42nd Street begins at 9:45 AM. To register go to www.shorewalkers.org

HIGHLINE NEWS. Written by eleven full-time staff members and updated daily, the Highline Blog will keep you updated on all things High Line. Guest bloggers from the design team, volunteers, and community will occasionally be featured. New construction pictures, announcements about events, neighborhood news, & interesting stories about similar projects around the world will be posted. You can subscribe to the RSS feed, leave comments, and submit questions and post ideas. <http://blog.thehighline.org>

BECOME A NEIGHBORHOOD COMPOST EXPERT. Master Composter 2008 Certificate Program - a "train-the-trainer" course with a community service component. Manhattan program is offered in the fall)submit your application now. The NYC Compost Project - created and funded since 1993 by the DSNY Bureau of Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling - provides hands-on compost outreach and education to NYC residents and community groups in all five boroughs. Get all the dirt at www.nyccompost.org.

"STEPPING CLUB" AT ST. LUKE'S AND ROOSEVELT HOSPITALS. Pre-registration required. Call the Events Hotline at 212-523-4001. Walking is cardiovascular)it's free)and, you can do it anywhere. The Stepping Club will meet once a week for 4 weeks. At the first meeting, participants will be asked to complete a health questionnaire. The professional staff will perform basic measurements such as height, weight, blood pressure and other basic body measurements. All participants will be given a pedometer to assist them in tracking their progress. Mondays, 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 10 AM - Noon at Roosevelt Hospital. Tuesdays, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27, 9:30 - 11:30 AM at St. Luke's Hospital.

Next Full Board Meeting:

DATE: April 2, 2008

TIME: 6:30 pm

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

AGENDA:

Public Hearings:

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EXPECTED BUSINESS (LETTERS & RESOLUTIONS):

Item 1: [Letter to SLA re Go West d/b/a Scores, 533 West 27th Street](#)

Item 2: [Letter to SLA re SD Hospitality Corp. d/b/a Scruffy Duffys - 690 Ninth Avenue \(ratification\)](#)

Item 3: [Letter to MTA re No. 7 Subway Line - The Project \(ratification\)](#)

Item 4: [Letter to SLA re Adam Honig-Xing, 785 Ninth Avenue](#)

Item 5: [Letter to SLA re Aidan Fogerty, 401 West 50th Street](#)

Item 6: [Letter to SLA re Bamboo 52, 344 West 52nd Street](#)

Item 7: [Letter to SLA re Beatriz Rodriguez, 207 West 14th Street](#)

Item 8: [Letter to SLA re Daniel Kane, 149 Eighth Avenue](#)

Item 9: [Letter to SLA re Skyline Studios, 465 Tenth Avenue](#)

Item 10: [Letter to SLA re Access Food, 554 West 48th Street](#)

Item 11: [Letter to SLA re Dan Doohan, 733 Ninth Avenue](#)

Item 12: [Letter to SLA re LLJ Food Corp d/b/a Market Diner,](#)

the Special Midtown District. Includes amendment of 42nd Street theater bonus provisions.

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

Board Reports: Jean-Daniel Noland

Letters/Resolutions: Jean-Daniel Noland

Old Business: Jean-Daniel Noland

Adjournment: Jean-Daniel Noland

New Business: Jean-Daniel Noland

572 Eleventh Avenue

Item 13: Letter to SLA re Chimichurri, 401 West 43rd Street

Item 14: Letter to SLA re Mejo, 259 West 19th Street

Item 15: Letter to SLA re Pita Grill, 799 Ninth Avenue

Item 16: [misnumbered]

Item 17: Letter to DCP re Hudson Yards Additional Text, ULURP # N080184 ZRM

Item 18: Letter to Manhattan Borough President re "Development Principles" (jointly with Chelsea Preservation and Planning)

Item 19: Letter to City Council re hearing on alternatives for Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP)

Item 20: Letter to NYS Governor Patterson re securing \$70 million in park funding from Javits land sale

Item 21: Letter to DHCR re Landlord-Tenant issues at Sixth Avenue and 23rd Street

Item 22: Letter to Cerebral Palsy Associations of NYS re community residence at 1 River Place

Item 23: Letter to NYCHA/HPD re development site at Harborview, 55th to 56th St. btwn. 10th and 11th Ave.

Item 24: Letter to DCA re Arriba Arriba, 762 Ninth Avenue

Item 25: Letter to DCA re Eros Café, 190 Seventh Avenue

Item 26: Letter to DCA re Five Napkin Burger, 630 Ninth Avenue

Item 27: Letter to DCA re Mngia E Beve, 800 Ninth Avenue

Item 28: Letter to DCA re Marseille, 630 Ninth Avenue

Item 29: Letter to DCA re Salsa Mexican, 206 Seventh Avenue

Item 30: Letter to DCA re The Snug, 751 Ninth Avenue

Item 31: Letter to DCA re Yum Yum Bangkok, 685 Ninth Avenue

Item 32: Letter to DOT re 46th Street and Tenth Avenue

Item 33: Letter to DOT re Support Hess safety proposal at PS 51

Item 34: Letter to DOT re London Terrace, 23rd Street and Ninth Avenue

Item 35: Letter to DCA re Il Melograno, 501 West 51st Street

Item 36: letter to Applicant re 450 West 15th Street

Item 37: Letter to SAPO re San Jose Nursery, 20th St. (9th-10th) on June 6, 2008

Item 38: Letter to SAPO re Citizen's Committee, 26th Street (9th-10th) on May 9, 2008

Meeting calendar & agendas:

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

APRIL 1 - Environmental Task Force

6:15 p.m.

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

1. Discussion: mission and goals (continued)

APRIL 2 - Full Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.

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

APRIL 7 - Quality of Life/Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs

6:30 p.m.

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

1. Street Activity Permit Renewal:

a. Friends of the Highline, West 19th Street (Tenth/Eleventh Avenues) on Wednesday June 25, 2008, from 6:30 p.m.-11p.m. (Street Closure Time: 4 p.m.-12 a.m.)

b. London Terrace Tenants Association, West 24th Street (Ninth/Tenth Avenues) on Saturday September 27, 2008, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. (Street Closure Time: 8 a.m. -7p.m.)

2. Sidewalk Café Renewal:

a. Midan Rest. Inc. d/b/a Moran's Restaurant - 146 10th Ave (@19th) License # 1142522

3. **Presentation and Vote:** Orchestra of St. Luke's (Letter of Support)

4. **Presentation** - Nations Academy on Durst site @ 58th Street btwn. 11th and 12th Avenues

APRIL 8 - Business Licenses & Permits

6:30 p.m.

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

1. **Cabaret License Applications:** GCJ Holdings LLC. d/b/a Sapphire - 182 11th Avenue a/k/a 565 W. 23rd Street; 621 Events LLC. - 621 W. 46th Street (11th/12th)

2. **New Liquor License Applications:** Il Bordello - 470 W. 23rd Street; Nora on 9th Inc. - 462 Ninth Avenue (35/36); Three Brothers Baking Inc. - Pier 78 West 39th Street; Food & Gyro Inc. - 321 West 42nd Street; Ram Lounge LLC. - 622 West 47th Street

3. **Transfers and Alteration Applications:** *Transfers* - Zemi Restaurant Inc. - 130 Ninth Avenue (18/19); Bangkok Bistro 148 Inc. - 150 Eight Avenue (17/18); Aceluck Thai Recipes Inc. - 530 Ninth Ave (39/40); Lucky Dee Inc. d/b/a Lucky Dee - 641 Tenth Avenue (45/46);

Alterations - Earth Inc. d/b/a Earth NYC - 116 Tenth Avenue (17/18); JMED Holdings LLC d/b/a Pacha - 618 West 46th Street (11/12); It's a Dominican Thing - 144 West 19th Street

5. **Renewal Applications:** Jin Won Food LLC - 575 Eighth Avenue (38/39); Stag Horn Steakhouse LLC. - 315 West 36th Street; ZY & OY Inc. d/b/a Icbiban Sushi - 409A Eighth

APRIL 9- 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. **Presentation and Vote:** Nations Academy on Durst site @ 58th Street between Eleventh and Twelfth Avenues, BSA Cal. No. -----

2. **Preliminary Presentation:** Gotham Organization re proposed design for PS 51/Studio City site, 44th - 45th Streets, Tenth - Eleventh Avenues

3. **General discussion:** Neighborhood retail - how to preserve and encourage diverse uses?

APRIL 10 - Waterfronts and Parks

6:00 p.m.

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

1. **Discussion:** Pier 57

2. **Discussion:** Street Trees - continued

3. **Presentation:** Hudson Power Transmission Tunnel

~~**APRIL 15- Housing, Health & Human Services**~~~~6:30 p.m.~~~~300 W. 46th St., Community Room [map]~~~~1. TBD [CANCELLED]-~~**APRIL 16 - Transportation Planning**6:30 p.m. **UPDATED April 14, 2008**

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

1. **Update** on outstanding actions

2. MTA Bus Services

a. M11 complaints / protected bus lanes / 11th Ave Bus Rapid Transit

b. Bus stops on 42nd Street at 9th

c. MTA - Bus Stop Locations Ninth Avenue between 30th - 42nd Streets

d. MTA - M116

3. **ARC SDEIS** - presentation by ARC project team / NJ Transit

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

5. Parking Issues:

a. Special Permits for Off Street Parking in CB4 b. Request loading/unloading zone 127 W 24th Street

6. Traffic Issues:

a. Noise complaint manhole cover Ninth Avenue / West 22nd Street

b. Complaints increase noise levels Ninth Avenue after bike lane installation

7. Old/New Business**APRIL 17 - Landmarks Task Force**6:15 p.m. **UPDATED April 14, 2008**

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

1. **Applications:** 1.a Requests for historic comments proposed, telecommunication sites: 370 W 30th St, 301 W 45th St, 764 10th Ave, 575 8th Ave, 801 9th Ave; 1.b review of proposed design, rear extension 351 W 21st St; 1.c review of proposed design, addition of awning 202 9th Ave 2. **Updates; action as needed:** 2.a Saint Vincent de

Avenue (30/31); Pomodoro Italian Express Inc. - 518 Ninth Avenue (38/39); Spring Joy Inc. d/b/a Spring Joy Chinese Cuisine - 172 Eighth Avenue (18/19); 355 W 41st Tavern Inc. - 355 West 41st Street; Lulu's LLC d/b/a Lotus - 409 West 14th Street; ML Restaurant Group - 216 Seventh Avenue (22/23); Wise Wiz LLC. - 576 Ninth Avenue (41/42); Three A Plus Inc. d/b/a Malibu Diner - 163 West 23rd Street; Casellula Cheese & Wine Café - 781 9th Ave a/k/a 401 West 52nd Street; Ocha Japanese Cuisine - 350 West 46th Street (8/9); A & A Market Corp. - 456 West 45th Street; Max & Louie's LLC d/b/a Fusion - 818 Tenth Avenue (54/55); Stage Door Deli Restaurant - 461 Eighth Avenue (@33rd)

Paul, 2.b 339 W 29th St, 2.c General Theological Seminary, 2.d Enclosed Sidewalk Cafe W 23rd St & 10th Ave, 2. e Clinton/Hell's Kitchen Landmarks Working Group
3. For discussion and action: 3. a Chelsea Landmarks Working Group, planning and scheduling, 3.b West Chelsea Historic District Hearing, May 13th **4. Other business**

APRIL 21 - Chelsea Preservation & Planning

6:15 p.m.

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

1. Presentation: Chelsea Market

~~**2. Presentation and Vote:** revocable consent to construct, maintain and use a pedestrian bridge connecting to the High Line, to be constructed above Tenth Avenue and West 30th Street [deferred]~~

3. Discussion: zoning and adult use establishment at 565 West 23rd Street

4. Presentation: Cedar Lake Dance Company proposal to add square footage to their property at 547 West 26th Street (a location within the proposed West Chelsea Historic District)

APRIL 28 - Executive Committee

6:30 p.m.

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

MAY 6 - Environmental Task Force

6:15 p.m.

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

1. TBD

MAY 7- FULL BOARD MEETING

6:30 p.m.

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