



GCA Golf Outing

Please RSVP as soon as possible for the **GCA Golf Outing** scheduled **on June 8th** at the **Westchester Country Club**. The date is quickly approaching and we need your responses to help us make this year's event a success. The annual Golf Outing is one of the most important GCA events and we would love to see all of you there!

NYC Executive Budget Released

Mayor Bloomberg released the fiscal year **2010 Executive Budget** and an updated four-year financial plan today. The plan includes a cumulative total of \$3.4 billion in agency gap closing actions, including \$324 million of new actions; using more than \$5 billion in surpluses saved from periods of economic growth; and revenue enhancements, including a proposed sales tax increase and a new consumer plastic bag fee. The plan also relies on a minimum of \$1.4 billion in combined savings and revenues generated by anticipated actions from the State and organized labor, including pension reform and health care cost reductions.

The City's 10-year capital construction plan will invest \$61.7 billion in City infrastructure projects. This includes a 27 percent reduction in spending on projects funded with **New York City General Obligation** and **New York City Transitional Finance Authority bonds**. Federal stimulus funds will allow actual capital spending to remain near current levels over the next two fiscal years. The **GCA** has argued that cutting the capital budget is shortsighted and will be testifying to this effect at the upcoming budget hearings. Capital funding creates jobs, generates tax revenues, and builds the infrastructure that allows for the next cycle of economic growth and recovery. According to a recent analysis by the **New York Building Congress**, the reductions to the capital budget will result in a loss of 30,000 construction jobs, while generating only \$27 million in cash savings. At the same time, the jobs created by investment will generate at least as much in tax revenues. Cutting the capital budget now is shortsighted and the GCA will be advocating for no reduction in the capital program.

NYCDOT Street Management Plan

NYCDOT kicked off a project called the **Comprehensive Street Management Plan** in December 2007. The plan is an effort aimed at developing a comprehensive strategy for coordinating street work by the NYCDOT and among public agencies, utilities, property owners/developers, and contractors. The goal is to improve communication between these groups so street work is easier, quicker, and more efficient. To accomplish the goal NYC DOT is evaluating the best practices for Asset Management, Pavement Management, and the Capital Program Process along with other strategies.

The **GCA** met with NYCDOT and its consultant on April 15th to discuss the project. A follow up meeting was held with GCA members on April 28th to review member issues and concerns with street work, construction, utility coordination, permits and the HIQA process.



We would like to hear from more of you and ask all our members to please contact **Casey Morgan** at cmorgan@gcany.net or call 212-687-3131 with any further input on street management.

Safety News



Staff from the **Crisdel Group** celebrates the **GCA Safety Day** on April 23rd at their jobsite at the **Port Authority Bus Terminal**. The workers are installing over 400 security bollards around the station, while relocating a 12" water main. The focus of their toolbox speech reiterated the importance of safety when it comes to cranes and overhead wires.

Concrete Safety Manager Certification Course

A **NYC DOB** approved **Concrete Safety Manager** 30-hour certification course will be held at the **GCA** from **May 26th–May 29th** from 8am-4 pm. Beginning **July 1, 2009**, all jobsites that will have at least 2,000 cubic yards of concrete poured on any job where a building permit is required, must have a Concrete Safety Manager on site that has registered with the City. To become a certified Concrete Safety Manager, you must complete this course and have at least 5 years experience in concrete operations.

The cost for the course is \$425 per person. Checks should be made payable to the GCA and sent to the GCA at least 10 days prior to the training. Please RSVP to **John Murray** at jmurray@gcany.net by May 8th as we must have 20 people registered to offer this class.

Safety Committee Meeting

The next **Safety Committee Meeting** is scheduled for **May 12th** at 10:00 a.m at **Club 101**. Members of the **Secure Worker Access Consortium (S.W.A.C)** will be presenting information for companies and employees on: what they do in conjunction with the Port Authority; who needs to have S.W.A.C credentials for Port Authority jobs; and information on how to obtain S.W.A.C credentials.