



# TURTLE BAY ASSOCIATION

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

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## Turtle Bay News, October 2018

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Getting Older in the City

**Thursday, October 4, 1 pm**  
**Grand Central Library**  
**135 East 46th Street (Lexington/Third)**

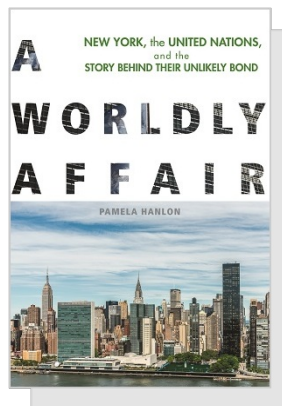
City living often becomes more difficult and isolating for seniors. Join neighbors and community leaders, in a welcoming setting, for a conversation about issues that matter to you. Share or just listen.

Sponsored by Grand Central Library and The Senior Center at St. Peter's Church.

Wheelchair accessible.

To register e-mail [LauraStein@nypl.org](mailto:LauraStein@nypl.org). Or, just walk in.

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#### **A Worldly Affair: Pamela Hanlon with James Wurst**

**Wednesday, October 10, 6:30 pm**  
**Mid-Manhattan Library at 42nd Street**  
**Program Room**

(Use 42nd Street entrance of the Stephen A. Schwarzman Building)

Learn about the fraught yet committed relationship between New York City and the United Nations. Pamela Hanlon, author of "A Worldly Affair", tells a story that epitomizes the stresses and strains of New York City history, starting in the 1940s and including all the elements of a political thriller.

Hanlon will be joined in conversation by James Wurst, journalist and author of *The UN Association—USA: A Little Known History of Advocacy and Action*, a history of the popular movement that helped create the United Nations.

Attendance is free.

[Read more and Register](#)

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## **Bhopal Disaster: A Perspective After Thirty-three Years**

**Wednesday, October 10, 6-8 pm**

**Vanderbilt YMCA**

**224 East 47th Street**

**5th Floor Conference Room**

The worst industrial accident in history occurred at a Union Carbide pesticide factory, in Bhopal, India, on December 3, 1984. Almost 30,000 have died and 500,000 were injured due to toxic chemical exposure.

Anthropologist Dr. Brian Mooney, at that time a representative for Union Carbide, witnessed the tragedy and its aftermath, and will tell the story of the survivors.

Bring a snack to share.

The event is sponsored by The Friends of the Y Forum, a community-led initiative.

[Click to RSVP](#)

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## **Oktoberfest**

**Saturday, October 13, 1-4 pm**

**Dag Hammarskjold Plaza**

**East 47th/First & Second**

**(Rain date - Sunday, October 14)**

Bring the kids and enjoy FREE pumpkin decorating, face painting and more. Adults can enjoy music and buy a brew, burgers, bratwurst and franks at Dag's Patio Cafe.

In cooperation with the NYC Dept of Parks, the Vanderbilt YMCA, and Dag's Patio Cafe.

For info, call 212-826-8980 or click here [Friends of DHP](#)

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## **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.

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SAVE THE DATE

## **TBA Holiday Toy Drive & Party**

**Sunday, December 2, 3-5:30 pm**

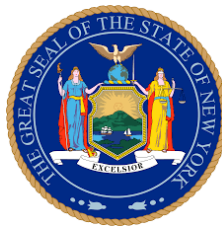
**Parnell's Bar and Restaurant**

**First Avenue and 53rd Street**

Cost: Toy or Clothing Donation

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NEW YORK CITY GOVERNMENT



## **CB6 Protests Proposed Charter Revision to Limit Terms of Community Board Members**

In its recent Preliminary Staff Report, the Mayor's Charter Revision Commission proposed term limits for community board positions as a means to insure board diversity. Community Board Six and the TBA oppose the revision.

CB6 Chair Molly Hollister, in an August 2 letter to the Commission, asserted the importance of diversity, but stated that “1) term limits are not necessary to achieve that goal [diversity] and 2) term limits would in fact result in negative consequences to board effectiveness.”

“Board effectiveness” specifically means the extent to which the city’s 59 community boards can give citizens a meaningful voice in policy-making. This is especially critical, for example, in the city’s process for approving real estate development projects.

TBA President William E. Curtis has written a letter supporting CB6, stating that term limits “... would serve to diminish the Community Board mission to promote public review of projects that impact the communities of the City of New York”.

Watch for the Commission's final recommendations on the ballot when you vote in the upcoming November 2018 election.

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LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT



## Sutton Area Residents Raising Funds for Fight against Bridge over Clara Coffey Park

Residents of the Sutton area have formed the not-for-profit Cannon Point Preservation Corp. to raise funds needed to block construction of a pedestrian bridge over Clara Coffey Park, at South Sutton Place and East 54th Street.

The bridge would provide entry and exit (at 54th Street) to and from the East Midtown Greenway, a 40-foot-wide roadway for pedestrians and bicycles to run above the East River between 53rd and East 60th streets. Mayor Bill de Blasio has allocated \$100 million to the project.

Residents oppose the bridge for its potentially negative effects on the neighborhood, and the entire Greenway extension project in light of more urgent city needs such as lead abatement in NYCHA buildings and the outdated subway system.

[Learn more](#)

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## ERFA Sues City and BSA over Decision to Build Sutton Mega-tower

The East River Fifties Alliance and Council Member Ben Kallos have filed suit in N.Y. State Supreme Court to overturn the Board of Standards & Appeals decision granting permission for an 850-foot-tall residential tower at 430 East 58th Street. The formal hearing in front of the judge is scheduled for October 11.

[Read more](#)

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### SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS by Michael Zullo



## Turtle Bay Chemists

When you shop at at this highly-rated drugstore – 37 years in the neighborhood – you understand why it competes successfully with the big chains. Pharmacist and owner Steve Corvi, Sr. (above) and his staff recognize and welcome you, and the store offers:

- Prescriptions on the spot, with E-script processing
- No lines to wait on
- Fast, free delivery
- Notary Public on site, Mondays and Tuesdays until 4 pm, and Thursdays until 7 pm
- Many premium beauty and specialty products at competitive prices

You might run into Rosie O'Donnell or Stephen Sondheim who frequent the store, as did Katharine Hepburn.

TBA members receive a 10% discount with membership card on all non-prescription products.

[Read the reviews](#)

**Turtle Bay Chemists**  
**901 Second Avenue (N/W corner 47th)**  
**Contact: Steve Corvi, Sr., Pharmacist**  
Tel.: 212-752-5151  
Fax: 212-308-1775

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## Da Raffaele

Take a table at this casual restaurant, or order out, and you'll be treated to the cuisine of southern Italy prepared to the highest standards. Chef Raffaele Esposito has been serving up his native Neapolitan specialties for more than 20 years in the neighborhood and he's always there to greet you.

The menu presents a tantalizing choice of pasta, meat, fish, seafood and vegetable dishes that salute classic recipes with a modern touch. The lunch menu also features pizza. In October, there is fresh venison, quail and wild boar. And dessert is a celebration in itself. All the dishes are fresh and lovingly-made from scratch. Accompanied by one of many excellent wines, you're assured of a memorable meal.

TBA members receive a 5% discount with membership card.

[Learn more](#)

[Read the reviews](#)

**Da Raffaele Restaurant**  
**883 First Avenue (N/W corner, 49th Street)**  
Monday to Sunday  
Lunch: 11:30 am - 3:00 pm  
Dinner: 5:00 - 10:00 pm

## NEWSWORTHY NOTES



### **Greenacre Park Is Listed on National Register of Historic Places**

Greenacre Park – a gem among Manhattan’s roughly 530 pocket parks – has been added to the National Register of Historic Places, the latest of its honors and awards. A plaque of recognition will be unveiled at the park on October 2.

Located in Turtle Bay, where parks are few, Greenacre Park has been a magnet for residents, visitors and nearby workers since its opening in 1971. It was designed by Hideo Sasaki using huge granite blocks and featuring a waterfall, running brook and comfortable seating amid seasonal plantings.

Abby Rockefeller Mauzé established the Greenacre Foundation, which conceived and developed the park, and which owns and maintains it.

#### [About Greenacre Park](#)

#### **Greenacre Park**

51st Street between 1st and 2nd avenues



### **Pescatore Celebrates 25th Anniversary in Turtle Bay**

The TBA congratulates Pescatore on 25 successful years serving classic Italian food to satisfied customers in Turtle Bay.

TBA members receive a 10% discount with membership card at Pescatore.

#### [Click for more](#)

#### **Pescatore Eatery and Wine Bar**

955 Second Avenue (50/51)  
212-752-7151





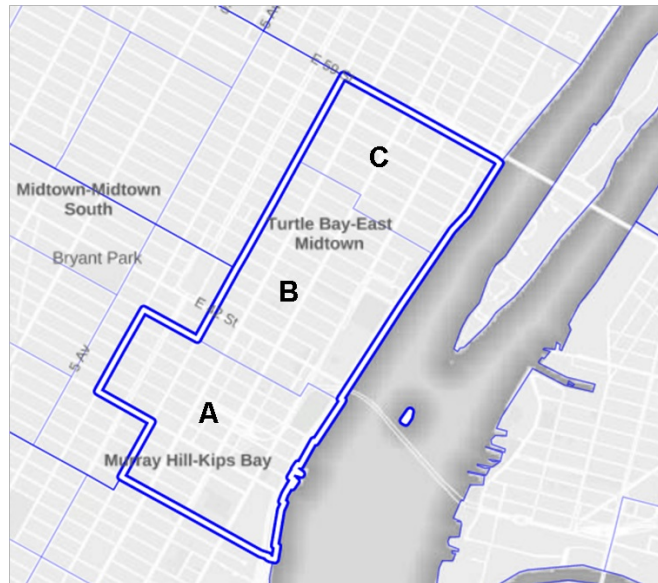
TURTLE BAY  
MUSIC SCHOOL

## Turtle Bay Music School Has Moved

The TBMS is officially in its new home at 330 East 38th Street, between First and Second avenues. For programs [click here](#).

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### 17TH PRECINCT NEWS



## Get to Know Your Neighborhood Coordination Officers

17th Precinct Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs) are your local problem solvers. They spend all their working hours within the borders of their assigned sectors – there are three in the precinct (see map above for yours) – actively engaging with community members. They get to know the neighborhood, its people, and problems extremely well.

Feel free to email your officers directly, or contact your local precinct to discuss crime or quality-of-life issues. 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 sometime in October.

[Find Your NCOs](#)

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## 17th Precinct Crime Statistics 2018 through September 16

	Year to Date		
	2018	2017	% Chg
Murder	0	1	-100.00
Rape	11	4	175.00
Robbery	44	56	-21.40
Fel. Assault	67	58	15.50
Burglary	54	48	12.50
Gr. Larceny	499	532	-6.20
G.L.A.	20	15	33.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>-2.66</b>
Transit	24	25	-4.00
Housing	0	0	--
Petit Larceny	813	642	26.60
Misd. Assault	195	190	2.60
Misd. Sex Crimes	49	41	19.50
Shooting Vic.	0	0	--
Shooting Inc.	0	0	--

Prepared by the NYPD CompStat Unit.

**17th Precinct  
167 East 51st Street  
New York, NY, 10022**

**212-826-**

**Precinct..... 3211  
Community Affairs..... 3228  
Crime Prevention..... 3224  
Domestic Violence..... 3210  
Youth Officer..... 3207  
Auxiliary Coordinator ..... 3216  
Detective Squad..... 3206**

## ARTS & CULTURE

### Happening in October

#### Japan Society

333 East 47th Street  
New York, NY 10017  
212-832-1155

[Event calendar](#)

#### Grand Central Library

135 East 46th Street  
212-621-0670

[Event calendar](#)

#### Saint Peter's Church

619 Lexington Avenue (55)  
212-935-2200

[Jazz Performances](#)

[Art Installations](#)

#### St. Bart's

325 Park Avenue  
212-378-0222

[Great Music](#)



## 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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### TBA Board of Directors

**Officers:** President, William E. Curtis; Secretary, Mary Marangi; Treasurer, Dick Irwin; Vice Presidents, Millie Margiotta, Dolores Marsh, Bruce Silberblatt | **Directors:** Ethel Bendove, Bunny Blei, Meryl Brodsky, Paul Crawford, William E. Curtis, Lee Frankel, Phyllis Gitomer, Vivian Gordon, Denise Hamilton, Marie-Louise Handal, Bill Huxley, Dick Irwin, Mary F. Marangi, Millie Margiotta, Mark P. Markowski, Dolores Marsh, Pat McDougald, Michael Resnick, Bruce Silberblatt | **Emeritus:** Jonathan Bing, Barbara Connolly | **Ex Officio:** Carolyn B. Maloney, US Representative; Liz Krueger, NY State Senator; Dan Quart, NYS Assembly Member; Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President; Keith Powers, NYC Council Member Ben Kallos, NYC Council Member.

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### Editorial Committee

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Renew your TBA membership or join online [here!](#)

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