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YEAR AFTER YEAR.

Deck the Halls, Join the Chorus!

By Hedy Campbell

As far as I'm concerned, once it starts getting dark at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, there's only one thing to look forward to the Block Association's annual holiday caroling party, which is always coordinated with the winter solstice. From then on, we'll enjoy a minute or two more daylight each day until the weather warms, the crocuses peek up from underground, and spring returns. Come join us on **Friday, December 21 at 7 p.m.** to celebrate the darkest day of the year with holiday songs and good cheer. Brave the dark and the cold with us as we stroll our neighborhood's streets, serenading residents and passersby alike.

Anthony Bellov, our stal-

wart choirmaster, will be ready and waiting for you in the lobby of 865 West End Ave. Bring your hats, mufflers, and mittens, and maybe a flashlight, sleigh bell, or tambourine. Song books filled with traditional seasonal favorites are provided. Afterward, thanks to the board of the Master Apartments, we'll warm up with cider and snacks in the newly renovated Riverside Lobby at 310 Riverside Dr. If you're a regular, welcome back. If you've never participated before, come meet several dozen of your neighbors, including some children and their dogs. All are welcome, as are contributions of refreshments. For more information or to arrange a contribution, please contact me at (212) 865-8524 or at solstice@w102-103blockassn.org.

THE CRIME BEAT

Operation All Out Brings Extra Protection

By Molly Sugarman

The police spend a lot of time protecting us from our own stupidity. Laptops and electronics are stolen from backpacks slung over the backs of chairs in crowded coffee shops or as people walk down the street, zoning out to a favorite tune on their iPhone. Bags thrown on the sidelines during ball games disappear. Burglars enter homes through unlocked doors and open windows and are enticed to break car windows by gadgets, gizmos, and bags left in plain sight on back seats.

Crime was on the rise in our neighborhood, so much so that we qualified for extra staffing. You may have noticed extra officers along Broadway on Thursdays and Fridays. Operation All Out takes officers off desk jobs

and puts them on the street in precincts where crime is on the rise. The 24th had the dubious honor of earning the extra staffing earlier this year but as of October, crime was dropping and All Out moved to another precinct. If you start to see the extra officers again, you'll know why they're here.

At the 24th Precinct's monthly Community Council meetings, held on the third Wednesday of every month, police officials repeatedly emphasize the importance of common sense to reduce crime. In October, two residential burglaries took place in a doorman building. In both cases, the residents hadn't locked their doors when they left. Maybe they just went down to the lobby to get the mail or do a load
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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
Dec. 11, Jan. 8, and Feb. 12.

CLEANING OUT THE CLOSET

E-Waste Not, E-Want Not!

Only six people had indicated that they'd bring e-waste to the Block Association's October 27 e-waste recycling event, but by day's end, event organizer Andres Veranes was amazed at the large turnout. "And I thought I was the only recycling nut around here!"

A steady stream of people dropped off old TVs, phones, printers, and fax machines, making it ever more evident that people around here do care very much about the environment. More than three carloads of e-waste was collected and shuttled by volunteers David Reich and Bob Aaronson to a Lower East Side Ecology Center drive nearby. The center wipes clean hard drives and responsibly disposes of all donations.

Veranes explains that he is avid about recycling e-waste because electronic waste accounts for some 85% of the toxins in our landfills, which eventually pollute our soil and water. He volunteered to coordinate our e-waste drives as a means of preventing that from happening. Others in the neighborhood agree. Many of those who stopped by expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to clean out their closets with a clear conscience. Support was so strong that Veranes, with the Block Association's support, is already setting up the next e-waste recycling event. Watch for notices.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

35 Brands of Beer on the Wall

I visited Five Lamps Tavern in the space formerly occupied by Meridiana, once in summer and again in fall. It seemed as if I'd been to two entirely different restaurants. In summer, I had the pleasure of sitting outside in an expansive backyard area. In fall, I sat indoors in the main dining room along with many large-screen TVs and a large, boisterous crowd celebrating the end of the work week, demonstrating that Five Lamps is first and foremost a tavern. If you want to stay close to home yet seek revelry, perhaps with a large group of friends, or join in for a shared experience of a sporting event, this is the place to go. If an evening of quiet conversation is your goal, make sure to go for lunch or at an off time like the Sunday that falls between the NFL semi-finals and the Super Bowl.

My neighbor who's walked in the doors three times concurs. On his first visit he was impressed with the wide variety of beer available—35 brands—and commented on the clamor. His second visit was for brunch, which he enjoyed in the garden, the serenity a nice compliment to his Bloody Mary. His last trip was on the evening we all waited for Sandy's arrival. The management offered discounted New Orleans-style hurricanes, which he and his wife, anticipating no work the next day, especially enjoyed.

The menu doesn't try to pretend to anything more sophisticated than bar food should be. There's an ample list of starters (\$6 to \$14) to keep the drinkers who want a little something happy and a smaller selection of large plates (\$10-\$21) for diners. My group, enjoyed the chicken sandwich, served with mozzarella, pesto, dried tomatoes, and balsamic vinaigrette on sourdough bread, the classic burger, and the Caesar salad with chicken. The fries, happily, are excellent.

Five Lamps is at 2756 Broadway, between W. 105th and W. 106th Sts.; fivelampstavern.com; (212) 663-0592.

Operation All Out Patrols on Broadway

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of wash in the basement but that's time enough for someone walking the halls, trying doors.

Theft of electronic equipment is soaring throughout the city, especially on the subways. Usually, the device is grabbed just as the train door is closing. About 70 percent of these thefts take place on the train. Yet, despite these warnings, you still see many riders holding e-readers, smartphones, or tablets, completely absorbed, oblivious to what's going on around them and unaware that the doors are about to close.

Operation ID is the police department's response to the rise in thefts. The department offers free use of an engraver to mark all such valuables with a serial number and the letters "NYC." While it won't prevent theft, it does facilitate identification and return of stolen property. For more about the program, call the 24th Precinct's Community Affairs department at (212) 678-1803.

With the holidays approaching, officers began their yearly warnings to keep all packages in the trunk, not in plain sight in the car., Car break-ins are plentiful, especially along Riverside Dr., and thieves will view anything left in the car as an invitation to break a window.

If you really want to know what's going on in the neighborhood, attend a Community Council meeting. Everyone is welcome and it's your chance to complain about crime, noisy neighbors, and speeding cars while learning about ways that you, too, can prevent crime.

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STREET GUARD Your contributions to the Block Association provide funding for our street guards, Rafael Hernandez, who makes rounds from 5 p.m. to midnight, Sun., Weds. and Thurs. and from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., Fri. and Sat., and Roy Chavarriaga, on duty Mon. and Tues. from 5 p.m. to midnight. The guards can be reached, through the office of Starr Security, at (212) 767-1110, to report neighborhood security issues or to request assistance on the street.

Emergency Preparedness Topic For Annual Meeting

For the second year in a row, a tough curve thrown at us has yielded an opportunity. In October 2011, a fire at 250 W. 103rd inspired us to make fire safety the topic of our annual meeting. This past October, Hurricane Sandy wreaked vengeance on vengeance citywide. Although our immediate blocks were largely spared, the degree to which the storm brought disaster to many communities brought to our attention the need for us all to become much more aware of emergency preparedness. Consequently, that'll be the topic of our 2013 annual meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, March 14**.

We've become aware of a FEMA program known as CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and have to do some research to find out more about it. Perhaps a representative will be our keynote speaker. For now, please make a note of the date. Watch for flyers and email notifications early next year with updates.

Seeking Hall of Fame Inductees

For the last three years, one activity at the annual meeting has been the induction of new honorees into our Residents of Long Standing Hall of Fame. The initiative was inspired in 2009 by the effort to landmark the entirety of West End Ave. If we're preserving the historic buildings that line the avenue, shouldn't we also recognize the people who have lived in them for so long?

If you moved into the neighborhood in 1963 or before and we haven't already included you, please let us know. So far we've identified, interviewed, and photographed 17 residents who qualified! You can read their profiles and see photos at our website (w102-103blockassn.org).

Each year at the annual meeting, the newest inductees are introduced to the community, presented with a certificate and a small gift, and photographed. If you qualify, or know someone who does, please contact Hedy Campbell (212-865-8524 or hedyfc@nyc.rr.com).

Bring Holiday Cheer to Victims of Domestic Violence

For the twelfth year, the Block Association will join with the U. S. Department of Justice's New York office in their holiday toy and gift party for the victims of domestic violence who live at the Henry Street Settlement shelter. Hundreds of toys, books, and small gifts, both new and gently used, are donated, collected, wrapped, and delivered through this annual project. A wrapping party is held at DOJ, and gifts are delivered to the shelter by Santa and Mrs. Claus.

To make a donation, please mark your package for Camille and drop it off at the lobby desk of 305 Riverside Dr. Or call (646) 345-5209 to arrange for them to be picked up.

Sandy Blows Away Halloween Parade

By Marc Reiner

Super Storm Sandy's effects lingered long after her winds had their last howl. Among her impacts was that the 24th Precinct, which was concerned about the risk of falling branches and manpower shortages, asked us to cancel our party.

Many had already volunteered to help, and several stepped up to stand on the corner of West End and W. 102nd St. to explain the change in plans to those who showed up. Thanks to the residents and administration of St. Luke's, Nancy Becker, Patricia Berry, Hannah Burke, Hedy and Rosalie Campbell, Steve Cope, Suzanne Fromm, Sax Freymann, Cheryl Futscher, Terence and Laura Hanrahan, Janet Harvilchuck, Jill Kalish, Celia Knight, Matt Levy, Stacey Lauren, Debbie Ng, Jeff Nitz, Dorothy O'Hanlon, and Cherie Tredanari. Special thanks to homeowners who waited till the storm blew out and then put in a lot of time decorating at the last-minute.

Beside the weather, there's only one other thing that could put the kibosh on the event: lack of someone to organize it. Personal demands require me to give up the role of Grand Parade Poobah. Hundreds enjoy the parade. Which one of you will step up to wield the magic wand? Contact me at 212-278-1449 so I can give you my extensive notes and contact lists.

Block Guard's Commendable Actions after Sandy

In the wake of October's hurricane, with city personnel stretched to their limits, it was especially reassuring to know that block guard Rafael Hernandez was looking out on our behalf. On Saturday, November 3, while making his rounds, he noticed that the glass lens that covers the bulb of the street light on the southeast corner of W. 103rd St. and the Riverside Dr. service road was dangling. He very quickly observed that any movement could cause it to fall, potentially injuring a pedestrian or driver or damaging a passing vehicle.

Rafael immediately reported the situation to the appropriate board members and called 311 to report it. He was transferred and kept on hold for more than an hour but he persisted! With the permission of the 24th Precinct, he used yellow caution tape that we'd previously provided him with to use in case of emergency to divert vehicular traffic east along W. 102nd St. rather than north on the service road. Pedestrians proceeded at their own risk. Rafael followed up with the board and with city agencies when he reported for work the following night as well. Bravo, Rafael, and thanks for watching our backs.



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Strong Turnout for Senior Health and Fitness

In February of this year, Bloomingdale Aging in Place (BAiP) presented a panel discussion on wellness for seniors with presenters from the Martha Stewart Center for Living at Mt. Sinai Hospital. The enthusiastic response led BAiP to organize free weekly tai chi and yoga classes, which are now in their third month at the Marseilles Residence on W. 103rd St. They are supported by a grant from the Manhattan Borough President's office, which will help fund the classes through June 2013.

Easy availability of farm-fresh fruits and vegetables was the idea behind the "Westside Senior Supported Agriculture" program that City Councilmember Gale Brewer started this year. She represents the district just south of us, where several senior centers have been distributing large bags of farmer-delivered produce every two weeks for just \$8 a bag. Through BAiP's contacts with Brewer's office, we were invited to join the program. About 25 neighbors signed up for the bags in this pilot project. St. Luke's House, the residence on W. 102nd St. for St. Luke's Hospital's Addiction Institute, graciously offered their dining room for the ordering and delivery of the bags. BAiP members Gerry Borrell, Nancy

Wight, and Kate McLeod efficiently organized the operation, which brought us a wide variety of tomatoes, lettuce, potatoes, corn, squash, carrots, and herbs as well as several types of apples and plums.

BAiP's most recent panel discussion dealt with fraud and elder abuse.

Representatives of the New York State Attorney General and the Manhattan County District Attorney plus a staff member of the Carter Burden Center for the Aging provided guidelines for avoiding the scams that often target the elderly. The

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Neighbor-to-Neighbor committee continues to recruit and train volunteers and welcomes requests from neighborhood seniors for assistance.

In addition to those serious topics, BAiP's activity groups are going strong. A group recently went to a talk on George Washington's New York City and another went to Malaysia Grill as part of the Dinner in the Neighborhood program. Walking, photography, ping pong, and two book groups continue their regular meetings, and a salon with author and playwright Kate McLeod will take place as this article goes to press. BAiP's annual year-end party is scheduled for **Thursday, December 20**. Save the date!

Reich Leaves Big Sleeve Garters to Fill

It's impossible to imagine, but David Reich, who has so ably edited and designed the Block Association newsletter since 2001, is stepping down. Under his stewardship, the neighborhood has come to expect an attractive newsletter of very high quality delivered on time.

Issue after issue, Reich provided residents with well-balanced editorial content, mixing timely, newsworthy articles with human-interest stories that enabled each of us to become better acquainted with our neighbors. He instituted popular columns like On Broadway and began including a quarterly round-up of art exhibitions, musical performances, and book releases. Because he's brought his usual high standards to bear as he's taught his successors and will remain available for the occasional consult, we hope and expect to carry on without missing a step.

Co-editor Hedy Campbell will take

on a more active role in the publication of the newsletter, assigning articles, continuing to write, and seeking out and developing new contributors. Stepping up is Nancy Butkus, a resident of 878 West End who has also written a gardening column for *The New York Observer*, so she can help make sure the editorial department is up to snuff!

Jane Hopkins recently answered our call for an ad sales rep and will continue to manage all matters related to advertising. She's meticulous in her record-keeping and knows exactly which ads are up for renewal and when, and enthusiastic when it comes to hitting the pavement and contacting local store owners and managers to bring in new advertisers.

Congratulations to David on his retirement, and thanks to both Nancy and Jane for volunteering. If you're interested in contributing to the newsletter, please contact editor@w102-103blockassn.org.

Neighborhood Artists To Be Seen and Heard this Winter

Editor's Note: We found four Block Association residents who will be performing, publishing, or exhibiting their work this winter: an artist, a singer, a writer/ animator, and an author. Here, mostly in their words, are descriptions of their new creative work. Now you can discover them and their projects.

By David L. Reich

SUSAN C. DESSEL

An installation, titled *Crystal Clear*, by artist susan c. desSEL (*sic*), recipient of a 2012 Manhattan Community Arts Fund Award, will be open to the public from Nov. 18 to Dec. 20, 2012, at the Park Avenue Synagogue Gallery, 50 E. 87th St. (entrance on Madison Ave.).

desSEL's work is a timely reminder of the need of all people for help in recovering from natural and human-made disasters and how that help should be provided free of national or religious ties. The artist focuses on the symbol that accompanies the emergency workers, showing it as the fragile protection that keeps them safe and announces their good intentions. What we see, however, is an unfamiliar broken icon. It reminds us of the flawed reality: in 2005, the International Committee of the Red Cross added a neutral symbol, the Red Crystal, to its well-known emblems, the Red Cross and the Red Crescent. However, it failed to mandate the universal use of the new emblem. It is that universality that desSEL asks us to consider and support by adding our names to the expanding installation.

Further information about desSEL's

work, including images of previous installations, and a list of the artist's hours throughout the current exhibit are available at desselstudio.net.

CELIA KNIGHT

One of the members of Voices of New York, an amateur choral group directed by Mary C. Homan, is Celia Knight, who is also a member of the board of the Block Association. Ms. Knight has been singing in the soprano section of VONY for over 20 years, and occasionally performs a brief solo.

On Saturday, Dec. 15, at 2:30 p.m., the choral group will present a Christmas concert in All Saints Episcopal Church, 230 E. 60th St. (between Second and Third Aves.). Admission is free, but contributions are welcome.

The group will also be giving a concert on Monday, Dec. 17, at 5 p.m. in the MetLife Building, 200 Park Ave. (near E. 45th St.).

Voices of New York was started 30 years ago at the Lexington Ave. and E. 53rd St. YWCA-NYC (which no longer operates from that location). Ms. Homan continued the group under a new name when the affiliation with the YWCA ended. They will present a program consisting of Christmas and winter-themed music with at least one piece celebrating Chanukah. For further information, please call conductor Mary Homan at (212) 724-0798 or e-mail her at maryhoman@earthlink.net.

LEESA DEAN

Neighborhood writer and self-taught animator, Leesa Dean, has recently launched a web cartoon series

on YouTube with episodes scheduled to run through April 2013.

It's called *Chilltown* and is an edgy (NSFW)*, urban comedy that revolves around the lives and misadventures of four guys. Designed, at times, to skewer pop culture, many of the slightly surreal episodes center around the music business. The series stars comedians Wil Sylvince and Dante Nero (both Chappelle Show veterans) voicing two of the guys and features original music by DJ Wally Pish Posh who's worked with Alica Keys and Luscious Jackson.

Visit the website chilltowntv.com for a link to the YouTube channel, where you can see trailers and teasers as well as the series episodes and links to Chilltown's Facebook and Twitter pages. If you join the fan page, please say "hi" to Leesa and let her know you're from the neighborhood.

Ms. Dean has two additional series, *The Danger Squad* and *NSFW with Ms. Ki*, in the works after Season 1 of *Chilltown* is finished.

*NSFW: not suitable for the work environment.

ANTHONY DECURTIS

Anthony DeCurtis worked as co-writer with music industry legend Clive Davis on Davis's autobiography, *Soundtrack of My Life*, which will be published in February 2013. Davis, at 80, is also currently producing an album with Aretha Franklin.

DeCurtis is a contributing editor at *Rolling Stone*, and he teaches writing at the University of Pennsylvania.



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Life and Limb

As we go to press, New York is cleaning up after Hurricane Sandy. The storm destroyed more than 8 000 street trees in the city, and many more in parks. Two trees on our blocks were severely damaged: one in front of 311 W. 102nd St. (a Callery pear) and another on W. 101st between Broadway and West End. A European Linden near 321 w. 103rd St. was removed by the city before the storm and will be replaced.

Any citizen—ideally a resident of or the owner of a building facing the tree pit—can request a replacement tree for an empty street tree pit. Just call 311 or visit www.nyc.gov/311. The planting season ends on December 31; requests placed now will be fulfilled next spring. Building owners may also replace trees privately. A permit is required and the city's guidelines must be followed. You can get a permit by contacting 311 or online at www.milliontreesnyc.org. Click on "I'm Planting." The permit is free, but has many details that can make compliance challenging. The New York Tree Trust, a program of the Parks Department and City Parks Foundation, can help with the permitting and planting processes in exchange for a donation. Call 212-360-TREE or visit www.nycgovparks.org/trees/tree-care/ny-tree-trust.

Although the growing season has ended and the ground will soon be frozen, there are things you can do in winter to protect our street trees and help them flourish.

Remove and store treegator watering bags., Use sand or clay kitty litter

instead of salt, which can damage tree roots, bark, and soil, on pavement near tree pits. Encourage your building management to consider doing the same. Spread mulch (wood chips, shredded bark, and leaves, peat, or straw) on tree beds to prevent salt and dog waste from entering the soil. Mulch also inhibits weed growth in spring. Layer mulch two to three inches deep, leaving open space around the trunk so that the mulch is not touching the bark.

In January, at the annual **MulchFest**, you can exchange a Christmas tree (yours or a random one you pick up on a street corner) for free mulch. It takes place on Saturday and Sunday, **January 12 and 13** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Riverside Park at 81st Street. If you just want to drop off a tree, you can bring it to the park at 106th St. on those same days. Remove all decorations first. The DOS collects trees between Wednesday, January 2 and Saturday, January 19.

This is also a good time to consider, or propose to your building management for consideration, enlarging your tree pit and removing pavers or stones to open more soil for tree health. City guidelines now allow for much bigger tree pits., You can search for "tree planting standards New York City Parks Dept."

Looking ahead to spring, save **Saturday, April 27 (rain date April 28) for the annual Flower Planting and Tree Pit Cleanup Day**. We are about to complete our application to the Citizens Committee for a grant that will fund both the planting and a fall mulching event. Wish us luck!

To join the ecology committee, to volunteer or make a suggestion, or to receive a detailed tree-care booklet, email trees@w102-103blockassn.org.



Building Owner Seeks Block Association Help

Exactly two years ago, we published an article about the ongoing construction at 315 W. 103rd St. that had begun in the summer of 2009. Owner Jacob Avid had removed the cornice of the building and added two stories as well as a six-story addition to the back of the building. Allegations of improprieties in the permit and construction process resulted in a series of stop work orders that are still in effect. In the time since, the Block Association had met with tenants and other residents about their concerns and lent support to their efforts to ensure that unsafe conditions and any illegalities were addressed and rectified.

Earlier this fall, Avid contacted the Block Association, and has since attended several monthly meetings. The one thing all parties seem to agree on is that in its current state, the stalled project is a blemish on the neighborhood., In an attempt to help the parties concerned arrive at some form of resolution, board members have summarized the concerns that residents have expressed and submitted them in the form of a letter sent to Avid and to a long list of recipients including representatives of the Department of Buildings and Community Board 7. Our goal is to get all the stakeholders together in one room with the relevant paperwork so that together they can find a workable compromise that makes it possible for the project to be completed.

NYBeeD Officer Gets Hives

By Hedy Campbell

In September, I had one of those life imitates media moments. There I was, late in the afternoon, walking north on Broadway, when I noticed a guy in full beekeeping garb on the corner of West End and W. 107th St. A couple of blue-uniformed police officers stood a safe distance away. Just a few weeks before I'd read in one of the local papers about a police officer who happens to be the NYPD's go-to guy when it comes to emergencies of an apian kind. In August, he'd been promoted to detective, thereby earning his headline. A quick conversation with the officers confirmed that none other than Detective Anthony Planakis, who gets several calls a week during the warmer months, was right here on our blocks. Further discussion revealed that someone had discarded honeycombs in the trash can on the corner. The swarm that ensued required the help of Tony Bees, as those closest to him get to call him, who'd just arrived in his bee-mobile. An hour later, I saw Det. Planakis using what looked like a pet carrier to which a vacuum cleaner hose had been attached as he safely suctioned the bees into the container. Once captured, the bees are relocated and released into safe environments. Who discarded the honeycombs? It's none of your beeswax!

Broadway Openings and Closings

There has been a net gain in occupied (or soon to be occupied) retail space on Broadway in the past three months. In the last issue, we reported that the northern two-thirds of the space left vacant by the closing of **Gourmet Garage** would soon be occupied by a **7-Eleven** store. Demolition and construction at that property are now underway. At about the same time, a ten-year lease was signed for the space on the southeast corner of Broadway and W. 106th St. that had been vacant for about a year and had formerly been a discount linens store. It will soon become another **7-Eleven store**. ✦ Shortly after the September newsletter went to press, the small **Verizon** store on the east side of Broadway between W. 102nd and W. 103rd Sts. closed. It didn't take long before it was under renovation for a new tenant: the **Great Shape Beauty Salon**. It is open now offering the usual range of salon services. You can also get a henna tattoo or eyelash extensions. There are even waxing specials for men! The owners have a sister shop on the west side of Broadway between W. 99th and W. 100th Sts. as well as one on Amsterdam Ave. in the 80's and on Columbus Ave. in the 100's. ✦ In October,

a small step was taken toward the return of the long-empty **Metro Theatre**, on the east side of Broadway between W. 99th and W. 100th Sts., as an operating movie house. Alamo Drafthouse, the Austin, TX, movie-and-dinner operation that plans to reinvigorate the Metro, received approval from Community Board 7's Business and Consumer Issues Committee for a two-year liquor license. At the meeting, a company representative reportedly said the opening would be delayed from 2013 to 2014 due to the need for extensive interior renovations. That may reflect, in part, Alamo's recent leasing of the ground floor retail space in Ariel East, adjacent to the Metro, which has been empty since the building opened as a 37-story residence in 2005. However, before Alamo opens on Broadway, they are scheduled to open a "New York area" establishment in Yonkers on Central Park Ave. next year. ✦ When **Variazioni** opened a women's clothing shop on the west side of Broadway between W. 98th and W. 99th Sts., it used only the northern half of the large space previously occupied by an independent grocery store. Now the southern half has begun business as **Details Designer Shoe Outlet**. ✦ At the end of Septem-

ber, **The Hummus Place** on the east side of Broadway between W. 98th and W. 99th Sts. closed. A sign on the window directed patrons to another location at 305 Amsterdam Ave. between W. 74th and W. 75th Sts. The Broadway location had opened in September 2009 and had seemed to be busy until its sudden closure. ✦ An item in the agenda of the CB7 Business and Consumer Issues committee indicates that the **Empire Szechuan** restaurant at 2642 Broadway on the east side between W. 100th and W. 101st Sts. is changing owners. The staff will remain the same as will the menu. ✦ After being rejected by the State Liquor Authority for an extension of the liquor license assigned to the previous restaurant at 2728 Broadway, Papisito Midtown Corp, Inc, doing business as **Papisito Mexican Grill and Agave Bar**, has started the procedure over again by applying for a new two-year license to the Business and Consumer Issues Committee of Community Board 7. That's the same committee that previously rejected their request twice following much protest from immediate neighbors and those across Broadway concerning noise, violence, and offensive odors. The application was to be considered by the committee on Nov. 14 but it was postponed that morning until Dec. 12 at the request of the applicants.

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Jan 1, Tues. New Year's Day
Jan 21, Mon. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
Feb 10, Sun. Asian Lunar New Year
Feb 12, Tu. Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 13, Wed. Ash Wednesday
Feb 18, Mon. President's Day
Feb 24, Sun. Purim
Mar 26-27, Tu.-Wed. Passover (1st/2nd days)
Mar 28, Th. Holy Thursday
Mar 29, Fri. Good Friday
Apr 1-2, Mon.-Tu. Passover (7th/8th days)
May 2, Th. Holy Thursday (Orthodox)
May 3, Fri. Good Friday (Orthodox)
May 9, Th. Solemnity of the Ascension
May 15-16, Wed.-Th. Shavuot (2 days)
May 27, Mon. Memorial Day
July 4, Th. Independence Day
Aug 7-9, Wed.-Fri. Idul-Fitr
Aug 15, Th. Feast of the Assumption
Sept 2, Mon. Labor Day
Sept 5-6, Th.-Fri. Rosh Hashanah
Sept 14, Sat. Yom Kippur
Sept 19-20, Th.-Fri. Succoth (2 days)
Sept 26, Th. Shemini Atzereth
Sept 27, Fri. Simchas Torah
Oct 14, Mon. Columbus Day
Oct 15-17, Tu.-Th. Idul-Adha
Nov 1, Fri. All Saints Day
Nov 3, Sun. Diwali
Nov 5, Tu. Election Day
Nov 11, Mon. Veterans Day
Nov 28, Th. Thanksgiving Day
Dec 8, Sun. Immaculate Conception
Dec 25, Wed. Christmas Day