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A Letter from TBA President Bill Curtis

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Dear Neighbor:

Our community has suffered a terrible tragedy. Last month's construction crane accident left many dead and injured, homes destroyed, residents displaced, and businesses disrupted. Where do we go from here? How do we assure that this kind of disaster does not recur, especially when we know that our neighborhood faces years of development?

First, it's important to have a full understanding of how and why the accident happened. Working with our local elected officials, we must learn not only the technical reasons for the crane's toppling, but why it was that so many of us saw the potential danger, and yet – despite efforts to bring it to the attention of the city – it was not prevented.

Second, also in conjunction with our local elected officials, we need to have a voice in determining the outcome of construction at the site. The TBA believes the building should be built no higher than the 18 stories we see today.

Third, the TBA will be instituting a neighborhood "Construction Watch," asking residents who live near construction sites to learn the warning signs of a dangerous or unsafe project and report it to a central source. By keeping an eye on development in a coordinated way, we hope to strengthen our efforts.

Fourth, we will work closely with Community Board 6 as it strengthens its Development Task Force, a group of board members, local leaders and elected officials who work with the city to resolve development issues before they reach the point of risk.

We have much to do. By working together, I believe we not only can make Turtle Bay a safer place in the midst of construction, but we can help assure that no other neighborhood in the city ever encounters the kind of disaster we have experienced.

Community Deals With Aftermath of Tragedy

A neighborhood of "narrow blocks" and "narrow misses" was how one news report described Turtle Bay on Saturday, March 15, when a 150-ton tower crane wreaked havoc on the area, toppling and crashing onto a more than block-long swath of the neighborhood. The 200-foot mast of the crane, at a construction site at 303 East 51st Street, collapsed onto the 19-story apartment building at 300 East 51st Street, before its top section split off and, along with the cab and 100-foot boom, fell southward, demolishing a four-story town house at 305 East 50th Street and shearing off two floors of the corner building to the west. A 20-foot steel beam was tossed still farther, spearing the roof of another town house across the street, 306 East 50th, and finally landing in the basement of the town house next door, No. 308.

The death toll was heartbreakingly high: Six construction workers and a young woman from Florida who was staying in the town house when it was crushed, were killed. Another 24 people were injured, including 11 firefighters and police.

Still, many neighbors of the heavily populated residential blocks believe it was a miracle more lives had not been taken. It was a mild and sunny Saturday afternoon, a time when residents are at home in their apartments, shopping or running errands on nearby streets.

Camille Lipten, who lived in a north-facing apartment on the 17th floor of 300 East 51st Street, had just walked into her dining room when she looked out the window to see the big crane heading straight for her dining room table. Too stunned to feel frightened, she recalls thinking, "Here's the crane." It was the crane she and her husband, Albert, had worried about ever since it was first put up at the construction site across the street from them weeks before. Like so many Turtle Bay residents, they had thought the monster

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Local Elected Officials Demand Answers, Tighter Controls

Turtle Bay's elected officials reacted quickly to the crane disaster. At a press conference on 50th Street and Second Avenue the day after the accident, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer was joined by Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, State Senator Liz Krueger, Assemblyman Jonathan Bing, and City Councilmember Jessica Lappin in calling on the city to tighten oversight of construction projects.

"The city's Department of Buildings describes as 'normal' the 13 pending violations at the collapsed crane site. A record like this should not be seen as normal, but as outrageous," said Stringer. "It is clear that the city's buildings-inspection process simply doesn't work," he said. Stringer called for an immediate thorough review. He also announced that he has formed a Manhattan Construction Watch Task Force

to help communities become the "eyes and ears" of construction safety.

Meanwhile, at the request of Councilmember Jessica Lappin, the City Council Housing and Buildings Committee was to hold a hearing on April 17 to look into crane regulations and inspections. Lappin said she would introduce legislation to tighten controls over procedures. Another hearing was

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Mark Your Calendar

- **Sunday, May 4**
Turtle Bay Street Fair
Second Avenue from 43rd to 55th
212-751-5465
- **Thursday, May 15**
Children's Puppet Show
MacArthur Playground, 10:30 a.m.
Rain site: Holy Family Church Auditorium
212-751-5465
- **Wednesday, May 28**
Outdoor Art Show
High School of Art & Design
10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Dag Hammarskjold Plaza
212-826-8980
- **Saturday, May 31**
Katharine Hepburn Garden Party
1-3 p.m.
Dag Hammarskjold Plaza
212-826-8980; 212-751-5465
(change of date from previous issue)
- **Saturday, May 31**
17th Precinct Street Fair
Lexington Avenue from 42nd to 57th
212-826-3228
- **Thursday, June 12**
"Manhattan's Turtle Bay"
Book Discussion and Signing
Cervantes Institute, 6 p.m.
211-215 East 49th Street
212-751-5465; 212-308-7720
- **Saturday, June 28**
AutoShowCase
Classic Cars on Display
10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Dag Hammarskjold Plaza
917-952-6369
- **Last Tuesday every month**
17th Precinct Community Council
Open Meeting, 6 p.m.
Sutton Place Synagogue
225 East 51st Street
212-826-3228
(No meetings July, August,
December)
- **Second Wednesday every month**
Community Board 6
Full Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
NYU Medical Center
550 First Avenue
212-319-3750

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Check our Bulletin Board:

East side of Second Avenue,
between 48th and 49th Streets,
on outside wall of the supermarket.

Hundreds of Residents Displaced

Residents of more than 280 apartments in 18 buildings on 50th and 51 Streets were evacuated after the accident, their buildings closed either because of concerns over structural damage, or because they had no gas or electrical power. The two largest were the 119-unit 300 East 51st Street and 111-unit 311 East 50th Street buildings. Within a week, most residents were back in their apartments, but some individual units and ground-floor businesses remained closed because of structural damage. The entire building at 301 East 50th Street (944 Second Avenue), with 20 residential units, remained closed as of the first week in April, and residents of the top floors of 300 East 51st Street, which need extensive repair, will not be able to return for some time.

Many of the displaced residents found shelter with family or friends, or stayed in hotels at their own expense. The city's Office of Emergency Management, Community Affairs Unit and the Red Cross set up a Family Assistance Center at St. Peter's Church (moved from its original location at the High School of Art and Design) where, according to the Red Cross, more than 550 people came for help. Twenty were assisted with free housing, including rooms at the YMCA.

Families with pets registered them at the Assistance Center, and pets were retrieved as soon as conditions allowed emergency personnel access to the vacated buildings.

On Monday evening, March 17, a standing-room-only crowd of neighbors gathered at a Mayor's Town Hall meeting at St. Peter's Church, where representatives of some ten city agencies, the Red Cross, Salvation Army and others briefed residents on where and how they could seek help. (See page 6 for current "help" listing.)

The Red Cross provided some 10,000 meals and snacks and 3,000 bottles of water to city workers throughout the search-and-rescue operation.

Some buildings not vacated, were without water until Monday night. The Red Cross and Community Emergency Response Team distributed bottled water, and the YMCA offered free use of its shower facilities.

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set for April 29 to look into the general topic of construction site safety.

State Senator Krueger called for Buildings Department Commissioner Patricia Lancaster to resign, but said that was not enough. "Since the city has been resistant to updating stricter safety standards," she said, "I will be advocating a number of changes in the state legislature."

Assemblyman Bing said the accident "must serve as a catalyst to review all safety procedures and building codes concerning construction in densely populated areas." He and Lappin were to meet with Commissioner Lancaster to discuss procedures, and also to talk about the fate of the 303 East 51st Street site itself. "The developer cannot be allowed to proceed (at the site) as if nothing happened," said Lappin.



Local elected officials called for tighter controls at a press conference on 50th Street near Second Avenue on March 16, the day after the crane accident. From left, Community Board 6 Chairman Lyle Frank, Assemblyman Jonathan Bing, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer (speaking), Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney and State Senator Liz Krueger. Hidden behind Stringer is City Councilmember Jessica Lappin.

In Wake of Disaster, What Needs to be Done...

BY BRUCE A. SILBERTBLATT, TBA ZONING AND LAND USE CHAIRMAN

March 15, 2008 – a brilliant Saturday afternoon. Turtle Bay is enjoying the fine weather. Far above, the 303 East 51st Street tower crane is completing its third jump. Its boom reaches 300 feet above the street. A five-man crew plus the operator are on the rig, preparing to install a six-ton steel bracing collar. Suddenly...

1st Second: A nylon cable has snapped; the collar plunges unchecked down the tower, swiftly gaining momentum...

2nd Second: It smashes the 9th floor bracing. The crane, suddenly unstable, tilts backwards...then, it falls.

4th Second: The crane tower crashes into the top floors of 300 East 51st Street with a shattering roar heard for blocks...and splits apart. The bottom half remains propped against 300...

6th Second: The top half, carrying the cab, engine, counterweight, boom...and six men...shears off the roof of 300 and somersaults 19 stories down into the 950 Second Avenue yard. Another blast of metallic sound engulfs the neighborhood as it hits...

7th Second: The boom and upper tower crush and flatten 305 East 50th Street, rip off part of the building to the west...as an errant piece of steel catapults across 50th slashing two houses on its opposite side. Clouds of dust and smoke briefly enshroud the scene...they settle...scores of wailing sirens fill the air. Emergency teams converge on the scene.

Seven lives snuffed out. Nearly two dozen injured. A building destroyed. A half dozen more damaged. Automobiles crushed. Hundreds upon hundreds preemptively forced from their homes. Businesses shuttered. It is Turtle Bay's darkest day.

Why did this happen? Carelessness, indifference to public safety, lack of redundancy, corner-cutting – as proven by some 20 violations against the site, nearly all imposed since January 1, 2008, several of which were issued just the day before the

accident – just for starters. Add inadequate inspection, ignoring of public complaints, an inspector filing a phantom report, a Buildings Department that does obeisance to the real estate industry rather than protecting the public, topped off by a reliance upon an outdated code that obviously needs overhaul. A lethal mix, indeed.

The city has taken some steps. Tower cranes will be subject to very rigorous inspection. The Buildings Department has the hard task of restoring confidence in its now tarnished inspectors. More are needed – the 450 the Buildings Department now has cannot possibly cover some 2,500 jobs underway in the city. Construction safety requirements need drastic overhaul. Certify contractors and subcontractors to do work in New York – presently not required. Building violation fines are petty cash measured against the multi-million dollar cost of a major job; they are a minor nuisance for developers. Increase them twenty-fold. If a developer and its team amass too many violations, ban them from any future work in the city. Why must it always take a major disaster to get reform enacted?

One thing is certain: The City of New York must not permit this developer and its team back on this job or on any other work in New York City. Further, it cannot allow the now incomplete structure to go above the 18 empty floors now standing. To take it higher will certainly entail another tower crane hanging menacingly over the streets, homes, and lives of Turtle Bay – a modern-day Sword of Damocles. We cannot allow that to happen. The city has broad powers, including eminent domain, to take over the property and put it to good use – for example, affordable housing instead of another so-called “luxury” condominium. We urge that it take the appropriate steps – forthwith.

Businesses Cope With Disruptions

Among businesses that remain closed since the accident is Rite Aid. The pharmacy's medicines were destroyed when the east wall of the building on the ground floor of 300 East 51st Street was damaged by the crane. The pharmacy and staff have moved to Rite Aid at Second Avenue between 32nd and 33rd Streets. From there, it offers free delivery to all Turtle Bay pharmacy customers. The store will reopen in its previous location as soon as damage is repaired.

Other Stores Closed

Also remaining closed as of the first week in April were La Moll Dry Cleaners, in the corner building at 944 Second Avenue, Crave Cerviche and Kelly Nail Center in the same building, and Blockheads Mexican

Diner at 954 Second. La Moll has posted a number on its window for customers to call for garment pickup.

Good Neighbors

When Buttercup Bakery owner Jennifer Appel was able to get back into her shop on St. Patrick's Day morning, she found herself with a store-full of green-frosted cupcakes, but no customers. Her bakery remained under a “vacate order.” So she set up tables out front, and gave away cup cakes and coffee to city workers and neighbors. She offered free coffee to city workers throughout the week. Also giving coffee to workers were Morning Star Café and Starbucks. Islero, a new restaurant on 50th Street, distributed box lunches to workers. And Salon Amici, a hair stylist on East 50th

Street, gave free hair cuts to fire, police and construction workers. The salon also reached out to the Red Cross to offer displaced neighbors a free wash and blow dry.

Bars Open for St. Pat's Day

Bars along Second Avenue were able to reopen in time for celebration of St. Patrick's Day, considered the bar owners' financial equivalent to Christmas in the retail industry. By late on St. Pat's Day (Monday), the Avenue had been partially opened to traffic, and parade revelers came east from Fifth Avenue for their annual partying in the Avenue's many Irish bars. “I thought the drinking and pipe band playing Irish tunes amid the tragedy was ‘surreal,’” says Naomi Farrell, a 48th Street resident. “But I didn't think it was disrespectful; it just shows the spirit of the city.”

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structure appeared dangerous – too tall and too unsteady.

The Liptens, with their terrier, Spunky, in tow, rushed from their apartment, not knowing that after landing in their dining room, the crane broke apart, its top section clipping their building – breaking off a corner of their bedroom ceiling – before crushing the town house on East 50th Street.

A Miracle

“It was a miracle,” says Rabbi Shmuel Metzger, whose wife, Raizy, with their eight-week-old baby girl and two-year-old boy, ran from their East 51st Street apartment, as they were showered with debris from the ceiling.

Just moments before the crane collapsed, Jean Squeri, who owned the demolished 50th Street town house and lived on the top floor, had gone out to buy aspirin at Rite Aid. “If I had taken out mail from the mailbox, I don’t know what would have happened,” Ms. Squeri thought later.

Sherry Olan Berner, who owns 311 East 51st Street next to the construction site, walked out of her building when she heard a roar to her right. “A man ran past me, shouting ‘Run, run.’” She followed him, running up the block toward First. “About half way up

the block, I looked over my shoulder to see the crane fall,” she says.

“The sad thing is, we all knew this might happen,” says Mrs. Lipten. Indeed, for weeks, neighbors had complained about the site, not only about the crane, but about other safety conditions, including debris in the streets, failure to protect neighboring property, lack of a sidewalk shed and work being done before and after permitted hours. There had been at least 38 formal complaints about the site, being developed by Kennelly Development, and the Buildings Department said that of the violations against the contractors, 13 of them were still pending at the time of the accident.

Ms. Squeri’s husband, Kerry Walker, a retired ironworker, thought the crane seemed dangerously unstable. Walker had recently told a friend on the phone, “If you don’t hear from me, it’s because the crane fell on my house.” Like his wife, Walker was not home when their town house was crushed.

TBA’s Silberblatt Filed Complaint

Bruce Silberblatt, chairman of TBA’s zoning/land use committee and a retired contractor, had been actively focused on the Kennelly Development project for months. He was concerned about both the zoning issues (how was a 43-story building approved for this site?) as well as significant safety issues.



Bruce Silberblatt is interviewed by NBC near the site of the accident. Silberblatt, a retired contractor and TBA’s Zoning/Land Use Chairman, had warned of the unsafe conditions for months. In the days after the accident, he became the spokesman for the community’s outrage. He appeared on all the major television networks, was interviewed by virtually every city daily newspaper and, he says, even a British engineering magazine.

In February, Silberblatt, along with TBA President Bill Curtis and City Councilmember Jessica Lappin met with Buildings Department Manhattan Borough Commissioner Christopher Santulli to discuss controversial zoning issues surrounding the site. At the meeting, he also briefed Santulli on the community’s concerns about safety at the site, and construction work outside of permitted hours.

Then on March 4,

as more and more neighbors complained, Silberblatt met with the Community Board 6 Development Task Force, which monitors development sites throughout its district. The meeting was held to discuss safety issues surrounding 303 East 51st Street. Also attending were TBA President Bill Curtis and representatives from the Buildings and City Planning Departments, and Assemblyman Bing’s and Councilmember Jessica Lappin’s offices. Representatives of Kennelly Development were invited, but did not attend.

That same day, Silberblatt, whose 49th Street apartment window overlooks the site, observed there were only two braces holding the crane to the building under construction. “There were at least 100 feet of unsecured tower above,” he says. “I thought this was unstable and that another brace should be inserted at the midway point.” He called 311. His complaint was transferred to the Buildings Department, where it was given priority A, the highest. A report came back that an inspector had visited the site and the crane was in accordance with code and with plans that had been submitted to the Buildings Department.

Fifteen days later – and five days after the accident – the astonishing truth was revealed. The inspector, Edward Marquette,

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Many Heroes Come to Turtle Bay's Aid

Neighbors observed many heroes on March 15. Police from the 17th Precinct and firefighters from the East 51st Street firehouse were joined by hundreds of first responders from all over the city.

The call for emergency help started when 17th Precinct Police Officers Michael Pappalardo and Derik Tircoli, on routine patrol at the northwest corner of 52nd Street and Second Avenue at 2:22 p.m., heard a strange sound. "It was a high-pitched metal squealing sound," recalls Pappalardo. "We looked up to see the crane starting its fall, very slowly at first, like slow motion," he says. They immediately radioed for help, starting a chain reaction that drew first responders to the area within moments.

Among them were two young rescue paramedics, Juan Henriquez and Marco Girao. Their role would become crucial when a faint call for help was heard coming from the heap of heavy debris at the demolished town house on East 50th Street. The two are

trained in using a cutting-edge treatment, called crush medicine, to save victims who have been pinned down for long periods of time, their blood flow cut off.

Slowly – to avoid setting off another collapse – the paramedics and firefighters headed straight toward the voice. It was that of John Gallego, who had been in the kitchen in his third-floor apartment when the crane came down on him. Within three hours after hearing his sounds from the rubble of bricks, stone, pipes and furniture, he was pulled out. Then Henriquez took over, using the new technique of pumping Gallego's body with medicine to kill off infections.

While Henriquez worked with Gallego, Girao worked on another survivor, Juan Perez, an employee of Fubar on the ground floor of the town house. One of his legs was badly shattered and, fearing Perez might lose his leg, Girao also administered crush medicine.

Today, both Gallego and Perez are on the road to recovery. And, like the two men

In Memoriam

Killed in the crane disaster of March 15 were construction workers:

- Wayne Bleidner, 51, of Pelham
- Clifford Canzona, 45, Long Island
- Brad Cohen, 54, Long Island
- Santy Gallone, 37, Long Island
- Anthony Mazza, 39, Staten Island
- Aaron Stephens, 45, the Bronx

And also:

Odin Torres, 28, a woman visiting from Hialeah, Florida. She was in the town house at 305 East 50th Street.

who saved their lives, they made some medical history that day: The Fire Department says it was the first time that the new crush medicine technique had been applied successfully in the field. For their efforts, Henriquez and Girao were named Heroes of the Month by the New York Daily News. To that, Henriquez says, "It's a huge team effort that made this possible. Not just the two of us. The reward for us is that our patients survived."

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"That destroys the credibility of the entire Buildings Department inspection system," says Silberblatt, "a pity, since there are many inspectors who are properly doing their jobs."

City Investigating

Buildings Department head Patricia Lancaster ordered a full audit of Marquette's inspection reports over the past six months and of the crane and derricks unit in which he worked. However, she said it was unlikely an inspection would have prevented the accident because the equipment that appears to have caused the accident was not on the site on March 4.

The equipment to which Lancaster referred was brought in for a process called "jumping," when workmen extend the crane to make it taller. Investigators believe the accident occurred during the "jumping" process.

After the accident, Lancaster announced an

inspection sweep of all 250 cranes currently in operation in the city, with inspection of the 30 tower cranes to be completed first, by April 15. She later announced interim changes in the inspection procedures for tower cranes, including a provision that a city inspector would now have to be present each time a crane is erected, jumped or dismantled, to ensure safe practices are used.

Meanwhile, in response to the arrest of Marquette (who later resigned), a complete review of the way the department regulates and inspects cranes is being conducted

by the city's Investigations Department. The Buildings Department is conducting a forensic investigation into the cause of the accident, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is also investigating.



In these photos, taken in the first hour after the crash, the death and devastation was only beginning to be fully understood.

A Town House Remembered

To many in the neighborhood, it was simply the site of Fubar, a small bar at street level. But, like any building in New York, 305 East 50th Street – the 18-foot-wide building demolished in the crane accident – had a personality all its own.

The bar was owned by 38-year-old John LaGreco, whose mother once owned The Leopard, a well-known restaurant on 50th Street that closed a few years ago. LaGreco opened Fubar 10 years ago, and the first employee he hired was Juan Perez, the young man who was in the house at the time it was leveled. Perez was pulled from the rubble and continues to recover. On March 15, LaGreco went to work a little later than usual and was blocks away at the time of the impact.

Second floor: Richard Solomon Artists Representatives was located here. An agency that represents well-known illustrators, the firm and its employees temporarily moved to the Beekman Tower Hotel. Solomon lost valuable works of art and thousands of transparencies in the rubble.

Third floor: Bar owner LaGreco shared an office with his father, attorney John LaGreco Sr., in a converted apartment on this floor. Across the hall, John Gallego rented the other third floor apartment. Gallego was in the kitchen of his apartment when it collapsed. Like Perez, he was pulled from the rubble and survived. His friend from Florida, Odin Torres, was sleeping in the back bedroom when the crane came down on the house. She was the only occupant of the house who was killed.

Fourth floor: The owner of the house, Jean Squeri, and her husband, Kerry Walker, lived here with their two cats, Mr. Gloves and Gooksie. Ms. Squeri inherited the house from her parents, who purchased it in 1937. They opened a restaurant on the ground floor called Fifeto Squeri, where Ms. Squeri worked as a waitress. The restaurant became very popular – most simply called it “Squeri’s”—and it remained open until the 1970s. Neither Ms. Squeri nor her husband were in the house when the crane fell. Both of their cats were later found alive.

A Sad Footnote: After the town house site had been cleared and boarded up days after the crane collapse, a floral cross appeared on the stark wooden wall out front. Written on one of the pink ribbons flowing from the cross were the words: “En memoria de Odin Torres.”

Where to Get Help

Office of Emergency Management info, effective April 10, 2008.
For latest, visit www.nyc.gov/oem

- **Family Assistance Center:** The Family Assistance Center closed as of March 29. Residents with questions on assistance can e-mail cranehelp@oem.nyc.gov.
- **Financial Assistance Inquiries:** Residents can call the NYC Human Resources Administration, (877) 472-8411.
- **Access to Closed Buildings:** Residents will have to make arrangements with the building owner to enter the building as the owner will be making repairs to the building.
 - Residents of 301 East 50th St. who want to consult a lawyer can call Al Charne, of the New York City Bar, (212) 382-6775.
- **Insurance:** For information, tenants should call the New York State Department of Insurance at (800) 342-3736.
- **Mental Health:** Disaster mental health counselors are at (877) RED-CROSS.
- **Air Quality:** Direct questions about air quality to the Department of Environmental Protection, (718) 595-6431, or the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, (212) 442-6946.
- **Information for Businesses:** Affected businesses can call the NYC Department of Small Business Services, (212) 618-8810.
- **Prescriptions:** Rite Aid at 2nd Avenue and 51th Street has moved prescriptions to Rite Aid on 2nd Avenue between 32nd and 33rd Streets.

Report Your Construction Concerns

Complaints should be filed *both* at 311 and the 17th Precinct (weekdays 212-826-3228; 212-826-3211 on weekends and evenings); also Community Board 6 (212-319-3750); and the Turtle Bay Association (212-751-5465, email: tbaoffice@mindspring.com)

In addition, they can be filed with:

- State Senator Liz Krueger (212-490-9535), e-mail: liz@lizkrueger.com
- Assemblyman Jonathan Bing (212-605-0937), e-mail: bingj@assembly.state.ny.us
- Councilmember Jessica Lappin (212-535-5554), e-mail: lappin@council.nyc.ny.us. (north side of 49th St. and above)
- Councilmember Dan Garodnick (212-818-0580), e-mail: garodnick@council.nyc.ny.us. (south side of 49th St. and below)

Be Alert! Be Concerned!

Yes, I want to join the Turtle Bay Association and help support our community's quality of life.



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Petition to Stop Building at Site

The TBA has obtained hundreds of signatures on a petition to stop the 303 site from being built any higher than its current 18 floors. “For someone to build the planned 43 floors entails a new tower crane,” says TBA Zoning/Land Use Chair Bruce Silberblatt. “Our community will not tolerate that.”

The signed petitions have been sent to all of Turtle Bay’s local elected officials, and more signatures are obtained every day. Any resident who wants to sign the petition and has not already done so, should call the TBA office at 212-751-5465.