News in Brief

Legislative Update

The Landmarks Preservation Commission this week completed the required two-thirds support of legislation sponsored by the Manhattan Borough President. Passed by both the City Council and the New York City Planning Commission to ensure the preservation and protection of landmarks and historic districts from inappropriate alterations.

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Friends Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony

Frances Horsch, 2005–2007 for the impeccable work restoring the seventh landmark, the Seventh Regiment Armory. The Seventh Regiment Armory is a National Historic Landmark and a world-class cultural institution.

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Friends to Honor Louis Auricchio

Tuesday, September 25, 2007, 6:30 p.m., The Colony Club

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