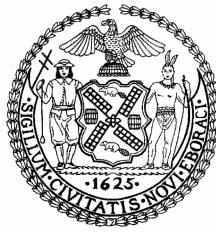


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**The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8**

To: Current & Former Board Members, Current & Former Public Members, Board Staff, Elected Officials, and Friends of Community Board 8

From: David G. Liston, Chair

Date: July 3, 2008

Re: Community Board 8 Celebration

As many of you may know, in 1951 Robert Wagner, then Manhattan Borough President, established twelve "Community Planning Councils." The Councils, consisting of 15 to 20 members each, were responsible for advising the Borough President on planning and budgetary matters.

In 1963, they became "Community Planning Boards" and were extended to the other boroughs. Later in the 1960s, former Mayor Lindsay set up "Little City Halls" on an experimental basis in just a few communities. In the mid-1970s, the Planning Boards and Little City Halls were combined into "Community Boards" and in Fiscal Year 1977 (July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977) Community Boards were for the first time officially included in the City budget, which allocated funds for each board for office space, a District Manager, staff, and supplies.

Please come to celebrate the history, accomplishments, and future of Community Board 8 at the Crowe's Nest, 1804 Second Avenue, (between 93rd and 94th Street), Monday, August 4, 2008, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The cost will be \$32.00, which will include dinner, dessert, and coffee. Drinks will be available for purchase at the bar.

In addition to all current Board Members, Public Members, Board Staff, elected Officials and their staff, and friends of CB 8, I would like to invite former members, former CB8 staff, and former elected officials and their staff. To assist in that effort, I ask that you forward this invitation to any former members, staff, or elected officials and their staff with whom you are in touch or for whom you have contact information.

I will ask a few people to speak for a minute or two at the event about what being on the Board means, or meant, for them and about experiences which capture the value of CB8. Please let me know if you would like to be, or can suggest, one of the speakers.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday, August 4, 2008. If you plan to attend, please let the Board Office know by Friday, July 25, 2008.