

Gotham Gazette - Media Giraffe Profile

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About

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Gotham Gazette is a Web site about the issues facing New York City published each weekday by the Citizens Union Foundation of the City of New York, the non-profit research and education affiliate of a good-government group that dates back to 1897. Gotham Gazette was created through a grant from the Charles Revson Foundation and receives support from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Independence Community Foundation, Surdna Foundation, the Altman Foundation, the New York Times Foundation and the Robert Sterling Clark Foundation. It functions as four publications in one -- a daily digest of news about New York City; a news operation in itself; a policy magazine; and a reference tool for students and serious researchers alike.

Gotham Gazette as a whole attempts to explain all the most important issues facing New York and New Yorkers. But we also have subsites with more specific focus. City Government (formerly Searchlight) is a guide to New York City government and politics. Immigrants (also called The Citizen) is a selection of articles from New York's immigrant/ethnic press, translated into English from some three dozen languages. Our Community Gazettes (also called Community) are a pioneering effort at covering every community in the city, with your help. Continuing a tradition we began in 2001, this year, we also offer Campaign 2005, comprehensive coverage of the local races.

Gotham Gazette has won many awards, including an Online Journalism Award for General Excellence, given by the Online News Association; the Innovator Award from the Pew Center for Civic Journalism; the Journalism Award from the New York chapter of the American Planning Association; a "Best of Reference" designation as one of the 25 most useful reference resources by the New York Public Library.

Under the terms of its proposal, Citizens Union Foundation promised to " ... organize and edit a new website that would provide one-stop shopping for persons interested in the public policies and civic life of New York City. The new website would accommodate a broad audience, from serious scholars and researchers to breakfast readers looking for a lively digest of news and commentary. The site would be non-ideological and non-partisan. It would involve and highlight leading community groups, civic associations, and educational

institutions. Contributors from those organizations would be prominently featured. The website would be easy to use, enjoyable to read, fun to look at."

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