



## Zoning Plan Advances Toward Becoming Law

By Cynthia Doty

On April 23, 2007, the Department of City Planning certified the comprehensive new zoning map for the area from W. 97th St. to W. 110th St., Central Park West to Riverside Dr. There were no last-minute changes to the plan that had been agreed to by the Community Board and the local elected officials. This certification officially began the Uniform Land Use Review Process (ULURP) by which the proposal becomes law.

On May 16, the CB 7 Land Use Committee met to discuss and vote on the plan. Both City Council Member Melissa Mark Viverito and a representative of Council Member Inez Dickens, whose districts cover the zoning area, praised the new map and committed to seeing it through the City Council as fast as possible. Many other community members spoke in support, noting that this new zoning, while not perfect, is much more “contextual” than the old. It will keep lower buildings on the side streets and provide for the inclusion of affordable, lower-cost units (“inclusionary housing”) with any new construction on Broadway. Most importantly, the new plan will limit the selling of development rights to the owner of an adjacent building site. These development rights are commonly known as “air rights” because they involve the amount of air space above an existing low-rise building in which an owner could build

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# The West 102nd & 103rd Streets Block Association *NEWSLETTER*

## Synergy Carries the Day at Fourth Annual Yard Sale

The Greeks had a word for it: *synergos*, meaning “working together,” from which we get “synergy.” And that’s the perfect word to describe all the myriad efforts that culminated in the Block Association’s very successful Yard Sale on May 5. (Turn to page 4 to see photos of the event, thanks to Ozzie Alfonso).

From the pre-event organizational tasks to the clean up in the aftermath, the Yard Sale brought us a silent auction, a loudly announced raffle and a tempting refreshments table, dozens of well-stocked vendors and hordes of hopeful buyers. All resulted from the cooperative effort of dozens of volunteers, including the stalwart members of our board of directors. The weather did its part beautifully too, but we won’t try to take credit for that!

The cooperative good karma began well before May 5. Under the direction of event coordinator Marlene Lee, a poster crew including Alan Cary, John Hewitt, Molly Sugarman, and Ginger Lief, began, back in April, to blanket the neighborhood with flyers provided by Hedy Campbell. It continued two days before the event when, with all the vendor spaces sold, volunteers putting No Parking Saturday flyers on parked cars were dismayed to discover two trash containers taking up lots of space on the street. Block Association chair David Reich engaged the support of 875 West End Ave. manager Seth

Jucovy who succeeded in having the Dumpster outside his building removed in time. Vendor organizer Anthony Bellov had to be out of town on Yard Sale day, but with the cooperation of David and Marlene, all of the vendors were successfully installed on the block.

Under the gentle but persistent direction of auction/raffle coordinator Maura Gouck, neighborhood residents and businesses got on board with enthusiasm and generosity, providing gift cards and merchandise for all sorts of goods and services. (See page 4 for a complete list of donors.) Board member Cynthia Doty, relying on her network of contacts, came through with clipboards. The two lucky raffle winners were Susan Lichy and a resident of W. 102nd St. who wishes to remain anonymous, chosen at random by resident teen Molly Campbell (who had planned to help out for an hour or two but enjoyed her work so much she stayed all day).

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### BLOCK ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Regular Block Association meetings are held twelve times a year, usually on the second Tuesday of every month.

TIME: 8:00 p.m.  
PLACE: 306 W. 102nd St.

The next three meetings are scheduled for Jun. 12, Jul. 10 and Aug. 14.

# Review: Trilingual Ozen Pleases the Palate

By Hedy Campbell

When **Ozen** first opened on the northwest corner of Amsterdam Ave. and W. 97th St., I wondered which maxim would hold true: the more the merrier or too many cuisines spoil the broth. Now that I've eaten there, I vote for the former. Whoever's in the kitchen at Ozen does a more than able job preparing and artfully presenting Chinese and Japanese and Thai favorites, many of them on *ozen*, four-legged trays used for festive food, and on or in other unusual serving pieces.

Settled in Ozen's good-sized dining room, my companions and I studied the vast menu, which is arranged in sections according to country of origin, and did our best to come up with some choices. Our goal was to sample a variety of appetizers and main courses from each of the cuisines. The wait staff checked on us periodically, helpfully answering our questions, but despite our indecision, never tried to hurry us along. Once we'd ordered, we were able to sit back and have a look at our surroundings. Ozen is pleasantly decorated in neutral shades from caramel to chocolate. Perhaps as further testament to its intention to please all tastes, diners can choose to sit at free-standing tables or at

booths, or at a table with a banquette on one side, a chair on the other. There's a sushi bar toward the back, with a large flat-screen TV above it. While we were occupied with the menu, I'd noticed that the program being aired was not suitable for my 10-year-old guest. Before I had a chance to ask that it be changed, it had been taken care of. I like to think the change was another indication of Ozen's aim to please its guests; I'm sure other patrons could find the TV an annoying distraction.

All attention turned to the food as the appetizers arrived: sizzling scallion pancakes, somewhat thicker than usual, were still crispy and delicious, especially when dipped in the accompanying piquant sauce. Gyoza (choose steamed or fried, chicken, pork or vegetable) were artfully presented and equally fresh from the wok. Enormous rings of fried calamari, not a choice we expected to find on this menu, were perfectly greaseless and excellently complemented by sweet chili dipping sauce. The ebi shumai, delicate steamed dumplings filled with a ground shrimp mixture, almost melted in our mouths. Miso soup must have been ladled out of the pot seconds before it was brought to the table; the green salad had been taken out of the fridge long enough in

advance to have lost its icebox chill, which only further endeared it to me.

By the time we'd each tasted all of the various appetizers, we were almost too full for our respective dinners: chicken teriyaki in a marvelously silky rendition of the traditional sweet sauce; impeccably fresh sushi including a panko-crust-ed tuna roll with drizzles of raspberry and herb sauces; and an alluringly fragrant Panang curry, chockablock with chicken, string beans, lime leaves, and basil with plenty of sauce to spare for pouring over rice. Yet we each took a deep breath and mustered our appetites—and determined that we'd bring our copious leftovers home to be eaten another day. They were gone by the next afternoon.

Ozen is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner, with weekday lunch specials in each of the cuisines offered. Beer and wine is available; all major credit cards are accepted. Delivery and catering is available. For menu information, consult [ozencuisine.com](http://ozencuisine.com). Ozen's phone is (212) 678-0300.

## The West 102nd & 103rd Streets Block Association Newsletter

Published four times a year. **Hedy Campbell and David L. Reich**, co-editors. Comments and questions related to the Association or Newsletter are welcomed. Send US Mail to Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 1940, New York, NY 10025 or email to [info@w102-103blockassn.org](mailto:info@w102-103blockassn.org). Phone messages may be left at (212) 866-5769. Faxes may be sent to (212) 866-5916. Recent issues of the Newsletter may be viewed at [//www.bloomingdale.org/newsletter102-103.htm](http://www.bloomingdale.org/newsletter102-103.htm)

## No Let Up in Rodent Problems

Though most of the obvious excavations in our immediate neighborhood have ceased, rat problems continue to trouble businesses and residents. The excavations have been thought to disturb the rat colonies, which would otherwise stay where they have found supplies of food, water and shelter.

Recently, PicNic, a popular Broadway restaurant on the west side between W. 101st and W. 102nd Sts., was closed by the NYC Department of Health to deal with a "rodent infestation" according to

a notice on its door. Work is underway in the basement to control the problem. The residential neighbors who live above the restaurant recently met at PicNic to discuss the issues facing many buildings in the area. No date for a reopening of PicNic has yet been set.

Residents are urged to promptly call 311 with detailed reports of sightings or signs of rats or mice in the neighborhood. Note the precise location, date and time for the report and inform the Block Association of your complaint.

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a larger building. The new plan “seeks to promote appropriate development that respects the established built form and preserves historic assets.”

Following the discussion, the Land Use Committee voted unanimously to approve this new plan. Now the next step is the vote by CB 7’s full board on June 5. After that, the plan goes to the Borough President, who has stated that he fully supports it and has said he will waive the 30 days he usually gets for review. After that it goes to the City Planning Commission and then to the City Council for a final vote.

Copies of both the old zoning map and the new one, are available on the CB 7 website, [cb7.org](http://cb7.org).

The full board of CB 7 will meet on Tuesday, June 5 at 7 pm at the Goddard Riverside Community Center, 593 Columbus Ave. (at W. 88th St.). The public is invited to attend to express their views and hear all the latest details.

## Tree Well Planting Puts Blooms in Bloomingdale

By John Hewitt

Your Block Association’s annual community tree well planting on Saturday, May 19 was once again a great success — a lot of work and a lot of fun for those hearty souls who braved the threat of rain. But the weather held nicely until the plantings were done and then did the watering for us!

Armed with the sage advice of Anthony Bellov on dressing the soil and varieties of plants and flowers best suited for our neighborhood conditions, Hedy Campbell and I ventured across the Hudson to the Garden State to pick up plants and supplies on Friday. The next morning, the crew gathered in front of 862 West End Ave. where trowels, borrowed from 299 Riverside Dr.’s Garden Committee, were handed out. After mixing garden soil containing fertilizer, top soil and peat moss under the expert direction of Kathy Fink, it was off to the five selected addresses with a total of ten tree wells to plant. We had chosen

impatiens in red, purple and white and vinca vines for bedding. Kathy and Cynthia Doty went to 305 Riverside Dr. and Marlene Lee to 250 W. 103rd St. Kevin, a resident at St. Luke’s House, took plants to his building at 306 W. 102nd St., Gerald and Eva Forman went to their building at 878 West End Ave. and I began planting right where the event had started at 862 West End Ave.

Thanks to all who worked dirty, hard and fast to make a walk through our neighborhood even more inspiring.

If you are interested in planting a tree well that was not included in this event, please contact me, John Hewitt, by email at [jhewittmd@hotmail.com](mailto:jhewittmd@hotmail.com) or by phone at (212) 866-0229.

## Join the Block Association for *Tea*

*Tea is not quiet, but turbulent. We Japanese women drink a lot of it. Become it. Swallow the tempest. And nobody knows the storm inside. We remain... peaceful, contained, the eye of the hurricane.* - V. Houston, playwright

Celebrate Pan Asian Repertory’s 30th anniversary and the first National Asian American Theatre Festival. Join our Spring Theater Party at the June 10,

3 pm performance of *Tea*, as four war brides gather to remember a friend after she kills her abusive American husband and herself. The play will be followed by a discussion with director Tina Chen and the cast at the West End Theatre, 263 W. 86th St. Tickets are \$30 each.

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# A Great Day for Our Community



The crowd of browsers and buyers fills W. 103rd St. during the 2007 Block Association Yard Sale.



Photos by O. Alfonso

At the Block Association tables: (from left) Hedy Campbell, David Reich, Marlene Lee, Ginger Lief and Molly Campbell.

## The Block Association Thanks the Generous Donors to the 2007 Yard Sale!

### Silent Auction

- \*Janet Bernstein, home organizing
- \*Café du Soleil
- Hedy Campbell, festive cake
- \*Rosalyn Cherry, massage
- \*Rosalyn Cherry, home organizing
- Camille Colon, baby blanket
- \*Martha Cooper, photographer
- \*Lynn Cushman, piano lesson
- \*Laura Guggenheim, psychotherapist
- \*Havana Central
- \*Indus Valley
- \*Make My Cake Bakery
- \*Mamá Mexico
- \*Métisse
- \*Pan Asian Repertory Theatre

### Silent Auction, con't

- Matt Petosa, Harley photograph
- \*Regional
- Ruth Sommers, concert tickets
- \*Symphony Space
- \*Yarntopia

### Raffle

- \*Ben & Jerry's
- \*Café Science at PicNic
- Camille Colon
- \*Flor de Mayo
- Maura Gouck
- \*H&H Broadway Wine Center
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- \*Metro Diner

### Raffle, con't

- \*Starbucks

### Refreshments & Bake Sale

- \*Buster's Restaurant & Catering
- \*Make My Cake Bakery
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<b>Saturday, June 16, 5 pm</b> Kid-friendly late afternoon of bluegrass.	Bluegrass
<b>Saturday, June 23, 7 pm</b> Bassist Ron McClure and his ensemble.	Jazz
<b>Saturday, June 30, 7 pm</b> (no rain date) Gotham Winds Ensemble	Classical
<b>Saturday, July 7, 7 pm</b> Bob Kindred Ensemble	Jazz
<b>Saturday, July 14, 7 pm</b> (Rain date: 7/15 5 pm) Efendi, headed by Scott Wilson, plays music from Turkey, Armenia, Israel and Greece	Middle Eastern
<b>Saturday, July 21, 7 pm</b> The Atwaters/Ed Baker	Blues, rock
<b>Saturday, July 28, 7 pm</b> (no rain date) Nu Guajiro	Latin

## 2nd Annual NYC Main Squeeze Accordion Festival Saturday, July 7, 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the 70th Street Pier

## 5th Annual West Side County Fair Sunday, Sept. 16, 1:00 - 6:00 pm in the park below 72nd St.

### For Kids on the 70th Street Pier Plaza

<b>Sunday, June 10, 2:00 - 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Kid Acts</b> Music (rock band AudraRox), wacky performers (The Hover Brothers), hula-hoop antics (GrooveHoops) and more!
<b>Children's Performance Series for kids up to 7 Thursdays, 10:30 am - 11:30 am</b>	
<b>July 12</b>	<b>Sammie &amp; Tудie's Imagination Playhouse</b>
<b>July 19</b>	<b>Tone Alley - Rock for Tots</b>
<b>July 26</b>	<b>Christine Campbell and Frank Fields - Sing Along Stories</b>
<b>Aug. 2</b>	<b>Volunteer Music - One Man BLAM!</b>
<b>Aug. 9</b>	<b>The Goodtime Charlies - Circus Comedy Band</b>
<b>Aug. 16</b>	<b>Swedish Cottage Marionette Theater - Cinderella Samba</b>

## Riverside Park South Free Concerts at the 70th Street Pier Plaza Sundays, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

<b>July 8</b> - The Last of the International Playboys • jazz and Latin band
<b>July 15</b> - Imani Uzuri Rock Quartet
<b>July 22</b> - Matt Munisteri's band "Brock Mumford" • '30s jazz and swing
<b>July 29</b> - Kate McGarry Quartet featuring Keith Ganz • jazz
<b>Aug. 5</b> - Source with Abdoulaye Diabaté • African jazz band
<b>Aug. 12</b> - Routes of the Blues: Guy Davis, Paul Peress, Paul Ossola
<b>Aug. 19</b> - Ernestidio Rodriguez y su conjunto tipico • Dominican merengue tipico

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## Movies Under the Stars on the 70th Street Pier Wednesdays at 8:30 pm

<b>July 11</b>	<i>North By Northwest</i> , Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint
<b>July 18</b>	<i>The Searchers</i> , John Wayne, Natalie Wood
<b>July 25</b>	<i>Sideways</i> , Paul Giamatti
<b>Aug. 1</b>	<i>The Treasure of Sierra Madre</i> , Humphrey Bogart
<b>Aug. 8</b>	<i>Caddyshack</i> , Chevy Chase, Rodney Dangerfield
<b>Aug. 15</b>	<i>Days of Heaven</i> , Richard Gere
<b>Aug. 22</b>	<i>Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid</i> , Robert Redford, Paul Newman

For further information on events in Riverside Park, see the Riverside Park Fund's website at [riversideparkfund.org](http://riversideparkfund.org) or call (212) 870-3070. For information on 70th St. Pier events, call 311 or go to [nycgovparks.org](http://nycgovparks.org) and click on *Things to Do*.

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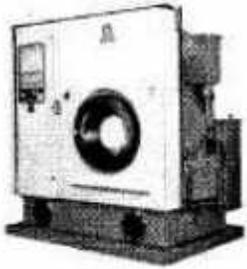
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### Automat Landmark Status

The City Council's Landmarks Subcommittee voted on April 11 to uphold the Automat's landmark designation, which had been approved in January by the Landmarks Preservation Commission. Landmark West! reported that Councilmember Melissa Mark Viverito, whose district includes the Automat building on Broadway at W. 104th St., attended the subcommittee hearing and repeated her support for landmark status. The next steps are for the designation to be considered and approved by the Land Use Committee and then the full council.

### W. 96th St. Subway Plans

A New York City Transit spokesperson has reported that the City has just awarded the contract for the W. 96th St. subway station renovation. NYCT will now work with the contractor on a project plan. Once that plan is finalized, NYCT will meet with Community Board 7 to present the plan details and schedule. Until these details and schedules are worked out, the spokesperson was unwilling to hazard a guess as to when the work would start or how long it would take. The station, on the 1, 2 and 3 lines, is expected to remain in service during the renovation.

### W. 102nd St. Sidewalk Fixed

The last of the broken sidewalk sections on the south side of W. 102nd St. between West End Ave. and Riverside Dr. has been repaired. As a final part of the building-wide renovation at the Addiction Institute, also known as St. Luke's House, a new sidewalk was installed in front of No. 306. The next pavement project on the block is to get the Department of Transportation to redo the roadway as was promised two years ago. It is so broken up with potholes, depressions and poorly filled utility cuts that in many places the old cobblestones can easily be seen.



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# Sunday in the Park With Poets

By E. Mildred Speiser

Despite a cloudy sky and a chill in the air, people were eagerly in place for the Poets in the Park event on April 29 at Franklin's Bench at the 103rd St. island on Riverside Dr. The casual outdoor atmosphere encouraged passersby to join us and participate.

As the organizer, I greeted the crowd: "Family and friends and new friends remember Franklin Latner who loved poetry, prose, parks, piano, people and life, and today, Anne L. Fitzpatrick, a kindred spirit, shares these very same thoughts. We honor them."

The program effectively opened with Linda Blacken playing the French horn to accompany Andree Page's reading of Anne's poem, *OM*. This performance

was followed by Anne's

## *PAINTING PORCELAIN*

*A splash of ink becomes a mountain,  
another a monk climbing a ridge ...*

Caroline Husted, instrumental in contacting past attendees, read Nick Lipsanos' remembrance to Franklin. I then read the inscription on the bench:

*...one by one the monkeys leave  
splashing through the dappled trees  
disappearing through the leaves  
departing shadows...*

Ishmael Wallace, founder, with his sister Vita, of *What a Neighborhood!*, an organization that brings some of the 200 area composers' works to our attention, is also cataloguer of Franklin's compositions. He spoke of the works, connecting them to poetry.

Readers of their own works, humorous, serious and songs included Vincent Payez, Marlene Lee, Jean Reeb, Elliot Shapiro, Jean Roberts and Louisa Drury, who came from Vermont to be with us. She created a poem from excerpts read in previous years.

Anne's brother had prepared a beautiful chapbook of her poetry for this occasion. Cristina DeBano, a valuable liaison, gave it out to the appreciative audience. An exhilarating time was had by all.

This event is held annually at the end of National Poetry Month in April. As Arlene Kamens said: come for Poetry in the Park. Read, Listen, and Enjoy. To join an ongoing poetry group, contact me, Mildred Speiser, at (212) 865-6118.

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Each winner received a Block Association tote bag filled with more than \$100 worth of booty. Other tireless staffers at the Block Association table included Camille Colon, Mary Gorrill, Camille Gubello and Jock Davenport.

For several hours, cooperation literally rang out on the block. Marlene had arranged for Mark Foley, a W. 104th St. neighbor who operates Concerts for Communities ([volunteermusic.org](http://volunteermusic.org)), to again be on hand with his one-man band getting toes tapping and hands clapping.

Team work was especially evident at the refreshments table. We wanted to add savories to the bake sale sweets sold last year. But how to best make that happen? Glenn and Fidel, owners of Busters, a storefront eatery on Amsterdam Ave. between W. 103rd and W. 104th Sts. that specializes in wraps, salads and sandwiches, cheerfully donated a large quantity of delicious wraps and salads. When those had almost sold out, Busters delivered a second batch,

as if by magic, despite a backlog of orders at their shop.

Synergy also produced a special appearance at the refreshments table: dozens of red velvet cupcakes and slices of sweet potato pie to augment the cookies and cupcakes contributed by local bakers (see page 4 for the complete list of bakers). Board member Alan Leidner, advisor to Make My Cake Bakery in Harlem, donated the bakery's delicious treats for us to sell and, in turn, we displayed their brochures. Thanks to Laura Hanrahan and Rosalie Campbell for their able salesmanship that sped these sweet goodies on their way.

Finally, it was time to clean up. Vendors folded their tables and packed up their leftovers while volunteers combined the trash into bags provided by Kola Cacaj, super of 875 West End Ave. He

generously let us leave the bagged trash behind his building for later disposal.

Though the Yard Sale had come to an end, the collaborative atmosphere lingered on. A resident who had purchased a game discovered that there was a part missing. She emailed the Block Association asking for help. In the ensuing exchange, the vendor was identified, contact information was provided, and buyer and seller successfully resolved the problem.

This was the Block Association's most financially successful Yard Sale

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# On Broadway

**Openings and Closings:** ♦♦The space formerly occupied by a nail salon at 2568 Broadway on the east side between W. 96th and W. 97th Sts., two doors north of **Citibank**, will soon be home to a **Dunkin' Donuts** shop. The opening is scheduled for July 3. But wait a moment! One block south and across the street on Broadway between W. 95th and W. 96th Sts.: isn't that a Dunkin' Donuts shop next to McDonald's? When contacted, the manager of the existing store was unaware that another shop was opening just up the street in two months. Even Mr. Milton Kazi, the representative of the franchise, Riese Corp., was unaware of the competition. "They shouldn't be able to do this," he said. Apparently, the new owners expect that those looking for a convenient donut or cup of coffee won't want to cross Broadway to get it.

♦♦Three months ago we reported that a live theater organization was in negotiations to lease the former **Metro Theater** on the east side of Broadway between W. 99th and W. 100th Sts. The executive director of that organization reports no progress except that negotiations are still underway. ♦♦The new **Strawberry's** women's clothing store in the former **Blockbuster** space on the west side of Broadway near W. 103rd St. is expected to open later in June.

♦♦With classy signs and spanking new premises, **Westside Market** should be reopening on the northeast corner of Broadway and W. 110th St. as we go to press. The same owners, who had to vacate the old building while an 11-story condo went up on the site over the past two years, are now back with more floor space than before. The outdoor displays of fruits and vegetables will be back as well. ♦♦The Spanish-flavored restaurant, **Ana's**, on the east side of Broadway between W. 102nd and W. 103rd Sts. is gone after having bright-

ened our culinary neighborhood for three-and-a-half years. The owner cited a lease dispute with the landlord as the cause for the closing. The landlord's rental agent said they are looking for another, "up-scale" restaurant for the space. ♦♦On the same block, **Planet Kids** has left its space on the southeast corner of Broadway and W. 103rd St. but will continue doing business in the shop next door. Taking its place and returning to the neighborhood will be ... a **Starbucks**. The coffee chain had promised to come back when it was ousted eight months ago from the northwest corner of Broadway and W. 102nd St. in favor of an **HSBC** bank branch. This new store is expected to open late in the summer. ♦♦Some of the more interesting restaurants and shops in the area are opening on Amsterdam Ave. rather than Broadway to take advantage of lower rents. One of them is **Ozen**, a Chinese-Japanese-Thai restaurant on the northwest corner at W. 97th St. (see review on page 2). Another is **Yarntopia**, the neighborhood's only yarn, knitting and crocheting shop, at 974 Amsterdam

Ave. at W. 108th St. (212-316-9276). The owner, Dona Flam, a local resident, offers a wide range of yarns, needles and instruction books as well as classes at all levels. The shop is open every day except Monday.

**Going Down, Going Up:** ♦♦The stained-glass windows of **Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church** on W. 100th St., next door to the building site on Amsterdam Ave., have been removed to protect them from damage during the construction of the high-rise apartments that will be built to replace the former **Ajo Hardware** store and other small shops. ♦♦**SemiPerm**, a Settlement Housing Fund building at 210 W. 102 St., is nearing completion. Occupancy is anticipated in the fall. The development will house 23 single-parent families with young children and will offer programs to foster self-sufficiency. There may be opportunities for the Block Association to volunteer in the community rooms on site through activities such as mentoring or tutoring.

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