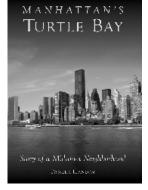


Upcoming Book Explores Story Of Turtle Bay

The mid-20th century ushered in a new era for Turtle Bay, as the United Nations moved into its headquarters on the East River, and the Third Avenue El – last of Manhattan's elevated rail lines – was demolished, making way for one of the city's biggest building booms.

Now, a new book, "Manhattan's Turtle Bay: Story of a Midtown Neighborhood" - to be published in January - tells the story of

the area's past half-century, as residents found themselves at the center of the world stage, no longer separated from the rest of Manhattan by the noisy overhead railroad, and coping with a



frenzy of office and apartment building.

Written by local resident Pamela Hanlon and published by Arcadia Publishing, "Manhattan's Turtle Bay" looks back at the area's earlier history as well, when Turtle Bay's landscape changed from farmland in colonial times, to a neighborhood of elegant brownstones in the mid-1800s, to the site of slaughterhouses and factories late in the 19th century. The 160-page book describes how a lasting renaissance came to the area in the 1920s, when charming town houses and luxury apartments attracted celebrated writers, musicians and theatrical personalities to what became known as a "small town" oasis in the heart of the city.

The inspiration for the book's central theme, continued on page 8

Toasts and Tributes Cap TBA 50th Anniversary Year

he Turtle Bay Association's 50th anniversary year came to a festive close as neighbors joined TBA board members and one of the neighborhood's most celebrated residents, composer and lyricist Stephen Sondheim, at a champagne reception at the Japan Society.

Held on November 12, the party marked – almost to the day – the date on which the TBA was founded by James Amster and a handful of neighbors back in 1957. Today, the organization has grown to include nearly 2,000 individual and business members.

Sondheim, who has lived in Turtle Bay since 1960 and served as the TBA's 2007 honorary membership chair, was joined at the gala by close to 150 neighbors and a host of elected officials who came armed with proclamations and congratulations from across the city. The reception capped a year of celebratory events, including a "Salute to Volunteers"

party held in June at Luxembourg House, former home of Irving Berlin, and the organization's annual meeting in September, held at Amster Yard, the spot where neighbors first gathered in 1957 to set in motion plans that would lead

to 50 years of community service. (See story, page 7)

Joining the reception on November 12 were Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, who had arranged to have a tribute to the association entered into the Congressional Record, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, State Senator Liz Krueger, Assemblyman Jonathan Bing, and City Councilmembers Dan Garodnick and Jessica Lap-

> See event photos on pages 4, 5

pin. Each thanked the TBA and its members for their efforts and activism in working to improve quality of life in the East Midtown community over the past 50 years.

Many thanks to the Japan Society, 333 East 47th Street, for providing such a warm and inviting venue, and for opening its galleries to guests during the reception.



Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, showing a salute to the TBA that was entered into the Congressional Record in recognition of TBA's 50 years of community service. Maloney presented the tribute to TBA President Bill Curtis (left) at the TBA's anniversary reception on Nov. 12. Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer is in the background.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, December 9

TBA Holiday Toy Drive and Party McAnn's on 1st (between 52nd and 53rd Streets) 3-6 p.m. Admission: Gift for a needy child 212-751-5465

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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Waterside Developer Agrees to Include Affordable Housing, School

BY BRUCE SILBERBLATT

S ince it was first announced, developer Sheldon Solow's proposal for the Con Edison Waterside properties south of 42nd Street has been roundly criticized by the community and its elected officials for its failure to provide not one single unit of affordable housing out of its 4,000-plus apartments.

On November 5, Solow made an abrupt about-face on the issue, announcing that he would set aside 600 units under the city's inclusionary housing program for those New Yorkers unable to pay today's sky-high rentals. In addition, Solow will negotiate with the City School Construction Authority, a New York quasi-government agency, to include a 650 student on-site school, the prior lack of which also had been nearly unanimously condemned.

Solow could have added another 200 affordable homes, but did not include the 69-story, 1,000-apartment building that will occupy 685 First Avenue in the agreement.

That, of course, raises other issues. The new 685 First Avenue will be the tallest of the clump of towers planned for the former Con Edison site. The development will overwhelm next-door Tudor City and its two jewels, its landmarked parks. For that matter, the bulk and height of the other towers, most taller than the U. N. Secretariat, likewise remain unchanged. Unmodified in the plan are its density, a 1,500-car below-ground parking garage and lack of coordination between the mega project and the neighborhood – including waterfront access, redesign of the FDR drive and possible U.N. expansion. Further, 39th and 40th Streets between First Avenue and the East River, which had been turned over to Con Edison years ago, will not be returned to the city. The change of zoning into commercial rather than to residential and the inclusion of an out-of-place 1.5 million square foot office tower have not been altered.

In short, while affordable housing at the Con Edison development is welcomed by all who fought for it, there remains a long, convoluted road to be traveled before all of the community's concerns are met.

U.N. Makes It Easy To Follow News

Neighbors can keep up with the latest news regarding the United Nations' big renovation project (Capital Master Plan) on a new easy-to-follow website. Updated every two days, the site includes background and general plans, plus news announcements and links to pertinent news articles. Check it out at www.un.org/cmp.

Meanwhile, U.N. planners hope to accelerate the renovation, completing the program by 2013, two years ahead of schedule. The new plan calls for the Secretariat to be completely vacated during renovation, rather than in phases. Staff will move to nearby leased space and a temporary conference building on the U.N. North Lawn.

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

ommunity concerns over awarding of parks concessions were heard in mid-October, as local leaders testified before a City Council Parks Committee hearing looking into the City Parks Department's process for selecting concessionaires.

City Councilman Dan Garodnick had originally called for the hearings in the wake of issues raised in the award of the café concession at the east end of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza in the spring of 2006. Joining neighborhood leaders from throughout the city in voicing their concerns at the hearings, held October 24, were representatives of the Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, Sherrill Kazan, Anne Saxon-Hersh and Meryl Brodsky, as well as Community Board 6 Parks Committee Chairman Gary Papush. Testimony was also heard from State Assemblyman Jonathan Bing.

Bing's testimony called the current process of awarding contracts "arbitrary," and continued, "The process (of) awarding of permits is flawed, open to manipulation, and must be amended....All city agencies have a responsibility to the citizens of the City of New York, and the vendors who seek to operate concessions, that the agency will rate proposals in a consistent, fair and objective manner."

Papush said his committee's review of the city's rules on awarding concessions shows that they allow for "non-transparency, lack of consistency and in some cases just plain violation." He said proposed concessions are crafted in such a way so as to avoid being defined as a major concession, and therefore avoiding more public scrutiny.

The issue was first raised when the Parks Department rejected a bid by the Patio Café to continue operating the concession when its license expired in June 2006. It instead awarded the contract to the current operator of the concession, the New York Milkshake Company. Community leaders are quick to point out that their concerns are not with the concessionaire, but with the Parks Department's selection process.



New Look for Second Avenue. Thanks to a capital grant from State Assemblyman Jonathan Bing, 31 tree beds on Second Avenue are now sporting new parquet-design brick borders. Rebuilt flush with the sidewalks, and located between 44th and 53rd Streets, the new treatments replace the 20-year-old double-height cobblestone enclosures that were in constant need of repair. The new design also allowed many of the smaller tree beds to be enlarged, not only benefiting the tree's growth, but providing a more attractive decorative border treatment. Many thanks to Jonathan Bing. Above, from left, TBA's Millie Margiotta, Bing and Bill Huxley, head of the TBA's Tree Program, inspect the new enclosures.

The City Council Parks Committee, chaired by Helen D. Foster of the Bronx, is expected to hold further hearings on the matter in the future. Community Board 6, which earlier adopted a resolution recommending either changes in the rules or requiring further public review, plans to pursue the issue further.

Newsworthy Notes

Post Office News. Local elected officials have expressed concerns about the conversion of the Dag Hammarskjold Post Office at the corner of 47th Street and Second Avenue to an automated operation without appropriate advance notice. According to the U.S. Postal Service, the new self-service Automated Postal Center (APC) will provide quick, easy access for postal customers, just as ATMs provide for banking customers. But local officials, including Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney, State Senator Liz Krueger and City Councilmember Dan Garodnick - citing convenience and security issues - are asking why prior community input wasn't sought. The APC is open daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Seniors Program. The Church of the Holy Family, 315 East 47th Street, has a program of social, spiritural and educational programs for seniors, ranging from lectures on aging, to holiday parties, to excursions and trips to some of the city's finest entertainment. For more information on how you can join in the activities, or volunteer your time, contact Brother Robert Fontaine at 212-753-3401.

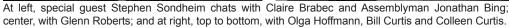
Local Artist Remembered. Longtime TBA member and artist, Jacques Zuccaire, who died in 2006 at the age of 97, was honored recently with a one-man exhibit at the Art Students League. Some of Zuccaire's works are shown today at Phyllis Lucas Gallery and Old Print Center, at Second Avenue and 52nd Street. **Gifts Galore.** Again this year, Grand Central's Vanderbilt Hall is the site of a Holiday Gift Fair. Through December 29, over 70 specialty vendors offer gifts ranging from jewelry to clothing to kids' stuff. 10a.m.-8 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 11a.m.-7 p.m. Sun. And don't forget the Unicef Card and Gift Shop at 3 United Nations Plaza on 44th Street, always filled with unusual and "worldly" gifts and cards. Mon.-Fri.10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. noon-4 p.m.

Past Newsletters. Past issues of the Turtle Bay News are posted on the TBA website for viewing at your leisure. Simply go to www.turtlebaynyc.org and click on "Newsletter" for the latest issue, and then on "Past Newsletters" for prior issues.

Toasts and Tributes Mark 50th Year

hen Turtle Bay neighbors and friends gathered at the Japan Society on the evening of November 12 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Turtle Bay Association, composer and lyricist Stephen Sondheim joined them for an evening of conversation, champagne and conviviality. Neighbors were eager to share their neighborhood stories with the celebrated and longtime resident of Turtle Bay. And Sondheim, in turn, was heard to tell a few Broadway tales. (Story, page 1.)











TBA President Bill Curtis, City Councilmember Jessica Lappin and State Senator Liz Krueger







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Karola Sallan

Tina Louise's Latest Book Project Reflects Commitment to Children

BY PATRICIA Q. MCDOUGALD

ina Louise lives high up in her lovely, very comfortable apartment in the heart of Turtle Bay. And it just happens to be right across the street from her daughter's apartment, the significance of which may be more meaningful if you read her first book, "Sunday," a memoir published 10 years ago, a time that coincides with her move into the neighborhood.

With the success of her new children's book, "When I Grow Up," published by Abrams Books for Young Readers, Tina's shirttail



kept in the wind by all the required traveling for personal appearances book and signings. She's been invited to appear in

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Actress and author Tina Louise

schools, before state legislators and groups all over - even a children's charity in St. Croix this coming January.

It seems the seed for "When I Grow Up" was planted during Tina's work as a volunteer mentor in the Learning Leaders program, a child-literacy advocacy group. She noticed that all the children loved animals and got very excited about them. But she was in her third year with the program before the idea for a book even dawned on her. It began with one of her students, a sixyear-old from the Congo who spoke only French when she first began helping him; then he learned to read and speak English in just one year. The following year he was quite annoyed when Tina returned and was no longer working with him. When he asked why, she told him he no longer needed her. Seeing his disappointment led her to ask him what he wanted to be when he grew up. He didn't know, so she asked if he could list three things he might like to be. He did that, and she walked him back to his class.

Tina then asked the teacher if she would

ask the other students to write three things they might like to be when they grow up. Tina collected the answers and from that. began to do research on various animals and insects, to determine how their capabilities might be applied to a child's dream. Suddenly, Tina was penning such aspirations as "If a spider can build a beautiful web, when I grow up, I can be an architect." Her new book, "When I Grow Up," was born.

Another of Her Works

Although the book is creating a lot of attention for her, another of her published works that is particularly moving is her memoir, "Sundays." It is a book of her early childhood, and is written as a child might write it - probably, she says, as her then-young daughter, Caprice, might have expressed it. It will touch you, pull at your heartstrings; then it will make you laugh out loud -areally good read.

Tina Louise was an actress when most of us first heard of her – still is, and continues to be a member of the Actors Studio. Of her many roles in the movies, on Broadway and television, she is probably best remembered for her role as Ginger ("the movie star") in TV's "Gilligan's Island." She also is a painter - and was planning her first art show when 9/11 happened. However, since "When I Grow Up" was published, with all the attendant promoting, she's had time for little else. But don't for a minute think the promotional tours are a hardship on her - she's LOVING it!

If you'd like to know one thing uppermost on Tina's mind today, it would probably have to do with expanding physical education programs for children. She is a strong believer in exercise for all ages (she works out five days a week herself), and hopes to influence school systems around the country to implement at least 30 minutes of physical education a day for growing youngsters. There is nothing more important for readying the brain than good physical exercise, she says. And she cites statistics and studies to prove it. ...But that would be enough for a whole 'nother article!

Briefly in Business:

- Destino. New TBA business member. Destino. offers TBA members a 10 percent discount. First opened in February 2006 at the northwest corner of First and 50th Street, Destino specializes in southern Italian cuisine. 212-751-0700; www.destinony.com.
- McAnn's on 1st. Recently opened in the old Billy's space at 948 First Avenue, this is McAnn's fourth Manhattan restaurant and a new TBA member. 212-813-1280.
- Smart Workout has joined the TBA. Located at 124 East 40th Street, Smart Workout offers classes ranging from Pilates to yoga to a tango workout. Call 212-661-1660 or visit www.smartworkout.net.
- **Roy R. Scaffidi,** Esq., specializing in litigation law, is a new TBA business member. Located at 150 East 52nd Street, the firm can be reached at 212-935-9500 or rfsexam@aol.com.
- Qdoba Mexican Grill scheduled its grand opening on December 3, with all proceeds going to the Turtle Bay Association. Many thanks to Qdoba, 875 Third Avenue at 53rd Street. Welcome to the neighborhood!

Wanna Join A Book Club?

Attention all bookworms! TBA member Edith Lynn Hornik-Beer and Amy Barry are looking for fellow-neighbors to join them in starting a Turtle Bay book club. Anyone interested can meet to discuss preliminary ideas for the club on Thursday, January 10, at Tal Bagel on First Avenue between 53rd and 54th Streets. "This initial meeting will be very informal," says Amy, "We'll gauge interest in starting a club, talk about how we can make it a success, and identify a first book to read and review."

Amy recently moved to New York from Boston where she was a longtime book club member. She and Edith, an author and editorial consultant, make an experienced and informed organizing team. Their meeting on January 10 will begin at 6:30 p.m. Join them to get the Turtle Bay Book Club off and reading!!

For more information, contact the Turtle Bay office at 212-751-5465 or e-mail tbaoffice@mindspring.com.

Annual Meeting Returns To Amster Yard

ity Council Speaker Christine Quinn topped the list of city officials who joined Turtle Bay Association members in late September at the TBA's 50th anniversary annual meeting, held at the site of the 1957 founding of the TBA – Amster Yard on 49th Street.

"I want to congratulate the TBA on its 50th anniversary and thank you members for your many efforts on behalf of our city," Ms. Quinn said. "I first came to recognize the commitment of this neighborhood group when I talked with residents at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza one evening last summer. I said then that I would like to return to speak with you," she said at the meeting, held on Monday, September 25.

Quinn addressed her priorities and concerns, including tenants' rights, early childhood education, new improved ways in which the City Council is looking at citywide statistics and what she called "choking" city traffic and its remedies. She assured neighbors

TBA Board at Work

The following is a summary of issues and activities addressed at recent TBA Board meetings, as reflected in the meeting minutes. The TBA:

- is monitoring, with Community Board 6 and as part of the East Midtown Coalition for Sensible Development, plans for the Con Ed Waterside development, United Nations renovation project and East River waterfront opportunities.
- is closely watching neighborhood construction sites for safety and other concerns.
- has joined other neighborhood interests in opposing MTA's planned utility building on East 50th Street, which has now been modified.
- has joined with other neighborhood groups to demand stronger laws regarding newsrack placement on City sidewalks.
- continues to work to beautify the neighborhood through the TBA Tree Program and support of the Turtle Bay Tree Fund.
- has sponsored or supported neighborhood events, including the recent 50th anniversary gala reception and upcoming Holiday Party and Toy Drive.

the ongoing development of the Con Edison site south of Turtle Bay (see story, page 2) was on her "radar screen" as it works its way through the necessary approvals.

Also addressing the meeting were Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, State Assemblyman Jonathan Bing, City Councilmember Dan Garodnick and Jane Swanson, on behalf of City Councilmember Jessica Lappin. And taking time out from a busy week, during which the U.N. General Assembly was in session with its traffic and security considerations, was the Commanding Officer of the 17th Precinct, John Wallace.

TBA board members reported on ing in September.

the association's activities over the past year and Robert Casanovas of the City Sanitation Department was presented an award for his "excellence in service to the Turtle Bay community," before the meeting was adjourned to refreshments in the courtyard. Thanks to Instituto Cervantes at Amster Yard for providing the meeting site.

City Council Speaker Christine Quinn chats with Bill Curtis,

TBA president, prior to speaking at the TBA's annual meet-

Better Than Ever

This year's Octoberfest, held annually in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, was the most successful ever, with children and grown ups from all around Turtle Bay joining the fun. Sponsored by the Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza and the Haley Foundation, pumpkin-painting was only one of many games, tricks and entertainment for young and old alike.



Turtle Bay Happenings

Kaleidoscope Light Show. This spectacular holiday show in the main concourse of Grand Central Terminal is back for a second year, all-new and more glorious than last year. Show runs every half hour on the half hour from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily through January 1. Free. Don't miss it!

Christmas Day Tour. The Municipal Arts Society is sponsoring an architectural history tour of Rockefeller Center at 10 a.m., Dec. 25. Meet at the southeast corner of Fifth Avenue and 49th Street. \$15 for non-members; \$12, members. Info: 212-935-3960; www.mas.org.

Upcoming Book continued from page 1 Turtle Bay since the 1950s, was the 50th anniversary of the Turtle Bay Association, founded in 1957 to fight a city plan to widen 49th and 50th Streets. The narrative recounts the community's struggles in fighting encroaching development over the years, but also tells the lighter side of Turtle Bay, with stories and first-person accounts of many of its residents - actress Katharine Hepburn, the threatrical couple Garson Kanin and Ruth Gordon, composer Stephen Sondheim, writer

Art & Culture

Trygve Lie Gallery. Works by Norwegian artists living in New York, through Jan. 6. 317 East 52nd Street. Free. Mon.-Thurs. 12-7 p.m.; Fri.-Sun., 12-5 p.m. Info: 212-319-0370; www.trygveliegallery.com.

Join the Chorus. Turtle Bay Music School, 244 East 52nd Street, sponsors a community chorus, free and open to all who love to sing. For more information, call 212-753-8811 or e-mail info@tbms.org.

Japan Society Gallery. Exhibit: Making a Home: Japanese Contemporary Artists in New York. Includes works by Yoko Ono and others. Through Jan. 13. \$12,

Kurt Vonnegut, and neighbors such as Peter Gabelli, a building worker who lived in a walk-up on 49th Street for 65 years, and Rita Carpanini, whose one regret about the area's mid-century makeover was the loss of her church, St. Boniface, torn down to make way for a planned 47th Street boulevard leading to the new United Nations.

Special Offer for TBA Members

The softcover book includes some 50 historic and current Turtle Bay photographs. Scheduled to be available in late January,

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ORDER FORM FOR TBA MEMBERS MANHATTAN'S TURTLE BAY: STORY OF A MIDTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD

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\$10 seniors. 333 East 47th Street. Info: 212-832-1155; www.japansociety.org.

Jazz, Classical Music. Jazz each Wednesday, at 1 p.m., St. Peter's Church at Lexington Avenue and 54th Street. Admission: \$5. Classical concerts by visiting artists, most Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Admission: donation at the door. Information: 212-935-2200; www.saintpeters.org.

Photography Exhibit. The building of the Berlin Hauptbanhof, 1999-2006, has been documented by photographer Roland Horn. Photos on view in the lobby of German House, 871 United Nations Plaza, through Dec. 21. Free. 212-610-9719; www.germany-info.org.newyork.

- compiled by Rita Rowan

the book will retail for \$19.99 in bookstores and online outlets. But the Turtle Bay Association has secured a limited supply of books that it will offer to members for just \$10.00 (plus \$3.00 for postage/handling, if mailed). To reserve a copy now, fill out and return the coupon below, along with your check. The book will be mailed to you as soon as copies are available. The discount offer is limited to one copy per member/ household, but additional copies can be purchased through the TBA at full price, or members can buy the book at local bookstores, museum shops or through online outlets such as Amazon.com. (If purchased at full price through the TBA, \$10 from each sale will be donated to the TBA.)

Author Pamela Hanlon, former journalist and public relations professional, has lived in Turtle Bay since 1976 and currently serves as editor of the Turtle Bay News. The author's proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to the TBA.

New Quarters for 17th

The police of the 17th Precinct invite neighbors to come by to see the precinct's newly renovated stationhouse at 167 East 51st Street, including the Memorial Wall of Honor, a tribute to those police officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

The new quarters were recently unveiled at a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by local residents and officials.