

# 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

October 3, 2015 – 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM



At the **Twenty-Sixth Annual West 104<sup>th</sup> Street Yard Sale** on October 3, you and your family will experience the transformation of our block into an exotic street market.

If you glance out your window a bit before 10:00 AM, you will see hundreds of your neighbors putting the finishing touches on displays of recycled treasures: jewelry, dresses, jackets, furniture, toys, board games, decorative objects, household items, collectibles, and mounds of other cut-rate merchandise seeking a new home.

Stepping out your front door a few minutes later, you will find the parallel curbsides from West End to Riverside converted into gallery rows where you can join an army of bargain hunters indulging champagne tastes with only beer budgets. For more bargains, you can visit the following stands sponsored by our Block Association . . .

- **"What-A-Bargain."** Dig your way through table after table cluttered with pre-owned bargains including jewelry, knick-knacks, kitchenware, toys, unopened personal care products, embroidery kits, and more priced from \$1 to \$20.
- **Book Sale.** Browse a large selection of used volumes, including novels, plays, poetry, history, biography, children's

books, cookbooks, atlases, and dictionaries, as well as CDs

- **Silent Auction.** Bid on antiques, vintage collectibles, posters, photographs, paintings, theater tickets, household items in their original boxes, services (piano lessons, baking, etc.), and gift certificates from restaurants, stores, museums, and other cultural institutions.
- **Bake Sale.** Select a delicious family dessert fresh from your neighbor's oven.

When you take a break, you can tap your foot to live music performed by seasoned New York musicians Josh Levine, Shayla Edmonds, and James Weatherstone. Don't forget to pick up a ticket for our famous 50/50 raffle. Last year, the first-prize winner took home \$1,120.50. This year, the first-prize winner will again receive half of the total pot; the second-prize winner will take home \$100; the third-prize winner, \$50.

Through your generosity, you and your neighbors make possible this annual celebration. If you have spare items or time, we welcome your donations . . .

**"What-a-Bargain:"** Please pack your donations in bags marked, "Yard Sale," and arrange delivery by contacting Joyce Mann at [joycemann2@gmail.com](mailto:joycemann2@gmail.com) or 212-721-6341 or. (Back-up contact:

516-238-4609 or 516-330-5397.) Please, no exercise or computer equipment.

**Book Sale:** Please pack your donation in bags marked, "Yard Sale," and leave them with the 320 RSD doorman between September 21 and October 2. Please, no textbooks, journals, magazines, theses, LPs, or books about baby care, computers, or self-help.

**Silent Auction:** Please contact Hanna Rubin at 212-865-4579 or [Hanna.Rubin@verizon.net](mailto:Hanna.Rubin@verizon.net).

**Bake Sale:** Please call Alex Grannis at 212-316-1644.

**Donate your time:** Do you have an hour? Lend a hand at the Silent Auction, 'What-a-Bargain', Books Sale, Bake Sale, or set up and break down. Please contact Mary Koval at [mtkoyal@aol.com](mailto:mtkoyal@aol.com), 212-866-3556, or 917-969-1984.

One-hundred percent of your donation benefits our neighborhood. One-hundred percent of your purchases help ensure a safe, well-maintained block with a helpful guard, seasonal flowers, and trees providing summer shade.

**Interested in reserving your own 10 x 10 foot slot to display your gently used clothing, jewelry, and household items?** Please log on to [www.bloomington.org/vendor.htm](http://www.bloomington.org/vendor.htm) or call Gary Waskow at 212 932-9082.

### BLOCK ASSOCIATION WEBSITE IS BACK ONLINE!

As you may know, our block association website has not been available for most of the summer. Our resident webmaster, Noreen Whysel, has worked diligently to correct the problem. We are happy to announce that the website is up and running and we are in the process of updating it.

Please check the site frequently for news, calendar of events, and yard sale information at [www.bloomington.org](http://www.bloomington.org)

Thanks to Noreen for all her hard work in maintaining our site!

## Hanna Rubin Joins The Block Association Board

The Block Association Board is pleased to announce that Hanna Rubin, former Board President has rejoined the board after a hiatus of 6 years. Hanna, who has lived on the block since 1995, first joined the board in 2001 and became president in 2004. She has been dedicated to the block and the neighborhood for many years. In addition to her service on our board, Hanna was a founding member of Bloomingdale Aging in Place (BAiP). She resigned from the Board in 2009 to pursue a law degree while retaining her day job as editor of dance magazines. While at New York Law School, she was on the

Law Review. With law degree in hand she is now employed by the City of New York in the office of Scott Stringer, Comptroller, and has time again to devote some of her considerable energy to the Block Association. Hanna shares her apartment with felines Cyrus and Eleanor.



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## W 104 ST BLOCK ASSN FINANCIAL REPORT September 2015

<b>Opening Balance (8/01/15)</b>		<b>\$21,391.35</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Dues	315.00	
Yard Sale	438.00	
Interest	1.24	
<b>Total</b>	<b>+754.24</b>	<b>+754.24</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Guard service	2078.66	
PayPal fees	1.32	
Plants	381.06	
T-shirts	470.69	
Web hosting - annual	100.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>-3031.73</b>	<b>-3031.73</b>
<b>Check delayed</b>	<b>-300.00</b>	
<b>Closing Balance (8/31/15)</b>		<b>\$18,813.86</b>

If you would like to write for the 104th Street Newsletter, we'd love to hear from you. Please send Jon an email at:  
[104thstreetba@gmail.com](mailto:104thstreetba@gmail.com)

### Contributors to the September issue:

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## Silent Auction Gift Certificates: Not Just for Foodies Anymore

If you are like most people who bid on gift certificates at the Silent Auction at the West 104<sup>th</sup> Street Yard Sale, you hope to win up to 50% discounts at local restaurants, markets, or liquor stores. This year, you will again find satisfaction. You will have the opportunity to bid on certificates from more than thirty spots favored by local foodies.

But, you will also have the opportunity to satisfy your appetite for the pleasures of health, intellect, and aesthetics. Don't miss the offerings from the following businesses and institutions...

- American Museum of Natural History
- Bank Street Bookstore
- BeFitNYC
- Book Culture
- Dog Days of New York
- Guggenheim Museum
- Liberty House
- Pan Asian Repertory Theatre
- Paris Frameworks
- Robofun
- NYC Tours by Gary

The above list includes only the donors whose certificates were received by the *Newsletter* press date in late August. Expect to find even more offerings at the Yard Sale on October 3.



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**Interested in Discussing Block Activities for Your Kids? Please contact Mary Koval, Board Member, at [mtkoyal@aol.com](mailto:mtkoyal@aol.com)**

## West Side Story at Lincoln Center

from Landmark West!

In 1961, as *West Side Story* was being filmed, 16 acres of the Upper West Side -- much of the San Juan Hill neighborhood -- were being razed for the soon-to-be Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. Although most of *West Side Story* was shot in a Santa Monica soundstage, two New York City locations -- West 68th Street and an abandoned playground on 110th -- were chosen to give real grit and grime to the dance number rumbles between the film's two gangs, the white, working-class Jets and the newly emigrated Puerto Rican Sharks.

*West Side Story* creators Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim, and Jerome Robbins later found a home for their work at Lincoln Center -- the nation's largest performing arts center. Beginning in the 1950s, then-"starchitects" Max Abramovitz, Pietro Belluschi, Gordon Bunshaft, Wallace Harrison, Eero Saarinen, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, and Phillip Johnson collaborated to create a world-class center of the arts in Manhattan, defined by an overall aesthetic that synthesized Classicism and Modernism.

Lincoln Center is on LW!'s Wish List of landmark designation priorities, and it was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in 2000.

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"Landmark West! is the advocate for Upper West Side landmarks (some text adapted from publicity for Lincoln Center's current 11-part film series, which launched on Aug. 28 with a screening of *West Side Story*)

### What Improvements Would YOU Recommend in our Neighborhood? Let Us Know!

As an advocate for you, our block residents, we are in constant contact with our Council Member, Helen Rosenthal, and Assembly Member, Daniel O'Donnell. Helen Rosenthal has asked for our ideas for improving bicycle and pedestrian safety and any other issues.

Please let us know your ideas on bicycle safety and pedestrian safety. Please contact Gary Waskow, West 104<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association Board President at:

[west104blockassociation@gmail.com](mailto:west104blockassociation@gmail.com)

You may also leave your suggestion by visiting our **NEW** Community Bulletin Board at:

<http://bloomingdale.org/resources/forum/>



# COMMUNITY CORNER

## Citi-Bike Placement Update

The city announced more news about the timing of the Citi-Bike rollout on the Upper West Side, saying that the program would come to the neighborhood "starting in the fall." But the announcement included a big caveat: instead of the 39 stations that had been expected, only 21 will be placed this year, and they will stretch from 59th to 86th street, not all the way to 107th as under the prior plan.

The Department of Transportation stated the remaining stations above 86th (our area) will arrive in early 2016 with the locations being as previously planned. I would assume that this extra time will give the DOT a chance to review traffic patterns in the areas above 86th street as they mentioned at the CB7 meeting.

## Proposed Bike Lane on Amsterdam

The Department of Transportation will submit a proposal to our Community Board 7 for a bike lane on Amsterdam Avenue. The proposal is a result of the Citi-Bikes coming to the area and is supported by council members Helen Rosenthal and Mark Levine. The proposed bike lane will likely remove one lane of traffic on Amsterdam. There are concerns since Amsterdam is a truck route and experiences heavy traffic. Removing one lane of traffic for the bike lane may cause traffic congestion.

The proposal has not yet been placed on the Community Board 7's agenda. If you have concerns regarding this bike lane, please check CB7's website to obtain the date of discussion:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb7/html/home/home.shtml>

## Electronics and Textile Recycling

Please remember that of January 1, 2015, it is a violation of NYC Recycling Law to place electronics in the trash. Buildings in violation will be fined.

The Lower East Side Ecology Center is sponsoring an electronics and textile recycling event in our area on **September 27, 2015 from 10AM – 4PM**. The event will take place on 110<sup>th</sup> and Amsterdam.

### **Electronics:**

**Accepted** (unless otherwise noted): Computers and peripherals (monitors, printers, faxes/scanners, keyboards, mice, wires, etc.); TVs; stereo and A/V equipment, VCRs, DVD players; cell and wall phones.

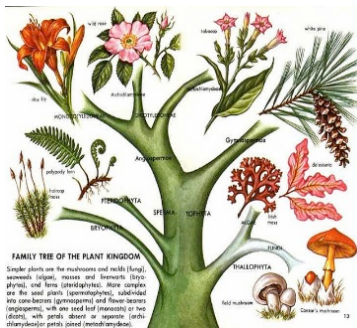
**Not Accepted:** Microwaves, refrigerators, air conditioners, smoke or carbon monoxide detectors.

### **Textiles:**

**Accepted** by Wearable Collections: Clean textiles, including clothing and shoes (wearable or unwearable), handbags, blankets, sheets, curtains, towels, etc.

**Not Accepted:** Scraps, pillows, comforters, luggage or carpeting.

## PLANTING UPDATE



In order to use your dues monies efficiently, the block association has decided to forgo the tulip planting this fall and will plant pansies in early spring. The reasoning behind the decision is to enjoy more flowers for a longer period of time. The tulips usually last two weeks while the pansies will remain until summer plants are placed in the wells.

Some of you may have noticed that the London Plane tree on the south side of 104<sup>th</sup> St. in front of 314 is not in the best of health. There are some dead branches posing a hazard to pedestrians and cars. We have contacted the NYC Parks Department and they will come out to assess the tree and perform any maintenance needed.


Mary Koval



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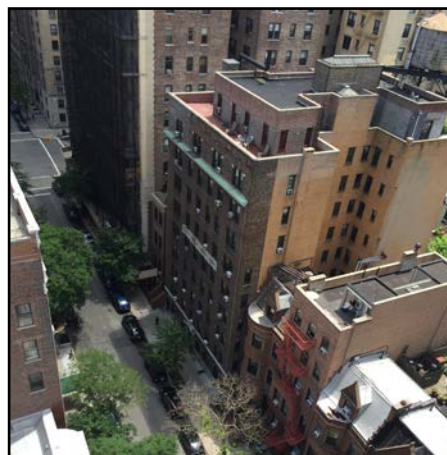
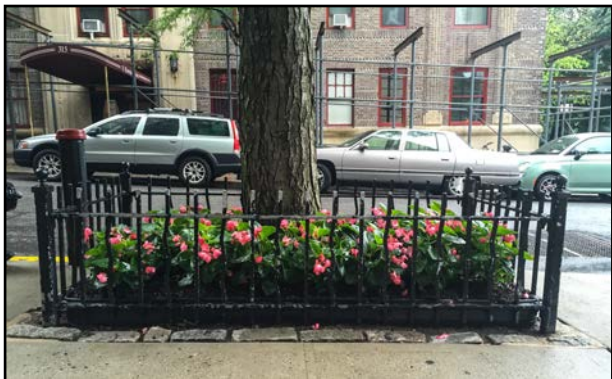
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# 2015 Memories



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Fall on the West Side kicks off with the Little Red Lighthouse Festival (9/26), "The Liberating Lens" at the Jewish Museum (10/15) and the "Superheroes in Gotham" exhibit at the New-York Historical Society.

### **Upcoming Events in the Neighborhood**

9/23 The **Rolex Central Park Horse Show** opens at Wollman Rink and runs through September 27. See dressage and jumping, and watch junior, amateur and professional classes complete. Tickets start at \$37. [www.centralparkhorseshow.com](http://www.centralparkhorseshow.com).

9/26 **Little Red Lighthouse Festival** at Little Red Lighthouse in Ft. Washington Park. Learn all about Manhattan's only remaining lighthouse, enjoy live music, attend a fishing clinic and more. Free. [www.nycgovparks.org](http://www.nycgovparks.org).

10/4 **Feast of St. Francis and Blessing of the Animals**, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 11 am-4pm. Bring family members of all sizes and species to the outdoor fair on Pulpit Green. Free. [www.stjohndivine.org](http://www.stjohndivine.org).

10/11 **Juilliard Wind Orchestra** performs a selection of classical and contemporary works at 3pm in Paul Recital Hall. \$20 per person. [www.Juilliard.edu](http://www.Juilliard.edu).

10/14 **Great Music in a Great Space:** Four Quarters of Jerusalem, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 7:30 pm. World music ensemble Rose of the Compass and the Cathedral choir. Tickets start at \$25. [www.stjohndivine.org](http://www.stjohndivine.org).

10/15 **The Liberting Lens: Jewish Photographers Picture the Modern World**, the Jewish Museum at 92<sup>nd</sup> St. and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Learn more the work of photographers Nan Goldin, Garry Winogrand and Bruce Davidson in a talk by Prof. Deborah Dash Moore at

the Jewish Museum. 7:30 pm. On Thursday evenings, the museum has a pay-what-you-wish policy from 5pm-8pm. [www.thejewishmuseum.org](http://www.thejewishmuseum.org).

10/18 **Haydn, Mendelssohn & Schumann, the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center.** The group kicks off its season with with a trio, a sextet and a quintet by masters of the classical and romantic era. 5pm. Tickets start at \$38. [www.chambermusicsociety.org](http://www.chambermusicsociety.org).

10/20 **Inside the Four Seasons and Other New York Landmark Interiors**, Museum of the City of New York, 6:30 pm. Learn about some of the City's most elegant and historic spaces and the preservation challenges they face from design historian Judith Gura, Landmark West! president Kate Wood and photographer Larry Lederman. \$16 for non-members. [www.mcny.org](http://www.mcny.org).

10/24 **Haimovitz Plays Bach: Cello Suites I, II & VI at Columbia University's Miller Theatre.** Cellist Matt Haimovitz winds up a residency with a concert that includes new overtures by contemporary composers to Bach's signature cello works. Tickets are \$85. [www.millertheatre.com](http://www.millertheatre.com).

10/26 **"Superheroes in Gotham,"** an 11 a.m. gallery tour of a new exhibit at New York Historical Society. Join museum curators as they explain how comic books and their heroes, born in New York in the 1930s, evolved to their current role in popular culture. Tickets are \$34. [www.nyhistory.org](http://www.nyhistory.org).

10/31 **The Amherst Symphony**

**Orchestra performs a Halloween Concert** at Symphony Space at 7:30 pm. The program includes "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" and Berlioz's "Symphonie Fantastique." \$15 for non-members. [www.symphonyspace.org](http://www.symphonyspace.org).

### **Activities for Children**

The Children's Museum of Manhattan, 212 West 83<sup>rd</sup> St. Visit **"EatSleepPlay,"** a new exhibit that teaches children how to be healthy through fun, engaging interactive displays. Museum admission \$12 per person. [www.cmom.org](http://www.cmom.org).

The DiMenna Children's History Museum at the New-York Historical Society. [www.nyhistory.org](http://www.nyhistory.org). This special museum-within-a-museum offers historical reenactments, special exhibits and interactive displays. Don't miss the **"New-York Haunted Society's Superheroes/Supernatural Halloween Bash"** on 10/31. Tickets purchased in advance are \$10; at the door, \$12.

The Museum of Natural History has an eclectic menu of programs for children at all ages. [www.amnh.org/learn-teach/families](http://www.amnh.org/learn-teach/families). Check out the Family Bird Walk on 9/25. Tickets are \$25, binoculars included.

### **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**

**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/>

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

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# **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.

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