

West 104th Street

BLOCK ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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Ben and Jerry's "Scoop Shop" Comes to Broadway

By Estelle Kattelson

We anticipate eagerly the arrival of a local Ben & Jerry's at the northeast corner of 104th and Broadway. One of Ben & Jerry's main avenues for social do-gooding is to donate their franchises – "Partner Shops" – to non-profit organizations. In this case Common Ground, the recipient, will use it for job training and employment for disadvantaged housing tenants. The proceeds are plowed back into the business. The space on the northern end will be rented by a Hot & Crusty satellite. It is not clear if they will participate in the training and employment of Regent people.

Common Ground Community is a visionary award-winning, not-for-profit developer and manager of affordable housing that specializes in finding, renovating and restoring historic buildings for their disadvantaged, formerly homeless clients. Roseanne Haggerty, the Founder and Executive Director, won the prestigious MacArthur Genius Award last year.

The Regent was designed by Carrere & Hastings, better known for the design of the 42nd Street New York Public Library. Regent, a lesser work, is not a NYC landmark. It was built in 1922 with classical cast iron storefronts. These retail spaces have been reworked a number of times. Much of the original cast iron was destroyed to install a modernist coffee shop in 1948. Subsequent changes left a 1948 glass mosaic mural on the corner column. There will be mosaic glass tile which wraps around 104th street and inside as well.

Elizabeth Newman, the architect on the project, is a graduate of Princeton School of Architecture, with a Masters in Historic Preservation from Columbia.

The Municipal Art Society was approached to fund the restoration of the 1948 mosaic, which will be in the B&J part of the new stores, incorporated into a more contemporary cladding that will harmonize with the building, without trying to imitate the original. Classical cast iron pilasters, which are coverings on the columns, and overhead cornices on the outside of the first floor exterior will decorate the Hot & Crusty shop.

The project is very complex since the stores were left vacant for a long time. The contractors had to do demolition work first in order to remove layers of retail stores to get to the original structure. In the demolition process they exposed a number of structural and fire-proofing problems. Since last April they've worked at identifying and finding solutions. Repairs are underway and should be completed by mid-December. Then the actual building of the stores will begin, and should be open by the spring of 2003 – in time for the new ice cream season.

Holiday Sing on December 17

Sing your holiday heart out on Tuesday, December 17! Come to the lobby of 905 West End at 7:00. We'll do a little vocal warm-up and then take our jingle bells and voices out on to the street. We'll sing at the holiday parties of 320 Riverside Dr. You'll love singing in their grand, marble-lined lobby!

Change in Christmas tree recycling

The Department of Sanitation will not be recycling Christmas trees this year. Instead they'll mix the trees – 2,000 tons of them – in with the trash and send them to landfills. BUT – you can still recycle your tree! The Riverside Park Fund will chip your tree on January 4, 5, or 11 if you drag it to 104th St. and the drive prior to those dates. Recycled trees make much-needed mulch for our park gardens. Thanks for doing your part to reduce, re-use, and recycle.

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Gifts from Residents

Here are some very special holiday gifts to add to your gift-giving lists. Most of them are created by block residents.

Resident: Ned Barnard (895 WEA)

Gift: New York City Trees: A Field Guide for the Metropolitan Area.

Tops on our list is Ned's full-color valentine to those majestic giants of green. A terrific gift for nature lovers.

Where to buy: Autographed copy from the block association: call Teresa, 212 866 4260. Online and local bookstores.

Resident: Harvey Hornstein (320 RSD)

Gift: The Haves and the Have Nots: The Abuse of Power and Privilege in the Workplace...and How to Control It, published by Financial Times Prentice Hall this autumn.

Where to buy: Online and local bookstores

Resident: Angela Wigan (905 WEA)

Gift: A Short and Remarkable History of New York Perfect for young readers. Written with Jane Mushabac.

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Resident: Fuoad Ajami (315 RSD) *Gift:* Fouad, the director of Middle East Studies at Johns Hopkins of Advanced International Studies, has written these four books: • The Dream Palace of the Arabs: A Generation's Odyssey • Beirut: City of Regrets • The Vanished Imam: Musa Al Sadr and the Shia of Lebanon • The Arab Predicament: Arab Political Thought and Practice Since 1967 *Where to buy:* On line and local bookstores

Resident: Bob Ost (309 W 104)

Gift: Bob is a playwright, composer, and lyricist. He has two CD's: Everybody's Getting into the Act and A Special Place: Songs from the Heart

Where to buy: Bob's web site (WWW.bobost.com) has ordering instructions

Resident: Wells Jenkins (905 WEA)

Gift: Wells-Ware is personalized jewelry made from your family photos and other memorabilia

Where to buy: Vanderbilt Hall at Grand Central Station

www.wellsware.com

Resident: Jodi Cohen (322 W 104)

Gift: Acrylic paintings: neo-primitive a la mode futuristic American folk art with a dash of pop and a pronounced surreal twist

Where to buy: phone: 212 749 8395

Resident: Matteo Pericoli (West 102nd St.)

Gift: Manhattan Unfurled Open this book one way and unfurl the west side of Manhattan, all 242 feet of it! Open the other way and travel up the east side in glorious black and white pen and ink. Paul Goldberger wrote an accompanying essay.

Where to buy: online and local bookstores

Resident: El Taller Latino Americano (Bdwy and 104th St)

Gift: Spanish lessons, extra-special unusual gifts

Where to buy: Phone 212 665 9460

Resident: Susy Schwartz (Brooklyn0)

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12/13-1/3 Model Train Exhibit at the Atrium in the Citigroup Center, 153 E 53.

Model railroad with over 100 authentic train cars journeys through old-time New York. Animated scenes with drive-in movies, carnivals, a skating dog, are just part of the action. 10am-6pm Mon-Sat. 12 noon-5 pm Sunday. Call 212.559-5350 for more information.

12/14-15 Wild Holiday Party: Presents to the Animals. Tisch Children's Zoo at Central Park, 830 Fifth Avenue. Fishsicles, peanut butter-smeared balls, and turkey legs are offered to the zoo's polar bears, Gus, Ida and Lily. The snow monkeys and the animals in the Children's Zoo receive treats from trees laden with popcorn, peanut butter, apples and bananas. Call 212.861.6030 for more information. (Party continues on 12/21-22.)

12/14-21 Annual Indian Market, American Indian Community House, 708 Broadway. Seven days of Native American music, arts, crafts, demonstrations and sales by artisans from Native Nations across North & South America. 12-8 daily. Call 212.598.0100 for more information.

12/18 An American Music Sampler, David Noon, coordinator. Manhattan School of Music, Greenfield Hall, 122nd St. & Broadway. 8 pm. Free Concert. For information call 212.749.2802.

12/19 Jazz Philharmonic, Justin DiCioccio, conductor. Music by Abene, Liebman, Schnyder. Manhattan School of Music, John C. Borden Auditorium, 8 pm. Free Concert. For information call 212.749.2802.

12/22 A Boy Was Born. St. Michael's Church, 225 W 99 St. St. Michael's Choir presents a program of unaccompanied Christmas music for choir, featuring the first performance of Nicholas White's "Alleluia! Puer natus est nobis", along with Britten's "A Boy Was Born" and works by Poulenc. 4 pm. Tickets \$20/\$10. Call 212.222.2700 for more information.

12/25 The Mazldiker Mystery Tour. Folkbiene Yiddish Theater, 45 E 33rd St. Freewheeling, hip, multimedia extravaganza featuring diverse musicians, puppeteers, and a cast of adult and young actors who interact with young audience members and their parents. 11 am. Call 212.213.2120 for more information.

12/28 The People Garden, Off-Broadway Children's Musical. The York Theatre at Citigroup Center, 619 Lexington Ave. at 54th St. Family musical for adults and children ages 3-12. Catchy songs, colorful characters, funny skits and a story that deals with important life lessons learned in a kindergarten classroom. 11 am. Tickets \$15. Groups and parties call 973.209.6558. Other information is available at 212.239.6200.

1/9 Highlights in Jazz – Freddy Cole Quartet, Barbara Carroll and Daryl Sherman. Pace Downtown Theater-Schimmel Center for the Arts, 3 Spruce Street (between Park Row and Gold Street). 8 pm. Phone 212.346.1715 for more information. Tickets \$25 (students \$22.50).

1/13 Incurable Romantics – Music of Puccini, Eyerly and Dvorak. Artists in Residence, Manhattan School of Music, John C. Borden Auditorium, 122nd St. & Broadway. 8 pm. Free Concert. For information call 212.749.2802.

1/15 Selected Shorts, a 13-week series begins at Symphony Space. **Harris Yulin, John Shea** and others read stories by **Al Hirschfeld, Sam Shepard, and D.H. Lawrence.** 6:30 pm. Call 212.864.5400 for a schedule and more information. Tickets \$21.

1/17 The Drum Major Instinct, featuring John Hollenbeck and a tribute to Martin Luther King. This is performed in total darkness using three trombones, drumset and one of King's most stirring sermons. Leonard Nimoy Theater at Symphony Space, 8:30 pm. Tickets \$21 (members, students & seniors \$18). Call 212.864.5400 for more information.

1/25 Fantasia, Disney's wondrous extravaganza of animation and classical music is alive with mythology and humor, and never fails to delight and amaze kids and grownups alike. Leonard Nimoy Thalia at 95th & Broadway, 2 pm. Tickets \$10, \$5 members.

1/25 Bach Dances : Music by Lully, Muffat and Bach by the Gotham City Orchestra, George Steel, conductor. Columbia Miller Theater, 8 pm. Tickets \$25 at the box office or call 212.854.7799.

2/2 Silver Moon Bakery Cushion, Brownie and Coffee Evening with Nellie McKay, jazz singer accompanied by guitar. 8-9 pm. Tickets \$10 (students \$7). Make reservations at the Bakery at 105th and Broadway.



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of tree guide

Block residents who contribute 50% above the suggested annual personal dues amount this year are entitled to a free, autographed copy of Ned Barnard's field guide to New York City trees. This month is your last chance to get your copy! Residents who have already received their copy have told us they **love** the book.

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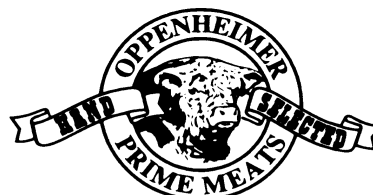


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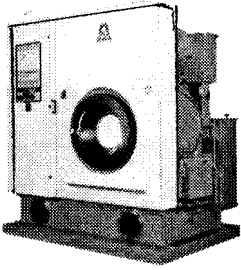
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For anyone who wants confirmation, they have it on their security tape.....so on your next stroll up to Broadway you might want to stop and chat with one of the doormen! Should make for some good conversation around the Holiday table!!!!

Bill Clinton is not the only celebrity to have visited the neighborhood recently. The place to spot the famous seems to be Henry's at Broadway and 105th St. Anne Jackson and Eli Wallach were there recently with three friends. Estelle Parsons has been spotted there a few times (she lives in the Clebourne).

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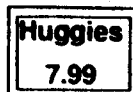
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