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FRIDAY BLASTS

- Healthy Cooking Workshop at Borough Hall
- “J” Train diversions for Saturday Jan 12
- ENY WorkForce 1 Center Employment Opportunities
- New Lots Library - Calling All Tutors!
- & More!

See **Attachments**

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2018 Comes in with a Chill!

Community Board 5, like the rest of this city, has seen warmer days! The latter months of 2017 were definitely the calm before the STORM.

Check out the CB5 Storm Watch Report for all of the updates from city agencies on snow clearance, trash pick up, and roadway updates during following the storm.

Please be sure to report complaints for heating, water, and outages to 311 or register on the NYC Office of Emergency Management’s site to get the latest emergency updates:

www.nyc.gov/notifynyc

RESOURCE: Samaritan Village Shelters offer snow blowing/removal for neighboring residents in need, from the following sites:

- Van Sicken Women’s Shelter
- Forbell Men’s Shelter

If you would like to find out more, please contact the District Office at: 929-221-8261.



Commuters walk past piles of snow at B'way Junction in ENY

City Declares Code Blue

When cold temperatures reach freezing or lower, wind chill below 0 degrees, or the area is hit by ice storms, freezing rain or more than 6 inches of snow, New York City triggers a “Code Blue” to make sure anyone in need of assistance has the shelter they need.

During a declared Code Blue warning the Department of Homeless Services and the New York City Police Department aim to contact the city’s most vulnerable people once every four hours to make sure they are safe from the frigid weather.

According to nyc.gov, the following help is made more available for the homeless:

Shelters: During a Code Blue, homeless adults can access any shelter location for single individuals.

Beds are available system-wide to accommodate anyone brought in by outreach teams or walk-ins.

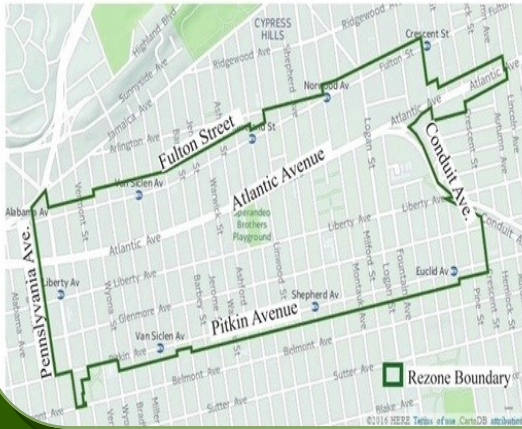
Drop-in centers: All drop-in centers are open 24 hours a day when Code Blue procedures are in effect, taking in as many as people as possible for the duration of inclement weather. Drop-in staff also can make arrangements for homeless individuals at other citywide facilities.

Safe havens and stabilization beds: Chronically homeless individuals may be transported to these low-threshold housing options, where they may go directly from the street to a bed.

New Yorkers should call 911 if they see someone in need of medical assistance, and 311 to have a HOME-STAT outreach team engage a homeless individual about going to a shelter and receiving homelessness services.

ENY Re-Zone...what happens now?

East New York Rezoning



Zoning Changes

Fulton Street: Height increases vary between 5 stories and 8-10 stories

Atlantic Avenue: Height increase from current 3-5 stories to 12-14 stories; and land use change from manufacturing to mixed-use residential/commercial

Liberty Avenue: Height increase to 6-8 stories; and land use change from manufacturing to mixed-use residential/commercial

Pitkin Avenue: Height increase to 8-10 stories; land use change to mixed-use residential/commercial

Side Streets: Height will be between 3-5 stories

In 2016, CB5 Board Members, in unity with residents and local coalitions, voted the entire ENY Re-Zone proposal down. Residents recognized that there were many unanswered concerns and CB5 was in full support. Nevertheless, the plan and its affordability models under MIH were voted up in the final stages of the ULURP process, and adopted by the City Council in April 2016. So...what happens now?

Board Members of CB5 are now focusing on monitoring how the plan unrolls and how projects under the Re-Zone are implemented. There are a number of city agency related points of interest, i.e., DOT's proposed safety projects; renovations and upgrades to local parks with DPR, as well as EDC's plans for the IBZ areas. This is in addition to planned housing projects in specific areas of the district; all of which CB5 will be paying very close attention to.

ENY Neighborhood Plan Highlights

- \$267 million in capital projects and services for ENY
- 275 Units of housing at Dinsmore-Chestnut site
- Newly constructed 1000-seat PS/IS school
- ENY Workforce I Center
- Homeowner's Help Desk
- \$10 million Renovated Community Center
- Broadway Junction Study & Much More!

For Full Details on the ENY Neighborhood Plan, click below:

[NYC Dept. of Planning Report](#)

127 Pennsylvania Avenue - Anticipated Renovations & Upgrades!

The historic 127 Pennsylvania Avenue building was erected in the 1920s and once served as a Court House. It was later transformed into an NYPD office space and a PAL Community Center. **The space was home to CB5 for almost 40 years**, which remained until recent events. Over the years, the building was unfortunately neglected and by 2016 the only occupants still holding on in the building were CB5,

George Walker Jr. Community Coalition and a light presence from NYPD. Fortunately, under the ENY Re-zone, over \$10 million was allocated for necessary renovations, upgrades and revitalization of the building. Upon completion of all renovations, CB5 will be returning to the space along with NYPD's Youth Strategies, Community Affairs, and School Safety divisions. NYPD has also issued an RFP to secure a

local non-profit organization that will provide youth based services and family programming. 127 Pennsylvania will be restored to full vitality and CB5 will be returning home!



CB5 LU Chair, Health Chair, and Dist. Manager with CM Espinal and Bklyn Borough President Representative at the 127 Pennsylvania Avenue community planning session.

Broadway Junction Working Group

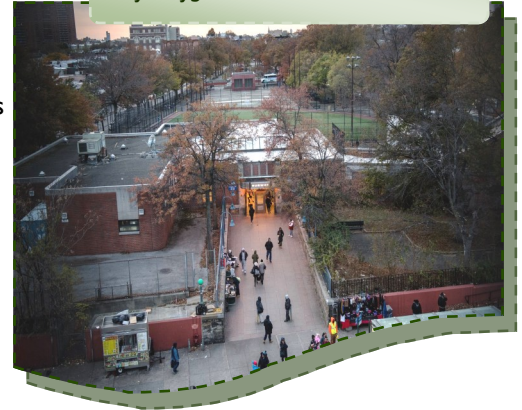
East New York's Broadway Junction services over 100,000 riders a week providing transportation from six subway lines, numerous bus lines, and the LIRR. It serves as one of Brooklyn's busiest stations surrounded by East New York, Bushwick, and Brownsville. This major transit hub is finally being studied to understand its full potential as well as its long-overdue needs. The NYC Economic Development Corporation (EDC) in conjunction with CM Espinal and



Brooklyn Borough President Adams, have convened the Broadway Junction Working Group to begin this process. The group consists of city agencies, local organizations, elected officials and community boards - including CB5. The group is still in its early stages,

with only two meetings thus far, however the focus is clear from the members...*any improvements or benefits must be specific to the existing population of this community.* EDC's perspective is an infusion of retail and other businesses to fuel the economy and the possibility of a city agency anchor tenant. There are projected capital allocations for structural improvements as well as renovations for the Callahan-Kelly Playground, which anchors the rear of the station. Previous area studies are also under review and all members of the group will have a voice. CB5 will keep you posted with updates as it moves forward. To view the press release from NYC EDC, click here: [Junction Working Group Planning Study](#)

View of B'way Junction with Callahan-Kelly Playground



A New School Comes to Community Board 5

When most people think about the ENY Re-zone, the immediate thoughts are of housing, affordability, development, and employment. This time, there is a real push to include Education. The Dinsmore-Chestnut site, which is slated for mixed-use development; will also provide land for a new school in CB5. The new educational facility will house students from Pre-K through 8th grade. The 1000-seat structure was one of the main "selling"

points of the Re-zone. Many CB5 long-term residents and Board Members know that a new school was requested many years ago, but it was never brought to fruition. Although the PS/IS school will not fully address the overpopulation of classrooms and co-location epidemic that we face, it is a definite move in the right direction as it relates to comprehensive development. This will be a NYC Department of Education (DOE) public school with science labs, art and music rooms,

and a playground that will be available for public use. The school will also feature green space initiatives with local community based organizations. The school is expected to open in 2020.

CB5 held Public Hearings with District 19 CEC, to allow for public feedback about the site. The School Construction Authority (SCA), which is the agency that builds new schools, was in attendance to provide full information on the building. CB5 will report updates as they are made available.

Plans for Housing at Dinsmore-Chestnut Development Site Emerges!

In late 2016, HPD released the RFP (Request for Proposal) for development opportunities at the Dinsmore-Chestnut site; which was a direct result of the ENY Re-zone. Potential developers had until March of 2017 to submit their full proposals with affordability formulas, community inclusions, etc. In October 2017, HPD announced that the RFP was awarded to MHANY Management, Urban Builders Collaborative, and Cypress Hills LDC. The development, which is now known as **Chestnut Commons**, boasts 274 apartments with affordability that allows varying income caps, and designated units for formerly homeless families and individuals. The project will be a mixed-use development with light retail on the ground level; a state of the art community center; a food manufacturing kitchen incubator; and a black box theatre program operated under ARTs East New York. Additionally, CUNY's Kingsborough Community College will be providing courses as a satellite site. The development team presented to CB5's Executive Committee in December and have agreed to work alongside of the Community Board for employment opportunities (pre and post construction) and other community collaborations. To learn more about Chestnut Commons go to:

[Chestnut Commons - HPD Press Release](#)

CB5 YEAR IN REVIEW...

just a few notables

Historic NYC Council Speaker Race



ENY Empire State Dairy



Declared a Landmark



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Pitkin-Berriman Housing Lottery



Man Up! Inc. USA
1000 DAYS NO SHOOTINGS



CB5 VOTING POWER, *in the affirmative...*

PARKS COMMITTEE: Renovations for Public Place Mall on Elderts Lane & Liberty Avenue

PARKS COMMITTEE: Renovations to Linden Park (Sonny Carson) Track & Field

LAND USE COMMITTEE: Linden Terrace Housing - 235 Apartments at 2858 Linden Blvd

LAND USE COMMITTEE: Self-Storage Text Amendment supported (in it's original text)

LAND USE COMMITTEE: Linwood Park Housing - 100 Apartments at 315 Linwood Street

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: CB5's New Street-Co Naming Procedures Submitted

JOINT COMMITTEES: District Assessment & Budget Needs Submitted for Fiscal Year 19

(full text of District Needs Assessment & Budget Requests can be viewed on CB5 website)

To learn more about other items submitted for vote in Community Board 5, be sure to

Contact the District Office!