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NY SPEEDING TICKET BLITZ: AUGUST 1ST – 7TH

New York State law enforcement will be cracking down on speeding during Speed Awareness Week. The additional enforcement will run from Wednesday, August 1 through Tuesday, August 7.



Fight to block neighborhood homeless shelter gains traction. Story on page 6.



Have you been enjoying a car-free Central Park this summer?!

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Local Events this Quarter

Candytopia, August 15th:

Marketed as an “imaginative confectionary wonderland,” the space will feature more than a dozen rooms and interactive installations for guests to wander through, phone in hand. The concept first launched in Los Angeles last year, joining a whole host of installations in the area are all aimed at generating the trendiest content imaginable. [Gwyneth Paltrow](#) and [Drew Barrymore](#) both visited Candytopia's original West Coast run. Tickets for the NYC location at Penn Plaza can be purchased at www.candytopia.com/newyork



Rooftop Movies are in Full Swing!

[Rooftop Cinema Club](#) is now in their third annual edition of summer movie screenings! For a complete film listing for August and September at both of their NYC venues, visit their website at <https://rooftopcinemaclub.com/new-york/> where you can also purchase tickets. They have a special offer: A general-admission ticket that includes a bottomless box of popcorn for just \$3 extra. And the films they've selected are top-notch, from recent [Oscar](#) winners to the classics.



It's that time again!!! Shakespeare in the Park

This season: Twelfth Night, through August 19th. For the now myriad of ways you can obtain tickets for the Delacort Theater performance, please visit publictheater.org.



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Employee Recognition



JULY:

Carlos Andrade	~	11 years
Simona Babu	~	17 years
Paul Malec	~	27 years
Milton Miranda	~	32 years

AUGUST:

Francisco Morel	~	15 years
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SEPTEMBER:

Philip Bobbio	~	4 years
Roberto Valiente	~	20 years

Famous Past Residents

Did you know that Calvin Klein got married at the old Hampshire House Hotel back in 1964?

At the time, he was dating a textile designer by the name of Jayne Centre. (We always knew the Hampshire House was a fashion "centre!")

They were married for ten years and had a child – Marci Klein, who today is famously known for her work as a Producer for Saturday Night Live and 30 Rock.

After shenanigans during a buying trip in Rome with his then design assistant, Kelly Rector, Calvin and Jayne divorced and he and Rector married. Kelly knew that her boss might be bi-curious, but since she was a successful celeb photographer in her own right, she married and soon became the trophy wife she was born to be. They divorced in 2006.

Kelly went on to successfully edit and publish two glossy photography books, including one on underwear.

I guess this all means designing the pants doesn't necessarily mean keeping them on! Here's to wedded bliss, tighty-whities, and the fashion icons that wear them both ways!



Get Fit!

Everything you need to know about NYC's new dockless bikes! *By Amy Plitt, curbed.com, July 27, 2018*



The day of [dockless bikes](#) has arrived in New York City: The city's pilot program, which has been [in the works](#) since 2017, [got underway in July](#), with the new bike share landing in the Rockaways first, then Staten Island and the Bronx.

How it works is: Each operator has its own app, which you use to unlock and pay for a trip. If you've ever used Citi Bike's app, it's pretty much the same: Once you're in the range of an available bike, you either enter a code, use a QR code, or tap a button that unlocks it, and go for a ride.

Most bikes have a manual lock that you'll need to engage; [Pace](#), [Lime](#), and [Jump](#) all have how-tos explaining the process. Each operator also has its own pricing structure, but they're all about the same—\$1 to \$2 for a half-hour ride, with pedal-assist bikes costing a little bit more.

Take a Private Yoga Class!

Rachel Bennett is a Yoga Works certified yoga teacher, with certification in advanced training in bones, joints and common injuries through Anatomy Studies for Yoga Teachers.

Rachel has been teaching private classes for over ten years, and is now offering them to the Hampshire House! She crafts a yoga sequence for each client, specifically working on his or her needs, issues and injuries. With each practice, you will become stronger physically and feel greater peace of mind.

To book a yoga session, contact Rachel at racheldardenbennett@gmail.com or call 917-538-1949. Visit www.rachelbennettyoga.com for more info.



Neighborhood News...

West 58th Street Coalition Continues its Efforts to Block Shelter

The West 58th Street Coalition and other petitioners filed for a preliminary injunction regarding the proposed homeless shelter at the Park Savoy on July 2, 2018. A judge was assigned and court date set for August 1, 2018. Corporate Counsel for the city requested additional time to try to address some of the building and safety issues at the Savoy, and also agreed to delay opening the shelter until late September. We felt that the judge would grant them the additional time they requested, and view the postponement of the opening as a victory in its own right. We therefore agreed that the shelter cannot “open” prior to Sept 28th, and after Sept 21st, we are to be given 7 days’ notice prior to “opening”, in time to file for a temporary restraining order, to prevent it opening prior to the court hearing. Our new court date is October 3.

The Coalition’s understanding is that the City will not correct the exit, in this case a stairwell. A 9-story homeless shelter, by DOB and fire safety code requirements, requires more than one stairwell, but the Savoy has only one, which does not exit to the street. Further code regulations stipulate that the stairway has stair tread winders throughout, and the rooms must have sprinklers. The below is an excerpt of a letter from Randy Mastro that was sent to the editor of the NYT (on our behalf) in response to a biased article they wrote about our lawsuit filing:

The paramount reason why this site isn't viable -- and never will be -- is because it is a "fire trap" and "extremely dangerous from a fire safety standpoint," according to a former top FDNY official; "dangerously unsafe for occupation" and "a disaster waiting to happen," according to a former NYC Homeless Services Deputy Commissioner; and "unsafe and unsuitable to open and operate as a homeless shelter," presenting "a significant risk that people may lose their lives if the building is permitted to open," according to the former NYC DOB Manhattan Borough Commissioner. And these safety risks are multiple and effectively incurable: this is an older site that lacks the egress now required under the City's Building Code, which is a structural design defect that would be cost-prohibitive to "rehabilitate" for its proposed new use as homeless housing and, incredibly, the City isn't requiring that work to be done, despite the danger this facility will pose to residents and neighbors alike.

We thank you for your continued support. Donations are accepted at our website: www.w58coalition.com



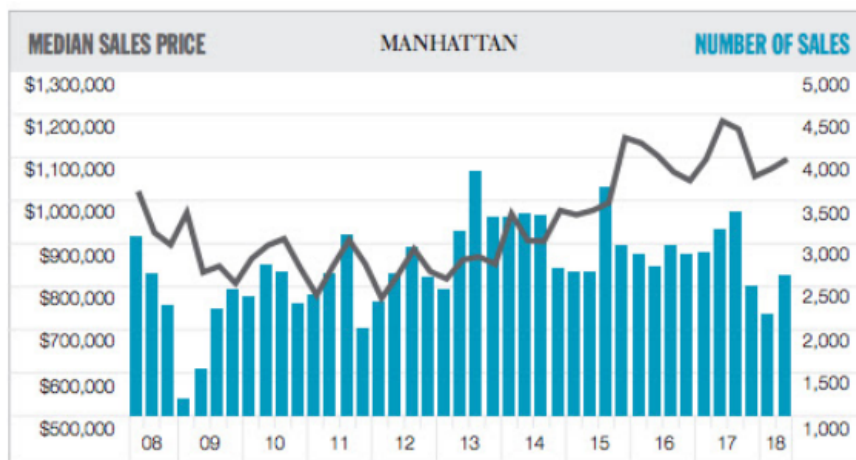
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Neighborhood News, Continued...

Congratulations to our beloved neighborhood Tuscany Steakhouse for making it into the City Guide! If you really haven't dined there yet, Tuscany Steakhouse is conveniently located on West 58th Street between Sixth and Seventh Avenues. They have a quiet and lovely bar for a late night cocktail as well. Bon Appetit!



From their review, "Settle into the steak menu first—you'll like what you see. The steaks at Tuscany Steakhouse are dry-aged in the restaurant's own aging box to maximize the flavor. Their signature Porterhouse can be prepared for two, three, or four guests and is sure to knock out you and your friends. Or try their sirloin or rib-eye, if you prefer. They serve veal chops, flour-dusted veal Milanese, and veal Parmesan. On the Seafood & Pasta menu, go for the guest favorite linguine seafood. That's shrimp, calamari, clams, lobster, and spicy marinara on a bed of linguine. A lighter option for an entree is the Chilean sea bass, which you can order grilled or sautéed, accompanied with a dish of bright-green jelly. The dining room at Tuscany Steakhouse stands out with distressed brick and a warm fresco in the back of the room, depicting the serene Tuscan countryside. Full of courteous servers and staff, the space seats 150 guests, including two private dining rooms that are available for events."



Q2 - 2018 Manhattan Sales

For those of you keeping tracking of the real estate market, this chart represents coop/condo sales for the last quarter of this year.

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The Solar Eclipse...Constant Change



These are children watching the Solar Eclipse from a convenient spot near their homes in the Bronx in 1925.

And here are Manhattanites watching the Solar Eclipse in 2017. Have you ever seen one? (I hope you were wearing protective lenses! Scientists say even dogs should have their eyes protected.)

