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Carolyn Maloney, A Representative Who Works

Opposes Proposal to Cut Multifamily Portfolios of Fannie and Freddie

On October 9, 2013, Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney, Ranking Member of the House Financial Services Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, wrote the Federal Housing Finance Agency opposing further cuts to the multifamily businesses of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the guarantors of \$63 billion of loans backing multifamily apartment buildings per year nationwide.

“As the representative of 715,000 constituents residing in thriving urban neighborhoods in New York, where multifamily housing is our single family housing, I urge you to halt further cuts to the multifamily

businesses at the GSEs,” Maloney said.

Presses for Action on Comprehensive Immigration Reform Bill

On the Global Day of Action for immigration reform (October 8, 2013), Rep. Maloney called on the House majority to take up a comprehensive immigration reform bill, H.R. 15, the “Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act” to fix our broken immigration system. Rep. Maloney is an original cosponsor of H.R. 15.

“Our immigration system is broken and everyone knows it,” Rep. Maloney said. “Back in June, the Senate acted in a responsible way – a bipartisan way – by passing commonsense reforms with a

strong vote of 68 to 32. Now the House must step up, pass a bill and get it into conference with the Senate. Comprehensive immigration reform will reduce our deficit, grow our economy, and honor our history as a nation of immigrants.”

According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, enactment of the bipartisan Senate-passed comprehensive immigration reform bill would reduce the deficit by \$850 billion. CBO also estimates that the Senate-passed bill would increase economic growth by 3.3% in 2023 and 5.4% in 2033.

Maloney is an original cosponsor of a Democratic proposal designed to gain bipartisan support.

Possible options the FHFA is exploring include restrictions on the length of loan terms, simplification and standardization of loan products, limits on property financing, limits on business activities, restrictions on the length of loan terms, simplification and standardization of loan products, and limits on property financing.



Gear Up for An Emergency, And Start Now

Emergencies tend to be off our minds unless we're in, or recovering from, one. Hurricane Sandy was the most recent of the city's natural disasters, unthought-of and unplanned-for, until the costs and miseries of the aftermath. It makes sense to get ready beforehand, and the Ready New York campaign, of the city's Office of Emergency Management, is a priceless resource available for free. There's only one hitch: you've got to do some work.

In case you're prone to procrastinate, it's motivating to learn that there are 12 hazards that could lead to emergencies in New York City: Building Collapses, Carbon Monoxide, Coastal Storms and Hurricanes, Disease, Earthquakes, Extreme Heat, Fires, Flooding, Hazmat and Radiation, Severe Weather, Utility Disruptions, and Winter Weather.

But why brood when you can take action? Find out all you need to know from the OEM.

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— Lee Frankel

Note The Event

TBA Annual Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 pm
Vanderbilt YMCA
5th Floor Conference Room



TBA Annual Toy Drive
Sunday, December 8, 3 - 5 pm
Parnell's Restaurant
53rd Street and First Avenue

In Memoriam

Muriel Siebert, 84



Photo courtesy Chester Higgins Jr./The New York Times

Muriel Faye “Mickie” Siebert died, on August 24, 2013, at the age of 84.

Siebert was a pioneer known as “The First Woman of Finance,” a reflection of her financial acumen and personal drive. Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, she came to New York City to join a Wall Street firm, and founded Muriel Siebert & Co., Inc., in 1967. That same year, she became the first woman to head a member firm of the New York Stock Exchange, despite never having finished college due to her father’s illness.

In 1990, she created the Siebert Entrepreneurial Philanthropic Plan, through which she shared half of her firm’s profits from

new securities underwriting with charities of the issuers’ choices. Siebert was also on the boards of several major charities.

An outspoken advocate for women in industry, Siebert served as president of the New York Women’s Agenda in 1998, during which the NYWA developed its program, “Financial Literacy for Women.”

Muriel Siebert was a longtime resident of Turtle Bay and the Hamptons, and a member, for many years, of the Turtle Bay Association. She will be missed.

Terri Heveran, 85

Mary T. “Terri” Heveran passed away at home, on October 10, 2013, following several years of illness.

Born in Washington, D.C., Terri graduated from the College of New Rochelle and went on to a varied career that included work as a stockbroker, writer, editor, proofreader and title searcher.

Terri was active in the community and participated with Mensa, the League of Women Voters and Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. She also led a Teilhard study group in New York City. She was a good neighbor and a true friend of the Turtle Bay Association, attending many events and writing for the Turtle Bay News.

She had also lived in Connecticut and will be buried there. We wish her peace. She was a lovely lady and will be missed.



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Welcome, New Merchant Members

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1014 Second Avenue (53/54)
646-781-9758
spamartier.com

Dag’s Patio Cafe

In Dag Hammarskjold Plaza
342 East 47th Street
(First Avenue)
917-471-4827
www.hospitalityholdings.com

Corrections

♦ **Mark Dealwis VFV Salon**
228 East 52st Street
212-355-6070
with TBA Membership Card
20% discount on first visit

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Community Calendar

17th Precinct Community Council

Open Meeting
Last Tuesday every month, 6 pm
Sutton Place Synagogue
225 East 51st Street
(212) 826-3228

(No meetings July, August, December)

Community Board 6

Full Board Meeting
Second Wednesday every
month, 7 pm
NYU Medical Center
550 First Avenue
(212) 319-3750

Now live online at
<http://wp.cbsix.org/live/>

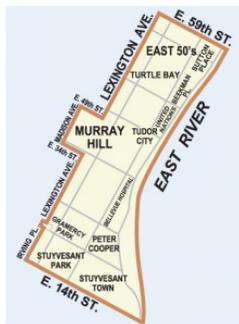
Community Board Six: What It Is, What It Does, and How to Participate

Manhattan's Community Board Six is one of 59 boards that represent local neighborhoods throughout the five boroughs. Up to 50 unsalaried members serve on each board, half nominated by their district's city council members. Appointed by the borough presidents, members must reside, work, or have a significant interest, and be active, in their communities. Each board has a district manager who operates an office, hires staff, and implements procedures to improve the delivery of city services to the district.

CB6 District Neighborhoods

The board's 50 members represent the communities of Manhattan's East Side, from East 14th Street to East 59th Street, covering Gramercy Park, Kips Bay, Murray Hill, Peter Cooper Village, Stuyvesant Town, Sutton Place, Turtle Bay, and Tudor City.

The board works to improve quality of life in the area, monitoring municipal service delivery and meeting with city officials to resolve community issues and concerns, including: the police and fire departments, traffic, housing, street repaving and reconstruction, building construction, sidewalk maintenance, and tree plantings. It makes recommendations on land use and zoning,



sidewalk cafes, liquor licenses, street activity permits, and newsstands. It also has an active role in the city's budget process and in implementing capital projects in the district.

Home to Many Institutions

The district is home to the U.N. and hundreds of missions and diplomatic residences. Medical facilities include Beth Israel Hospital, Bellevue Hospital, the VA Medical Center, and the NYU Langone Medical Center. Numerous substance abuse, mental health and ambulatory care clinics, and portions of the New York Eye and Ear Hospital are located in the district, which is also home to Baruch College, the School of Visual Arts; NYU School of Medicine; NYU College of Dentistry; and Yeshiva University.

The assessed value of commercial and residential properties, the daily influx of workers, and tourists who shop and visit the district all contribute significantly to New York's economic base.

CB6 Committees

Eight committees specialize in issues: Budget & Governmental Affairs; Business Affairs and Street Activities; Health, Senior and Disability Issues; Housing, Homeless & Human Rights; Land Use &

Waterfront; Parks, Landmarks & Cultural Affairs; Public Safety, Environment & Transportation; and Youth & Education.

Major Projects and District Concerns

CB6 oversees a variety of development, infrastructure and city service projects now under way in the district: East Midtown Rezoning; Sanitation Garage; 250 East 57th Street; DOT Projects; Former ConEd Site; Micro Units; MTA Projects; Parks Projects; Privately Owned Public Space; Third Water Tunnel; U.N. Development; and Waterfront Access.

Stay in The Loop and Get Involved

- Visit the CB6 website for information on elected representatives, police precincts, community organizations, member resources and meeting archives
- Subscribe to the e-newsletter
- Attend board meetings, second Wednesday of each month, 7 pm
 - Live, NYU Medical Center, 550 First Avenue (30/33)
 - Online, <http://wp.cbsix.org/live/>
- Call or email with complaints or needs you identify in the neighborhood.

Contact Information

Community Board Six Manhattan, 866 United Nations Plaza, Suite 308, New York, NY 10017, (t) 212-319-3750, (f) 212-319-3772, (email) office@cbsix.org, (web) cbsix.org/.

Meet Dan Miner, New District Manager of CB6

Talk to Dan Miner and you'll discover a neighborhood champion as dedicated as they come, which is fitting, since Dan recently joined CB6 as district manager following Toni Carlina's retirement.



Dan works closely with district chair Sandro Sherrod and the board's 50 members, who, he says, show "impressive expertise and dedication" on behalf of the district. He

also engages local participants in dialog that positions the board, and other public servants, to tackle the concerns raised by residents, merchants, cultural, health and community organizations, and the needs

of major projects under way in the area.

Connections are a key component of Sandro's and Dan's roles, and they're intent on encouraging growth in neighborhood participation. Acting as links between citizens and the government, both are active in opening and maintaining multiple, mutual lines of communication with the public. Their success, so far, is manifest in CB6's greatly enhanced website and the introduction of online public access to monthly full board meetings.

Asked about "a day in the life" at his job, it's clear that Dan enjoys it. Supporting the demands of a district that packs approximately 142,745 (2010 U.S. Census Bureau) residents into 1.4 square miles,

requires multi-tasking, long hours, and the considerable diplomacy required to collaborate with so many people who hold many points of view. But Dan is in the right place.

His past experience suits him for his job. Previously, he served as vice president at the Long Island City Partnership, where he worked on their successful campaign to transform an industrial ghost town into the vital residential, commercial and cultural hub it has become.

Dan wants residents to attend CB6 events, visit the website, and sign up for the e-newsletter. He sums up his focus in words that define what community-building is all about, "Get involved, and join the conversation."

— Lee Frankel

Eye on The “Y”

The Vanderbilt YMCA: A History of Community Service

By LEE FRANKEL

Walking west from Second Avenue, along 47th Street, you’ll notice a lot of activity as you near Number 224, the Vanderbilt YMCA. It’s been located in Turtle Bay for so long, and served so many residents and visitors, that it’s like an old friend we simply call, “the Y.”



Since history in the city tends to vaporize immediately as things change, here’s a pop quiz to find out how much you know about the YMCA’s past and its Vanderbilt Branch. Confession: I was stumped. (See beneath for answers.)

1. The first YMCA was organized in the city of _____, in the year ____.
2. A retired sea captain founded the first U.S. YMCA, in _____, in ____.
3. The Vanderbilt Y was initially known as the:
 - a. Turtle Bay Y
 - b. Grand Central Y
 - c. East Side Y
 - d. Railroad Y
 - e. None of the above
4. Under an earlier name, the Vanderbilt Y was founded in the year ____.
5. The current location of the Vanderbilt Y was first occupied in the year ____.
6. The Vanderbilt Y received its current name in the year ____.

1. London, 1844; 2. 1851, Boston; 3. d; 4. 1875; 5. 1932; 6. 1972

The Vanderbilt Family Connection

The Y’s name reflects the philanthropy of the Vanderbilt family, whose empire in the shipping and railroad industries began during the “Gilded Age,” dating from the

1870s to the turn of the twentieth century. In 1886, Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt gave the Y, then known as the “Railroad Y,” a building at 361 Madison Avenue.

In 1930, Cornelius Vanderbilt provided the money and leadership to build the familiar building on East 47th Street, between Second and Third Avenues. It opened in 1932, with a swimming pool, bowling alley, social halls, chapel and 300 overnight rooms. Later, it became a branch of the YMCA of Greater New York, and later still, in 1972, changed its name to the Vanderbilt Y. The branch was rededicated in 1992, with a plaque on the building’s façade, to honor the Vanderbilts and their contribution to the YMCA.

The Vanderbilt Y Today

True to its mission “for youth development, for healthy living, for social responsibility,” the Vanderbilt Y attracts, and fulfills the needs of, people at all ages and life stages, providing children’s services, wellness, fitness, family, youth, and teen programs. The Y serves the community with the proud statement, “Everyone is welcome,” and you feel just that when you enter.

To learn more, pay a visit, telephone, or view the website.

224 East 47th Street
New York, 10017
212-912-2500

vanderbilt@ymcanyc.org

Hours:

Weekdays: 5 am - 11 pm

Weekends: 7 am - 8 pm

Big Turnout at Annual “National Night Out Against Crime”

Many visitors and neighborhood residents came out to enjoy the music, food and entertainment at this year’s “Night Out,” in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, on Tuesday, August 6, 2013.



Kids had a place to play in the

huge, blow-up jumping box. Citizens had the chance to meet representatives from many community groups and city agencies, and learn more about available services from those who do the jobs each day, including



TBA Congratulates Y On Eight Years of Strong Kids Campaign

The “Strong Kids Campaign” has been one of the Y’s most significant contributions to the future of our city and community. The program supports kids, adults and families in our community, with activities and learning opportunities that promote



Anita Harvey with Y’s Strong Kids Patrons

healthy living and foster a sense of social responsibility.

Anita Harvey, Senior Executive Director of the Vanderbilt Y, hosted a gathering on September 24, 2013, to celebrate the achievements of the Strong Kids Campaign upon reaching its eighth year, to honor three of its most active donors and supporters, and to thank board members who helped make it possible.

The Turtle Bay Association congratulates the Y on reaching this milestone, and Anita Harvey who also serves on the TBA’s board.

— Lee Frankel



the hardworking officers of New York’s Finest. You could find out the latest about recycling, emergency read-

iness, and other services important to New Yorkers. Even Mayor Mike Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Ray Kelly dropped by, calling attention to the huge drop in crime the city has experienced in recent years. Just ambling along and watching the action made for a great evening in Turtle Bay. The event was sponsored by the 17th Precinct Community Council.

Spotlight on Local Restaurants

Elite Food Bar

325 East 48th Street (First/Second)
212-207-4000

<http://elitefoodbarnyc.com/>

Mon. - Fri., 6 am - 9 pm; Sat., 6 am - 5 pm;
Sun., 7 am - 5 pm

With TBA membership card: 10% discount

Dining in A Secret Garden

By LOIS AVERY GAETA

Angle your way past the lineup of regulars at Elite Food Bar, and you'll find yourself in a small dining area defined by a colorful fresco, depicting East 48th Street in the 1940s. Walk further into this attractive Greek café, and you'll step into an outdoor garden patio, with a roof that lets the light in. Here, U.N. staffers and locals sit down to home-style meals or hang out over coffee.

When owners and friends Teddy Demos and Nick Frantzeskos opened Elite about 10 years ago, Teddy canvassed the neighborhood to attract customers to the side street location, which is now a popular destination with an extensive menu based on family recipes from their fathers, both of whom were longtime Greek restaurant

veterans.

Elite's day begins at 5:30 a.m., when vendors begin delivering fresh ingredients and the staff turns on the giant pot of Brooklyn's Stone Street Coffee. Carmelo, the chef and deliveryman, tosses six whole chickens into a pot to start one soup, and yellow split peas or lentils into a second for a vegetarian option. "Some customers take out four to six soups at a time and freeze them," Teddy notes.

Catered breakfasts are favored by neighborhood offices where workers enjoy the trays of baked goodies, fruit salad, fresh orange juice and coffee. Italian butter cookies are a preferred item. Lunch is the busiest time. "We're all lined up, working as a team. It's



Dining in the Garden

hectic," Teddy admits. The salad selection is large, including a variety of delicious combinations served with Nick's delicately seasoned dressings. Wraps are another popular choice, as is turkey breast, which

is fresh-roasted daily. Many diners also order Elite's East Side Burgers, prepared with ham, bacon, onions, mushrooms and Swiss cheese.

Though they're very busy, both Nick and Teddy do have outside interests. Teddy goes fishing in Long Island Sound and lets his parents



(l. to r.), Owners, Teddy Demos and Nick Frantzeskos

cook the striped bass, porgies and fluke he brings home. Nick is a martial arts fanatic and likes scuba diving.

Elite's owners and staff recognize regular customers and welcome many by name. "We work hard to be a gathering place that is part of the neighborhood family. People can choose anywhere to eat, but they come to Elite because we share their lives: both the happiness and pain," says Teddy.

The restaurant has been a member of the TBA almost since its opening, and has catered several of the TBA's events.

Dag's Patio Café

Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza
342 East 47th Street (First/Second)
212-980-9476

www.hospitalityholdings.com

Open year-round, from 8 am
Available for private events

A New Restaurant in The Park

By CANDI OBRENTZ

Dag's Patio Café is the latest incarnation of an outdoor eating establishment in Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza and is proving to be



(l. to r.) Owners Mark Grossich, Dawn Durham and Kenneth McClure

the best one yet. The café caters to all-day food cravings with breakfast, lunch, dinner and libations, as well as snacks, milkshakes and soft-serve ice cream for those times in between.

Dag's Patio is the latest creation of Mark Grossich and partners Kenneth McClure and Dawn Durham of Hospitality Holdings, which also owns The World Bar, The Carnegie Club and The Campbell Apartment. Having closed an earlier restaurant in DHP, six years ago, McClure, Vice President Group General Manager, says that it's good to be back.

The kiosk's interior has been renovated with a state-of-the-art kitchen, and the modest structure is now adorned with cheerful orange awnings and chairs. Kenneth says that Dag's Patio has received a great response from the community since it opened this past July: no surprise now that neighborhood residents, workers and visitors can enjoy a high-quality burger in a beautiful outdoor space right here in Turtle Bay.

The menu is varied and designed for meat-eaters and vegetarians. It boasts LaFrieda burgers (a world-famous, unique blend of short rib and chuck), hotdogs (beef and vegetarian), breakfast and lunch sandwiches, salads, French fries, baked goods, shakes, and ice cream cups and cones. Beverages include hot and iced Illy coffee and tea, fountain soda, juices, beer, wine and specialty cocktails. I ordered the veggie burger, deliciously served on a crisp bun with Dag's "secret sauce," lettuce, pickles, red onion and cheese. Kenneth agreed that even a diehard carnivore would have relished my burger!

The café's tagline, "You'll Dig Dag's" is apt; Turtle Bay will surely dig this newcomer to the neighborhood.



Art & Culture

Japan Society

313 East 47th Street
212-832-1155 japansociety.org

Box Office Hours: Mon. - Fri., 11 am - 6 pm,
weekends during exhibitions, 11 am - 5 pm

Gallery Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 11 am - 6 pm,
Fri., 11 am - 9 pm, Sat. & Sun., 11 am - 5 pm
Closed on Monday & major holidays.

Gallery Admission: \$12; students & seniors
\$10; members and children under 16 free. Free to
all on Fri. nights., 6 pm - 9 pm.

Family Program

Sun., Nov. 10, 2 pm

Meet Japan's Mystical Folktales

**Creatures & Ghosts through Kamishibai
Storytelling.** Children will be introduced to



mystical creatures of Japan such as oni, kappa and tengu, as well as other popular yokai creatures found in Japanese folklore, through kamishibai (paper theater) storytelling. Afterward, they will create their own masks of the folktale characters featured in the stories. Participants are encouraged to come in costume! Recommended for ages 3-10 and accompanying adults. Tickets \$12/\$5 Japan Society members; children ages 2 or under free.

Exhibition

Through Sun., Jan 12

Rebirth: Recent Work by Mariko Mori.

This exhibit showcases 35 immersive



installations, sculptures, drawings, photographs and videos

produced by the artist between 2001 and 2013. The installation presents Mori's artistic evolution, her statement of rebirth in an age of endangered environment, and a lost connection between man and nature.

Film

**Tribute to Donald Richie (1924-2013), Part 1
Sat., Nov. 16, 6 pm**

The Life of Oharu. (Directed by Kenji Mizoguchi, 1952). Writer and Japan expert

Donald Richie said "...the film takes a more serious view of the decline and fall of the heroine from court lady to common whore." This is "...one of Mizoguchi's most elegantly beautiful films." Tickets \$12/\$9 members, seniors and students. Buy online or call box office.

Thurs., Dec. 12, 7pm

Equinox Flower® Janus films (Directed by Yasujiro Ozu, 1958). One of Ozu's most satisfying films. This drama of contemporary Japanese middle-class life, shot in exquisite color, uses the most skilled veteran actors and most beautiful young actresses. Tickets \$12/\$9 members, seniors and students. Buy online or call box office.

Theater World Premiere

Multiple dates: Wed., Nov. 20, 7:30 pm;
Thurs., Nov. 21, 7:30 pm; Fri., Nov. 22, 7 pm
& 10 pm; Sat., Nov. 23, 7 pm & 10 pm; Sun.,
Nov. 24, 5:30 pm; Thurs., Dec. 5, 7:30 pm;
Fri., Dec. 6, 7 pm & 10 pm; Sat., Dec. 7, 7 pm
& 10 pm; Sun., Dec. 8, 5:30 pm.

Our Planet. (Directed by Alec Duffy, Japan Society Commission). This production whisks you through offices, conference rooms and backstage areas at Japan Society's landmarked building. The performance juxtaposes the everyday life of an ordinary family with the galactic events of the earth's birth and death. **This is a non-seated, standing and walking performance experience.** No late entry. Running time is 90 minutes. Audience is limited to 30 people per performance. Tickets for Nov. 20 preview, \$20/\$14 members. All other shows, Nov. 21 - Dec. 8, \$28/\$22 members. Buy online or call box office.

Turtle Bay Music School

244 East 52nd Street
212-753-8811 tbms.org

Artist Series

Friday nights, 7 - 9 pm

November 1

Paula Biedma. TBMS piano faculty member Paula Biedma, with soprano Amanda Kohl, presents a program of works by various composers from different nationalities all featuring a "gypsy" influence. Free and open to the public; a reception will follow.

November 15

Hilary Castle. TBMS strings faculty member Hilary Castle presents a performance titled, "The Violin Channel: Greatest Hits From

the Past 200 Years." This program includes repertoire from J. S. Bach to Simon & Garfunkel. Free and open to the public; a reception will follow.

December 6

Pablo Mayor. This TBMS faculty member presents an evening of contemporary Colombian Jazz with his world-renowned ensemble, Folklore Urbano. Free and open to the public; a reception will follow.

December 11

Annual Messiah Sing-In and Play-In. Join us as we sing (and play) Handel's masterwork in a fun and festive holiday setting. Vocalists and strings players of all ages and levels of ability are welcome to participate in this performance. A festive reception and artist meet-and-greet will follow. Instrumentalists can obtain their scores at our Front Desk, or by downloading them on our website. Parts are available for both advanced players and beginners. Free and open to the entire community.

St. Peter's Church

619 Lexington Avenue at 54th Street
saintpeters.org

Public Concerts

**Wed., Nov. 6, 7 - 9 pm, Living Room/
Sanctuary**

For Old Times Sake. Keisha St. Joan presents a concert including a "battle of the saxes," comedy, singers, dancers and other acts.

**Thurs., Nov. 14, 6:30 - 8 pm, Living Room/
Sanctuary**

**The Dessoff Choirs - Festival Preview
Concert: A Britten Century.** A concert marks the centennial of Benjamin Britten's birth with an hour-long program designed especially for commuting audiences.

**Wed., Dec. 4, 8 - 10 pm, Sanctuary
Centre Symphony Orchestra.** Free, suggested donation \$10.

**Fri., Dec. 13, 7 - 8 pm, Sanctuary
Highbridge Voices Winter Concert**

**Thurs., Dec. 19, 7:30 - 10 pm, Living Room/
Sanctuary**

Cool Yule. The Down Town Glee Club presents their annual holiday concert. Donation suggested.

Classical Concerts

**Tuesday evenings, 8 - 10 pm (except
Christmas and New Year's Day),
Sanctuary**

Free and open to the public. Check website

Art & Culture

for specific information.

Community Event

Fri., Dec. 20, 5:30 - 8 pm Living Room
Caroling in the Plaza.

Art Installations

Free and open to the public.

Through Dec. 5

Robert Hickman. In the Narthex Gallery



The artist is noted for his paintings and drawings of wildlife and sporting dogs. His award-winning work, in varied

mediums, has appeared in many magazines.

Marlene Smith. In the Living Room Gallery

Smith is one of four African-Caribbean artists, who founded the BLK Art Group, in 1982, in the U.K. Their art is noted for its boldly political stance and inventive critique of the state of intercommunity, class and gender relations in Britain.



Dec. 16 - Feb. 10, 2014

Karen Fitzgerald. In the Narthex Gallery



Fitzgerald's work is inspired by nature and she has been widely exhibited in the U.S. In 2005, she completed a major commission for the N.Y.C. School Construction

Authority, at P.S. 239, in Queens.

Justin Terry. In the Living Room Gallery

Informed by Gerhard Richter's squeegeed abstracts and Mark Rothko's colorfield paintings. Aspects of time, repetition and music are important sources for Terry's work.



St. Bart's

325 Park Ave., <http://mmpaf.org>
Box office: 212-378-0248

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7:30 pm

The Joyous Christmas Concert 2013.

St. Bart's Choir, Boy and Girl Choristers,

the city's largest pipe organ, and a chamber orchestra join forces for this concert of Christmas favorites. Experience great choral works and sing beloved carols in the candlelit splendor of the church. Works will include The Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah," Stephen Paulus's "Christmas Tidings," and carol settings of Rutter, Chilcott and Willcocks. Tickets: see website.

Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 11 pm

A Free Concert Ushers In The New Year.

William K. Trafka, St. Bart's Director of Music and Organist, will play on the grand Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ for this New Year's celebration. The program will include Bach, Mendelssohn and Langlais, as well as transcriptions of orchestral works by Ravel and Debussy. Trafka will play his own transcription of Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man," at the stroke of midnight. Free.

Friday, Dec. 20, 7:30 pm, Chapel

Adoration Of The Magi. Baritone Jeff Morrissey and pianist William Trafka return with their Christmas program inspired by the paintings of the Adoration of the Magi and 13 surrounding medallions of the Nativity, in the South Chapel of St. Bart's. Morrissey will weave Bible passages with Polish carols, spirituals and ballads from the southern Appalachian Mountains into a visual and musical telling of the Christmas story. \$25, \$15 for students and seniors. Purchase online or call the box office. (\$3 handling fee per ticket applies to all orders.)

Grand Central Library

135 East 46th Street (Lexington/Third)
212-621-0670

www.nypl.org/locations/grand-central

Fully accessible to wheelchairs

All programs are free unless noted

Fridays, 4 pm

Crafts and Stories

Fun crafts and stories for ages 4-12.

Mon., Nov. 4, 1 pm

Midday Book Discussion: "Flight Behavior." This book by novelist Barbara Kingsolver, takes on one of the most contentious subjects of our time: climate change. With a deft and versatile empathy, Kingsolver dissects the motives that drive denial and belief in a precarious world.

First Tuesday of the month, 4 - 5 pm

Teen Advisory Group

What's happening in your world? What's the

hottest book, movie, or CD right now? What programs does the library need? Let us know, and you can earn community service credit for your school. For ages 13 to 18 years.

Toddler Time

Thursdays, 11 - 11:30 am
Community Room

Toddlers from 18 months to 4 years old and their parents/caregivers can enjoy interactive stories, action songs, and fingerplays, and spend time with other toddlers from the neighborhood. Program is limited to 20 toddlers and 20 adults.

Instituto Cervantes

Amster Yard, 211 East 49th Street

212-308-7720 x3 nyork.cervantes.es/

Contact: Library Director Carmen Delibes
Senna-Cheribbo Library, bibny@cervantes.org

Jorge Luis Borges Library

Open to the public. Tues. & Wed., 11:30 am - 7:30 pm. Thurs. & Fri., noon - 7 pm, Sat. 10 am - 1:30 pm. Sun. & Mon., closed.

The library holds a collection of about 85,000 items in a variety of formats: print, audio and electronic. The modern facility includes a comfortable reading area and multi-system audiovisual equipment for viewing feature films and documentaries. The online catalog enables you to search the collections from any computer connected to the Internet and to manage loans and renewals.



Lenox Hill Senior Center

At St. Peter's Church

619 Lex. Ave., 54th St., saintpeters.org

Contact Tricia Spoto, 212-308-1959, tspoto@lenoxhill.org for info.

Mon. & Wed. through Sat., 9 am - 4 pm
(except Nov. 28 & 29) In the Living Room

In partnership with Lenox Hill Neighborhood House and United Neighbors of East Midtown, the church hosts a robust program, five days a week. An onsite social worker provides needed services and direction.

Lunch is always served in community, and there is a wide range of programs available, including discounts for the York Theatre Company, in residence at the church.



Happy New Sculpture Appears in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza

“Love,” a large fiberglass sculpture of a dazzling red flower, by Anna Tsarev, has come to Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. It’s a delightful addition to



“Love” by Anna Tsarev, 2013

Turtle Bay, and has become a magnet for photo-taking parents and children, not to mention those walking along the east side Second Avenue.

The installation is part of the Love & Peace Global Sculpture Campaign and is a culmination of Tsarev’s artistic endeavors. The flower symbolizes not only the overwhelming power and beauty of nature, but

also the intercultural language flowers possess of generosity and friendship through the dialog of art.

Says Tsarev of the Love & Peace Campaign, “My dream is for my flowers to act as beacons and rallying points across the planet – bringing people together on a global scale and through my art start a global conversation.”

Bloomberg Announces Cleaner New York Air

New York City has the highest quality air in more than 50 years, according to Mayor Mike Bloomberg, taking credit for his administration’s anti-pollution efforts as he prepares to leave office.

The New York Times recently reported on a new city survey showing that sulfur dioxide levels have dropped by 69 percent since 2008, and the level of soot pollution has dropped by more than 23 percent since 2007. The mayor attributed the improvements to the city’s campaign to have buildings move from the most polluting kinds of heating oil to using cleaner fuels.

(This article is based on a report by Kate Taylor, on September 26, 2013.)

Thanking The N.Y.C. Fire Department

A neighbor wrote to us, recently, praising our local Fire Station, Engine C8, Ladder C2, 8th Battalion, on 51st Street between Third and Lexington Avenues. Noticing a “strong smell” of fire, she quickly called 911. She reports that, “Within six minutes, the fire fighters arrived. They searched everywhere, with no sign of smoke, until they discovered a resident barbecuing. They ordered the barbecue to be properly extinguished once cooking was finished.” It’s good to know that the heros of our city’s Fire Department are always there protecting us by showing up in record time to do their jobs. Yet again, we say, “Thank you.”

Board At Work

- Participating on the Community Advisory Board to monitor and work with the new Men’s Shelter on East 53rd Street.
- Keeping an eye on city-owned structures in the neighborhood to identify and correct hazards.
- Tracking development plans and construction at building sites throughout the Turtle Bay.
- Maintaining connections with the federal, state and city elected officials who represent us.
- Working with the 17th Precinct and 17th Precinct Community Council on safety and quality-of-life issues.
- Organizing the Annual TBA Street Fair to raise funds for nonprofits that serve the neighborhood.
- Bringing neighbors together at events throughout each year.



TBA MEMBERSHIP COUPON

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

Annual Membership Dues

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business \$40 | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$100 | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacesetter \$250 |

Name _____

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City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail _____

- I would like to become more involved in TBA activities.

Please make your check payable to Turtle Bay Association.
Mail to: Turtle Bay Association, 224 E. 47th St., New York, NY 10017

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