



TURTLE BAY ASSOCIATION

Neighborhood association for New York City's
Turtle Bay, East Midtown, home of the United Nations

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FALL EVENTS



Loneliness and Civic Engagement with NY State Senator Liz Krueger Wednesday, September 12, 6 - 8 pm

**Vanderbilt YMCA
224 East 47th Street
5th Floor Conference Room**

Senator Krueger will address the issue of loneliness and the benefits of civic engagement, topics she has presented in her "Roundtable for Boomers and Seniors" lecture series.

Also speaking will be Lisa Furst, LMSW, MPH, Assistant Vice President at the Center for Policy, Advocacy and Education at the Mental Health Association of New York City.

The event is sponsored by The Friends of the Y Forum, a community-led initiative. Light refreshments will be provided by courtesy of the Turtle Bay Association

RSVP: friendsoftheyforum@gmail.com

UN General Assembly **September 18 - September 25**

[DOT Street Closures Map](#)

TBA Annual Meeting **Tuesday, October 23, 6-9 pm** **The Norwegian Seamen's Church** 317 East 52nd Street

Updates on TBA activities and community news; talks by elected officials and city agency leaders. Catch up with neighbors over light refreshments.

JEWISH HIGH HOLY DAYS

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, September 9

Erev Yom Kippur, Kol Nidrei
Tuesday, September 18

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, September 19



Or Olam, The East 55th Street Synagogue
308 East 55th Street
212-752-1200

Seating for the High Holy Days is by ticket only. Call the office to purchase tickets or membership. Tickets for the High Holy Days are included with membership.

[Visit Or Olam Website](#)



Sutton Place Synagogue
225 East 51st Street
212-593-3300

For a complete schedule of Main Sanctuary Services, Parallel Services in the Sassower-Schneider Auditorium and Children's Services, and to buy tickets click below.

[Click for schedule and tickets](#)

RECENT EVENTS



2018 National Night Out Against Crime

The TBA was once again honored to celebrate this year's National Night Out Against Crime, with the officers of the 17th Precinct.

This is a bigger year than usual. The NYPD is rolling out its new Neighborhood Policing program, and residents got to meet the Neighborhood Coordinating Officers who are specifically assigned to police our neighborhood. (Scroll down to 17th Precinct News for more about this.)

Sponsored by the 17th Precinct Community Council, the event featured live entertainment and wonderful food generously cooked on the spot by Ali Baba Turkish Cuisine.

Photo

Clockwise from top left: 17th Precinct Commanding Officer, Captain Conor Wynne, introduces two of the Neighborhood Coordination Officers with Matt Roberts at left; N.Y. State Assembly Member Dan Quart with Matt Roberts; 17th Precinct Neighborhood Policing Team.



TBA 2018 Spring Street Fair

Despite the chill in the air, this year's street fair, on June 23, brought out many visitors. The many booths, along Lexington Avenue from 42nd to 54th streets, typified the global and cultural diversity of New York City.

The TBA sponsors this annual event. Proceeds go to charity..

BUSINESS MEMBER OF THE MONTH



Painting Hangout

You name, we frame. You pick and you paint.

by Michael Zullo

Looking for an alternative night or day out in Manhattan? Or a unique party for kids? Join the Painting Party.

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Painting Hangout

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(Near entrance to the Queensboro Bridge)

646-590-6504

20% discount with TBA Membership Card (ask for Sam)

[Learn more and book a time](#)

17TH PRECINCT NEWS



17th Precinct Rolls Out Neighborhood Policing

The NYPD has introduced a new crime fighting strategy based on more active

cooperation and communication with community residents. Officers from the 17th Precinct announced the rollout of Neighborhood Policing, at a Build the Block meeting, on July 19, where officers met and talked personally with people who live within the precinct.

The 17th Precinct has created four sectors in the precinct, roughly corresponding to established neighborhoods. Neighborhood Coordination Officers, on the same daily shifts, will patrol the same assigned areas, affording them more familiarity with the neighborhood, its residents and specific local problems. Cars will remain within their assigned boundaries (except in precinct-wide emergencies), working with radio dispatchers, supervisors and other sector officers.

Once a quarter, the NCOs will host a Build the Block neighborhood safety meeting to talk about community concerns and answer questions. The next one is scheduled for October.

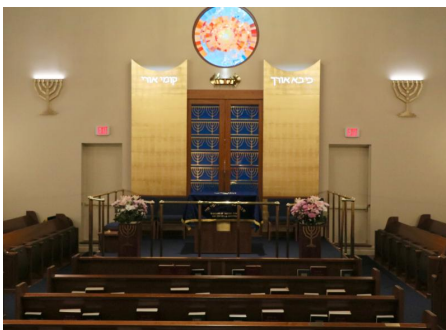
[Find Build the Block Meetings](#)

17th Precinct Crime Statistics 2018 through August 5

	Year to Date		
	2018	2017	% Chg
Murder	0	1	-100.00
Rape	10	3	233.30
Robbery	41	47	-12.80
Fel. Assault	53	46	15.20
Burglary	50	43	16.30
Gr. Larceny	416	443	-6.10
G.L.A.	12	11	9.10
TOTAL	582	594	-2.02
Transit	19	19	--
Housing	0	0	--
Petit Larceny	680	522	30.30
Misd. Assault	172	154	11.70
Misd. Sex Crimes	40	27	48.10
Shooting Vic.	0	0	--
Shooting Inc.	0	0	--

Prepared by the NYPD CompStat Unit

NEWSWORTHY NOTES



Or Olam Synagogue Celebrates a Major Renovation

The Jewish congregation located at 308 East 55th Street has announced its completion of a huge building renovation that has transformed the sanctuary into a true space for thoughtful worship.

Both the building and the congregation are among the most venerable of the neighborhood's inhabitants. Originally founded as Chevra Bnei Leive in 1906, the congregation purchased the building from a Baptist Church in 1916, when East 55th Street was paved with cobblestones and horse carts still gathered at the public market beside the Queensboro Bridge.

Or Olam is affiliated with the Jewish Conservative Movement. It is a progressive and egalitarian congregation with respect to participation in all rituals and recitation of the liturgy, and embraces members of the LGBT community.

With a history more than a century old, the congregation has great reason to celebrate the renovation as a renewal, especially prior to the Jewish High Holy Days coming up in mid-September, this year.

[Visit Or Olam Website](#)

ART IN THE PARK



Colony Expanse is Now on View

The art installation by artist Matthew Willey, now on exhibit in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, is part of the global initiative "The Good of the Hive," intended to stimulate dialogue and awareness of how the health of honeybees, pollinators and the shared environment affect our own health and food supply

Willey has created a symbolic honeybee swarm "resting spot" on the DHP's gazebo structure (upper left) and four abstracted, hand-painted wooden honeybee hives for the sculpture platform.

[Learn more about The Good of the Hive](#)

NYC GOVERNMENT



Report on Mayor's City Charter Revision

The June 26 meeting of Mayor Bill de Blasio's hand-picked Charter Revision Commission focused on the role of community boards and the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure

(ULURP), which governs the approval of building projects. The meeting produced no proposals for changes to the charter – reassuring to those concerned about potential limitations to the public's voice in city governance and land development.

But it's too soon to put worries to rest. As soon as the Mayor launched his commission in March, the City Council announced its own charter review project. We can expect that the council will also be looking at the community board and ULURP laws. Other prominent issues up for review by both groups are campaign financing and election district apportionment.

You can expect to see the recommendations made by the Mayor's Commission on the ballot in the 2018 general election. Those made by the city council won't come up until 2019. The charter was last reviewed in 1989.

[Learn more](#)

Image from Wikipedia

LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT



Sutton Area Awaits Word on Plans for Overhead Walkway at 54th and York

Despite eight months of protest from community residents, the New York Economic Development Corp. has not agreed to change its plans for an elevated walkway that would block the sky over Clara Coffee Park, at Sutton Place South and East 54th Street.

Sutton Area Community is appealing to elected officials and will continue to monitor next steps in the project.



ERFA Prepares to Appeal Sutton Area Megatower Decision

The Board of Standards and Appeals, on July 12, agreed to exempt the design of 430 East 58th Street from the height limits imposed by new zoning laws passed prior to construction of the building's foundation.

Further work at the site is on hold until the BSA issues its written decision. Meanwhile, the East River Fifties Alliance is preparing to appeal for a reversal in New York State Supreme Court. The appeal application process could take from one to two years, during which the developer, Gamma, might possibly resume construction. If so, ERFA plans to

seek a stop order to halt work until the final court decision comes down.

Council Member Ben Kallos, 5th District, said, "We are not done fighting, and I will be part of the lawsuit that is filed against the City to prevent this project from going up as planned by the developer."

[Read the full story](#)

HOUSING RESOURCES



Resources for Renters Now Online at Community Board 6

If you rent your home and need answers or assistance, you can find it on the CB6 Manhattan website, at [CB6 Resources for Renters](#).

Visit the site to

- Learn about your rental history
- Apply for affordable housing
- Apply to have your rent frozen

Talk to a CB6 staff member to

- Determine if you are in a rent stabilized unit
- Acquire and interpret the rental history for your unit to see if you are in a rent stabilized unit
- Find out if you are receiving a preferential rent

Community Board Six Manhattan

211 East 43rd Street, Suite 1404

New York, NY 10017

Telephone: (212) 319-3750

Email: office@cbsix

Hours: 9 am - 5 pm, M-F

Phone or email is preferred. Arrange a personal visit by calling or emailing in advance.

HEALTH RESOURCES



NYC Well Offers Free and Confidential Help

NYC Well is your connection to free, confidential crisis counseling, mental health and substance misuse support, information and referral. You can reach the toll-free help line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by phone, text and online chat. Mental health professionals there can link you to the services you need.

How to call NYC Well:

1-888-NYC-WELL (1-888-692-9355)

1-888-692-9355 (Español)

1-888-692-9355 (??)

711 (TTY for hearing impaired)

Find out more. [NYC Well – Talk. Text. Chat. 24/7](#)

CULTURAL RESOURCES



Museums Offer Free Entry with NYC Public Library Card

If you have a NYPL card or one for the Queens or Brooklyn library system, you can obtain a daylong Culture Pass for free entry at 33 cultural institutions in New York City.

There are 32 participating institutions, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, Museum of Modern Art, and the list is growing.

[Culture Pass](#)

Community Calendar

17th Precinct Community Council Open Meeting

Last Tuesday every month, 6 pm

Sutton Place Synagogue

225 East 51st Street

212-826-3228

(No meetings July, August, December)

Community Board 6

Full Board Meeting

Second Wednesday every month, 7 pm

For location, visit [CB6 Meeting Calendar](#)

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