

West 104th Street

BLOCK ASSOCIATION

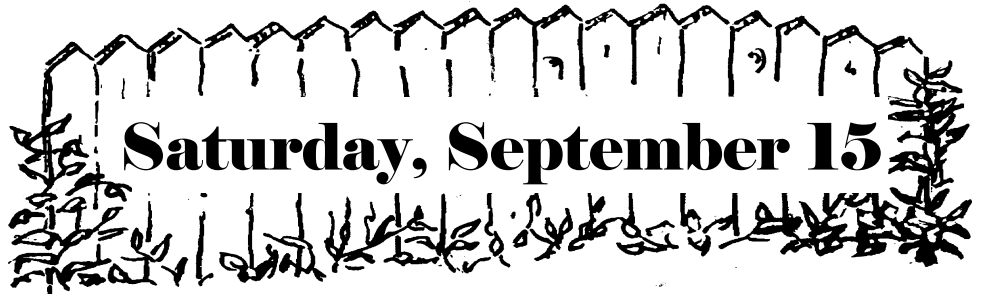
September 4, 2001

NEWSLETTER

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YARD SALE



Schedule of Events

Breakfast for a Buck at the corner of WEA and 104th St 8 - 11

Entertainment Jazz from the Pogin-Koster duo 12 - 1
Botafofo, Brazilian bossa nova quartet 1 - 3

Food & Drink near 304 W 104 11 - 4

Block Bakery at the 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

West 104 T-shirts for sale in front of 320 Riverside Dr. 10 - 5

Looking for a few good people

Lend a hand volunteering at the Yard Sale on Saturday, September 15! It's great fun; you'll meet lots of people, have a lot of laughs, and really help the block association in a big way. Keep busy and laughing while you:

- sell breakfast, books, and baked goods
- sling 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 thanks!

Get set to boogie at the Yard Sale!

We've got really swinging entertainment lined up for your listening and dancing pleasure. At 12:00, block resident and jazz guitarist Lenny Pogin starts the joint jumpin' with Pete Koster on acoustic bass. From 1 to 3, Brazilian band Botafogo keeps the spirit going with their fabulously sweet sound. Don't miss it!

Scrumptious goodies wanted for Bakery

Bake those yummy brownies you make so well for the Yard Sale's Block Bakery. If cookies, cupcakes, quick breads, and cake are more your line, we'll sell those, too! Bring them to the Block Bakery at the corner of WEA and 104th St. any time after 10:00 a.m. on September 15 (or arrange a drop-off in advance by calling Alex Grannis at 316 1644). Mmmmmm! Can't wait!

May we borrow these for the Yard Sale?

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

Call Teresa Elwert at 866 4260.

Sign up today to be a vendor!

Now, admit it, you have lots of stuff in your apartment that you know you should get rid of but, well, you just haven't gotten around to dealing with it! Be a vendor at the Yard Sale and make some money by selling all those formerly beloved items. Rent a 10-foot space for just \$35 and sell anything and everything, except food and drink. For complete details, including the vendor agreement, visit our website (www.bloomingdale.org) and click *For vendors* on the homepage. No web access? Call Marsha Tantleff (932 9592) who will send you a copy of the agreement. Don't delay, though; we usually sell out more than a week before the Yard Sale.

Donate books and CDs to the Yard Sale

The block association will happily sell your used books and CDs at the Yard Sale's book table on September 15. Pack your donations in bags or boxes marked "Yard Sale" and leave them with the doorman at 320 Riverside Dr. anytime before the 15th. We would particularly like to have cook books, children's books, best sellers (fiction and non-fiction). Sorry, but we **can't accept** textbooks, computer-related books and manuals, journals, theses, or travel guides. Shop early and shop often because we usually get fresh inventory all day long.

Silent Auction Items

Board member Hanna Rubin has lined up these wonderful items for the Yard Sale's silent auction and is working on adding more:

- Gift certificates from Silver Moon Bakery, Labyrinth Books, Liberty House
- Membership from Movie Place
- Meals at area restaurants

Note for Dues Contributors:

Please make sure that your name, address and apartment number are clearly marked on your check. Thank you.


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New! Neighborhood Services for Hire

Beginning with this issue, we're pleased to present Neighborhood Services for Hire: 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). Here are some of the services you can list: pet sitting, babysitting, house sitting, plant care, housecleaning, reading, errand running, line sitting, calligraphy, translation, handyman work, home office work, computer consulting. You get the idea!

Place your listing in the newsletter, on the block association's website, or both. Submit your listing by providing the information below and mailing (or hand-delivering) it to Teresa Elwert, 320 Riverside Dr., #9D. You can also submit your listing via our website: www.bloomingtondale.org.

- Your name (for our records)
- Your name (for publication)
- Phone number
- Mailing address
- Contact method:
phone # or e-mail address (for publication)
- Describe your service

No parking September 15

Just a reminder that there will be no parking on West 104th St. between West End and Riverside Dr. on Saturday, September 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

July 2001 Treasurer's Report by Sid Herzfeld

OPENING BALANCE:7/01/2001		\$ 8,423.37
INCOME:		
CO-OP Dues	7,400.00	
Dues:	360.00	
Yard Sale IV space leases	630.00	
Walking Tour	205.00	
Newsletter Ad	40.00	
Curbside Café	47.00	
T-Shirts	80.00	
Bank Interest	8.07	
TOTAL INCOME:	\$8,770.07	\$8,770.07
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Guard Service	5,401.28	
Walking Tour Expenses	23.00	
Bank Fee	15.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	5,439.28	-5,439.37
CLOSING BALANCE: 7/31/2001		\$ 11,754.16

NY SAVE

By Marsha Tantleff

NY SAVE (Save Animals in Veterinary Emergency) was founded in 1998 by a group of veterinarians to provide funds to low-income pet owners who reside in the five boroughs. The funds are provided to aid owners whose pets need emergency care in the following situations:

Animal's chances of survival are threatened without immediate care.

or

Animal suffers from a condition that will affect its survival and well-being without veterinary care.

Sometimes pet owners find themselves facing a terrible dilemma with their beloved animals...to put their pets to sleep, or not pay their rent or utilities, in order to pay for the emergency treatment their pets so desperately need.

The future goal of NY SAVE is to provide funding for emergency care as well as all necessary veterinary care of animals whose owners cannot afford to meet these treatment costs.

Please visit the website at NYSAVE.org to learn more about this organization and the various ways you can lend support. You can become a member, volunteer or make a contribution in honor of a dearly departed pet (to be remembered forever in NY SAVE's Pet Heaven) to name just a few.

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The Quintessential Urban Tree: The Ailanthus

By Ned Barnard

The ailanthus, the tree that grows in Brooklyn, is a street-smart tree. Brought from China to Philadelphia by a gardener in 1784 and introduced to California by Chinese miners during the gold rush, it is now growing wild from Canada to Argentina. It favors urban areas where it is found in vacant lots, along fences, railroad tracks, and highways. It tolerates polluted air laden with dust, industrial fumes, and traffic exhaust. It endures drought and cold and thrives in poor soil.

An array of survival skills help the ailanthus hold its own. It is a prolific seeder, scattering up to 325,000 windblown seeds per tree each year. It secretes toxins that suppress competing plants. Its roots spread fast, wide, and deep, frequently damaging sewers and foundations. It grows upward fast, too, averaging well over a yard per year during its first four years of growth.


Biologists trying to keep the ailanthus from overwhelming native trees in parks and preserves have had only limited success in controlling it. Like the cockroach, the ailanthus is here to stay.



Ailanthus leaves are compound and 18 to 24 inches long with 13 to 25 stalked, sharply-pointed, 3- to 5-inch-long leaflets. Each leaflet has 1 to 4 lobes near its base. The leaves are dark green and have an unpleasant odor when bruised.




The 1 1/2-inch-long ailanthus fruits, or samaras, each containing 1 seed appear in late summer and are sometimes green but may also be rosy red.



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Calendar of Selected Events

- 9/5 **Programming for Children 3-7 Years Old.** Bloomingdale Library, 4 pm. 9/5: Picture Book Hour; 9/12: Special Crafts Program with Preregistration required; 9/19: Film. 150 W. 100 St. Call 212.111-8030 for more information.
- 9/6 **Documentary Film Series,** Bloomingdale Library, 150 W. 100 St., 6 pm. Series continues 9/13/20/27. Call 212.222.8030 for more information.
- 9/6 **Basya Schechter Guitar,** music sounding like a cross between an Arabic and a Turkish saz, combining Jewish spiritual music, world beat and lyrical detail. Last concert of the season in the Sunset Concert Series at the 96th Street Tennis Courts. Sponsored by the Riverside Clay Tennis Association. 1 hour before sunset.
- 9/15 **104TH STREET BLOCK ASSOCIATION YARD SALE.**
- 9/23 **Examine Marine Life.** River Run Playground, 83rd St. & RSD. See 50 species of fish live in the real estuary, along with bivalves, crustaceans, and more. Learn about the river's ecology at this family program sponsored by the Riverside

Park Fund. 1-3 pm. Call 212.870.3070 for more information.

- 9/25 **Books & Poetry, *Felicia's Journey*** by William Trevor discussion. Bloomingdale Library, 6 pm.
- 9/25 **Franz Liszt Festival.** Concerts, Master Classes, Vespers and more. Performances through 9/30 in Riverside Church and St. Paul's Chapel at Columbia. A Franz Liszt Festival Pass is \$25, \$20 for seniors and students. Call 212.870.6722 for more information, and 212-870-6784 for tickets.
- 10/13 **5th Annual Art in the Park.** Music, Art, Dance and Food in Straus Park.

Symphony Space is closed for major renovations. The Thalia Theater will reopen in January 2002, and Symphony Space will reopen with Selected Shorts in February 2002.

In Memoriam

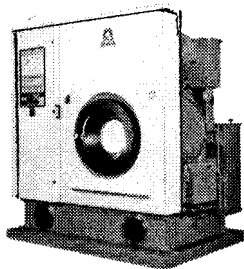
We remember with gratitude the work of Erin O'Reilly, policewoman of the 24th Precinct, a good friend who supported our Block Association, and spoke to our Board about police concerns at a meeting several years ago. She was promoted and transferred to special drug investigations, and died suddenly in June.

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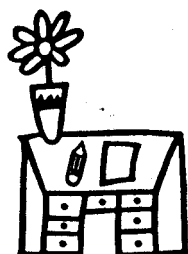
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There is also a choice of a 1/4 chicken with 2 sides for \$4.50 as well as a whole chicken (no side items) for \$6.95 — all good options. The restaurant has recently been renovated and is now bright and airy as well as wheelchair accessible. The owners live on 104th St. and have recently had their second baby.

MAKE OUR ANNUAL FAIR A SUCCESS

- Bake something for the Block Bakery
- Donate books and CDs to the Book Table
- Contribute a service or item worth \$50+ to the Silent Auction
- Lend a hand for a few hours
- Come out and join the fun!

Proceeds benefit the block association's beautification, security, and social programs.

IF YOU LOOSE YOUR PURSE OR WALLET

1. Cancel your credit cards immediately—make sure you always have the toll free numbers and your card numbers available.

2. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where it was stolen. This proves to credit providers you were diligent, and is a first step toward an investigation - if there ever is one.

3. Call the national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and SS#. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit.

Equifax 1-800 525-6285

Experian (formerly TRW) 1-888 397-3742

Trans Union 1-800 680-7289

Social Security Administration also has
a fraud line- 1-800-269-0271

Flowers Thrive under Loving Care

The flowers in our tree gardens have thrived this summer under the loving and consistent care of teams of people: supers, residents, and the Doe Fund. Thank you, Salvador, Eddie, Fermin, Dru, Ira, Teresa, Edmondo, Willie, Joseph, Milton, Ishmael, Susan. You've made the block look beautiful! (Apologies if we've omitted your name.)

Dues 3rd Quarter 7/01-9/01

Please allocate my contribution to:

____ Security ____ Beautification ____ Social ____ Newsletter ____ Board Discretion

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(Suggested amount: \$ 25.00)

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