

Town & Village

Christine Quinn to speak at Flatiron BID event

Christine C. Quinn, Speaker of the New York City Council, will be the featured speaker at the next speaker Series event hosted by the Flatiron/23rd Street Partnership and TD Bank. It will be on Thursday, May 21, at the TD Bank branch at 260 Park Avenue South, at 21st Street, from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. A complimentary breakfast will be served.

Quinn will discuss the

Council's proposals to support the more than 220,000 small businesses in New York City.

Her talk, entitled "Open for Business," is expected to focus on a variety of proposed solutions to common problems. They range from streamlining application forms for permits and licenses to a one-time, 12-month waiver of licensing and permit fees for new businesses to a new amnesty program for businesses that owe

finances to the Environmental Control Board and the Department of Finance. To reserve a place, either e-mail events@flatironbid.org or call (212) 741-2323.

The next event in the Speaker Series takes place on June 10, when Borough President Scott M. Stringer will be the guest speaker. That will also be at the TD Bank branch on Park Avenue South, starting at 8:30 a.m.

city Department of Health to have the most up-to-date recommendations, Koll said. Communications are now on a day-to-day basis. Koll said he could not predict how the "swine flu" would play out but offered the Spanish flu outbreak of 1918 as an example. "Influenza usually comes in waves. We may be at the end of the first wave and if the second wave hits, it may come in September and October."

"All we can do is keep alert and prepared," Koll added.