

News

Hive at 55 Set to Open: New York City's newest coworking space

In just a few weeks, the Hive at 55, the Downtown Alliance's shared workspace, will open its doors to a community of small businesses, freelancers and entrepreneurs.

The Hive is part of Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's MediaNYC 2020 plan to strengthen the media industry, and is located at 55 Broad St. in Lower Manhattan.

You'll find WiFi, fax, printer and copy machines, conference rooms, bike storage – and, a group of like-minded colleagues to collaborate with. The Hive at 55 will be a perfect place to host a business meeting, meetup, networking event, workshop or class.

For more information about the Hive at 55, email hiveat55@downtownny.com, follow us on [Twitter](#) or become a fan on [Facebook](#).



Downtown Alliance Unveils Greenwich South Study

Over the past year, the Downtown Alliance studied a long-neglected area of Lower Manhattan and asked: "What if?"

Some answers to this question were unveiled late last month in our Greenwich South visioning study, which presents ways to transform the 23 blocks south of the World Trade Center – known as Greenwich South – from an isolated section of Lower Manhattan into a thriving, densely packed, 24/7 community.

The results of our work – which include visionary concepts from some of the country's most daring architects, designers and artists – are on display through October 24 in Zuccotti Park in Lower Manhattan. An in-depth view of the process and design concepts is also on display at the [Center for Architecture](#).

We invite you to visit the exhibit and to comment on the study at greenwichsouth.net. We've started the discussion, and want you to keep it going.



Fiterman Hall Update

The demolition of Fiterman Hall is almost complete.

Constructed in the 1950s, the 15-story building at 30 West Broadway had served as an extension of the Borough of Manhattan Community College from 1993 until 9/11, when it was severely damaged.

Crews are now removing a floor per week and the project is expected to be completed in early December. Once the building has been taken down, the college plans to construct a new academic building with an art gallery, student lounge, conference rooms and classrooms. And while it's being built, a public art installation, part of the Downtown Alliance's Re: Construction initiative, will be on exhibit on the site's construction fencing.

Check out our [Downtown Diary blog](#) and the [Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center's Web site](#) for more information.



Making Downtown Greener (Literally)

The Downtown Alliance held two successful installments of our Green Around Downtown series in October: Adopt-a-Geranium Day and Community Planting Day.

On October 7, hundreds of Downtown workers gathered on a windy Wednesday morning to dig up, pot and take home free geraniums from Bowling Green Park. [Click here](#) to check out pictures from Adopt a Geranium Day.

On Saturday, October 17, Lower Manhattan neighbors got their hands dirty and planted kale and tulip bulbs, each adding their own stamp to the changing of seasons in Bowling Green Park. [Click here](#) to check out pictures from Community Planting Day.

The Downtown Alliance thanks Glenwood Management, Office of Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer, City of New York Parks Department, Community Board 1, and Amish Market: Park Place for their support.



MEET A DOWNTOWN MERCHANT

The Capital Grille

On a recent Friday evening, there was a rollicking scene around the stately bar at the newly opened Capital Grille Wall Street.

Bankers in suits laughed heartily as an imposing bald eagle statue, perched atop the mahogany bar, looked on. Meanwhile, the bartender gamely delivered a Hendricks on the rocks with sliced cucumber. A private room – of which there are seven – was filled to the brim.

Managing Partner J.P. Connolly said business has been bustling since the Capital Grille opened a block from the New York Stock Exchange in the Equitable Building on September 28. Like many steakhouses, the Capital Grille offers healthy portions of their signature items, including dry-aged steak, shrimp cocktails and poached lobster. It's fitting that the menus themselves are nearly two feet long.

"We're just thrilled to be here," Connolly said. "And we're lucky to be in a historic building in this historic district."

The bankers at the bar, lamenting a trip home on the Long Island Rail Road, ordered burgers and another round. They had found their new Wall Street respite.

120 Broadway 212-374-1811 thecapitalgrille.com

FUN DOWNTOWN FACT

Those who attended our Green Around Downtown events might have noticed the charming black iron fence that rings Bowling Green Park. Did you know that it's the original 1771 fence? Along with the Park itself – New York City's oldest – it was named to the National Register of Historic places in 1980.

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The mission of the Alliance for Downtown New York is to be the principal organization that provides Lower Manhattan's historic financial district with a premier physical and economic environment, advocates for businesses and property owners and promotes the area as a world-class destination for companies, workers, residents and visitors.

The Downtown Alliance manages the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Business Improvement District (BID), serving an area roughly from City Hall to the Battery, from the East River to West Street.

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Events

Tuesday, October 20
5:30-6:30pm
2 Gold Street
Free

Montessori School of Manhattan Preschool Open House

The [Montessori School of Manhattan](#) is hosting an open house for prospective families at their 2 Gold Street campus. MSM is a traditional Montessori preschool, offering classes for children aged 2-6. In addition to the traditional Montessori curriculum, students also take Spanish, yoga, performing arts, music and art specialty classes. To RSVP, email Administration@montessorimanhattan.com or call 212-742-2830.

Saturdays: October 24, November 7 & 21, December 5 & 19
Noon-2:30pm
\$25

Downtown Eats: Discover Deliciousness

Alliance for Downtown New York is pleased to extend its popular food tour series, which features some of Lower Manhattan's most exciting eateries and purveyors. The tours are led by professional food tour guide and culinary expert Nicole Harnett.

Downtown Eats features a rotating cast of Lower Manhattan's best restaurant and offer participants insight into the history of Lower Manhattan's development and the recent changes that have made the area one of New York's fastest-growing residential neighborhoods. Visit DowntownNY.com/foodtours for more information.

Saturday, October 31
1pm
Battery Park
\$35

Undead Invasion

This Halloween, members of the Zombie Elimination Task Force, will identify and eliminate zombies in the city before their legions spread and takeover the metro area.

Agents who accept the mission will use gadgets, crack codes and follow clues as they explore the city in a whole new way. Operatives brave enough to escape the clutches of brain-eating zombies, ghouls and other twisted souls must find the secret end location, where they will find glory and some fabulously tacky prizes.

For more information and to sign up visit undeadinvasion.com.

Wednesday, November 4
7pm
Museum of Jewish Heritage
36 Battery Place
\$10 members;
\$15 non-members;
\$12 students and seniors

Pastrami on Rye with Mayo: A New Play by Cory Kahaney

This side-splittingly funny play features four talented Borscht Belt-inspired comedians who combine hilarious stand-up with great story telling.

This performance contains adult content. Visit mjhnyc.org for more information.