Turtle Bay News



THE TURTLE BAY ASSOCIATION

The Neighborhood Association for Manhattan's Turtle Bay, East Midtown Area, Home of the United Nations

Turtle Bay News, October 2024

The Board of Directors of the Turtle Bay Association hopes everyone had a wonderful and safe summer and is feeling refreshed as we move into fall and a busy season. We have several TBA events in the next few months, and many new events are being planned for 2025. Stay tuned. We look forward to seeing you.

FIRST AVENUE TUNNEL PROTECTED BIKE LANE



by Meryl Brodsky

An express protected bike lane will allow riders to zip through Midtown Manhattan's First Avenue Tunnel, which extends from East 40th Street to East 49th Street near the United Nations. The new express bike route will run throughout the northbound length of the tunnel, and will remove one of the two car lanes.

The implementation of a protected bike lane will provide a dedicated space for cyclists, reducing conflicts between bicycles and motor vehicles, and hopefully encouraging more individuals to choose cycling as a mode of transportation. We encourage all cyclists and drivers to abide by the traffic laws for their own safety as well as those around them.

Save The Dates

TBA Annual Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 6:30-8:30pm Vanderbilt YMCA, 5th Floor Conference Room 224 East 47th Street

TBA Annual Toy Drive

Sunday, December 8, 3-5pm Parnell's Pub, 350 East 53rd Street at First Avenue Admission: New Toy or Clothing for Children and Teens

Expanded East River Greenway Project Moving Ahead

By Cindi Buckwalter

For those of you who have been enjoying the East Midtown Greenway and Waterfront Park since it opened in December 2023 – stretching from 53rd to 61st Street – there is more good news.

New York City is moving ahead to fill a gap on the East River Greenway near the United Nations. Named the "UN Esplanade," this addition will be built on pillars atop the waterway and extend for less

than a mile from 41st to 53rd Street. In August 2024, the New York City Economic Development Corporation began a search for contractors to oversee the \$120 million project. Preliminary estimates for the UN Esplanade are for design completion by 2026 and opening by the end of 2028.

The East Midtown Greenway is part of the larger Manhattan Waterfront Greenway, which includes the Hudson River Greenway and the Harlem River Greenway. When fully complete, the Manhattan Waterfront Greenway will consist of a 32-mile path for pedestrians and cyclists running along Manhattan's waterfront.

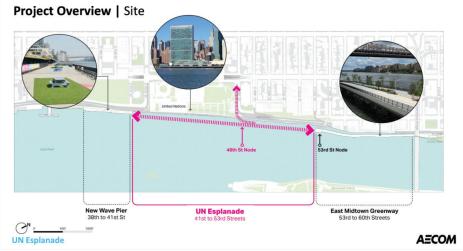
You can read more about the East Midtown Waterfront and Greenway here:

https://edc.nyc/project/east-midtown-waterfront

Special thanks to TBA Business Member Galleria on Third

who generously offered complimentary coffee and water to all NYPD employees during the UN General Assembly







Important dates and election information

Voter registration deadline: Saturday, Oct. 26 (applications must be received by this date)

- Absentee ballot request deadline: Saturday, Oct. 26
- Early in-person voting: Saturday, Oct. 26, through Sunday, Nov. 3
- Absentee ballot return deadline: Tuesday, Nov. 5, 9 p.m. (postmarked or in person)

Voting at a glance

- Voter registration: Check your voter registration status online on the registration record.
- Absentee voting: Available to those who can't vote in person on Election Day for acceptable reasons including disability, illness or absence from the state.
- **Early voting:** Available to all voters who apply. Early votes can be cast by mail or in person. Contact your county board of elections for locations.
- Voting at the polls: Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. First-time voters who didn't provide ID when registering to vote will need to bring an approved ID to the polls, such as a New York driver's license or a utility bill.

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Have you seen our new "I UTurtle Bay" tote bag? Have you gotten one of your own?



by Lisa O'Hearn

In case you missed it, the "I Turtle Bay" tote was introduced at the annual Turtle Bay Street Fair in June. The tote features original artwork by local artist, Steve Quiles, designed just for us!! Totes are currently available at TBA business member, Chase the Fox, or by contacting the TBA office. Either way, all proceeds benefit the Turtle Bay Association. The perfect (and practical) way to show your love for your neighborhood! At just \$25 each, they are perfect for gift giving too!

Order Your 4 Free At-home COVID-19 Tests Every U.S. household is eligible to order 4 free at-home tests.

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17th Precinct Commanding Officer Maggie Clamp Promoted to Deputy Inspector

By Cindi Buckwalter

Congratulations to Maggie Clamp, Commanding Officer of the 17th Precinct, who was promoted to **Deputy Inspector** in August 2024.

Clamp has served in the NYPD for approximately 18 years and has been with the 17th Precinct since 2020. She received 15 NYPD awards during her career, which included stops at the 76th Precinct in Brooklyn as well as the 6th Precinct in Greenwich Village. A lifelong New Yorker, Deputy Inspector Clamp remains committed to making a positive impact on the community she serves. Her leadership, courage, and dedication inspire us all.

We thank Deputy Inspector Clamp and all the hard-working men and women of the 17th Precinct who serve the Turtle Bay community every day. A special thanks to PO Paul Pee, our Neighborhood Coordination Officer (NCO), who actively engages with our residents and businesses, and serves as our local problem solver.



Above: Maggie Clamp, Deputy Inspector

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BECOME A TBA VOLUNTEER

The Turtle Bay Association is looking for volunteers to work on our Committees; Special Events, Safety, Clean & Green, Membership, Professional Networking, etc. Give as little or as much of your time to improving the quality of life in our community. All ages are welcome to become part of the TBA family.

Join our efforts to keep our neighborhood safe, clean and beautiful.

Please email your contact information to office@turtlebay-nyc.org and we will be in touch.

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