# Turtle Bay News

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#### **Getting It Right the First Time—The New Midtown Rezoning Plan**

Bruce A. Silberblatt, Vice President—Zoning/Land Use/ Transportation Chairman

Midtown Manhattan has long been the heart of our City. It has a remarkable collection of buildings - 80,000,000 square feet of office space housing over a quarter of a million workers. Much of it, however, is dated, with many older buildings that are now obsolete. In the past ten years, only two new office towers have been erected. Now Mayor Bloomberg proposes a plan - the East Midtown Study produced by the Department of City Planning – to bring it into the 21st century. That means more modern offices and building bigger and taller. Floor areas will rise 20% overall, more in certain areas; but, it also means spreading out, and that's what concerns Turtle Bay.

A part of our community, lying between 2nd Avenue and 3rd Avenue, 45th Street to 42nd Street, is due to be absorbed into the Midtown office district. While this piece is primarily commercial, there are small local retailers flourishing there and residential buildings close by. In general, new buildings will end up 20% larger in floor area than is now permitted. That in itself is a step too far. It also violates the unwritten rule that midblock construction should not be any higher than that on the avenues. While 3rd Avenue is built substantially higher, 2nd Avenue is not. Finally, the incursion area is not Midtown, it is strictly East Side. The TBA insists, with the possible exception of a small 42nd Street frontage, that this area be kept the way it is. As it is, if City Planning gets its way here, what is there to stop it from spreading Midtown elsewhere?

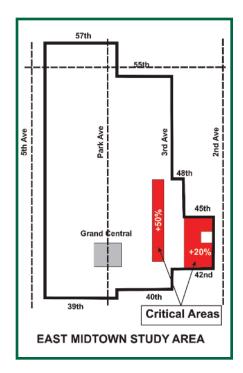
The centerpieces of the Study are the Grand Central District and the Park Avenue corridor. The Grand Central District will be enlarged; at present, it stops at Lexington Avenue. Now it will expand to within 125 feet of 3rd Avenue from 40th to 48th Street (right up against the Buchanan apartments) in addition to other areas. Part of that strip, now zoned midblock commercial, becomes part of the high-density Grand Central District. That, in turn, means buildings here can be 50% larger than what is now allowed – which will, in turn, cast their long shadows not only on 3rd Avenue but also the western reaches of residential Turtle Bay.

#### The Study Plan features include:

- Abutting Grand Central Terminal is its district core, where buildings will be 33% larger. Beyond the core, buildings will be 20% larger (50% in midblock). If a developer aspires to a distinctive landmark with top-notch architecture, and is willing to go through Land Use Review, his creation might be a whopping 67% bigger. Along Park Avenue, 48th-57th Streets, building size will increase 20% with an exceptional structure, again requiring Land Use Review, bulking up to 33%. Elsewhere in the Study Area current zoning will remain as is.
- How does floor area translate into height? There are no height limitations other than how practical it is to build tall. Many factors besides floor area dictate height merging zoning lots, shaping towers, set-backs, ceiling heights, and the like. As an example, Macklowe is planning a slender condominium tower at Park Avenue and 56th Street that will soar nearly 1,400 feet up using zoning regulations *now*

- in effect, not those in the Study Plan! In contrast, Study Plan diagrams for the same Avenue show merely a hypothetical 590 foot Park Avenue tower. In the maximum Grand Central core, the theoretical edifice is only 1,200 feet tall. Obviously taller buildings than those contemplated by City Planning can, and will, be built and some may be closer to Turtle Bay than before.
- In order to qualify for all floor area increases, a prospective developer must control a site having a full block avenue frontage (200 feet) and cover at least 25,000 square feet. Air rights may be transferred from any landmark building in the Study Area or pur-

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#### A Message from the Editors

#### **HAPPY SUMMER!**

Welcome to this summer issue. You will find in it information about one of our elected officials, continue to get acquainted with our board members, learn about past and upcoming events in the neighborhood, and hear what is going on in terms of construction, and the city rezoning plan as they affect the Turtle Bay area.

We, as co-editors, also want to inform our readers that we are now supported by a newsletter committee. Please feel free to volunteer and propose an article, make a suggestion, come to our next meeting ... assist us in making this the best newsletter it can be through your talents! Call 212-751-5465 or email us at office@turtlebay-nyc.org

SAVE THE DATE! SEPTEMBER 9, 2012 – THE TURTLE BAY ASSOCIATION'S 55TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Have a wonderful summer!

Your editors,

Pascale Longuet, Steve Hennessey



Here are the main issues and activities addressed at recent Turtle Bay association board meetings:

The TBA is closely monitoring the development of the bike-share program in the area, and specifically in Dag Hammarskjöld Park.

The TBA continues to work to beautify our streets through the TBA Tree Program and Turtle Bay Tree Fund.

The TBA is concerned with the possible implications of the City rezoning plan in the area.

The TBA monitors the status of construction projects.

#### **Turtle Bay News**

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#### **TBA Marks 55 Years**

The Turtle Bay Association is celebrating its 55th anniversary. It was the fall of 1957 when a successful interior designer, James Amster, invited a small group of neighbors to his home, Amster Yard, to protest a city plan to widen 49th Street to allow for better traffic flow. The street's sidewalks were to be torn up and its shade trees uprooted.

The feisty neighbors won their battle, and went on to form an organization that later became known as the Turtle Bay Association. Through the years, the TBA has consistently been the "voice" of the neighborhood, working to maintain and improve the quality of life for its residents.

(For a celebration of the anniversary, see "Events and Activities," page 8, first item.)



#### **Turtle Bay Association**

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between 48th and 49th Streets,
on outside wall of the
supermarket.

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#### **Community Calendar**

#### 17th Precinct Community Council

Last Tuesday every month Open Meeting, 6 p.m. Sutton Place Synagogue 225 East 51st Street 212-826-3228

(No meetings July, August, December)

#### **Community Board 6**

Second Wednesday every month Full Board Meeting, 7p.m. NYU Medical Center 550 First Avenue 212-319-3750

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chased from the City. These funds go into improving the district. Additional air rights of both types could generate 16,000,000 square feet of new floor area – equal to seven Empire State Buildings!

- Infrastructure improvements include rehabilitating the 42nd Street – Grand Central subway station and converting Vanderbilt Avenue to a pedestrian mall.
- A major disincentive exists in the present zoning. Buildings completed before it went into effect in 1961 were often larger than what would have been allowed had they been demolished and replaced with new ones. For qualified sites, the Study will allow these to be replaced to the same area, not less, as before. All well and good, but will that lead to the demolition of meritorious old buildings and replacing them with new office towers?
- There is scant reference to the ability of existing mass transit to handle the additional thousands who are expected to fill these larger buildings. While LIRR East Side access is due in 2018, the 2nd Avenue subway below 63rd Street is far off into the future.

Apart from occupying a piece of Turtle

Bay, which must be forthwith undone, and extending the Grand Central District perilously close to us, there is much in the Study to commend it. Nevertheless, there remains much work to make certain that it is absolutely right for the City and the people who live, work, and visit here.

The Mayor wants the Midtown plan finalized by the end of 2013, a date that has political significance (his final term of office ends then) but otherwise is meaningless regarding the successful completion of a highly complicated scheme entailing detailed, thoughtful planning and extensive public and environmental reviews. Besides that, no Study Area building permits will be issued until 2017 – this to avoid competing with other expansions Downtown and at the Hudson River. There is absolutely no need for undue haste.

In effect, what the planners are embarking upon is the equivalent of a delicate, complex surgery on the beating heart of New York City. Make a mistake, and the cost will be heavy, both in wasted time and expenditure of billions to rectify it. Instead, proceed carefully – very carefully.

#### LET'S GET THIS RIGHT THE FIRST TIME!

#### 2. DOT ignored community objections as to placement and size of the stations. Important data, such as the size of the proposed bike stations, was withheld until late last April. The average station in our neighborhood (TBA and SAC) will be over 90 feet long, enough space to park five cars. DOT designed them for a 100% overcapacity. On average they will be half-empty. It is trying to force unwanted stations right next to Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, plus another near the soon-to-be-commenced construction at 303 East 51st Street. All the foregoing have been objected to by the TBA. In Soho, DOT attempted to put a big station inside a small park: it took a concerted community effort to get it, finally, to relent. At Grand Central Terminal, it has proposed a gigantic 118 bicycle station that is far longer than

## **newsworthy**

#### A new discount!

Manchester Pub, a current TBA Business Member located at 920 Second Avenue, 212-935-8901 is now offering a generous 20% discount to TBA members!

#### NYC CityBench Program— Information from the DOT website:

The CityBench program is an initiative to increase the amount of public seating on New York City's streets. New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) is installing attractive and durable benches around the city, particularly at bus stops, retail corridors, and in areas with high concentrations of senior citizens. These benches will make streets more comfortable for transit riders and pedestrians, especially for those who are older or disabled. Anyone can request a bench. Apply online and, provided the location you choose meets certain requirements, your request will be considered. www.nyc.gov/citybench; email: citybench@dot.nyc.gov; telephone: 212-839-6577.

#### Locomotion by Land Walking Club

This club welcomes all to be healthy and get moving in sessions of 1-2 hours which combine walking, stretching and a great way to get out and meet new people. Slow walkers needing walking aids, as well as brisk walkers are all welcome. There is a fee for this club. For details telephone: Jackie Reiss at 212 308-9336.

#### BikeShare Misses Opening Date

Bruce A. Silberblatt, Vice President—
Zoning/Land Use/ Transportation Chairman

The much publicized BikeShare program, in which the Department of Transportation (DOT) was to put 7,000 CitiBikes in 460 stations on Manhattan and Brooklyn streets in July (with 4,000 bicycles and 140 stations to come early next year) missed its planned July inaugural.

#### What went wrong?

1.DOT bypassed an opportunity to have a modest trial run late last year. Instead, it was full speed ahead with an untried program.

- the single block it is to occupy (41st-42nd Street at Park Avenue).
- 3. The CityBike clients will not be compelled to wear safety helmets.
- 4. The City Comptroller has noted that the City could be liable in the event of an accident involving a BikeShare cycle.
- 5. The Mayor, trying to explain the delay, suggested software problems.
- 6. The supplier, Alta BikeShare, seems to be over extended, with numerous projects either waiting or underway from Seattle to Dubai. The 10,000 bicycle New York BikeShare is to be the largest in the United States.

Will BikeShare begin in August? Will community objections be heeded? We can only wait and see.

#### **Katharine Hepburn Birthday/Garden Party**

#### **Dee Howard**

On May 12th, a beautiful spring day, more than 100 Turtle Bay neighbors turned out to honor Katharine Hepburn (1907-2003) and celebrate what would have been her 105th birthday.

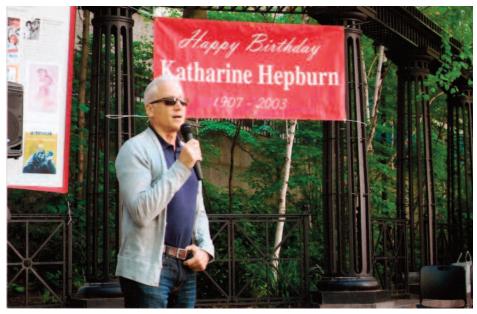
The Performance Circle in Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza was decked out with posters of Hepburn's heyday in films. As music from the 30's and 40's wafted through the air, local residents filled the seats, chatted and waited for the festivities to begin. They were welcomed by Sherrill Kazan and Bill Curtis, Presidents, respectively, of *Friends of Dag* 

Hammarskjöld Plaza and The Turtle Bay Association, co-sponsors of the event. We also heard from George Vellonakis, architect, landscaper and developer of the Plaza. Several of our local elected officials took the time to stop by and mark the day: State Assemblymembers Dan Quart, Brian Kavanagh, and Micah Kellner and City Councilmember Jessica Lappin.

The event was marked by thoughts and reminiscences of Hepburn's long-time residence in Turtle Bay, her activism for the community, her love and care for this neighborhood; and, in particular, her love of gardening. It was in her honor that the Katharine Hepburn Garden was conceived - it runs along the south wall of Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza. One of the highlights of the day was the unveiling of a stone marker near the wooden bench that once belonged to Hepburn at her Connecticut home, now nestled in the Garden. The bench was donated by her estate, and in 2004 placed in the Garden which bears her name.

Attendees were encouraged to take a guided tour of the Garden, which afforded a closer view of the greenery and the stone markers that make a path throughout. Back at the Performance Circle, a decorative birthday cake was served along with cookies and coffee. Then people settled in to watch one of Hepburn's famous films with co-star Spencer Tracy – "Adam's Rib" circa 1949.

It was a splendid afternoon, celebrating the life of a spirited woman and talented actor who made Turtle Bay her home for sixty years. Hepburn is now remembered with fondness as the residents of Turtle Bay stroll through the gem that is Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza or relax on its benches, listening to the fountains and gazing into the lush greenery and cool shade of the Garden that bears her name.



Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza architect, George Vellonakis, welcomes the crowd.



Presiding over the Katharine Hepburn birthday cake are (left to right): Assemblyman Dan Quart, TBA member Allan Levy, Assemblyman Micah Kellner, City Councilmember Jessica Lappin, and TBA President Bill Curtis

#### **Our Elected Officials and Their Roles (continued)**

#### Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer

The responsibilities and powers given to the Borough President offer a tremendous opportunity to shape land use and zoning projects, build coalitions to advance public policy, and ensure that communities are protected from powerful interests. One primary responsibility of the Borough President's of-



fice is direct control over a portion of the City's capital and expense budget. To this end, Borough President Stringer has been proud to fund and support various street beautification efforts

throughout the Turtle Bay neighborhood as well as programs within Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza.

The Borough President's role in the city's Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP), is to review public and private landuse projects in Manhattan and to recommend approval or disapproval of those projects. Specific projects in the Turtle Bay area include the 2006 rezoning/large scale plan of the former Con Edison Waterside property, the East Midtown Modernization plan currently proposed by the Department of City Planning, and future development of the UN Consolidation Building at the Robert Moses Playground site.

The Office of the Borough President is responsible for appointing members to each of Manhattan's twelve Community Boards.

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#### **Walking Figures Statues**

#### Dee Howard, with Stan Szaro

Have you been pondering the sculptures which arrived at Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza in April 2012? They grace that Plaza at East 47th Street and 2nd Avenue. We want you to know that the "ten headless, armless bronze figures, each approximately 8 ½ feet tall" are titled *Walking Figures* and are the unique work of renowned Polish sculptor Magdalena Abakanowicz.

The press release from Marlborough Gallery, 40 West 57th Street, NY, NY, which has graciously provided information on the installation as well as the photo opposite, describes the figures as:

"... facing in one direction, with one foot forward, giving the impression of an advancing and forbidding army. The figures are all unique, as the intricately rippled surfaces differ on each, imparting individuality. ... Dag Hammarskjöld's notable quote, 'Never look down to test the ground before taking your next step; only he who keeps his eye fixed on the far horizon will find the right road'

seems a perfect conceptual foundation for the *Walking Figures* which are at once beautiful and unsettling, a reminder of the fragile nature of the human condition."

The Walking Figures installation will be on display through September 7, 2012, and is a collaboration of the New York

City Department of Parks & Recreation and the Directors of Marlborough Gallery.

We hope you will enjoy it even more with this background information.

For additional photos, and to learn more about Magdalena Abakanowicz's work, please visit http://tinyurl.com/d68m655



© Magdalena Abakanowicz, courtesy Marlborough Gallery, New York

#### Going Green at "Dag Hammarskjöld Greenmarket"

Wednesdays Year Round (usually closed first week of UN General Assembly in September). Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

An Update from Samantha Blattels, Market Manager—Greenmarket, GrowNYC

All the farmers are back at the Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza Greenmarket. Currently in season, and provided by family-run farms and orchards located in New Jersey and New York are peaches, sweet and sour cherries, blueberries and raspberries from Samascott Orchards in Columbia County, NY, and Terhune Orchards, in Dutchess County, NY.





Your favorite summer produce has also landed at the market, thanks to S&SO Produce Farm, from Orange County, NY, Lani's Farm from Burlington County, NJ, Rexcroft Farms from Greene County, NY, and Maxwell's Farm Vegetables from Warren County, NJ. These farms are bringing beautiful greens, onions, garlic, herbs, tomatoes potatoes, carrots, beets, cabbages, artichokes, fennel, corn, peppers, flower bouquets, potted herbs and plants, as well as artisanal and raw milk cheeses from Valley Shepherd and Millport Dairy, and different cuts and meat products from DiPaola Turkey and Rexcroft Farms. A huge variety of fresh fish and shellfish is available thanks to Pura Vida Fisheries from Suffolk County, NY. All your dairy needs are met by Ronnybrook of Columbia County, NY. And don't forget about baked goods. Breads, baguettes, cookies, pies, quiches, breakfast pastries and more are cooked up by Francesca's, or grab your Challahs, ryes, and international treats from Hot Bread Kitchens.

Also new at Dag Hammarskjöld Greenmarket is EBT/Food Stamps. Use benefit cards to shop at the Greenmarket by purchasing tokens between 8 am and 2 pm at the Market Information tent. From now until November, for every five dollars purchased with Food Stamps, a free \$2 coupon will be given for fruits and vegetables.



## **Your Turtle Bay Association Board Members**

We continue to introduce you to members of the Turtle Bay Association Board of Directors. If you see a Board member around the neighborhood please feel free to say "hi."

#### Mark P. Markowski

Mark Markowski has been a Turtle Bay resident since 2008 and recently joined the Turtle Bay Association Board of Directors.

Since 2009 he has held the office of President of the condominium board of managers for 212 East 47th Street. Mark currently serves as a Senior Vice President in Acquisition and Leveraged Finance for DZ BANK, the second largest bank in Germany. Previously, Mr. Markowski worked at Société Générale (SocGen), a French bank, and served in the U.S. Army resigning as a Captain with an Honorable Discharge.



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The 2012 Turtle Bay Street Fair

Members of the TBA Board of Directors manning the Association booth (clockwise from upper left): Jo-Ann Winnik, Meryl Brodsky, Pat McDougald, Bunny Blei, Jeannie Sakol, Ethel Bendove, and Millie Margiotta

## 303 East 51st Street Startup Coming Soon

Bruce A. Silberblatt, Vice President—
Zoning/Land Use/ Transportation Chairman

The gaunt, naked skeleton of 303 East 51st Street, site of the horrifying March 15, 2008 crane crash, has haunted Turtle Bay for nearly four and a half years. Now the new developer, HFZ, is commencing preliminary work. That work includes demolition of the six vacant four story buildings on 2nd Avenue, from 51st Street part way to 52nd Street (three more houses on the southeast corner of 52nd Street will remain). In addition, the developer is going to do cleanup and safekeeping preparatory to partial demolition of the concrete framework. That will include relocating the existing hoist, now on the east façade of the structure, to its south side, facing 51st Street.

The partial demolition involves slicing off the easternmost eight feet of the frame, which was illegally built beyond the permitted tower limit. Also slated to go are all of the dozens of balconies. Certain modifications inside are also needed to bring the structure into compliance with present-day code (it was designed in 2006 when conditions were different).

As of this writing, HFZ has not obtained final approval for the proposed 32 story, 113-apartment tower, nor has HFZ submitted to Department of Buildings how the proposed demolition will be accomplished.



Medals Night with the 17th Precinct Community Council

Bill Curtis, President of the Turtle Bay Association (center) receiving the award to the Turtle Bay Association for community service, June 2012. Others (left to right) are Jay A. Litwin, President of the Council, Captain William Brooks, Commanding Officer James Sheerin, Deputy Chief Tom Purtell

#### **New Business Members**

(or changes to discounts)

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We encourage you to use your TBA membership card at those businesses which so kindly offer us discounted prices for their services. It benefits both members and businesses when you present your card and let them know you are aware that they, too, are supportive of the neighborhood and the TBA's goals.

You can view the current Directory on the TBA's website at www.turtlebay-nyc.org/membership.html#business\_members To have a printed copy mailed to you, contact the TBA office at 212-751-5465 or email us at office@turtlebay-nyc.org

### events

Jo-Ann Winnik

#### TURTLE BAY ASSOCIATION **EVENTS**

September 9, 5:00-8:00 PM TURTLE BAY'S 55th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SAVE THE DATE and join with

fellow residents as we celebrate the Turtle Bay Association's 55th Anniversary to be held at Le Perigord on Sunday, September 9, 2012 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Together, we shall honor the Association's 55 years of the care and preservation of the Turtle Bay Community.

October 13, 8:00 AM-8:00 PM TBA AMISH FARMLAND TOUR AND LUNCH IN LANCASTER, PA

#### OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD **EVENTS (IN ORDER BY DATE)**

#### August

August 21, 28, 4:00 PM **Picture Book Read Aloud:** 

3-11 years old Grand Central Library 135 East 46th Street

August 3-25, FREE Menchu Gal, Free Spirit. Painting exhibition, Instituto Cervantes, 211-215 East 49th Street

August 28, 8:30 PM, FREE Movie: "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" - Katharine Hepburn & Spencer Tracy. Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, East 47th Street (between 1st and 2nd Avenues)

#### September

September 14,7:00 PM, \$15, \$10 (member)

In Concert: Kike Perdomo, international musician, Canary Islands (Spain), Instituto Cervantes, 211-215 East 49th Street

September 25, 7:00 PM, FREE A Conversation with Vargas Llosa. Winner of the 2010 Nobel Prize in Literature, Instituto Cervantes, 211-215 East 49th Street

September 25

\$15,\$10 (students, seniors, members) Performance: Traditional Japanese Bamboo Flute (Shakuhachi). Virtuoso Kinya Sogawa performs meditative solo pieces passed down by the komuso wandering monks of the 17th century as well as new 21st century works that push the limits of the Shakuhachi, Japan Society, 333 East 47th Street

September 29 through Jan. 6, 2013 \$15, \$12 (senior/student), FREE to members and children under 16 Silver Wind: The Arts of Sakai Hoitsu (1761-1828). Silver Wind celebrates Sakai Hoitsu, one of the most attractive of all pre-modern Japanese artists, celebrated for his revival and transformation of the Rimpa style of decorative painting. Japan Society, 333 East 47th Street

#### October

October 4, 7:00 PM, FREE Pablo Mayor and his Latin Jazz ensemble, "Folklore Urbano." October 19, 7:00 PM, FREE Isabel Fairbanks, cellist, in concert Reception to follow performances.

Turtle Bay Music School, 244 East 52nd Street

October 5, 6 PM, FREE Screening and Q&A - "No Rest for the Wicked." Award winning Spanish filmmaker Enrique Urbizu and film producer Paul Julian Smith. Instituto Cervantes, 211-215 East 49th Street

October 6, 7, at 11 AM, \$5 reservation fee

Two-hour Turtle Bay walking tour, one of "openhousenewyork Weekend" tours. Led by Pamela Hanlon, author of "Manhattan's Turtle Bay." Reservations (www.ohny.org from Sept. 27-Oct 3 at 5 PM) are required. Max 30 people.

October 13, 11:00-4:00 PM, FREE Oktoberfest and Children's

Jamboree. Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, East 47th Street (between 1st and 2nd Avenues). Bring the kids and enjoy free pumpkin-decorating, face painting, chocolate-dipping, a strolling magician, The Cat in the Hat, the inflatable jumping castle, and for the adults, brews, burgers, bratwurst.

October 19, \$15, \$10 (member) Performance: Flamenco Mar Salá Band with Victor Prieto, who is revolutionizing accordion-playing with new sounds and techniques. Instituto Cervantes, 211-215 East 49th Street

October 26, 6:30-10:00 PM, FREE "Cocktails and Cobwebs" - Dinner, drinks and decoration. Help turn Turtle Bay Music School into a Halloween extravaganza for families to explore on the evening before the Halloween Open House. Turtle Bay Music School, 244 East 52nd Street

October 27, 3:00-5:00 PM, FREE family event Halloween Open House: SPOOKtacular events. Musical play groups, trick or treating, Halloween crafts, interactive Brazilian family drumming and dance, and more. Come in costume.

Turtle Bay Music School, 244 East 52nd Street

October 27-28, Sat: 7:30, Sun: 5:30, \$32, \$25 (member)

Kuromori Kagura: Folk Music and Dance from Tohoku. Century old folk music and dance tradition including furious jumps, brisk turns and whimsical moves accompanied by percussion and flute. Japan Society, 333 East 47th St.

October 28, 11:00 AM, \$12, \$5 (member), under 2 yrs FREE **FAMILY PROGRAM-Kuromori Kagura: Traditional Folklore Music** and Dance. Children of all ages enjoy Kuromori Kagura's variety of ritual dances which act as prayers for health, harvest, and maritime safety, learn basic movements Kagura and enjoy festival-related craftsmaking. Japan Society, 333 East 47th Street

#### **Year-Round**

#### The Dag Hammarskjöld Greenmarket

Wednesdays year-round (usually closed first week of UN General Assembly in September) Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

YOGA at the Grand Central Library Saturdays through December, Mondays through August, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM. Open to all levels. Bring your own mat. Registration necessary: 212-621-0670. 135 East 46th Street



#### TBA MEMBERSHIP COUPON

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

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