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Friends –

It's June, my favorite month. For me, nothing beats having it light out at 5:30am and 8:30pm and walking out of the house fairly confident that I don't need a jacket. June is also Gay Pride Month. Back in the 1980's when I was an annual marcher, the Gay Pride Parade started out at Columbus Circle and the whole day felt like Christmas and New Year's combined. Last year was very special again, as miraculously **Marriage Equality** passed in our state and we had a lot for which to be thankful. Now, just one year later, the President has joined us and we are beginning to see the effect when a President puts his imprimatur on something – polling in states that are having ballot measures on the subject this fall are starting to shift in our favor. It's just possible that those who might have been wary of getting on board with something "controversial" now feel a little safer saying yes. That is one intangible benefit of having a courageous President on our side, after so many years.

While the nation and the world offers us so much to be very nervous about in the months ahead, it is nice to have this glimmer of hope that some things can really change. Happy June to everyone, and Happy Gay Pride.

Sincerely,
Wally Rubin
District Manager

News and Events

Eat Your Way Across The Globe –

You've made it to the Crossroads of the World – Times Square! As your mother might say, "Now eat!" On Monday, June 11, you can do just that at the annual **Taste of Times' Square!** As in year's past, this outdoor food and music festival features some of Times Square's most popular culinary destinations



that will set up tables on the street to offer "tastes" of their signature dishes. Such Times' Square standards as *Barbetta*, *B.B. King Blues Club and Grill* and *Havana Central* (to name but a few!) will be on hand to dish up the yumminess! Food tickets are \$1 each, and are redeemable for tastes and drinks, with food ranging from \$2 - \$6 each. The

festivities last from 5p until 9pm - perfect for that after-work gathering on the pedestrian plaza! For more information, visit the [Times' Square Alliance website](#).



To Sit Under The Stars . . . - And after you're done downing all that wonderful food, go see a movie! The **Bryant Park Summer Movie Series** gets underway this month on June 18 with that Hitchcock classic, **Psycho!** Other films showing this summer include **The Wizard of Oz** (July 2), **Roman Holiday** (July 16), **All About Eve** (August 13), and **Raiders of the Lost Arc** finishes up the

summer on August 20. It's an annual NYC rite of summer to sit toe to toe with your fellow New Yorkers and watch a movie you've seen 57 times before – all outside and surrounded by the city you love! For more information on the rest of the movies on tap, as well as the protocol for being in the audience, visit the [Bryant Park website](#). And bring popcorn!



Keep 'Em Honest! – Here's a great opportunity for those frustrated with how slowly the vote totals come in on election night (and, too often in this city, how inaccurately!) The **League of Women**

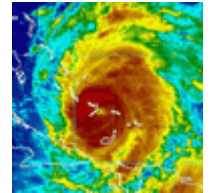


Voters of the City of New York is seeking volunteers to report election results to the Associated Press for the June 26th Primary Election. If you volunteer, you will report to your polling place twenty minutes before 9:00 p.m. when the polls close. When the election results are posted, you then check the votes in your assigned Election District and call AP with the numbers. It takes a moment, you don't need to join anything, and you get to make sure the wheels of democracy turn smoothly. Win-win-win. If you'd like more information, call 212.725.3541 or e-mail office@lwvny.org.



Every Little Bit Helps - The economy is tough and jobs are scarce. If you're young and in the job market for the first time, you may encounter very unique obstacles to successful employment. The **NY Youth Works Program** is a NYS sponsored program that provides various forms of support that enable young people to find and keep much needed jobs. Young people ages 16 to 24 can receive benefits to help cover the costs of daycare, clothing transportation and more to help them succeed in the workplace. To see if you qualify for this program visit the **NYS Dept. of Labor website**. Additionally, businesses are also eligible to receive tax credits for hiring unemployed and disadvantaged youth. To find out how your business can apply for certification, [click here](#). Everybody wins!

Thar She Blows! - OK, believe it or not, it's hurricane season. Really. Irene might have been somewhat of a no-show for much of NYC last year, but certain areas (e.g., Red Hook) took a hit. Hurricanes can and do affect us. Even if you don't live right on the water, you can be affected, so know a few basics, like if you're in a hurricane evacuation zone! NYC's **Office of Emergency**



Management (OEM) has put together an informational brochure that includes instructions on how to develop a hurricane disaster plan and secure your home before a storm, and a map of New York City hurricane evacuation zones. You can also see what zone you're in by visiting **OEM's website**.

Precinct Community Council Meetings

Each month local Police Precincts hold **Community Council Meetings** where community members can voice their concerns on local issues affecting their quality of life. Council meetings are open to all residents of the precinct. The four precincts located in **Community Board Five**, and their respective Council meeting times are:



- **10th Precinct** - Last Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm, 119 9th Avenue, Hudson Guild Senior Center.
Contact: Det. Mike Petrillo at 212-741-8226
- **13th Precinct** - Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm, 230 East 21st St.
Contact: P.O. Mike Hnatko at 212-477-7427
- **Midtown North Precinct** - Every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm, 427 West 47th St.
Contact: Det. Stephen Giaco or P.O. Mike Dugan at 212-767-8447
- **Midtown South Precinct** - Every 3rd Thursday at 7pm at the Hotel New Yorker, 8th Avenue and 34th St.
Contact: Det. Joe Bunster at 212-239-9846
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Liquor License Applicants

[Click here](#) to be taken to the CB5 website for information on Liquor License applicants.

If you have any questions regarding this list, please call the office or email office@cb5.org.

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