



THE TURTLE BAY ASSOCIATION

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

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DOLORES MARSH RECEIVES OTTY AWARD



By Cindi Buckwalter

We are very proud to share that our very own Dolores Marsh, President of the Turtle Bay Association, received an OTTY Award in March from 'Our Town, The Local Paper For The Upper East Side.' The OTTY Award, which is short for "Our Town Thanks You," recognized Dolores for her 40-year commitment to the Turtle Bay Association and its 1,000 members. The 'Our Town' article recognizing Dolores is reprinted here with permission.

Our Town: Dolores Marsh: 40 Years Taking Care of Turtle Bay
By Deborah Fenker, March 12, 2025

In the 1980s, Dolores Marsh began volunteering with the Turtle Bay Association. Four decades later, and for about 40 hours a week, she's the group's president.

Some people can barely balance their nine-to-five nowadays with all the other aspects of modern life. Then there are others, who run their own

business while also dedicating time to nonprofit organizations. Dolores Marsh is one of the latter: She owns an advertising firm, and also serves as president of a large Manhattan civic organization, the Turtle Bay Association (TBA).

A lifelong New Yorker, Marsh has lived in Turtle Bay since the early 1980s. She joined the Association in 1985 as a special events committee member, soon progressing to events chairperson, and ultimately president in 2021.

The association's membership has fluctuated throughout the years, but currently stand at about 1,000, all of whom contribute annual dues to help cover operating expenses and fund events throughout the year.

Marsh is constantly in search of ways to boost revenue to help the cause. It's one of her many duties as president. Alongside her fellow TBA board members, Marsh collects and solicits dues, works to broaden membership, organizes community events, plants and maintains tree-bed greenery, and works in close conjunction with city entities such as the City Council, the Sanitation department, and the local police precinct.

A good attitude is crucial to the position: Marsh gets calls, often demanding ones, from locals asking what TBA



is going to do about the garbage, the homeless, the scaffolding, the noise. They are all valid issues, but not within the scope of her authority. All Marsh can do is relay the issue to the appropriate organization, but she rolls with the punches.

The work at TBA is no small job. Marsh estimates she invests as many as 40 hours per week with the nonprofit, and that's in addition to her full-time job running her ad business. She is not monetarily compensated for her TBA work but finds a sense of value and accomplishment in what she contributes to her neighborhood. She's also thankful for her co-directors as "a very active and committed" team.

Marsh is dedicated to community engagement; she likes to frequent as many local Turtle Bay businesses as possible, reminding them what it means to be part of a community, and hand-delivering decals that can be proudly posted by TBA members on their storefronts. Around town, she has become known as "The Turtle Bay Lady," a title she accepts with a smirk, but also a justified sense of pride.

TURTLE BAY ASSOCIATION THANKS YOU OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS (TBATY)

By Becky Flig

We are thrilled to recognize the support of a few of our Business Members!

A BIG TBATY is in order for Foxy John's for hosting our March Networking Happy Hour. Manager Keith Curistan's exceptional coordination made the event a resounding success, with a private room, dedicated bar, and perfect TV setup. And the food? Absolutely incredible!

Another BIG TBATY is in order for Vivian Piccone Jung and Authentic Pilates NYC, one of our newest members. Vivian generously sponsored a private pilates class, offering our members a wonderful experience in her beautiful studio with her exceptional instructors. Authentic Pilates NYC's website has information on their semi-private and private classes.

A SPECIAL TBATY to Oriana's Cookies and Wines to Go for sponsoring our March Volunteer Event. Their delightful baked goods and beverages truly brightened the occasion!

We deeply appreciated your generosity and look forward to a continued collaboration! You can reach each of these businesses on Instagram: @foxyjohnsnyc / @authenticpilatesnyc / @orianascookies / @winestogo_nyc

WELCOME NEW TBA BUSINESS MEMBER



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PETER DETMOLD PARK RE-OPENS



By Dolores Marsh

After extensive renovations, Peter Detmold Park located between 49th Street and 51st Street along the west side of the FDR has officially re-opened.

The park honors Peter Detmold (1923-1972), once a tenant of the Turtle Bay Gardens on East 49th Street, and with fellow activist Jim Amster, launched the Turtle Bay Association in 1957, in response to plans to turn 49th Street into a major commercial thoroughfare. Detmold defended the rights of tenants and homeowners, protecting the quiet neighborly spirit of the area, now a designated historic district. On the night of January 6, 1972, after returning home from a meeting of the East Side Residential Association, Detmold was murdered. This park was named in honor of Detmold that same year. Originally, a crescent shaped inlet of

the East River, when the city filled it in to make space for expansion, NYC Parks acquired the property for Peter Detmold Park, in three parts between 1942 and 1951. On October 21, 1986, community leaders and residents broke ground for the \$794,000 restoration of the park that included a gazebo, a wooden entranceway, World's Fair benches, new asphalt and new lighting. In 1999, City Council member A. Gifford Miller funded a \$100,000 renovation, which included a complete reconstruction of sidewalks and fencing. A plaque in the gazebo honors Peter's friend James Amster (1908-1986), a strong force in the development of the park.

The Turtle Bay Association is planning a "It's My Park Day" on Saturday, May 17th, 10am-1pm. Contact the TBA office at office@turtlebay-nyc.org if you are interested in volunteering for this event.

Roy Kim Appointed Captain and Executive Officer of 17th Precinct

By Cindi Buckwalter

Congratulations and welcome to Captain Roy Kim, who joined the 17th Precinct in March 2025 as a newly promoted Captain and Executive Officer. Captain Kim has served in the NYPD for 17 years.

Captain Robert Fisher, who previously was Captain at the 17th Precinct, has been appointed Commanding Officer of the 1st Precinct which consists of

a square mile on the southernmost tip of Manhattan. Congratulations to CO Fisher on his promotion.

If you would like to meet Captain Kim or any of our other dedicated officers, we encourage you to attend the 17th Precinct Community Council meetings at the Sutton Place Synagogue on 225 East 51st Street. The next meeting is Thursday, May 29th beginning at 6:30 pm.

Coming to Freedom Plaza Path of Liberty: That Which Unites US



By Lisa O'Hearn

A new community-based immersive art installation, Path of Liberty: That Which Unites US, is coming to Freedom Plaza in May 2025. The exhibit will span six acres from 38th to 41st Street, east of First Avenue, and is made possible by the Soloviev Foundation. The installation will feature 45 large-scale screens displaying photographs, audio stories, documentaries, and interactive elements that explore America's founding principles of liberty and equality through personal lived experiences.

This new installation is being produced to honor the 250th anniversary in 2026 of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Designed by multi-specialty creative studio C & G Partners, and directed by award winning filmmaker, director and producer Daniella Vale, the large-scale exhibition will provide a visual and narrative journey of the founding principles of the United States, framed by stunning portraits and immersive landscapes. America's founding pillars of liberty and equality will be featured through the lens of everyday Americans from across the country, sharing their stories and unique perspectives.

Path of Liberty: That Which Unites US will present an exploration of both the achievements and ongoing challenges of American democracy. Through powerful, large-scale environmental portraits and interactive elements, visitors will leave with a deeper understanding of the country's past, present, and future. According to Michael Hershman, CEO of Soloviev Group, "The installation will expose the world to the importance of democracy and freedom in a very personal way, while also demonstrating the resiliency of citizens who boldly forge a daily path toward realizing their dreams." For more information, see pathoflibertynyc.com

Outdoor Dining in NYC: What You Need to Know for the 2025 Season

By Kevin Frawley

Spring is here, and with it comes the return of outdoor dining in New York City! From April 1 through November 29, restaurants citywide can once again offer sidewalk and curbside dining, bringing life and vibrancy to our TBA neighborhood. Whether you're a restaurant owner, a local resident, or a visitor, here's what you need to know about this year's outdoor dining program.

Sidewalk vs. Curbside Dining: What's the Difference?

Sidewalk Dining: Restaurants can set up tables and chairs directly in front of their establishments on the sidewalk, ensuring at least eight feet of clear pedestrian space remains. **Curbside Dining:** These setups extend onto the street in designated parking areas but must follow specific safety and design regulations to maintain accessibility and traffic flow.

What's New in 2025?

The city continues refining its outdoor dining program to balance business needs, pedestrian access, and neighborhood aesthetics. Some key updates include:

Standardized Design Guidelines: Structures must be removable for winter months and meet safety requirements.

Better Waste Management: Restaurants are required to maintain cleanliness around their outdoor dining areas.

Stronger Enforcement: The city will be cracking down on abandoned or neglected curbside setups.

How It Benefits the Community

Outdoor dining has become a staple of NYC's social and economic fabric. It supports local businesses, creates a more dynamic streetscape, and enhances the dining experience for New Yorkers and visitors alike. It also contributes to safer, more walkable neighborhoods by activating public spaces.

How to Get Involved

Restaurant Owners: Apply for or renew your outdoor dining permit through the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT).

Residents & Community Members: Share feedback with local community boards to help shape the future of outdoor dining in your neighborhood.

Let's continue to embrace outdoor dining while keeping our streets safe, clean, and enjoyable for everyone!

Enjoy the season, and happy dining!

ELECTION 2025

The Mayor of New York City and all seats on the New York City Council are up for election. The Democratic Primary will be held on Tuesday, June 24, and the general election is on Tuesday, November 4.

AS YOU KNOW, the June Primaries are Ranked-Choice Voting. You can rank up to 5 candidates in order of preference: your 1st choice candidate, your 2nd choice candidate, and so on up to your 5th choice candidate. If there is a candidate whom you truly do not support, do not rank them. If you prefer, you can still only vote for just one candidate.

VOTER REGISTRATION - Monday, June 9 - Deadline to change your address. Saturday, June 14 - Deadline to register to vote

VOTING IN PERSON - Saturday, June 14 through Sunday, June 22 - Early Voting is available. Tuesday, June 24 - Primary Election Day. Polls are open 6am-9pm

VOTING BY MAIL - Saturday, June 14 - Deadline to apply online or by mail for a mail ballot. Monday, June 23 - Deadline to apply in person for a mail ballot.

Tuesday, June 24 - Deadline to submit a mail ballot. Envelope must be postmarked no later June 24

"For more information, see:
<http://vote.nyc/>



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CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL

Inaugural "Taste of Turtle Bay" on September 27



By Cindi Buckwalter

Mark your calendars for the first ever "Taste of Turtle Bay" ("TOTB") to be held on Saturday, September 27 from 2 to 5 pm. This brand-new event will welcome neighbors and foodies from across the city to Turtle Bay to sample our neighborhood's many culinary delights. TOTB will feature small "tastes" at Turtle Bay area restaurants, lounges, cafes, bars, bakeries and more, and is a wonderful opportunity for our TBA businesses to showcase their establishments to new customers.

Registration is now open, and businesses already signed up include Madam Mikette's, Louie's Chicken and WinesToGo. TBA Business members can participate for free this year, if you join or renew your membership by 5/16/25. Non-TBA members can participate (as space allows) for a fee of \$100. To register, visit the Taste of Turtle Bay event page on the TBA website: turtlebay-nyc.org/events/taste-of-turtle-bay/

Additional information on the event will be coming soon, and tickets will be going on sale for participants (aka "tasters"). Stay tuned!

Join now and help build
the Turtle Bay Community

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Address _____ Apt# _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

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<i>Membership Dues</i>		<i>Check One</i>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Prof. Netw. Group	\$30	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior (62+)	\$20	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$60	
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	\$75	
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$100	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pacesetter	\$250	
<input type="checkbox"/> Condo/Co-Op	\$100	

Join Online:


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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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