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#### **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center**

MSK has notified the Community Board of its intent to file plans to construct the MSK Pavilion, a new 31-story acute care inpatient hospital building at 1233 York Avenue. The



structure could rise up to 594 feet tall and yield nearly 1 million s quare feet of facilities for cancer

care, surgery, and medical research. The plans call for 28 surgical suites and the beds and support space to serve them. The MSK Pavilion will replace the existing two buildings housing employees, residents, visitors and administrative offices on a plot bound by East 67th Street to the north, East 66th Street to the south, and York Avenue. There will be a porte cochere spanning between East 66th and East 67th Streets for easier access of ambulatory vehicles and visitor parking. Completion date is 2030.



As you may know, the NYPD has a new way of interacting with the community. The 19<sup>th</sup> Precinct wants to hear from you about what it will take to keep your neighborhood safe. Come to the next **Build the Block** meetings at 7 pm to talk about neighborhood safety and to make sure your concerns are heard. **19 Precinct, Sector A June 15. 2023,** Central Presbyterian Church, SW corner of E. 64th Street and Park Avenue. And **19 Precinct, Sector B June 28, 2023,** Temple Israel, 112 E. 75th Street.



Please Note: In local Council Districts 4 and 5, there are no contested elections scheduled for the June 27, 2023 Primary Election. See you in November at your local polling place.

#### The Bentley Hotel & Their Temporary Residents

The city is now providing for the Bentley Hotel to house Immigrant Families. By June 15<sup>th</sup> Highland Park Development Corp. will coordinate the rrunning of the hotel with 24-hour

staff. They will see that there is no loitering around the hotel. They will have a program and a security director on site. They plan to be in touch with 19<sup>th</sup> Precinct NYPD, Community Board 8 and ESNA, to keep us all aware of what is going on in the community. They will start the process of reviewing with



the families if they have any relatives here in the US and start making contact. They will also start training programs. There will be a 10 pm curfew, except for those that are working. The hotel guests will be using the former first floor restaurant for food service. The government has issued a phone to each of the families, and they must check in every day with a phone call. The children have all been assigned to schools and many have IEP programs.

Donation of **CLEAN**, **GENTLY USED** clothes for adults and children may be brought to the hotel after June 19<sup>th</sup>. Just tell the person at the door you are here to drop off a clothing donation. They will take it or send you inside to the desk. They will give you a thank you letter for your donation.

#### The Billboard

The Bentley Hotel allowed a large, lighted billboard to



be installed on their property at the corner of 61<sup>st</sup> Street and York Avenue. This is totally legal, since the block on which it is standing is zoned C8 and permits such an installation, whereas the rest of the area is residential, except for institutions. ESNA has been working with the hotel to see if they can cut down on the

lighting, so that it does not disturb the residents' sleep across from the sign.

## The British Are Coming! 60 British 10-year Olds Descend on NYC for Educational Event

Sixty10-year-old students from England' Cheshire' Winsford Primary School and 60 10-year-old students from Van Nest Academy, Bronx celebrated the "special



relationship" between the UK and the US at an educational event entitled "The British Are Coming!"in Manhattan on May 22, 2023, at Mount Vernon Hotel Museum and Garden, 421 East 61 Street, which was constructed in 1799.

The two schools were brought together by the **Young Historians Program** which was founded at MIT in 2001. The Young Historians Program matches schools in the US with schools in foreign nations for a year-long shared inquiry into history. Using plays that bring history to life, the program invites students to see themselves in key historical moments. Heather Miller, YHP' founder, said, "The students from the US and UK enacted pivotal moments in both nations' history *together*. It was an educational experience like no other."

#### Shuttered East Side Cinema to Become Self Storage Facility

Manhattan Mini Storage announced that the former sixfloor CMX CineBistro on East 62nd Street near First Avenue will be converted into 65,000 rentable square feet of storage, with 1,200 climate-controlled units.

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Join us in welcoming da Adriano, Caffe, Focacceria, Bottega. A delightfully cozy spot for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and catering. And that's just the "inside" aspect. Check out the "outside", their red-rope barrier cautions passers-by of the open

hatch! **Truly a Good Neighbor!** 1198 First Ave. (64/65) 646-371-9412.

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