



# TURTLE BAY NEWS

From the Turtle Bay Association, neighborhood association for  
Manhattan's Turtle Bay, East Midtown, home of the United Nations.

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## THE "LITTLE FREE LIBRARY" IN DAG HAMMARSKJOLD PARK

by Judith Randall

Still in the mood for a good beach read, albeit from the comfort of your couch?

Haven't gotten around to reading best-sellers that generated lots of buzz, like "Educated" or "Fleishman is in Trouble"?

Then check out "The Little Free Library" in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, where new releases and old favorites are offered to the community for free by your well-read neighbors.

The cherry red book share box, installed last summer by the Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, through a grant from the Turtle Bay Association, is

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## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS HAPPY HOUR

The Turtle Bay Association joined the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association in a successful "Young Professionals" event held on September 16th.

Delicious appetizers were donated by Chateau 49. We will keep you posted on future events.

### SAVE THE DATES

TBA Annual Meeting  
Monday, November 11th - 6:30-9 PM  
Vanderbilt YMCA

Holiday Party  
Sunday, December 1st - 3-5:30 PM  
Parnell's Restaurant

*We hope you can join us!*

### Little Free Library cont.

located at the entrance to the Katharine Hepburn Garden near First Avenue at East 47th Street.

“We wanted to make the cobblestone platform more inviting and draw visitors to the entrance of the garden, explained Anne Saxon-Hersh, Director of Development for the Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. “The Little Free Library” is self-sustaining and makes the park more user-friendly in a neighborly way.”

Founded in 2009 and based in Wisconsin, “The Little Free Library” is a non-profit organization that promotes reading through neighborhood book

exchanges in 90,000 outposts around the U.S. and in more than 90 countries.

In addition to best-sellers, recent books up for grabs in the book box in Dag Plaza included a Frommer’s Japan travel guide, a couple of Hemingway classics and a book on Charles de Gaulle.

The book sharing box proved popular from the start and the books are always changing,” said Ms. Saxon-Hersh.

It’s a great way to recycle books from your personal library to benefit others—and snag a book you’ve been dying to read for free.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON TBA BUSINESS MEMBER

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by Michael Zullo

### MANHATTAN ESPRESSO CAFE

The Manhattan Espresso Cafe, opened in September 1993 by its owner Brad Bonnewell, a former Lintas Worldwide advertising agency account executive whose office resided in the Turtle Bay neighborhood at One Dag Hammarskjold Plaza.

After researching the famous grand cafes and cuisine in Torino, Milano, Rome, Naples and Florence, Brad completed training with the renowned Italian espresso brand Illy Caffè S.P.A. based in Trieste, Italy.

Over the past 26 years the Manhattan Espresso cafe has attracted a steady stream of Turtle Bay neighbors, office workers and international tourists staying in nearby hotels. The cafe is located on a charming tree-lined block at 49th Street between Lexington and 3rd Avenues. It has a replica of the original bench from NYC’s 1964 World’s Fair outside the cafe.



Manhattan Espresso Cafe serves traditional cafe drinks and coffees (in porcelain and paper cups), fresh bakery items including scones, muffins, croissants, pastries as well as bistro sandwiches (for example: Italian Prosciutto, Fresh Mozzarella, and Arugula on Focaccia Bread), along with soups and

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crepes for lunch. Afternoon treats include fresh baked cookies, brownies, and homemade Italian biscotti.

***Manhattan Espresso Cafe*** offers Turtle Bay Members free coffee after 3:00 PM with the purchase of a pastry or sandwich.

Location: 146 East 49th Street (between 3rd and Lexington Aves.)

Phone: 212-832-3010

website: [manhattanespressocafe.com](http://manhattanespressocafe.com)

Hours: Monday - Friday: 7 AM to 7 PM.

Saturday - Sunday 8 AM to 1 PM




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## WELCOME NEW TBA BUSINESS MEMBERS

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Big Apple Florist  
Chateau 49 Bar & Vintage  
Clinton Hall  
Consult Podiatry  
Joy Curry & Tandoor Restaurant  
La Pecora Bianca  
NY Grill and Deli

Please support ALL of the Turtle Bay Association business members who support our Turtle Bay organization.

Check the TBA web site for a listing of all current TBA business members.



## NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME





## REMEMBERING COLLEEN CURTIS

It is with sadness that the Turtle Bay Association reflects on the passing of Colleen Curtis, the wife of 54 years of TBA President, Bill Curtis. She was a great supporter of the Turtle Bay neighborhood, and her work in that regard will be sorely missed.

She began her career as a stewardess on TWA in the days when flying was still glamorous, and people actually dressed up to fly on an airplane. When really very large aircraft were introduced, she moved seamlessly into the world of acting and directing—first acting in regional and dinner theaters touring the country; and later, directing and playing the lead in off Broadway productions that highlighted the impact of notable women (think George Sand, Dorothy Parker).

But in her later years it was Turtle Bay that was her interest—she loved the idea of a small town set down right in the middle of the big city. Because of that interest, she was appointed to Community Board 6, and as such was on the Land Use Committee; working on matters that affected all the communities on the East Side—including of course Turtle Bay. She acted as liaison to the UN during renovations under its Capital Master Plan—first for TBA, and later for CB6. She was a member of the Lex Club, and most importantly, worked with and for the NYC Board of Elections, where she became passionate about preserving the right to vote, and all that that means. In remembering Colleen, the Association will miss her great enthusiasm for preserving the quality of life in Turtle Bay.



The Turtle Bay Tree Fund is an all-volunteer organization whose mission is to enhance the Turtle Bay neighborhood with seasonal plantings and to maintain the trees, flower beds and enclosures with a program of pruning, watering, litter-removal, and replacement on a regularly scheduled basis.

The Tree Fund is one of the largest of this type of neighborhood organizations with responsibility for nearly 250 tree beds in the area from 48th to 51st Streets, from Third Avenue to the East River.

The Tree Fund is a tax-exempt association that raises funds from neighborhood residents and others who care about street trees. Virtually all of the money raised is paid out for professional landscaping services.

If you would like to make a donation or submit any comments or suggestions, please mail to:

Turtle Bay Tree Fund  
208 East 51st Street, #238  
New York, New York 10022





FRIENDS OF DAG HAMMARSKJOLD PLAZA  
**OKTOBERFEST**  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019  
**1:00 - 4:00 PM**  
RAIN DATE—SUNDAY OCTOBER 13



Bring the kids and enjoy pumpkin decorating, face painting, and more...

## Dag Hammarskjold Plaza

47th Street between First and Second Avenues - Manhattan

In cooperation with the NYC Dept. of Parks and the Vanderbilt YMCA.

For more information, call 212-826-8980 [www.hammarskjoldplaza.org](http://www.hammarskjoldplaza.org)





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# Dig In.

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and volunteer in your community.

**Join us at our next project!**

Name of Project: **Friends of 49<sup>th</sup> Street  
Playground - Fall Clean**

**Description:**

Please join us for our annual Fall cleanup. We will mulch, plant bulbs and do a general cleanup of the playground.

Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019

Time: 9am to 1pm

Location: MacArthur Playground  
East 49<sup>th</sup> St, between 1<sup>st</sup> Ave & FDR

Contact: Rebecca  
[divaultima@gmail.com](mailto:divaultima@gmail.com)



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