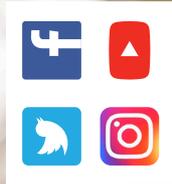


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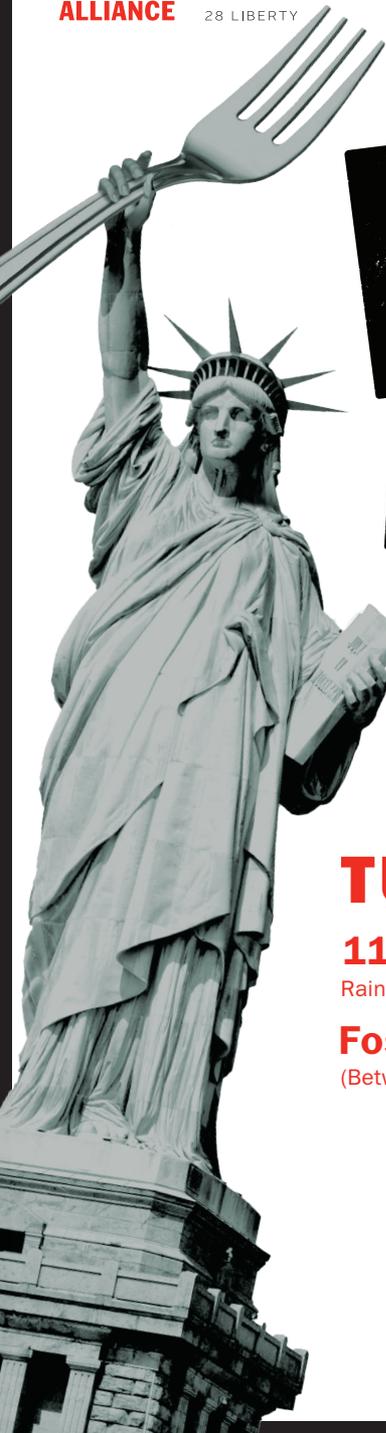
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR NEIGHBOR



There's nothing quite like spring in New York City. Winter's chill and gloom can zap the will of even the most stalwart cozy sweater enthusiasts, the false starts and stops having us all cursing that lousy 'Smarch weather by the time April rolls around. But when the first blooms start appearing and the heavy coats come off, the entire city is injected with a renewed sense of hope, purpose and necessary rebirth.

It's been invigorating to see Lower Manhattan come alive again after another difficult winter. Pedestrians are out on the sidewalks. Restaurants have wait lists. The lunch line at Pret a Manger stretches out the door. Our parks and public plazas are slowly but surely regaining their color.

With the weather warming, many office workers heading back to central business districts and the city rebounding after yet another Covid surge, now is a great time to aid Lower Manhattan in its post-pandemic recovery. The neighborhood is rife with shops, restaurants, bars, dry-cleaners etc. who've missed you over the last few years, and they're ready to welcome you back with open arms. We've got a few recommendations for you in this newsletter — consider it a preview of our print Shop Dine Guide, which will be out this spring after a yearlong absence.

In addition to the guide, the Alliance has a number of exciting programs coming up this spring, including a performing arts collaboration with En Garde Arts that kicks off in June. Dubbed "Downtown Stories," the project comprises two daily fictional walking tours that combine the area's rich history with imaginative storylines, as well as documentary theater pieces inspired by Lower Manhattan business owners.

Earlier this spring, we launched LM Live, a rebrand of the events we once held at our sister site LMHQ. They're offering an exciting slate of upcoming programming, which you can attend IN-PERSON in the coming months. And, in keeping with the improving weather, our Operations team has set up outdoor tables and chairs across the district for your enjoyment; dine outdoors on lunch from one of our local restaurants, and deposit your food waste in one of our compost bins, which have been responsible for collecting over 15,000 pounds of food waste since the compost program's launch this past winter.

And mark your calendars: the much-anticipated return of our longstanding Dine Around Downtown community food festival is coming to Fosun Plaza on June 7, featuring tasty samplings from dozens of neighborhood restaurants along with live music.

Enjoy the new blooms, take your allergy pills and stock up on sunscreen. Summer will be here before you know it.

Sincerely,

Jessica Lappin



WHAT'S UP DOWNTOWN

Where to Shop and Eat on Nassau Street

Nassau Street is a vibrant, winding ribbon of storefronts containing businesses old and new, spooling from the edge of Pace University's campus to the front door of the New York Stock Exchange. It's one of the last streets from the colonial era of Lower Manhattan with a name that still honors royalty. The name came from the House of Orange-Nassau in the Netherlands; while other streets named after queens and dukes were changed after the American revolution — Crown Street became Liberty Street, for example — Nassau remained unchanged.

Here's a rundown of some of the businesses you can find on the street, which run the gamut from fashion boutiques to grab-and-go haunts that serve up your breakfast sandwiches.

Removery

A tattoo removal service located on Nassau Street, which means this could finally be your time to remove that "No Ragrats" body art.

(2 Beekman Street)

Coiffeur NYC

This classy salon serves people of all genders, with a full menu of services available.

(140 Nassau Street)

Easy Wag

Nassau Street takes care of your furry friends, too, with this doggie daycare, boarding and grooming spot.

(124 Nassau Street)

The Beekman

The luxury Beekman hotel often finds itself on lists of the world's best hotels.

(123 Nassau Street)

Financial District Wine and Liquors

No busy street is complete without a liquor store, and this one has a huge selection, with a money saving loyalty program too.

(120 Nassau Street)

Nassau Bar

Through it all, this classic dive has survived, and remains one of Manhattan's last "bikini bars"; it still opens with Monday-to-Friday happy hours starting at 11 a.m., too.

(118 Nassau Street)

Blo Bar

A friendly-priced selection of blow outs and other hair treatments.

(105 Nassau Street)

Bonefade Barbers

A classy, retro barber shop that also sports one of the coolest logos in Lower Manhattan: a skull with a rockabilly mohawk.

(105 Nassau Street)

Vietspot

This locals' fave spot is great for a quick lunch of pho, banh mi and noodles.

(99 Nassau Street, Suite C)

Express Lane Pharmacy

A non-chain pharmacy worth your patronage, selling everything from CBD oil to COVID tests.

(99 Nassau Street)

Pisillo

The spot to go when you're craving a big hearty Italian hero, welcoming you with the window slogan: "To eat is a necessity, to eat well is an art."

(97 Nassau Street)

Designer Promise

With a big corner spot, the selection of off-price fashions here is huge.

(93 Nassau Street)

Joe's Pizza

The only location of the local chain in Lower Manhattan, with as reliable a slice as you can get.

(124 Fulton Street)

Nassau Fulton Optical

This local opticians and frames store has been in the neighborhood for 25 years.

(87 Nassau Street)

Meet in Place

"An island of calm amidst the fast-paced pulse of the district," Meet in Place provides conference rooms and work spaces for rent.

(87 Nassau Street)

Eye to Eye

Another spot to grab frames, exams and more, right on Nassau Street.

(80 Nassau Street)

Dabangg!

An Indian kitchen for dine-in or take-out with as much excitement on its menu as the exclamation point in its name, featuring lots of curries, sandwiches and more.

(80 Nassau Street)

Stamina Grill & Juice Bar

Find healthy wraps, Mexican food, breakfasts, juices and much more at this quick dine-in or take-out spot.

(80 Nassau Street)

De Janeiro

Dating back to 1979, De Janeiro specializes in “the best fashion values for the New York working woman.”

(78 Nassau Street)

Penguini

Suits, shirts and sweaters line the walls of this men’s fashion discount.

(78 Nassau Street)

D Elici

Find grab-and-go breakfasts and lunches at this small deli offering all-day egg sandwiches, soups, salads and sandwiches.

(71 Nassau Street)

2 Bros Pizza

2 Bros is the classic and quick slice purveyors that have fed generations of New Yorkers.

(72 Nassau Street)

Carmen's

A great budget pick downtown, newcomer Carmen's serves up classic Dominican fried chicken with your choice of sides, for a mere \$10.

(72 Nassau Street)

Sushi & Co.

Lots of ramen and sushi options here for day or night, with outdoor seating, too.

(67 Nassau Street)

22 Thai Cuisine

Classic and reliable Thai cuisine, great for a light lunch or a heartier dinner entree.

(59 Nassau Street)

Salon de Louie

A reliable spot for cuts, colors and hair products with seven years in the neighborhood.

(59 Nassau Street)

K & M Shoe Repair

When your shoes are scuffed but an important meeting is right around the corner, K & M has you covered in a convenient location.

(55 Nassau Street)

Raj's Indian Kitchen

Classic Indian cuisine for dine in or take out, open for both lunch and dinner.

(53 Nassau Street)

Swiss Precision Watchmaking

The experts here can repair any kind of watch, and you can always pop in for a free estimate.

(45 Nassau Street)

Composting, Shredding And More Ways To Contribute To Sustainability In Lower Manhattan



Though we should be constantly protecting the planet that keeps us alive, April 22 is our official Earth Day, giving us an even greater opportunity to reflect on how to make their lives more sustainable. Here at the Alliance, we've been hard at work finding ways to help Lower Manhattanites give back to the environment. Notably, our composting pilot program has been a big success in its first four months.

Since its launch, we've collected around 15,200 pounds of compostable waste — that's around the equivalent of a large male elephant! In addition to amassing all that poundage, the bins have been accessed more than 4500 times, and nearly 78% of our signed-up users have used the bins more than once.



We'd like to extend a big thank you to all our neighbors who have been making use of the bins; if you'd like to participate but don't know how to get started, we've got some instructions for you here.

April also saw the return of our popular dual shred-a-thon and electronics drop-off, which was held this year on Saturday, April 30. Lower Manhattan residents and workers headed to our parked truck on Fulton Street to securely dispose of and recycle their sensitive documents, tax receipts, junk mail and old bills, as well as old computers, monitors, cell phones and other electronic waste. It was a great success, and we look forward to returning again next year.

Where To Get Lunch By The Statue Of Liberty



Crown Cafe

Crown Cafe

The only food options on the island itself is a basic but crucially located cafe right next to the ferry terminal for burgers, pizza, panini, soups, coffee and kids meals.

The island has lots of outdoor seating to enjoy, too.

(Liberty Island)



Gigino

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This outpost of Tribeca's Gigino brings an upscale dining option to the park near the ferries to Liberty Island. You'll find a large selection of classic Italian dishes, including pastas, salads and soups.

(Wagner Park)



Bobo's Falafel

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This tasty food cart comes with all the classics: falafel, gyro, fries and more.

(737 Battery Place)



The View at the Battery

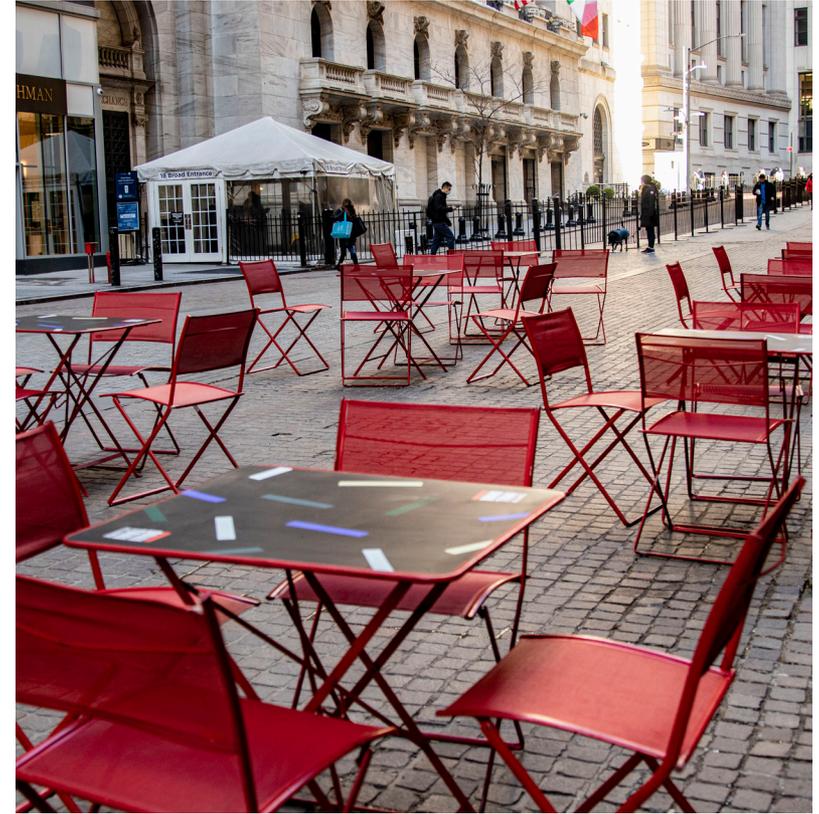
The View at the Battery

This upscale restaurant is right outside the park, and it's also one of our picks for the spots with the best places to dine with a view in Lower Manhattan.

It's set to finally reopen for a la carte service on March 23, with lunch hours too.

(1 Battery Place)

Soak Up Springtime At One Of The Downtown Alliance's Outdoor Tables



It's finally spring, which means flowers, light jackets, blooming trees and — most importantly! — leisurely outdoor lunches in Lower Manhattan. To aid you in your curbside dining adventures, the Downtown Alliance has installed tables and chairs at key spots throughout the neighborhood.

You can find Alliance seating at:

- Albany Plaza
- 15 Broad Street, at the corner of Broad and Exchange Place
- Coenties Slip
- along Gouverneur Lane at 77 Water Street

Remember that when you're done dining, you can dispose of your food waste at one of our handy compost bins — just be sure to download the app to your smartphone before you feast.



ALLIANCE UPDATES

Here at the Alliance, we're gearing up for an exciting rest of spring and summer. First and foremost, in June, we're launching a new collaboration with nonprofit theater group En Garde Arts. "Downtown Stories: Dreams from New York's Oldest Streets" is a month-long series of performances inspired by the people and places of Lower Manhattan. Events include a nightly documentary theater piece inspired by interviews with real Lower Manhattan business owners and two daily fictional walking tours that combine the area's rich history with imaginative storylines. Performances will run June 8-25 (Wednesdays through Saturdays), and advance tickets will be available May 4 at engardearts.org/downtown-stories/.

In March, we closed the doors at LMHQ, our collaborative sister site at 150 Broadway. But fans of LMHQ's incredible programming are in luck — though the physical site no longer exists, LMHQ's events live on as LM Live. A project of the Downtown Alliance, LM Live will feature the work of individuals and organizations who call Lower Manhattan home and will continue to produce the professional development content you've loved at LMHQ. We already held a heavily-attended Womens' Breakfast featuring

former mayoral candidate and current Director of State Operations for the state of New York Kathryn Garcia; upcoming events include The Neuroscience of Storytelling on May 10 and our upcoming May Women's Breakfast, which is focusing on sustainability.

Last but not least, we've got a new grant program to help small businesses in the neighborhood. Dubbed "Get Social," the free program matches businesses with social media consultants who'll use their skills and strategic insight to teach owners how to build an audience on a variety of platforms, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and TikTok. Depending on need, the consultants can also work with you to explore tertiary channels geared for local business, like Google My Business, Yelp and Tripadvisor. The Alliance is also providing each participating business with a \$1,500 grant to spend on advertising and content creation. Businesses were chosen at the end of April and consulting sessions last through July.

Dine Around Downtown



Mark your calendar!

Dine Around Downtown is back on Tuesday, June 7th! Join us on the plaza for food, fun and more at Lower Manhattan's premier tasting event.

Dine Around Downtown has been bringing the neighborhood's restaurateurs together for this annual lunchtime celebration since 1997. Sample signature menu dishes at a feast of Lower Manhattan restaurants for \$5 to \$9 all at one community food festival. Open to the public and admission is free.

For participating restaurants and menus, visit <https://downtownny.com/community-food-festival/>

We look forward to seeing you!



SPRING SNAPSHOT

Cyclists enjoy the beautifully-manicured grounds at Battery Park surrounding the Museum of Jewish Heritage.

DID YOU KNOW?...

Lower Manhattan is full of colorful flowers in the springtime, thanks to ADNY's landscaping team. This year's summer palette includes lime green coleus, lilac petunia, chartreuse sweet potato vine, and yellow marigold contrasted with periwinkle scaevola. Plus, you'll find thousands of spring tulips and summer geraniums around the Bowling Green fountain in ADNY's signature red!



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BACKPAGE INTERVIEW:



Five Questions with Playwright Rogelio Martinez

Award-winning playwright Rogelio Martinez's works have been workshopped and produced in theaters all over the world. And this spring, you can see his newest production as part of "Downtown Stories," the Alliance's upcoming collaboration with En Garde Arts. Directed by Johanna McKeon, the production is a documentary theater piece inspired by hours of interviews conducted with small business owners in Lower Manhattan, and will be staged at the historic John Street Methodist Church in June. We caught up with Rogelio to learn more about the project, and how the neighborhood provides artistic inspiration; for more on "Downtown Stories," including tickets, visit <https://www.engagearts.org/documentary-theatre-piece/>

What inspired you to get involved with this project?

I think it's because it's outside my comfort zone. It's a lot less of a traditional form and that kind of excites me and scares me. I think that if you're not scared, then you're not taking risks, and if you're not taking risks, you're not growing.

Did any businesses stick out to you as having particularly noteworthy stories?

Oh my god, did they. There were a couple that — there was one that I listened to, it was a two-hour interview. And after I listened to it, I thought, if we just took these two hours, it would be so compelling. It was breathtaking. We went through this person's life, and twists and turns, and you, know, he would back up in his

storytelling, he didn't say, "Let me back up a moment," he would just do it naturally. It felt like the essence of writing, which is that it shouldn't be Point A to Point B to Point C. It should move around a little bit and keep you on the edge. It was unpredictable. So yes, many stories were inspiring.

I think also the overall theme of survival, and another theme that has always appealed to me is reinvention. I would say that almost everybody that we interviewed went through some form of reinvention. There's nothing as thrilling as people who have to have a change of plans in life, and what they do with that change, and how they succeed when they make that change. When I pulled back and thought about the neighborhood, the neighborhood itself continues to

reinvent and redefine itself. And so, their stories somehow link with that world.

People might not immediately think telling the stories of small businesses help tell the story of a neighborhood, but in this case, did you see a connection between the resiliency of the neighborhood and the resiliency of the businesses?

We have huge events, the World Trade Center, we have the pandemic. We were working with these events and we're surviving. So Lower Manhattan, to me, New York works in an interesting way. It moves from Lower Manhattan up, and somehow swings back to Lower Manhattan. In that process, the neighborhood looks slightly different. And one of the more interesting discoveries was the place where we're doing the play, which is John Street Methodist Church. You can walk by it and miss it, but here stands the structure that hasn't changed in close to 200 years. There's a children's book called *The Little House*, I think, and it starts with the building of the little house and the neighborhood changes but the house stays the same while everything changes around it. In this case, the church has stayed and remained, and it's like an artifact from a different world. And that was inspiring. You have a sense of responsibility in telling the story because you have to remind people that this place has existed for a very long time.

What's your favorite thing about Lower Manhattan? What do you think makes the neighborhood so special?

The fact that the streets move in an unpredictable way. It's easy to get lost if you're not familiar with the neighborhood. That's the essence of drama, you're moving through a world and it should surprise you, and it should confuse you. You find your bearings when you look up and see where the World Trade Center once stood, and Fulton Street Market. That's one of the things I love about it. I don't know if that makes sense, but the streets move in ways that they don't move in other parts of New York.

Were there any businesses that you hadn't heard about before working on this project that you'd be interested in revisiting?

Quite a few. Going back to the gentleman who gave me the most amazing interview, he's the manager [at Mike's Barbershop] but also works in the salon. They do the full treatment, a haircut and wet shave. The art of the wet shave has been lost, so yes, I'm definitely going to go and do that. There's also Wattle Cafe, I really, really want to taste their food. [Owner Ana] talked about it so eloquently, she had real purpose with what she set out to do. Those are two examples, but there were many.