



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

Neighbors Dig In on Tree Well Planting Day

By John Hewitt

Saturday, June 7 was a weather-perfect day for our annual tree well planting event. It surpassed last year's great success in every way with twice as many wells (21 wells plus one planter box) and twice as many neighbors participating (19 joined the fun).

This year's plant varieties, in addition to the staples impatiens and English ivy, included colorful celosia and verbena.

Many thanks to Frank of D'Angelo Farms in Dumont, NJ, who generously offered plants, soil with fertilizer, and peat moss at a substantial discount to the Block Association. Board member Hedy Campbell helped with the logistics and Costello Caldwell of W. 102nd St. and his cousin, Tommy Moseley of New Jersey, provided the nursery contact, rental truck, and manpower for hauling. (Costello is also the gardening and construction artist whose tree well treatments in front of the Broadmoor at 235 W. 102nd St. have contributed significantly to the beauty of the neighborhood.) Additional help unloading was generously provided by W. 102nd St. residents Victor Dunn and Jose Castro and Harvey Douglas of Astoria.

Volunteers included Rita Aszelos and son Peter (five wells), Tricia Blanchard, Arielle Hinkson and Marina Martinez (three wells), Cynthia Doty with Kathy Fink (two wells), Elisa and Victor Dunn (one well), Jerry and Eva Foreman with Molly Hill (three wells), Andrew Haus-

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Seniors, Friends Seek Advice on Ways To Keep Living at Home on the UWS

By Hanna Rubin and David L. Reich

More than 60 neighborhood residents came to a panel discussion on Aging in Place held June 10 at the Marseilles Residence on W. 103rd St. The audience ranged from older residents seeking information and help to younger ones hoping to learn more and lend a hand. The meeting, sponsored by the West 102nd & 103rd Streets and the West 104th Street Block Associations, was organized by Hanna Rubin, president of the West 104th St. group. It focused on quality-of-life issues for older neighbors, available local services and private help, and ways to expand community involvement in supporting senior residents.

The panelists were Mia Oberlink, of Visiting Nurse Services; Ruth-Ellen Simmonds, executive director of One Stop Senior Services; Jane Weston Wilson, co-founder of Womanshare, a skills exchange timebank; Arleen Stern, a social worker who specializes in professional geriatric care management; and Gideon Schein, a partner in Eddy and Schein, Inc., in-home administrators for seniors.

Oberlink discussed a survey offering reasons why the Upper West Side, home to what are called Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities or NORCs, is a favored neighborhood for seniors. The history and broad (free) services of One Stop were described by Simmonds. Wilson's organization could be a model

for neighbors helping neighbors to ease the way for continued independent living. Stern and Schein described the sort of fee-based services available to a family when this is their best solution.

The panelists took questions from the audience that ranged from ways to find other seniors with shared interests to go on walks or to concerts, to how to tap some of the resources currently available to elderly neighbors in the area.

For immediate access to organizations mentioned at the meeting, see the box on page 4 for a list of local and Internet sources that offer a variety of references and direct help to senior residents. Some of these services are either free or low-cost. If you would like to access the Internet information but need help in doing so, your Block Association may be able to assist. See page 2 for Block Association contact information.

A follow-up meeting is now being planned for Thursday, Oct. 16. Save the date!

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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 Sept. 9, Oct. 14, and Nov. 11.

Vinacciolo: Go for the Wine, Stay for the Food

By Hedy Campbell

What's that old adage? Third time's the charm? Maybe it's true. **Vinacciolo** is the third restaurant in recent memory to occupy its space on the east side of Broadway between W. 98th and W. 99th Streets, and it certainly is charming. A thorough renovation featuring exposed brick, wine casks, dark leather chairs, and wine bottles, wine bottles, and more wine bottles establishes Vinacciolo's identity as a wine bar and erases all traces of its predecessors, La Cocina (Mexican) and La Creperie (Glatt kosher dairy).

I visited Vinacciolo expecting the emphasis to be on the wine and on the bar, with a minimal, cocktail-party menu. Indeed, there is a nicely designed bar area, with stools positioned on either side of a long table so imbibers can easily converse with their companions. The extensive wine list offers selections from virtually every producing country of note in either a half-glass for sampling (the perfect option for me, the antithesis of the hollow-legged drinker) or by the glass or bottle. However, there are plenty of choices from the kitchen for those in search of a satisfying meal and the dining area is far lovelier than the afterthought I feared it might be.

Nibblers can choose from three sizes of cheese plate, pâtés, and other charcuterie. Single plates serve as additional snacks or as appetizers for a proper meal. Fine quality Italian bread is available but you have to ask for it. Delectable Caesar salad was adorned with huge shavings of aged parmesan. Two perfectly roasted diver scallops were nestled amid a tangle of sprouts. An oenophile friend loved the heart of Friuli, a plate of imported prosciutto, filled with flavors of salt and sweetness, and recommends the Sancerre to go with it. He also sampled the short ribs appetizer, which arrives with a braised yellow onion wedge and roasted red peppers, and marveled at the tenderness of the meat. It went well, he said, with the Argentine Malbec. Unfortunately, the undercooked honey roasted beet hit a sour note with an overly vinegary sauce that clashed with the creamy and flavorful goat cheese.

Of the ten entrees, we've sampled seven and thoroughly enjoyed every one. Moe's paella (named for the chef, Maurice Hurley) was thick with seafood and chicken but chorizo, promised on the menu, was absent. My husband enjoyed his creamy risotto with shrimp down to the last grain. Skirt steak and tuna Toscana were both cooked pre-

cisely as they'd been ordered. A few bites of lamb on the bone added variety to the beautifully rare sliced leg of lamb. Crab ravioli, packed with lump crabmeat and served in a cream sauce of chopped chives and sweet onions with a fair share of crabmeat, was declared as close to homemade ravioli as can be found on the West Side. The lo mein duck was monochromatic but multi-flavored and multi-textured, the noodles cooked to retain toothsome chewiness.

Desserts left the sweet-toothed equally happy. A neighborhood chocophile (why are wine lovers -philes but chocolate people addicts? I object!) savored every mouthful of her ganache. It was "better than licking the icing bowl!" she exclaimed. The oenophile sampled the tiramisu and found it a fine way to end his meal. He recommends enjoying it with the sparkling muscatel for a one-way trip to sugar heaven.

Vinacciolo gets busy and noisy! Go early if dinner without the din is important to you. Reservations are accepted.

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Neighbors Pitch In on Tree Well Planting Day

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el (two wells and one planter box), Marlene Lee with Sharon Lynch and Ron Weiner (two wells), David Reich with Molly Hill (one well), Judy Schoolman (one well), and myself (one well).

We planted tree wells this year on every block of the Block Association district. Maintenance has been good throughout the summer with many neighbors pitching in to keep up the

watering and weeding. Unfortunately, one tree well fence on W. 102nd St. was badly damaged, probably by an errant car or truck backing in to a parking space, and the planting within the fence significantly disturbed. The fence has since been partially restored and the planting, mostly ivy, reset.

Over all, the appearance of our blocks has been improved with many wonderful green messages that clearly say: we care about our neighborhood.

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Wuorinen to Compose Opera Based on *Brokeback Mountain*

The New York City Opera has announced that Pulitzer Prize-winning composer (and neighbor) Charles Wuorinen has accepted its invitation to compose an opera based on Annie Proulx's short story *Brokeback Mountain*. This work, scheduled for the 2013 spring season, will be Mr. Wuorinen's second premiere at City Opera. His *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*, an adaptation of Salman Rushdie's children's tale, debuted there on October 4, 2004.

Mr. Wuorinen, who celebrated his 70th birthday in June, has lived almost his entire life on the Upper West Side. He was born in New York City, went to Columbia University, and has lived on West End Ave. since 1968. His many honors include a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship and a Pulitzer Prize for his electronic work *Time's Encomium* in 1970, when he became the youngest composer ever to receive this award.

Brokeback Mountain is the story of ranch hand Ennis del Mar and rodeo cowboy Jack Twist, two young men who meet and fall in love on the fictional Brokeback Mountain in Wyoming in 1963. The 2005 film, of the same name, documents their complex relationship over the next twenty years.

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Pirates, Pumpkins, And Princesses Prepare for Parade

By Hedy Campbell

Labor Day has only just passed, but it's never too soon to start planning the Block Association's annual Halloween parade and party. Neighborhood resident Stacey Lauren has again agreed to help coordinate the event, which will take place, as usual, on Halloween, October 31; this year it's a Friday.

In mid-October, watch for posters announcing specifics such as time and location. Meanwhile, give Stacey a call to offer your help (212-678-1987). If you live in a brownstone, you can decorate your stoop and/or be on hand to pass out candy. Or, station yourself along the parade route in the costume of your choice (or in regular garb) and cheer for the children as they pass by. Donate baked goods. Purchase cider, cups, or napkins. Help pack trick-or-treat bags. Lend a hand to provide post-parade entertainment. Help decorate before the party or be part of the clean-up squad.

Last year we had over 200 kids plus assorted adults and pets join the parade. We need neighbors like you to carry on this great tradition. The satisfaction you'll feel from having contributed to this very popular event will last far longer than the sugar rush from all that candy corn. Please call Stacey now at 212-678-1987.

School's Open, Days Grow Shorter: Be Safe on the Streets

We are fortunate to live in a part of the city where street crime has dropped significantly from the days when the Block Association was started in the early 1970s. Nonetheless, we should all be aware of the security resources at hand.

Starr Security Services provides our street guards who make rounds from 5 pm to midnight Sunday through Thursday and from 6 pm to 1 am Friday and Saturday. Rafael Hernandez is the guard on Wednesday through Sunday and Raul Martinez is on duty Monday and Tuesday. The guard walks an H-shaped route covering W. 102nd St., W. 103rd St., West End Ave. and the Riverside Dr. service road every 45 to 60 minutes. The guard can be reached during duty hours at (646) 772-2240 and Starr's office number is (212) 767-1110 in case you observe conditions on our streets that need the guard's attention.

Of course, if you see a crime or dangerous condition in progress, report it immediately by calling 911.

Parents of school-age children may sign up online for the Schools Unite Network (SUN) alerts from the Police Liaison Group at plgnyc.org. Follow the link to Schools Unite Network. This website describes SUN and allows you to register for its emailed alerts related to security issues for West Side independent or public school students.



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Some References from the Aging in Place Meeting

The organizations listed below were either represented or mentioned at the June 10th Aging in Place meeting sponsored by the West 102nd & 103rd Streets Block Association and the W. 104th St. Block Association. Upper West Side seniors and their families will find them useful sources of assistance and information.

One Stop Senior Services

Ruth-Ellen Simmonds, Executive Director
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One Stop Senior Services helps seniors live safely and independently in their own homes by providing legal, housing, elder abuse, and general assistance services. The organization deals with problems ranging from hunger and homecare to ensuring proper and timely bill payment. Though many services have received government and other funding directing them to lower-income populations, One Stop is expanding its activities to include all segments of the Upper West Side's older residents. An example is the website communitywise.org, a source for information and communication.

DOROT

Vivian Fenster Ehrlich, Executive Director
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New York, NY 10024 (east of Amsterdam Ave.)
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With thousands of volunteers and recipients, DOROT's programs serve a broad spectrum of seniors, from the active and mobile to the homebound. DOROT helps seniors maintain their independence in their own homes and fosters friendship between the generations. Their professional staff guides these programs and provides information, referrals, and case assistance for elders and their caregivers.

Womanshare

Jane Weston Wilson, co-founder
Website: womanshare.com
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Some proposals for facilitating Aging in Place involve cooperative, self-help organizations. Womanshare's website provides valuable information about the successes and challenges encountered by women who set out to share "our skills, our interests, our time and ourselves" in New York City. It includes a 1993 *New York Times* article, by local resident Michael Kaufman, which tells the story well.

Goddard Riverside Community Center

Stephan Russo, Executive Director
593 Columbus Avenue
New York, NY 10024 (at W. 88th St.)
(212) 873-6600
Website: www.goddard.org
Email: eteutsch@goddard.org (Senior Services)

Goddard Riverside provides a wide array of services including those specifically for seniors. Older adults come daily to enjoy breakfast and lunch with friends, stay fit, learn new skills, and express their creativity. And when they need special assistance, they know they can call or come in for help. Services like money management, health care, and housing are available to help them live independently in the community for as long as possible.

West Side Inter-Agency Council for the Aging (WSIACA)

Website: www.wsiaca.org
Email: info@wsiaca.org

WSIACA provides an opportunity for agencies on Manhattan's West Side, concerned with issues of the areas elderly population, to meet, discuss, and work together toward the resolution of such issues. It does not directly assist individuals but its website contains an extensive Resource Directory of organizations that do provide such services.

Two companies, of many that provide services to elderly clients and their families for a fee, were represented at the meeting. They were included in the panel to give our audience an idea of what is commercially available. Note: though the principals in these companies are known to the organizers of the meeting, no endorsement of these companies by the Block Associations is intended.

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Green Team Celebrates First Anniversary, Reviews Successes, Describes Future Projects

By Alan Leidner

Your Block Association's Green Team has now completed its first year and is happy to report that much was accomplished. We are all looking forward to next year, during which we will continue to organize events and engage in activities and research that promote a green agenda. And please note that although the Green Team was established by and is a committee of the West 102nd & 103rd Streets Block Association, from the outset we have received strong support from the West 104th Street Block Association from which come some of our most active members.

During the past year, the Green Team has achieved the following: Amy Cherry conducted research on green electric energy solutions while Alan Leidner looked into compact fluorescent bulbs. Resulting recommendations were published by the Block Association and have been adopted by dozens of residents, significantly reducing our Block Association's carbon footprint. Research results can be viewed on the Block Association's website (w102-103blockassn.org) by following the Green Team link. Joe Rappaport, working with the Lower East Side Ecology Center organized a highly successful electronics recycling weekend in May that yielded more than nine tons of used equipment. At the same time, progress was being made on longer-term efforts. Avery Hudson and Mark Seaman researched green roofs, Jon Reiner looked into green building strategies, Joe Rappaport and Jon Reiner examined green stores options, and Pat Lewis is designing a web strategy for the team.

One project that was scheduled for this fall has been postponed because of organizational problems. A committee including Mark Seaman and Joe Rap-

paport from the Green Team and Block Association members Cynthia Doty, Peter Frishauf, KC Rice, MaryBeth Kelly, and David Reich had formed to plan a block party in conjunction with BlockPartyNYC and Transportation Alternatives.

The idea is to empty a block of parked cars, close it to traffic and open it to fun, games, and the opportunity, with help from urban planning professionals, to consider ways we would like to use all this space if it were not always devoted to cars. As deadlines loomed, the committee realized that more time was needed for planning and consulting with neighborhood residents before the event so as to broaden participation and line up people and materials. The project will now resume in February with the goal of having the party in late spring.

The Green Team's second year will start with a real attention-getter on September 19th. Mark Seaman is working with the organization Transportation Alternatives and neighbors KC Rice and Peter Frishauf as they develop a Park(ing) Day spot on W. 103rd St. (see article on Page 8). Other activities for the coming year are also in the works.

We are speaking with Duane Reade and other local stores about adopting a variety of green strategies such as selling more green products and reducing the use of plastic bags. Research will intensify into green building and green roof strategies ranging from water flow control aerators and better heat control sensors and valves, to the redesign of boiler rooms and rooftops. We will try and find a solution to all those nickel deposit bottles that end up in the garbage and don't get recycled. We will be looking to make our website more interactive to facilitate greater participation in the Green Team. And we will also be talking to our local politicians while building relationships with other environmental efforts springing up across the city.

The Green Team welcomes the participation of others in our neighborhood who would like to join either an existing effort or to forge a new direction of their own. There is room for everyone and every interest. Don't hesitate to call Alan Leidner at (212) 678-7085 whether you have an hour a week or an hour a month you would like to devote to a neighborhood-based green effort.

Residence Seeks Books and Art Supplies

The Semiperm transitional housing residence, a project of the Settlement Housing Fund for 23 previously homeless families, is located in a new 12-story apartment building on W. 102nd St. east of Broadway. Our Block Association has been contacted by the management for assistance in creating a residence lending library and an arts supply closet for their children.

For the library, they are looking for gently used children's books and adult fiction. For the supply closet, they would welcome, for example, crayons, construction paper, or safety scissors.

Semiperm is a not-for-profit organization that provides innovative opportunities for single parents with young children to achieve self-sufficiency. Our block association recently welcomed several Semiperm residents who joined in the June 7 tree well planting event where they helped beautify the area in front of their building

To donate any of the requested items or for more information about Semiperm's programs and services, please contact Community Program Coordinator Tricia Blanchard at (212) 222-3673, ext. 12.

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Mamá's Boys
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Water, Power Line Problems

In early July, just before W. 102nd St. was repaved, both Con Ed and the New York City Water Department were at work between Broadway and Riverside Dr. blocking the street and making underground repairs.

The Con Ed work was in response to a fire on one of a pair of lines serving the street during a particularly hot spell this summer. The fire did not cause an outage but power was cut off for brief periods as the repairs were made.

The water line repairs came in response to two separate pipe failures. In each case, the work was completed within a day though, during one repair, very heavy sediment made its way into apartment taps and toilets. Workers ran the hydrant on W. 102nd St. near Riverside Dr. for hours to clear the lines. By the next day, the water supply was again clear and delicious, as usual.

In front of 308 W. 103rd St., one of two street lights on the block has been out since Aug. 2. Con Ed has promised to repair the faulty power supply line.

Mailbox Repainting Continues

Our mailbox repainting project at the end of April did away with the ugly graffiti for several weeks. Then, in the middle of June, the vandals struck again, hitting the large green relay boxes with their tags.

A few days later, the box on West End Ave. at W. 103rd St. was partially repainted but in a color slightly different from the standard US Postal Service paint we had used. It turned out that Ofc. David Echevarria, the 24th Precinct's gang and graffiti officer, had sent some of his volunteers to repaint the box but his paint was very old. For the other boxes, he asked us to first take and email photographs to him. We did and then board member John Hewitt went to work applying a nice new coat. We expect this to be an ongoing effort.

Repaving Finally Completed

Two years after the Department of Transportation had promised it would be done, W. 102nd and W. 103rd Sts. were repaved in late July. During the same time, W. 104th to W. 106th Sts. and Broadway from W. 79th St. to W. 110th St. were also resurfaced. On the side streets, huge grinding and scraping machines were noisily put to work overnight. The old cobblestones that had been hidden beneath the broken and much-patched pavement appeared, *Brigadoon*-like, for about two weeks, until they disappeared again under a new, smooth blanket of asphalt.

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Neighbors Plan for Park(ing) Day on September 19

By KC Rice and Peter Frishauf

What is Park(ing) Day? It's taking over a parking space for a day and making it into a Park. It's all about re-imagining our streetscape in an exciting, friendlier way to show that a street is more than just a place to store parked cars. The Block Association Green Team's Mark Seaman is working with Transportation Alternatives and us as we develop a Park(ing) Day spot in front of our house at 303 W. 103rd St.

Between 10 am and 5 pm on Friday, Sept. 19, W. 103rd St.'s Park(ing) spot will become a green oasis for relaxing and chatting, and learning about efforts around our city to transform more street space into vibrant, functional public places. We'll cover the asphalt with cool, fresh sod, decorate with plants and

lawn chairs, serve refreshments, and have neighborhood musicians and students performing during the day.

Park(ing) Day was founded in 2005 by REBAR, a San Francisco-based arts collective. The phenomenon has expanded globally to over 50 cities around the world. In 2007, Transportation Alternatives, in partnership with the Trust for Public Land, launched Park(ing) Day NYC to bring the internationally successful public space intervention to New York. This year, Park(ing) Day NYC will have Park(ing) Day spots in 50 locations including ours.

Be sure to stop by and help reclaim a parking spot for a day. If you have an activity or something to contribute to help make this one-day park memorable, please contact KC Rice at kcr100@yahoo.com.

Landmark West! Completes UWS Survey

This month Landmark West! announced the completion of their survey of every building between W. 96th and W. 110th Streets from Riverside Drive to Central Park West. This was an enormous undertaking, led by Cristiana Peña, Director of Community Outreach. LW! is currently organizing a database with photographs and architectural information to be accessible online.

LW! will continue research and analysis of buildings and blocks, looking for structures deserving of landmark protection. In addition, the architectural historian Andrew S. Dolkart is conducting a study of the West End Avenue corridor, in conjunction with the West End Preservation Society. Their work will help identify and understand the special character of this part of our neighborhood and the need to preserve it for future generations.

To connect with Landmark West!, contact Cristiana Peña at (212) 496-

8110 or landmarkwest@landmarkwest.org. The West End Preservation Society can be reached at (212) 362-5282 or epetersen.weps@gmail.com.

The West 104th St. Yard Sale is Coming Soon!

Join the fun and welcome autumn at the West 104th Street Yard Sale! A neighborhood tradition, the Yard Sale will be held Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10am - 5pm (rain date Sunday, Sept. 28). Check out more than 60 amazing vendors, live music, grilled-to-order burgers and hot dogs, the super split-the-pot raffle, the extraordinary What-a-Bargain table, and much, much more!

Musicians who will be playing include Josh Levine and Frank Schaap (blues and ragtime), Joe Giglio (jazz), and Foley Road (classic rock). All proceeds go to support the W. 104th St. Block Association and help keep the block and our neighborhood beautiful, safe and special.

What Do You Know About Recycling?

By Jane van Schaardenburg

Let's face it: the people who *like* recycling are the ones who really want to make their yogurt and granola containers go to work for the environment and I'm one of those. But with conflicting information on exactly what can be reprocessed, and even NPR's Leonard Lopate confessing that he needed to learn more about it, the city has confused us.

So I decided to sign up for a city course: Apartment Building Recycling Initiative (ABRI). That would mean becoming a building representative on trash issues – not the most glamorous role in town – but I wanted to use my civic-investment-time disposing of materials efficiently. The city has difficulty finding places to dump garbage, paying a premium to dispose of things we could send into the recycling stream. I learned that our efforts to sort trash are meaningful. Currently in New York City, 22% of trash is actually recyclable. More recycling would yield more city income and reduce costs of dumping.

For information on how to improve building practices or about signing up for an ABRI course, contact me at schaardenburg@earthlink.net.

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To all the wonderful, generous neighbors who have donated to so many needy people by bringing me all the things they do not want or need:

Thank You!

People in Argentina, Venezuela, Israel, Haiti, Jamaica, United States, and Dominican Republic, are all grateful to you.

Many thanks from the Humane Society for the blankets and linens.

Sincerely, Jill Chase (212) 666-7513

On Broadway

Openings and Closings: ♦♦A new Thai restaurant, **Sura**, has opened on the east side of Broadway between W. 100th and W. 101st St. ♦♦The Turkish-Mediterranean restaurant **Turquaz** on the southwest corner of Broadway at W. 100th St. has opened an outdoor dining area with seating for 16 patrons under a broad awning. ♦♦For a few days in early August, the **Silver Moon Bakery** put brown paper up on their windows and closed early so that the interior could be repainted. One customer, observing the scene from a passing bus, posted a worried item on an online bulletin board causing a brief flurry of concern. By Aug. 7, the shop was back to normal operation. ♦♦In 1948, Harry Oppenheimer bought Gruenebaum's, the butcher shop where he worked at 2582 Broadway, and some years later moved uptown to 2606.

There he stayed, as **Oppenheimer**, until selling the shop in 1996 to chef Robert Pence who kept the name. Now, that last butcher shop in the neighborhood is gone. Mr. Pence said recently that an investor had made him an offer for the shop, a commercial condominium of 750 sq. ft. at street level and 1100 sq. ft. in the basement, that he could not refuse. He plans to keep the name, operate out of the Hunt's Point wholesale market and serve the community through phone and Internet orders. It is not clear what the investor will do with the space.

In Limbo: ♦♦The formerly **Sterling Optical** retail space on the west side of Broadway between W. 100th and W. 101st Sts. has undergone some renovation but no new tenant has yet been found. With one exception (see below), none of the other empty retail spaces in our neighborhood has changed status.

Going Down, Going Up: ♦♦After more than three years standing empty with the occasional rat seen skittering around inside, two of the three

storefronts just south of **PicNic** restaurant on the west side of Broadway between W. 101st and W. 102nd Sts. are being renovated to open in November as a **Dunkin' Donuts** shop. This is a bit of *deja vu* since the predecessor to PicNic was a kosher dairy restaurant that was developed from a kosher Dunkin' Donuts. Going back much further, the construction has uncovered three faded old shop signs above the doors. Of the two legible ones, one was styled "**corsets Lilliane's blouses**," with "Lilliane's" in a flowing script, while the other advertised **Camorama Photo Supplies**. Does any reader know when these stores were in business? ♦♦New CEMUSA bus shelters, popping up all over the city, are now on Broadway from W. 96th St. through W. 110th St. on both the uptown and downtown sides though some older versions still remain. The new ones come with lighting, seats for three and large panels of ads. Bus schedules and route maps, however, are posted outside the shelter on the signpost at the head of the bus stop.

Ferocious June Storm Batters Riverside Park

Those of you at home on the evening of June 10 know we were hit by a tornado-like storm, which caused great damage in Riverside Park. Kimberly Green, Volunteer Program Assistant, reported a final tally of some 200 trees lost or damaged in the 15-minute blast. The Parks Department has tagged all the trees and damage to railings, stone embankments, pathways, and gardens but the extent of the damage has left employees scrambling to prioritize and repair our green spaces. Meanwhile, many of us who enjoy the park are mourning the loss of some of our giants.

As of mid-August, most clean-up in the park was done while repairs and replacements were still on the to-do list. Crista Carmody, park manager, (212) 408-0250, said she would pass on residents' concerns to the proper personnel.

Crista suggested that neighbors consider contributing to the Riverside Park Fund, (212-870-3070 or riversideparkfund.org), to help speed replacement of trees and repairs to walls and walkways that were damaged by the storm.

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Vinacciolo: Go for the Wine, Stay for the Food

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The restaurant is located at 2608 Broadway; phone: (212) 865-2766; the website is vinacciolonyc.com. Wines range in price from \$5 for a half-glass to \$219 for a 2003 bottle of Italian Brunello di Montalcino DOCG (the highest rating given to an Italian wine) “Castello Banfi”. Single plates and other small portions range in price from \$8 to \$21; entrees cost between \$13 and \$21. Major credit cards are accepted. Vinacciolo is open for dinner daily; brunch is served on weekends beginning at noon.

Dorothy O’Hanlon, Molly Sugarman Pitch In To Help Block Association

Your Block Association is always looking for dedicated volunteers who can help represent the close to 2000 households within our boundaries and assist with the work that keeps the organization running. In the past few months, two of your neighbors have stepped up to these responsibilities.

Dorothy O’Hanlon, who lives at 235 W. 102nd St. (the Broadmoor) has begun attending the Association’s monthly meetings as a liaison to her building of almost 350 apartments. She also distributes the Newsletter on her floor.

Molly Sugarman has been appointed by the Board as co-treasurer to share those duties with Marlene Lee. Molly’s computer skills will help us maintain the database in which we record contributions and keep our email list.

If you have skills, ideas, and some time to contribute to your neighborhood, your Block Association would like to hear from you. You can find our contact information on page 2.