

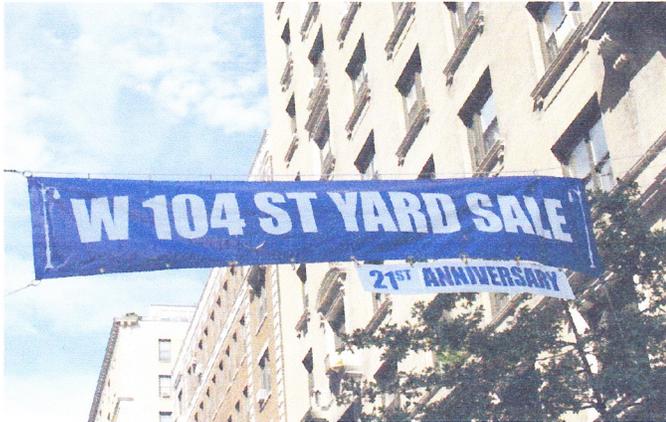
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West 104th Street

BLOCK ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 15, 2010

Editor: Nancy Lian



Neighbors Celebrate Community at Annual Yard Sale

On the crisp morning of September 25, a relentless wind launched from the Hudson River, shot up West 104th Street, bent down trees, billowed a festive banner spanning the street, and wreaked havoc on hundreds of neighbors setting up the **21st Annual West 104th Street Yard Sale**.

Racing to unpack truckloads of recycled merchandise and to arrange displays by the 10:00 AM opening, parents and children winced as wind-blown racks of vintage clothing crashed to the ground, scattering spangles and sending beads bounding down the sidewalk slopes. After chasing down runaway sheets of poster-board, volunteers wearing cobalt blue tee-shirts tethered signs to heavy chairs, trees, lampposts, and walls to mark the locations of the Bake Sale, Book Sale, Silent Auction, Raffle, and Refreshments. Meanwhile, around the corner in the canyon of West End Avenue, volunteers at 'What-a-Bargain' hid from the wind and shielded six tables overflowing with pre-owned household items awaiting their next incarnations in welcoming kitchens and playrooms.

At the breakfast counter at the top of the block, hunkered-down volunteers struggled to serve hot coffee and to smear bagels with cream cheese while impatient customers disciplined hyperactive paper cups, plates, and napkins. Toward the bottom of the block at the Silent Auction table, a squad snapped into precision

maneuvers to align rows of bid sheets and fragile auction items while teammates combated the wind with dispensers of clear plastic packing tape.

By 10:00 AM, the wind had become the neighbors' friend, as the first of thousands of visitors descended the slopes from West End Avenue to inspect the items on display at stalls lining both sides of the street. Dispersing the smells from the Bake Sale, the steady breeze invited connoisseurs to admire masterpieces from neighborhood ovens. It animated delicate items on display tables, as well as blouses and ties hanging from the racks of vendors who had gathered their merchandise from the far corners of their closets and dresser drawers. Infecting the crowd with the headiness of seasonal change, it lured gamers to the raffle table.

At the Book Sale, the wind rifled through the pages of hundreds of books to beckon to readers. By lunchtime, it wafted aromas from grills, enticing 300 customers to purchase hamburgers and hot dogs. Foreshadowing the pleasures of autumn, it brought Spandex wearers to 'What-a-Bargain,' where they purchased bicycles donated by 315 Riverside Drive. Luring residents from neighboring blocks, it carried aloft live music performed by Josh Levine and Frank Schaap, Joe Giglio, Elizabeth Rogers, and Foley Road.

By the end of the day, the wind, the vendors, and the crowds of neighbors had raised nearly \$9,000 to keep our neighborhood safe, welcoming, and beautiful. Due credit also goes to the Block Association Board of Directors, who divided up responsibilities and began planning last May.

While appreciating the importance of raising revenue, local residents attended the Yard Sale to celebrate our community. Leading the celebration, children darted through the crowd, shared enthusiasms, pooled resources, and collaborated to satisfy their curiosity about the items and activities displayed by their grown-up neighbors. Meanwhile, their parents drifted from stall to stall, searching for bargains and finding a spirit of neighborliness.

In addition to a day of fun, the Yard Sale supplies a corrective to the prevalent image of New York neighborhoods. During the coming months, if you need a response to an out-of-towner's rant about the isolation of the soulless city, simply invite them to the 22nd Annual West 104th Street Yard Sale.

**WEST 104 STREET BLOCK ASSOCIATION
Yard Sale September 25, 2010**

Income

Space Leases:	\$4,075.00
Raffle (Gross):	1,375.00
Silent Auction:	1,503.00
Books:	1,495.00
Food & Beverage:	1,094.40
Bakery (Adult):	732.70
What-A-Bargain:	1,571.25
Kids Bakery	121.00
T-Shirts:	187.00
Face Painting:	43.00

TOTAL **\$12,197.35**

Expenses

Entertainers:	800.00
Raffle:	687.50
Insurance	375.00
Food & Beverage:	464.55
Call-A-Head:	223.19
Printing:	267.00
Tables	374.48
Breakfast & Bakery	60.46
Permits:	62.20
Miscellaneous:	142.80
Supplies/gift cards	25.00

TOTAL **\$3,482.18**

Net Revenue **\$8,715.17**

This report includes income and expenses incurred over a period of months. It is not intended to correlate to the Sept. 2010 financial report.



Gary Waskow announces that Cathy D'Arce of 895 WEA holds the winning 50/50 raffle ticket worth \$687.50.

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**WEST 104 STREET BLOCK ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2010**

Opening Balance (9/01/10) **\$35,614.60**
Income

Dues:	\$1142.00
Coop contributions	1000.00
Yard Sale	11447.35
Total	13,589.35

Disbursements

Guard service:	\$8536.95
Printing/mailing	142.50
Yard Sale	2339.21
Misc.	4.40
Total	11,023.06

Closing Balance (9/30/10) **\$38,180.89**

Discount Announcement for Parking Garages

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In effect until February 2012, the discounts officially apply only to new customers at the garages at West 101st and West 102nd. However, current customers may succeed in obtaining these discounts if they act ow. To apply send an email to 104blockevents@gmail.com with the subject GARAGE DISCOUNT <your name>. Or call (212) 932-9082.

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Neighborhood News



The W. 102nd & 103rd Streets Block Association will host its annual Halloween Parade on Sunday, Oct. 31 at 6 pm. Parents and costumed children line up 102nd St. between West End Ave. and Riverside Dr., which is closed to traffic, before circumnavigating the block. The parade finishes up back on W. 102nd St. where trick or treat bags, refreshments and other activities await. All are welcome. There will also be a table and goodies on W. 104th St. at a location to be determined by various ghosts and goblins, and all children are invited to join the Parade and festivities. For more information or to volunteer, contact info@102-103blockassn.org.

News from the 24th Precinct

There has been an increase in vandalism of car break-ins, especially on Riverside Drive. Drivers are urged to remove absolutely everything from their parked cars to discourage thieves.

Please don't feed the pigeons. There are too many!!

The 24th Precinct Community Council welcomes your donation to help fund the annual Children's Holiday Party on December 11 and other neighborhood organizations. You may leave a contribution at the precinct on W. 100th Street, or mail it to the Council at the Parkwest Finance Station, PO Box 21004, NY NY 10025.

News from the MTA The Public Address Customer Information Screen (PA/CIS) provides train arrival messages in audio and video. Aside from train arrivals, the system also allows NYC Transit to provide both audio and visual messages to customers, keeping them fully informed about service delays or emergency situations. The system will be rolled out incrementally, with 100 total stations up and running in 2010 and all of the stations on the numbered lines completed in 2011

Bloomingdale Aging in Place

The fall schedule will include two panel discussions: "Accepting Help to Stay Independent," on Oct. 21 and "Exploring New and Alternative Approaches to Pain Management," on Nov. 18. The walking, book and photography groups are active and more salons are being planned. For more information, visit our website, bloomingplace.org, to become a BAiP member at no cost.

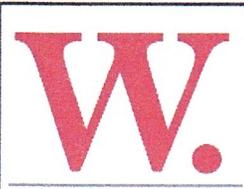


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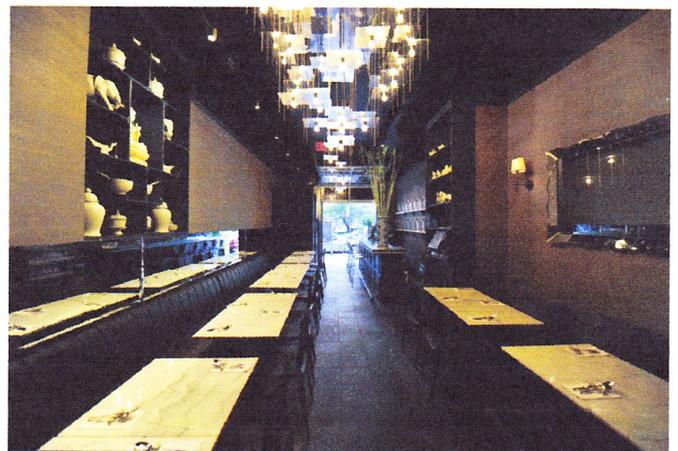
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Yard Sale

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10/16 Upper Bwy Fall Festival, Bwy 110-116 St. 10-6 pm

10/16-17. The Orchestra – A Happy Family. Children 3-5 learn how drums bang, strings, bow, brass buzzes and winds toot. 10/16-10:30 and 12 noon, 10/17 1 and 2:30 pm. Lollipops at Kaye Playhouse at Hunter College. Call 212.971.9500 for ticket information.

10/18-20 Music by Aaron Copland. 12 Poems of Emily Dickinson - Sarah Wolfson, soprano, Quartet for Piano and Strings - Voxare String Quartet, *Old American Songs* (selections) - Sarah Wolfson, soprano. Miller Theatre Lunchtime Concerts. Columbia Philosophy Hall, 12:30 pm. FREE

10/24 The Great Organ. Organists of St. John the Divine provide concert each Sunday at 5:15 pm FREE. 10/24 Stephen Tharp, Artist in Residence at Grace Church, NYC performs the complete works of Jeanne Demessieux in a series of three Sunday recitals. 10/31 Daniel Beckwith, New York City. 11/7 James Kennerley, Organist & Music Director, St. Mary the Virgin, Times Square, NYC.

10/30 St. Luke's Hospital Breast Health Awareness Day. Free conference 8:30 to 1 pm with breakfast and lunch. Speakers include St. Luke's breast surgeons, a genetic counselor, and breast cancer survivors. Workshops on healthy living and info on obtaining mammograms available. For more information or to enroll in the conference please call 212.523.4799 or 212.636.1857.

11/6 Stravinsky's Firebird, The Little Orchestra Society. Avery Fisher Hall, 11 am and 1 pm. For ages 6-12. Call 212.971.9500 for ticket information.

11/7 Unicycle enthusiasts meet at Grant's Tomb 1-5 pm. Also 11/20, 12/5, 12/18.

11/13 The Tiffanys Father and son create an empire of sophistication and masterpieces. Film show at NYPL, Columbus Branch, 742 10th Ave. between 50-51. 2 to 3 pm. FREE

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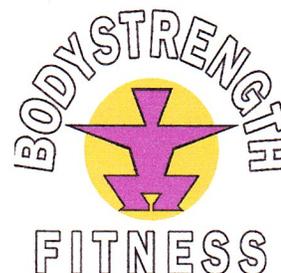
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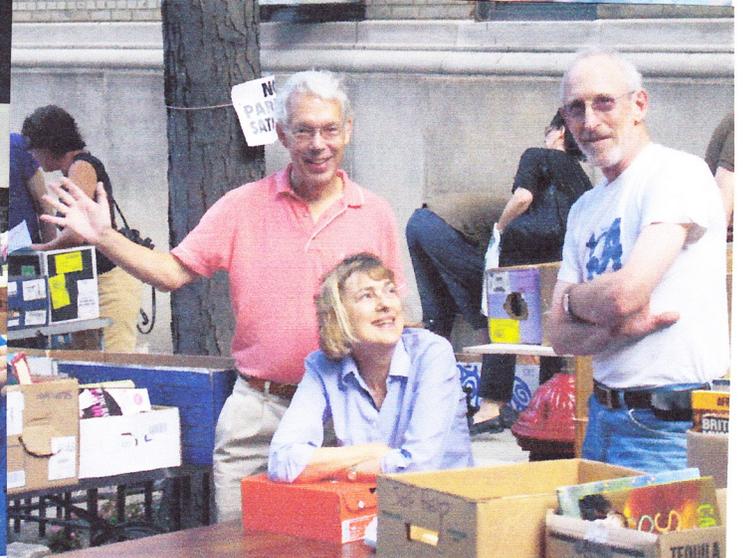
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Thanks for your work, as always.... This weekend, my bunkmates from my camp days will be having a reunion -- after 41 years -- so I will be running all over the place and unable to do anything; Anyway, I hope it is a ROUSING success and THANK YOU and everyone who works so hard for us!!!! ciao, a presto, **Annie**

Thank you soooo much for putting me next to pat jenkins. I really appreciate it and all your hard work! All the best, **Claudia Gill.**

Thank you, Gary. Awesome job as always. **Brett Whysel** (his wife Noreen maintains our website)

Thank you for working so hard. **Vicki Steinhardt**

Thank YOU – great job!! **Jeannie**

Yes, a wonderful day! I'm taking the liberty of emailing this NYT article on neighborliness, for anyone interested. It's amusing and a plea for neighborliness and I thought interesting... Thank YOU for a great event. **Jennifer Rockwood**

Thank you for such a terrific yard sale. We had a great time and got rid of allot of stuff. All the best, **Joan**

Thanks for a great event. This was my first yard sale and I had a great time. I was honestly surprised that I sold practically everything I brought, even the stuff that I thought would be a long shot. Also, wanted to thank you for finding me an alternative spot after mine was taken, as well as for the table you let me use. That table was a huge help. Probably wouldn't have had such a successful day without it. I look forward to next year. Warm regards, **Enrique Mendez** (We 'rented' him an extra table for \$10)

Thank you, - you did a great job!! We made \$350 after expenses and came home with a sixth of the stuff we arrived with (priceless!) - a great success, and yes, the music was wonderful. All the best, **Fran (& Jeri) Fran Beallor**

I can't thank you enough for squeezing me in, and I LOVED the spot, hope to get the same one next time!!! Just near the music, sales were great, met nice people, all around good time. Thanks, again **Shailah**

Thanks for holding such a wonderful event. Anthony and I sold 90 per cent of our items and had a great time! **Alison**

Wow! You are fast!!! And the yard sale was terrific. I am definitely interested in returning and will try to remember to start looking at your website around August 1 next year. **Janet Dewart Bell**

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11/12 Beethoven: Leonore Overture, Schumann: Symphony No. 4, Shostakovich Symphony #5, Kurt Masur Conducting. Manhattan School of Music Orchestra, John C. Borden Auditorium, 7:30 pm. Reserved seating tickets \$20, seniors \$12. Call 917.493.4428 for more info. FREE OPEN REHEARSALS 11/8: 9:30 am, 11/9: 10:00 am, 11/10: 11:00 am, 11/11: 7:15 pm, 11/12: 9:30 am.

11/13-14 Things That Go Bang! How the percussion family makes music. Tunes by Anderson, Tchaikovsky, Britten and Gershwin. 11/13-10:30 and 12 noon. 11/14 1 and 2:30 pm. For children 3-5. Lolli-Pops at Kaye Playhouse at Hunter College. Call 212.971.9500 for ticket information.

11/17-21 Five Dutch Days in 5 Boroughs. For detailed program information go to 5dutchdaysnyc.org.

12/8 Summer And Smoke by Lee Hoiby, libretto by Lanford Wilson, based on the play by Tennessee Williams. Manhattan School of Music Opera Theater, John C. Borden

Auditorium. 7:30 pm. Also 12/10 at 7:30 pm, 12/12 at 2:30 pm. Reserved seating tickets \$20, seniors \$12. Call 917.493.4428 for more info.

12/10-12 The Christmas Revels: A Celebration of the Winter Solstice, with Bavarian theme. El Teatro at El Museo del Barrio, 1230 Fifth Ave. at 104th St. 12/10 8pm, 12/11 2 & 8 pm, 12/12 at 2 pm. For ticket information contact El Teatro at 212.831.7272.

12/18 Amahl and the Night Visitors, the Little Orchestra Society. Avery Fisher Hall, 11 am and 1 pm. For ages 6-12. Call 212.971.9500 for ticket information.

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