

West 104th Street

BLOCK ASSOCIATION

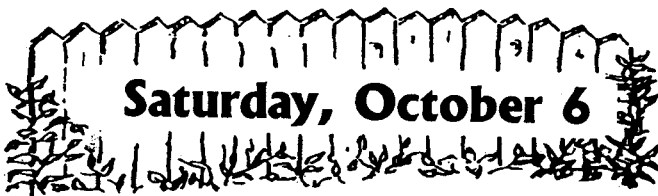
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NEWSLETTER

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YARD SALE



Saturday, October 6

Schedule of Events

Breakfast, corner of WEA and 104th St.

8:30 - 11

Entertainment

12 - 3 Botafogo, Brazilian bossa nova quartet

3 - 5 Jazz from the Pogin-Koster duo

Food & Drink near 304 W 104

11 - 4

Block Bakery, corner of WEA and 104th St

10 - 5

Book Table in front of 315 Riverside Dr.

10 - 5

Silent Auction in front of 320 Riverside Dr.

10 - 4 Place your bids

4:00 Winners announced

Vendors: up and down the street

10 - 5

W 104 T-shirts for sale in front of 320 Riverside Dr.

10 - 5

COMING TOGETHER AS WE MOURN

The destruction of the World Trade Center has changed who we are as New Yorkers and as Americans. But it has not destroyed us. Our hearts are filled with grief and anguish at the thought of so many people – firefighters, technology staff, restaurant workers, brokers, secretaries – dead because of a few malevolent individuals. We wish the victims' families God speed on their journey through their loss to life without their loved ones.

In our mourning we can – and must – take care of ourselves, our family, friends, and neighbors. The immediate outpouring of support and generosity for the victims and rescue workers showed a city-wide community spirit that amazed the country, other nations, and perhaps, ourselves.

It is that sense of community, caring, and sharing that I hope you will show on Saturday, October 6, when the block association holds its 12th annual Yard Sale or block party. Postponed from its original September 15 date, the Yard Sale is our annual event to raise funds for our security, beautification, and social programs.

The association will donate the proceeds from the book table to one of the relief organizations helping to ease the suffering of the victims' families. In addition, some vendors have pledged to add a percentage of their sales to the block association's contribution. Please help make the Yard Sale a success in whatever way you can: by volunteering the day of the event, by donating books and CDs, by baking for the bake sale, or by buying items from our vendors. Thank you for being the best neighbors a New Yorker could possibly have.

Teresa Elwert, president

How to help make the Yard Sale a success

Lend a hand volunteering at the Yard Sale on Saturday, October 6. It's great fun, you'll meet lots of people, and really help the block association in a big way. Here's what you could help with:

- sell breakfast, books, and baked goods
- cook hamburgers, veggie burgers, and hot dogs
- take silent auction bids

Call Teresa Elwert at 866 4260; let her know **when** you can help and **what** you'd like to do. And thank you!

Donate your books and CDs

The block association will sell your used books and CDs at the Yard Sale's book table on October 6. Pack your donation in bags or boxes marked "Yard Sale" and leave them with the doorman at 320 Riverside Dr. anytime before the 6th. Sorry, but we **can't** accept textbooks, computer-related books and manuals, journals, theses, or travel guides. Proceeds from the book table will be donated to one of the relief organizations helping to ease the suffering of the victims' families.

Vendor spaces sold out

The vendor spaces sold out Labor Day weekend and the cancellation list is quite long. To assure yourself of getting a space at next year's Yard Sale, respond quickly to our late spring 2002 announcement of the fee schedule.

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Get set to boogie at the Yard Sale

We've got really swinging entertainment lined up for your listening and dancing pleasure. From 12 to 3, Brazilian band Botafogo starts the spirit moving with their fabulously sweet sound. From 3 to 5, block resident and jazz guitarist Lenny Pogin keeps the joint jumpin' with Pete Koster on acoustic bass. Don't miss it!

Scrumptious goodies wanted for Block Bakery

Bake your yummy brownies, cookies, cupcakes, quick breads, and cake for the Yard Sale's Block Bakery. Bring them to the bake table at the corner of WEA and 104th St. any time after 8:30 a.m. on October 6 or arrange a drop-off in advance by calling Alex Grannis at 316 1644. Mmmmmm!

May we borrow these for the Yard Sale?

- Folding tables, including card tables
- Folding chairs
- Coolers

Call Teresa Elwert at 866 4260.

No parking October 6

Just a reminder that there's no parking on West 104th St. between West End and Riverside Dr. on Saturday, October 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Silent Auction Items

Board member Hanna Rubin has lined some wonderful items for the Yard Sale's silent auction. She has gift certificates from Silver Moon Bakery, Labyrinth Books, Liberty House, Movie Place, Gourmet Garage, Bank Street Bookstore, Roslyn Cherry, West Side Stationers, and RCI. These restaurants are contributing meal certificates: Metisse, Mama Mexico, Indian Café, and Afghan Kebab House. Of special interest is a first edition of *The Bells and Other Poems* by Edgar Allan Poe illustrated by Edmund Dulac. If you have a service or item worth \$50 or more to contribute to the silent auction, call Hanna at 865 4579.

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Hanna Rubin
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August 2001 Treasurer's Report

By Sid Herzfeld

OPENING BALANCE 8/1/01		\$14,692.38
INCOME		
Yard Sale IV space leases	\$1,790.00	
Dues	305.00	
Newsletter Ads	216.00	
Bank Interest	13.74	
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,324.74	+2,324.74
DISBURSEMENTS		
Guard Service	\$5,738.86	
Yard Sale IV - posters	177.53	
Bank Fee	15.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$5,931.39	-5,931.39
CLOSING BALANCE 8/31/01		\$11,085.73

It's Election Time

In addition to our responsibility to participate in the Mayoral election on November 6, it is time to elect Block Association Board members. Every other year officers and members of the Board are elected for terms of two years. The current Board members have agreed to continue to serve for the term from Fall 2001 to Fall 2003. If you would like to volunteer your time and talents and join these members, or to nominate someone else on the block, please contact Teresa at 866-4260. The ballot is below. Election results will be printed in the November newsletter.

BALLOT

Please complete your ballot and return to Nancy Lian, 320 RSD before October 15, 2001.

	YES
President: Teresa Elwert, 320 RSD	_____
VP/Sec: Nancy Lian, 320 RSD	_____
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Places in Which to Find Quiet and Solace

By Ned Barnard

In this time of trial and mourning New Yorkers need time to think and contemplate. Few activities are as calming and healing as a walk among big trees in a landscaped park and or in a wild forest. New York City is the most densely populated urban area in the country, yet it is also a fine place to enjoy trees. Throughout the city's five boroughs there is a 26,000-acre network of green spaces including world-class botanical gardens, landscaped parks with thousands of native and exotic trees, and 6,000 acres of wild forests in sites ranging from 30 to 1,000 acres. In addition, there are dozens of forested state parks, national wildlife refuges, and preserves within an hour's drive of the City. I have briefly described below three of my favorite places to experience the balm that trees afford. If you visit them, you will experience peace and quiet away from incessant radio and TV commentary and blaring sirens.

Inwood Hill Park, Manhattan (bounded by Dyckman Street, Payson and Seaman Avenues, Indian Road to Harlem Ship Canal)

Underlain by an outcropping of gneiss, marble, and schist, rugged, 196-acre Inwood Hill Park at Manhattan's north tip contains the last vestiges of a primeval forest that once blanketed most of the island. In pre-Columbian times, Inwood Hill was the site of an Algonquin Indian village. During the Revolution, English and Hessian troops camped out beside the hill and cut down most of the trees. During the 1900s wealthy families built summer houses on the hill's crest and western side. In 1916 the hill and land became a city park. In the 1930s 100 acres of landfill were added along the Hudson River when the Henry Hudson Highway was constructed, and the WPA built retaining walls and miles of trails.

Some of the wooded areas of Inwood Hill Park offer a glimpse of what much of Manhattan was like before

the Europeans arrived. In the Clove, a moist valley between rocky ridges, there are several large tulip trees mixed with bitternut hickories, black cherries, and black, red, and chestnut oaks. On steep, drier eastern slopes chestnut oaks grow alongside red oaks. On the crest, old specimen trees are surrounded by second-growth woodland. These survivors from a time when people summered on the hill include a stately copper beech, a big ginkgo, and a row of Osage oranges. A huge old cottonwood standing next to a royal paulownia towers over Overlook Meadow. On the hill's disturbed western side, which slopes down to the Henry Hudson Parkway, pioneer species such as black locust, ailanthus, smooth sumac, and black cherry are common. Inwood Hill Park has suffered neglect over the years, but foresters are replanting native species, removing foreign invaders, and reducing erosion.

Pelham Bay Park, The Bronx (bounded by Bruckner Boulevard, Eastchester Bay, Hutchinson River, and Long Island Sound)

Located in the northeast corner of the Bronx, 2,764-acre Pelham Bay Park is the largest and most varied park in New York City. Besides 2 golf courses and Orchard Beach, the Park includes 13 miles of rocky coastline, 195 acres of saltwater wetlands, 161 acres of mud flats, 83 acres of meadows, and 520 acres of forest. Joined to the mainland by landfill in 1934, 189-acre Hunter Island just north of the Orchard Beach parking lot is the most beautiful natural area in the Park. The southern portion of Hunter Island is a successional forest dominated by black cherry, black locust, and sassafras with patches of white poplar, black oak, red oak, bitternut hickory, and tuliptree. Near the center of the Island surrounding the site of the old Hunter Mansion torn down in 1937, there are stands of white pine, red pine, and Norway spruce planted by the Parks Department in 1918 in an effort to increase the Island's tree cover. The northern section of the Island is a mature oak-hickory forest containing widely spaced red oak, black oak,

tuliptree, and bitternut hickory and an understory of sassafras and black oak saplings.

Other woodlands in the Park include a forest of sweetgum, red maple, and tuliptree north of the Pelham Golf Course. In the Central Woodlands bisected by the Siwanoy Trail there is a 23-acre tract of undisturbed forest with large oaks, tuliptrees, and American beech. On the south side of the Pelham River Bridge in the Southern Woodlands there a few persimmons and large swamp white oaks.

Connetquot River State Preserve (Box 505, Oakdale, NY 11769, 516-581-1005)

The largest undisturbed, wild area left on Long Island, Connetquot River State Preserve covers 3,473 acres surrounding the Connetquot River on Long Island's south shore.

Never cleared, the Park's forest is probably little changed from the time when the Secatogue Indians lived in the area and gave the river its name, which is said to mean "at the long river." White oaks, scarlet oaks, and post oaks are the most numerous broadleaf trees. Pitch pine is the predominant conifer and reaches heights of 40 to 50 feet in some sections. Red maple is common in damper areas; mockernut hickory is present on higher, drier ground.

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Calendar of Selected Events

- 10/6 12TH Annual 104th St. Block Association Yard Sale
- 10/7 Feast of St. Francis Fair with Annual Blessing of the Animals, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 1 to 5 pm.
- 10/9 Magic Show, a special program with Maritress Zurbano, New York's only professional female magician. NYPL Bloomingdale Branch, 150 W. 100 St. 3 pm. Recommended for ages 5 to 12. Call 222.8030 for more information.
- 10/11 Wild West Film Series, for adults. NYPL Bloomingdale Branch, 150 W. 100 St. 2 pm. Continues 10/18 and 10/25. Call 222.8030.
- 10/13 5th Annual Art in the Park. Music, art, dance and food in Straus Park.
- 10/14 Cello Recital, Rushad Eggleston and Guest Artist Eugene Friesen, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 3 pm. Free, with suggested contribution of \$5.00.
- 10/17 Rockin' and Lullin' with Jody Prusan, concert featuring sing-along, play-along, music and

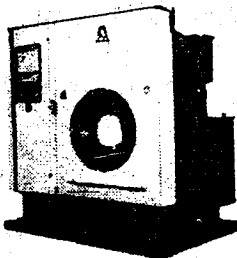
- movement. NYPL Bloomingdale Branch, 150 W. 100 St. 4 pm. Recommended for ages 3 to 7. Call 222.8030 for more information.
- 10/19 Manhattan School of Music Symphony performs music by Prokofiev, Saint-Saens, Mozart and Stravinsky, conducted by George Manahan, with Rafal Jezierski, cellist. 8 pm. John C. Borden Auditorium. Free. No tickets required.
- 10/26 Scary Stories for Halloween, told by Christina Kover. NYPL Bloomingdale Branch, 150 W. 100 St. 4 pm. Recommended for ages 6 and older. Call 222.8030 for more information.
- 10/27 Halloween Extravaganza & Procession of Ghouls, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 7 pm and 10 pm. With Cathedral decorated with giant, moving puppets, skeletons, ghosts and spiders. See the 1922 silent film *Nosferatu* with organ accompaniment by Dorothy Papadakos. Tickets \$15, students and senior \$7.
- 11/1 Manhattan School of Music Afro-Cuban Jazz Orchestra, Bobby Sanabria, director, performs a free concert in the John C. Borden Auditorium at 8 pm.
- 11/7 Election Day

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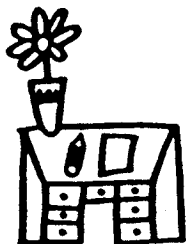
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Block residents directly affected by Sept. 11 attack
Many of us have just a few degrees of separation from the tragedy at the World Trade Center. Two block residents were actually in WTC buildings at the time of the attack and escaped safely. Barry Rashkover (320 Riverside) worked for the SEC in 7WTC and escaped after the second plane hit. Teresa Elwert (also from 320 Riverside) worked for William M. Mercer, Incorporated (a subsidiary of Marsh & McLennan Companies) and was in her office on the 54th floor of 2WTC when 1WTC was hit. Following the advice of a fellow employee who had experienced IRA bombings in London, she and her co-workers evacuated.

Marco Veissid (320 Riverside), who worked for Bankers Trust/Deutsche Bank at 130 Liberty Street, was exiting the subway at Chambers Street and West Broadway when the South Tower was hit. He walked home, as did Barry and Teresa. His office building has been severely damaged from the collapse of 2WTC. Three block residents -- Ed Koral (320 Riverside), Alexandra von Ferstel (315 Riverside), and Carol Wilcox Accetta (321 W 104) -- worked for MMC subsidiaries in their midtown office and lost over 300 colleagues who were in 1WTC. Our hearts go out to our neighbors and all who are suffering as a result of the catastrophe.

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