

West 104th Street

BLOCK ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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What's Your Favorite Part of Winter Holidays in the City?

Twenty-five years ago, I moved to the Upper West Side from Vermont where winter holiday traditions are firmly established and perpetuated joyously year after year. After so many years in the City, though, I travel North rarely for the holidays. I don't feel, however, that I've developed a set of replacement traditions. The tree at Rockefeller Center is okay but doesn't hold the same awe it used to. Dining out, even at a fabulous restaurant, is no substitute for the warmth that comes from sharing a meal, no matter how humble, with family.

So help me out here. What do you like best about winter holidays in the City? What are your favorite things to do and see? Call (866 4260), write (320 Riverside Dr., #9D), or send me an e-mail message (telwert@hotmail.com). Thinking that others of you may be experiencing the same what-to-do, what-to-do, I'll share what I hear with you in the December newsletter, just in time for this year's holidays.

Teresa Elwert, President

Not One Dime: Boycott CVS

The block association and West Siders for Viable Neighborhoods urge you to boycott CVS everywhere and especially its new store in the former supermarket on Broadway at 102nd St. We need supermarkets, not chain drug stores.

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Quality of Life Tip: Fire Safety

City officials have taken so seriously the need to educate people about high-rise fire safety that it now requires a fire safety notice be placed on the inside of every apartment door. The following summary applies to the six non-combustible (fireproof) buildings on our block: 895 and 905 West End Ave., 308 and 309 West 104, and 315 and 320 Riverside Dr. Please be sure all members of your household know these guidelines.

If the fire is in your apartment

- Close the door to the room where the fire is and leave the apartment.
- Make sure EVERYONE (including pets) leaves the apartment with you.
- Take your keys.
- Close, but do not lock the apartment door.
- Alert people on your floor by knocking on their doors on your way to the exit.
- Use the nearest stairwell to leave the building.
- DO NOT USE THE ELEVATOR.
- Call 911 once you reach a safe location.


If the fire is NOT in your apartment

- Stay inside and listen for instructions from firefighters unless conditions become dangerous.
- If you must exit, feel the apartment door and knob for heat. If they are hot, open the door slightly and check the hallway for smoke, heat or fire.
- If you can safely exit your apartment, follow the instructions above for a fire in your apartment.
- If you cannot safely exit your apartment, call 911 and tell them your address, apartment number, and the number of people in your apartment.
- Seal the doors to your apartment with wet towels or sheets, and seal air ducts and openings to block smoke.
- Open windows a few inches at top and bottom unless flames and smoke are coming from below.
- Do not break any windows.
- If conditions in the apartment appear life-threatening, open a window and wave a towel or sheet to attract the attention of firefighters.
- If smoke conditions worsen before help arrives, get down on the floor and take short breaths through your nose. If possible, retreat to a balcony or a terrace away from the source of the smoke, heat, or fire.

Health Insurance for the Uninsured

The Health*STAT Initiative is a citywide campaign to enroll eligible people into available public health insurance programs, with a first priority on children. Approximately 1.5 million low-income people in New York City are uninsured. The initiative will potentially enroll over 900,000 people, including 350,000 children in Child Health Plus or Medicaid. Both public and private agencies have been mobilized to inform and educate people about the programs, and in some cases, provide direct assistance to applicants with the enrollment process. The Manhattan agencies are The Children's Aid Society (949 4897); Alianza Dominicana (740 1960, x130 or 134); Hispanic Federation (425 4636); or call 1 800 698 4543.

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Tree and Bench Sponsorship in the Park

Sponsoring a bench or tree in Riverside Park is a thoughtful way to honor or memorialize loved ones. Bench plaques can contain approximately 20 words of text and cost \$1,500. There is a broad range of trees to choose from. Flowering trees, such as cherry, dogwood, and magnolia, cost \$400. Evergreens, such as cedar, holly, and pine, cost \$450. And specimen trees, such as elm, horse chestnut, and sugar maple, cost \$500. The location of the tree will be determined in cooperation with NYC Parks & Recreation based on donor request and historical and environmental appropriateness. For more information about the benches, call Heather Munoz, for more about the trees, call Crista Carmody; both are at the Park Fund (870 3070).

Books Donated to the Library

The block association donated 25 boxes of books and CDs left over from the Yard Sale to the New York Public Library. We're pleased that the books we couldn't sell can be used by library patrons throughout the city.

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Calendar of Selected Events

- 11/10 Manhattan School of Music Symphony** plays Bach/Webern, Walton's Concerto for Viola and Orchestra, and Bruckner's Symphony No. 6 in A, John C. Borden Auditorium at 120 Claremont Avenue, 8 pm. Free.
- 11/11 Gobbledygook by The Gogmagogs.** Seven young string players from London with a "new event form, neither musical spoof, concert, gig, dance or drama but something more radical than the sum of those parts" per *The London Times*. Miller Theater, Broadway at 116th St., 8 pm. Tickets \$25. Call 854-7799 for more information.
- 11/12 Respighi's Pines of Rome and Fountains of Rome,** Manhattan School of Music Symphony Orchestra, Glen Cortese, conductor. Riverside Church, 3 pm. For tickets call 870-6784.
- 11/15 Trio Sonatas of Arcangelo Corelli** performed by Jouis Louis, Casa Italiana, Columbia University, 6 pm. Free. Seating is limited. Call 854-4437 for more information.
- 11.17-19 4th Annual New York Autumn Blues Festival,** featuring Bobby Rush, Mel Waiters on 11/17, The Acoustic Summit on 11/18, and Super Chikan and the Fighting Cocks on 11/19. Symphony Space. Call 864-5400 for ticket information.

- 11/19 Jazz Brunch** by Manhattan School of Music Jazz Orchestra, at Makor, 35 W. 67 St., 11 am to 3 pm. Free Event, but seating is limited. For information call 601-1000.
- 11/19 Orpheus Chamber Orchestra plays music by Copland.** Riverside Church, 3 pm. For ticket information call 896-1704.
- 11/23 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.**
- 11/30 Afro-Cuban Jazz Orchestra,** Bobby Sanabria, director, John C. Borden Auditorium, 120 Claremont Ave., 8 pm. (Program to be announced.) Free.
- 12/2 Tom Chapin** presents a Songfest Celebration – back by popular demand. Symphony Space, 11 am. CMOM has a guitar building workshop on W. 83rd St. following the performance. Tickets \$8. Call 864-5000 for more information.
- 12/8-10 Christmas Revels, a Celebration of the Winter Solstice,** featuring English Pantomime, Melodrama, Comedy and Sentiment, Traditional & Ritual Dances, Processionals Carols & Drama, at Symphony Space, 95th & Broadway. Performances 12/8 at 8, 12/9 at 2 and 8, 12/10 at 2 and 6. Call 864-5400 now for best ticket locations.

Treasurer's Report for October 2000—*Sid Herzfeld*

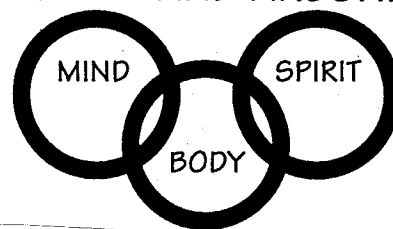
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| OPENING BALANCE 10/1/00 | | \$15,276.53 |
| INCOME | | |
| Dues | 1,160.00 | |
| Newsletter Ads | 40.00 | |
| Grant-West Side Federation | 700.00 | |
| Bank Interest | 4.99 | |
| Yard Sale - Silent Auction | 510.00 | |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$2,414.99 | +\$ 2,414.99 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | |
| Guard Service | 3,328.94 | |
| Newsletter Production | 332.65 | |
| Yard Sale - Musicians | 600.00 | |
| Tips to Security Guards | 110.00 | |
| Bank Fee | 3.00 | |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | \$4,374.59 | -\$ 4,374.59 |
| CLOSING BALANCE 10/31/00 | | \$ 13,316.93 |

Grandma's Coming to Visit

My mother is looking for a one bedroom or studio to sublet in the neighborhood for all or part of January. Maybe swap for her three-bedroom ski chalet in Whistler, British Columbia, the #1 ski resort in North America?

Please call Daniel or Naomi at 222-3393

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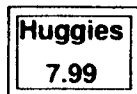
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Individual Motorized Transport: Menace or Marvel?

The City Council is considering a bill to outlaw motorized scooters and skateboards. What's your opinion on this new mode of transportation?

- They should be outlawed: they're a noisy and dangerous polluting nuisance
- They should be legalized: they're cheap, ingenious transportation
- Other _____

And what's your opinion of jet skis?

- They should be outlawed on all City waterways: they disturb my peace
- They should be legalized: they're fun
- Other _____

Dues 4th Quarter 10/00 -12/00

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(Suggested Amount: \$ 25.00)

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