



## Pentagon Memorial Opens on Anniversary

The Pentagon Memorial will be dedicated this September 11<sup>th</sup>. The design features 184 stainless steel benches, with a name of each of the victims.

The benches are oriented outward or inward to the Pentagon, depending on whether the victim was on the plane or inside the building. Each bench will feature a lighted pool beneath it, and a grove of trees will cover the site -- permitting contemplation at any of the benches. The dedication plaque reads: *We claim this ground in remembrance of September 11, 2001. To honor the 184 people whose lives were lost, their families, and all who sacrifice that we may live in freedom. We will never forget.*

## September 11, 2008 Anniversary Commemorations

**Washington D.C.** The Pentagon and Flight 77 Memorial dedication for family members and injured survivors will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am (please arrive at 6:00 am). The Washington National Cathedral will remember victims and their families during the noon service.

**Shanksville, PA** On September 10<sup>th</sup>, the Somerset Alliance Church will hold a service to honor the victims of Flight 93. On the morning of September 11<sup>th</sup> the ceremony will be held at the temporary memorial site to commemorate the anniversary. The theme of this year's anniversary is "*Their courage, our commitment*". For more info: [www.honorflight93.org](http://www.honorflight93.org)

**Tribute Center** On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Tribute Center will be open for family members from 9am - 6pm. Liberty Street will be in the restricted zone between Zuccotti Park and the entrance to the WTC site. If your family member is not yet remembered in the Tribute Gallery, and you would like to submit a photo (up to 8"x10"), submission forms will be available at the Center.



**World Trade Center** The anniversary ceremony will be held in Zucotti Park across from the World Trade Center site on Liberty Street between Broadway and Church Street. Access will be at Cortlandt and Church Street, with either your OCME Family ID card, your P or T number or the official 2008 invitation letter from the City of New York. This year the names will be read by family members together with international students, who represent the 91 countries that lost people in the attacks.

Family members will be able to descend the ramp to the tower footprints. The ceremony will pause at four moments to mark the times each plane hit the towers and the times when the towers fell. The first moment of silence will be at 8:46 am and houses of worship are encouraged to toll their bells at that time. The ceremonies will conclude around noon. The Tribute in Light will return at sunset on September 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please contact 212-442-8953 or [www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov).

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## RESOURCE CORNER

### Mental Health and Substance Abuse

1-800-LIFENET

Free & Multilingual. Available 24/7. Mental health professionals help find mental health and substance abuse services.

<http://www.mhaofnyc.org>  
(click on LifeNet)

### 9/11 Service Guide

List of non-profit agencies with services for those affected by September 11<sup>th</sup>.

[www.redcross.org/september11/help](http://www.redcross.org/september11/help)  
(under Resources click 9/11 guide)

### American Psychological Assoc.

1-800-374-2721

Offers information on everything from managing traumatic stress to coping with terrorism

[www.apa.org/topics/topictrauma.html](http://www.apa.org/topics/topictrauma.html)

### Faithful Response

516-679-0080

Free, faith-based mental health programs for Long Island residents.

[www.faithfulresponse.org](http://www.faithfulresponse.org)

### St. Vincent's Health Center

212-346-2582

Free, mental health counseling, healing services and stress management.

### Columbia University & NY State Psychiatric Insitute

212-543-5367

Does the grief over the death of a loved one on September 11<sup>th</sup> still interfere with your life?

Free treatment for those eligible.

### NYC DOHMH Benefit Program

1-877- 737-1164

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) is offering an insurance-like benefit to help cover mental health and substance use treatment for New York City residents affected by September 11<sup>th</sup>.

[www.nyc.gov/9-11mentalhealth](http://www.nyc.gov/9-11mentalhealth)

## Rebuilding the World Trade Center Memorial Deadline Keeps Stakeholders Focus



The rebuilding of the WTC site is one of the largest building projects in the world. The Port Authority is overseeing development and building of the Memorial and Museum, the Freedom Tower, and the Caltrava transit station. Silverstein Properties, which has already rebuilt WTC 7, is also developing Towers 2, 3 & 4. Below ground, the new site will connect the World Financial Center to the NJ PATH Station and to thirteen subway lines. In addition to rebuilding 10 million square feet of office space, the new complex will include restaurants, retail shopping and a performing arts center.

It recently came to light that timelines and cost escalations are plaguing development, along with the lagging economy. All parties have acknowledged that the Memorial will be the heart of the complex and that it should be insulated in a contemplative and reflective space. Christopher Ward, Executive Director of the Port Authority of NY and NJ, stated despite the challenges, "As the agency that built the World Trade Center and lost so many of our own colleagues on 9/11, we have been and remain extremely committed to the Memorial. What we've said very clearly is that we are committed to having the memorial publicly available by the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Beyond that, we are working as

hard as we can to advance the Memorial as quickly as possible and resolve all of the issues surrounding its design, construction, costs and fit with the rest of the site."

Pillars of the Freedom Tower have recently surfaced above street level. Infrastructure for the Freedom Tower, WTC complex, and the transit connections all surround and are incorporated below the Memorial complex. In a recent statement, Joe Daniels, CEO of the Memorial Foundation, reiterated the importance of the Memorial opening on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary for families and the public. "We have heard from a broad range of stakeholders – including victims' family members, the Memorial & Museum's Board of Directors and the Lower Manhattan community – that it is imperative that there is a full public opening of the Memorial by September 11, 2011. As stewards of this historic project, we believe that it is both possible and essential that the Memorial be open permanently to the public by the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attacks. We are actively engaged in the Port Authority's steering committee that is evaluating the project schedule and are advocating for the appropriate decisions to be made so that the Memorial remains on schedule to be open to families and visitors in 2011."

# Getting Back to Business - New Exhibit



In early September, the Tribute Center will open another new exhibition. For the next six months, the exhibit "Getting Back to Business" will explore the loss and the challenges of Lower Manhattan businesses.

Entering the gallery, a streetscape will guide you along reflections of local business people; how they were affected personally and how companies are working to rebuild the community. The exhibition intimately shares remembrances of colleagues, family and customers who died. From executives of international corporations to small retail shop employees, a variety of perspectives are woven together, illustrating the challenges and strength that is shaping Lower Manhattan. Authentic recovered objects such as a rolodex of business cards from the local locksmith in WTC 5, recovered desk items and a piece of marble from the World Financial Center together generate an enhanced understanding of the monumental loss, challenges and rebuilding.

Green technologies incorporated in building the new World Trade Center are highlighted. The new complex will be the largest concentration of sustainable green construction in the nation.

The current changing exhibit "Inside the Fence" will be displayed at the New York State Museum in late August. If you missed this great exhibit, you will be able to see it online: [www.tributewtc.org](http://www.tributewtc.org) in September! Our staff is working to create an online educational archive for students and historians to reference each of the Tribute Center exhibitions.

*"At windows on the World we used to speak every language...People immigrated to this country to be happy, to be far from civil wars in their countries...I lost 73 of my 'brothers' and 'sisters'."*

Fekkah Mamdouh,  
Head Waiter, Windows on the World



*"Along with the unimaginable grief, we faced the immediate challenge of operating our businesses when our Liberty street building was destroyed. But we did not waver from making Wall Street our new home. We helped to deliver a key message that good neighbors working side by side would make sure that Lower Manhattan would endure as the clear financial capital of the world."*

Seth Waugh, CEO, Deutsche Bank America



*"It was hard for me to come back after 9/11 to see all this emptiness. I missed a lot of friends who I knew for 30 years. Now we serve mostly*

*construction workers and tourists. Business-wise we're not back to where we were before 9/11."*

Elio Garcia, Co-owner, Essex World Café

## Volunteering in Memoriam at the Tribute Center

FF Robert Beddia

Bernard C. Brown III

FF George Cain

Sgt. John Coughlin

FF Michael D'Auria

Nancy Diaz

Dana Falkenberg

RADM Bud Flagg

Lt. Ronnie Gies

Lt. Joseph Graffagnino

Andrea L. Haberman

Brady Howell

FF Jonathan Ielpi

Ralph Licciardi

Sean Lugano

Hilda Marcin

Lt. Pete Martin

P.O. Walter A. McNeil

FF Bob McPadden

FF Henry Miller

Nicole Miller

FF Michael Mullan

Larry Nedell

FF Dennis O'Berg

FF Kevin O. Reilly

Joseph O. Pick

FF Lincoln Quappe

Rick Rescorla

FF Bruce Van Hine

Patrick J. Woods

Tribute Newsletters online:

[www.](http://www.911families.org/newsletters.html)

[911families.org/newsletters.html](http://www.911families.org/newsletters.html)

**NYCOSH  
Workers Comp.  
Registration  
extended to  
September 11,  
2010**

[www.nycosh.org](http://www.nycosh.org)

1-866-WTC-2556

## Dates to Remember

**London 5K Peace Run/Walk**  
Saturday, September 20, 2008  
Victoria Park, Tower Hamlets, London  
[www.weekofpeace.org.uk/resources/peace\\_run\\_2008\\_v4.pdf](http://www.weekofpeace.org.uk/resources/peace_run_2008_v4.pdf)

**Colleen M. Supinski 5-K Run/Walk**  
Sunday, September 21, 2008  
Notre Dame High School, Easton PA  
[www.cmsfoundation.net](http://www.cmsfoundation.net)

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Nicky Brandemarti Golf Tournament/Freedom Walk**  
Friday, September 26, 2008  
River Winds Golf Club, W. Deptford, NJ  
John Montague: 856-853-0472  
[www.nickyb44.com/index.htm](http://www.nickyb44.com/index.htm)

**The Firefighter Stephen Siller - Tunnel to Towers Run/Walk**  
Sunday, September 28, 2008  
From Brooklyn through the Battery Tunnel  
718-987-1931  
[www.tunneltotowersrun.org](http://www.tunneltotowersrun.org)

To learn more about these and other events visit:  
[www.911families.org/events.html](http://www.911families.org/events.html)

### PENTAGON & FLIGHT 77 MEMORIAL

100 Boundary Channel Drive  
703-693-8935  
<http://memorial.pentagon.mil>

### MEMORIAL PARK, NYC

520 First Avenue at 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
With Family ID Card  
212-447-7884

### FAMILY HOUSE AT THE WTC

Gate 7, Liberty Street  
between Greenwich & West Street  
With Family ID Card  
*Open 9am - 6pm daily*

### FAMILY ROOM AT THE WTC

One Liberty Plaza  
Broadway & Church Street, Floor 20  
With Family ID Card  
*Open 24 hours*

If you need a Family ID Card, contact the Medical Examiner's office: 212-447-4394

Save The Date!

## PERFORMING TRIBUTE

**Ordinary People,  
Remarkable Stories**

October 20 & 21, 2008

6:30 Reception

7:30 Performance

Tribeca Performing Arts Center  
199 Chambers Street, NYC

For Tickets & Sponsorship  
contact Josie Chiles:  
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