

# West 104th Street

BLOCK ASSOCIATION

November 2, 2001

NEWSLETTER

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## A Splendid Party with Super People

**W**e had another successful Yard Sale on Sunday, October 7. Even though the party had been postponed from its original September 15 date, the street was full of vendors selling all manner of material. One new vendor from the block told me she was delightfully surprised by how much fun it was to be on the street meeting people and selling.

A major reason the Yard Sale was a success is because of the efforts of the block association board and block residents who volunteered that most precious of commodities—time—prior to and the day of the Yard Sale. Board members planned months in advance to ensure a smooth operation and a fun time. Thank you: Ned, Sid, Alex, Mimi, Sheila, Barbara, John, Michael, Hanna, Marsha, Estelle, and Nancy.

Thank you to the block bakers whose goodies were sold by our youngest volunteer, Stephanie Apolo (905 West End). An enthusiastic group of block residents spent the day selling books, cooking burgers and hot dogs, brewing coffee, explaining the silent auction, and selling home-baked goods. Oh, and they spent the day battling winds from the river. Thank all these stalwart souls when you see them:

Mike Leonard, Lani Sanjek, Aaron Murray, Roger Sanjek, Nathan Gross, Kathy Kearns, Ann Shepherd, Lyn Max, Steve Max, Andrew Lippa, Marsha Ra, Missy Cohen, Tim Taylor, Gary Waskow, Gil Tauber, Tara Watson, Stephanie Apolo, Adam Watson, Ann Gross, Annette Sheldon, Nancy Lager, William Deegan, Gwen Pier, Miriam Duhan, Milton Apolo, Bob Ledogar, Elly Ledogar, Dru Heidle, Victor Portelli, Jorge Apolo, and Joseph D'Arcy.

See you at next year's Yard Sale!

*Teresa Elwert, president*

### A Banner Book Sale

Thank you very much, all of you who emptied your bookshelves and contributed toward the tremendously successful book table. Your generosity led to our raising \$2200—well more than twice last year's total. The block association has given the money to the New York Times 9/11 Neediest Cases Fund. Roger Sanjek (320 RSD) donated a large collection of books on the social sciences which were sold to New School University and Labyrinth Books for \$380.

A very special thanks to Nathan Gross who found buyers for the leftover books (including selling them at the corner of Riverside Dr.!) weeks after the Yard Sale. His efforts contributed \$600 to the total.

### Election Results

Your Block Association Board has been re-elected for the term ending Fall, 2003. Please support them by attending block activities, paying your dues, and volunteering whenever you can.

### Hail and Farewell

Charles McKinney leaves his position of Administrator of NYC Parks and Recreation Nov. 1 after 20 years of service. He has worked diligently and fervently to improve Riverside Park, and we thank our good neighbor for all his service and support.

### NYC Firemen's Memorial

The landmark Firemen's Memorial at RSD and 100<sup>th</sup> St., dedicated in 1913, has seen annual ceremonies honoring the families of firefighters who have died in the line of duty. Since Sept. 11 the Memorial has been the site of flowers, candles, stuffed animals honoring those who died that day and since. This year's ceremony, normally scheduled in October, will be held in November, and likely moved to a different location. Instead of hundreds who usually attend, the city expects thousands.

## Neighborhood Services for Hire

**Neighborhood Services for Hire** are listings of personal services offered by block residents (free listing) and by off-block residents (must be recommended by a block resident and pay \$25 annual fee). Submit your listing by providing the information below and mailing or hand-delivering it to Teresa Elwert, 320 Riverside Dr., #9D.

*For our records:* your name and mailing address

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Margo, block resident

212 864 1290; [mcollins1@nyc.rr.com](mailto:mcollins1@nyc.rr.com)

**Jack of all Trades.** General housekeeping, heavy cleaning, maintenance/repair projects (painting, refinishing); rooms, apartments, offices, yards. 10+ years experience; references upon request.

Jack Price, resident of 315 Riverside

646 698 2995; [jackerby507@aol.com](mailto:jackerby507@aol.com)

**Cat Cottage/Cat Calls.** Cat sitter: feed, give medication, scoop out pan, Jeanne Adlon, recommended by block resident

212 734 6866

**Baby sitting** in the evenings or day time hours; \$10 per hour.

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## Calendar of Selected Events

- 11/8** **Citizen Kane**, with Orson Wells (1941) Bloomingdale Library Film Series, 2 pm. 150 W. 100 St. Call 212.222.8030 for more information.
- 11/8** **Morning's at Seven**, by Paul Osborn, with Dev Rogers (905 WEA), presented by the St. Bart's Players, 50<sup>th</sup> St. and Park Ave. Performances are 11/8-11 and 11/15-18. Tickets \$19 and \$17(seniors/students). Call 212.378.0219 for reservations.
- 11/11** **Azure Ensemble**, with Susan Glaser, Artistic Director, performs traditional and new compositions. Riverside Church Christ Chapel. 3 pm. Free. Call 212.870.6722 for more information.
- 11/15** **Magnificent Andersons**, (1989) Bloomingdale Library Film Series, 150 W. 100 St., 2 pm. Series continues Thursdays at 2 pm through Dec. 27 with such movies as Do the Right Thing, Persona, Wild Strawberries, Pinky and Streetcar Named Desire. Call 212.222.8030 for more information.
- 11/15** **Barnard Dance**, with works of five choreographers. Columbia Miller Theater, 8 pm. Program repeats on 11/16 and 11/17. Tickets \$10. Call 212.854.7799 for more information.
- 11/30** **A Season of Praise; Beyond Bach and Byrd**, the New Amsterdam Singers perform Bach, Byrd, Purcell, Biggs, Rutti, Lauridsen and Penderecki at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, CPW at 65<sup>th</sup> St., 8 pm. Program repeats on 12/2 at 4 pm. Tickets are \$18. Call 212.568.5948 for more information.

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## JOB SKILLS PROGRAM

*By Sheila Garden*

Dianne Sobett has been appointed specialist of the Job Skills Program at the Volunteers of America Regent Residence for the Homeless at 104<sup>th</sup> and Broadway. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and a former Counselor at the Jewish Guild for the Blind.

The work skills program helps residents find employment or education for training, teaches resume writing, how to interview for work and other practical subjects. There is a full computer laboratory with ample donated equipment.

According to Edmund Boletta, Associate Program Director of the Regent, the project has linkages with outside organizations and job training agencies. Approximately 85 residents have been involved. Helping people "get on their feet", instilling confidence is consonant with the Regent's overall philosophy and rehabilitative goal of transitional living at the Regent—en route to independent, productive outside living.

Mr. Boletta projected the plan of linkage with *Ben & Jerry's* future habitation at one of the empty storefronts at Broadway and 104<sup>th</sup>. The next-door facility is slated for a *Hot and Crusty*.

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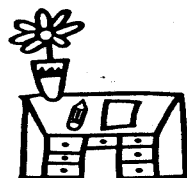
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104<sup>th</sup> St. Block Association Yard Sale IV, Oct. 7, 2001  
Preliminary Report as of Oct. 25, 2001

### September 2001 Treasurer's Report *by Sid Herzfeld*

OPENING BALANCE: 9/01/2001		\$ 11,085.73
INCOME:		
Dues:	495.00	
Yard Sale IV space leases	750.00	
Newsletter Ad	85.00	
Off-block contribution	25.00	
TOTAL INCOME:	\$1,355.00	+\$1,355.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Guard Service	2,013.00	
Tips to Guards	170.00	
Newsletter production	230.	
Yard Sale IV - refunds	180.00	
Money to make change	320.00	
Bank Fee	15.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	2,928.00	-2,928.00
CLOSING BALANCE: 9/30/2001		\$ 9,512.73

INCOME		
Space Leases (net)	\$3,250.00	
Book Sales	2,200.00	
Food Sales	993.00	
Silent Auction	950.00	
Baked Goods	461.00	
Beverages	173.00	
T-Shirts & Misc.	146.00	
Breakfast	113.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,286.00	+\$8,286.00
EXPENSES		
Book money to 9/11 Fund	2,200.00	
Music Instr. Rental	586.31	
Posters & Publicity	442.53	
Food Purchases	373.11	
Port-o-San	167.79	
Beverages	130.22	
Misc.	130.00	
Permits	61.65	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,073.61	-\$4,073.61
NET PROCEEDS TO BLOCK ASSN.		\$4,212.00

## Rosenberg Exhibit at Historical Society

Neighbor Kathleen Hulser has curated *The Rosenbergs Reconsidered: The Death Penalty in the Cold War Era* currently on view at the New-York Historical Society. The exhibit draws on New York Times journalist Sam Roberts' long-awaited book *The Brother: The Untold Story of Atomic Spy David Greenglass and How He Sent His Sister, Ethel Rosenberg, to the Electric Chair* (Random House, October 2001), about New Yorkers Julius and Ethel Rosenberg executed in 1953 for conspiracy to aid the Soviet Union. Roberts is the first author to extensively interview Ethel's surviving brother David Greenglass, who was intimately involved in the transfer of secrets.

Saturday, November 17, at 11:00 a.m., Kathleen will guide block residents through the exhibit, which includes original evidence presented at the Rosenbergs' trial and other Cold War-era artifacts. The cost of the tour is \$5 (\$3 seniors/students), which is the price of admission to the museum. The museum is located at 2 West 77<sup>th</sup> St. The exhibit closes January 6.

### Also on view...

Two original 37-foot-long drawings by Matteo Pericoli of the west and east sides of Manhattan are on exhibit at the New-York Historical Society through January 6. Matteo, who was born and raised in Italy and now lives on West 102nd St., began working on the pieces in 1998 after taking a Circle Line boat tour around the island of Manhattan. Two and a half years and 890 inches later, the two drawings have been published by Random House in an accordion-format book, titled *Manhattan Unfurled*, with an essay by Paul Goldberger.

## November Tour of Riverside Park

On Saturday, Nov. 10, Gil Tauber repeats his tour of Riverside Park and its landmarks, the drive and its neighboring buildings. Besides being our neighbor, Gil, who lives in 320 RSD, is an urban planner and author, whose depth of knowledge of the city is awesome. The two and a half hour tour starts at 1:00 p.m. at 104th St. in the park. The fee is \$12 for adults; \$7 for seniors, students, and children 12 & under. Proceeds benefit the block association. The rain date is November 11. Reservations and information: 212 866 4260.

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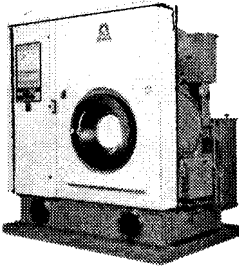
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