

# TURTLE BAY NEWS

From the Turtle Bay Association, neighborhood association for Manhattan's Turtle Bay, East Midtown, home of the United Nations.

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17th Precinct Commanding Officer Aaron C. Edwards Promoted to Deputy Inspector



By Cindi Buckwalter

Congratulations to Aaron C. Edwards, Captain and Commanding Officer of the 17th Precinct, who was promoted to Deputy Inspector in December 2021. Edwards has served in the NYPD for nearly 20 years, and has been with the 17th Precinct since 2020. We thank Deputy Inspector Edwards and all of the hard working men and women of the 17th Precinct who serve the Turtle Bay community every day. A special thanks to PO John Lamneck and PO Richie Lee, our Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCO), who actively engage with our residents and local businesses, and serve as our local problem solvers.

# TBA Professionals Group Event, April 11



The TBA Professionals Group hosted its first event of 2022 on April 11th at Rosa Mexicano, a TBA business member, located on 52nd & Second Avenue. 25 people attended the cash bar get-together that was held from 5:30 pm to 7:30. Appetizers and a round of margaritas, compliments of TBA, were enjoyed by all.



#### Grand Central Library Has Reopened



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Monday 11 AM–6 PM Tuesday 10 AM–5 PM Wednesday 11 AM–6 PM Thursday 10 AM–5 PM Friday 10 AM–5 PM Saturday 10 AM–5 PM Sunday CLOSED



#### **Doorman Strike**

The current contract with 32BJ of the Service Employees International Union – which covers, handypersons, doorpersons and porters servicing your building – expires at 11:59 P.M. on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. In a contract expiration year, negotiations typically continue up to and through the deadline. Therefore, all Local 32BJ union buildings need to prepare for the possibility of a strike.

In the event of a strike, normal building operations will be significantly curtailed and some of the following adjustments will most likely be made for most buildings:

Access to the building, all residents (as well as housekeepers and caregivers) will be required to present a special identification card, which will be issued prior to the strike deadline.

Move-ins, move-outs, large deliveries, and open houses will not be permitted.

Contractors, vendors, and other service providers will not be allowed access to the building.

Residents will be required to come to the lobby in order to accept deliveries (i.e., food, messenger packages, overnight parcels, etc.). NOTE: Limiting the number of packages and deliveries received during the strike (apart from food and groceries) is highly recommended.

The garbage chute and the recycling areas on each floor will be closed. All residents will be responsible for taking their own trash and recycling to designated areas in the basement.

## SAVE THE DATE

#### KATHARINE HEPBURN GARDEN PARTY

MAY 14, 1–3pm @ Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza Entertainment & Refreshments

#### TBA STREET FAIR

JUNE 18, 10am–6pm between 42nd and 53rd Streets on Lexington Ave.

> Stop by TBA's booth @ 46th & Lex There will be a raffle

#### Spotlight On New TBA Business Member Steven Tabach Men's Grooming



#### by Michael Zullo

Steven Tabach Men's Grooming opened one year before the pandemic on East 49th Street between Lexington and 3rd Avenue. Steve has over 23 years of experience as a hairstylist. When he was 17 years old, he earned his cosmetology license from the Learning Institute for Beauty Sciences in Manhattan and since that time he has worked in some of the most exclusive salons in Brooklyn, New Jersey, and Manhattan, including 9 years in Midtown. He is a specialist in men's haircutting, developing a wide range of styles from "classic" looks of the 1920s and 1950s to the latest current trends. Steve says, "I believe in one thing-delivering quality haircuts and men's grooming services for the discerning gentleman looking to stand out from the crowd. We deliver the best grooming experiences the city has to offer." The salon offers, in addition to a great haircut, a relaxing atmosphere with beverages, a manicure, scalp massage, and shampoo.



Location: 142 East 49th Street, between Lexington and 3rd Avenue

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#### **ROSA MEXICANO**

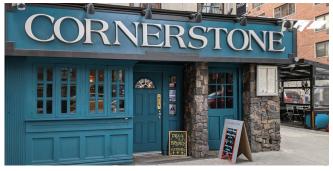
251 East 52nd Street, at 2nd Avenue, New York, NY 10022 212-753-7407 https://www.rosamexicano.com/location/secondavenue-rosa-mexicano/



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### **Tips to Avoid Scams**

By Cindi Buckwalter

In a number of recent Community Council and Build A Block meetings, our 17th Precinct police officers have informed us of a significant increase in scams that have resulted in NYC residents being bilked out of large sums of money. The 17th Precinct encourages community members to report scams or even questionable inquiries to them, as it may help in preventing these activities. Below is some useful information from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to help protect you.

#### HOW TO RECOGNIZE A SCAM:

- 1. Scammers **PRETEND to be from an organization you know.** They often pretend to be contacting you on behalf of the government. They might use a real name, like the Social Security Administration, the IRS, or Medicare, or make up a name that sounds official. Some pretend to be from a business you know, like a utility company, or even a charity asking for donations.
- 2. Scammers say there's a **PROBLEM** or a **PRIZE**. They might say you're in trouble with the government, you owe money, someone in your family had an emergency, there's a virus on your computer, or there's a problem with one of your accounts and you need to verify some information. Others will lie and say you won money in a lottery or sweepstakes, but you have to pay a fee to get it.
- 3. Scammers **PRESSURE you to act immediately**. They want you to act before you have time to think. If you're on the phone, they might tell you not to hang up so you can't check out their story. They might threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver's or business license, deport you, or say your computer is about to be corrupted.
- 4. Scammers tell you to **PAY in a specific way**. They often insist that you pay by sending money through a money transfer company or by putting money on a gift card (often an Apple gift card) and then asking you to give them the number on the back. Some will send you a check (that will later turn out to be fake), tell you to deposit it, and then send them money.

#### HOW TO AVOID A SCAM:

Block unwanted calls and text messages.

- Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect. Legitimate organizations won't call, email, or text to ask for your personal information, like your Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers.
- If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it's real, it's still **best not to click on any links**. Instead, contact them using a website you know is trustworthy. Or look up their phone number. Don't call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID.
- **Resist the pressure to act immediately.** Legitimate businesses will give you time to make a decision. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is likely a scammer.
- Never pay someone who insists you pay with a gift card or by using a money transfer service. Never deposit a check and send money back to someone you don't know.
- Stop and talk to someone you trust. Before you do anything else, tell someone a friend, a family member, a neighbor, or a police officer what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it's a scam.

Report scams to the FTC: https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/





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# United States Senate election in New York, 2022 (June 28 Democratic primary)

Elections in New York, 2022

- Primary date: June 28, 2022
- Mail-in registration deadline: June 3, 2022
- Online registration deadline: June 3, 2022
- In-person registration deadline: June 3, 2022

- Early voting starts: June 18, 2022
- Early voting ends: June 26, 2022
- Poll times: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Absentee/mail-in voting deadline: June 28, 2022

On the ballot: U.S. Senate • U.S. House • Governor • State executive offices • State Senate • State Assembly • Special state legislative • State ballot measures • School boards • Municipal •

A **Democratic Party primary** will take place on **June 28, 2022**, in New York to determine which Democratic candidate will run in the

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**U.S. Senate, New York** 

### **COVID19 Booster Shots**

April 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized a second round of booster shots for everyone over the age of 50 and certain immunocompromised individuals, kicking off the regulatory process for shots to likely be available in pharmacies as soon as this week.

The agency amended the emergency use authorizations as follows:

- A second booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine or Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine may be administered to individuals 50 years of age and older at least 4 months after receipt of a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine.
- A second booster dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine may be administered to indi-

viduals 12 years of age and older with certain kinds of immunocompromise at least 4 months after receipt of a first booster dose of any authorized or approved COVID-19 vaccine. These are people who have undergone solid organ transplantation, or who are living with conditions that are considered to have an equivalent level of immunocompromise.

• A second booster dose of the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine may be administered at least 4 months after the first booster dose of any authorized or ap proved COVID-19 vaccine to individuals 18 years of age and older with the same certain kinds of immunocompromise.

Today's action applies only to the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines and the authorization of a single booster dose for other age groups with these vaccines remains unchanged.

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