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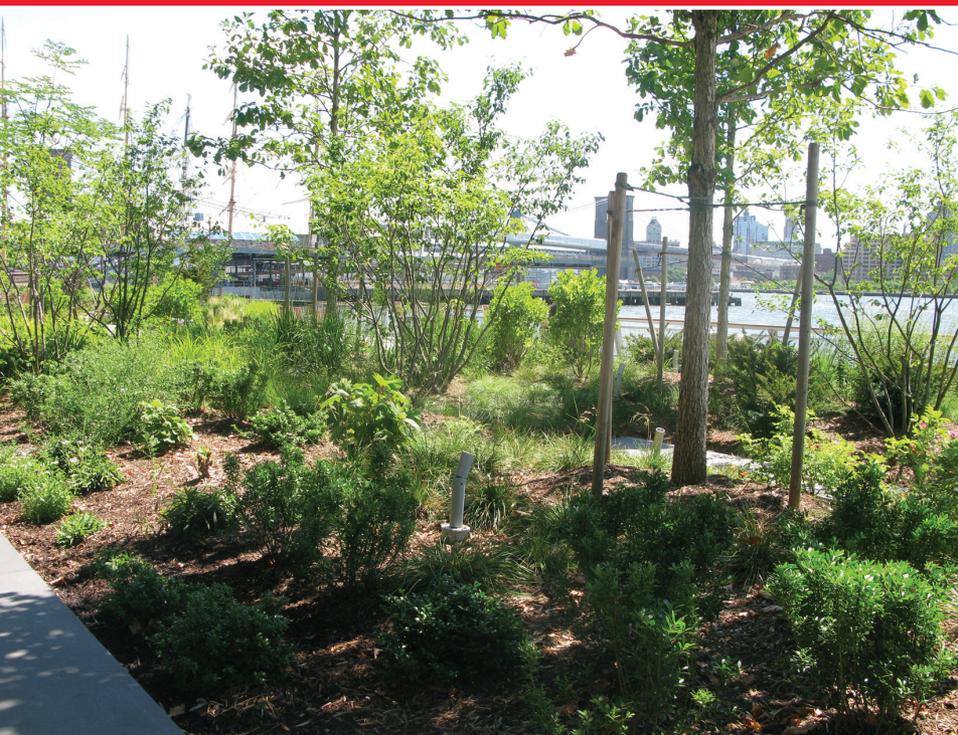
# LOWER MANHATTAN

*It All Starts Here | Summer 2012*





**Views of the new Pier 15 and East River Esplanade – where countless people gather, some with their pets, to enjoy the beautiful weather.**



## FROM THE PRESIDENT {dear neighbor}



When I visited the gorgeous new Conrad New York last month, I was reminded that though I have lived downtown for 30 years, I have only stayed in a Lower Manhattan hotel one night. It was November 1995, our loft had just been painted, and by 10 PM in those days before low VOC and other green inventions, we could no longer bear the off-gassing paint.

Fortunately, the Millenium Hotel across the street had a room available, and we hunkered down for the night in sweet-smelling style. The fumes dissipated by morning, and it was back to unpacking, rehangng and making our own bed.

We were lucky to find accommodation at that late hour, because back then there were few hotels in Lower Manhattan. How times have changed! Today, there are three times as many hotels and 80 percent more rooms than there were just 10 years ago, with lodging options for both business and leisure travelers. In fact, there haven't been so many choices since the early 19th century. That's no typo: The Lower Manhattan hospitality business is more than 200 years old!

Hotels first opened here in the 1790s, as ships off the Atlantic and boats down the Hudson brought goods of every kind into Lower Manhattan, attracting buyers and sellers and bankers and middlemen, who streamed into town for business as well as pleasure. There were just too many visitors for the traditional boarding houses and taverns to handle, so in 1794 the five-story, 137-room City Hotel went up on Broadway near Trinity Church.

Now there are 18 hotels with 4,092 rooms in the one square mile below Chambers Street, with five more scheduled to open by the end of 2014 and another 10 planned for construction.

Hotels are good for business – for restaurants, for merchants, for museums and for other attractions. And for those of us who live in Lower Manhattan, they are good for extra guests, family, colleagues and the occasional slumber party or special event.

Case in point: If you're looking for someplace new to take guests this summer, you might want to check out the Loopy Doopy Bar on Page 8 of this issue. Situated on the Conrad's rooftop, it's named after the Sol LeWitt installation in the atrium.

Another can't-miss summer destination in Lower Manhattan is the River To River Festival®, now in its second decade (pages 12-14). This year's Festival runs from June 17 to July 15 and features performers ranging from Eddie Palmieri to the Philip Glass Ensemble. The Downtown Alliance – a major sponsor – is providing the official River To River® mobile app this year.

Also in this issue, we profile Zorro the security dog and chat with his handler, Mike Burger, then sit down for a Q & A with security consultant Sal Lifrieri (pages 16 and 17). Meanwhile, don't forget to peruse our go-to list of local places to shop and dine, just a few of the hot spots our neighborhood has to offer (pages 7-11).

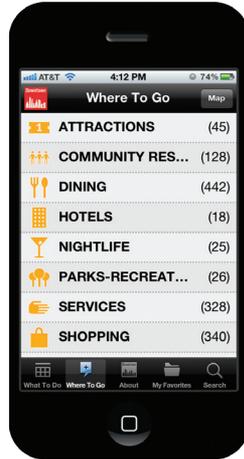
Now is a great time of year in Lower Manhattan! The sun is back, the weather is warm, our three waterfront esplanades are at their green and shimmering best, and there's never been more to explore. So let's paint the town red this summer!

Elizabeth H. Berger

## NEW EXPANDED 'DOWNTOWN NYC' MOBILE APP

Welcome to Lower Manhattan 2.0! The Downtown Alliance's mobile app now features information on all of Lower Manhattan's renowned cultural institutions, retailers, restaurants, hotels, meeting spaces and more. Updated features of the app include:

- Shopping and dining information
- Maps of the neighborhood
- Cultural institutions
- Daily cultural, community, and culinary events
- An improved Where To Go section
- A new Favorites section, allowing you to mark your favorite events and locations to save for later
- A new Search section, allowing you to search events or locations to find exactly what you are looking for
- Special events and holidays



The app, originally launched last summer, is supported by iPhone and iPad platforms. It is available in Apple's iTunes App Store by searching for **Downtown NYC**.

## DOWNTOWN DEALS: YOUR ACCESS TO GREAT DEALS

With more than 1,100 retailers and restaurants, and 18 hotels based in Lower Manhattan, it's hard to keep up with all of the diverse merchants – new and old – below Chambers Street. So the Downtown Alliance has launched Downtown Deals, a new web-based promotion spotlighting the newest deals and special offers available from Lower Manhattan's growing retail and cultural communities.

Downtown Deals is a free place for Lower Manhattan businesses and organizations to publish and promote special offers, discounts, or free services. The latest deals can be accessed at [www.downtownny.com/downtown-deals](http://www.downtownny.com/downtown-deals). Check it out for 2-for-1 specials, shopping bargains, Happy Hour specials, and much more.

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## DEVELOPING LOWER MANHATTAN

Lower Manhattan has witnessed astronomical resilience over the last decade, as the residential population has more than doubled, tourism has swelled, and the workforce has increased. That growth is witnessed every day, as construction brings new amenities to our one-square-mile district below Chambers Street. Here's a look at some developments on the horizon:

### Fulton Street Transit Center

The Fulton Street Transit Center is more than 60 percent complete and on track for its scheduled June 2014 completion.

Construction at the Transit Center building continues to progress well. The curtain wall of the building is being installed, with some of the steel mullions already in and exterior glass delivery beginning this spring. The installation of the parasols at the top of the Transit Center oculus, which will be used to direct sunlight down to the lowest levels of the Transit Center, have been completed.



Across the street from the Transit Center building, the new Dey Street entrance is nearing completion as floor and wall tiles, stair treads and electrical work are installed. The Dey Street entrance should open to the public later this summer.

Underground at the 4/5 Fulton Street Station, structural work at the northern end of the platform has been completed, strengthening a structure that was first opened to the public over 100 years ago as one of New York City's first subway stations.



The Corbin Building, which is over 120 years old and is being restored and rehabilitated as part of the Transit Center project, is getting a central HVAC system, installed for the first time in that building's history.

The A/C Fulton Street Station mezzanine continues to receive new finishes, including floor tile and blue-tinted glass tiles on the mezzanine walls. Other components of the Transit Center already were completed and opened for customer use, including the rehabilitated 2/3 Fulton Street Station, new 4/5 Fulton Street Station southern entrances, a new entrance at 135 William Street, and both platforms and an underpass at the R Cortlandt Street Station.

## Pier 15

With warmer weather, it's a good chance to step out onto the elevated green at Pier 15. The open space on the new b-level pier already is being enjoyed by the public. Food service both on the pier and at the neighboring Maiden Lane Pavilion will be open this summer, and plans for a maritime programming operator are already under way.

## Pace University

Pace's Lower Manhattan campus is meeting steeper student demand with new housing – so that all residential students will be able to walk to class. By fall 2013, Pace plans to open a new residential hall at Broadway and John Street, just blocks from its main campus. The new residence hall will feature a full floor of student amenities and will enhance the University's ability to engage students in cultural activities and after-class learning.



## Fiterman Hall

This fall, Borough of Manhattan Community College launches the 2012-2013 academic year with the opening of the new, 14-story Fiterman Hall at 30 West Broadway between Barclay Street and Park Place. The original Fiterman Hall was irreparably damaged when 7 World Trade fell against it in the 9/11 attacks. The new building – designed by the architectural firm of Pei Cobb Freed & Partners and built by Hunter Roberts Construction Group – will house a world-class, fine arts gallery and public café, as well as approximately 80 Smart Classrooms and computer labs, offices, library spaces, music ensemble rooms and a rooftop conference center.

## Battery Maritime Building

Developers of this National Historic Landmark secured financing last year and will begin the next stage of rehabilitation in the coming months. The New York City Economic Development Corporation funded and oversaw the restoration of the façade, and then selected the Dermot Company to pursue the interior development. Dermot, in partnership with the Poulakakos family, will build a 67-room boutique hotel and rooftop restaurant on top of the existing building and restore the Great Hall for public use.



## EARL'S COURT

90 John Street  
212.227.6899  
[www.earlscourtnyc.com](http://www.earlscourtnyc.com)



It's the food court—reimagined, says Manager Warren Krieg of Earl's Court. The cafeteria has plenty of variety, fast service and affordable prices, like many food courts, but it's the quality of the fare that distinguishes this John Street establishment. And at night, it turns into a bar. Not many food courts can claim the same.

The many dining options include the Original Soupman, Greens Salad Bar, Sushi Express, Earl of Sandwich and Libations 101, a bar that offers all of your favorite cocktails and hosts special events, such as Tuesday trivia and free Wednesday karaoke.

"At night, the transformation is phenomenal," says Sales Manager Cathy Mosomillo. "A curtain drops, candles are lit, music is playing and an eclectic crowd comes in. It's the best place to come after work for cocktails."

There are so many options, it's hard to find something Earl's Court doesn't offer. "We're everything without the sticker shock," Krieg says.

## LAILA ROWE

99 Wall Street  
212.785.0725  
[www.lailarowe.com](http://www.lailarowe.com)



This Wall Street accessories boutique caters to the fashionista on a budget who is prepared for anything, including a thunderstorm. Among the hats, scarves and hip costume jewelry, you'll find Laila Rowe's most popular item—rain boots. "We love a rainy day," says Public Relations Assistant Cory Johnston.

The rubber boots come in all shapes and sizes, including a bootie with a demure black bow. You'll also find flirty umbrellas with ruffles and polka dots, totes for spring and summer, handbags, a rainbow hue of tights, gift items such as journals and more.

The main objectives for each collection are innovative design, quality materials, versatility and excellent price points, Johnston says. The boutique also has been improving its retail website, and aims to create an online shopping experience similar to that of being in the store.

Laila Rowe's fashion accessories have been recognized and featured in many publications such as Glamour, People Style Watch, LUCKY and Redbook. Whether you're looking to keep dry in a storm or make a splash at the beach, you can find just the right accent piece at Laila Rowe.

# spotlight ON BUSINESS

## THE LOOPY DOOPY BAR

Rooftop of the Conrad Hotel  
102 North End Avenue  
212.945.0100 | [www.conradnewyork.com](http://www.conradnewyork.com)



Named after Sol LeWitt's magnificent, 13-story installation in the Conrad Hotel atrium, the Loopy Doopy Bar on the rooftop is sure to be one of Lower Manhattan's most popular destinations this summer. The 70-person, rooftop bar has sweeping views of the harbor and the Statue of Liberty and features plush outdoor seating and a chic "Haute Liqueur" menu.

To cool off on those sizzling summer days, the Loopy Doopy is offering prosecco on tap, a hot, new concept on the bar scene, and a selection of boozy, house-made popsicles by Executive Chef Anthony Zamora. Come taste the flavor and rhythm of summer in New York City.

## AROMA ESPRESSO BAR

100 Church Street  
212.346.0095  
[www.aroma.us](http://www.aroma.us)



A taste of Israel has reached Lower Manhattan with the arrival of Aroma Espresso Bar. The popular coffee and pastry chain in Israel offers everything from espresso drinks to shakshuka, a Middle Eastern egg dish with tomatoes and pepper sauce. Bread and sweet treats are baked on the premises daily. And if java isn't your thing, Aroma's hot chocolate with pralines was named one of the city's most decadent by *Time Out New York*.

The sleek, black, red and white space is also a fun gathering spot for local executives brainstorming over coffee, and tourists mapping out their next move. The booths and bar stools are carefully spread out so customers aren't elbowing each other while they eat.

"We wanted people to have room to sit with their friends and family," says co-owner Gal Danay, a former student at Pace's Lower Manhattan campus who vividly recalls a time when pizza places were the only nearby hangouts for students.

## BLUE SMOKE

102 North End Avenue  
212.945.0100  
[www.bluesmoke.com](http://www.bluesmoke.com)



The smell of BBQ is now wafting through Lower Manhattan. Danny Meyer's well-known Flatiron hot-spot has made its way to Battery Park City, and the beautifully designed, 100-person dining room is bustling with local workers, residents, and tourists throughout the day. "There are so many exciting developments going on west of West Street," says Blue Smoke Managing Partner Mark Maynard-Parisi. "With such a growing and vibrant community down here, we thought this was the right place and the right time to open our second location."

Open seven days a week for lunch and dinner, this eatery offers many of the original Blue Smoke staples, like the Blue Smoke rib sampler and the crowd-pleasing macaroni and cheese. There are also some new editions on the Lower Manhattan menu, including roasted root veggies and chicken gumbo. A series of large photographs commissioned by renowned photographer Frank Stewart lines the dining room as well as the 24-person private dining space.

## HARRY'S ITALIAN

225 Murray Street  
212.608.1007  
[www.harrysitalian.com](http://www.harrysitalian.com)

Famed Pizza Chef Nick Angelis and Lower Manhattan Restaurateur Peter Poulakakos have opened the third outpost of the very successful Harry's Italian Pizza Parlor. Located in North End Alley, between Murray and Vesey streets, Harry's Italian Pizza bar will feature both round and square pies as well as Italian specialty pastas and entrees.

Delivery and takeout are available throughout Lower Manhattan and brunch is served on weekends.



# spotlight ON BUSINESS

## SHO SHAUN HERGATT

40 Broad Street  
212.809.3993  
[www.SHOShaunhergatt.com](http://www.SHOShaunhergatt.com)



It's easy to think you stepped into a spa when you walk into SHO Shaun Hergatt, the Michelin-starred restaurant that is attracting diners from across the globe. "We are a destination restaurant," says chef and founder Shaun Hergatt.

The Asian-inspired setting relies on dim lighting and earth tones to put harried New Yorkers at ease. Bookshelves line one wall, and couches are spread throughout the space and a walk-through wine

cellar makes patrons feel like they are in the apartment of a fabulous friend instead of in a famous eatery. There are private dining rooms for those who want an intimate space and seating near an open kitchen where customers can see chefs passionately craft their dinner.

The goal of Hergatt, an Australian-born chef who was trained in France, is for guests to leave with a great memory of their experience at his restaurant. To keep the menu fresh, he travels the world for ideas on recipes and presentation.

His creativity and reputation for top-quality food earned SHO its second Michelin star last year, catapulting the bustling business to must-try status for gourmands. Still, Hergatt isn't satisfied and says he is shooting for his third Michelin star.

## ESSEX WORLD CAFÉ

112 Liberty Street  
212.791.9900  
[www.essexworldcafe.com](http://www.essexworldcafe.com)

Vivia Amalfitano's family, which owns Essex World Café, watched the first World Trade Center towers being built, and now has a front-row seat to view the construction of the new towers. The café that was used as a triage center following the 9/11 attacks is now back to its usual business of selling food on a menu that is as extensive as it is affordable.



The eatery is open seven days a week, perfect for nearby residents looking for a filling, hot breakfast on the weekend. Essex also offers soups, burgers, wraps, paninis, salads and a steam table with six other options daily.

Even though Amalfitano didn't live in Lower Manhattan while growing up, she was at the restaurant more than she was at home, and she considers these streets her neighborhood. She hopes visitors and residents will find themselves at Essex and make it their home, too. The café has been through a lot, but hopes to continue as a neighborhood fixture for years to come.

## BLOOM

255 Murray Street  
646.414.6269  
[www.bloomflowers.com](http://www.bloomflowers.com)

Everything's coming up roses...and tulips and lilies at Bloom, North Battery Park City's new floral, home accessories and lifestyle brand.



Bloom offers the standard floral services, including arrangements for the home and special events such as weddings and corporate gatherings, and offers landscaping design for everything from a backyard patio to a rooftop garden.

Customers also will find unique home furnishings and accessories in-store, such as an oblong-shaped glass terrarium with a Venus Fly Trap among amethyst crystal rocks. But that's just the beginning of what owner Kimberly Perrone offers. She can design a whole room around just one flower, a unique vase, a pillow or a natural object, such as a plant that can live outside of soil. In fact, finding such exotic pieces is one of her specialties. If a customer has a specific idea about the perfect container for a particular flower, Perrone will find it.

She thrives on bringing beauty into a space; it doesn't just change the environment, it changes the way one views the environment, she says.

## FINANCIAL DISTRICT WINE AND SPIRITS

120 Nassau Street  
212.933.1092  
[www.fidiwine.com](http://www.fidiwine.com)

Financial District Wine and Spirits provides an exceptional assortment of hand-selected wines and liquors. "After seven years living in the Financial District we are excited to provide the best-priced, high-end wine and spirits to the community that works and resides in Lower Manhattan," says store owner Lee Tachman, who also owns the building.

Looking for home delivery? Financial District Wine and Spirits is the sole provider of Booze Carriage, [www.boozecarriage.com](http://www.boozecarriage.com), the only online delivery system in the Lower Manhattan area.



## upcoming EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



June 17–July 15  
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## RIVER TO RIVER® FESTIVAL LAUNCHES 2012 SUMMER SEASON IN LOWER MANHATTAN

Philip Glass Ensemble. Trisha Brown Dance Company. Bang on a Can Marathon. Eddie Palmieri. Alarm Will Sound. George Clinton & Parliament Funkadelic. Merrill Garbus (TuNe-YaRdS). Patrick Watson. And many, more.

These are just some of the performances you can catch – and all for free – at this year's **River To River® Festival**, Lower Manhattan's annual summer arts festival. Now in its second decade, and with a new curatorial focus, the Festival takes place every day from June 17 to July 15.

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council works with founding partners Arts Brookfield, Battery Park City Authority, The Seaport, and new content partners to present music and dance performances, film, theater, visual art, ideas, experiences, and family programs – and all in Lower Manhattan.

The Downtown Alliance is a major sponsor of the Festival. And this year, the Downtown Alliance is providing the official mobile app for the Festival. Download the app (search: DowntownNYC in the iTunes App Store), visit the Downtown Alliance's website, [DowntownNY.com](http://DowntownNY.com), or visit the River To River® Festival website, [RiverToRiverNYC.com](http://RiverToRiverNYC.com) for more details about programming.

## upcoming EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

### BANG ON A CAN MARATHON

Presented by River To River Festival®, Arts Brookfield and Bang on a Can.  
Sunday, June 17 | 12:00 PM – 12:00 AM  
World Financial Center Winter Garden | 220 Vesey Street

Bang on a Can returns with its incomparable, 12-hour-plus super-mix of genre-defying music featuring 150 astounding musicians and composers from throughout the world.

### PHILIP GLASS ENSEMBLE: A RETROSPECTIVE

Presented by River To River Festival® and Battery Park City Authority.  
Wednesday, June 20 | 7:00 PM  
Rockefeller Park | River Terrace and Warren Street

The Ensemble performs a retrospective program of the legendary composer's music. Youth ensemble Face the Music opens the event.

### EDDIE PALMIERI

Presented by Battery Park City Authority.  
Thursday, June 21 | 7:00 PM  
Rockefeller Park | River Terrace and Warren Street

The legendary Grammy Award-winning bandleader performs Salsa and Latin Jazz arrangements.

### LE GRAND CONTINENTAL™

Presented by River To River Festival® and The Joyce Theater.  
June 22 & 23 | 7:00 PM June 24 | 2:00 PM  
Piers 16 & 17 | The Seaport

Two hundred amateur and non-professional dancers come partake in the U.S. premiere of the Montreal-based choreographer Sylvain Émard's *Le Grand Continental*, which combines festive line dancing with the fluidity and expressiveness of contemporary dance.

### LOCOS POR JUANA

Presented by Arts Brookfield.  
Tuesday, July 10 | 5:30 PM  
World Financial Center Plaza

This party band with an Afro-Colombian heart and soul creates a perfect urban-alternative musical experience.

## upcoming EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

### GEORGE CLINTON & PARLIAMENT FUNKADELIC

*Presented by Battery Park City Authority.*

Thursday, July 12 | 7:00 PM

Rockefeller Park | River Terrace and Warren Street

One of the most influential names in R&B and funk music, Clinton leads Parliament Funkadelic (or P-Funk) in a performance of revolutionary soul music from the '70s.

### COME OUT & PLAY FIELD DAY

*Presented by Come Out & Play.*

Saturday, July 14, 12:00 PM | 6:00 PM

Governors Island Parade Grounds

A day of new and exciting outdoor games – including dodgeball.

### MOVIE NIGHTS ON THE ELEVATED ACRE

*Presented in association with Tribeca Film*

**55 Water Street (btw Broad and William streets)**



**Monday, June 18, 8:00 PM | Stella Days**

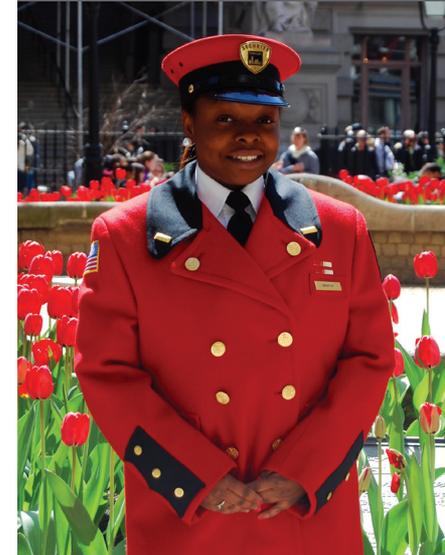
**Monday, June 25, 8:00 PM | Collaborator**

**Monday, July 9, 8:00 PM | Side By Side**

**Seating is first-come, first-served beginning at 6:00 PM. Shows start at sunset or 8:00 PM. Visit [RiverToRiverNYC.com](http://RiverToRiverNYC.com) for further details.**

## meet OUR STAFF

Aisha Martin, Public Safety



Aisha Martin, a 22 year old lieutenant with the public safety department, currently handles dispatch calls for the Downtown Alliance public safety headquarters and recently received a Downtown Alliance public safety award for assisting the NYPD.

Aisha, who celebrated her four-year anniversary with the Downtown Alliance in April, loves everything about the job – especially when the weather is nice.

“I love the summertime,” she says. “The tourists come and ask you questions. It’s great showing them around.”

Currently a student at BMCC on Chambers Street, Aisha will be joining the NYC College of Technology in Brooklyn this fall and aspires to one day join the NYPD. When asked where she would like to be placed if employed by the NYPD she exclaimed, “Down here in Lower Manhattan with the Downtown Alliance!”

Aisha is excited about her new ventures, but says that she has her family at the Downtown Alliance to thank.

“My colleagues are great. Really, just great,” she says. “We all get along.”

She also had a few special words for Ron Wolfgang, current Vice President of Operations here at the Downtown Alliance.

“Ronnie is your boss,” Aisha explained. “But at the same time, he’s also like a father figure. He’s always there to give you advice. He never steers you wrong.”

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# question AND ANSWER

## Q & A WITH SAL LIFRIERI, PRESIDENT OF PROTECTIVE COUNTERMEASURES & CONSULTING INC.

If you live, work or visit in Lower Manhattan, you are bound to run into some of our favorite furry, four-legged security officers. At 120 Broadway, a Silverstein property that houses the Downtown Alliance offices, many employees have become friendly with Zorro, a stunning black German Shepherd, and his very friendly handler, Mike Burger. "Zorro is developing quite the fan base among tenants and tourists," says Burger. He is often stopped and asked to have a picture taken with Zorro.



MIKE BURGER AND ZORRO

While streams of employees greet Zorro as they enter and exit the building, Burger can always be spotted answering questions folks have about his canine partner and the training they do together. With such a noticeable presence in Lower Manhattan, we wanted to share what we've learned from Burger and Sal Lifrieri, the head of Protective Countermeasures (PCM), the security consulting firm that facilitates Burger and Zorro's canine program (there are five other PCM K9 teams assigned to patrol buildings around Lower Manhattan). Here is our conversation with Lifrieri:

### What is your background in security and surveillance?

I served as the Director of Security and Intelligence Operations for Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's Office of Emergency Management, where I was responsible for the management of security, intelligence and counter-surveillance operations. I was also a member of the NYPD hostage negotiation team for 12 years. My firm has provided security consulting and explosive canine detection services for New York City real estate companies, such as Silverstein Properties, for over 10 years.

### What services does your firm provide to commercial tenants?

The PCM team coordinates a security service package, most of which is performed on a daily basis and not noticeable to tenants. Counter-surveillance operations, monthly security audits, corporate consultations regarding threat alerts and "Lunch and Learn" training programs are all part of the package of security services being provided, which includes explosive canine detection coordination.

### Why is it important to have a K9 unit and what services do they provide?

Building owners need to be proactive rather than re-active. The canine operation is an excellent response tool to bomb threats. The K9 team consists of one certified handler and one canine trained in bomb detection. The team is onsite with a random service time, so there is no defined pattern of protection. They search the perimeter, loading dock, critical infrastructure and spend time in the lobby as a "security presence."

### Are these working dogs sociable?

Very much so. The dogs are well socialized, friendly and playful when they are not working, and give tenants an added sense of security. Tenants feel secure seeing the teams. Some even bring treats to the canines and others have asked for autographed pictures!

### How and when do you select your dogs?

Fred Hopper runs our canine program. He conducts a series of tests that have been developed, and using those tests, he selects maybe one out of 10 dogs that meets his needs. He likes dogs to be about 15 to 20 months old, as they are mature enough to handle the rigorous training.

### How long is the initial training?

Training is 16 weeks for obedience, tracking, agility and eight weeks for scent detection (these are basic schools).

### Do the dogs go home with their handlers?

Yes, the dogs play and spend time with their handlers and their families, but they are always on a strict diet and training schedule.

### Are the dogs rewarded with food?

No. Because of the strong bond and incentive to play built through training, the dogs are rewarded with toys only. If they complete their task, then it's playtime.

### What qualifications does a handler need to have to work a dog?

Fred requires military or law enforcement certification as a minimum for handlers. He does not use active-duty law enforcement on a part-time basis as they are subject to recall and may not be available in an emergency.

### Are your K9 Teams certified?

Yes, all teams are certified to Police Bomb Dog Certification and are trained in the latest explosives compounds and can detect all explosives listed on the current US Federal Register of Explosives.

### Is the team looking only for bombs as they walk around?

Security evaluations are performed by each handler daily as they examine critical infrastructure with a monthly report provided as part of our service.

### Are the "partners" kept together?

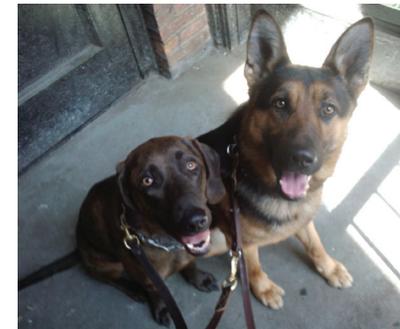
All handlers are assigned to a specific canine partner. It is important that each knows the other and the handlers are aware of the dog's idiosyncrasies.

### Very important - does Zorro root for the Yankees or Mets?

Actually, he likes basketball better and roots for the Timberwolves.....go figure!

**For more information on the K9 program or other security services provided by Protective Countermeasures, visit [www.protectivecountermeasures.com](http://www.protectivecountermeasures.com) or call 914.576.8706.**

# question AND ANSWER



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