

Downtown



LOWER MANHATTAN

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NYC TAKES TO LOWER MANHATTAN'S STREETS TO URGE ACTION ON CLIMATE

Fresh off her recent transatlantic voyage from the United Kingdom to North Cove Marina, 16-year-old Greta Thunberg was joined by more than 45,000 New Yorkers for the Global Climate Strike on Friday, September 20. NYC's participation in the worldwide march began in Foley Square around noon before heading several blocks south and transforming, hours later, into a rally at The Battery.

DID YOU KNOW?...Every week on our socials, the Alliance profiles a different four-legged friend who loves to explore the neighborhood! Direct-message us on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter if you want to elect your fluffy buddy for the next spotlight.



FROM THE PRESIDENT {dear neighbor}



To anyone who has walked our streets recently, it should come as no surprise that Lower Manhattan has earned the highest recommendation from the Michelin Green Guide, that of being a three-star neighborhood. In addition to historical favorites that give us character and a sense of authenticity, compelling new additions in the neighborhood are opening every day.

On the culinary front, this year has been game-changing. At 70 Pine Street, the restaurant Crown Shy opened with aplomb. *The New York Times* gave it a rave review, and now it's a challenge to land a table at this inventive hotspot, captained by renowned chef James Kent. At the Seaport District, the legendary Jean Georges Vongerichten has opened The Fulton. It too received outsized praise from *The New York Times* for its seafood-oriented fare. And, if the delicious menu wasn't enough of a draw, its stunning Brooklyn Bridge views make a meal there sublime. Also at the Seaport, acclaimed restaurateur David Chang opened an exciting concept christened Bar Wayō, which touts a hybrid menu of original drinks and small plates with big flavors. Chang is already packing them in over by the East River.

Not only marquee food names are opening downtown, but legendary Joe's Pizza also set up an outpost on Nassau Street where you can get a classic New York slice anytime. Not to mention carnitas masters Los Tacos No. 1 has opened its newest location in the northern part of the neighborhood on Church Street.

All kinds of other great changes are afoot. For bookworms like me, we have two world-class bookstores filling their shelves to serve Lower Manhattan readers. McNally Jackson Books is open at the Seaport, and Shakespeare & Co. is coming to Brookfield Place in early 2020.

The entertainment scene is also maturing rapidly. Alamo Drafthouse is set to open a 14-screen movie palace at 28 Liberty. The World Trade Center's Perelman Center for the Performing Arts is under construction and scheduled for a late 2021 opening. The center will offer a new kind of multidisciplinary venue, providing space to create original work in theater, dance, music and chamber opera, unlike anywhere else in New York City.

Lower Manhattan, and our city, is constantly changing and evolving. Follow us (@downtownnyc) to keep up on the latest neighborhood news.

Sincerely,

Jessica Lappin

Jessica Lappin, President

BAR WAYO

(212) 838-1200 | Pier 17
wayo.momofuku.com



The latest addition to David Chang's Momofuku empire opened at Pier 17. The Kang's Hamburg Dip is a must-try, as is the squid seca, dusted in peanuts, chilis and rice puffs. It's got some heat to it, so put out that fire with the South Street Sling

cocktail—gin and mezcal mixed with pineapple, macadamia, pomegranate, lime and bitters.

MCNALLY JACKSON

(646) 964-4232 | 4 Fulton St
mcnallyjackson.com



The bookseller opened a third NYC location at the Seaport with a stellar selection and relaxing atmosphere. Its cozy cafe is the perfect spot to kick back, grab a latte and gulp down an epic novel. McNally maintains a keen focus on backlist titles, meaning

you'll find older books of various interests that aren't being chatted up in the news cycle.

CROWN SHY

(212) 517-1932 | 70 Pine St
crownshy.nyc



A prix fixe lunch by Nomad's and 11 Eleven Madison Park's former chef might sound like a menu fit for the expense-account set. But, at James Kent's Crown Shy, three courses at \$45 is eminently reasonable. Take the

seafood route—if available, the Red Snapper Crudo and Soft Shell Crab Roll, generously piled inside a toasted bun with jalapeno relish.

M.M. LAFLEUR

(212) 300-4592 | Brookfield Place
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M.M. LaFleur's pop-up inside Brookfield Place is designed specifically for wardrobe emergencies. The shop provides a variety of sleek and understated professional womenswear—a polished blazer for that last-minute upgrade

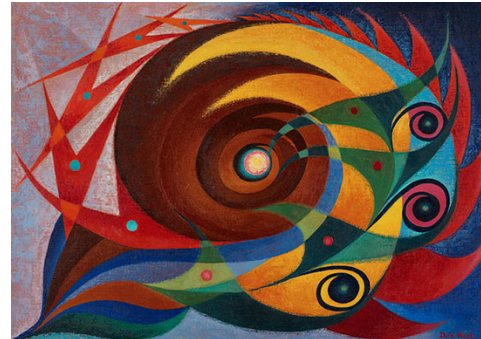
before a presentation, or a water-resistant trench if caught in an unexpected downpour. Complimentary hemline alterations are available, as is prosecco to toast your new wardrobe.



NEW EXHIBITION ON OSAMA BIN LADEN OPENS AT 9/11 MUSEUM

The 9/11 Memorial & Museum is pulling back the curtain on intelligence and military strategies for the investigation into the whereabouts of the al-Qaeda leader. *Revealed: The Hunt for Bin Laden* includes interviews with several officials involved with the decade-long mission, many of which are speaking publicly about their work for the first time.

40 PAINTINGS OVER 80 YEARS, ASKING, “WHAT IS NATIVE ART?”



The latest exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, *Stretching the Canvas*, presents nearly 40 paintings across eight decades that transcend or subvert conventional ideas

of authenticity. Immerse yourself in native art and history while supporting one of the city's fine art institutions; the exhibit is free through Fall 2021.

A MORE PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY BOWLING GREEN



The Department of Transportation has devised a pedestrian-priority zone around one of the city's most iconic tourist destinations—a shared street stretching along Broadway, from Morris

Street to Beaver Street, with painted curb extensions, granite blocks around the pedestrian space at Charging Bull and posted advisory signage for vehicles to drive 5 mph.



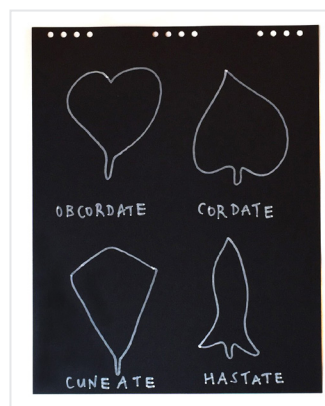
WHEN PLAYING WITH YOUR FOOD IS PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE

Enter: Canstruction, the annual sculpture competition that enlists architects, designers, engineers and contractors to design immense 3-D figures and scenes out of canned goods. After the competition's run, all of the food will be donated to City Harvest to distribute to those in need during the holidays. (Free exhibition on display inside Brookfield Place November 7-21 from 10a-8p.)

A HUB FOR WORKING ARTISTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Michael Wang: Extinct in New York



Yto Barrada with guest artist Bettina:
The Power of Two Suns

The Lower Manhattan Cultural Council's Arts Center opened its doors this fall as Governors Island's first year-round tenant dedicated to arts and culture. The season-events lineup included exhibitions such as Michael Wang's greenhouse gallery study *Extinct in New York* and Yto Barrada's *The Power of Two Suns*, an examination of Barrada's hometown of Tangier, Morocco, and the crab-fishing island of Tangier, Virginia.

FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN LOWER MANHATTAN



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ATTORNEY GENERAL LETITIA JAMES ADDRESSES D-LMA MEMBERS AT FALL BREAKFAST



New York State Attorney General Letitia James joined the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Association on September 17, 2019, at the fall breakfast-and-networking event to recognize “the embodiment of the

positive power of public-private collaboration.” After citing her office’s current priorities, James delivered a comprehensive presentation on issues she deemed vital to Lower Manhattan stakeholders, including the 2020 census. “The census determines how much New York receives in critical infrastructure funding,” James said, “as well as funding for a host of critical safety net programs that contribute to a thriving economy.”

COMING SOON: ELIZABETH H. BERGER PLAZA



In early September, ground was broken for Elizabeth H. Berger Plaza, named after the late Downtown Alliance president. The public space will combine two existing but underutilized

concrete plazas into a single, larger plaza. The 29,000 sq. ft. park will eliminate an extraneous two-lane exit ramp for the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel and will feature a grass lawn, trees and landscaping, seating and paved pathways. Completion of the park is expected in summer 2020.



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QUESTION + ANSWER



Small businesses are an integral part of the Lower Manhattan community. To build awareness of Small Business Saturday (November 30), the Downtown Alliance sat down with a number of local restaurants and retailers for our Instagram TV series "Shop Small."

One small business in particular, Greenwich St. Jewelers, was founded in 1976 by master-jeweler Carlos Gandia and his wife/business partner Milly. Years later the downtown shop was taken over by daughters Jennifer Gandia and Christina Gambale, who have maintained staple pillars from their parents' operation (e.g., custom jewelry design, repair and restoration) but have also expanded the outfit to include one of their own passions: curating sustainably-sourced diamonds by up-and-coming designers from across the globe.

Considering all the jewelry shops in NYC, when someone walks through your door how do you two set yourselves apart from the rest?

Greenwich St. Jewelers is a place to come and be inspired. There are many reasons for people to come to "G Street," as we like to call it. First and foremost, we provide a service to the Lower Manhattan community. We have a full-service shop where we repair, restore and design jewelry. We can

resize that ring that's gotten too tight over the years, restore Grandma's antique brooch or restyle that necklace you got on your 16th birthday. As soon as you walk in you'll be greeted by our incredible staff and amazing, soulful jewelry.

You have an eclectic inventory. Textured and asymmetrical pieces that have lovely imperfect and organic looks.

The curated collection of jewelry in our store is created by master craftsmen from all over. We carry artists that have a distinct and inspired aesthetic, which makes the jewelry in our cases unlike any selection you'll find in the city. We're the place to discover the perfect engagement ring or a signature piece of jewelry to express your personal style. Our only aim is to delight our clients with a superb experience in our store.

Tell us about your experience in Lower Manhattan—why your parents decided to lay stakes here, and why you've stuck around through so many eras.

Our parents originally chose the neighborhood because the World

Trade Center had just opened. They hoped to provide a service to the newly-increased workforce in the area. After a 10-month closure due to 9/11, we reopened at 64 Trinity Place in 2002. We've seen all the changes that have occurred since 2002, and we actually grew up on the streets of FiDi. We worked summers and holidays with our parents and knew all the shop and restaurant neighbors. It has always been a vibrant community of small business owners, and we're proud to be part of this neighborhood.

What do you like most about it?

Due to the age of this area, you can get lost on the streets down here. You can find the most incredible old buildings and interesting shops. With the recent revitalization everything you ever wanted is at your fingertips: great shopping, world-class restaurants and large-scale art installations. If the concrete jungle vibe is getting too heavy, all you need to do is walk over to Battery Park or the water and take a peaceful respite. It's truly the best neighborhood in NYC!

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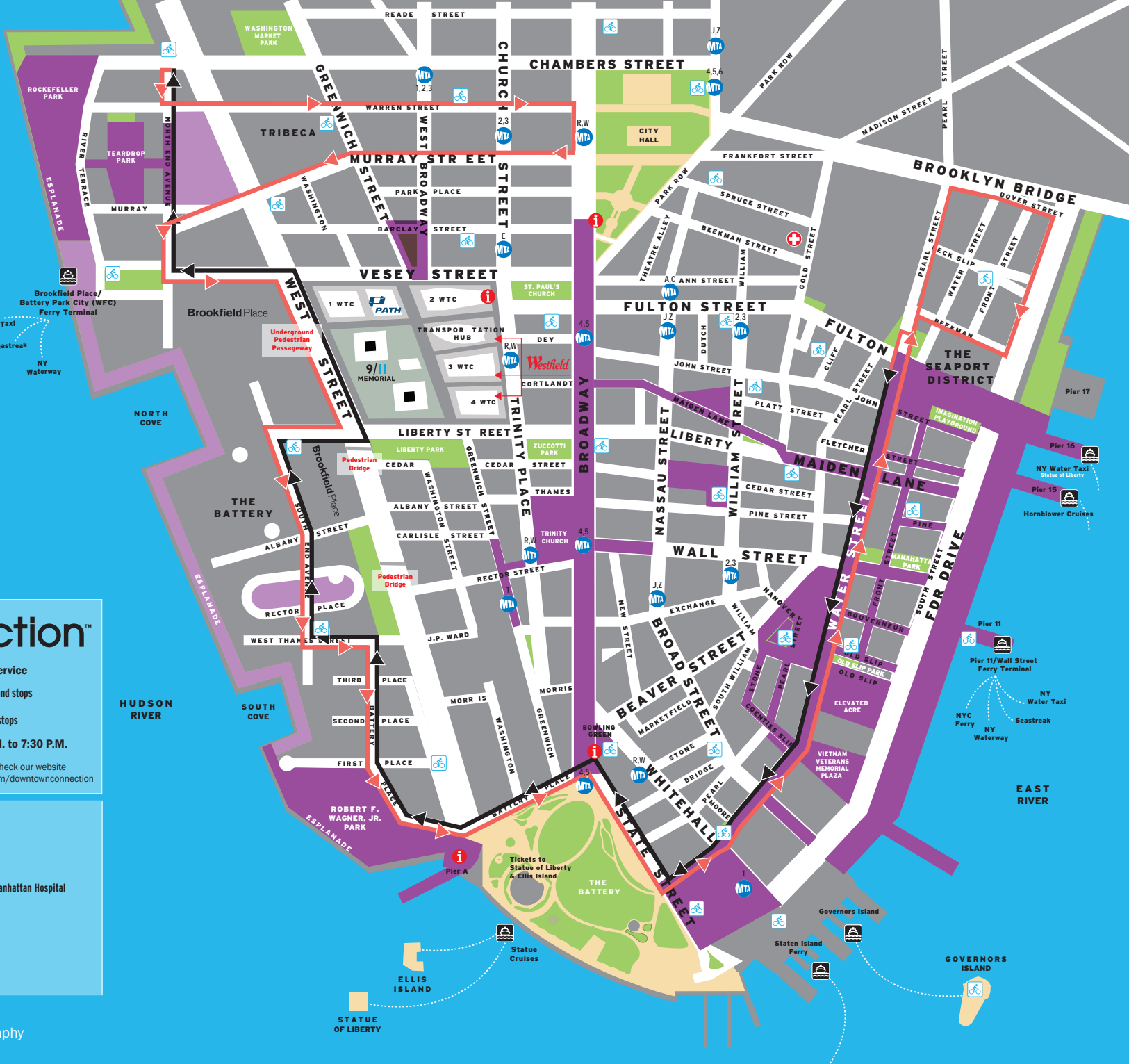
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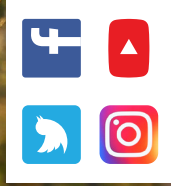
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