

Turtle Bay News

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UN Renovation Virtually Complete

Turtle Bay residents taking a walk in front of the United Nations are sure to notice some impressive changes to the huge six-block complex. The more than \$2 billion renovation and restoration project, started in 2008, is substantially complete. While most of the work involved the interior of the UN's three main buildings – the high-rise Secretariat, the low swoop-roofed General Assembly and the Conference Building – the exteriors, too, have been cleaned and polished, and the areas surrounding the complex vastly improved.

Most noticeable, perhaps, is the bright sil-

very dome atop the UN General Assembly. It now sparkles, as was called for in the building's original design. Soon after the Assembly hall's opening in 1952, the dome started to leak and the repair involved a dark brown coating that remained until just recently. Now, the renovation has not only fixed the leaks, but has brought back the dome's luster, with terne coated copper cladding in the color originally intended.

Another improvement noticeable to area residents is a new visitor's entrance at 46th Street. Neighbors may recall that for years, UN security dictated that a large temporary

white tent be set up outside the General Assembly for screening visitors. Today, the tent is gone – opening up the newly refurbished entry to the

United Nations – and an attractive, glass-enclosed screening facility greets the public near the avenue. A similar new structure at the south end of the UN complex is used for employees.



Noticeable, too, is a fresh, modern sidewalk, with attractive mosaic insets. It replaces an old flagstone walk that, while undoubtedly attractive when it was first installed years ago, had become broken, dirty and stained. Embedded into the new sidewalk along the avenue's edge are security bollards, a precaution that is among many security upgrades incorporated in the UN's renovation.

Further work remains to be done. The visitor center on the lower level of the General Assembly building, including the gift shop and bookstore, still awaits renovation.

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Your Representatives at Work

Carolyn B. Maloney

Congresswoman, New York's 12th District
Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn

Maloney Helps Get \$203 Million for Grand Central Expansion



The MTA is receiving \$203 million in federal money for the East Side Access project, which will connect the Long

Island Rail Road to Grand Central Terminal. The \$10 billion project is expected to open to passengers in 2022. Construction began in 2006.

Manhattan-bound LIRR trains now stop at Penn Station. The East Side Access project is designed to ease traffic at Penn Station and give 160,000 Long Island commuters an easier way to reach destinations in eastern Midtown.

"Those customers will save up to 40 minutes off their commute each day," Rep. Maloney said. She had pushed to get the money through Congress.

From: <http://nypost.com/2014/09/28/>, where full article resides.

Liz Krueger

New York State Senator, 28th District
Ranking Democratic Member, Committee on Finance

Krueger Calls for Fracking Ban in New York State



In an op-ed piece published by The Daily News on September 3, Liz Krueger called on fellow-legislators and Governor Cuomo to pass a New York State-wide ban

on fracking, which, she says, will damage the state's health, natural resources and

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Note the Event

TBA Annual Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 6:30 pm
Vanderbilt YMCA
5th Floor Conference Room



TBA 28th Annual Toy/Gift Drive

Sunday, December 7, 3 - 6 pm
Parnell's Restaurant
First Avenue and 53rd Street

Residential Recycling is the Law in NYC

By DONNA TINNERELLO

Did you know that the paper you recycle might end up as part of your next pizza takeout box? Or that recycled aluminum foil containers become new products proudly made in the USA? Think about reusing or recycling certain items before black-bagging all your trash for tri-weekly, curbside pickup by the Sanitation Department. Recycling cuts down on the use of non-renewable resources, reduces landfill overflow, and saves trees, which are the source of pizza boxes in the first place.

A Mandated Program

Recycling is more than a “feel-like-it” kind of thing. ALL RESIDENTS are required by city law, in their homes, to separate designated materials from waste for recycling collection by the Sanitation Department.

Residential building owners and LANDLORDS MUST notify residents about recycling requirements, designate an accessible recycling area, and maintain signs explaining what and how to recycle.

RESIDENTS MUST keep designated materials separate from regular garbage and discard them, according to building management instructions, in properly labeled recycling receptacles.

How to Recycle for Curbside Pickup

In Turtle Bay, recycled items are scheduled for pickup very early on Thursday and Friday mornings. The Sanitation Department offers this advice:

- Put your recyclables out by the curb the night before.
- Make bundles of cardboard boxes, flattened and tied together with twine or string.
- Gather and place cans, aluminum products, plastic bottles, milk and juice containers, jars and glass containers into a single, large plastic bag.
- Place paper – magazines, books, shredded personal papers and newspapers – in a separate clear plastic bag.

Where to Recycle Special Items

Fabric	Greenmarket, Dag Hammarskjold Plaza Second Avenue and 47th Street	Wednesday: 8 am - 3 pm
Compost: Fruits & Vegetables	Greenmarket, Dag Hammarskjold Plaza Second Avenue and 47th Street	Wednesday: 8 am - 3 pm
Batteries & Electronics	Staples 675 Third Avenue (42/43) 212-687-3219	Monday-Friday: 7 am - 8 pm Saturday: 9 am - 6 pm Sunday: 12 pm - 6 pm
Used Books	Mid-Manhattan Library 455 Fifth Avenue (39/40) 212-340-0863	Monday-Thursday: 8 am - 11 pm Friday: 8 am - 8 pm Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm Sunday: 10 am - 6 pm
Plastic Bags	The Food Emporium 969 Second Ave (corner 51) 212-593-2224	Daily, 7 am - 12 am

Find Out More



Many materials and items cannot be recycled, or require special treatment before recycling. The city holds SAFE Disposal Events throughout the year where special items can be brought. For more information on what, when and how to recycle, call 311 or visit www.nyc.gov/recycle.

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outside wall of supermarket.

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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
NYU Medical Center
550 First Avenue
212-319-3750
Now live online at
<http://wp.cbsix.org/live>

CB6 Website Posts Mapping of 311 Requests in the District

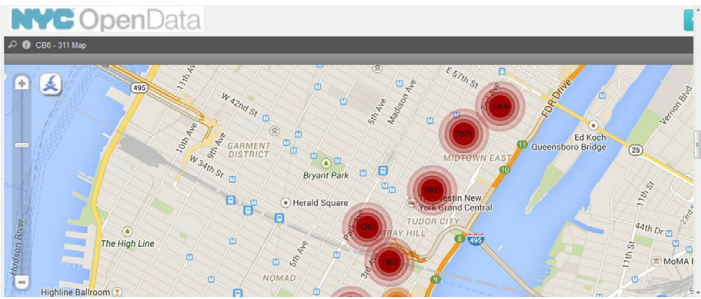
The city has now made 311 request data searchable through the NYC Open Data Service powered by Socrata. To see 311 requests within the district, visit the CB6 website at <http://cbsix.org/resources/mapping-311-requests-cb6/>.

This site provides interactive maps showing the number, type, location and distribution of a wide range of service requests and complaints entered into the 311 system. Among the top requests within CB6 are Road Repair Requests, Broken Parking Meters, and Noise Complaints; but there are many others.

Every request placed since February 1, 2014 has been plotted. Red radial clusters (as appear in the map, upper right) represent the raw data against the area map. Click on a red cluster to zoom down to individual requests displayed as blue dots at the street level (as in the lower map). Click on a blue dot to display the details of the request. Below, are a table excerpt of individual report details and a summary chart of report categories in CB6, both of which also appear online. It is not surprising that noise ranks highest by far.

If you have an appropriate request or report, call 311. The more calls that report a particular issue, the faster it will be escalated and the faster the results.

Mapped Image of Request Clusters



Detail of Data Cluster in Turtle Bay

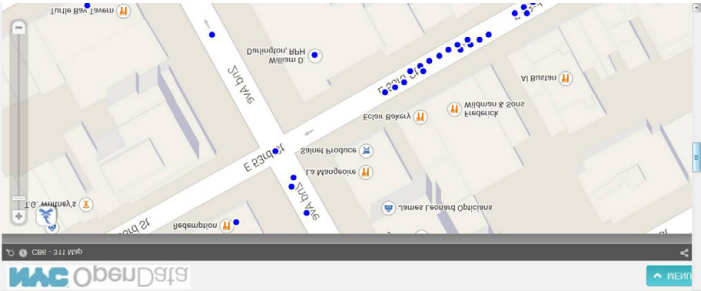
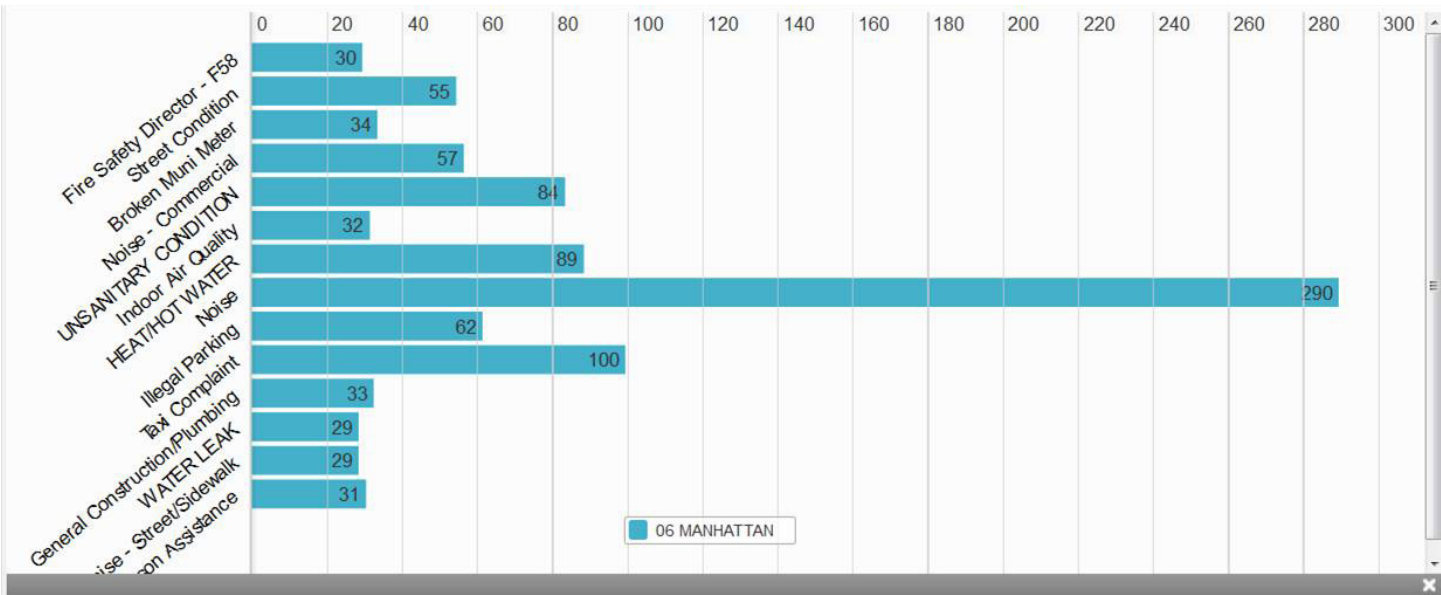


Table of Individual Report Details

	Created Date	Agency	Agency Name	Complaint Type
1	10/25/2014 02:06:12 AM	NYPD	New York City Police Department	Noise - Commercial
2	10/22/2014 03:37:00 PM	DEP	Department of Environmental Protection	Air Quality
3	10/21/2014 10:47:25 PM	NYPD	New York City Police Department	Noise - Commercial
4	10/21/2014 10:00:44 AM	TLC	Taxi and Limousine Commission	Taxi Complaint
5	10/21/2014 12:00:00 AM	HPD	Department of Housing Preservation and De	FLOORING/STAIRS
6	10/21/2014 12:00:00 AM	HPD	Department of Housing Preservation and De	PAINT/PLASTER
7	10/21/2014 12:00:00 AM	HPD	Department of Housing Preservation and De	HEAT/HOT WATER

Summary of All Reports Received by Category



Spotlight on Local Business BY LOIS AVERY GAETA

Ekavi Boutique NYC

Designer Clothing and Accessories for Women

886 Second Avenue (47th Street)

212-755-5855

www.ekavinyc.com

[facebook.com ekavi boutique nyc](https://facebook.com/ekavi.boutique.nyc)

Accepts major credit cards

Mon.-Fri., 11 am - 7 pm; Sat. 11 am - 6 pm



Ekavi's owner Tina Theodorou

Just back from Italy, at work with Italian designers on her Spring/Summer 2015 collection, Ekavi's visionary Tina Theodorou – easily recognized by her signature radiant smile and straight black bangs – was ready to share her finds with her international clientele.

Born in Greece and a student of the classics, Tina was always intrigued by the way fashion enhances a woman's persona. In 1973, noticing the lack of boutiques in

New York City, she opened her own shop selling simple, elegant and affordable European clothes and accessories, attractive to professional women who worked or lived in the Turtle Bay area.

She found a sliver of commercial space on the east side of Second Avenue, just above 47th Street, and named it "Ekavi" after the queen of Troy renowned for her sense of style. The shop, with its array of brands and reflection of always-changing styles, has become a magnet for UN staffers, attorneys, corporate executives, and TV personalities who rely on Tina's flair for making them look great and feel good in what they wear.

Beyond importing smaller fashion labels from all over Europe and Israel, Tina designs her own Ekavi label. "I use Peruvian alpaca designed in geometric patterns of black and brown, toffee and charcoal, to make jackets, capes and three-quarter-length coats." She twirled a cobalt blue alpaca coat in the air to emphasize its silky, soft movement, and pointed to the fashion photo display in the window. "From Israel, I import these classic, casual outfits by Israeli designer Ronen Chen," she said.

"Scarves are the best accessories," she continued. "We feature delicate, colorful and warm handmade silk and woolen

scarves by Christa Louise, a wonderful entrepreneur, who's created employment for many village women in Mexico.

"To tell the truth," Tina concluded, "it's really not Ekavi's or anyone else's classic clothing, or even the price of the clothing, that makes today's women look so fabulous. It's the care they take of their bodies and hair, and their individual styles in mixing and matching clothing elements. Ekavi is just here to help enhance the aura."

Welcome New Merchant Members

Jewelry

Madison Jewelers

805 Third Avenue, Suite 2070

New York, NY 10022

madisonjewelersnyc.com

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New York, NY 10022

646-379-4217

madisonjewelersnyc.com

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780 Third Avenue

New York, NY 10003

212 360-2365

russellwilliamsrealestate.com/

Contact: Catherine Stelzenmuller

Newsorthy Notes

We Mourn the Passing Away of Jeannie Sakol

Longtime Turtle Bay neighbor Jeannie Sakol died on October 24. Jeannie was a journalist, editor, publisher, columnist, and an active member of the TBA board since the founding of the association. She is survived by two sisters Miriam Sakol and Maple Phyllis Canner.

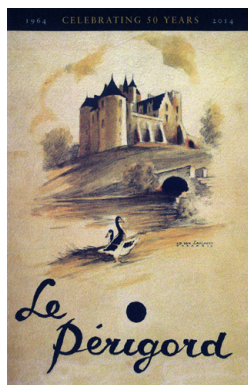
Le Périgord Celebrates 50th Year with Classic French Menu

Turtle Bay is the lucky home of critically praised Le Périgord Restaurant Français, now celebrating 50 years of Georges

Briguet's stewardship, since opening on April 1, 1964.

Over time, Le Périgord has itself been home to many celebrated chefs: Ferdinand Desbans, former chef to Prince Louis II

of Monaco; Willy Krause, French Chef of the Year, 1966; Roger Lozach; Antoine Bouterin, Best Young Chef from France, 1984; Pascal Coudouy; and Jacques Qua-



lin, formerly of Jean Georges.

Present chef Joel Benjamin, formerly of Lutèce, works with the Briguet family (with son Christopher also at the helm), to carry on and update the hallmarks of Le Périgord: fine French dining, attentive service, and an award-winning wine list.

Long a TBA merchant member, Le Périgord hosted our own 55th Anniversary dinner in 2012, with magnificent food and service.

The restaurant is located at 405 East 52nd Street. To learn more, view the anniversary menu extraordinaire, and make reservations, visit LePerigord.com, call 212-755-6244, or visit facebook.com/leperigord.

Arts & Culture

Turtle Bay Music School

244 East 52nd Street
212-753-8811 tbms.org

Free Artist Series

Fridays, at 7 pm, in Em Lee Concert Hall, open to the public. Followed by meet-the artist wine reception. RSVP at info@tbms.org

November 21

Diana Pruzhansky, piano. With soprano Nika Leoni in a performance of "He and She," songs about love written by male and female composers over history.

December 5

Matt Graybil, piano. Performing three Russian balets by Igor Stravinsky arranged for solo piano.

Japan Society

333 East 47th Street
212-832-1155 japansociety.org

Box Office Hours: Mon. - Fri., 11 am - 6 pm, Weekends during gallery exhibitions, 11 am - 5 pm

Gallery: Tues. - Thurs., 11 am - 6 pm, Fri., 11 am - 9 pm, Sat. and Sun., 11 am - 5 pm
Closed on Mondays and major holidays.

Gallery Admission: \$12; students and seniors \$10; members and children under 16 free. Fri. nights, 6 pm - 9 pm, free to all.

Shamisen Music

Thursday, November 20, 7:30 pm

A Salute to Tradition. Immerse yourself in the diverse styles of traditional shamisen music. The evening showcases three traditional styles as performed by Japan's preeminent shamisen players and chanters, and a traditional nihon buyo dancer. One-hour pre-performance lecture one hour before curtain



(l.) Takemoto Komanosuke
©Tomohiro Fukuda, (r.) Fuji Hirokazu, courtesy of the artist.

(open to ticket holders only). Performance followed by a Meet-the-Artists Reception. Tickets: \$40/\$33 JS members.

Friday, December 12, 8:30 pm

SAKISHIMA Meeting Duo from Okinawa. Enjoy the soothing sounds of the Okinawan duo. Yukito Ara and Isamu Shimoji will play and sing tunes that blend traditional Okinawan sounds with popular Western

riffs and beats. This cabaret-style concert takes place in Japan Society's Murase Room just off the lobby, where food and drink will be available for purchase. Tickets: \$25/\$20 JS members. Cash bar opens at 7 pm. Seating is limited.

St. Bart's

325 Park Avenue/East 51st <http://mmpaf.org>

Great Music at St. Bart's

Tuesday, December 16, 7:30 pm

A Joyous Christmas Concert 2014. St. Bartholomew's Choir joins the church's Boy and Girl Choristers and Festival Orchestra for a concert of sacred and secular music of the season, in the candlelit splendor of the church. Featuring a blend of treasured classics, compelling new works and delightful arrangements of beloved carols.

Friday, December 19, 7:30 pm in the Chapel

Adoration of the Magi 2014. Baritone Jeff Morrissey and pianist William Trafka return with their Christmas program inspired by the paintings that grace the South Chapel. Morrissey will highlight the artwork, weaving passages from the Bible with Polish carols, spirituals and ballads from his own Southern Appalachian Mountains, to present a visual and musical telling of the Christmas story. \$25, \$15 for students and seniors, or call the box office: 212-378-0248. Note: A \$3 handling fee per ticket applies to all orders.

Wednesday, December 31, 2014, 11 pm

A Free Concert To Usher In The New Year. William K. Trafka, St. Bartholomew's Director of Music and Organist, will play festive works on the grand Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ, one of the city's greatest musical treasures. Featuring works of Bach, Mendelssohn and Langlais, and transcriptions of orchestral works by Ravel and Debussy. Trafka will play his own transcription of Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man at the stroke of midnight.



Grand Central Library

135 East 46th Street (Lexington/Third)
212-621-0670

nypl.org/locations/grand-central

Fully accessible to wheelchairs.

All programs are free unless noted.

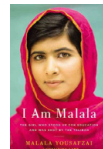
Book Discussion

Monday, December 1, 1 - 2 pm

"The Orphan Master's Son" by Adam Johnson. Pick up a copy before the date and join the discussion.

Monday, January 5, 1 - 2 pm

"I Am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai. Pick up a copy before the date and join the lively discussion.



Children's Activities

Wednesdays, 10:30 am

Reading Is Central: Preschool Story Time. (Ages 3-5 years).

Thursdays, 11 am, Community Room

Toddler Time. Toddlers, from 18 months to 4 years old, and their parents/caregivers enjoy interactive stories, action songs and fingerplays, and spend time with other neighborhood children.

Fridays, 4 pm

Craft Fun! For pre-schoolers, 3-5 years and school age, 5-12 years.

From the Editor

As 2014 moves closer to 2015 the Turtle Bay Association's Board of Directors thanks you for your membership, and the Editorial Committee and I thank you for your readership.

We look forward to bringing you our Winter issue early in the new year. May your holidays be happy and healthy.

Lee Frankel



Fall Colors Glow at Local Greenmarket



Government *continued from page 1*

billion-dollar agricultural industry.

Krueger paints a dark picture of fracking in other states, citing Pennsylvania, where "Families found their homes unlivable. Houses vibrated and were filled with continuous noise. Air quality warnings and gas odors forced some to flee..." and "...a pregnant woman was advised by her doctor to relocate farther away from a drilling site." She also decries the "utter shamelessness" of the oil and gas industry as it woos citizens with denials of environ-

mental impacts and false promises of easy money.

While the Cuomo administration continues its official review of the impact on people's health, Krueger says that the proof on fracking is already in. "As elected officials, it is our job to weigh the facts and science, and then act to protect New Yorkers. It is time for both houses of the state Legislature to pass a bill banning fracking – and for Governor Cuomo to sign it."

To read the full article, go to nydailynews.com, where it is posted.

UN Renovation *continued from page 1*

tion. And the large low-level temporary structure that was built on the UN's North Lawn, serving as swing space for staff and conferences during work to the permanent buildings, still stands. It is scheduled to be dismantled next year, after which the Lawn and surrounding UN area will be re-landscaped.

For more information about the renovation and the significant work done to the interior of the buildings, visit the UN website, <http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/cmp/>. Or for a first-hand look, visit the UN or enjoy lunch in the Delegates Dining Room. Closed for many months during renovation, the Dining Room is once again open to the public for a prix fixe buffet lunch Monday through Friday. Reservations required 24 hours in advance. 212-963-7626.

Board at Work

- Working with CB6 and neighbors to clear playgrounds of vermin.
- Placing extra trash cans at busy corners.
- Working with The Doe Fund to keep the neighborhood clean.
- Bringing neighbors together at events throughout the year.



TBA MEMBERSHIP COUPON

Yes, I want to join the Turtle Bay Association to help support our community's quality of life.

Annual Membership Dues

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Please make your check payable to Turtle Bay Association.
Mail to: Turtle Bay Association, 224 E. 47th St., New York, NY 10017

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Manhattan's Turtle Bay
Story of a Midtown Neighborhood
A Contemporary History of Turtle Bay
Arcadia Publishing • 160 pages; 50 photos
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