



# 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 Board of Directors of the Turtle Bay Association  
wishes our members and their family a HAPPY & SAFE Summer.  
We look forward to seeing you in September.*

## Turtle Bay Street Fair

On a cool Saturday, June 18th, city dwellers and tourists alike, strolled along Lexington Avenue, at Turtle Bay's annual street fair. They browsed the merchandise booths, and tasted the many foods.



Of course, many stopped at our Turtle Bay booths, signed up for a TBA membership, bought "I Love Turtle Bay" T-shirts and purchased raffle tickets for our wonderful raffle, which offered 17 fantastic prizes (see the flyer below). Many thanks to our

business members who donated the raffle prizes. The raffle drawing was held at 5:00PM, and the winners were either present or notified.

All proceeds received from the TBA street fair are given back to the community with donations made to community non-profit organizations in the TBA area.

It was a GREAT & FUN day for all.



Vanderbilt YMCA Summer Membership  
4 Yankee Tickets - June 26  
4 Mets Tickets - August 4  
La Villetta - \$150 Gift Certificate  
Copinette - \$100 Gift Certificate  
Rosa Mexicano - \$100 Gift Certificate  
Big Apple Florist - \$85 Gift Certificate  
Château 49 - \$50 Gift Certificate  
Parnell's Pub - \$50 Gift Certificate  
PacRim Sushi & Asian Cuisine - \$50 Gift Certificate  
Madison Jewelers - Ladies Bracelet  
City Gallery Framing - 1 Print  
Armario Cleaners - Gift Certificate  
City Gallery Framing - 1 Painting  
Manhattan's Turtle Bay - Book  
City Gallery Framing - 1 Print  
I Love Turtle Bay T-Shirt

*Drawing will be held at 5 pm. Winner need not be present to win.*



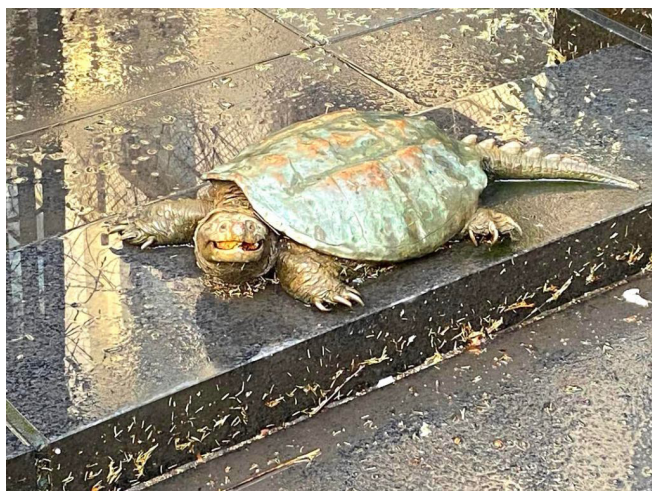
## The stone and iron turtles decorating New York City

Colonial New Yorkers hunted them in estuaries and salt marshes, putting turtle soup on every restaurant menu. Contemporary city residents know them as the scaly native reptiles who occasionally pop their heads up while feasting in city waterways.



Considering the role they've played in Gotham's history and their presence in the modern city, it's no wonder that images of turtles can be found on building facades, fence posts, and the sculptures in Manhattan parks.

You would expect a neighborhood called Turtle Bay to have its fair share of ornamental turtles. The turtle above is one of several on the iron fences surrounding Turtle Bay Gardens, a posh collection of restored brownstones flanking a private garden between Second and Third Avenues and 48th to 49th Streets.

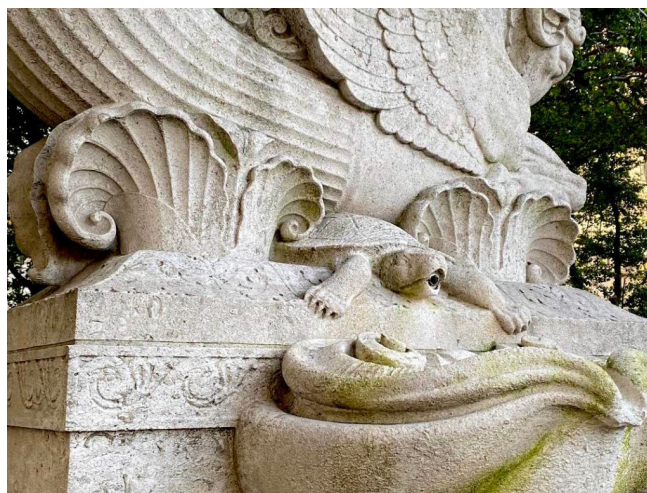


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The Turtle Bay Gardens iron fence turtles are a lot more stylized than this stegosaurus-like critter, one of three lifelike bronze turtles in Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, on East 49th Street off Second Avenue.



Outside of Turtle Bay, turtle sculptures abound. One of my favorites is the circa-1916 turtle at the base (one of four) of the Pulitzer Fountain beside the Plaza Hotel on 59th Street and Fifth Avenue. Its mouth serves as one of the fountain's spouts—a nice bit of whimsy.

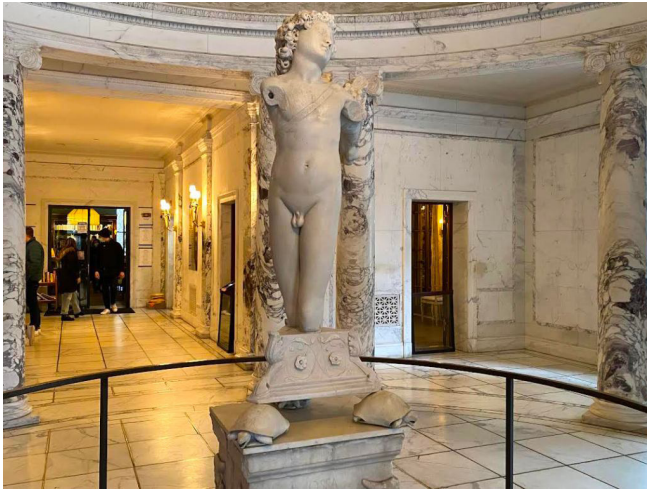


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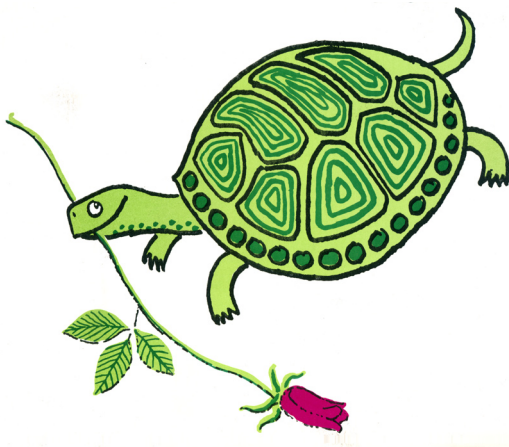
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Farther uptown at 973 Fifth Avenue is a sculpture with a base resting on the backs of two rather round turtles. The sculpture is in the rotunda of a former Gilded Age mansion now occupied by a French-English bookstore called Albertine (operated by the French Consulate, which has long owned the mansion)



*Full-size view of The Young Archer, resting on turtles*

The turtles supporting the sculpture are impressive. But the sculpture itself might have more of a pedigree. Acquired by Stanford White and called The Young Archer, it's been in the rotunda for decades and has recently been identified as a possible early work of Michelangelo, according to the Albertine website.



## Safety Tips

By Cindi Buckwalter

We're thrilled to see both New Yorkers and visitors alike increasingly coming back to our neighborhood and enjoying all that Turtle Bay has to offer, from top restaurants and shopping to cozy cafes and bars, along with our fabulous greenmarket in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza every Wednesday.

With summer now in high gear, we wanted to share some important health and safety reminders based on recent updates from the last 17th Precinct Community Council Meeting, so that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

Whether you're dining indoors or outdoors, shopping, or meeting friends for a drink at a bar, please remember to keep your handbags, backpacks, briefcases and other valuable personal items in sight at all times. It's also important to keep your cell phone tucked away in a bag or pocket when not in use, or firmly in hand if you're using it at the time. A number of cell phone thefts have been reported in recent months – in some cases, a person riding by on a bike grabbed someone's phone right out of their hand.

For those of you who drive in the city – please remember to turn off the engine and take the keys with you when you leave your car – even if you are only leave your car for a few minutes. Fortunately, the number of car thefts are down this year; however, in most cases the cars that were stolen had their engines running with the keys left inside, which made for an easy target.

Some residents have noticed more (and bigger) rats in the city. A little-known but valuable fact is that you can report rat sightings to 311. The health department will come to the location where the rats were spotted to inspect the area and look for holes. And as always, homeless encampments should be reported to 311.

Thanks to our 17th Precinct Police Officers and all of you for keeping our Turtle Bay Community safe and enjoyable for everyone.



## Katharine Hepburn Garden Party



Kimberly Hawkey and the Era Gone Jazz Band



As usual the birthday cake for Katharine was beautiful!





## WELCOME NEW TBA BUSINESS MEMBERS

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*Please mention when doing business with our Business Members that you are a Turtle Bay Association member. This way our business member will know our Association is supporting their business.*



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## TBA ANNUAL MEETING & 65TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**OCTOBER 17, 2022**

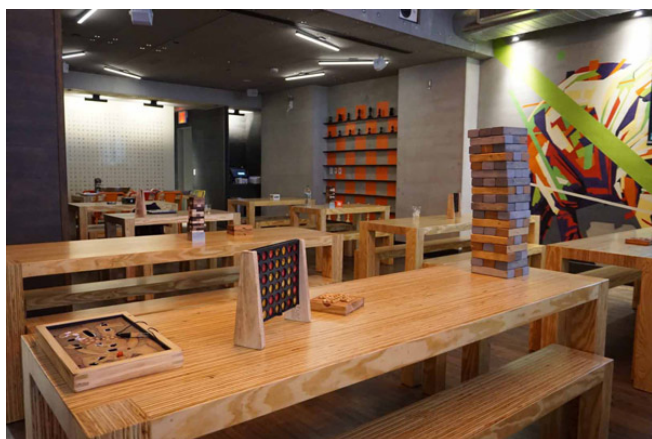
Details to follow.



Location: Instituto Cervantes – Amster Yard  
211 E. 49th Street

## PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING GROUP

Join the Turtle Bay Association's Professional Networking Group on July 26th for Trivia Tuesday at Clinton Hall on E. 51st between 2nd & 3rd. TBA will have a table from 6 pm onwards and trivia will begin at 7 pm. Cash bar. Clinton Hall is extending happy hour prices as a courtesy to us for food and drinks for the night. Meet, mingle and play with your neighbors while supporting a local, TBA business member.



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

**TUESDAY AUGUST 2nd**  
**DAG HAMMARSKJOLD**  
**PLAZA**  
**5 – 8 PM**





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