

# West 104<sup>th</sup> Street

**BLOCK ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

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## 26<sup>th</sup> Annual West 104<sup>th</sup> Street Yard Sale Defeats the Elements, Again!



Don't believe the rumors. California Governor Jerry Brown has not invited the West 104<sup>th</sup> Street Yard Sale to situate at sites up and down his drought-stricken state. He probably should, though.

Like last year's Yard Sale, the **Twenty-sixth Annual West 104<sup>th</sup> Street Yard Sale** fell victim to mighty rain storms, despite preceding months of sunshine and cloudless skies. On the evening before its scheduled opening on Saturday, October 3, vendors, volunteers, and bargain hunters turned on their televisions, watched fretful weather predictors displaying an array of computerized graphics, listened to ominous forecasts, and wondered if the time had come to contemplate a life of chastity and good works.

During the previous months, their spirits withstood a series of scheduling conflicts that pushed the event date into the cooler weeks of autumn. During the previous weeks, their resolve redoubled, even though Law 11 blighted the block with a confusion of scaffolding, dumpsters, netting, and traffic cones. As dark clouds gathered during the evening before the event, Yard

Sale participants continued to cling to their hopes.

The following morning, pouring rain and bitter cold triggered a rapid series of actions. Event organizers pleaded their case to the local police precinct, which quickly rescheduled the event for the following day, Sunday, October 4. Rain-soaked postings with the message, "NO PARKING SATURDAY" quickly gave way to crisp signs reading, "NO PARKING SUNDAY." Word of the rescheduling traveled up and down West End Avenue and Riverside Drive. Block residents heaved a sigh, reassured that months of efforts had not been in vain.

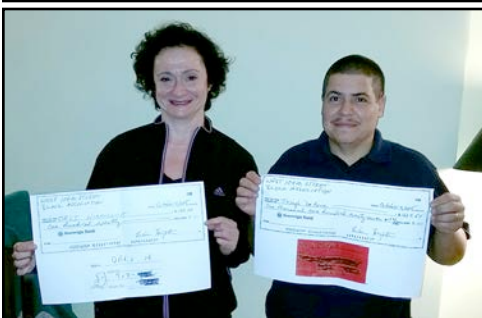
Weeks earlier, as summer turned to fall, residents had inventoried their recyclable treasures and had culled their personal libraries. Some had rented vending spaces to display their cast-off jewelry, clothing, books, games, kitchen tools, toys, and other household items. Others had donated their durable knickknacks to "What-A-Bargain," their gently used valuables to the Silent Auction, and their neglected volumes to the Book Sale. In the days before the Yard

Sale, the neighborhood's warm hearts and hot ovens had produced an array of delights for the Bake Sale.

While residents had gathered merchandise, the Yard Sale team had obtained the necessary municipal permits to close the street for traffic and to open the block for a community celebration. It had negotiated with musicians and had arranged for staging and amplified sound. It had provided for hot coffee and fresh bagels to kick off activities and for a variety of savories to maintain momentum. It had solicited local merchants, restaurateurs, and cultural institutions for gift certificates to offer for bid at the Silent Auction. Every evening for weeks, it had set up a table on the corner of West End to sell tickets for the 50/50 Raffle.

On the morning of the Yard Sale, the team members wore navy T-shirts imprinted with the image of our block's distinctive lampposts, as they swept the curbsides, chalked off the locations of street stalls, persuaded defiant car owners to park on neighboring streets, and posted signs directing the invading armies of volunteers,

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Orli and Joseph accept their checks

### **2015 Yard Sale Raffle Winners**

This year's first prize in the yard sale raffle went to Joseph D. He netted over \$1200.00. Nice going Joseph!!

The second place winner was Orli H. winning \$100.00. There was also a third place winner, Robin W. who took home \$50.00.

Congratulations to our raffle winners!

### **The Blood Red Moon From 104th Street**



**WEST 104 ST BLOCK ASSN  
2015 YARD SALE PRELIMINARY REPORT**

**Income**

Vender Tables	2,751.00
Raffle Tickets	1,077.50
What-A Bargain	442.15
Bake Sale/Bkfst/Kids	689.63
Books	520.00
T-Shirts	180.00
Silent Auction	1925.00

**Total** **+758.28** **+758.28**

**Disbursements**

Call A Head	205.00
Permits	71.61
Insurance	267.00
Supplies	23.48
Entertainment	750.00
Tips/Thank Yous	200.00

**Total** **-1,517.09** **-1,517.09**  
**NET** **\$6,068.19**

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**W 104 ST BLOCK ASSN FINANCIAL REPORT  
September 2015**

**Opening Balance (9/01/15)** **\$18,813.86**

**Income**

Dues	485.00
Co-op contributions	6,456.04
Newsletter ads	215.00
Yard Sale	2,621.00
Interest	1.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>+9,778.11</b> <b>+9,778.11</b>

**Disbursements**

Guard service	6,110.21
Yard sale	512.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>-6,623.06</b> <b>-6,623.06</b>

**Check delayed** **-55.64**

**Closing Balance (9/30/15)** **\$22,024.55**

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vendors, and bargain hunters. Meanwhile, vendors hauled boxes up the incline from Riverside Drive; furnished their curbside domains with folding chairs, wobbly tables, and display racks; and unpacked their merchandise. Putting the finishing touches on their displays, they paused to inspect the gray clouds and to wonder if the sun would ever shine.

By 10:00 AM, despite threatening weather, a trickle of diehard bargain hunters descended the slopes from West End Avenue to inspect the items on display at the stalls lining both sides of West 104<sup>th</sup> Street. Drifting from stall to stall, these seasoned shoppers surveyed the shelves and racks, evaluated the merchandise, and made their opening offers.

At noon, as the first performers took the stage and plucked the opening chords of

their set, the clouds parted, and sunshine illuminated the neighborhood after days of clouds and rain. In seconds, a crowd of local residents emerged from their confines, inundated every stall, and restored the spirits of worried vendors.

Women paused before mirrors and held up vintage gowns and blouses for consideration. They modeled necklaces, bracelets, and rings for their companions while children shook game boxes and tested the viability of second-hand toys. Men scratched their heads as they inspected items last seen in the hardware stores of their childhoods.

As bargain hunters continued the chase, their fingers snapped and toes tapped to the subtle stylings of jazz guitarists Joe Giglio and Carl Sciabarra. Later, Shailah Edmonds turned up the tempo and filled the air with Motown classics and the street with dancing. Unexpectedly, she honored our neighborhood with her own original lyrics to "Dancing in the Street," which she tailored especially for our Yard Sale. Closing the show, the duo Foley Road performed rock, folk, pop, and blues favorites.

At 5:00 PM, vendors and shoppers joined forces to dismantle displays, to sweep the street, to collect garbage, and to raise a small mountain for the Sanitation

Department to haul away. But they retained their memories.

Some retained a lot more. The lucky winner of the 50/50 Raffle—Joseph DeArce—took home \$1,227.50; second



prize winner Orli Himmelweit received \$100; and third prize winner Robin Wolf collected \$50. Overall, the village of West 104<sup>th</sup> earned some \$6,000 to maintain its safe, welcoming street lined with well-tended trees and flowers.

## Thank you to our Yard Sale Volunteers!

Our 26<sup>th</sup> Annual West 104<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association Yard Sale was a huge success and we could not have done it without the help of all the neighborhood volunteers! The Board of Directors express their deep gratitude to the following people who contributed to the success of the yard sale:

Alex Grannis, Angelo Jimenez, Barbara Boynton, Benetta Dunning, Beverly Block, Bob Laven, Bonnie Dry, Carol Rasik, Catherine Cuthell, Celia Knight, Connor Stewart, Dalia Maheu, Daniel Jenkins, David Cuthell, Donna Tapper, Elizabeth Stone,

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**A BIG THANK YOU to Jeff Howitt, who has coordinated this event for the past eight years!**



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## Tree Fertilization

You may have noticed staff from Bartlett Tree Service working around our block trees. They are performing a deep fertilization to keep our trees healthy. The fertilizer is injected deep down in the tree roots to ensure growth in the spring.

Our Block Association Board is also working with NYC Parks Department

to assess the tree near 314 W. 104<sup>th</sup>. Many of you have noticed that there are many dead branches and leafless limbs. The Board is concerned about pedestrian and vehicle safety and has contacted the Parks Department.

Your safety is our primary concern!

The tree fertilization is one of the many items your dues help fund thus ensuring a beautiful walk down the block.

## Grab a Front Row Seat

New York City offers many fine vantage points for the observation of life. None tops a seat on the board of a community-based organization.

When you serve on the board of the West 104<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association, for example, you discover—over and over again—that a neighborhood is a ...

- Living organism changing constantly
- Foundation stone of the City's culture and commerce
- Proving ground for the best and worst policy ideas
- Laboratory testing quality-of-life hypotheses
- Comedy of urban manners
- Exploration of the limits of human adaptability

As a board member, you enjoy not only a front row seat on a never-ending performance that matches the variety of a three-ring circus. You also gain the opportunity to step forward to participate.

If you can spare an hour and a half a month, you can make a difference in the quality of life enjoyed by your friends and neighbors on West 104th Street. Simply join the Block Association Board, attend a meeting each month, share your ideas, voice your opinions, and team up with others, like yourself, who care about our neighborhood and enjoy the satisfaction of community service.

You are welcome, without obligation, to attend the Board's next meeting, to meet the members, and to see the difference that you can make.

Simply contact Gary Waskow by email [waskowg@yahoo.com](mailto:waskowg@yahoo.com) or phone (212) 932-9082.



On a beautiful autumn evening, September 26th, an enthusiastic crowd joined Martin Brothers in celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a wine tasting and appetizers. Over 50 wines and spirits from all around the globe were poured for tasting, including several very interesting Scotches and rums. The celebration spilled out of the store and onto the sidewalk, where a huge paella was cooking on the corner of 107<sup>th</sup> Street and a band performed.

Convivial conversations filled the entire store, as neighbors compared tasting notes and the best places to travel for delicious food and wine. (Spain was definitely a front-runner in this conversation, although France, Austria, and Italy had their proponents.)

Many thanks to the staff and the store for a wonderful time and best of luck for many more years of success.

*Karen Gershenhorn*

## Block Artist's Exhibit

**Thru October 31 – Jeff Miller:  
The Overcoat and the Fan.**

Our own 895 WEA resident will exhibit his sculpture and drawings at the Atlantic Gallery, 548 West 28<sup>th</sup> Street. Gallery hours: Tues – Sat. Noon to 6PM; Thursdays until 9PM.  
[www.atlanticgallery.org](http://www.atlanticgallery.org)



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- Liberty House
- Manhattan Valley Wines & Spirits
- Martin Brothers
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- Mexican Festival
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West 104<sup>th</sup> Street

## **Yard Sale**



# Benefits of Participatory Budgeting Process

## Concisely, participatory budgeting (PB) is:

A different way to manage public money, and to engage people in government...community members directly decide how to spend part of a public budget. It enables taxpayers to work with government to make the budget decisions that affect their lives.

## Why PB is important

Our district, District 6, is in the middle of its second cycle of participatory budgeting (PB), a process that enables us to have direct control over allocation of some of the money that will be spent in our neighborhood.

## How PB works

Each of the 51 NYC council members gets to allocate about \$5 million in capital funds annually. Each of the approximately 27 council members involved in PB (including ours, Helen Rosenthal) allocates \$1 million of that \$5 million to the PB process. It is capital money, and so must be spent on capital projects—i.e., what is being purchased or built typically lasts 5 years or more.

There are four steps in the PB process: collection of ideas, development of proposals, presentation and voting on proposals, and funding and implementation of winning proposals.

**Collection of ideas:** While proposals in NYC must involve capital and have a minimum cost of \$35,000, all ideas are welcome. Submitted expense ideas can be used to generate recommendations by the community board, among others, and the council member will hear the expense ideas. Those costing over a \$1 million can't be made into PB projects but will be of interest to the community board and the council member.

There are several ways to submit ideas, organized below by the increasing expenditure of time/energy:

1. Dash off a post on the District 6 PB Facebook page, which will eventually have a link to a list of all submitted ideas (<https://www.facebook.com/pbnyc6>)
2. Add an idea to a map (<http://pbnyc.org/idea>) shows ideas in our area and from all of NYC)
3. Use a submission form at <http://helenrosenthal.com/participatory-budgeting-voting/> (note: this URL has nothing to do with voting; it's being reused)
4. Email the District 6 office ([district6pb@gmail.com](mailto:district6pb@gmail.com))
5. Write the district (District 6, 563 Columbus Ave., New York, NY 10024)
6. Attend a neighborhood assembly (the third of 6 is Oct. 14th) and present your idea (this offers the

opportunity to hear other ideas, which might give you some additional ideas)

**Development of proposals:** Ideas are culled, and combined into proposals that will cost between \$35,000 and \$1 million. Proposals will compete against approximately 14 other proposals on the final ballot.

## Presentation and voting on proposals:

Proposals are presented to the community and voted upon. If an idea makes it to the ballot, it will win at least \$35,000 and no more than \$1 million.

Voters each get 5 votes, enabling them to vote on up to 5 ballot entries, no more than once each. The item with the greatest votes whose combined total cost is no more than \$1 million wins.

To vote on PB items in District 6 you have to prove residency, although there is an exception for high school students who may vote in districts where they go to school; the minimum voting age is 14. Voting takes place over a week at several locations within the district and at the District 6 office.

## Funding and implementation of winning proposals:

Winning proposals are officially funded by the New York City Council, but implementation may not happen quickly. The winning proposals from last cycle's April 2015 vote appear in the FY2016 NYC budget. The winning proposals from this cycle's April 2016 vote will appear in the FY2017 budget.

## How participatory budgeting works for our neighborhood

Ideas must be very general (not specific to this neighborhood) or spun as being examples, because we are on the northern edge of NYC Council District 6.

Any idea that benefited only this neighborhood would fail to get votes from any other part of the district. (However, not that many votes are required to win and our neighborhood is likely to vote in higher percentages than other areas.)

Examples of ideas that could benefit our neighborhood but aren't necessarily specific to this neighborhood include:

- Bicycle speed bumps (for pedestrians who feel terrorized by fast-moving bicycles);
- Exercise equipment along the Hudson River Greenway;
- Replacement of fluorescent bulbs with LEDs to reduce noise in hearing aids; and
- Replacement of lighting on Riverside Drive with LED lights that have built-in light sensors.

If you would like to know more, email me at [igersh@gmail.com](mailto:igersh@gmail.com).

by Ira Gershenhorn

The West 102<sup>nd</sup>/  
103<sup>rd</sup> Streets Block  
Association holds  
its annual  
**Halloween party  
and parade on  
October 31  
beginning at 6PM.**



All West 104<sup>th</sup> residents are invited. W. 102<sup>nd</sup> Street between West End Avenue and Riverside Drive will be closed to traffic. More than 200 costumed children line up at 102<sup>nd</sup> WEA to parade north to 103<sup>rd</sup>, down 103<sup>rd</sup> to Riverside then back to 102<sup>nd</sup> St. for partying with games and refreshments. Help our neighborhood provide a safe place to celebrate! To make a donation to the treat table or volunteer, please call 646-319-6956. To cheer the children on, please come to the block and enjoy the evening.

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New York City Ballet's Lauren Lovette soars in George Balanchine's *Nutcracker*; celebrate Halloween at the Harlem Meer; learn about Woody Guthrie's New York chapter (above with Burl Ives in Central Park) at the Museum of the City of New York; below: New-York Historical Society's "Holiday Express" toy train show opens.

## Upcoming Events in the Neighborhood

10/25 Come at twilight to get the full effect of the **Halloween Parade and Pumpkin Flotilla** at Central Park's Harlem Meer. Live music and pumpkin carving starts at the 3:30pm, and the flotilla of illuminated pumpkins sets sail at 6:30pm. Free. [www.nycgovparks.org](http://www.nycgovparks.org).

10/26 The Juilliard Orchestra plays a program of **Haydn, Penderecki and Sibelius**, led by New York Philharmonic Associate Conductor Case Scaglione. At Alice Tully Hall, 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$30. [www.juilliard.edu](http://www.juilliard.edu).

10/30 Enjoy signature **woodwind quintets by Felix Mendelssohn and Carl Nielsen** at the Bloomingdale School of Music's David Greer Recital Hall, 7pm. Free. [www.bsmny.org](http://www.bsmny.org). See website for more concerts.

11/7 Ever wondered about all those microbes that you, er, host? The American Museum of Natural History's informative **The Secret World Inside You opens**, and explores all the different parts of the human body where microbes thrive. General admission plus one special exhibit is \$27. [www.amnh.org](http://www.amnh.org).

11/13 Celebrate Frank **Sinatra's centennial** with celebrated Manhattan School of Music alumna **Jane Monheit** and the school's MSM jazz orchestra. Swing to standards from the American Songbook like "How About You" and "Night and Day." At 7:30 pm in MSM's Borden Auditorium. Free, but ticket reservations are required. [www.msmnyc.edu](http://www.msmnyc.edu).

11/14 Early music fans should not miss **Songs of Hope**, performed by **New York Polyphony** at Church of St. Mary the Virgin (145 West. 46<sup>th</sup> St.). The critically acclaimed

male quartet performs works from **Renaissance Spain to contemporary Norway**. 8pm. Tickets start at \$30. [www.millertheatre.com](http://www.millertheatre.com)

11/19 Join Woody Guthrie's daughter Nora for "**Rambling Around Woody Guthrie's New York**," a multi-media look at the great folk singer's years in the Big Apple at the Museum of the City of New York. 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$16. [www.mcnyc.org](http://www.mcnyc.org).

11/24 New Yorkers know that the best part of the **Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade** happens the night before when the **balloons get inflated**. It draws a big crowd, so come early—like 3pm, when the hot air action begins—and make your way from 81<sup>st</sup> Street down to 77<sup>th</sup> on Central Park West as old favorites and new high flyers get prepped for the big event.

11/27 George Balanchine's iconic **The Nutcracker** opens for its annual run at Lincoln Center's David Koch Theatre. See the tree grow! See the snowflakes dance! All to Tchaikovsky's lilting score. Tickets start at \$75. [www.nycballet.com](http://www.nycballet.com)

11/29 Check out "**Take the A Train**," Jazz at Lincoln Center's celebration of **Billy Strayhorn's centennial**. First set begins at 7:30; cover charge is \$35. [www.jazz.org](http://www.jazz.org).

12/12 Hear **J.S. Bach's "Magnificat"** at St. John the Divine's annual **Cathedral Christmas Concert**, followed by carols set by Benjamin Britten, John Rutter and Gregg Smith. 7pm. Tickets start at \$50. [www.stjohndivine.org](http://www.stjohndivine.org).

12/18/15 Get into the spirit of the season with **An Irish Christmas: A Musical Solstice Celebration**, presented at Symphony Space by the Irish Arts Center. Enjoy an evening of music, dance and storytelling. 8pm. Tickets start at \$40.

(Performances also on Dec. 19 and Dec. 20.) [www.symphonyspace.org](http://www.symphonyspace.org).



## Activities for Children

10/30 Hop aboard "**Holiday Express: Toys and Trains from the Jerni Collection**," at the New-York Historical Society, which opens for a three-month visit. Showcasing a magnificent collection of vintage model trains, the exhibit captures all of the long-ago magic of the railway. \$20 for adults, \$12 for children 5-13. [www.nyhistory.org](http://www.nyhistory.org).

10/31 Put a New Orleans twist on the Halloween spirit with **Jazzy Ash and Leaping Lizards, the first New Orleans music band just for kids**, at Symphony Space. The five-piece band has a collection of Halloween-inspired songs to share. 11 am. Tickets are \$15. [www.symphonyspace.org](http://www.symphonyspace.org).

11/7 The Cathedral of St. John the Divine offers a **Medieval Arts Children's Workshop** from 10 am-12pm. Children discover what it was like to live as a medieval apprentice, learning how to carve limestone with a mallet and chisel, design a stained glass window and make a gargoyle to protect the Cathedral. For children ages 4-8. \$8 per child. [www.stjohndivine.org](http://www.stjohndivine.org).

## Cheap Events Around Town

Visit these websites for ideas and information:

[www.amny.com/cheapskate](http://www.amny.com/cheapskate)  
[www.nyc-arts.org](http://www.nyc-arts.org)  
[www.niftynyc.com](http://www.niftynyc.com)

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**BLOOMINGDALE AGING IN PLACE (BaIP)**  
----- [Bloominplace.org](http://Bloominplace.org)

**BAiP** is an intergenerational volunteer network of neighbors working to help older residents to continue living at home safely and comfortably. BAiP sponsors social & cultural activities, provides educational tools, and a helping hand for those in need through its **Neighbor-to-Neighbor (N2N)** program. The latter takes the form of providing help going places, running errands, light shopping, accompaniment at home or outdoors, and information. If you want to contact N2N for this kind of assistance, or to talk about volunteering, e-mail: [N2N@bloominplace.org](mailto:N2N@bloominplace.org), or call: 212.842.8831 to leave a message with your contact information. Either way, a BAiP member will respond promptly.

**Give yourself a gift of good health**

Tammy Wise offers a class in Body Logos each Sunday at the Youth Hostel, 103<sup>rd</sup> & Amsterdam. The Sunday class is a \$15 single class rate and \$64 for a series of 5 (\$13 per class). The details at: <http://www.bodylogos.com/international-hostelling/>

**Math and Science Tutoring**

Columbia postdoc with over 10 years experience tutoring available to teach math, chemistry, and physics. Standardized tests as well: SAT, AP, ACT, Regents. Call Robert at 646.481.3266 or email at [bob314@gmail.com](mailto:bob314@gmail.com).

**Computer Consultant/PC Doctor**

Computers repaired, maintained, viruses removed, junk mail controlled. Advice to repair or buy. I do Windows! Contact Greg Williams, block resident at 212.749.2398, 917.771.2929 or [prosolutions@stny.rr.com](mailto:prosolutions@stny.rr.com).

**Mathematics Tutoring**

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**QuickBooks Consultant/Professional Organizer**

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**Pet sitting**

Experienced, responsible, caring pet sitter. I take care of your pets like they are my own! Dogs, cats, small animals, birds, reptiles, fish. Very reasonable rates. Call Tova at 212-662-5143 or email [tgetoff@gmail.com](mailto:tgetoff@gmail.com).

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Beginner to advanced, child to adult, by congenial, multi-degreed professional. Call Irina at 212.749.1193.

**Personal Assistant**

Will organize papers, do bill payments, manage correspondence, day to day scheduling, research, travel arrangements, personal errands, escort to appointments. Excellent references from people in the neighborhood and elsewhere. Very reasonable rates. Contact: Valerie Boss at (347) 664-4499 or [Vamandaboss@aol.com](mailto:Vamandaboss@aol.com).

**Writer/Editor**

Professional writer & Faulkner finalist available for critiques, editing & as a writing tutor. Contact Pat at: 212-615-6927

**Your Neighborhood Service Publicized FREE!**

Publicize your neighborhood service (babysitting, dog walking, apartment cleaning, etc.) free in the newsletter and on our web site for one year, renewable. To submit an ad mail/deliver this information to Jon Smith, 320 RSD or send to [104thstreetba@gmail.com](mailto:104thstreetba@gmail.com)

**For our records:** Your name and mailing address

**For publication:** your name, contact method (phone or email address), description of your service

**The block association board meets once a month.**

**We enjoy having residents attend the meetings.**

**Please let us know if you would like to attend one and we will send you an invitation.**

[104thstreetba@gmail.com](mailto:104thstreetba@gmail.com)

## Call for Safe Escort Home With Block Guard

If you're ever coming home at night and you'd like to have an escort, please don't hesitate to call Osbourne, our security guard. He has a special phone for these times and he will come meet you either on West End Avenue or Riverside Drive and walk with you to your home.

**Security Guard Phone Number:**

**347-723-1517**

**2015 4th Quarter Dues :**

Please allocate my contribution to

\_\_\_ Security \_\_\_ Beautification \_\_\_ Social \_\_\_ Newsletter \_\_\_ Board Decision (Suggested amount: \$35 per quarter or \$140 per year )

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(For internal use only. The Block Association will not sell, exchange, or lend your e-mail address to any outside parties)

**Suggestions for the block:** \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to West 104<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association Inc.

Mail to our treasurer:

Barbara Boynton: 905 WEA, #71, NY, NY 10025

or drop off at 308 W 104: Grace, Apt. 1A,

895 WEA: Koval, 6B, 320 RSD: Waskow, Apt. 8G

315 RSD: Howitt, Apt. 8C, 309 W 104: Mann, Apt. 3A