

West 104th Street

BLOCK ASSOCIATION

September 13, 2002

NEWSLETTER

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The block association's 13th annual Yard Sale will take place Saturday, October 5, from 10:00 to 5:00 (rain date October 6).

Read all about it in this issue of the newsletter and come out that day and celebrate life on West 104th Street.

Books, books, and CDs

Hang onto your surplus books and CDs just a little bit longer then donate them to the Yard Sale book table. Look for a poster in your building about when and where to drop them off. We can't accept (or sell) these types of books: textbooks, computer books and manuals, journals, and theses. But these types of books sell well and we'll take all you want to give us: cookbooks, children's, mystery, fiction, "coffee table".

Delectable delights sought for block bakery

Bake a scrumptious, yummy, luscious treat for the block bakery at the Yard Sale. It all sells: cupcakes, cookies, brownies, cake, quick breads, bars, squares. If it looks good, it *is* good! Bring your delights to the bake table at the corner of West End and 104 after 10:00 a.m. on October 5 or arrange a drop-off in advance by calling Alex Grannis at 212.316.1644.

Help the silent auction! We need your stuff now!

The Yard Sale's Silent Auction is looking for great items in good condition (tired of that Degas drawing? Bored already with your new I-Mac?), fabulous gift certificates, or services (10 free dogwalks? Happy to perform a sonata in your neighbor's living room? Give them to us! We can use all of it raise money for our wonderful block. We'd love to have things for kids (maybe a stroller, crib or bike in near mint condition?) the kitchen (the food processor you never used) or antiques (that great old trunk you were going to store in the cellar). If you have something you'd like to donate, please send an e-mail to Hanna.Rubin@verizon.net or call 212.865.4579

Vendor spaces available, but going fast

Rent 10 feet of space at the Yard Sale for \$35 and sell just about anything you no longer need or have room for. Get the kids involved: they love seeing their old toys turned in cash. (Sorry, you can't sell food or drink; one space at this rate, additional spaces are \$50 per.) Vendor information and the vendor agreement are available on our web site: www.bloomgindale.org; click *For vendors* on the homepage. You can also call Marsha Tantleff, our vendor coordinator, at 212.932.9592 for additional information.

Have no fear: volunteer!

This is our 13th annual Yard Sale but don't let triskaidekaphobia, or fear of the number 13, stop you from helping out! There are lots of opportunities for you to meet neighbors and guests while raising money for the block association's security, beautification, and social programs. We can use your help all day or and any part of the day. Call Teresa Elwert at 212.866.4260 to sign up or for more information.

Start with breakfast

Mimi Schade is organizing an energizing breakfast for us on October 5 from 8:00 to 10:30 at the corner of West End and 104. So after your jog or during your morning errands, stop by and get energized.

Ned Barnard's tree book now available

New York City Trees, board member Ned Barnard's new field guide, is on sale in bookstores. Block association members who responded to our spring challenge grant by contributing \$150 (\$75 if you live in 895 West End or 315 Riverside) to the block association will receive a free autographed copy of the book. (And yes, we met the challenge – thank you very much!) We'll try to get you your copy before the Yard Sale.

Groundbreaking for volunteer house in park

The ongoing viability of Riverside Park as a thriving public green space is closely linked to the thousands of hours contributed annually by Riverside Park Fund's Grassroots Volunteer Program to the beautification and maintenance of this natural resource. Working in partnership with the Parks Department, 2,700 individuals donated over 31,000 hours last year.

The Peter Jay Sharp Volunteer House, expected to be completed in spring 2003, will house Riverside Park Fund's Grassroots Volunteer Program. The project will restore the existing one hundred year old limestone building at 107th St. (originally a comfort station) and add a second floor. The new building will provide space for meetings, storage, and plant propagation. The stone retaining wall to the east will be stabilized and the surrounding paved areas will be replaced. The \$1.3 million project is completely privately funded and includes a permanent maintenance endowment. When completed, it will be the only public building in New York City dedicated solely to encouraging and sustaining volunteer park work.

Several block and area residents are Grassroots Volunteers: Ira and Karen Gershenhorn, Dru Heidle, and Teresa Elwert all of 320 Riverside, Elly Ledogar of 315 Riverside, Miriam Duhan of 309 W 104, and Estelle Kattelson of 925 West End. They're happy to talk to you about the pleasures of gardening in the park. For more information about volunteering or to contribute financially, contact the Riverside Park Fund at 212 870 3070.

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Financial Report August 2002

Sid Herzfeld, Treasurer

OPENING BALANCE: 08/01/2002		\$ 11,032.34
INCOME:		
Dues:	\$ 680.00	
YARD SALE V - space leases	830.00	
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 1,510.00	1,510.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Guard Service	\$ 2,400.56	
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	\$ 2,417.56	2,417.56
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Calendar Of Selected Events

- 9/14 Sail for America.** A memorial to 9/11. Sailboats from all over the US have been invited to participate in this special event. Staging will take place at 3 places - north of the GW Bridge, western end of Long Island Sound, and south of the Verrazano Bridge. At 9 pm the Parade of Sail from the GW Bridge will head south, the other Parades will also head for lower Manhattan. Watch the Parade of Sail in the afternoon when all sailboats proceed up the Hudson to the GW Bridge and back.
- 9/14 Thalia Film Festival.** Double features of decades of films continuing to December 8. Check the full schedule to make sure you see your favorites. The Thalia's ticket window at 95th & Broadway is open Tues-Sun beginning at 1 pm. Tickets may be ordered by phone at 212.864.5400, or online at www.symphonyspace.org or www.tickets.com. Tickets are \$9, \$8 for seniors.
- 9/18 Crafts.** Special program for ages 3 to 7, Bloomingdale Branch, NYPL, 150 W. 100 St., 4 pm. Preregistration is required. Call 212.222.8030 (Check at the library for other fall programs)
- 9/20 Billy Strayhorn with the Eric Reed Big Band** is the season opener and the first Jazz Composer Portrait at Columbia Miller Theater, 116th and Broadway. Tickets \$30 at the box office or call 212.854.7799. The program repeats on 9/21. Other events in the series are on 11/15 and 2/21.
- 9/22 Multi-block Fair** Columbus Avenue, W. 66 to W. 86 (West Side Chamber of Commerce)
- 9/24 Crafts.** Special program for ages 8 to 12, Bloomingdale Branch, NYPL, 150 W. 100 St., 4 pm. Preregistration is required. Call 212.222.8030
- 9/24 Listening Room with Robert Sherman.** Young Concert Artists: Preview of 2002 First Prize Winners. Merkin Concert Hall, 129 W. 67 St., 2 pm. Tickets \$10 at the box office or by phone at 212.501.3330.
- 9/25 Film.** For ages 3 to 7. Bloomingdale Branch, NYPL, 150 W. 100 St., 4 pm. Call 212.222.8020 for more information.
- 9/27 Manhattan School of Music Symphony,** George Manahan, conductor, with Copland's Appalachian Spring, Ravel's Concerto in G minor for Piano and Orchestra, Sibelius' Symphony #3 in C major. Broadway at 122 St., John C. Borden Auditorium, 8 pm. Free. Call 212.749.2802 for more information.
- 9/29 Multi-block Fair** Broadway, W. 86 to W. 96 (NAACP Mid-Manhattan Branch and Symphony Space)
- 10/4 Manhattan School of Music Philharmonia,** Kenneth Kiesler conducts Brahms' Tragic Overture, Faure's Pelleas et Melisande suite for Orchestra, and Stravinsky's Firebird Suite. Manhattan School of Music, John C. Borden Auditorium, 8 pm. Free concert, no tickets required. Call 212.749.2802, x 4428 for more information.
- 10/5 104th St. Block Association Yard Sale and Art in the (Straus) Park**
- 10/6 European Klezmer: Khevrisa Ensemble** at Symphony Space, 95th and Broadway, 7 pm. Tickets (\$21 to \$35) by phone at 212.864.5400 or at the box office. Ask about the entire program of the World Music Institute continuing through December 6.
- 10/7 The Dark Side of the Universe,** by David Helfand, chair of the Astronomy Dept., first lecture in the Frontiers of Science series at Columbia Miller Theater, 116th St. and Broadway, 8 pm. Tickets \$10 at the box office or call 212.854.7799. The series continues 11/11 with How Your Brain Works (Or Not!) with Darcy Kelley, Professor of Biological Sciences.
- 10/12 Just Kidding.** Dan Zanes & Friends entertain children ages 4 and up, and their parents at 11 am at the Peter Jay Sharp Theatre, Symphony Space. Tickets \$10 by phone at 212.864.5400 or at the box office.
- 10/13 Multi-block Fair** Amsterdam W. 76 to W. 86 (Concerned Citizens for Community Action and Safe Horizon)
- 10/17 Double Play Dance.** Wally Cardona Quartet and Sean Curran Company are showcased in a world premiere. Symphony Space, 95th and Broadway, 8 pm. Tickets \$21 by phone 212.864.5400 or at the box office. Program continues 10/18 and 10/19.
- 10/18 Manhattan School of Music Philharmonia,** Theo Alcantara conducts Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite, Nielsen's Concerto for Flute and Orchestra, and Sibelius' Symphony #2 in D major. Free concert at 8 pm.
- 10/19 David Lang's The Passing Measures** has its American premiere at the Columbia Miller Theater, 116th St. and Broadway, with Evan Ziporyn, bass clarinet, So Percussion Ensemble, Alarm Will Lsound, and Alan Pierson, conductor. 8 pm with a preconcert discussion with David Lang and Alan Pierson. Tickets \$20 at the box office or call 212.854.7799. Other events in the Composer Portraits Series are on 10/23, 11/2 and 12/4.
- 10/23 Great Jewish Books.** Books to be discussed are *Tevye the Dairyman* by Sholem Aleichem and *The Pagan Rabbi* by Cynthia Ozick. Bel Kaufman, granddaughter of Sholem Aleichem and NYBC's Aaron Lansky will lead the discussion. Peter Jay Sharp Theatre at Symphony Space, 7 pm. Tickets \$20. Tickets by phone at 212.864-5400 or at the box office.
- 10/25 The Music of Antonio Carlos Jobim.** Graham Haynes, Jorge Amorim and others present Brazilian music. Leonard Nimoy Thalís Theater, 95th St. and Broadway. Tickets \$21 (\$18 Sr./St) at 212.864.5400 or online at www.symphonyspace.org.
- 10/28 Thalia Book Club** launches its series with *Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage: Stories* by Alice Munro, who will discuss her collection with Robert MacNeil, journalist and novelist. Peter Jay Sharp Theatre at Symphony Space, 7 pm. Tickets \$16 by phone at 212.864.5400 or at the box office. Save the dates of 11/18 and 12/2 for more events.

CB7 monitoring "quality of life" issues

The tourism downturn has prompted two local budget hotels--The Malibu on Broadway and 103rd Street and Broadway Studios on 101St--to contract with the city as temporary housing. Community Board 7 has been monitoring the situation and has asked the Mayor's Office to staff the shelters appropriately. Please notify CB7 if you notice any quality of life changes--increased panhandling, more litter, street fighting, etc. around the hotels. It will help build a case for better services and more hands-on help for the residents. You can reach CB7 at 212.362.4008 and via e-mail at office@cb7.org.

103rd St. subway station rehabilitation

The rehabilitation of the 103rd, 110th, 116th, and 125th St. stations on the #1 line is on the fast track due to Columbia University's contributions to these stations. The rehabs are, in part, a celebration of Columbia's 250th anniversary and the subway system's 100th birthday. Work at 103rd St., which is not a landmarked station, should be completed by 2004.

Mosaics will be restored or replaced. At 103rd Street, in the middle of the Broadway Malls, where there used to be a head-house (demolished in 1967), a skylight will be installed, allowing natural light to enter the station. The skylight will be very low to the ground, and will not block any sight lines. It will also allow some ventilation into the station. Four potted trees in the malls where the skylight will be located will be replaced. The 104th Street exit on the uptown side will get two exit wheels, instead of the single one presently used. The project includes the installation of drains at the southbound platform. Structural repairs to the roof and ventilator structures are also included in the work to mitigate water infiltration.

The schedule for the station rehabs is as follows: The project will be advertised in September, awarded in December, and construction will begin in January 2003. During construction, one side of the stations will have closures for six weeks at a time. Some weekends will also see closures of all four stations.

Adapted from the minutes of the June CB7 transportation committee meeting. Thanks to Ira Gershenhorn for finding them while "surfing" CB7's website (www.cb7.org).

Letter to the Editor:

Though I don't live on 104th Street, I love the beauties of our upper West Side blocks as maintained, as shown off, by neighbors as I walk through them.

My daughter showed me the newsletter and I can hardly wait for the study of our local trees to be published - a great need fulfilled.

Enclosed is a little token of my enjoyment.

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Letter to the Editor:

As a resident of [905 WEA] for nine years, I feel a responsibility to share with the community my experience with Kay French Cleaners, which advertises in the Block Association newsletter.

All of my 21 lbs. of clothes, left for laundering at Kay, came back with ink stains, many of them severe. When I showed some of the clothes to Kay, they told me that they were going to try to remove the stain. If successful, they were then going to clean the rest. The clothes were not ready on two promised dates. When the clothes were finally declared finished, they were still severely stained and unwearable. I was then ordered to pay \$25 cleaning fee. When I challenged this, the mother, father, and son ordered me out of the store and shouted at me. They also made a clear and blatant racial remark during this interchange.

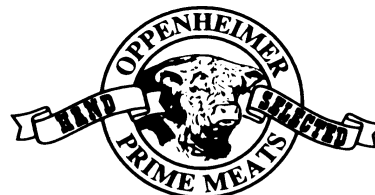
I have had no word from the Better Business Bureau of NYC Consumer Affairs, to whom I sent a complaint on July 22, 2002.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our community.

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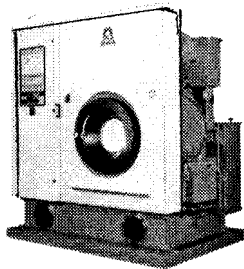
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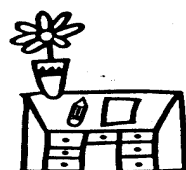
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Get Your West 104 T-shirt

Our blue and white West 104 T-shirts come in all clothing sizes for all people sizes. So whether you're a small child or an extra, extra large adult, we've got you covered. The shirts will be on sale at the Yard Sale on October 5. Can't wait? Call Teresa Elwert at 212 866 4260 and she'll be happy to outfit you.

Meanwhile, two blocks north: Art in the Park

By a happy coincidence, Friends of Straus Park is holding its annual fair, Art in the Park, the same day as the Yard Sale, Saturday, October 5. Two great festivals within two blocks of each other: is this a wonderful neighborhood, or what?



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