



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY JANUARY 20, 1976
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST JOHN'S EPOSCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL
224 WAVERLY PLACE N. Y., N. Y. 10014

THIS IS THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR, SO LETS START THE NEW YEAR OFF WITH A GOOD ATTENDANCE AND LETS START IT ON TIME. THE MAIN ITEM ON THE AGENDA WILL BE A BRIEFING ON THE PROPOSED PLANS FOR THE ST. VINCENT'S TRIANGLE.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER JANUARY 1976

THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSES:

At a meeting held on Dec. 16, 1975, and attended by the Directors of West Village Houses and their Lawyer, Officers of Community Board 2, Comm. Roger Starr and other Staff and Advisors of the Housing And Development Administration, the following conditions were presented to H. D. A. by the Housing Company as conditions for withdrawal of the Housing answer to foreclosure action begun by H. D. A.:

1. Outline of agreement to an immediate rent-up program, including move-in dates. The rental program should begin before construction is completed.
2. Extension of the term of lease for these rentals (beyond the term of receivership). One year leases would not result in a successful rental program to the family residents the project was designed for. That rents be kept within the projected 80 to 85 dollars per room announced by HDA.
3. That management of the buildings be in the hands of a management that understands the village and that the rentals be conducted by a company with a recent successful effort in the Village.
4. That family units be utilized, where possible, for families. For instance, some units of housing in buildings such as 61 Jane St., have been used to house groups of students who tend not to honor longer leases or in other ways to support the community.
5. That the Community Board, through its chairperson or housing committee, be informed, on a continuing basis, of any changes that affect procedures or rentals at the project, or in any way, affect the community.

These points are being worked out by HDA, and a rental agent is being considered. We trust occupancy can start early in February as projected by HDA.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JEAN GOULD:

West Villager Jean Gould's latest book, "AMY" which is a biography of Amy Lowell has been published by Dodd Mead (12.50), and is enjoying fine critical praises.

THE BUS QUESTIONNAIRE:

We have enclosed in this mailing a questionnaire re: bus transportation in Manhattan. We ask each of you to take a few moments and fill out this form and return it to the West Village Committee - 304 W. 11th Street- N. Y., N. Y. 10014. We will hand deliver the questionnaires in one lot, and will report a summary in a future newsletter.

VOLUNTARY DUES:

This is the time of the year when we again remind our members to send in your voluntary contributions. First, Thanks to those who have already done so. Our monthly expenses have taken a jump what with the new postal rate, and other increased costs. We urge all our members to send in, or bring to the meeting your check or what ever contribution you can make.

RECYCLING:

In the Feb. mailing, we will include the nice recycling reminder calander which could not be included this month because of the weight of this mailing. However, we would like to remind you of the Jan. 17th and Jan. 31st dates for Village Recycling at the corner of Jane and Washington Streets. Recycling hours are 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Don't forget to bring along your old telephone books for recycling.

WESTBETH GRAPHICS WORKSHOP PRINTSHOW:

Westbeth Graphics Workshop will open it's 1976 Annual Printshow on January 16, and will run to Feb. 1st. This, the second exhibition is open to the public at the Westbeth Galleries, 155 Bank St. The opening-reception will take place Sunday Jan. 18th from 2 p.m. to 9 p. m. After opening, the gallery hours will be Fridays, 5 to 8 p. m., Sat. and Sun. from 2 to 6 p. m.

OUR FRIEND ROSE PASCAL:

The West Village Committee would like to join with other villagers in honoring Rose Pascal. Mrs. Pascal will be greatly missed as the Community Board 2 representative from the Borough President Office. Community Board 2 will honor Rose Pascal on Jan. 18th, but we'd like to express our thanks for all her kindnesses to all community groups, and wish her well on her new assignment.

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HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION
100 GOLD STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10038

ROGER STARR, Administrator
Commissioner of Development

February 3, 1976

Greenwich Village Community Housing Corp
c/o Rachele Wall
304 West 11 Street
New York, New York 10014

Re: Occupancy Program
MBH 325 West Village
Houses

Dear Mrs. Wall:

Your letter dated January 16, 1976 to Administrator Starr has been forwarded to me for reply.

Please be advised that we would like to reaffirm our intention to undertake an occupancy program as soon as we can conclude our present negotiations to enter into a management agreement with the Mandel Management Company.

Regarding the rentals to be charged Mandel Management has indicated that they may be able to obtain as much as \$95 per room per month provided that we could complete the project and include amenities that are presently lacking. We therefore feel that rentals based on this assumption are not out of line with the Felt report.

Sincerely,

Peter D. Joseph
Deputy Commissioner



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AGENDA

1. THE PROPOSED PARKING LOT ON THE
ST VINCENT'S TRIANGLE SITE
2. THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

THE FEBRUARY MEETING IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT MEETING EACH YEAR, AS IT IS AT THIS MEETING THAT THE OFFICERS ARE ELECTED. WE URGE OUR MEMBERS NOT ONLY TO COME OUT AND VOTE, BUT PLEASE BE PROMPT SO WE CAN START ON TIME.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 1976

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE ELECTION:

This is the meeting at which election of officers is to be held to carry on the leadership of The West Village Committee for the next twelve months. We urge members to turn out for this meeting and exercise your right to vote.

Nominations will be made from the floor, but please be sure the member you put in nomination is willing to serve. Officers to be elected are President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Treasure, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

VOLUNTARY DUES:

First of all, THANKS to those members who have been most generous with contributions, and again we remind those of our members who have not done so to please send in your voluntary contribution.

Our monthly expenses have taken a jump with the new increased postal rate and other increased costs. We ask all members to send in your contribution to the address on the letterhead, or bring it to the meeting with you. Your check should be made payable to: The West Village Committee.

THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSES:

In the January Newsletter, we listed the five items which were presented to the Housing and Development Administration by the Board of Directors of West Village Houses as conditions for withdrawal of the Housing Company's answer to foreclosure action begun by H. D. A.

One of the most important points is point #1 which calls for an outline of an agreement to an immediate rent-up program, including move-in dates. The rental program should begin before construction is completed.

Enclosed in this mailing is the most recent letter re: the occupancy program.

Out of a total of 420 apartments in the West Village Houses complex, more than 350 apartments have been issued certificate of occupancy over the past several months. This means these apartments have been checked out by the city and the contractor, and are ready for occupancy.

Amenities in West Village Houses include: ample closet space, hardwood parquet floors through out except in the kitchen and bath, thermostat control for heat in every room except in the kitchen and bath, new G. E. stoves, new two door (large freezer on top) refrigerator, new G. E. dishwasher, every apartment is a floor through (cross ventilation), no more than two apartments on any one floor. The 42 separate buildings each has it's own entrance and street address, and the largest number of apartments in any building is 12 apartments (some have only 8 apts.). The amenities listed here are included in every apartment. Much thought was given to the high crime rate in elevators in elevated buildings, and the decision was made to eliminate elevators and use that space for living space.

How much housing built under city regulations can match this list of amenities? The answer is very little. For that matter, how many of us in our present abodes can boast as many amenities?

Unfortunately the funds for landscaping were allowed to be eaten up by the long delays in construction by the contractor. (the housing was to be completed in Feb. 1974). Oddly enough, the contractor was able to start, complete and start renting a 5,900 unit housing development (Starett City) while work on West Village houses went un finished.

With the need and demand for decent housing in Manhattan, it is unbelievable that 350+ finished apartments can be withheld from the rental market while the city must pick up the bill of Con Ed for the nightly lighting of these apartments and the level of heating that must be maintained to prevent freezing pipes; at the same time getting no income.

The January date suggested to us for occupancy is long past, and now the projected early February date is past.

We hope that some positive action will be taken at 100 Gold Street, or where ever housing decisions are made, and these rentable apartments which have never been offered for rent will finally be made available to the hard pressed New York apartment hunter. In the meantime, the apartments across from Westbeth on site 6 (Bank St. between Washington and West Streets) have had the windows boarded up to prevent a reOccurance of the vandalism which required the replacement of every window on the Bank Street side.

BETTY DOOLEY:

We'd like to wish a speedy recovery to Betty Dooley. Betty, who is also chairman of The Old Abingdon Block Association, was injured in one of those freak accidents that often happen in the home. We'll probably miss Betty at our Feb. meeting, but we hope she'll be able to be at full strength soon.

VILLAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL BENEFIT:

The 7th annual Village Community School benefit will be held on Wed. March 24, 1976 at Loeb Student Center in N. Y. U. at 7 P. M.

The feature this year will be a special preview showing of the Paramount film "LeadBelly" preceded by a cocktail hour with music by Dick Miller.

It is hoped that this benefit will erase the deficit in the 1975-76 scholarship fund.

For ticket information, call Village Community School - 691 5146.

PLAN TO DECREASE THE DOG POPULATION:

The Veterinary Medical Association of New York City has plans to curb the increase in the dog population explosion.

The Association has a plan to provide low cost neutering surgery for pets of New York residents financially unable to pay the regular veterinary fees.

Persons receiving government support in the form of social security, unemployment insurance or welfare as well as the indigent handicapped and the elderly will receive top priority.

Information on applications for pet owners may be obtained by calling the Association headquarters - 246-0057.

TRI-STATE REGIONAL CONFERENCE:

A Tri-State Regional Conference sponsored by the Tri-State Regional Planning Commission, Federal Regional Council, Metropolitan Regional Council and Regional Plan Association will be held at the New York Hilton - 53rd St. and Avenue of the Americas - on Tues. March 2, 1976. Conference participation is free of charge.

Registration (for those not registered in advance) is 8:30 - 9:00 A. M. Plenary session from 9 A. M. to 10:30 A. M. 10:45 to 12 noon there are six concurrent panels dealing with Environmental Quality, Transportation Goals, Land Use, The economy, Housing and Energy.

The Luncheon, from 12:30 to 2:15, will have opening remarks by Mayor Beam followed by an address by Gov. Carey. Luncheon reservations for those interested should be made by Feb. 23rd. Unlike the sessions which are free, there is a \$12 luncheon fee. Luncheon checks should be made payable to: Tri-State Regional Conference and mailed to Regional Plan Association 235 E. 45th Street New York, N. Y. 10017.

Participation and exchange sessions will continue from 2:30 to 4 P. M. In these sessions you will have an opportunity to question the experts and complete a written questionnaire.

Tri-State's Objective is to encourage greater public awareness and understanding of regional issues and some possible solutions.

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WEST SIDE Ad Hoc COMMITTEE AGAINST THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY

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THE NEED IS STILL URGENT: SAVE THE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1970

The Clean Air Act has expired, and with it the Transportation Control Plan and the Indirect Source Regulations. Last month we begged you to write letters, and many of you did, but not enough. If the Transportation Control Plan should die, or have implementation extended until 1986 or later, our lawsuit against an interstate may be hurt and we may never get the needed controls for traffic coming into the city. There is considerable pressure on in Congress to kill the indirect source regulations altogether. These control indirect sources of pollution such as parking lots, etc. We are happy to report that in the Senate Public Works Committee, Senator Buckley voted to gut the Indirect Source Regulations, but after a massive number of telephone calls directed to his Washington office, we were able to turn him around and the next day he changed his vote in committee. By the time you receive this, both the TCP and the ISR will be out of committee and moving to floor votes in the two houses of Congress. We urge you to write to your own representatives, but also to the following officials:

Senator James Buckley
Senator Edmund Muskie
Senator Jacob Javits

Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Congressman John Murphy
Congressman Richard Ottinger
Congressman James Scheuer

House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

What do you write? Ask that the Transportation Control Plan and the Indirect Source Regulations be retained as part of the Clean Air Act of 1970, and also ask that implementation of the Transportation Control Plan not be delayed beyond present deadlines. It can be as brief and as simple as that.

THE CITY TALKS

Conversation has taken place between city officials and the U.S. Department of Transportation to explore the availability of funds to tear down the old Miller Highway. We oppose such funding, and would support a legal move to prevent tearing down the elevated highway. However, the possibility of the city obtaining Federal funding is dim, about a dim as the minds of the planners who thought up Westway to begin with.

TRI-STATE APPROVES THE MONSTER

The Tri-State Regional Planning Commission voted Wed., Feb. 11 to adopt a transportation plan for the Metropolitan Region that includes a 1.5 billion dollar Westway. Approval of the Plan by this body, consisting of local and state officials from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, is required before Federal funds can be granted for transportation projects in the region. Thus another obstacle to the completion of Westway has been removed.

Tri-State is one of the defendants in our suit against Westway, and yesterday's action may well be contested in the suit. At Wednesday's session, the Federal EPA delegate asserted that the Master Plan itself gave excessive emphasis to new highway construction when measured against public transportation and that the plan was inconsistent with Federal environmental requirements.

At the meeting, spokesmen for the West Side Ad Hoc Committee denounced the plan as "a pathetic document from the dark ages of transportation planning, the measure of its emphasis on roads and rail transit ratifying the planning mistakes of the 40's and 50's that have brought the region to the sad state it is in today."

REQUIRED READING

Anybody in doubt as to the detrimental effect of an interstate highway should be required to read Jason Epstein's outstanding essay in the February 19, 1976 issue of THE NEW YORK REVIEW OF BOOKS, titled "The Last Days of New York." It is a well-researched piece dealing with housing, highways, loss of industry and the blight of the construction trades upon our city, pointing out where the city planners went wrong with the blessing of the political bosses.

A POX ON GOVERNOR CAREY

Back before the last state elections, Hugh Carey issued a White Paper opposing a West Side Interstate Highway. He gained many of our votes thereby, but after he was elected he became one of the leading proponents of the interstate. That he should lie to the people is nothing new. Most political figures do. But some of his more recent acts are equally dangerous.

In recent weeks Governor Carey has been attempting to destroy the State Environmental Quality Review Act. The daily papers have carried lengthy copy quoting Carey's intention to protect big business at the expense of the environment. In one particular instance he has pitted his own strength and that of his Commerce Commissioner, John S. Dyson, against the State Environmental Commissioner Ogden R. Reid in the matter of how quickly the General Electric Company should be required to stop discharging polychlorinated biphenyl into the Hudson River. PCB's are among the most terrible poisons known to man. Other companies have already substituted other industrial chemicals, but not General Electric, and although G.E. has reduced the discharge, the Governor and Mr. Dyson are openly standing up for G.E.'s continued pollution of the Hudson. PCB's not only poison the Hudson, they are a dangerous substance doing injury to the lives of G.E. workers. Although the workers are not to be blamed. Industrial history is rife with workers who have been poisoned with radium, with pesticides, etc., for the sake of a weekly wage and enrichment of the manufacturer.

We urge everybody to write to Governor Carey at the Executive Mansion in Albany taking him to task for supporting the senseless crime of polluting the Hudson River. What eventually will be the cost to us in this city in undoing a damaged environment? What in actual dollars is the cost of a polluted Hudson? As a river it is almost a total loss as a food supply, and beyond that there is certainly a tremendous loss of the river as a potential recreational facility.

A RAIL PLAN DESIGNED TO FAIL

In case you are not aware of it, there are up-state New Yorkers who are just as opposed to more highways as we are. The New York State Transportation Council, P.O. Box 74, Bellevue Station, Schenectady, New York 12306, has long been waging a battle for increased freight and passenger rail service. They are currently waging a battle against a State Department of Transportation Rail Plan, which is apparently designed to fail. The State Department of Transportation is greatly dominated by road builders, and their Rail Plan has allowed no public input, and they alone have the right to decide which branch rail lines will be preserved and which shall be ripped up. Many people with the Council, however, do understand the city's need for mass transit as opposed to highways, and we can only hope that we will have closer contact with them in future to support viable programs for all our needs. They are always anxious for financial support to help their program for up-state mass transit.

CUT OFF THE STATE'S SHARE

As you know, we have a suit in Federal Court against Westway. It promises to be a long, drawn out process. But there are other ways to halt Westway. Assemblyman Albert Blumenthal has proposed in Albany that the State Legislature move to cut off the State's share of funding for Westway. If this should pass the Legislature, Westway would be dead. There is no way we are going to get Federal Funding if the State declines to kick in its share. We feel this is a reasonable solution to our problem, and urge West Siders to write Assemblyman William Passannante and Senator Fred Ohrenstein supporting Blumenthal's position.

"It will never be possible to provide parking space in the largest cities for all motorists who want to come to them. There wouldn't be anything left worth coming to."

--Harrison E. Salisbury, New York TIMES, October 5, 1958



THE SENATE
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY
12224

MANFRED OHRENSTEIN
MINORITY LEADER
27th DISTRICT
720 COLUMBUS AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY 10025

February 24, 1976

The Honorable Roger Starr
Administrator
Housing and Development Administration
100 Gold Street
New York, New York 10038

Dear Roger:

I am writing to you for an update on the situation at West Village Houses. I am aware that there were a series of meetings and an exchange of correspondence in December and January between your department and members of the community regarding a speedy rentup program for this development. I am told that HDA estimates at that time were that rentup could be completed in February.

Community members have again approached me about this situation. Although the letter of February 3, 1976 from Deputy Commissioner Peter Joseph to Rachele Wall indicated that negotiations were progressing with Mandel Management Company, it appears that the desired result, occupancy of the project, is not moving swiftly. I would, therefore, appreciate your giving me an up-to-date report on the status of HDA's negotiations with Mandel Management and your estimate of when renting can begin and the anticipated per room rental.

This issue has been dragging on for far too long. It is costing the City money which it can ill afford at this time of fiscal crisis. I understand that lighting, heat and security service costs are considerable. In addition, it has been reported to me that deterioration and vandalism continue, including breakage of windows just last week. Obviously, this problem will cease once the buildings are occupied.

I look forward to your early response.

Sincerely,

Manfred Ohrenstein

MO:mrs

cc: Hon. Peter Joseph
Hon. Diana Halle
Rachele Wall



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March 2, 1976

The Honorable Henry J. Stern
Councilman At Large
Borough of Manhattan
City Hall
New York, New York 10007

Dear Councilman Stern:

I am writing you on behalf of the thousands of New Yorkers and West Villagers who supported the construction of West Village Houses in Greenwich Village.

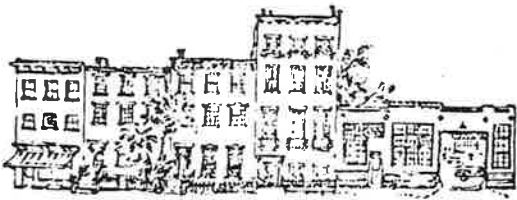
To date, 37 of the 42 buildings in this housing complex have been completed (approximately 370 one-, two-, three-, and four bedroom apartments), and certificates of occupancy have been made available for them.

Several thousand dollars of housing funds were spent in the last fifteen months at the direction of Housing Administrator Roger Starr on two studies, both of which suggested rentals of approximately \$80 per room. Still, the Administrator has not seen fit to offer these apartments to the residents of this city. I would also like to point out that the Housing Company which until recently administered West Village Houses was never given move-in dates by the City so as to be able to offer these apartments to the public in a serious way.

Not a day passes when I or other Directors of the Housing Company do not get inquiries and request from New Yorkers interested in renting these apartments.

Since June of 1975, when certificates of occupancy were available on the first completed buildings and renting could have begun, it has been necessary to heat and illuminate these buildings while they remain vacant. Nevertheless, they have become the targets of vandals. It is estimated that approximately \$4,000,000 has been lost in rent revenue since the time of possible rental. This money could very well have provided funds to complete construction on the five remaining, almost completed buildings.

PLEASE TURN OVER



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West Village Houses:

In a few days, the Mayor will ask you to approve the extension of rent control for another three years because of a continuing housing shortage in the city. We find it difficult to understand how the Mayor can proclaim this very real housing shortage while at the same time much needed housing is being withheld by this administration from the rental market.

I request that you use the power of your good office to demand that steps be taken to complete a rent-up program for West Village Houses, and that these apartments be made immediately available to prospective tenants.

Sincerely,

James Shaw
President

cc: Hon. Diana Halle
Hon. Edward I. Koch
Hon. John M. Murphy
Hon. Bella Abzug
Hon. Manfred Ohrenstein
Hon. William F. Passannante
Hon. Percy E. Sutton

Enclosure



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2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER MARCH 1976

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE ELECTION:

It was voted at the last meeting that election of officers be postponed until the March meeting because of the newsletter delay, and the effect of the flu epidemic on the membership. Officers will be elected to carry on the leadership of The West Village Committee for the next term of office. We urge members to turn out for this meeting and exercise your right to vote.

Nominations will be made from the floor, but please be sure the member you put in nomination is willing to serve. Officers to be elected are President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

VOLUNTARY DUES:

Once again, we will remind those of our membership who have not done so to please send in your voluntary contributions. This will be the last reminder until next year, so do get your checks in.

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To those who have been most generous with their contributions, we would like to express our THANKS.

WEST VILLAGE HOUSES:

In response to the mounting inquiries and concerns of West Village residents, we'd like to review and up-date West Village Houses.

In January, we reviewed the five items which were presented to the Housing and Development Administration by the Board of Directors of West Village Houses as a condition for withdrawal of the Housing Company's answer to foreclosure action begun by H. D. A. The paramount item being one which calls for an outline of agreement to an immediate rent-up program, including move-in dates. The rent-up program should begin before construction is completed.

In February, we summarized the many amenities of West Village Houses, and reported the reoccurrence of vandalism which always occurs when buildings are left vacant. Also included, was a copy of a letter dated Feb. 3, 1976, from H. D. A. to Rachele Wall, President of the Housing Company in response to her letter of January 16th. In their letter, H. D. A. re-affirmed their intention to undertake an occupancy program.

West Village Houses now stand in our community, and buildings remain empty. The Housing Company has one objective, and that is to see immediate occupancy and the five remaining buildings completed. We've been told of rent-up programs to begin in January, and then in February. It is now mid March, and we feel our faith will only be restored when occupancy occurs.

In view of the much publicized plan of Roger Starr, the H. D. A. Administrator, advocating the "planned shrinkage" of low-income and minority-group communities by reducing or withholding services from these areas, we'd like to be assured that these buildings are not reduced to the status of the abandoned buildings in the South Bronx and Brownsville before they are even occupied.

How many of you remember when under another administration a large section of the West Village was declared "a slum" in order to raze the area and clear the way for massive high-rise buildings, and the fighting West Villagers who fought and defeated this outrage. Let us not forget. We hope our community will never permit another outrage.

Many of our neighbors waited years for apartments in West Village Houses, and several who placed deposits on apartments when they were planned as Co-ops, still leave their money in escrow with hopes for later occupancy. We would like to hear from anyone who would like to move into West Village Houses at the proposed rental of approximately \$85 per room (one-bedroom apt. - 3 1/2 rms, two-bedroom apt. 4 1/2 rms, three-bedroom apt. 6 rms and four-bedroom apt. 7 rms). Write to the West Village Committee - 304 W. 11th St. - N. Y., N. Y. 10014 and re-affirm your desire for an apartment, giving the size of apartment desired, and we will be sure your request is on file as soon as the apartments are made available.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from State Senator Manfred Ohrenstein to Administrator Roger Starr, and a copy of a letter which was sent to all Manhattan members of the City Council as well as to many other elected and appointed city officials.

VILLAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL BENEFIT:

Don't forget the Village Community School benefit which will be held on Wed. March 24, 1976 at Loeb Student Center in N. Y. U. at 7 P. M. A special preview showing of the Paramount feature film "LeadBelly" will be preceded by a cocktail hour with music by Dick Miller

For ticket information, call Village Community School - 691 5146.

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE BOOK SALE:

Our next West Village Committee Book Sale has been scheduled for the week-end of April 24th.

We are now ready to collect your books, records or prints for this sale. Needed are paperbacks and hard cover books on all subjects. We particularly look for art books and books on art related subjects, cookbooks and children books.

Our book sales are usually very popular Village events. It is only with the help of our members and friends who donate these wonderful books which in turn are picked up and read by other Villagers, that we are able to have these successful book sales. We feel this is a great method of recycling books.

For information on delivery and pick-up of books, please call 989-4898 or 243-8779.

ST. VINCENT'S TRIANGLE SITE:

At the February meeting, The West Village Committee echoed the feelings expressed through the Village in opposition to additional parking lots in the Village area.

As a result of the feelings of the community as expressed by the negative vote of Community Board #2, St. Vincent's Hospital has decided to seek other suitable uses for the site.

The West Village Committee will continue to maintain the site as a garden in cooperation with the Village Green Recycling Team's Center.

We realize the financial problems presented to the hospital in maintaining this site, and hope the Hospital will soon come up with a plan for the site which can be put into operation.

VILLAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL FAIR:

Volunteers are still welcome to help with the FLOWER MARKET AND SPRING FAIR, an annual event of the Village Community School. For information, call either co-chairman, Janet Klein (242-1251) or Rosemary Hunt (675-7218).

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"A TRIBUTE TO OUR NATION'S BICENTENNIAL IN COLLAGE"
AN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY
VILLAGE ARTIST
DOROTHY B. COLE

THE PROPOSED RENOVATION OF A COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT
421 HUDSON STREET INTO HOUSING - PLANS WILL BE PRE-
SENTED BY BARNET LIBERMAN AND WIN CHAMBERLIN, OWNERS

THIS IS A FULL EVENINGS PROGRAM, SO WE URGE ALL MEMBERS
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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER APRIL 1976

THE RECENT WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE ELECTION:

Officers were elected for the next twelve months at the last meeting of the West Village Committee. The following officers were elected: James Shaw, President; William P. Bowser, 1st Vice President; Elaine Schechter, 2nd Vice President; Inga Maehr, 3rd Vice President, Leila Solomon, Recording Secretary; Marie Reeves, Corresponding Secretary and Ernest Mayer, Treasurer.

The West Village Committee express thanks to those who served in office during the past year, and look forward to a very active year to come.

Let us not forget, the officers can't, nor should they be expected to, do it all, so we urge all members to pitch in and help whenever called upon. If ever there was a time we all needed to get together it is now.

WEST VILLAGE HOUSES FINALLY REACH THE MARKET:

On April 1, 1976, apartments in the West Village Housing complex were offered for rent to the public, and for the first time a definite date for occupancy has been set.

The lack of a move-in date was one of the problems that created a very difficult situation in efforts to attract and retain prospective tenants in the past. The impact of this fact is becoming more evident as the demands for these apartments increase with each day.

With the announcement of the opening of a rental office at 55 Christopher St. the prospective tenants began to appear. According to Mr. H. Mandel, the rental agent, all apartments are being rented on a first-come, first-serve basis, thus it is easy to see that all 35 one-bedroom apartments were soon eliminated from the available list. About ten days ago, rental ads began in the daily and local papers with the price range listed for each available size apartment. However, Mr. Mandel stated that the listed price will increase by 3% after April 20th on directions from the Housing and Development Administration. This practice seems to follow the almost unwavering position of H D A Commissioner Roger Starr that if there is a demand at the lower rent, he would try for what the market would permit.

The relocated model apartment which will be located at 684 Washington St. (at Charles St.) will open on April 20th.

Landscaping is almost complete on the sites between West 11th St. and West 10th Sts., and now we await May 1st when the first tenants are to move in and the present objective of the West Village Committee will have been accomplished.

Jane Jacobs's old fight lingers on

By Peter Freiberg

The year was 1961, and Jane Jacobs had just given her manuscript for *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* to her publisher. A few days later, as if to reinforce her attack on traditional city planning, a vast urban renewal plan was proposed for her low-rise, well-functioning neighborhood, Greenwich Village.

With Jacobs providing both theoretical backup and practical leadership, Villagers rallied against the plan to bulldoze apartment houses, loft buildings, and brownstones for high-rise redevelopment of a 14-block area. To the surprise of virtually everyone, they won—the first time local people in New York had triumphed in a major urban renewal battle.

Out of that struggle, the West Village Committee devised an alternative plan for building low-rise, brownstone-like houses that would provide moderate-income housing for families without "moving a sparrow," in Jacobs's words. Today, 15 years later, West Village Houses (WVH), consisting of 42 five-story walk-ups containing 420 apartments, stands on what then was empty or partially used land.

But the buildings have been standing vacant for a year, the victims of economic trends as well as

political and bureaucratic delays. And they are likely to remain in limbo until a bitter dispute between Mayor Abraham Beame's administration and the committee that sponsored the housing is resolved.

First proposed in 1962 as a publicly aided cooperative housing project to be financed with a low-interest city mortgage loan, WVH did not receive city approval until 1969. Before construction finally began in 1972, the Village group had to maneuver through a maze of political and bureaucratic obstacles. To make the low-rise housing economically feasible, for example, elevators were omitted at the Villagers' insistence—but it took a long time before the city agreed.

The time lag between the planning period and construction had devastating consequences for WVH, particularly since the interest on city bonds used to finance subsidized housing rose to nine per cent. "Fourteen years ago we planned for \$28 a room per month," says Arthur Stoliar, a West Village Committee leader. "Then it became \$40. When we finally signed everything, we thought it would be \$80 to \$85. Then the interest rates went up again. We do not have any mechanism for building housing that people can afford to live in."

The result is that today, even assuming a conversion to rental

apartments, WVH would require a break-even rent of between \$105 and \$115 a room per month to meet mortgage payments and operating expenses. Given the recession and the glut of high-rent apartments in Manhattan, WVH is clearly unmarketable at this rate.

Nor were economics the only disappointment. The exteriors of the buildings are undeniably bleak. Villagers say they were forced to compromise again and again on architectural features. Nevertheless, Jacobs, who moved to Toronto in 1967 but has stayed in close touch, maintains that the original intention was not to build a flashy showcase. She points to the renovation of nearby vacant loft buildings into apartments as evidence of the project's positive influence on the neighborhood. The project, she says, has "already earned its keep. Not one single housing unit was destroyed. It's all new housing. And all of the surrounding area would have been torn down."

The controversy now centers on how to get the housing occupied. The Villagers have been urging the Beame administration to let them rent the apartments for whatever the market will bear, which a city consultant said is about \$85 a room per month. The city would "take a bath" under this arrangement; but the loss would not be as great as it would be if the apartments were allowed to remain vacant and open to vandalism, according to the Villagers.

City Hall's position has been developed by Roger Starr, administrator of housing and development. As a former chairman of the private Citizens Housing and Planning Council, Starr favored the 1961 urban renewal plan and opposed the Villagers' alternative; moreover, he has been a sharp critic of Jane Jacobs's views. Now, says the West Village Committee, Starr wants to see the housing fail in order to prove that citizen participation cannot work—an accusation Starr strongly denies. "It happens that I fought Jane Jacobs very vigorously 13 years ago," Starr says. "But I'm not a moron, I'm not an idiot, and I don't hold grudges. I haven't ill will toward the people in the Village. I want the same things they do. I want the thing to be a success."

Starr's decision was to move in court to foreclose on the city's \$23.9 million mortgage, which would make the city—instead of the WVC's board

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of directors—the project's owner. In the meantime, Starr was appointed receiver in November. He argues that the city must have total control over the project before it commits additional funds to complete site work and begin a rent-up program.

Starr says he tried without success to gain federal subsidies to lower the rents, as requested by the West Village Committee, but that the project's proximity to heavy traffic led to its rejection on environmental grounds. The committee and housing activists in the city don't think Starr tried very hard. They charge he was more anxious to get subsidies to bail out two privately developed high-rise projects that also required excessive rents—including one built by his friend Richard Ravitch—than to help the community-sponsored WVH.

The future of the Village project remains unclear. The West Village Committee initially decided to fight foreclosure in the courts. Its leaders

are fearful that the taxpayers will lose even more money if the city sells off all or part of the project to private firms, as Starr may do. On the other hand, the Villagers' primary interest is to have the apartments occupied. If they are convinced that the city will pursue a speedy rent-up program, they may agree to foreclosure. The committee is now reconsidering its initial decision.

However WVH gets rented, its history emphasizes the difficulty in planning a citizen-sponsored project. It also raises questions about New York's ability to encourage imaginative answers to its problems. While Jane Jacobs says that "despair is a luxury" that cannot be afforded, she notes that WVH was "an attempt to come up with a new kind of solution. And look at the wall it hit," she says. "In a microcosm, that's been the story of New York for a generation."

Peter Freiberg, a reporter on the New York Post, specializes in neighborhoods.

Low-rise lemon

A low-rise housing development for New York's West Village by Perkins & Will may have soured in the 11 years it took to build though it still bore fruit.

"The South Bronx Comes to the West Village" could be the name of the movie—at least the way the unoccupied, unlandscaped, in some cases boarded-up West Village Houses project looks right now.

The concept for the 420 co-op apartments—scattered on 3.7 acres over a seven-block stretch of the western edge of New York's Greenwich Village was inspired by quite opposite aspirations. The housing would show high-rise-happy housing experts that low-rise walk-up dwellings could be built at low cost for moderate- and middle-income New Yorkers. Furthermore, using conventional brick construction with 40-, 43-, and 65-ft frontages, the design could be built infill style in narrow unused city lots, with little bulldozing and relocation. It would ensure the retention of the existing scale and ambience of ever-scarcer old sections of New York neighborhoods.

In essence, the design was to present in tangible terms all the arguments Jane Jacobs employed to stun the planning profession in 1961 with her book *Death and Life of Great American Cities*: emphasis on street life, with shops, easy access to the ground, and an inclusion of meaningful open spaces. These, she cogently argued, would reinforce the social ties within the community and enhance the quality of life. The design by J. Raymond Matz of Perkins & Will avoided the expensive elevator cabs that restless children often demolish, the institutional corridors of double-loaded housing monoliths. In their stead were spacious walk-up floor-through apartments of one to four bedrooms (no one-room efficiencies), a few apartments to every entrance, stoops on the street, private courts at the rear.

Nice work if you can get it—and the housing's parent organization, the Committee to Save the West Village, led by Jane Jacobs, did try. But 13 years after its

birth, the project is a financial fiasco.

Its equity (down payment) costs and maintenance costs long ago catapulted its price out of reach of the moderate- and middle-income families. The Housing and Development Authority, which administers this and other city Mitchell-Lama (limited dividend) middle-income housing took the houses off the co-op market last year. They did so, they explain, because there were so few takers in the four- to six-month marketing period. A market survey commissioned by HDA revealed that few people were interested in paying the \$7000 equity and estimated \$479 per month carrying charges for a two-bedroom apartment. Those who could afford it would not want to walk up one to three and a half flights or to live in this manufacturing district.

Why so much?

Most of the community residents, architects, and city housing officials sympathetic to the project feel that the main problem is not so much the absence of the elevators or the out-of-the-way location, but the high costs of the apartments. Total development costs originally budgeted at \$10 million (with a \$650-per-room equity and \$30-per-room carrying charge) zoomed once the apartments were under construction. Now the development approaches \$26 million, including land costs, fees, and construction. That full allotment has not been actually spent, however,

since the city ran out of money before it could landscape, finish interior lobbies, or complete the row of housing on Bank Street. (The city did spend, one HDA official commented, nearly \$100,000 on marketing and promotion.) Furthermore, an old garage purchased to satisfy city parking requirements, which have since been dropped for new housing, has to be renovated. Carrying charges cannot be precisely established until the garage work is done. A permanent certificate of occupancy awaits installation of garage elevators, delayed because of a strike.

Just recently the city instituted a foreclosure action on West Village Houses with the head of the Housing Development Administration, Roger Starr, named the receiver. If uncontested by the sponsor, the Greenwich Village Community Housing Corporation, the city will proceed to take title to the housing free of liens and encumbrances. They then plan to rent the apartments for what the market will bear or the \$75 to \$85 per room recommended by the marketing survey to recoup losses. Meanwhile the Village group has filed an "answer" contesting the foreclosure, unless some conditions regarding low rents and family emphasis can be met.

If the city does foreclose, some observers estimate it would have to absorb \$12 to \$14 million of the cost. HDA further maintains it would not seek Section 8 federal revenue-sharing funds or be able to obtain any other federal monies.

Attitudes at odds

From a wide range of accounts, including some officials formerly with HDA, the city brought the calamitous situation down on its own head. They simply took too long to make the necessary approvals. The delay caused the project costs to almost triple during the 11 years because of mounting labor and materials prices and the high cost of land, purchased without benefit of urban renewal write-down. (The city did condemn some sites under Mitchell-Lama authorization.)

If housing had been finished and selling three years after it was proposed, the equity and carrying charges could have been low enough to save it. Of course carrying charges would have increased due to the now high cost of energy for the all-electric building (not a problem when the

building was designed). Still, savings would have been substantial.

The delays in approvals have a lot to do with the particular time, the attitudes toward housing prevalent then, politics, and a bit of greed. Today the same events would probably not take place in such a way—even if the city could still float the bonds to finance Mitchell-Lama housing. So if there is a lesson to be learned here it only emphasizes the value of the participant equation—the government officials, the citizen sponsor, and the developer—and how that must work. The history thus becomes very revealing.

In the early 1960s the city decided that a 14-block site (24 acres) bounded by West 11th, Hudson, Christopher, Washington, Morton, and West Streets should be turned over to a middle-income urban renewal project budgeted at \$30 million. David Rose Associates, a builder, and Barry Benepe, an architect, had worked up a 1073 d.u. proposal that included three 14-story and one 21-story high-rise towers (plus low-rise units) on the urban renewal land. Unexpected opposition then mounted.

Immediately Jane Jacobs, with *Death and Life* hot off the presses, organized the Committee to Save the West Village, eager to meet the legal requirement that the city consult with residents before acting.

City vs. citizens

The battle was bloody but the village group managed a coup. The urban renewal designation was overthrown. Then this group proceeded to come up with its own answer to urban renewal, slum clearance, and high-rise housing: in 1963 they presented a low-rise infill scheme to city officials.

The biggies in the Housing Redevelopment Board (precursor to HDA) and the City Planning Commission generally opposed the project. Head of CPC James Felt (whose firm just did the marketing study) opposed it. Even Sam Ratensky, considered HRB's "good guy" in the cause of better design, was against it. He and others claimed it wouldn't sell and that walk-up housing was essentially bringing back tenements. (Unfortunately today his prophesies turned out to be self-fulfilling but not because of the low-rise infill concept itself which proved successful elsewhere.) Architects too were divided about this kind of thinking—and still are.

Some officials resented the citizens' achievements and wanted to be proved right in the end. They dreaded seeing so much autonomy given to a community group. This victory against urban renewal forces was, it appears, the first here and perhaps anywhere. For the citizens' group to come up with its own home-grown proposal seemed anathema to profes-

sional planners. As an example, it could only mean more headaches, more work.

This proposal was particularly besieged with paperwork. Since the housing was slated for construction on such discontinuous sites in a manufacturing area, the city could not just clear land. A whole series of real estate negotiations were necessary. They would have to change the zoning to allow residential and manufacturing uses to co-exist. Many of the design features of the housing, such as the widths between the buildings or the staggered configuration along the pavement to allow sitting spaces, violated Mitchell-Lama requirements. And there was another factor. As the Building Department and HDA hinted to the parties concerned, some bureaucrats realized that less money in the form of quiet payoffs would accrue from this bunch of earnest vigilantes.

According to the citizens' group, the HRB began to lose the site applications, then the whole file, as well as muddle cost estimates. The City Planning Commission found it unfeasible to build housing along Washington Street, a truck artery.

Not until then Mayor John V. Lindsay and his battalion of young architects and planners began to infiltrate the old guard bureaucracy in the late 1960s was the project taken seriously at all. Even in 1968 William Zeckendorf was discovered to be assembling land around and at the site for his own high-rise luxury development. At any rate the HRB, by then HDA, finally agreed to waive some of the Mitchell-Lama requirements as long as the building codes were met. The city finally began to pass the zoning changes in 1969, and gave the go-ahead in 1972.

Other factors

If one part of the equation involves the city, another important factor is the sponsor. In this instance, the Committee to Save the West Village was intelligent, extremely knowledgeable in planning and political matters, with solid leadership. However, being a voluntary organization (and one

the city was not accustomed to working with), it was bound to face drawbacks. As one official put it, there were many more meetings over things like the choice of the brick color than anyone had bargained for. Perkins & Will's architect, Raymond Matz, according to the official, had less trouble in working with the city than architects on other housing projects going through HDA at the same time, such as 1199 Plaza (p. 64). Every change required another six-week approval period with the sponsor. Because the Committee didn't have a full-time staff, it took quite a while to draw up the co-op prospectus, and find a garage.

A third component in the equation was the builder, the Graphic Construction Corp. When they couldn't get the bonding necessary, they went into joint venture with Starrett Brothers (and eventually merged). Starrett was coming in a little late to be of great help in costing out the initial design. They also insisted on a developer's fee for putting up an \$80,000 bond, but would not pay the entire 5 percent needed to meet the city's 95 percent low-interest mortgage. So HDA proposed a scheme that was satisfactory to all (except the architects): Since the project was a cooperative one, they would accept any services already provided in lieu of the 5 percent until 80 percent of the apartments had been sold. Then Perkins & Will would get their agreed upon fees of \$375,000. (They estimated value of actual time spent came closer to \$500,000.) Needless to say, the fee has not yet been paid.

With a contractor now fully involved, changes began to take place in the original scheme. Perkins & Will's design and planning concept stayed pretty much the same; just the "extras"—which can determine the way a market responds to the project—were lopped off. Out came the mansardlike roofs, or the townhouselike floor-to-ceiling sliding windows with balcony rails, because of costs and heat loss. Out went the exposed concrete floor slab alternating with brick wall. While the slab was retained between the lower level and

first floor so that commercial space could be provided in houses along Charles Place—for example, problems with flashing were solved by concealing it.

The builders, too, were caught in a bad period, when materials prices were escalating so much that each cost modification became itself too expensive by the next meeting. Again, timing was terrible.

Other factors helped dig the financial hole. Land costs (\$5,861,200) for many of the sites acquired on the private market, and failure to obtain a definite commitment to 236 funding for 20 percent of the apartments because of noise pollution, were both tremendous disadvantages.

Historical perspective

Since the time of this project's proposal in 1963 many changes have taken place. The city has more or less once again embraced low-rise housing—considered outdated since the 1940s, HDA has even built low-rise housing in the Bronx and Brooklyn. The City Planning Commission now talks up citizen participation and has even implemented that with planning districts. The city does not plan to build large low-rise housing projects for a while (if only for economic reasons). If the city spends the money it will be on rehabilitation. And Roger Starr, a bitter opponent of West Village Houses when he was director of the Citizens' Housing and Planning Council, is busy trying to become its landlord.

West Village Houses played a historic role for it paved the way toward current housing and urban planning thinking. Its nearly appearance—with windows of standard sizes, very plain façades, no shops, serving to relieve the monotony of the block, belie its significance. (Inside, of course, layouts are still spacious, top-floor duplexes with two-story living rooms, outstanding.) If it faltered along the way, the problem was less with the concept than with the not fully acknowledged gaps in the sponsor-builder equation. But these difficulties were also due in large part to the players' being caught in a historical

moment that created irreconcilable conflicts. The West Village Houses is still a pawn in a larger game; only now economic issues have replaced housing ones. It still stands as a metaphor for unresolved housing questions that confronted us in the 1960s and continue to confront us in the 1970s. [Suzanne Stephens]

Data

- Project:** West Village Houses, New York, N.Y.
- Architect:** The Perkins & Will Partnership, White Plains, N.Y.; J. Raymond Matz, project architect.
- Program:** to provide 420 one- to four-bedroom co-op middle-income apartments under the city Mitchell-Lama limited-dividend program. The majority, 63 percent, are two-bedroom apartments. All units, including simplexes and duplexes (21 percent) do not exceed three-and-a-half stories in height. Apartments would be floor-through, walk-up, with courtyards in the rear, with a small number of families to each building entrance. Three different types of house sizes were developed for different size lots and frontages: one 40'x50', another 43'x43', and a third 65'x47'. Project includes 9847 sq ft of commercial space, a 168-car garage a block away, and 521,442 sq ft of residential space.
- Site:** approximately seven blocks, 3.6 acres on the western edge of Greenwich Village in a manufacturing district, with 87,907 sq ft of coverage.
- Structural systems:** masonry bearing walls; wood joist floor; masonry and drywall interior partitions.
- Mechanical system:** all electric; air conditioner sleeves.
- Major materials:** face brick, 4"x8", concrete block, drywall; parquet block flooring; built-up roofing, aluminum double-hung windows, clear glass. (See Building materials, p. 98.)
- Consultants:** Kallen & Lemelson, mechanical engineers; Sol Marenberg & Associates, structural.
- Contractor:** Starrett-Graphic, Inc.
- Cost:** \$25 million overall land, construction, and fees; \$31 per sq ft; \$34,653 per dwelling unit, (\$56,100 including land, interests, etc.).
- Photography:** Nathaniel Lieberman.

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE BOOK SALE:

The next West Village Committee Book Sale will be held Saturday April 24th, and Sunday April 25th at The West Village Committee headquarters 304 W. 11th St.

We are looking forward to having a great sale this spring. There will be lots of books, thousands of records, many in new or almost mint condition, and hundreds of records and albums (78's in fine condition) to appeal to the jazz collector. Represented are such greats as Beiderbecke, Charlie Parker, Goodman, Ellington, The Hamp and many earlier giants of jazz.

Our book sales are usually very popular Village events. It is only with the help of our members and friends who donate these wonderful books which in turn are picked up and read by other Villagers, that we are able to have these successful book sales. We feel this is a great method of recycling books.

We are still collecting books for the sale. Needed are paperbacks and hard cover books on all subjects. We particularly look for art books, books on art related subjects, cook books and children books.

For information on delivery and pick-up of books, please call 989-4898 or 243-8779.

QUINION BOOKS - A BOOK STORE THAT'S DIFFERENT:

One of the most interesting new businesses to open in the West Village is Quinion Books at 541 Hudson Street (near West 10th St.) which specializes in cookbooks for every kitchen, and thousands of plays including all published scripts of plays running in New York. Quinion Books is owned by West Villager Jesse Feiler, himself a playwright and a gourmet chef.

This super book store over which Jesse Feiler presides, got its name from Mr. Feiler's great-great-grand father, Samuel Quinion, a friend of Charles Dickens and a character in David Copperfield.

Quinion Books is open 7 days a week from noon to 10 p. m. The telephone number is 989-6130.

POST OFFICE PLANNED FOR HUDSON STREET:

The long awaited decision on the location of the Village Post Office to replace the facility at Christopher street has been made.

It is expected that renovation should start in six to twelve weeks on the new site at 527 Hudson Street. The street level of the building will house the postal facilities, and there are plans to renovate the upper floors into apartments by the owners of the building.

It is expected that all services now offered at the Christopher St. Post Office will be available on Hudson Street except the postal boxes. However, there will be space for boxes should there be enough of a demand.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION:

Night people are often the victims of many horrors of the streets, but the night people we address ourselves to are those who stay at home. The horror we refer to is the residential fire. About 80% of fatal residential fires occur at night while the city sleeps, and most people die not from flames, but from lack of oxygen, hot air or gasses and from smoke inhalation.

Now, for a small investment, many families can prevent the tragedy of fires in the home or apartment. For about \$40.00 to \$100.00 there is now available a small box called SMOKE DETECTORS which mounts easily on the ceiling or the wall near the ceiling. (near bedrooms, family rooms, at the top of basement stairs) They emit a piercing alarm when they detect smoke, run on batteries, and most models have a device which lets you know if the batteries are functioning properly or when they are getting low.

For security in your home, you should investigate these detectors. There are two types available, Photoelectric and Ionization. If after carefully reading the instructions you have problems with the installation, call your Fire Department, however, mounting a smoke detector is a do-it-yourself job, and an inexpensive fore of home security.

JEFFERSON MARKET LIBRARY CELEBRATES BICENTENNIAL:

The Jefferson Market library is celebrating the Bicentennial with readings by prominent Greenwich Village authors. Guest at the first two evenings were Arthur Gregor and Grace Schulman on April 5th, and Donald Barthelme and Grace Paley on April 12th.

The April 26th evening will present Edward Field and Richard Howard, and the series will conclude on May 10th with Howard Moss and Muriel Rukeyser.

The Series is being held at the Jefferson Market Regional Library - 425 Avenue of the Americas (at 10th St.) at 7:30 P. M. and admission is FREE.

The library hopes to extend the program with other writers in the fall and, ultimately, to expand the appreciation of Greenwich Village's continuing literary tradition.

HB PLAYWRIGHTS PRESENT NEW PLAY:

The HB Playwrights Foundation will present a new play "WHILE. . ." by Petrina McGowen as it's next offering.

Dress rehearsal previews: April 20th and 21st with 7:30 curtains. Opening date is April 22nd, and the play will continue through May 1st, 1976. There will be a Sunday Matinee on April 25th (no evening performance on that date) with a curtain at 3:00 P. M.

The HB Playwrights Foundation Theatre is located at 124 Bank Street, and reservations or information may be had by calling YU 9-6540. There is no admission charge. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

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THE CASE AGAINST CONGRESSMAN JOHN M. MURPHY

Congressman John M. Murphy represents all of Staten Island and the southern end of Manhattan in the 17th U.S. Congressional District. This district includes Washington Market as well as a major portion of Greenwich Village. Although he represents all of Staten Island, he does not live there, nor does he live in Manhattan. His home and his family are located in New Jersey. He is truly an absentee Congressman to the district he purports to "represent." Only a handful of people in his district have ever seen him in person. Attempts for contact with him are nearly always ignored. The scheduled meetings he fails to attend have become legend.

For all his years in Congress, the only tangible thing he has ever done for the portion of the Village he "represents," is the use of his influence to have a traffic signal light installed in Bethune Street. His performance in representing Greenwich Village has been pathetic if not contemptuous.

Despite numerous requests by telephone and by letter, Congressman Murphy has never agreed to meet with us on the matter of an interstate highway. His public remarks have not been meaningless with regard to Westway. In the early days of battle, he used to say that he would support whatever the community wanted. Later he said that he favored the largest highway possible "which would not impact the community"--an impossibility, of course. Murphy is a do-nothing and a double-talker. He is the Congressman from New Jersey who "represents" New York 17th Congressional District.

Murphy's original support of the Amusement Park in Staten Island shows an equally low regard for that community as for his Manhattan constituents who have long been fighting off an interstate highway. Murphy's record on environmental issues is abominable.

Ideally, opposition to Murphy ought to center in Staten Island. Sixty-five per cent of the voters in the 17th live there. And all right-thinking residents in lower Manhattan ought to support any reasonably acceptable opposition candidate, without regard to party affiliation.

We live in the 17th Congressional District; Murphy does not. Congressman Murphy is not only out of touch with us, one gets the feeling that he goes out of his way to avoid us. His recent full-voiced support of Westway reveals the true Murphy: his self-interest in family holdings in huge trucking interests. Can any man making huge profits in trucking support mass transit? No, he wants us to accept an interstate highway for his own purposes--which we will then subsidize with our tax dollars once it is built, because no interstate highway in the country pays for its own maintenance cost. The cost to the State of New York for maintaining interstate highways runs into hundreds of millions of dollars annually.

Let us stop talking about our own disenfranchisement and suffering, and defeat John M. Murphy in his bid to "represent" us in Congress again. Let us retire the Congressman from New Jersey who pretends to "represent" New York's 17th Congressional District, and send him back to New Jersey where he best belongs.

OPPOSITION TO HIGHWAY DEMOLITION GROWS

The City of New York has formally applied to New York State for funds to demolish the Miller Highway from Jane to 26th Streets. But nobody has said what type of interim highway will be placed in the 250 foot width of West Street should the Miller come down. Community Board 4, representing Chelsea-Clinton, has already voted against demolition on the grounds that they should first be advised specifically what type of roadway will be created.

There is growing opposition in the Community Board 2 area. The width of West Street could very easily accommodate 25 lanes of traffic. Increasing pressures have been put on Community Board 2 to vote against demolition on grounds similar to those specified by Community Board 4.

"TUSCALOOSA'S CALLING ME" BENEFIT

A theater benefit is being planned by Mary Ann Rothman on Thurs., May 6 at the Off-Broadway hit, "Tuscaloosa's Calling Me," playing to packed houses at the Westside Theater, 407 W. 43rd St. Tickets for the benefit are \$20, of which \$6.50 is for the performance and \$13.50 is a tax-deductible contribution to the legal fight against Westway. Checks should be made to Friends of the Earth Foundation, and mailed to Action for Rational Transit, c/o Mary Ann Rothman, 110 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10024. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BENEFIT EFFORT by filling out the request for tickets below and mail with your check to Mrs. Rothman.

To: ACTION FOR RATIONAL TRANSIT, 110 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10024

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

I would like to see Tuscaloosa's Calling Me on Thursday, May 6 at 8 p.m. Here is my check for _____ tickets made out to Friends of the Earth Foundation.

I am unable to enjoy Tuscaloosa on May 6, but here is my contribution for the legal fund to stop the interstate.

THE GIGANTIC BAKE SALE BENEFIT

The Horatio Street Association is planning a bake and book sale on May 8. They are requesting that other block associations and groups join fully in this effort to make it one of the biggest bake sales ever. If you can't bake something, buy something; all monies will go to the legal fund to stop the interstate. Other individuals or associations wishing further information, call Horatio Chairman Bob Trenour, 929-6717. If you aren't planning a special benefit in your street for the highway fund, please join in the Horatio Street effort.

"THANK YOU" TO THE BENEDEWALDS

Most people know Merv and Judy Bendewald as the nice people who own a highly successful antique shop in Hudson Street, THE VILLAGE STRIPPER. Last week they threw a Stop the Interstate Party with live music and excellent food and invited their friends to contribute to the legal fund. As a result, well over \$400 in checks is now on its way to the legal fund. Many thanks to the Bendewalds and their generous friends.

West Side Ad Hoc raised its first monies for the interstate fight with similar parties in Westbeth (Jessie Dennis) and Jane Street (Gene and Miriam Bockman). Another such party is planned in Barrow Street in mid-May. Persons who would like to volunteer to give such parties are urged to contact Margery Boyar, 243-0073; she will be glad to help you with planning and find others to contribute food. These are all people who have loved this West Side community enough to help us. Won't you also help?

DANCE BENEFIT

Unfortunately, plans for a spring dance benefit at the end of May have not yet jelled, altho they are apt to any day now. The initial response to such a "fun" affair has been gratifying, but so far the discotheque we have been dealing with wants too much money. If we had as much money as they want, we would send a check to the legal fund instead of having a dance. We are pursuing alternatives, and will keep you posted.

BOOK SALE BENEFIT

There is nothing uncertain about the Book Sale Benefit sponsored by the West Village Committee. It is scheduled for Sat., April 24 and Sun., April 25, at 304 West 11th Street (just west of Hudson). West Village Committee book sales have been semi-annual affairs, spring and autumn, for many years. They have helped to stop more highways than Westway as well as other abominations. It has become old knowledge to most Greenwich Village residents that they live in a war zone: because of where they are situated, the city planners must destroy them first. And the fight against Westway is not the first cause for which they have removed beloved books from shelves and paintings from walls to raise funds to fight City Hall. But most importantly, they know that where two people are gathered together, City Hall can be fought. If you have books to contribute to the sale, call WVC at CH 3-8779 or West Side Ad Hoc at CH 3-0762.



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY MAY 18, 1976
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S EPOSCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL
224 WAVERLY PLACE N. Y., N. Y. 10014

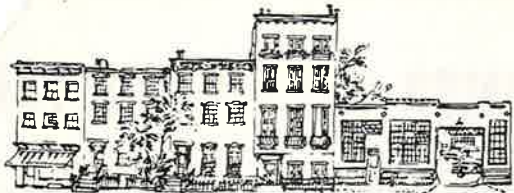
AGENDA

MR. CHRIS KEENAN, NEW YORK PUBLIC INTEREST
RESEARCH GROUP, INC.
A BRIEF DISCUSSION ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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MR. ROYCE ROWE AND MR. BILL BOWSER
"OPERATION LAMPPOST CLEAN UP" A NEW
PROJECT OF THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE

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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER MAY 1976

THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSES:

The apartments in the West Village Housing complex were offered to the public on April 1, 1976, and new model apartments were on view as of April 20th.

We are happy to report that around May 1st the first tenants moved into their new homes.

In spite of all the attempts to discourage, discredit and slander; The West Village Committee, as sponsors of West Village Houses can be proud of a job well done.

We welcome our new neighbors, and wish them much happiness in their new apartments.

ST. LUKE'S VOTES FOR INDEPENDENCE:

St. Luke's on Hudson Street was one of three chapels of Trinity Parish in New York City voting to negotiate with the Rector, Churchwardens and Vestry for independence in voting taken in February and in March.

Negotiations will center on endowments, already in a formative stage when the votes were taken. Each Chapel will receive an endowment that should produce income for maintenance of the Landmark buildings.

In addition, there will be a program endowment, based on the budget requirements from the patrimony for 1976, that will be reduced by 10% for ten years, when the chapel congregations will have to bear the full program costs.

The vote marks the first time in the Parish history that congregations have had a chance to determine for themselves their connection with Trinity.

Trinity Parish has operated chapels in the City of New York for many years. It was chartered in 1696 by King William III and the mother church was built at Broadway and Wall Street. It has served there ever since; the present building, dedicated in 1846, being the third on the site.

St. Luke's on Hudson Street is the third oldest in New York City, celebrating its 150th anniversary in 1972.

THE ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The West Village Committee Annual Book Sale which had to be postponed on two weekends because of the uncertain weather has been rescheduled for May 15th and 16th, with May 22nd and 23rd to be the rain dates. As usual, we will have a large assortment of good books, and records, and for the serious Jazz Collector, we will offer a large selection of 78's by many of the Jazz Greats. TIME: 12 NOON TO 6 P. M. EACH DAY. PLACE: 304 W. 11TH STREET.

If you still have books to donate, please call 989-4894, 243-8779 or 243-30762.

A CASE AGAINST AN INTERSTATE HIGHWAY:

**A City in Florida Wins Suit
Over Noise Pollution in Zoo**

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., May 2 (UPI) — In what may prove to be a landmark decision on control of noise pollution, a Circuit Court jury has ordered the State of Florida to spend \$1.7 million on a 22-foot wall to keep the noise of Interstate 95 from disturbing a park and a zoo.

The order was part of a \$2.3 million judgment awarded Thursday to the City of West Palm Beach.

"This is a landmark decree," said James Vance, a lawyer who represented the city in the suit. "It's the first sound barrier award by a jury in an eminent domain case."

The remaining \$600,000 in the judgment will reimburse the city for 22 acres of land taken for the highway by the State Transportation Department. The judgment also included \$25,000 to the Dreher Park Science Museum-Planetarium for interference with its telescopes by automobile lights.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, MONDAY, MAY 3, 1976

The West Village Committee has been one of the earliest opponents of the building of an interstate highway along the west side of Manhattan, and we have joined with other groups and individuals as plaintiffs in a suit against the Gov. of New York, the Mayor of New York City, many State and City officials, the State and City of New York and the New York City Transit Authority.

One phase of our fight, Docket No. 75-7497 was argued March 1, 1976 before the United States Court of Appeals, and was decided April 26, 1976. For your information, the Federal Court of Appeals instructed the State and City of New York to implement immediately the key elements of the plan to protect public health by reducing traffic congestion and pollution from automobiles. The City and State have refused to put this plan into effect, although they themselves adopted it in April 1973. The decision is significant for the following reasons: 1. The Court stated it will not tolerate continued footdragging in achieving official minimal health standards. 2. The decision will be a shot in the arm for retaining the 50 cent fare and will also help in the improvement of mass

transit. 3. The Court stated: "[C]itizen groups are not to be treated as nuisances or troublemakers but rather as welcome participants in the vindication of environmental interests." 4. This is the first major environmental case in which a court actually ordered specific, affirmative action. 5. The Court reaffirmed the basic purpose of the Clean Air Act which is to protect people's health.

On the heels of this decision, it is a pleasure to reprint the article of May 3, 1976 from the New York Times. It is a shame that such an important article as this should be buried on the obituary page.

NUCLEAR ENERGY: POWER AGAINST THE PEOPLE:

Friends of the Earth will sponsor this symposium and 2 films to be followed by a question and answer period on Sat. May 22nd at 1 P. M. It will be held at the Washington Square Methodist Church - 133 W. 4th Street.

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 TO MEET:

There will be a meeting of Community Board No. 2 on Thursday, May 20, at 7:30 P. M. This meeting will be held at the Village Community School, 272 West 10th Street, Auditorium. Do attend these meetings when possible.

COMING BLOCK PARTIES:

- May 15th - West 16th Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenues
- May 22nd - Jane Street Association
- May 22nd - Charles Street Association (rain date May 23)

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PRESERVE AND IMPLEMENT THE CLEAN AIR ACT OF 1970

Many of you are already aware of the favorable decision handed down recently by a unanimous three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Second District, which resulted in an order for the City to implement the Federal Clean Air Act of 1970. Unfortunately, the political hacks who run our city give every indication that they intend to continue dragging their feet with regard to implementation. They have announced that they will appeal this unanimous decision, and in fact we may expect that every political pressure possible may be used to destroy the Clean Air Act itself.

The public will not buy the excuse that healthy air to breathe--a basic human right--must be sacrificed for the sake of jobs or energy. The facts are:

1. Since 80% of air pollution comes from burning energy, the best air pollution control measures are those which conserve energy as well. Tough Clean Air Act requirements for increased use of mass transit and rail and reduction of overdependence on the automobile are absolutely essential for saving energy as well as cleaning the air. The large amount of energy which can be saved in this way will in turn make it unnecessary to foul our national parks and recreation and wilderness areas in the name of increasing energy supply.
2. Energy conservation creates jobs, since energy and labor are generally substitutes for one another. For example, dollar for dollar, mass transit construction creates more jobs (and uses less Arab oil) than highway construction.
3. Transportation and land-use controls strengthen the economy of cities by slowing suburban sprawl and reducing costly traffic congestion.

Write to your congressperson asking them to fight to preserve the Clean Air Act. Here are some essential and specific provisions of the Clean Air Act worth fighting for:

1. Tight controls on the proliferation of new highways, shopping centers, etc. (called "land-use controls" in the Senate bill, "indirect source controls" in the House bill). This is absolutely essential to keep air pollution and energy waste from constantly getting worse.
2. Tough requirements for Transportation Control Plans to reduce existing traffic in more than 30 cities that cannot meet minimum health standards for air quality without less traffic. Allow deadline extensions only on a measure-by-measure basis after convincing evidence that they are needed.
3. Cut off highway funds for cities that don't comply. No federal funds should be given to make the traffic situation worse if nothing is being done to improve it.

It is essential that you write to your representatives in Congress on this issue. Senators James Buckley and Jacob Javits may both be addressed at the U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510. And incidentally, Senator Buckley has been very responsive to our appeals on this issue.

PEOPLE TO CONTACT

If you want more information on our current fight against emasculation of the Clean Air Act or a recent status report, we suggest you contact any of the following:

Daphne Gemmill, American Long Association, work: 245-8000 ext. 40; home: 873-9124

Bunny Gabel, Friends of the Earth, 675-5911 or 243-1022

Marcy Benstock, New York State Transportation Council, work: 354-5066; home: 749-6305.

Inasmuch as the present attempts to kill the Clean Air Act give some urgency to the matter, you may wish to send a Mailgram (\$2.55, 100 words) or a Public Opinion Message (\$2.50, 15 words). You may do so by calling 962-7111 (Western Union), and they will bill it to your phone.

SEQR IS STILL IN TROUBLE

With the resignation of Ogden Reid under fire as State Commissioner of Conservation, the State Environmental Quality Review Act is in more trouble than ever. Rumor has it that the new Commissioner Peter A. A. Berle will go along with Governor Carey's desire that there be no implementation for another 18 months. It remains to be seen whether the ousting of Reid leaves the polluted Hudson River in a polluted limbo. General Electric had offered a \$2 million settlement for cleaning up the PCB pollution, whereas minimal outside estimates have been \$20 million and more. This very well illustrates a point we have hammered away at again and again: the enormous cost of cleaning polluted natural resources such as the Hudson River. In the long run there is tremendous economy in not polluting. We should not dismiss too lightly the fact that commercial fishing is not a major Hudson River industry, because it has the potential of being a major food supply. It has the potential of being a major recreation area. But not so long as the State of New York plays a soft game with major polluters such as General Electric. What can you do? Write to State Senator Manfred Ohrenstein, 720 Columbus Avenue, New York 10025 and ask that he support immediate implementation of the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. ROTHMAN

Mary Ann Rothman did an absolutely stupendous job in pulling off a tremendously successful theater benefit recently. "Tuscaloosa's Calling Me," a musical in praise of the delights of New York, turned out to be a perfect choice for an anti-Westway benefit, and it was a joy to see the house packed with adherents from all over the city and in fact from outside the city. Such events always remind us necessarily that we are growing, that we are stronger than ever, we are the people, we are legion. Thank you Mary Ann, and Action for Rational Transit.

SUCCESSFUL HORATIO STREET BENEFIT

Robert Trenour reports that the Horatio Street Association recently held a successful book and bake sale, all proceeds now bound for Friends of the Earth's highway legal fund.

WEST VILLAGE RESCHEDULES BOOK SALE

The West Village Committee's book sale was rained out two weekends in a row, and has now been rescheduled for Saturday, May 15 and Sunday, May 16, from noon, at 304 West 11th Street.

RECOMMENDED READING

The Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. has published an important guide to what citizens can do to protect land both now and for future generations, titled Land Use Controls in New York State. It touches upon everything from zoning to pollution control. It is available from the Council, 15 West 44th Street, New York 10036, at \$6.95 in softcover or \$14.95 in hardcover. It is also available in bookstores.

WHERE CONGRESSMAN MURPHY MAINTAINS A HOME

A rare and threatening communication from Westway proponent Congressman John Murphy assures us that he does maintain a home in Staten Island. We accept that. But how should any of his Manhattan constituents know where he lives? Only a handful of us have ever seen him. He has never attended a Community Board 2 meeting in Manhattan. We have read in The Villager that he supports Westway because his constituents want it, and he numbers Mayor Beame and Governor Carey among his constituents. How can any congressman represent the people, if he is never able to meet with the people to find out what they want? We have repeatedly written his office and telephoned, but a meeting has never been arranged. Some of Congressman Murphy's concerns are not directly our concerns--such as the report in the SoHo Weekly News that he is the only city congressman to receive a campaign contribution from Gulf Oil. Nor do we have his concern with the status of the Panama Canal Zone. Most of us have no investments or interests in that remote part of the world; it is remote from our day-to-date interests. It is not Westway on our doorsteps. A street signal light on Bethune Street is less than we expect from an elected representative in Congress. We are ignored and angry, and we again call for Congressman Murphy's defeat as a Congressman. The natives are restive, and are anxiously looking about for an alternate choice; it has nothing to do with political clubs. A Republican opposed to Westway would do. And we don't give a hoot to whom the Village Independent Democrats give their blessing. Our major concern is simply to defeat John Murphy, and if there is to be no choice we urge Manhattanites in the 17th Congressional District simply not to vote for a Congressman. It would be a better choice than giving nominal support to a man who to our mind works against our own best interests.



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY JUNE 22, 1976
TIME: 7:30 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S EPOSCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL
224 WAVERLY PLACE NEW YORK, N. Y. 10014

AGENDA

Mr. William Leicht of VISIONS
will brief us on his URBAN
YOUTH PROGRAM PROPOSAL

This will be followed by a friendly
get-together with food and good
conversation.

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT
WILLIAM P. BOWSER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT
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*NOTE: THIS WILL BE THE LAST MEETING UNTIL SEPT. 21, 1976



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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER JUNE 1976

THE GROWTH OF THE WEST VILLAGE:

As reported in the May West Village Committee Newsletter, rentals in the West Village Houses began in April, and the first tenants moved into the housing around the first of May.

It is most interesting to see by newspaper reports that the apartments are "going like hotcakes".

As with anything new, we are sure there are a few problems to be ironed out, but on the whole, the new tenants we've encountered seem to be very pleased with their new homes.

MANY NEW COMMERCIAL VENTURES COME TO THE WEST VILLAGE:

Yes, the West Village is well, and one of the sure signs is the many new businesses settling in the West Village.

The West Village Houses brings new residents to the area every day, and it is nice to see the new faces as they go to and fro along Bank, W. 11th, Perry, Charles, W. 10th, Christopher, Barrow and Morton Streets on the way to their new abodes. Now, let us introduce you to some of our new business neighbors.

GREAT AMERICAN TENNIS CLUB - 357 W. 12th St. (between Greenwich and Washington)

The only tennis court in the West Village is now open to the public under the direction of Mr. Peter Williams. The summer season is now underway, and will continue through Oct. 3, 1976, with the winter season of 32 weeks ending May 15, 1977.

The club offers 1 playing court and 1 teaching court with Har-Tru surface. There are classes for both children and adults instructed by tennis pro Lloyd Emanuel who ranks #35 in the east. Five separate courses are offered for beginners through advance.

For information and rates, call the club at 243-2453.

TANTI BELLA COSA - 143 Perry St. (between Greenwich and Washington Streets)

What promises to be a fine addition to the many small restaurants in the West Village will open it's doors to the public about July 1, 1976.

That very musical name is a "toast", meaning "Many beautiful things", and Lincoln Douglas and George Jumper the owners of this restaurant promises us just that.

Lincoln and George can be seen daily working away at the interior, and from the looks of things, Tanti Bella Cosa will be one of the most charming small restaurants in the West Village.

With a seating capacity of 28, continental cuisine will be the fare for dinner from 6 PM to 11 PM six nights a week (Dark on Sundays). Four moderately priced entrees are planned for the menu, and customers are invited to bring along their own favorite wine.

Lincoln Douglas will preside over the kitchen, and his partner George Jumper will greet and see to the comforts of the guest. Telephone 243-9591

SHEPHERD'S MILL BAKERS - 323 West 11th Street (between Greenwich and Washington)

Two young bakers and business men James Mascolo and David Black have joined forces, and given us Shephard's Mill Bakers.

Theirs is a very neat bake and coffee shop featuring pecan and walnut pies (large and small), Chocolet Rum, Pineapple Upside Down, and Butter cream cakes, Corn, Blueberry, Strawberry and Brand muffins and old Fashioned oatmeal cookies.

All baking is done on the premise by our two chef, and special orders will be made on 24 hour notice. You can have your coffee and desert in comfort, or if you like, take it out. Hours: 11 AM to 7 PM (except Sundays). Telephone: 242-6644.

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 MEETS:

Thursday June 17, 1976 at 7:30 is the date and time for the June meeting of Community Board No. 2. Meeting will be held in St. Vincent's Hospital (Auditorium) 153 W. 11th Street.

There are several items of interest to West Villagers, so do try to attend if possible.

ART SHOW TO HANG ON ST. VINCENT'S TRIANGLE:

St. Vincent's annual Art Show and Sale of Patients Work will be held on the weekends of June 18, 19, 20 and June 25, 26, 27 from 1 P. M. to 7 P. M. at the St. Vincent's Triangle Corner of 7th Avenue and Greenwich Avenue.

This is one of the very nice street art shows, and with the summer flowers of the garden in the background is well worth a visit.

We urge our members to go out and add a bit of encouragement to the St. Vincent patients who will be exhibiting in this show. More than 60 paintings, work of some of the very creative psychiatric patients, will be on display priced from \$10 to \$150. Proceeds will be divided among the artist and the hospital Art Therapy Fund.

St. Vincent's three year old Art Show Program has been very successful in giving the patients an opportunity to express themselves and to communicate outside the framework of the hospital program through their artistic productions. Providing an outlet for self-expression and building a sense of self-confidence are the primary goals of the Art Show Program. Many of the artists involved have previously sold their works. A few have been commissioned to do commercial work.

More important than the monetary reward from the sale of the art works is the wealth of talent which they reveal and the sense of fulfillment which the artist/patients receive.

BICENTENNIAL SAIL AND FIREWORKS:

The largest fleet of sailing ships ever assembled on this hemisphere will ceremonially cruise into New York Harbor for "Operation Sail" on July Fourth. But before the grand entrance, 12 of the fleet's leaders, the Tall Ships, will anchor in Sandy Hook Bay. These giant squar-riggers are due to arrive between 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. on July 3rd, and will be best visible from Fort Hancock. Both before and after the parade on the Fourth, about 100 German Yachts, each between 30 and 70 feet long, will anchor in Great Kills Harbor and can be viewed from the shore. The Operation Sail parade will honor the role played by sailing vessels and sailors in our nation's discovery, settlement, and commercial growth. The 200-plus sailboat parade begins at 10 a. m. at the Verrazano Narrows and five hours later ends at the Harlem River. Weather permitting, much of the parade will be viewable from the shores at Sandy Hook, Breezy Point, Staten Island, and anywhere along the route on the Hudson rive that you are lucky enough to get a view of the river. You will not be permitted to drive your car down into the area below Canal Street, so you must be perpared to use public transportation or walk. Also, you must be prepared to face huge crowds.

Night/Light which will take place after dark on July Fourth between Fulton Street and the Battery Park will be the largest fireworks display ever in New York. Again, you must be perpared for an enormous crowd.

AD HOC COMMITTEE AGAINST THE INTERSTATE BENEFIT:

Stephen F. Temmer, of Gotham Audio Corporation, announces a Concert and Buffet to benefit the West Side Ad Hoc Committee Against The Interstate Highway-Featuring original tapes of the only American concert given by Edith Piaf, January, 1957, at Carnegie Hall, recorded and played on the finest imported audio equipment - At the studio of the Gotham Building 741 Washington Street (between Bank and Bethune Streets) Date: Tuesday, June 29th, 1976, at 8 P. M. Tickets: \$15 are available 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. Monday through Friday at the Gotham Building, or send your check made out to Friends of the Earth Foundation (notation: Highway Legal Fund) which is tax-deductible to the extent set forth by law.

Order your ticket immediately, as the seating capacity is limited.

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WE OPPOSE DEMOLITION OF THE MILLER HIGHWAY

Powerful forces in the city and state have set in motion a proposal for a schedule to begin demolition of the West Side Highway (the Miller Highway) from Jane to 26th Streets, the beginning of an eventual plan to demolish from the Battery to at least 42nd Street and perhaps beyond. Make no mistake about the real intentions of Zuccotti, Schuler, et al. This is the beginning of Westway, shoved down our throats by a set of political hacks unequaled in their audacity in this century.

Westway in itself is a lot of highway with multiple lanes below and above ground, a proposal of misadventure in the nation's greatest urban area: an area starving for mass transit improvements. But above and beyond the obsolete quality of Westway as a highway, even before it is built, the major meaning of Westway is one of the most gigantic real estate deals ever proposed in this city. As big as the proposed highway is, about 90 per cent of the plan of Westway is major real estate along the Hudson River waterfront--high rise apartment dwellings and the pie-in-the-sky promise of park space, which no city agency is prepared to maintain, and the status of which can alter with the lucrative holdings of major real estate developers.

First Deputy Mayor John Zuccotti proposes demolition of the Miller Highway, but does not want to be held to a promise that only a four-lane highway will be developed in the bed of West Street. Of course not. We understand his reluctance. He is suffering from Westway on the brain, a plan so grand in scale that existing communities along the waterfront--Washington Market, Greenwich Village and Chelsea--will be dealt their death blows as communities as we now know them. There is no question but that a major plan is afoot to turn the West Side of Manhattan into an elegant high-rise bedroom community, and a deliberate attempt to drive the remaining industry--the meat market, the printing trades, etc. from the city. We are gradually exchanging a role long played by suburbia, and if you are under any illusions that anybody now resident in City Hall gives a damn, think about it again. We as West Siders have no friends at City Hall. They are too busy making overtures to giant real estate interests to care whether you as an apartment dweller or small home owner survive or business person survive while they repay their political debts to the overlords of sterile high-rise housing.

Demolition of the Miller Highway is a major action in the West Side corridor. We plan to demand that a full-scale Environmental Impact Statement be prepared on the proposed demolition. We hope that the various local Community Boards which have taken a stand against demolition will keep their position firm, but inasmuch as we represent some 40,000 West Siders we are prepared to act quite independently should the boards falter. We do not agree that one publicly expressed view of a Community Board #2 member that a four-lane highway would be acceptable in the bed of West Street. In the first place, what John Zuccotti has in mind is of a far grander scale than a four-lane highway, but there are different types of four-lane highways. A four-lane speedway without stop signals is not what we have in mind for the West Side corridor.

We are down to the line with the proposed demolition of the Miller Highway. The next step is Westway. If you haven't sent us your check yet in support of our fight against Westway, the time is now. Eventually we may need your body in the street to demonstrate against this unholy push to implement Westway. We hope that you will join us then, as a participant and not as a spectator.

JANE STREET ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTES \$500

Following a recently successful Street Fair, the Jane Street Association, one of about 35 group members of the West Side Ad Hoc Committee, has voted a \$500 contribution to the Action for Rational Transit suit against an interstate highway. We wish that other member groups would look at their treasuries and see if additional contributions might not be possible at this time.

CELEBRATE WITH US ON JULY 4TH

On July 4th the West Side Ad Hoc Committee Against the Interstate Highway is sponsoring a "bring your own food" picnic on the West Side Highway at the Chambers Street entrance to watch the parade of sailing boats up the Hudson. We will gather there at 3 p.m. and stay to watch the fireworks from the Statue of Liberty at 9 p.m. This is a very wide point in the highway and it can accommodate thousands, offering an excellent view of the river and of the Statue on Liberty Island. We invite CAUSE, WARN, Conservation and the Outdoors, and various other groups who have been with us in this struggle against fiscal and environmental insanity to join with Ad Hoc's member groups that day in recognition of our Common Cause.

THE HAZARDS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY

According to a notice from Friends of the Earth, a special hearing will be convened by the New York City Board of Health on Thursday, June 17, 1976, at 10 a.m., 125 Worth Street, Manhattan, to hear expert witnesses speak on the hazards of nuclear energy. Among the speakers will be the well-known British physicist Amory Levins; Robert Pollard, who resigned as Nuclear Regulatory Commission project director for Con Ed's Indian Point III, charging that the plant is "an accident waiting to happen"; Dr. Helen Caldicott of the Children's Medical Center in Boston; Kevin Shea of the Scientists' Institute for Public Information; Dr. Marvin Resnikoff of the New York Public Interest Research Group, and Robert Augustine of The National Interveners.

These hearings will offer the public a rare opportunity to hear expert scientists, engineers and physicians present testimony about the inherent dangers of nuclear power. We urge you to attend if possible, and hope that after the hearings you will make the decision to become personally involved in the grassroots struggle to halt nuclear power and nuclear weapons.

If you have specific questions about the hearings you can contact Dr. Leonard Solon, director, New York City Bureau for Radiation Control at 566-7750, or call Friends of the Earth at 675-5911.

WELCOME TO THE BATTLE, NED SCHNEIER

As many of our thousands of members may suspect, Congressman John Murphy, representing Staten Island and the southern end of Manhattan including a major portion of Greenwich Village, is one of our least favorite elected officials. He is nearly always unavailable and unresponsive if not downright arrogant. With Beame and Carey, he is part of the power structure pushing for Westway. He has a consuming interest in trucking and the status of the Panama Canal Zone. Many people wonder if his Canal Zone interest is sparked by private investment there. His office does not return telephone calls, answer letters or make appointment to meet with Mr. Murphy. Even the most well-intentioned public servant can be out of touch with his constituents by avoiding them.

There is a small chance that Congressman Murphy is soon to meet his nemesis. A very bright young man named Ned Schneier from Washington Market has announced plan to run against John Murphy; Schneier is fully sympathetic with our fight against the interstate highway, as well as with other environmental problems.

While we may well solve our interstate fight in the courts, we should also solve them by political means by throwing the rascals out. Beame has another year, God bless him, and then let's be rid of him too. The Mayor does intend to run again, believe it or not.

We have found Ned Schneier to be a man you can talk to, take your problems and questions to, not a small consideration if you think about our almost total lack of contact with John Murphy. We commend Ned Schneier for taking on the great friend of Westway. West Siders in Murphy's district have nothing to lose by turning to Schneier, because all we have ever gotten from John Murphy is next to nothing.

FUND RAISING CONTINUES

The Ad Hoc Committee has continued its fund-raising efforts during the past month with a book sale and a bake sale (which was partly rained out, but we ate well on the leftovers). We are also continuing a series of fund-raisers in private home, with two scheduled toward the end of June. Margery Boyar has arranged a number of such fund-raisers successfully. Otherwise checks may be sent to the West Side Ad Hoc Committee Against the Interstate Highway, 304 West 11th Street, or large tax deductible sums (if you desire) may be made to Friends of the Earth Foundation Inc., and sent in care of the Ad Hoc Committee. We appreciate every penny.

And remember, join us on July 4th for a picnic on the Miller Highway and watch the big boats sail by. Bring your own picnic lunch, and join us for a day of fun and friendship. See you at the Chambers Street entrance.



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Bravo Pour le Clown	Jerry Parsons	
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Les Grenadiers	Pierre Delanoe	Hubert Giraud
C'est a Hambourg	Michele Senlis & Delecluse	Marguerite Monnot

	<i>Words:</i>	<i>Music:</i>
Heaven have Mercy ✓ (Misericorde) (Engl. Words)	Jacques Larue Rick French	Philippe Gerard
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Padam	Henri Contet	Norbert Glanzberg
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Mariage	Henri Contet	Marguerite Monnot
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The Highway — (Un Jeune Homme Chan- tait) (Engl. Words)	Raymond Asso Rick French	Leo Poll
La Fete Continue (Words & Music)	Michel Emer	
Pour Moi Toute Seule <i>Heureuse</i>	Flavian Monod	Philippe Gerard et Guy Lafarge
One Little Man (Le petit Homme) (Engl. Words)	Henri Contet Rick French	Marguerite Monnot
L'Homme a la Moto (French Words) (Black Denim Trousers and Motorcycle Boots) (Engl. Words)	Jean Dresjac Mike Stoller	 Jerry Leiber



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER SUMMER 1976

WEST SIDE AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT:

We raised over \$1,000 during the past month toward the Action for Rational Transit lawsuit against Westway, through the planning of Margery Boyar, and generous offers of the use of their premises for fund-raising parties by Stephen F. Temmer and by Arlene and Harry Nance.

We presently face a crisis in City and State attempts to obtain state and federal funds to demolish the West Side Highway before any decision is made by Federal Transportation Secretary William Coleman, Jr., as to precisely what highway will be allowed to replace the Miller Highway, if any. The Ad Hoc Committee recently met in emergency session and voted to hire an attorney for the purpose of filing suit to halt any premature demolition threat. This action will be entirely separate from the Action for Rational Transit suit. The new suit should (1) prevent any attempt to build Westway in large and small pieces a la Robert Moses, and (2) it should also halt the creation of a de facto "Queens Boulevard" in the bed of West Street. It will be argued that demolition of the Miller Highway at this time is illegal inasmuch as a Federal decision has not been made, and repair of the Miller is one of several alternatives under consideration; it is also, by far, the most economic alternative. It is understood that the City and State have been told by the feds that if a way is found at this time to demolish the Miller, the metal parts must be stored for future should the decision be made to repair. In a recent conference with a city department recently, it was learned that they hope to store the demolished parts in the World Trade Center, a structure which contains lots of empty room as we all know.

The highway fight is getting meaner by the day, opposed as we are by some of the elected officials who run this city. But we must outwit, outlast and win against them eventually. THE REWARD IS SURVIVAL.

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE BOOK SALE AND FLEA MARKET

A SUMMER BOOK SALE AND FLEA MARKET WILL BE HELD SAT. & SUN. JULY 24 & 25TH AT THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS - 304 W. 11TH ST. LOTS OF BOOKS OF ALL KINDS, OLD 78'S IN FINE CONDITION FOR THE SERIOUS JAZZ COLLECTOR, AND INTERESTING FLEA MARKET ITEMS. HOURS 12 NOON TO 6

PARK DEPARTMENT MOBILE UNITS IN WEST VILLAGE:

The West Village Committee is joined with The Horatio Street Block Association in sponsoring the following Mobile units in Abingdon Square Playground (Bleecker & W. 11th Sts.) and Seravelli Playground (Horatio and Hudson Sts.)

Mon.	Aug. 2nd	Sportsmobile	10:30 to 12:30	Seravelli
Wed.	" 4th	"	10:30 to 12:30	"
Thurs.	" 5th	"	10:30 to 12:30	Abingdon Square
Tues.	" 17th	Skatemobile	10:30 to 12:30	Seravelli
Wed.	" 18th	Sportsmobile	10:30 to 12:30	Abingdon Square

Mon.	Aug. 23rd	Arts/Crafts	10:30 to 1:30	Abingdon Square
Thurs.	" 26th	" "	1:30 to 3:30	" "

Also, on Aug. 6th there will be a show from the Showmobile from 12 noon to 3 p. m. in Washington Square Park.

These units are made available to the community by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

AND MORE NEW COMMERCIAL VENTURES COME TO THE WEST VILLAGE:

Last month we introduced you to three new businesses in the West Village, and we are happy to introduce you to two more.

COBBLESTONES - CORNER WASHINGTON & BANK STREETS - is a new little restaurant which will be under the direction of two charming ladies Jacque Wells and Matty Pulio. They offer us a quiet little corner where, just cobblestones away, against warm wood and brick - a continental ambiance, good food and wine, and sensuous desserts, prepared with love. COBBLESTONE will serve dinner, supper and Sunday brunch - Open Tuesday - Sunday. GRAND OPENING JULY 28 929-9432
THREE-EIGHTY - It is no longer necessary for West Villagers to make that special trip over to 6th Avenue to have that copy made. "380" a new copy center for the West Village offers to copy your original, be it music, drawings, essays, documents, old bills or cancelled checks while you view their original paintings and enjoy a cup of coffee.

One copy or onehundred, they'll make your exact size or reduce copy to your liking.

Hours are 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Mon. - Fri., 9:30 to 8 p. m. on Sat., and Sun. is their day of rest. "380" is located at 380 Bleecker between Charles and Perry.

SANITATION DEPARTMENT SEEKS MEMBERS FOR CIVILIAN PATROL CORP.:

Anthony P. Vaccarello, the new Sanitation Commissioner has announced plans to expand the Civilian Patrol Corp. The Patrol, consisting of groups of 15 to 25 volunteers trained to spot health code violations in their neighborhoods, was initiated during the administration of former Mayor John V. Lindsay.

Corps members distribute literature in their communities outlining sanitation provisions of the health code. They are empowered to issue warning notices to violators. If the condition still exist two days later on reinspection, the corp member notifies the Department and a Sanitation Patrolman is sent to the premises to issue a summons.

Those interested in becoming Patrol members should write to Assistant Commissioner Witte McNeil at the Dept. of Sanitation - 125 Worth St. Zip: 10013.

STREET TREES NEED HELP:

It is now more important than ever that citizens take an active interest in the trees on our streets. Even in the best of times, the Parks Dept. could not adequately care for the about 600,000 street trees in New York, and now with recent budget cuts, only badly damaged or diseased trees can be cared for and there are no funds to replace trees.

There is available a pamphlet called "Tree Tips" which deals with street tree care by citizens. It is available by writing to the Dept. of Parks - 830 Fifth Ave. Rm 105 - Citizens Committee for N. Y. C., Inc. - 345 Park Ave. - Council on the Environment of N. Y. C. 51 Chambers Street or the Parks Council 80 Central Park West. Send for your free copy, and help save our trees.

STEP ONE CHILDREN'S CENTER SUMMER FESTIVAL:

A Summer Festival on Horatio Street will be held on Wed. July 28th at 75 Horatio Street (between Greenwich Street and Washington Street) from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m.

Step One Children's Center is an early intervention and prevention program that serves children ages 1 1/2 years to 5 years and their parents. These children are in a school enrichment program to stem retardation caused by lack of proper environmental stimulation conducive to learning. Parents also participate in the school program and there are specific activities for them.

Of course there will be special features for children at the fair, and there will be a plant sale, a raffle, foods to buy, music to listen to or dance by.

You are invited to come and have your lunch, and at the same time support a very worthwhile cause.



WEST SIDE AD HOC COMMITTEE AGAINST THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY

TRADE YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS FOR A 10-LANE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY ?

IT'S A DEAL -- UNLESS YOU ACT IMMEDIATELY!

Four weeks ago, without informing the citizens and taxpayers, Mayor Beame and Governor Carey tried to sell part of New York's most valuable asset -- its waterfront. A few days from now, they'll try much harder. Your home, your street, your business are part of the deal.

No one can save them but you. This is not alarmist, it is the truth.

The facts as of now: Beame and Carey's Westway Interstate Highway, designed to run from the Battery to 72nd Street, is indeed now planned as a 10-lane highway. Probably you heard it was six. Probably you did not know that its adjoining "service road" will supply at least four additional lanes. That's 10 lanes in all. That's a highway the size of the New Jersey Turnpike.

Unless you act before July 28th, you will be its first casualty -- literally. You will be hit three times.

FIRST: WITH THE DISMANTLING OF
THE PRESENT WEST SIDE HIGHWAY.

-- and the bill to start that goes before the State Legislature on July 28th. If you do not write, wire or phone your opposition to that bill, then your home, your street, your business become in September the staging area for a half-million-dollar destruction job on 17 blocks of the present elevated structure. That chaos of cranes, trucks, and bulldozers booming through your streets will be a picnic compared to what follows. And it will follow, irreversibly -- it's builder's logic, and it's in the bill:

Lop off 17 blocks of the Highway (for reasons of "safety," of "congestion," any reason will do) and, as Robert Moses used to say, "There's no place to go but forward." Forward -- to Westway, Beame and Carey's high priority plan for New York. Again, it's in the bill.

Tom Wicker, writing in the New York Times, calls the \$1.1-billion Westway "incomprehensible folly." Beame and Carey want it because the Federal government will pay 90% of its cost, and the State the rest.



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 1976

IT'S BACK TO THE GRIND STONE--

The summer months are fast fading, and we welcome home all our West Villagers and friends who have had the opportunity to enjoy a few days or weeks change of scenery.

As is usual, there have been no meetings of the West Village Committee during the months of July and August, but we did manage to get out a summer newsletter in an effort to try and keep you up to date.

It seems that it is during the summer months that some of our City planners are busiest in their efforts to destroy us, and this summer has been no exception.

Our big problem is now with the plans for the Interstate Highway in which attempts are being made to confuse you with plans to demolish a portion of the West Side Highway. You will be told that this is being done as a safety measure, but don't be misled, this is just the initial step toward getting federal funds to start construction on the deadly interstate highway.

It is most important that all villagers get information as to what is in the works, and just how it will affect you. First, go to the Public Hearing on Sept. 9th; second, get in touch with those people and organizations who are fighting to preserve our neighborhood. Third and most important, find out how you can help and get into this fight. If we are to save the West Village, it is the responsibility of every resident to get into this battle.

PUBLIC HEARING

ON

DEMOLITION OF THE WEST SIDE
HIGHWAY - JANE ST. TO 14th ST.

DATE: THURSDAY SEPT. 9, 1976

TIME: 7:30 P. M.

PLACE: ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL
153 WEST 11TH STREET
CRONIN AUDITORIUM

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE GEORGE TOTH, DIRECTOR ARTERIAL SYSTEMS, NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, ROBERT WILKINS, CHAIRMAN GANSEVOORT MEATMARKET ASSOC. MARCIE BENSTOCK, DIRECTOR CLEAN AIR CAMPAIGN AND BUNNY GABEL, COMMUNITY RESIDENT AND FRIENDS OF THE EARTH. A DISCUSSION WILL FOLLOW AND MAPS WILL BE ON DISPLAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING. THIS MEETING IS SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 2.

THE HB PLAYWRIGHTS FOUNDATION PRESENTS--

A new play "I Didn't Kiss My Mother Good-Bye" by Kelton S. Francis will have a run Sept. 22nd through Oct. 3rd. Curtain is at 7:30 P. M., and there will be a matinee on Sept. 26th at 3:00 P. M. (no evening performance that day)

Mail reservations should be addressed to HB Playwrights Foundation Theatre 124 Bank Street- New York, N. Y. 10014 (include a self-addressed stamped envelope) Reservations are accepted on a first-come first-served basis, and to guarantee your seat, you should arrive at least 15 minutes before curtain time. Reservations made by phone (YU 9-6540) are automatically confirmed. There is no admission charge for this production.

HB is one of the very nice things in our community, and we should all support it.

Try one of our village restaurants for dinner before the theatre.

VILLAGE BLOCK PARTIES PLANNED:

HORATIO STREET ASSOCIATION: The fifth Horatio Street Festival has been scheduled for Sat. Sept. 18th on Horatio Street between Eighth Ave. and Greenwich Ave., alongside Jackson Square Park.

The high festive spirit of the former Horatio Street Festivals will be maintained with a flavor of the Nation's Bicentennial added. Hours are 12 noon to 5 P. M. Sunday Sept. 19th is the rain date.

GROVE STREET BLOCK ASSOCIATION: Grove Street will honor the "Big Apple" when they hold their street fair which has been scheduled for Sat. Oct 2nd. The fair plans are still being formulated, so be on the look-out for the publicity on this event. Or, you may check with Stan Frank at 691-5597 for information.

VILLAGE GREEN RECYCLING TEAM: One of the most important of the street fairs is being planned by the Village Green Recycling Team, and will be held at their site on the St. Vincent Triangle. Proceeds from this event will go to help pay legal fees for the two legal actions which have been brought against the city and state to prevent the construction of the proposed interstate highway.

We cannot urge enough that all members of our community get into this battle as an interstate along the West side of Manhattan will have a horrendous effect on all villagers, be you tenant home owner, businessman or tourist.

Stop by the recycling center and offer your help and join in our fight to save our community.

TWO NEW WEST VILLAGE RESTURANTS:

As to be expected, new residents in the West Village has spurred new business ventures in the West Village. Just before summer, we wrote about two new resturants, Tanti Bella Cosa at 143 Perry Street, and Cobblestone at the corner of Washington and Bank Streets. Now, we are pleased to tell you of two more.

THE LOOKING GLASS-325 WEST 11TH STREET will serve you dinner between six and eleven p. m. any Wed. through Sunday. A choice of entree which includes chicken cordon bleu, beef bourguignonne and five different crepe dishes, and ice cream. Preceded by soup and salad, complete dinner tab is \$6.95.

Stop by the IMPERIAL LIQUOR STORE 579 Hudson Street (between Bank & W. 11th) and pick from their great assortment of wines, or you may call and Imperial will deliver wine to your table after you've selected from the menu.

As an introductory offer, Owner Frank Preene will give West Village Comm. members a 25% discount during this month. Just tell them you read about them in the newsletter. Villagers may remember Frank as the former owner of Ringing Rock Road, an antique shop on Hudson Street. Phone: 924-9867.

UP THE BEAN STALK-284 W. 12th St. (corner W. 12th & W. 4th Sts.) is another interesting addition to the dining scene in the West Village. Owner Gerard Desgranges put the finishing touches on his interesting decor a couple of weeks ago, and is now open for business. You may select from the a la carte menue Breast of Capon (\$4.95), Pepper Steak Flambe with Cognac \$6.50) or other specialties priced in between. There are appetizers, salads, omelettes, and a complete bar plus an assortment of imported wines at a reasonable price. Forgot to get their hours, but a call to 929-9383 will get you that information.

Give our new resturants a try. I'm sure they would welcome you comments.

HELP! HELP! WANTED AN APARTMENT:

We always welcome new friends and neighbors, but if there is one thing we hate to loose is is our old friends. Alma Wertley is one of those friends we don't want to loose. Alma has been a West Village Committee member for several years, and has lived on West 12th St. for almost 25 years. Alma loves the village, and we love Alma. The building where she lives was recently sold and Alma will have to leave it. Alma needs an apartment. Anyone with a lead can reach her at WA 9-5079.



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 1976
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S EPICOPAL CHURCH
224 WAVERLY PLACE

AGENDA

A REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

A REPORT ON THE LEGAL ACTIONS

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING! THIS IS A CALL TO ACTION! BRING A FRIEND

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT
WILLIAM P. BOWSER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT
ELAINE SCHECHTER, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT
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Save the West Side ~~High~~ Bikeway

STOP DEMOLITION OF THE "WEST SIDE BIKEWAY" NOW!

- 1 The elevated structure is a guarantee that the At-Grade Superhighway John Zuccotti has planned will not be built on West Street/Twelfth Avenue.
- 2 The New York Times calls the West Side Bikeway "the largest bicycle path in the country." It's also one of the best, providing a stunning view of the river and Manhattan.
- 3 The elevated structure is also a potentially magnificent promenade. The installation of prefabricated ramps at intersections would allow people to use it.
- 4 The ramps would also permit immediate access to the riverfront and greatly aid in the redevelopment of piers for recreational use.

Preserving the Bikeway and providing Access Ramps means:

An immediate gain of 50 acres in recreational space for park-starved lower Manhattan.

A quick and easy way to provide access over the traffic to the riverfront.

WRITER:
Victor Taylor, Division Engineer
Federal Highway Administration
Albany, New York



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, October 19, 1976
TIME: 8:00 P.M. - PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: St. John's Episcopal Church,
224 Waverly Place

AGENDA

"The Village, The Village, The Village," a documentary film on Greenwich Village, produced by three students at NYU's Film Department, Jay Cohen, Steven Rosenberg and Steven Simon. The film is currently being processed in a laboratory, but Jay Cohen assures us it will be ready for screening by the 19th.

Discussion of plans for a West Village Committee Street Fair on Saturday, October 23.

Report on the current status of the proposed West Side Interstate Highway (Westway).

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 1976

WEST VILLAGE HOUSES

For the benefit of the curious, we are happy to report that the West Village Houses rented the last available apartment several weeks ago. For those who fought for the project over many years as a means of stabilizing our low-rise community against the onslaught of urban-renewers and superhighway- and high-rise-minded City Planners, we trust that this successful rent-up will somewhat justify the long period of libels, tears and anguish suffered.

Across the miles that now separate us, we send our thanks and our love to Jane Jacobs who in a time when we were oppressed by the princes of giant real estate interests and urban renewers, was able to verbalize our needs and give leadership which led to the deliverance of the West Village Community.

OZYMANDIAS IS DEAD

For those of you who missed the item, we wish to record here the recent death of William Zeckendorf, Sr., a high potentate of high-rise housing who once wished to benefit from the urban renewal schemes for the West Village. We turned him away along with his grand schemes of river landfill, highways and housing, and today instead of "the decay of that colossal wreck," we have salvaged and built the most civilized and liveable community in the City of New York.

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 MEETING

Community Board #2 will hold its regular monthly meeting on October 21, 7:30 p.m., south wing hall of the first floor of Leeb Student Center at NYU, LaGuardia Place and Washington Square South.

WEST VILLAGERS TO SHOP AT 'A & P' ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

The three local West Village A & P Stores have designated Tuesday, October 12 as Donation Day for the West Village Committee, which in turn expects to pour the donation into its Legal Fund. Cards are available for those who wish to participate in this program at the Village Green Recycling Center on Saturday, October 9. The shopper turns his card in at the check-out counter which is marked with the shopper's sales total. Approximately six weeks later, we will be refunded by A & P five per cent of total sales recorded on the cards. Lionel Ruberg of West 13th Street set up this program with the A & P headquarters, and if you want to help the legal fund to stop the interstate, shop with us there on October 12. If you can't pick up your card at Village Green Recycling Center on Saturday, call CH 3-0762 and we'll try to get a card to you so you can participate in the program.

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE BLOCK PARTY

To additionally raise funds for the interstate highway lawsuit, we have scheduled a small block party for the weekend of Saturday, October 23, with a rain date of October 24, on West 11th Street between Hudson and Greenwich Streets. Pumpkins and fresh cider, books, home-baked goods and white elephants all will be on hand: no beer, no rides, no frills, just plain "down-home" made things. Originally we had scheduled this for the last weekend in October, but our good friends at Village Green Recycling Team had already scheduled a similar sale on Village Square on the last October weekend. This way we can give manpower to both events. And any block association, incidentally, who wants to set up a block table at our fair to support the highway cause is invited to do so at the West Village fair. Anybody wanting to help should call Eva Ettisch 929-2532 or Inga Mæhr 924-4454. And if you want to help or have things to contribute to the Village Green sale on Village Square the last weekend of October, call Mel Stevens 989-0089 or Stephanie Hawthorne 989-0470.

PAUL DOOLEY IN MT. SINAI HOSPITAL

A few days ago, long-time W. 12th Streeter Paul Dooley was felled by an aneurysm, and was on the critical list for several days following surgery. His wife, Betty, who is head of the Old Abingdon-West 12th Street Block Association, reports that he is showing definite improvement. Paul's illness struck him the day before Old Abingdon was to launch its annual street fair, and because of this and poor weather conditions, the fair was cancelled this year. Our best wishes to the Dooleys and their many friends for Paul's continued rapid recovery.

JEANNE MORROW'S PAINTINGS SHOWN

Jeanne Morrow, a Bank Street artist, will have her paintings exhibited by the Abingdon Square Painters, October 15-18, 12 to 7 p.m., 242 West 14th Street (near 8th Avenue), 2nd floor gallery.

THE UNVEILING OF 'WESTWAY'

Nobody has actually seen plans of the much-touted interstate highway dubbed "Westway" by John Zuccotti. We have been repeatedly told that it is a re-working of the most elaborate of the original alternatives suggested for the West Side traffic corridor, the Outboard Plan. On Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m., Lowell Bridwell has promised to show the plans for Westway to Arthur Stolar's Community Board #2 Waterfront Committee in the Parish Hall of St. John's Church, 224 Waverly Place. Residents who are at all curious about how much of the Hudson River is going to disappear as landfill, who's going to get the piped pollution, etc., are urged to attend this meeting. Lowell Bridwell, incidentally, is Director of the West Side Highway Project.

Mr. Bridwell also has other jobs. We have just learned that he is writing Transportation Position Papers for Presidential Candidate Jimmy Carter.

COME TO THE WEST VILLAGE MEETING ON THE 19TH, and bring a friend.

Percy E. Sutton President, Borough of Manhattan

Municipal Building, Room 2050, New York, N.Y. 10007



SUTTON URGES CAREY AND BEAME TO WITHDRAW WESTWAY PROJECT; USE FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CITY MASS TRANSIT

Manhattan Borough President Percy E. Sutton today urged Governor Carey and Mayor Beame to withdraw the Westway project, which reportedly is set up for Federal approval, and to use the funds instead for mass transit purposes in New York City.

In separate letters to the Governor and the Mayor, Mr. Sutton cited overwhelming opposition to the Westway proposal in Manhattan by public officials, thousands of deeply concerned citizens, almost the entire membership of the Borough's Community Boards, and a variety of environmental organizations.

"There would be greater benefit derived for the City if the (Federal) Interstate Transfer Funds were used for mass transit purposes rather than the construction of Westway," Mr. Sutton said in his letters. "The application of these funds (for mass transit) makes sense environmentally and economically."

The full text of Mr. Sutton's letter follows:

Permit me to convey to you my emphatic opposition to the present Westway plan and especially to recent reports that approval by the Federal Government is imminent with construction of Westway to begin in a relatively short period of time.

There continues to be overwhelming opposition to the Westway proposal here, in the Borough of Manhattan, among public officials and the thousands of deeply concerned citizens whose lives will be immediately affected by construction of the Westway. Indeed, there has been almost unanimous opposition to construction of Westway by Manhattan's Community Boards, whose jurisdictions impinge upon its proposed site, and by a variety of environmental organizations as well.

It is my own opinion that there would be greater benefit derived for the City of New York if the Interstate Transfer Funds would be used for mass transit purposes rather than the construction of Westway. The application of these funds, in the manner that I have suggested, makes sense environmentally and economically.

Given the above, allow me to urge that the planned Westway project be withdrawn and, in addition, that the upgrading of the New York City Mass Transit System be considered at this time as an alternative.



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16, 1976
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S EPICOPAL CHURCH
224 WAVERLY PLACE

AGENDA

THIS MEETING WILL BE DEVOTED TO A REVIEW OF WHERE WE STAND, AND THE DIRECTION IN WHICH WE GO IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY, AND OTHER PROBLEMS VITAL TO THE WEST VILLAGE. LET US HAVE A GOOD TURN OUT, AND BRING WITH YOU A NEIGHBOR.

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT
WILLIAM P. BOWSER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT
ELAINE SCHECHTER, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT
INGA MAEHR, 3RD VICE PRESIDENT
LEILA SOLOMON, RECORDING SECRETARY
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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 1976

ANTI-INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SUPPORT MOUNTS:

Support for the fighters against the proposed "Westway" Interstate highway came from two important sources during the past several days. First, on November 1st Borough President of Manhattan Percy E. Sutton released a statement urging Gov. Carey and Mayor Beame to withdraw Westway Project and use Federal funds for City mass transit. Secondly, The City Club, a private good-government organization made up of business-men and civic organizations joined the call for the transfer of funds to mass transit. Also, many businessmen in the meat industry have for the first time become aware of the horrible implications of the Interstate highway, and are now supporting our stand.

Don't fall into the trap and give up because the Gov. and the Mayor and President Ford say we will have this highway. Don't say, "What's the use?" Say, "What can I do to help?". Then get in touch with one of the organizations opposing the highway, and you'll be told how much you can help. Get into the fight. (Borough President news release included in this mailing)

OUR WEST VILLAGE - SURVIVAL OR WHAT?:

We in the West Village are now facing our most crucial fight to date in the struggle against the Interstate highway and the rape of the West Side communities.

Yes, there was the Lower Manhattan Expressway fight, and our fight against real estate giants who would destroy this fine neighborhood for their own personal gain. We fought those battles and we won. Were it not for sheer guts, and the love of this neighborhood, we would long ago have been crushed under foot. Many of our strong and brave warriors are no longer here with us in the West Village. Some have departed from our community for personal reasons, and some have gone the route we all will eventually go. We must never forget that with their hard work, and inspiration there would be no West Village community as we know it today.

The West Village has been in the middle of these battles, and although we feel we've won these former battles, we've not come out without bruises. The Preamble of our Articles of Association read as follows, "This association is formed for the purpose of improving and maintaining the West Village neighborhood by constructive means to the end that none of its residents shall be involuntarily displaced, and its unique qualities of diversity, vigor and humor shall be forever preserved." That's what we're all about, and that's why we are here today.

If we are to survive this all out onslaught, we in the West Village must unite as never before. Let's get it all together, and defeat this highway plan. Then, let's hope we will have a little breathing time before greed rears its ugly head again.

VILLAGE VISITING NEIGHBORS:

One of the worthwhile organizations to come out of our neighborhood is the Village Visiting neighbors, Inc., and the West Village Committee is proud to be one of the original and continuing supporters of this organization.

The Village Visiting Neighbors is an organization of friendly volunteers who call on homebound and lonely elderly people in the western part of Greenwich Village. Volunteer visitors visit their elderly friends at least once a week, and often perform services such as shopping, escorting, or just being a friendly companion. The service is free, and volunteer visitors are always needed.

If you know of any elderly or homebound neighbor who would like this service, please contact Lucille Strider, the Co-ordinator of Village Visiting Neighbors, at 371 Avenue of the Americas, N. Y., N. Y. 10014 pr telephone 929- 5869

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE:

The very nice balsam Christmas Wreaths sold in the past by the West Village Committee will again be available this year.

For the businesses wanting to have early christmas displays, we can provide wreaths during the first week of December, or wreaths will be available thereafter on whatever date requested. Specially decorated wreaths will be available on request. The large lovely wreaths are \$5.00 each.

For information call CH 3-8779 or complete and return the order form included in this mailing.

WORKS OF ART BY DAN SAMUELS:

West Villager Dr. Dan Samuels will have a showing of his latest paintings and sculpture on Sunday December 5, 1976 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in his home at 86 Jane Street. Dan extends a welcome to his fellow West Village Committee members and friends.

SWINE FLU INOCULATIONS:

Swine Flue inoculations will be given free of charge to residents living in the St. Vincent's service area on Mon. November 15 thru Thursday Nov. 18th. Shots will be given at 136 W. 12th Street from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Inoculations will be given by personnal from the City Dept of Health, and this program is being coordinated by Dr. Phillip W. Brickner, Dir. of Community Medicine at St. Vincent's Hospital.

IN MEMORIAM

LENA SHAPIRO, THE MOTHER OF OUR DEAR FRIEND AND MEMBER LILLIAN SHAPIRO. OUR SYMPATHY TO LILLIAN AND HER FAMILY. IT IS THE REQUEST OF THE FAMILY THAT IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, A CONTRIBUTION BE MADE TO ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL MOBILE CARDIAC UNIT.

ORDER FORM FOR CHRISTMAS WREATH

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSE \$ _____ FOR _____ BALSAM CHRISTMAS WREATHS. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MY WREATH AVAILABLE ABOUT DEC. _____.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS ARE \$5.00 EACH. MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE - MAIL TO:

304 WEST 11TH STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y. 10014



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 1976

THE NEW CITY CHARTER:

In November 1975, a new City Charter was overwhelmingly approved by the voters of New York City. The new City Charter guarantees that nothing would happen to a community without first informing the residents, insuring the right of a public hearing within the area on any controversial item, and formalizing the role of the Community Board to render an advisory opinion before any action is commenced by the city.

In a letter to Community Board Members dated November 18, 1976, Henry J. Stern, Councilman-At-Large (Manhattan) expressed his concern that the Administration and the City Council were not moving promptly on the Charter. He cited as an example the fact that more than a year after approval by the voters, the new Charter had not been printed and made available to the public.

Assemblyman Leonard P. Stavisky, who for more than three years has served as a member of the Charter Revision Commission, is very concerned about ways in which Charter guarantees are now being violated. It is these concerns the Assemblyman would like to discuss with us.

Under the provisions of Charter Revision the Borough President is permitted to appoint 25 members, and the balance of 25 members to complete each Community Board will be appointed by the City Councilpersons having jurisdiction in the board area. These new Community Boards take office on January 1, 1977.

With the increasing request for land use changes and zoning variances in our area, it is most important that we not allow our Community Boards and our neighborhoods to be by-passed in the making of these decisions.

OUR SECOND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Last year, it was decided that our December meeting would be a Christmas Party with the emphasis on good food and conversation. The party was such a success, that it was decided it should be a yearly event. This year's party promises to be as nice as last year's, if not better.

To those members and friends who will not be with us at the party, we wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

A ONE MAN GOSPEL MUSICAL:

St. John's in the Village will present Villager Bill Gibson in a one man Gospel Musical on Sunday Dec. 19th at 3:30 p. m. at 220 W. 11th Street (at Waverly Place). Ms. Janet P. Coleman will be the accompanist for Mr. Gibson. A \$3.00 donation is requested.

THREADBARE UNLIMITED:

One of the very nice things about living in the Village is that there is something to be discovered or rediscovered as we walk through the village streets. One such discovery a few days ago was Threadbare Unlimited at 289 Bleecker St. Threadbare Unlimited Craft School is a unique crafts School offering courses in Tapestry, Knitting Machine, Weaving, Creative Applique, Basketry, Stained Glass, Male Crochet-ism, Creative Hand Knitting, Creative Crochet, Spinning and Dying, Basic Crochet, Macrame and Mixed Media and Saturday Designer-in-Residence. Courses range in price from \$35.00 for Basic Crochet to \$120.00 for Knitting Machine.

Courses have been designed to provide each student with the optimum advantage of learning in a positive work/study environment. Each course is four weeks in duration and carefully designed to equip each individual student with both excellent practical and theoretical knowledge of their chosen area.

So that maximum individual instruction may be provided, all class sizes have been limited to eight students with the exception of weaving which will accommodate twelve students. In many cases studio time has been included in the course.

Sandy Lowe, the director, has given us another very attractive location on Bleecker, and we wish her much success.

Threadbare Unlimited is well worth a visit.

VARIANCE REQUEST FOR 123 BANK STREET:

On December 7th, the Board of Standards And Appeals heard the request for a variance for 123 Bank Street. There were several zoning changes involved in this request, but the most important one was the request to increase the bulk of the building by adding at least two stories to the building.

This issue was discussed at the Nov. 16th meeting of the West Village Committee, and there was an unanimous vote that the West Village Committee oppose such a request. The President was further instructed to relay such objections to the Board of Standards And Appeals.

A presentation in favor of the variance was made on behalf of the owners, followed by opposition from Bank/Bethune Block Association and several residents of both streets, an additional statement of objection from Doris Diether, the chairman of Zoning Committee of Community Board #2 and presentation of a petition baring signatures of over one hundred objectors.

The statement of the West Village Committee was read by the President of WVC, and stated in part, " We ask that the R-6 zoning of our neighborhood be preserved. It is this zoning which has protected this neighborhood and made it a desirable area in which to live.

We realize there are buildings within our area which are attractive to developers, and we have no objection to such development provided it is done in the best interest of the existing community. The additional bulk as requested for this variance we feel is not in the best interest of the West Village Community, and we ask that the Board of Standards And Appeal reject the request for this variance.

Greenwich Village is one of the few fine neighborhoods left in Manhattan. The R-6 zoning was established for a very good reason, to protect the community. We feel it would set a tragic precedent to break the law here, not for community benefit, but to serve the private greed of an individual."

The Board of Standards And Appeals found the petitioners presentation to be missing many important details in regards to detailed floor plans and economic details, and ordered that this additional information be produced.

The matter of this variance was continued for another hearing on Jan. 11, at 10 a. m. Room 909, 80 Lafayette Street.

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE:

The annual West Village Committee Christmas Wreath Sale is now in full swing, and as usual we have very beautiful balsam wreaths. These wreaths can not be compared to the wreaths sold at street stands as they are much much nicer. These large lovely wreaths are available for \$5.00 each.

This year, we are making our wreath sale a project of the Ad Hoc Committee Against The Interstate Highway. As you may know, we now have a second legal suit involving the highway, and funds are needed to fight this battle.

We ask all our members who have not ordered their wreaths to do so now by phoning Ch 3-0762 or Ch 3-8779. It is getting a bit late to order by mail, so lets get those phone orders in so we can know how many wreaths to re-order.

Wreaths may be purchased at the Village Green Recycling site (Greenwich Ave. between W. 12th Street and 7th Avenue) and at The Village Stripper - 519 Hudson Street (near W. 10th Street. The Village Stripper is open daily until 6 p. m., and the recycling site hours are Wed. 12:30 to 2 p.m., Thurs. 6-8 p.m. and Sat. 10:30-a.m.-3 p. m.

CHRISTMAS TREES ANYONE?:

If you have not purchased your Christmas Tree as yet, may we suggest you pay a visit to THE URBAN GARDENER at 258 W. 10th Street (corner Hudson St.). West Village Committee member Hoen Meiers, who recently purchased that corner site for his Landscape/Design business has a large assortment of balsam trees ranging in price from \$5.00 to \$25.00. Neighbors we've sent there feel they've gotten great bargains in trees. Lets help our local business rather than the hit and run street peddlers who litter our streets with their unsold christmas trees after Christmas Eve.

NEW YEAR ** MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR ** MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR ** MERY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR ** MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

** MERRY



PERCY E. SUTTON
PRESIDENT

The City of New York
Office of the
President of the Borough of Manhattan
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

December 13, 1976

Mr. James Shaw
The West Village Committee
304 West 11th Street
New York, N.Y. 10014


Dear ~~Mr.~~ Shaw,

Permit me to thank you for your thoughtful letter of November 8th, 1976.

My decision to disapprove the Westway proposal is a reflection of the opinions of the Community Board members who are closely involved in this issue. I certainly would be remiss, as President of the Borough of Manhattan, if I did not uphold the Boards' mandate. I sincerely hope suggestions will be considered for mass transit aid. Our City would benefit greatly if more jobs were made available and public transportation was improved.

Thanking you again for taking the time from your busy day to write, I am

Sincerely,


PERCY E. SUTTON



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY DECEMBER 21, 1976
TIME: 7:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S IN THE VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE

AGENDA

THE NEW CITY CHARTER
Speaker
ASSEMBLYMAN LEONARD P. STAVISKY

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE
CHRISTMAS PARTY

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT
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NOTE: PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY MEETING TIME, AND BE SURE TO BE ON TIME FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT MEETING AS THE ASSEMBLYMAN HAS ANOTHER SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT IN BROOKLYN AFTER HE LEAVES US.

A GREENWICH VILLAGE

Christmas Celebration

Wednesday, Dec. 22nd

St. John's-in-the-Village
West 11th St. at Waverly

7:30 pm

Featuring...

THE VILLAGE SINGERS

at Greenwich House

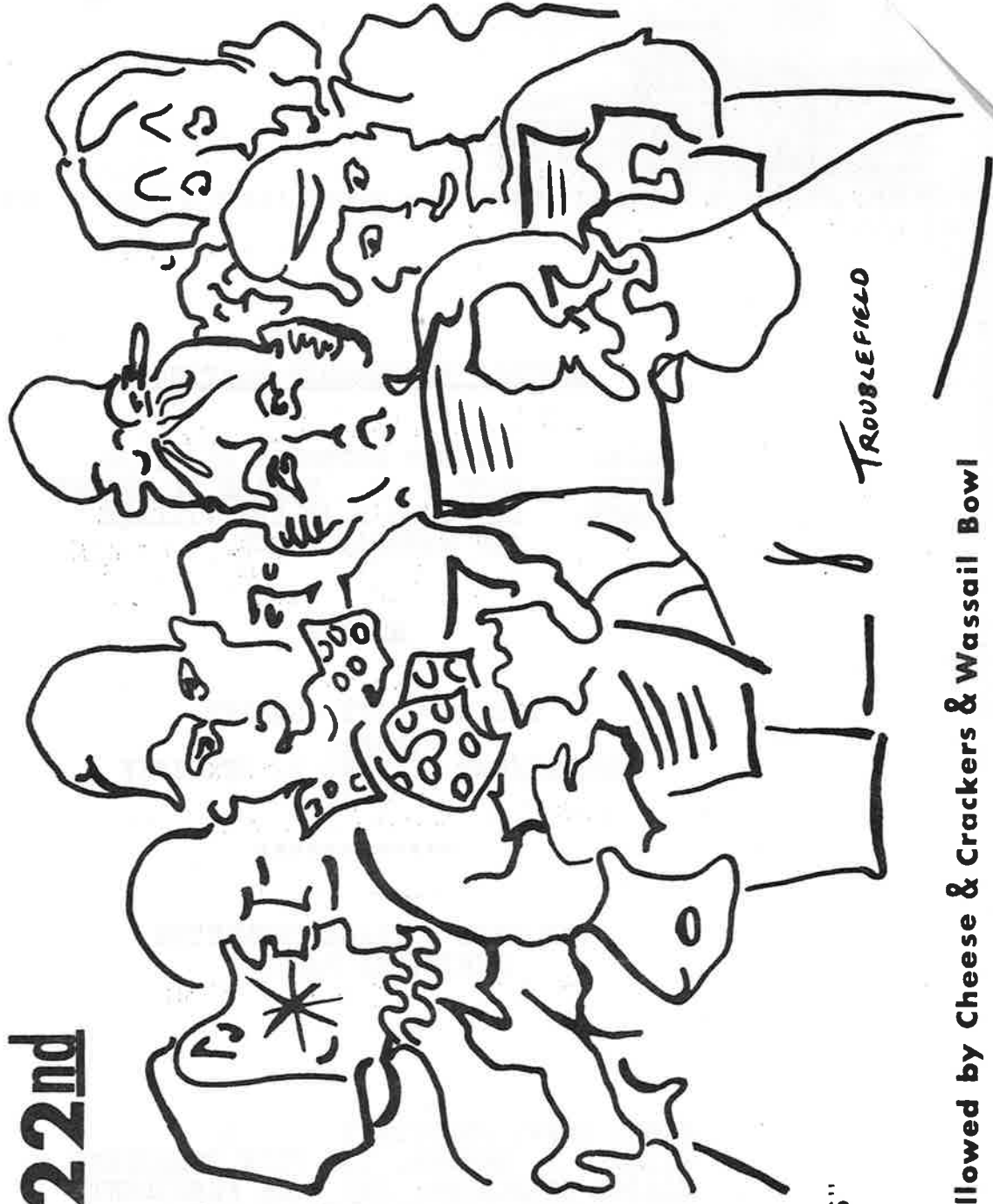
YOUR COMMUNITY CHORUS

Frank Nemhauser, Music Director

SUNDAY BRUNCH COMPANY

reading

"A CHILD'S CHRISTMAS IN WALES"



PLUS — Street Carolling - Followed by Cheese & Crackers & Wassail Bowl



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY JANUARY 18, 1977
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
224 WAVERLY PLACE - N. Y., N. Y. 10014

AGENDA

A PRESENTATION OF THE ST. VINCENT'S MASTER PLAN AS IT AFFECTS THE TRIANGLE GARDEN. THE ARCHITECTURAL FIRM OF FERRENZ AND TAYLOR, ARCHITECTS FOR THE HOSPITAL WILL MAKE THE PRESENTATION.

WE ASK EACH OF OUR MEMBERS TO INVITE A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR TO WALK WITH YOU AND ATTEND THIS MEETING.

THIS IS THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR, SO LET US START THE YEAR OFF WITH A GOOD ATTENDENCE, AND LETS START PROMPTLY AT 8 P. M.

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT
WILLIAM P. BOWSER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT
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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014
THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER JANUARY 1977

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Our second West Village Committee Christmas Dinner Party held on the third Tuesday of December was a huge success. We had about 75 members who sat down to a dinner of turkey and dressing, ham, peas and carrots, candied yams, three different salads and mince and pumpkin pies. There was coffee and wine available as beverages.

We were treated to carol singing by the Village Singers, a community chorus under the direction of Frank Nemhauser.

To feed 75 West Villagers is no easy matter, but we did it. Thanks to Arthur Bond who carved those turkeys and ham, Jackie Hanley and the clean-up crew, and of course the cooks - Marlene Cohen, Stephanie Hawthorne, Eva Ettisch, Bill Bowser and Jim Shaw. If we forgot any one, please forgive.

We would like to express a special thanks to Mr. Stephen I. D'Agostino, President of D'Agostino Supermarkets for D'Agostino's part in the making of a successful and festive evening.

THE JEFFERSON MARKET LIBRARY:

There seems to be confusion in our community as to the hours maintained at the local library. The Jefferson Market Library located at 10th St. and Avenue of the Americas is one of our fine community facilities, and it has taken much community involvement to keep our library open. We urge our members to use your public library. Only in this way can we make it known that we want, and need our local branch. The hours are as follows:

Monday 1 P. M. to 9 P. M.
Tuesday and Wednesday 1 P. M. to 6 P. M.
Thursday CLOSED
Friday 10 A. M. to 6 P. M.
Saturday 12 Noon to 5 P. M.
Sunday CLOSED

POSTAL SERVICE HEARINGS:

The Congressional Study Group looking into Postal Service is now holding hearings in all sections of the country.

On Tuesday January 18th and Wednesday January 19th two members of this Study Group will be holding hearings in New York City at 1980 Broadway starting at 9 A. M.

Among the five points the Study Group will explore are two of great interest to us here in the West Village. These points deal with "cuts in existing services", and "should small post offices be closed to form a more economical network".

Those interested in making a statement at the hearing should (1) call 971-5342 and request to be added to the list of speakers. (2) make three copies of your statement to be presented to the Study Group staff. The Study Group staff will notify you by phone or by letter of the schedule and your time slot.

The Villager, our local community paper would also appreciate having a copy of your statement. Send copy to THE VILLAGER - 72 FIFTH AVE. NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10011 ATT'N: STEVE SIMON, EDITOR.

THE WEST VILLAGE POST OFFICE BRANCH:

Because of construction problems, the January 3rd opening of the new West Village Branch of the Post Office had to be postponed. However, the new Post Office located at 527 Hudson (between West 10th and Charles Streets) should be open in 2 to 3 weeks. Very limited service continues at the Christopher St. Station. Even this service has been reduced when a 5:30 closing time went

into effect with no prior notice to the community.

Although we were led to believe that we would get the same service as we had at Christopher Street except for boxes, it is now clear that this is not the case. We will have to continue to go to 201 Varick Street to pick up undelivered packages, and instead of the 6 P. M. closing we had at Christopher Street, the closing hours at the new branch will be 5:30, and it is scheduled to be closed on Saturday.

The West Village with its fast growing population deserves better treatment. If you are satisfied with this schedule, fine, but don't complain. If you are not satisfied, take a little time and express your disapproval at the hearings scheduled for January 18th and 19th.

Remember, your silence is the same as your approval.

123 BANK STREET:

The hearing for a variance for 123 Bank Street was removed from the January 11th calendar of the Board of Standards and Appeal.

There has been a report that the owners are revising the architectural plans and will either amend the current variance request or refile at a later date.

Should they refile, the new plans will have to be submitted to the Community Board for an opinion, the Landmarks Preservation Commission for their approval and again request a zoning variance from Standards and Appeal.

Should they amend the current request, the new plans would have to be approved by Community Board before its position could be changed. Depending on the extent of the changes, new Landmarks approval may be necessary before the variance request is heard.

It is our understanding that the new architectural plans do not call for increased height on the front of the building, but does ask for increased height on the rear of building which would not be visible from the street.

These new plans will probably be on view at the full Community Board #2 meeting on January 20th at 7:30 which will be held at St. Joseph's Church - 371 6th Avenue Casserly Hall (entrance on Washington Place).

WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED ON THIS ISSUE.

THE NEGRO ENSEMBLE COMPANY:

It is always a pleasure to write about new restaurants and businesses as they find their way to the West Village.

It is a special pleasure to welcome THE NEGRO ENSAMBLE COMPANY to the West Village during the Celebration of their Tenth Anniversary Season. In addition to the St. Marks Playhouse, the Company has taken over the Theatre deLys (121 Christopher Street).

The current production at the deLys, THE BROWNSVILLE RAID by Charles Fuller is a fine production, and is being held over until the end of January. The next production at the deLys THE GREAT MACDADDY (a musical odyssey) by Paul Carter Harrison is scheduled to play from April 5 - May 22.

We look forward to a fine relationship with this new theatre in our neighborhood.

* IN MEMORIAM *

* IT IS WITH MUCH SADDNESS THAT WE REPORT THE RECENT *
 * DEATH OF OUR GOOD FRIEND AND WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE *
 * MEMBER, ANDREW ROMAN. ANDREW WAS ONE OF THE VERY *
 * EARLY MEMBERS OF OUR ORGANIZATION, AND HIS ANTIQUE *
 * SHOP WAS ONE OF THE FIRST ON HUDSON STREET. *
 * ANDREW HAD A GREAT LOVE FOR THE VILLAGE, AND WAS *
 * A SUPPORTER OF OUR VARIOUS PROJECTS. *
 * ANDREW'S MOTHER, MRS JACQUELINE SAYER AND HIS *
 * FAMILY HAVE OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY. *



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 1977
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE

AGENDA

THE MAIN ORDER OF BUSINESS AT THIS MEETING WILL BE THE SELECTION OF A NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO SELECT CANDIDATES FOR THE MARCH ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT
WILLIAM P. BOWSER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT
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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

THE UP-DATE ON THE TRIANGLE PLANS:

The January meeting of the West Village Committee was held as scheduled despite the bitter coldness of the evening. We were pleased to see the very good turnout for this meeting. As you may remember, the main topic on the Agenda was a presentation of the plans for the St. Vincent's Hospital Triangle site as it fits into the Master Plan as designed by the architectural firm of Ferrenz and Taylor, Inc.

In 1971, at a meeting of the West Village Committee it was proposed that we approach St. Vincent's Hospital with a proposal to green the site once named Mulry Square, but better remembered as the site of the old Loew's Sheridan Theater. The triangle remained a rubble filled lot for three years while funds were being sought to build an annex.



Artist's conception of proposed TRIANGLE plan, as submitted by the architectural firm of Ferrenz & Taylor, Inc.

In May 1972, an agreement was signed between St. Vincent's Hospital and The West Village Committee granting the "Committee" temporary use of the site. A grant of \$3,000 was secured from the Vincent Astor Foundation, and the garden was off to a flying start. A section of the site was set aside for recycling, and it was agreed that The Village Green Recycling Team would maintain and benefit from the recycling venture.

Many years have passed, and the community has had the benefit of a very lovely award winning garden. This garden has drawn attention world wide, and has been the model and inspiration of many other community gardens. For these years of beauty and pleasure we would like to express our thanks to St Vincent's Hospital.

Now, for many reasons, St. Vincent's will have to utilize the triangle site, but it is good to report that the garden remains a present and future part of the Master Plan. Beneath the community garden an underground warehouse will be built for storage of hospital supplies. A tunnel beneath Seventh Avenue will link the new warehouse to the hospital proper, permitting underground transfer of all supplies. This should do much to ease traffic tie-ups.

Entry to the underground warehouse will be at Greenwich Avenue and 12th Street on a cemented area for off-the-sidewalk truck deliveries. The Receiving entry will take up less than 25% of the garden (close to the Greenwich Ave. apex) yet will permit easy access to the underground.

Receiving will have a special area designated for the storage of liquid oxygen. Both oxygen storage and tunnel construction rigidly adhere to building and safety codes. Safe use of the tunnel in relation to the subway area has been given special consideration.

At this moment, it is not clear as to how the Recycling center will fit into the plans. It must be pointed out that these are tentative plans, and that necessary approvals are yet to be secured.

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 MEETINGS:

Community Board #2 will hold a regular meeting on Feb. 17, 1977 at 7 P. M. at St. Vincent's Hospital - Cronin Bldg Auditorium - 153 W. 11th Street, and a special Board Meeting will be held on Feb. 24, 1977 at 7:30 at First Presbyterian Church, Parish House, 12 W. 12th Street. The 24th meeting is for an 8th Street Task Force presentation.

The new West Village branch of the post office is now open at 527 Hudson Street (between W. 10th and Charles Sts.).

This is what is called a financial station where one can buy stamps and money orders, and mail letters and parcels. Missing is one of the most important services; being able to pick up undelivered parcels. Undelivered parcels can only be picked up at 201 Varick St. It would be advisable to telephone the post office to establish the fact that your parcel is really there. It is a long trip to Varick Street only to be told, "We can't find your parcel", or "Your parcel is still with the carrier". If you should have a parcel returned, you may also telephone and arrange for another delivery date. (including Sat.)

Oh yes, the branch on Hudson Street closes at 5:30 daily, and is closed all day on Saturday.

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 GETS NEW DISTRICT MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICE:

The new City Charter provides funds for each community to hire a District Manager. It is the District Manager who would process local citizen's complaints to the appropriate city agency such as sanitation, building, police and parks. The Manager also serves as the Board's chief executive officer, and is to be the chairperson of the District Service Cabinet containing local officials from the city's service agencies.

The business of filling this post was the purpose of a special meeting of Community Board late in January.

Selected to fill the post was Rita Lee who previously held the job as district manager of Washington Heights-Inwood-Marble Hill Office of Neighborhood Services.

Other candidates of the final three were Doris Diether, chairperson of the zoning committee of Community Board #2, and Andrew Roger Tulloch, Deputy director of the Office of Neighborhood Preservation.

Since the District Manager serves at the pleasure of the Board, and can be replaced by the Board, many in the West Village find it regrettable that Doris Diether was not the Board choice. Doris has been a proven worker in the Village for a number of years, knows the Village and it's problems, and in much of what we hold to be good in our surroundings we will find the hand of Doris Diether. look

We wish Ms. Lee Well, and look forward to working with her to solve some of the problems we encounter in our community.

The new district office for the Board is located at 5 W. Third Street, and will operate on temporary hours of 3 to 6 p. m. The telephone number is 533-1617.

**Manhattan Westway Is Endorsed
By New Transportation Secretary**

By ERNEST HOLSENDOLOPH
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3—Transportation Secretary Brock Adams today endorsed the \$1.2 billion Westway project to be built in Manhattan to replace the old West Side Highway from the Battery to 42d Street.

The six-lane expressway and West Side redevelopment project had been approved by former Secretary William T. Coleman Jr., before he left office last month, but critics of the project, including members of the New York City Congressional delegation, appealed to the new Democratic Administration to reconsider it.

"I have concluded that the best course is to let Secretary Coleman's decision stand," Mr. Adams said today. In addition, he said he was recommending "the immediate demolition of those portions of the West Side Highway that present esthetic and potential safety problems."

Representative Theodore Weiss, Democratic of Manhattan and a leader of the opposition to the project, learned about the Administration's decision earlier today from President Carter.

Weiss Voices Disappointment

"I was deeply disappointed," said Mr. Weiss, one of eight New York City members of Congress who have opposed the project. "There will undoubtedly be a challenge in Federal Court in Manhattan on the grounds that no proper environmental-impact hearing was conducted."

In Albany, shortly after the Adams announcement, Raymond T. Schuler, State Transportation Commissioner, said that the state was "prepared to advance the project's development expeditiously so that the city may realize those benefits as soon as possible, including approximately \$100 million in right-of-way payments."

Using the same arguments employed by Mr. Coleman, Mr. Adams endorsed Westway as a stimulus to the development of lower Manhattan, a spur to increased employment and a means to improve traffic flow.

Marcy Benstock, who speaks for a group of environmental and community organizations, said in a telephone interview from New York:

"Approving Westway violates every one of the five most important policy commitments President Carter made last night—

including energy conservation, open and honest government with citizen participation, equal sacrifice by all citizens, creation of jobs and protection of the environment.

"It's a deal, and it asks the vast majority of New Yorkers to sacrifice better mass transit, thousands of jobs and many homes to benefit David Rockefeller and real estate speculators."

Impact Study Is Urged

The environmentalists already have a legal action pending against the project on the ground that it violates the Clean Air Act and should not begin without a study of the impact of removing the existing elevated highway structures.

Mr. Adams promised that the Federal Government would work with the state and local governments in alliance with the private sector "to realize the substantial commitments made by business and labor to the economic development" of the city.

He also insisted that plans include, promised new moderate-income housing and other commercial developments, and new parkland and recreational areas for the waterfront. He said:

"We will enforce the requirements for affirmative action to train and employ minorities in the construction of the highway and related development, and insure that the construction of the highway proceeds without work stoppages."

The new project is in the Congressional districts of Mr. Weiss and John M. Murphy, also a Democrat. Mr. Murphy praised the go-ahead decision as a spur to the waterfront and as "a necessary replacement for the 40-year-old crumbling, outmoded and unsafe roadway."

Mr. Weiss said he favored as an alternative the modernization of West Street, at a cost of \$100 million, with the rest of the money going to mass transit.

Group Voices Opposition

The Ad Hoc Committee Against the Interstate Highway, the co-ordinating group for some 30 civic, community and environmental groups opposed to Westway, said in a statement they would continue their fight against the project by resuming a suit filed in United States District Court last November.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1977

SINCE THIS ARTICLE WAS BURIED ON PAGE 20 OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, WE WANT TO BE SURE OUR MEMBERS ARE AWARE OF IT. - JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST THOSE WHO WOULD DESTROY OUR NEIGHBORHOOD



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY MARCH 15, 1977
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE

AGENDA

IT IS AT THIS MEETING THAT THE OFFICERS WILL BE CHOSEN TO SERVE DURING THE COMING TERM. THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WHICH WAS SELECTED AT THE LAST MEETING HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO BRING IN A SUGGESTED SLATE OF OFFICERS, AND AT THE MEETING ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR.

OFFICES TO BE FILLED ARE: PRESIDENT, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT, 3RD VICE PRESIDENT, RECORDING SECRETARY, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

PLEASE BE PROMPT SO THAT THERE WILL BE TIME TO TAKE UP OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION DURING THE PAST MONTH.

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT
WILLIAM P. BOWSER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT
ELAINE SCHECHTER, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT
INGA MAEHR, 3RD VICE PRESIDENT
LEILA SOLOMON, RECORDING SECRETARY
MARIE REEVES, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
ERNEST MAYER, TREASURER

PLEASE TURN OVER



WEST SIDE AD HOC COMMITTEE AGAINST THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY

PRESS RELEASE

Saturday 26 March 1977

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For further information: 243-8779 - Jim Shaw
243-0762 - Bill Bowser
873-9124 - Tom Stokes
787-1177 - M. Rethman

To Events Listings Editor

Sat. 16-Sun. 17 April 1977, "The Great Westway Crack-Up Bake and Book Sale,"
Great Building Crack-Up Gallery, 251 W. 13th St. near Greenwich Ave. Sat.:
10:30 a.m. till 6 p.m.; Sun.: 1-6 p.m. Sponsored by the West Village Committee
to benefit the legal fund of the Ad Hoc Committee Against the Interstate
Highway (Westway).

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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER MARCH 1977

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE VOLUNTARY DUES:

We would like to express our thanks to our members and friends who have already sent in voluntary contributions to help with the month to month expenses of The West Village Committee.

This is the time of the year when we make our appeal for such contributions. Since we have no set dues, it is these contributions along with the funds from book and bake sales, flea markets and the Christmas wreath sales that make possible our newsletter, pays our monthly rent on our headquarters, contributions to selected community services and our share in the fight against the interstate highway. (This year the entire Christmas Wreath program was turned over to the West Side Ad Hoc Committee Against The Interstate Legal Fund.)

Please contribute what ever you can afford, and make checks payable to:
THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE-304 W. 11TH ST.-NEW YORK, N. Y. 10014.

SPRING TIME IS BOOK SALE TIME;

About this time of the year we begin to feel spring in the air, and to us this means it is time to think of book sales. We are now beginning our drive for additional books for our next book sale. If you have books you can donate please call 989-4898 or 243-8779 to arrange for delivery or pick-up. If you know someone who is moving or doing spring cleaning tell them about our book sales. We take hard cover and paper backs, and especially need art books, cook books and magazines such U. S. Camera, National Geographic, Antiques and other art related materials.

PERCY SUTTON DOES A WESTWAY TURNABOUT:

In the November West Village Committee Newsletter we were pleased to reprint the News Release dated Nov. 1, 1976 from Percy E. Sutton President, Borough of Manhattan. In this news release, Borough President Sutton urged Gov. Carey and Mayor Beame to withdraw the Westway Project, and use the funds for Mass Transit.

Mr. Sutton's news release started, "Permit me to convey to you my emphatic opposition to the present Westway plan---" He cited the overwhelming opposition to Westway by Public Officials, thousands of deeply concerned citizens, almost the entire membership of the Community Boards, and a variety of Environmental Organizations.

"It is my own opinion that there would be greater benefit derived for the City of New York if the Interstate Transfer Funds would be used for mass transit purposes rather than the construction of Westway. The application of these funds, in the manner that I have suggested, makes sense environmentally and economically.

Mr. Sutton concluded, "Given the above, allow me to urge that the planned Westway Project be withdrawn and, in addition, that the upgrading of the New York City Mass Transit System be considered at this time as an alternative."

On Nov. 8, 1976, a letter was sent to the Borough President from the West Village Committee expressing our appreciation for his support of the community's stand against the planned Westway.

Please note the Borough President's reply to the West Village Committee dated Dec. 13, 1976 which is reprinted on the back side of the meeting notice.

Now dear friends, all this took place before our Borough President threw his hat into the mayoral race, and found himself in the position of having to raise large sums of money to make this race.

We can't say why Mr. Sutton did this switch, only he can tell us that, but we can be sure it was not done to please his constituency and the Community Boards whose mandate he had earlier felt duty bound to uphold.



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER APRIL 1977

* DATE: TUESDAY APRIL 21, 1977 *
* TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT *
* PLACE: ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE *
* 224 WAVERLY PLACE *

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE ELECTS OFFICERS:

The election of officers for The West Village Committee was held at the March meeting, and the following were elected to serve for the next term. James Shaw, President; William P. Bowser, First Vice President; Elaine Schechter, Second Vice President; Eva M. Senye Ettisch, Third Vice President, Leila Solomon, Recording Secretary; Barbara Steinberg, Corresponding Secretary, Ernest Mayer, Treasurer.

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 TO MEET:

The April meeting of Community Board #2 will be held on Thurs. April 21th at 7 P. M. at the Village Community School on West 10th Street between Greenwich and Washington Streets. These are public meetings, and we urge our members to attend these meetings when possible.

BAKE AND BOOK FUND RAISER:

A BAKE AND BOOK SALE will be held on Sat. and Sun. April 16th and 17th at The Great Building Crack-Up Gallery - 251 W. 13th St. (at Greenwich Ave.)

WEST SIDE AD HOC COMMITTEE THEATRE PARTY:

The West Side Ad Hoc Committee Against The Interstate Highway which is made up of a vast number of community groups, including The West Village Committee, will sponsor a Theatre Party on Friday Evening April 29th at the Theatre De Lys 121 Christopher Street.

We have bought out the house, and hope to sell tickets to raise funds to help in our legal fight against this highway. We look forward to seeing many West Village Committee members in the audience, and if for any reason you can't attend, we urge each member to send in a donation regardless of the size of the check. Please make checks payable to the West Side Ad Hoc Committee.

This highway is far from becoming a reality, and we must work even harder to educate New Yorkers as to the horrors of this Highway/Real Estate scheme.

HORATIO STREET ASSOCIATION PLANS BAKE AND BOOK SALE:

The Horatio Street Association extends an invitation to other block associations in a Bake and Book Sale to be held on Sat. May 7th (Rain date Sun. May 8th) For information, call 929-6717.

CONGRESSMAN TED WEISS ON THE MOVE:

Rep. Ted Weiss announced in a recent press release that he will be meeting with residents throughout the 20th Congressional District on Sat. April 16th. when he travels from Riverdale to Greenwich Village in a mobile office van.

The office will be open to all residents in the various communities that comprise the Congressional District as the van makes scheduled stops throughout the day.

Rep. Weiss pointed out that the mobile office is an extention of his permanent district service facilities located throughout the 20th district at 37 W. 65th St. (787-3480), 720 Columbus Ave. (850-1500), 725 W. 181st St. (927-7726), and the van, itself, which will temporarily serve as a mobile facility throughout the Riverdale area.

Starting in Riverdale at 9:30 A. M., the van will make its last stop Greenwich Village at Abingdon Square 4:15 - 4:45 P. M. (time approximate).

CENTURY FRAMING, LTD. - A FINE VILLAGE BUSINESS:

The West Village is home for many fine business establishments, and one of these you will find at 116 Christopher Street.

It is there you will find CENTURY FRAMING, LTD., a very complete framing shop equipped to fulfill almost any need you may have related to custom framing, art restoration, wall groupings or fine art prints. You can select from over 1,000 frame samples, from paper to silk mats, bevelled mirrors and many other services from their very impressive list.

Century Framing maintains a large select inventory of 19th century oils, hand colored engravings (many originals) and a tasteful collection of framed works for your home design needs. Also of interest is the extensive collection of imported round and oval frames in stock.

The continuously changing and attractive windows make Century Framing one of the brightest spots on Christopher Street.

"Like all quality work" Daniel and Douglas remark, "our prices are slightly higher". However, the knowledgeable and considerate assistance given is valueless and almost unheard of in most commercial establishments.

Having been one of the very satisfied customers, it is a pleasure to introduce our members to CENTURY FRAMING, LTD. Stop in and say hello.

PAUL DOOLEY HOME FROM HOSPITAL:

We are happy to report that Paul Dooley of W. 12th Street has returned home from the hospital, and we hope Paul's recovery is a quick one. Paul is the husband of Betty Dooley, chairman of the Old Abingdon Block Association, and one of our faithful members.

THANKS RITA LEE:

We have had a couple of occasions to call on Rita Lee, the manager of Community Board #2 District Service Office - 5 West 3rd Street - N. Y., N. Y. 10012, and we're happy to report that we do get immediate response. One of our request has been for assistance in replacing street trees which have been knocked down by trucks or otherwise killed. We thank Rita Lee for the start of the planting from our list, and hope that others will be planted this spring (if it's not too late) or in the fall.

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR SUBWAYS?:

A FEW WEEKS AGO, WE WERE ALL ALARMED AT THE APPEARANCE OF GATES at some of our subway entrances. Well dear friends, this thing is much bigger than we may think, and there are many questions to be answered. Who made the decision to install these gates? Why has the community not been informed? Who got the contract to make the killing from the construction and installation of these gates? Is there a plan to curtail all subway service after certain hours? Why are gates being installed at such important entrances as the 8th Street entrance of the West Fourth Street station? (not only are there gates as you enter the station there, but after you go through the turn-stile there are more gates at the bottom of the short flight of stairs at the train platform) Why are there gates at such important stations as Third and Lexington Avenue? Who is trying to destroy our subway system, and why? It is about time that we really stop just asking questions, but begin to demand answers. Not only answers to our questions, but answers to the problems being presented to us daily by those we have placed in high offices. We can't afford to wait much longer, TIME IS RUNNING OUT. This is an election year. Register to vote. Examine all candidates carefully, and use your vote wisely.

MANHATTAN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER CALL FOR HELP?:

On April 17th, the current contract which the Department of Mental Hygiene has with the labor union represent a majority of its staff will expire. It is very possible that a large group of professional and paraprofessional staff may fail to show up for work beginning April 18 at the Center at 75 Morton Street.

Manhattan Developmental Center is seeking volunteers who can and are willing to help out during this critical time. Anyone interested in helping at the center (should the need arise) should call Judy Trent - 924-2912 Ext. 300.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY MAY 17, 1977
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE

WESTWAY WESTWAY WESTWAY

AGENDA

THIS MEETING WILL BE DEVOTED MAINLY TO THE PLANNING FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS WHICH HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED ON WESTWAY

WE URGE ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THIS MEETING - DON'T COME ALONE - BRING A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR

NOT SINCE THE THREAT OF URBAN RENEWAL HAS THERE BEEN AN ISSUE AS IMPORTANT TO THIS NEIGHBORHOOD - WE MUST DEFEAT THIS REAL ESTATE PLAN: **DISGUISED** AS A HIGHWAY PLAN

DUE TO RATHER BIASED NEWS COVERAGE - IT IS AMAZING THE NUMBER OF NEW YORKERS WHO DO NOT KNOW WHAT WESTWAY IS - WHO DO NOT KNOW WHAT WESTWAY MEANS - AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN LED TO BELIEVE THAT THE WESTWAY DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AND FINALIZED

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE GET OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS OUT TO THE HEARINGS SO THEY CAN HEAR THE FACTS ABOUT THIS POLLUTING - ENERGY-WASTING - UNNEEDED INTERSTATE HIGHWAY

DEMAND THAT WESTWAY FUNDS BE TRADED IN FOR MASS TRANSIT FUNDS WHICH WOULD ALSO INCLUDE FUNDS FOR A MORE MODEST ROADWAY

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT
WILLIAM P. BOWSER, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
ELAINE SCHECHTER, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
EVA M. SENYE ETTISCH, THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
LEILA SOLOMON, RECORDING SECRETARY
BARBARA STEINBERG, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
ERNEST MAYER, TREASURER

(HEARING NOTICE ON OTHER SIDE)

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON

WESTWAY !

May 23-24, 26-27, 1977, at 2 World Trade Center (44th floor)

A LARGE TURNOUT IS VITAL

- to show that the people refuse to have another polluting, energy-wasting Interstate Highway rammed down our throats while mass transit falls into ruin
- to show massive support for trading in Westway for mass transit funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis, as Federal law allows (which would also provide more jobs)
- to show politicians which side the voters are on in this election year.

THIS HEARING IS FOR CITIZENS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS.

It is not a legal proceeding. No one will question you. This is the last chance to express your views on whether state and federal agencies should give permits without which Westway cannot be built.

1. Come to the hearing.
2. If you want to schedule a time to speak (even a few sentences is desirable):
Contact: Douglas Kerr, West Side Highway Project
594-1818
3. Write to State Environmental Commissioner Peter Berle, telling him what you think of Westway. Tell him you want your comments included in the hearing record.
Write to: Commissioner Peter Berle
Department of Environmental Conservation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, New York 12201

	<u>Mon. 5/23</u>	<u>Tues. 5/24</u>	<u>Thurs. 5/26</u>	<u>Fri. 5/27</u>
Hearing	Morning: -	10:30-noon	-	9- until
Sched-	Afternoon: 2-6	1:30-5	2-6 for technical panel	all speak-
ule:	Evening: 7:30-9:30	-	7:30-9:30	ers done

CALL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: CH 3-1022; CH 3-0762; 354-5066

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER MAY 1977

WEST VILLAGE HOUSES:

The remaining five unfinished buildings of the West Village Houses are finally being finished, and rental of the apartments is now underway. Occupancy of these 56 apartments is expected early in June.

The 364 apartments which were offered for rental about a year ago were completely rented and occupied in a matter of a couple of months, and it is expected that the apartments on the Bank Street site will be occupied fully by the end of July.

NEW TOWNHOUSES PLANNED IN THE WEST VILLAGE:

The housing boom in the West Village continues, and no let-up in sight. Renovations at 113-115 Bank Street and 123 Bank Street are now under way, and the Eclair Bldg. at the corner of Jane and Greenwich Street has gotten a an exterior face-lift, and the internal construction should begin within a couple of weeks.

The newest plans for our area call for the construction of five new town houses on Washington Street between Perry and West 11th Streets, and across from West Village Houses.

This will be a new approach in housing in the West Village since, except for West Village Houses, all new housing in our area has been the result of the conversion of buildings from commercial to residential usage.

Rockrose Development Corporation is again in the picture with the Shephard Warehouse at the corner of Tenth and Washington Streets (also across from West Village Houses), so don't be suprised to see some action there in the not to distant future.

THE OLD CHARLES STREET POLICE STATION:

The Charles Street Police Station at 123 Charles Street which was sold at a City real estate auction several months ago will be on the agenda when the Zoning Committee of Comunity Board #2 meets at 7:30 P. M. at New York University - Loeb Student Center -Room 511 - Tuesday May 17, 1977.

Also on the agenda that evening is telephone cable under Seventh Avenue and Twelth Street. Anyone interested in these two items will be welcome at this meeting.

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 TO MEET:

The May meeting of Community Board #2 will be held at 7 P. M. at the New School of Social Research - Wollman - 66 W. 12th Street on Thursday May 19, 1977. Hall

TWO BLOCK PARTIES SCHEDULED:

The Bedford-Barrow-Commerce Streets Block Association will hold a Street Fair on Saturday May 14th (rain date May 15th) from noon until 10 P. M.

Join your neighbors in the streets on May 14th and enjoy the food, drink and street fun.

The Old Abingdon-12th Street Block Association are still making the final plans for their Street Fair which will be held on June 11th (rain date June 12th) on West 12th St. between Washington and Hudson Streets. One thing you can be sure of is great cakes from Betty and her baking ladies.

ANTI-WESTWAY THEATRE BENEFIT:

We would like to say THANK YOU to all those who purchased tickets and those who made contributions to the West Village Committee - West Side Ad Hoc Committee Against The Interstate sponsored Theatre Party.

It was a successful evening topped off with a great party after the theatre at the home of Judy and Merve Bendewald.

Also, our thanks to those who worked so hard on this fund raising event and the Book and Bake sale held a few weekends ago.

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE TO RENEW GARDEN MAINTANCE AGREEMENT:

In the spring of 1972, the West Village Committee presented to St. Vincent's Hospital a plan for the greening of the triangle site across from the hospital, and on May 26, 1972 St. Vincent's accepted our proposal.

The result has been a garden which has been a source of beauty in the community and the inspiration for the use of open space for beautification by community groups within and without the city.

After five years, it has now become necessary for St. Vincent's to use a portion of the site for hospital related purposes.

The present plans for the triangle site include a two-level storage facility below-ground and a liquid oxygen installation and truck unloading depot above-ground.

Of the 16,000 square feet presently available on the triangle, 4,500 square feet will be needed by St. Vincent Hospital. This will leave 11,500 square feet available for our use.

Because of excavation which will be costly in terms of plantings and materials, the Planning Committee of the Hospital Board of Trustees has passed a decision to assume the financial responsibility for the replacement of such materials.

At the April meeting, the West Village Committee voted to continue to assume responsibility for the area of the triangle which the hospital will not have to use.

CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL:

There will be a Children's Film Festival at the New York Public Library Hudson Park Branch - 10 7th Avenue South starting Tuesday June 7th, and continuing each Tuesday through June 28th at 4 P. M.

These films are free, and for further information call CH 3-6876.

TUTORS NEEDED TO HELP SLOW READERS:

Many children in our public school system are in need of remedial reading help, and personal tutoring on a one-to-one basis.

Because of this problem, Ascension Church is establishing a Reading Center to begin in the fall. The children enrolled in this program will come from P. S. 41. and the director is Ascension parishioner, Marietta Schiff. Both men and women are need, and since many of the children to be tutored lack a dependable male figure in the home, an emphasis is placed on the recruitment of men in the program.

The only requirments are that you yourself can read, and that you enjoy children. You will be trained to diagnose and correct reading problems and you training will continue on the job. Only one hour per week is asked of your time.

An organizational meeting was held at Ascension Parish Hall - 5th Avenue at 10th Street recently, but there is still time for interested parties who didn't make that meeting. For information, please call Angela at the Church Office (924-0562)

WEST VILLAGE CHORALE IN SPRING CONCERT:

The spring concert of the West Village Chorale will be held on Sunday May 15th at 3 P. M. at The Church Of Saint Luke In The Fields - 487 Hudson Street. Works by Byrd, Thompson and Brahms will be conducted by Gwen Gould. Admission is \$2.50 for adults, and \$1.00 for senior citizens and students.

THE FLYING SAUCER DISCO:

Action has finally been taken resulting in the closing of the Flying Saucer Disco at 544 Hudson Street.

This club first came to our attention when a huge and horrid mural was affixed to the wall. Even before it was completed, complaints were made to the Landmark Preservation Commission as such a sign is illegal without approval by Community Board, and final approval by the Commission. No action was taken on these complaints which were made over 7 months ago.

When construction was in progress, complaints were made to the Building Department as there was no building permit. No action was taken on these complaints.

Then the club opened with noise blaring from the juke box from midnight til dawn. Complaints were made to the Sixth Pct. A summons or two were issued, but this is of little relief to the sleepless neighbors. The club seemed to have a charmed life.

After a meeting held with affected neighbors, State and City officials, and representatives of City agencies, the building dept. issued a vacate order.

The sign on the door reads, "Closed for repairs- Reopening soon". We hope our city officials will see to it that businesses not complying with city regulations and that prove to be a public nuisance are closed fast and permanently.

Attention →

Residents and businesses on Hudson, Greenwich, Washington and all West Village side streets.

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD by Community Board 2's

"Streets, Transportation and Waterfront Committee"

on the proposal to reroute truck traffic into West Village streets and make West Houston Street an alternative truck route, west of Sixth Avenue for Canal Street, with outlets in the village.

Be here!

Place: St Johns in the Village
224 Waverly Place

Date: Monday, June 13th, 1977

Time: 5:30 P. M.

Be here!

The proposed plan would make Hudson Street 2-way, as well as sections of other Streets. (14th - between 9th and 10th Avenues. 9th Avenue - between 14th and Gansevoort Streets.)

Greenwich and Washington Streets would be reversed taking the brunt of all 8th, 9th and 14th Street traffic as well as serving as an entrance and outlet for West Houston Street cross-town truck traffic.

Such a plan would require the narrowing of sidewalks, the removal of trees and greatly increased air pollution and noise. Not to mention the damage it would do to century old buildings.

Mr. Harvey Samuelson of the NYC Dept. of Traffic will be present at the hearing. It is important to ask Mr. Samuelson how this plan came about since almost all the alternatives and the one recommendation in the plan have been the subject of past community hearings and all have been strongly opposed in the past by the people of the community.

It is important to note that if Westway were ever built with its ramps on 14th Street, as planned, Hudson, Greenwich, and Washington would be the natural outlet for 2,000 vehicles an hour.



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY JUNE 21, 1977
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE

AGENDA

A REPORT ON THE WESTWAY PUBLIC HEARINGS HELD THE WEEK OF 5/23/77, AND A DISCUSSION ON WHATS NEXT IN REGARDS TO WESTWAY.

A REPORT ON THE PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON 6/13/77 AT ST. JOHN'S ON THE MANHATTAN TRUCK STUDY AS IT AFFECTS RESIDENTS OF THE WEST VILLAGE AREA.

THIS IS THE LAST MEETING SCHEDULED BEFORE OUR USUAL SUMMER BREAK - THERE WILL PROBABLY BE A MID-SUMMER NEWSLETTER TO KEEP OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS INFORMED.

FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS, WE WISH A JOYOUS AND EVENTFUL SUMMER, AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN SEPT. 20TH, SHOULD YOU NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THIS MEETING.

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT
WILLIAM P. BOWSER, FIRSE VICE PRESIDENT
ELAINE SCHECHTER, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
EVA M. SENYE ETTISCH, THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
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ERNEST MAYER, TREASURER

(PLEASE SEE HEARING NOTICE
ON OTHER SIDE)



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER JUNE 1977

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE TO HOST GARDEN PARTY:

The West Village Committee invites our neighbors and friends to a Garden Party to be held inside the award winning garden on the St. Vincent's Triangle on Sat. June 18th. Most of you have viewed the garden from the outside over the years. Now, you can join us and stroll through the garden as you enjoy our (always great) snacks and refreshments.

The West Village Committee has been so busy raising funds for the Highway Fight, and our efforts to inform our community, that we often forget our own needs. Now, we're doing one for us.

A \$10 donation is requested at the gate. Party time is 5:30 p. m. to 8 p. m. (Rain date Sun. June 19th) For information, phone 243-8779.

PUBLIC HEARING ON MANHATTAN TRUCK STUDY:

The hearing notice printed on the back of this months meeting notice should be read carefully, and everyone who can make it should turn out to show our outrage at yet another attempt to rape our neighborhood.

As Jane Jacobs once said, "Two ways to destroy a neighborhood are to urban renew it, or run trucks through it." It is obvious that our city fathers have studied Jane Jacobs writings well. Many attempts to urban renew us here in the West Village have failed, so now, the truck trick.

The West Village Committee spends considerable people hours and money to alert our neighborhood as these dangers develop, and we urge you to respond by writing letters when we request such a campaign. Letters need not be long, but just a brief expression of your feelings.

We must join forces in this neighborhood and fight those foreign to our neighborhood who would destroy us, and the handful of our neighbors who have joined with them.

\$500.00 GARAGE REOPEN UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT:

The Greenwich Village Garage at 738 Greenwich Street (corner Perry and Greenwich Sts.) which the Greenwich Village Community Housing Company was forced to purchase to accommodate tenants in the West Village Houses has recently re-opened under new management.

The new proprietors, Jack Ross and Raul Szidon, offer preference to tenants of West Village Houses for the 240 available spaces at rates of \$50 monthly for compact cars and \$55 monthly for larger cars.

The parking of garbage trucks which customers and neighbors found offensive, and caused violations to be served on the former owners, and other large trucks has been curtailed.

Since these garages which are required by law to accommodate tenants in apartment buildings get very few customers from the buildings they are to serve, there is always available space which is used for public parking.

The Greenwich Village Garage is open seven days per week from 7 a. m. to 1 a. m. For information, Phone 989-9543.

OLD ABINGDON BLOCK ASSOCIATION FAIR:

The Old Abingdon Block Association (W. 12th Sts.) will hold it's annual block festival on Sat. June 11th. (rain date Sun. June 12th) Site of the festival will be W. 12th street between Hudson and Washington Streets.

This years fair promises to be the biggest yet with music, fun and food for all. Don't miss lunch at the sidewalk cafe.

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 TO MEET:

The June meeting of Community Board #2 will be held at St. Alphonsus Church, St. Gerard Hall, 308 West Broadway. The date Thursday June 16th at 7:00 p. m.

All members of the community are welcome, and urged to attend.

CHARLES STREET POLICE STATION REVISION ON ZONING COMMITTEE AGENDA:

The Zoning Committee of Community Board #2 will meet on Tues. June 14th, and the first item on the agenda is 135 Charles Street. At issue is the request for a variance for the conversion to residential use in a C8 district.

Anyone interested or affected by this change, pro or con should attend this meeting, see the plans, and make known their views on this issue.

This meeting will be held in the New School Building - 65 Fifth Avenue 2nd Floor, Room 212. The time is 7:30 p. m.

GANSEVOORT "INSOOTERATOR" HEARING:

On June 2nd, a hearing was held before the Environmental Control Board on charges brought against the Dept. of Sanitation by the City Dept. of Air Resources. The source of complaints is the Gansevoort Incinerator.

The hearing which had been announced for 10:30 a. m. had its time revised to 8:30 a. m. (at the last moment), and was finally held at 10:30 a. m.

To make a short story short, very little came out of the hearing as the violation being heard dealt only with the emission of smoke. At this point, the smoke is just a minor offense. The problem facing residents of the West Side of Manhattan in parts of Chelsea and Greenwich Village is the emission of ashes and other "particulate matter".

A new hearing date has been scheduled for Tuesday July 12th. At this moment we do not have a time, but we ask that you make a note of the date and call Rita Lee at the District Service Office (533-1617 or 1618) a day or so before and get the time. In the meantime, save your ashes so we can present them with samples.

H B PRESENTS NEW PLAY:

The H B Playwrights Foundation invites you to a new play "Animal Lovers" by Donna De Matteo. This comedy will be directed by Herbert Berghof.

Play is scheduled to run from June 21st through June 30th with matinees on June 25th and 26th. Curtain time is 8:00 p. m. for the evenings, and 3:00 p. m. for the matinees.

Reservations may be made by calling 989-6540. There is no admission charge.

A REMINDER!! THE CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL:

The Children's Film Festival at the New York Public Library-Hudson Park Branch got underway on June 7th, and will continue each Tuesday through June 28th. Showings are at 4 p. m., and there is no admission. For additional information and the schedule, call CH 3-6876. Library is at 10 7th Ave. South.

NEW YORK TIMES DOUBLE TALK:

While supporting those who plan to destroy our area on their editorial page, the New York Times the Friday May 27th "Weekend" section carried a headline, "Greenwich Village is New York's Biggest Festival". Mimi Sheraton wrote about food, stores and places to eat, and Richard F. Shepard served as our tour guide. It was interesting to note that of the 28 restaurants listed on the map, 18 of these are located in the West Village.

In spite of the bad face we are often given on the popular "Kojak" T V series, The West Village is an area where many nice things happen.

ANOTHER NEW RESTURANT:

Speaking of nice things happening, one of the nicer things is the new restaurant "Hisae's Fish Place" which opened recently at 570 Hudson Street. Don't be fooled by the sign outside which still says "Roadhouse", there have been a major change on that corner of Hudson and West 11th St.

As the name implies, fish is king at this restaurant. The wonderful scallop chowder should not be missed. The steamed mussels in a garlic and tomato broth were excellent. Take care, or take a healthy appetite. After the lovely rich scallop chowder, it was not possible to finish off but half the huge portion of mussels, and what a pity to leave them. The A la Carte menu is full of bright ideas, and the prices range from \$4.50 to \$7.95 for entrees. Take money, credit cards are not honored. Dinner is served from 6 p. m. until midnight. (Dark on Mondays) Reservations are not only accepted, but recommended. There is full bar service at reasonable prices.

In all the excitement, we misspelled restaurant, but you make no mistake when you try "Hisae's Fish Place".



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

DATE: TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 1977
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE

AGENDA

THE COMPLETE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING
WILL BE SET AT A LATER DATE, BUT WILL
INCLUDE AN UPDATE OF VILLAGE EVENTS
AND HAPPENINGS OF THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT BILL BOWSER WILL
CONDUCT THIS MEETING, AND WE ASK ALL
MEMBERS TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.
DON'T COME ALONE! BRING A FRIEND OR TWO.

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT
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FALL GREETING:

We would like to welcome all our members and friends back to the "Big Apple" who were fortunate enough to be away for the summer, and salute all we hearty souls who braved our record heat and the blackout.

This being an election year locally, and the prospect of changes to be made, it is important that each of us dedicate ourselves to take a new look and examine the role each can play in our efforts to improve the life style of the area in which we live. Come out to our meetings, get involved and join with us in our efforts to work out Village problems as they arise.

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 NOTES:

One of the ways our members can get involved is by taking an interest in your Community Board. One provision of the City Charter voted by city voters establishes a District Service Office. Our District Service Office is located at 5 West 3rd Street - NYC, 10012 - Phone 533-1617 or 1618. Our District Manager is Ms. Rita Lee. One of the jobs of the District Manager is to expedite the complaints of those in our board district. If you have problems dealing with city services, write or call the district office. Ms. Lee will try to get to the bottom of your complaint, or refer it to the appropriate committee of the board. The West Village Committee would appreciate a copy of your complaints.

Community Board #2 is one of the 12 boards serving residents of Manhattan. The 50 members on each board are selected from the hundreds of persons seeking membership by appointment to each board.

The Borough President appoints the Community Board members, except for the ex-officio City Council members. All of the Council members who serve any part of a Community District, including the Council members from the borough at large, will be members of the Community Board without vote.

Half of the appointed members of a Board will have to be appointed by the Borough President from nominations submitted to him by the Council members who serve on the Board. The other half will be appointed completely at the Borough President's discretion.

Community Board members serve with^{out} compensation.

Any public citizen interested in Board participation can request (in writing to the Borough President's Office) membership on one of the many Board Committees as a Public Member.

Your Community Board meets the third Thursday of each month. Consult the Villager for time and location, or call your District Service Office.

REVISED CITY CHARTER COPIES FINALLY AVAILABLE:

Copies of the revised City Charter, incorporating reforms approved by voters two years ago, finally are available at the City Record Office in the Municipal Building.

General Services Commissioner John T. Carroll said the new 230-page paper-bound document is available for \$7.50 at the City Record and \$8.50 by mail. The Charter was last published in a revised edition in 1969.

Copies can be obtained by writing or visiting the City Record office in room 2213 of the Municipal Building, Centre Street, New York, N. Y. 10007.

CARING COMMUNITY, INC. TO RAISE FUNDS FOR NURSING HOME PURCHASE:

The Caring Community, after being requested by the Ad Hoc Committee for the Village Nursing Home to consider becoming the permanent operator of the Nursing Home, has made application with the State and has recently signed a letter of intent to purchase the Home from the present owners for \$725,000. The State will reimburse approximately \$450,000 based on land value and Historical costs, leaving a difference of \$275,000 to be raised. The Village Nursing Home is the only nursing home in the area bounded by 42nd St. and the Battery, 5th Ave. and the Hudson River.

Plans are now being finalized for a massive fundraising drive to solicit support and contributions from the Chelsea-Village communities. For information contact Caring Community, Inc - 371 Sixth Avenue - N. Y., N. Y. 10014.

STREET FAIR TO RAISE FUNDS FOR NURSING HOME PROJECT:

A Street Fair will be held in the area around the Village Nursing Home (Hudson and W. 12th Sts) on Sunday, October 2nd. Watch The Villager for additional information, or Contact the Caring Community, Inc. The West Village Committee plans to sponsor a "bake sale" table to raise funds for this worthy venture

GROVE STREET BLOCK ASSOCIATION FAIR:

The Grove Street International Food Fair and Crafts Festival is scheduled to be held on Saturday September 17th from noon to 9 P. M. (Rain date Sept. 18) on Grove Street between Seventh Avenue and Hudson Street.

The Festival will feature a variety of cuisine and beverages of many lands. There will be crafts and a wide range of merchandise for sale, including plants, books, pottery, antiques and art, and an exciting raffle and games for kids.

Street musicians and other entertainment will enhance the international

TREES AVAILABLE FOR FALL PLANTING - IF YOU ACT FAST:

The District Service Office of Community Board #2 has checked on the availability of street trees, and found that trees can be planted for \$155. This includes new top soil, a five year supply of food (which goes into the soil when the tree is planted), a tree three inches in diameter which can be one of several varieties: Soghora, Gingko, Linden Greenspire, Honey Locust, Callery Pear, Marshall Ash, Dawn Redwood, Buisman Elm, Zelkova, Urban Elm and Flowering Cherry.

There will be an additional \$15 charge for sawcutting and compressing new openings and the following rules must be followed: plantings should be 25 feet from street light and 8 feet from fire hydrant. No tree may be planted where there is a vault under the sidewalk. There should be 25 to 35 feet between trees.

If interested, contact Ad Hoc Committee for Trees--Elizabeth Shuldiner-80 W. 12th St.-N. Y. C. 10011-- or-- Beth Perrone-58 W. 9th St. NYC 10011. Give name of person or organization, Address, Telephone number, person to contact, specific list of site or sites, and variety of tree or trees. In order to secure trees for fall planting, you must respond immediately to reserve trees.

UPPER WEST 13TH ST. BLOCK ASS"N PARTY:

The Upper West 13th St. Block Association (between 5th and 6th Avenues) is having its first block party in three years on Sat. Oct. 1st. Featured will be, Decor by the Parsons School of Design-Sidewalk Cafe offering gourmet food-- A barbeque grill with franks, burgers and sausages--white elephant sale--raffle--auction and many interesting concessions--entertainment and games for children. Time: 12 to 6 P. M.

TRIANGLE GARDEN GETS LIFE FOR ANOTHER SUMMER?:

The latest schedule for excavation and foundation work on the St. Vincent's Triangle seems to indicate another summer for the famous garden.

Several years ago when The West Village Committee secured the use of the site, we were assured only six months of usage. We have had a wonderful experience and relationship with St. Vincent's Hospital, and the garden has been a pleasure to countless New Yorkers and visitors.

At the proper time, we will remove the plantings, and will be planning for the day when we start greening the new garden which will grace the site after construction of the storage facility is completed.

THE ERNEST MAYERS MOVE FROM THE WEST VILLAGE:

Ernest Mayer has resigned as treasurer of The West Village Committee. Ernest and Clara Mayer moved from Horatio St. to Riverdale late in August. Ernest has held various offices in The West Village Committee over the last several years.

Mr. and Mrs Mayer were also active with the Village Visiting Neighbors where he served on the Board of Directors and as treasurer.

We hate very much to lose great members as the Mayers from our active membership, however, we are pleased that Ernest and Clara Mayer will remain West Village Committee members, and have promised to see us on the third Tuesday from time to time. We wish them much happiness in their new abode.

WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK CLEAN-UP CONTINUES: -3-

The Washington Square Park Clean-Up sponsored by The Washington Square Park Council will continue each Sunday through September. Volunteers meet at the Washington Square Arch at 10 A. M. - Free gift for each volunteer. Brooms, litter bags and work gloves will be supplied by N.Y.U. and The Parks Department. Wear your old clothes.

CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL:

Each month in The West Village Newsletter we report on various events and happenings, and The Villager reports weekly on various community events. Yet, we often hear the cry, "there's nothing for our children to do."

During the summer, The West Village Committee and The Horatio Street Association sponsored several of the Park Department Mobile Units in Abington Square and Saravelli Playground.

Now, we would again like to call your attention to The Children's Film Festival held each Tuesday at 4 P. M. at the Hudson Park Branch of the New York Public Library (10 7th Avenue South).

The next series starts Sept. 13th with the showing of a film called Stuart Little, and continues each Tuesday afternoon until December 27th showing of The Nutcracker.

A complete schedule of films to be shown can be seen on the Community Bulletin Board in D'Agostino on Greenwich St. at Bethune, or write to the Hudson Branch and request a schedule.

THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSES:

The September issue of APARTMENT LIFE carried a very nice article by Mary Perot Nichols about "New York's most successful housing development" entitled "Inner City Infill: Build In, Don't Bulldoze". This article is a welcome input into a "success story" which overcame numerous attempts to destroy this concept of housing.

The West Village Committee and West Village Houses has accomplished much more than provide housing for over 400 family units; it is the one thing that has stabilized the western-most part of the West Village.

Because of renovations and building activity created by the success of West Village Houses, the City of New York stands to gain thousands of dollars annually because of revenue that will be gained by the new and permanent use of vacant land and buildings for housing; revenue that has been lost because of the loss of commercial tenants.

Some of the West Village renovations are as follows: The Shepard Warehouse (Washington at 10th St.) is now being converted to housing. The Ellinger Warehouse (Hudson at Christopher St.) is being converted to housing. The Liberty Warehouse (Hudson St. between Bank St. and W. 11th St.) is being converted to housing. 113-15 Bank Street is being converted to housing. 123 Bank Street is being converted into housing. New townhouses (6 buildings) are planned for the site on Washington St. and Perry Street, across from West Village Houses. A renovation is now in progress, and new townhouses are planned for the site on Washington St. between Perry and Charles St. opposite West Village Houses. New townhouses are planned for the site next to West Village Houses on Charles St. and on Charles Lane, and there are new applications filed each month.

All this population growth in our area spells economic growth also in our community. This means added business for shops, supermarkets and restaurants in our area. This growth also means added strain on neighborhood amenities such as schools, hospitals, transportation and small neighborhood businesses that are so important in a community such as ours.

We urgently need the help and cooperation of our new neighbors to help us respond in a positive way to all the needs of our neighborhood.

The West Village Committee as sponsors and builders of West Village Houses can be proud of the part we've played in the revitalisation and reweaving of an area which those who opposed us labeled as a "wasteland where no one would live".

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP GROWTH:

Our West Village Committee membership continues to grow a bit each month, and we now mail to over 800 people each mailing. This adds up to over \$100.00 each month in postage alone.

One of our aims is to have an informed neighborhood, so we shall try to produce an informative newsletter, and mail as long as our funds allow.

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE FUND RAISING:

Now that the summer is fading, and we dig in for the fall, it is the time that we think of the raising of funds.

As you all know, The West Village Committee serves the community without a set membership fee. We feel that those of our membership who can't afford a set fee should not be in a position of feeling they can't be a part of us because they can't or didn't pay dues.

Instead, it was voted that we have a voluntary dues, and from time to time we remind you of that fact. So, this month and next we will remind you. Make check payable and mail to THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE - 304 W. 11TH ST. NEW YORK, N. Y. 10014. We will do the rest.

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE BOOK SALE:

It will soon be time for another of our great Book Sale and Flea Markets. This sale is scheduled for Saturday October 22nd and Sunday the 23rd. (rain dates Oct. 29th and 30th) The sale starts at noon, and continues until dusk. We will start collecting books and other items after Oct. 1st. Please start setting aside your donations, and after 10/1 call 243-0762 or 342-8779 to arrange for pick-up or delivery.

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE WINE TASTING:

Another event we have in the works is a great Wine Tasting party to be held late in October or early November.

This promises to be a fine evening of wine, cheese door prizes and just good fellowship.

Watch for the announcement of this fine evening in our next newsletter.

A WORD ON WESTWAY:

The decisions of a State and a Federal Agency is being eagerly awaited by both the backers and the opponents of Westway. The State Department of Environmental Conservation must evaluate testimony given at the May hearings, and decidewhether to issue an Indirect Source Permit which is concerned with the air quality aspect of the project. This decision is expected by the end of September.

Approval of the landfill in the Hudson River must come from the Army Corps of Engineers. Much of the proposed highway is to be tunnelled through this proposed landfill. In question is the impact of the proposed landfill on the marine environment.

The Federal Highways Administration has given consent for initial preparatory work, and The West Side Highway Project is currently doing the design work for demolition of sections of the highway.

The legal suits brought by opponents of the highway are very active, so the day in court is still at hand.

If you want more information and want to be kept right up to date on the highway, please contact the Ad Hoc Committee Against The Interstate Highway - 304 W. 11th Street - N. Y., N. Y. 10014. A monthly bulletin is issued by this organization.

A CALL TO POLLS:

This newsletter will reach you a bit late to urge you to get out and vote in the primarys on Sept. 8th, but we do urge you to do you civic duty and go to the polls and vote should there be a run-off election later in the month.

MARK YOUR CALENDER FOR FUTURE WVC MEETINGS:

Sept. meeting is on the 20th of course followed by

Oct. 20th

Nov. 17th

Dec. 15th - Remember the wonderful Christmas Party we had last year instead of a meeting? Why don't we think of doing it again.



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

DATE: TUESDAY OCTOBER 18, 1977
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE

AGENDA

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF VILLAGE ITEMS TO BE
REVIEWED AT THIS MEETING--

ALSO

--WE WILL PLAN FOR SOME WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE
EVENTS SUCH AS OUR FUND RAISING EVENTS, AND OUR
CHRISTMAS PARTY WHICH HAS BECOME A MOST PLEASANT
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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 1977

STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WESTWAY NOT BE BUILT:

Extensive hearings were held last spring before The New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation and the Army Corps of Engineers. Two permits are required before Westway can be built. An Indirect Source Permit is needed from the Dept. of Environmental Conservation, and The Army Corps of Engineers must issue a permit approving the landfill in the Hudson River through which much of the proposed highway is to be tunnelled.

We are happy to report that Columbia law professor, Albert Rosenthal, a hearing officer appointed by the state has recommended that the crucial Indirect Source permit be denied on environmental grounds. Professor Rosenthal said Westway proponents had underestimated the amount of traffic and pollution that would be generated by the proposed four mile \$1.15 billion Interstate Highway.

He said they failed to consider how pollution could be reduced by simply repaving West Street and 12th Avenue and "trading in" the funds for mass transit money.

Professor Rosenthal's recommendation that the crucial "source permit" be denied now goes to state Environmental Conservation Commissioner Peter Berle, who is not bound by the hearing officers ruling.

If you have not done so, please write today to Commissioner Peter Berle - N. Y. State D. E. C. - 50 Wolf Road - Albany, N. Y. 12201. In your own strong words, urge him to deny the Westway permit as his hearing officer has recommended. After writing your letter, enlist your friends and neighbors to write.

The response from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers is now in, and the recommendation of this agency also is that the permit to fill in the Hudson River be denied. There will be a fuller report on this last minute development at the Oct. W.V.C. meeting.

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE BOOK SALE AND FLEA MARKET:

The fall Book Sale and Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday October 22nd and Sunday the 23rd. (rain dates are Oct 29th and 30th) The sale starts at noon each day, and continues until dusk.

- * IF YOU HAVE BOOKS OR FLEA MARKET ITEMS, *
- * PLEASE CALL 243-0762 or 243-8779 TO *
- * ARRANGE FOR PICK-UP OR DELIVERY. *
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WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE WINE TASTING:

The Wine Tasting Party has been scheduled for October 28th, the last Friday of the month.

The Party will be held at Westbeth 55 Bethune Street.

We propose a fine evening of Wine, Cheese and just good fellowship. Oh yes, there will be door prizes for a few lucky people. A donation of \$3.50 is recommended. The time: 7 P. M. Tickets available at the Book Sale or call 243-8779 between 7 and 9:30 P. M.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE:

The very nice balsam Christmas Wreaths sold in the past by The West Village Committee will again be available this year.

For the businesses wanting early delivery, we can provide wreaths during the first week of December, or wreaths will be available on date requested thereafter. Specially decorated wreaths will be available on request.

The large lovely wreaths will be available for \$5.00 each (last years price) if ordered now. We hope to hold to last years price, but the wholesale rate goes up each year. All wreaths ordered now, will be sold at the old price. Orders may be placed at the Book Sale, or by writing to The West Village Committee.

THE 6TH ANNUAL ELEGANT WHITE ELEPHANT SALE:

The Village Green Recycling Team will hold their 6th Annual Elegant White Elephant Sale on Sat. Oct 29th from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. at Village Square, 6th Avenue and 8th Street.

Besides the better class of white elephants, there will be books, records and good food.

Proceeds from this sale will benefit the Westway Legal Fight.

Donations for the sale may be left at the VGRT Center (Greenwich Ave. at Bank St.) until the day of the sale, or they may be left with the doorman at 175 W. 13th Street. Bake Goods should be delivered to the Village Square on the day of the sale. No clothing please.

THE LAST AUTUMN GARDEN PARTY:

The West Village Committee will sponsor The Last Autumn Garden Party in the garden on the St. Vincent's Triangle.

Party time is Sunday Oct. 30th from 3 p. m. until dusk.

Come out and join us for the lovely fall colors in the garden. Refreshments will be served. A \$3.00 donation is suggested.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED ON PETITION TO TRANSPORT NUCLEAR WASTE THROUGH CITY:

The federal Department of Transportation has set Thursday, Nov. 10th as the date for a public hearing on a petition to transport nuclear waste materials through New York City, Rep. Ted Weiss announced in a recent press release.

The hearing, which Weiss had urged DOT Secretary Brock Adams to convene, will be held in New York City at One World Trade Center, 43rd Fl. at 9:00 A. M.

Rep. Weiss also announced that he has submitted a bill (H.R.9385) which would prevent the DOT Secretary from approving transportation of radioactive material through any area with a population density of more than 12,000 persons per square mile. (The area through which radioactive cargo would be moving in the city has population densities of up to 70,000 persons per square mile. Such shipments would be permitted under Weiss' bill only when the material is to be used for medical diagnosis or treatment in that area or during a national emergency.

At a Sept. 24 news conference, Rep Weiss denounced the attempt by Associated Universities, Inc. (AUI) to have DOT overturn a city regulation prohibiting transport of radioactive cargo that does not bear a Certificate of Emergency Transport. AUI, the manager of Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, L. I., is seeking to truck spent reactor fuel through the city to reprocessing facilities in South Carolina.

AUI would like DOT to pre-empt the city health code regulation (Section 175.111)

Comments on the appeal to DOT to pre-empt the city regulation should be sent to Docket Section, Rm 6500, Trans Point Bldg, 2100 Second St. S. W. Washington, D. C. 20590.



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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 1977

* DATE: TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15, 1977 *
* TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT *
* PLACE: ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE *
* 224 WAVERLY PLACE *

THE NOVEMBER MEETING:

This will be a general membership meeting where we will survey the events of the last few weeks and discuss their meanings and how they affect us.

We will also start making plans for our Christmas Party which will be held on the night of our Dec. Meeting. Because our regular meeting date falls on Dec. 20th which is just a few days before Christmas, we are making plans to change the meeting to Tuesday Dec. 13th. The Dec. meeting notice will reflect the true date. Come to the Nov. meeting and help us plan for a party just as fine if not finer than the party we had last year.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE BOOK SALE REPORT:

The Book Sale and Flea Market was held on Oct. 20th and 21st, and unlike last year, we were lucky with the weather.

We would like to thank all those members and friends who helped set-up and tear-down, and those who took the cash.

Speaking of cash, our sale was a \$1,100.00 effort.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE WINE TASTING:

On Friday Oct. 28th, a group of West Villagers met in a basement room in Westbeth to taste wine, and taste wine we did.

We tasted six California wines - three reds and three whites, and Mr. Jim Currier, the gentleman who selected the wines gave us an interesting and detailed insight in California Wine growing, and an analysis of each wine tasted.

We would like to thank Mr. Peter Shalleck, manager of Westbeth and Mr. Gordon Riesner, of Village Underground for providing the appropriate cellar for the wine tasting, Mr. Jesse Feiler of Quinion Books-541 Hudson St. for the donation of one of the very nice door prizes, and most of all, our thanks to Florie and Al Berko of the Imperial Liquor Store - 579 Hudson St. for arranging the whole affair including the cheese, crackers napkins and toothpicks.

We were honored with the presence of Hon. Henry Stearn who took time from his busy schedule to be with us.

And, congratulations to Jean Gould, Dan Gabel, Frances Burns and Miriam Lee who were the winners of the door prizes.

\$1,700.00 RAISED TO FIGHT "WESTWAY" BY VGRT:

The Village Green Recycling Team sponsored a Street Fair on Saturday Oct. 29th on Village Square to benefit the "Westway" Legal Fund, and it was a most productive day with \$1,700 raised toward the battle against "Westway".

This is just one more noble effort mounted by one of the many groups fighting to save the West Side communities from the planners of the destroyer Real Estate plan designed as a highway plan.

ST. LUKE'S CHRISTMAS FAIR:

The 27th Annual St. Luke's Christmas Fair will be held Friday Nov. 18th - 5-10 P. M., and Sat. Nov. 19th - 12 noon-5 P. M. at 487 Hudson Street. Admission is .50 for adults, and children under 12 and senior citizens free.

The Christmas Fair theme for this year will be "Christmas Around The World".

Among the many features of this year's fair will be the "International Cafe" with lots of good foods usually found in Europe and the Far East - The Art Gallery - St. Luke's Thrift Shop - Boutique - Raffle - Basement Disco, and Talent Show, and the Children's Carnival.

Donations and contributions are most welcome (clothing, toys, household items, plants, books, etc.) Tax deductible donations may be left off at the Thrift Shop.

THE ST. LUKE'S CHAMBER ENSEMBLE PRESENTS A:

Haydn Evening featuring the Marionette Opera "Philemon and Baucis" written for the Empress Maria Theresa on the occasion of her visit to the Estate of the Prince of Esterhazy in 1773 with the Nicolo Marionettes, also The Harpsichord Concerto in D major performed by Robert Wolinsky and the first New York perfor-

mance of a "Divertimento for Strings and Winds on Saturday Nov. 12th at 8 P.M. Tickets are \$4.00 (\$2.50 for students and senior citizens)

ENERGY SAVING MANUAL AVAILABLE:

A comprehensive Consumer Manual on Saving Energy at Home is available if you send \$1.50 to: Mailing Room - 7 Research Park - Cornell University - Ithaca, N. Y. 14853.

The Manual covers all aspects of home heating and cooling, the selection and use of appliances, water heating, new construction and remodeling, and transportation. Apartments get special attention.

WASHINGTON SQUARE PLAYERS PRESENT:

Cole Porter's "Kiss Me Kate", first produced in 1948, will be the kick-off production of W. S. P. 1977-78 season.

The Players, in cooperation with the Program in Educational Theatre are mounting a grand scale production of "Kate" with a richly talented cast of over forty actors, dancers and singers.

This production of "Kiss Me Kate" opened Nov. 4th, and performances will continue on Nov. 10th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th and 19th at 8 P. M., and Nov. 12th at 2 P. M., in N. Y. U. Theatre, 35 W. 4th St. Admission is \$3.50 for the general public, \$2.50 for students with L.D., and \$2.00 per person for groups of 15 or more. (Group rate tickets must be purchased in advance.

For reservations call 475-9701 between 10 A. M. and noon, weekdays, or, during the hours of performances call 598-3067.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE:

The very nice balsam Christmas Wreaths sold in the past by the West Village Committee will again be available this year.

For the businesses wanting early delivery, we can provide wreaths during the first week of December, or wreaths will be available on the date requested thereafter.

The large, full and lovely wreaths will be available for \$5.00 each on orders placed now. We are offering last years price at this time, and hope to hold to this rate. The wholesale rate seems to increase each year, and we may have to increase the price when we get wholesale quote. Mail your order now to avoid any price increase.

Specially decorated wreaths will be available on special order.

OLD-FASHIONED DARK FRUIT CAKES AVAILABLE:

Those wonderful Fruit Cakes offered by the Ad Hoc Committee Against The Interstate Highway will be available again this year. Orders are now being taken on 2-lb loaves at \$8.00 each. These old-fashioned cakes are a butter cake with all the good things that go into a fruit cake, only more of everything. When ordering, be sure to indicate whether you want your cake seasoned and aged with dark rum or cognac.

Orders may be placed by filling out the order form and cakes will be available around the 4th of December.

VILLAGE VISITING NEIGHBORS, INC.

The Village Visiting Neighbors, Inc. continues the search for homebound and lonely elderly persons in West Greenwich Village who might like to have a friendly visitor. The visitors make visits with their elderly friends at least once a week, and often will perform additional services such as shopping and escorting.

There are no charges for this service. For information, please contact Ms. Lucille Strider at 929-5869. Anyone interested in being a friendly visitor should also contact Ms. Strider.

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 MEETING NOTICE:

The full monthly meeting of Community Board #2 will be held Nov. 17th, 1977 at 7.00 P. M. at the Manhattan Development Center - 75 Morton Street - Gym.

We urge those in our community to attend board meetings when possible. Sign up to speak when you have an issue to bring to the attention of the board. This is a part of your city government in action. Don't just sit back and complain, come out and be a part of it.

If you have problems involving city agencies, contact our District Manager. No one can promise to solve all your problems, but you might be suprised what can be done if your complaint can be brought to the proper city agency.

Any inquiries should be directed to Ms. Rita Lee - District Service Office - Community Board #2 - 5 West 3rd St. N. Y., N. Y. 10012 - Phone 533-1617.

WEST VILLAGE TOWN MEETING:

There will be a Town Meeting - Nov. 13, 1977 - Time: 12 noon to 6 P. M. at Metropolitan Duane United Church - 201 W. 13th St. Suggested donation is \$1.00.

For information, call 243-5470 or 243-5471.

THE H B PLAYWRIGHTS FOUNDATION PRESENTS--:

"The House of Mirth" a play by Louis Auchincloss based on a novel by Edith Wharton.

This play, directed by Herbert Berghof will be on the boards Nov. 18th through Nov. 30th (no performance Nov. 24th). Curtain time is 8:30 P. M.

All reservations must be made by mail. No phone reservations. Please specify alternate date, and include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Reservations should be mailed to: H B Playwrights - 122 Bank St. - N. Y., N. Y. 10014. Be sure to state the number of seats desired and alternate date(phone reservations accepted after Nov. 16th, if any seats are still available - 989-6540) There is no charge for reservations.

THE VILLAGE SINGERS:

The Village Singers have scheduled a number of appearances during the Yule season.

The first, The Washington Square Tree Lighting Ceremony on Tues. Dec. 6th at 6:30 P. M.

The Traditional Holiday Concert will be held Dec. 14th at 7:30 in St. Joseph's Church.

On Thursday Dec. 15th - at the West 10th Street Block Association lighting of its decorations, followed by a program of seasonal music and carols at both St. Vincent's Hospital and The Village Nursing Home, and carolling through the Village streets.

WESTWAY DIRTY TRICKS:

In desperate moments, proponents of "Westway" are resorting to Dirty tricks.

On election eve., Mon. Nov 7th, almost full page ads were carried in the three major New York daily papers. Under a dreary photo of the waterfront at Bank Street, which spanned the full length of the ad, was copy reading, "Berlin 1945? No. New York 1977".

A trip to the waterfront and a walk out on the pier at the foot of Bank Street will reveal that the structure and debris pictured along the waterfront in the ad do not exist. This photo must have been taken a few years ago before the buildings and pictured debris were removed shortly after a fire. Yet, this is a photo used to distort facts, and deceive the public.

This ad was sponsored by The Heavy Construction Industry Fund, and listed supporters mainly Construction Associations and Unions. Also, listed among this group was an almost unheard of group called "Villagers For Westway" - Joan McClure.

We acknowledge Ms. McClures right to her opinion, but deplore her part in this scheme to distort and deceive.

WESTWAY TRANSFER USED BY OTHER CITIES:

In spite of the attempts by "Westway" proponents to distort the facts, as of Nov. 1, 1977, nine cities have used the Interstate Transfer Provision of the Federal-Aid Highway Act - i.e. transferred Federal funds from canceled Interstate highway segments to accounts to be drawn on to fund substitute mass transit and/or road projects. The nine urban areas include:

<u>Urban Area</u>	<u>Date of Approval by Transportation Sec'y</u>
Boston, Mass.	May 23, 1974
Washington, D. C. and Maryland Suburbs	Oct. 3, 1975 & April 29, '77; July 28, '78
Philadelphia, Pa.	June 25, 1974
Hartford, Conn.	Dec. 10, 1975
Portland, Ore.	May 3, 1976
Tuscon, Ariz.	May 23, 1977
Chicago Ill.	September 30, 1977
Denver, Colo.	" " " "
Salem, Ore.	" " " "

Source: Joe Marshall- Public Affairs Office, (Urban Mass Transit Admin.) (202) 426-4043

In an Oct. 6, 1977 U. S. Dept. of Transportation press Release, Transportation Secretary Brock Adams commends Boston officials "for electing to transfer funds originally designated for interstate highway and applying them to mass transit improvements. He said that it represents an energy-saving decision for the Boston metropolitan area, and reflects the king of innovative transportation planning that could serve as a national model."

Several hundred New York City organizations and public officials support using the Interstate Transfer provision to trade in Westway for c. \$750 million in Federal funds for mass transit improvements throughout the city and a modest road --minus Westway land fill-- to replace the old West Side Highway.

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The case against Westway (I)

Westway is the wrong way. It is the wrong road, at the wrong time, for the wrong reasons.

Our conclusion is based on an examination of the three key issues in the debate over Westway. Can the highway funds be transferred dollar for dollar for mass transit? What decision will generate the most jobs? What will be the effects on the city's priorities and quality of life?

These questions are being weighed by a panel appointed by Gov. Carey and Mayor-elect Koch. We will explore each in separate editorials.

Westway is being pushed primarily because of the \$798 million in federal funds its proponents say the road will bring to an impoverished city. If that were the only way the city could obtain the funds, that would be a compelling argument.

But there is now every indication that the city could trade in the federal highway funds virtually dollar for dollar for mass transit aid. That is what has happened in Philadelphia and Washington, thanks to the new liberal transfer provisions of the federal-aid Highway Act of 1967.

Boston found that after rejecting \$600 million in highway funds when there was no trade-in provision, it eventually received \$1 billion in federal aid for mass transit.

Transportation Secretary Adams said the switch represented an energy savings decision that "reflects the kind of innovative transportation planning that could serve as a national model." Why not here?

Supporters of Westway grudgingly admit the transfer possibility. But they retort that the city would then have to put up 20 per cent in matching mass transit funds — about \$200 million — instead of 10 per cent for highways — \$100 million. And half of that the state will pick up. These are fancy but flawed figures.

Local and state funds already scheduled for mass transit could count as the city's share. Moreover, even that share could be suspended because of the city's "distressed" condition.

In addition, a uniform matching formula for all federally assisted projects, including mass transit and highways, is expected to be approved by Congress.

With the city reasonably certain to get essentially the same amount of aid whether it chooses Westway or the subway, the second question is where the money will do the most good. Tomorrow we will consider what it all means for jobs.

Against Westway (II)

More jobs this way

More jobs where they are most urgently needed will be created if the \$1.2 billion Westway funds are used for mass transit projects.

In extensive research on the subject, the Open Space Institute and the Sierra Club found that Westway would produce 78,000 man-years of employment, while transit projects coupled with a modest road would provide 103,000. That is a convincing 32 per cent margin.

Further, most prospective Westway jobs were identified outside the region, in plants manufacturing steel, concrete and other materials and equipment. Highway construction is no longer considered what is called a labor-intensive activity.

In contrast, transit rehabilitation is. It would not only create more jobs, but do it sooner than Westway. The transit jobs would peak around 1980, Westway's not until around 1983, even if all proceeded according to schedule.

The chances are that it will not. Even if approved by the Carey-Koch committee now reviewing it, Westway still has a long way to go.

It could be stopped by the Army Corps of Engineers because of proposed dredging of the Hudson; by the State Dept. of Environmental Conservation because of air pollution, by the city's Board of Estimate because of strong community opposition, or finally by legal challenge from public interest groups.

Meanwhile, plans for hundreds of transit projects — refurbishing stations, upgrading cars, repairing tracks, reducing noise — are now languishing on the shelves of the MTA. All that has to be done is to dust them off, update and implement them.

The MTA recently presented a laundry list of construction projects totaling a whopping \$17.3 billion. The Westway trade-in, of course, will only cover the most immediate needs. But if there is no trade-in, the subways will deteriorate further, degrading and discouraging riders.

If there is any transportation priority in the city, it has to be mass transit. The subway system is what ultimately makes the city tick. It is its lifeline to jobs and shopping and a key to economic recovery. We will pursue that point tomorrow.

Against Westway (III) Quick, cheaper, far better...

To favor Westway over mass transit improvements is to embrace the flawed and failed planning theories of the Fifties.

Westway ignores the energy crisis (subways are 12 times more efficient); environmental concerns (it will exacerbate air and noise pollution) and, most of all, the real needs of the vast majority of the people (87 per cent who travel to jobs in Manhattan take trains and buses while only 2 per cent used the West Side Highway when fully open).

A replacement is obviously needed for the deteriorated, disintegrating West Side Highway. But studies have shown that it can be done far more frugally (a limited access road), for much less (total estimated price around \$38 million) and faster (2 to 5 years, instead of Westway's 10 to 15).

Jobs saved

A limited new highway will also avert the loss of hundreds of businesses, thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in payroll and real estate taxes that would be sacrificed to Westway's right-of-way and ramps.

These include many of the 120 firms and 4500 employes in the thriving 14th Street Gansevoort meat market, hundreds of printing and other small businesses sprinkled on the West Side and the potential use of now vacated piers for both shipping and recreation.

As for the 181 landfill acres along the Hudson, proponents say Westway will clear the way for new businesses, residences and parks.

But the city has numerous other nearby sites already vacant and crying out for such development, if only the shadow of Westway would go away. Existing neighborhoods should be saved before new ones are built at exorbitant costs.

Westway's 10-to-15-year construction period would cause major disruptions all along the West Side, discouraging private investment in such communities as Chelsea and Greenwich Village and jeopardizing public investments in the waterfront developments of Independence Plaza and Battery Park.

Study of Westway Sees Lesser Road Creating More Jobs

A study sponsored by two environmental organizations has concluded that the Westway superhighway project would create fewer jobs than its most commonly discussed alternative—a more-modest road to replace the crumbling West Side Highway, accompanied by large-scale mass-transit improvements.

The study, financed by the Sierra Club

and the Open Space Institute and released last week, also asserts that most of the \$7 billion in economic development projected as a result of construction of the \$1.16 billion highway "are at best tenuously related" to the Westway and would probably take place anyway.

The question of what the economic impact of the Westway and its alternatives would be is the centerpiece of a dispute between Governor Carey and Mayor-elect Edward I. Koch. Mr. Carey, who supports the superhighway, and Mr. Koch, who favors trading in as much of the Federal financing as possible for mass transit, have appointed a three-man panel to study the matter. Its report is due Dec. 19.

Based on a research method known as input-output analysis, the study, by Mi-

chael Gerrard, predicts that the Westway project—a 4.2-mile six-lane superhighway partly recessed in new landfill between the Battery and 42d Street—would create 78,000 man-years of employment, while building a smaller six-lane highway and refurbishing mass-transit equipment would create 103,000 man-years of work—32 percent more. The study also predicts that employment would reach its peak sooner by building the alternative.

In addition, Mr. Gerrard's study states, "spending the money to rehabilitate transit would use less energy and create more jobs in the New York region, while building Westway would use more energy and create more jobs outside the region, primarily in fabricating the materials needed to construct the road."

Of the \$7 billion projected by the Westway's supporters to result from the superhighway's construction, \$4.8 billion represents improvements in telephone, gas and electrical equipment, and "there is little reason to believe this wouldn't take place anyway," Mr. Gerrard said.

Letter: On Westway

The Auto and New York City's Decline

To the Editor:

A few points regarding your Sept. 30 editorial "Spreading Smog Over Westway":

- Calling Westway a modification of the Miller Highway is like calling the World Trade Center a modification of the Cocoa Exchange.

- Professor Rosenthal did not conduct the hearings "in a legal vacuum." He conducted them in the legal presence of the State Department of Environmental Conservation and in strict accord with Clean Air Act requirements involving the protection of the public's health. Is The Times suggesting the state ignore those laws it finds inconvenient?

- Professor Rosenthal concluded the West Side Highway Project failed to bear its burden of proof because exhaustive testimony revealed that its promises (and accompanying figures) not to increase traffic congestion and

air pollution were fundamentally flawed. This is despite the project's expenditure of more than \$16 million in public funds for an environmental impact assessment to develop, in part, just such data.

- The best air quality safeguards Commissioner Berle could insist on in a new West Side Highway would be a modest scale suited to the needs of the neighborhoods along its path and a greater emphasis on public transit—and the strongest way he could insist on such safeguards would be by adhering to and supporting Professor Rosenthal's judgment.

As to those "other forums" The Times is concerned with: On Jan. 27, Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams indicated to Representative Ted Weiss and other West Side regional leaders that the best way to scale down the West Side development and act on the interstate transfer provision of the Federal Aid-Highway

Act was to elect a new mayor.

Well, New York City is about to elect not only a mayor but a Manhattan Borough President and a City Council President who are all vigorously opposed to the West Side development as it is currently planned and strongly in favor of taking advantage of interstate transfer to obtain, at a minimum, hundreds of millions of dollars for our butchered public transit system.

New York City's decades-long subservience to the needs of the auto owner, over and above many other needs, has been—and still is—one of the major factors contributing to New York's decline. Like it or not, Professor Rosenthal's decision addresses this grim fact. Commissioner Berle and The Times would do well to bear it in mind.

BRIAN T. KETCHAM
Vice President & Chief Engineer
Citizens for Clean Air, Inc.
New York, Sept. 30, 1977

• The Post will be publishing a series of letters on this controversial but important subject. All views are welcomed.

At this moment the city's priorities are painfully apparent. It must bolster its mass transit system. It needs projects that will create jobs here and now. It must reinforce existing neighborhoods. It must protect its fragile environment.

A start in that direction would be the rejection of Westway and the trade-in of its federal dollars for funds for mass transit projects and a modified replacement of the West Side Highway.

It can all be done if Gov. Carey and Mayor-elect Koch unite in support of the alternative program. Their close Congressional ties add a special dimension of realism and strength to the effort. They minimize the danger of any new obstructionism in Washington.

We recognize that many citizens have devoted much time and effort to the planning and promoting of Westway. But we reiterate the belief, stated in our initial editorial, that it is "the wrong road, at the wrong time, for the wrong reasons."

Letter: On Westway — SAT. NOV. 26, 1977 — EDITORIAL PAGE N. Y. TIMES

'Not All Gifts Are Blessings'

You do not raise the more serious questions we should be asking about Westway: Is it environmentally sound? State hearing officer Albert J. Rosenthal says, "No", and so do an overwhelming majority of us who live in the neighborhoods that would be most affected.

Would it relieve traffic on residential thoroughfares? No again, because experience elsewhere has taught us that, by encouraging dependence on the automobile, superhighways in congested urban areas generate even more traffic on feeder routes and often become obsolete themselves not long after their construction.

Would it stimulate New York's economic recovery? Certainly, to the tune of \$763 million, according to your statistics the difference between the \$393 million forthcoming in a trade-in and the \$1.156 billion to be received for the construction of Westway—\$100 million to \$50 million a year, at most, over the 8 to 15 years the West Side Highway Project estimates will be re-

To the Editor:

After one has digested all the data and tables, the substance of your Nov. 14 editorial "Westway, Still the Best Way" is that the \$1.156 billion Federal handout's only tangible benefit to New York City is that it would be free. As Adam learned when he took another Big Apple, not all gifts are blessings.

You mention fringe benefits, such as the promised 153 acres of landfill for parks, housing and "other uses." Putting aside the devastating ecological consequences of landfill, I would ask you to study the deplorable condition of our existing parks before you advocate 93 acres of new ones. And who will inhabit the 60 marshy acres proposed for housing when Battery Park City is still a mud hole and only state subsidies saved near-empty Independence Plaza from bankruptcy? Sixty new acres of housing when New York has many times 60 acres of derelict property on solid bedrock begging for rehabilitation.

to complete the scheme. Yet by 1985 or 1992 will the "rotting Hudson River piers" simply have been torn down—as epitome to New York's demise as a seaport—and \$100 million to \$50 million pumped into an annual municipal budget that now figures in the billions, leaving us with no reward for the disruption of our West Side communities but a quicker way to drive from New Jersey to Connecticut?

Most importantly, the "Box Score" you use to show the folly of trading in highway funds for mass transit is based on present state and Federal guidelines, as if they were writ into eternity. May I point out that these guidelines frequently change. No trade-in at all was allowed until the Federal Highway Act of 1976 was passed—only last year! It is not inconceivable that, with reasoned persuasion from our new Mayor and local citizens' groups, 100 percent trade-in may be allowed in 1978.

JACK MESEKOLE
New York, Nov. 15, 1977

The New York Times

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The Key to the City

By Anthony Lewis

BOSTON, Nov. 27—One of the toughest issues awaiting Edward Koch as Mayor of New York is the proposal for Westway, a \$1.16 billion expressway running along the west side of Manhattan from the Battery to 42d Street. It is in fact one of the most important urban planning issues in the country.

Westway's proponents argue that it will bring New York \$1 billion in Federal money and give the city not only a useful new highway but 150 acres of park and housing on landfill along the Hudson River. Opponents say Westway would increase city traffic and pollution; they argue that New York should trade the Federal highway money for a somewhat smaller amount in mass transit aid.

An outsider should be wary of venturing into the cross-fire of such a deadly New York conflict. But it happens that Boston and Massachusetts have gone through a somewhat similar fight, and their experience may be relevant to what New Yorkers must soon decide.

The great road proposal here was for an Inner Belt, circling through Boston and neighboring towns, linked by urban expressway north and south to Interstate 95. The Federal Government agreed to pay for 90 percent of the project: \$600 million. The leading forces in the community—business, labor, newspapers, politicians—were all for it.

Then, in the mid-1960's, local opposition developed. As rights-of-way were cleared through ethnic neighborhoods, others saw the devastation they faced. People began to challenge the premise that the highways would relieve congestion, suggesting that they would more probably pour new traffic into jammed streets. A young member of the State Legislature, Michael Dukakis, led growing political opposition.

In 1969 a new Governor, Francis Sargent, took office. He had supported the Inner Belt, but now he appointed a task force under an M.I.T. professor to examine the plans. It concluded that there was "a great mindless system charging ahead." It warned against building the highways just because Federal money was available. It called for a halt while the plans were thoroughly restudied.

On Feb. 11, 1970, Governor Sargent froze the Inner Belt plans. In a television speech he said he had decided "to reverse the transportation policy of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts." He explained:

"Nearly everyone was sure highways were the only answer to transportation problems for years to come. But we were wrong."

That was a difficult decision in 1970. Today it is utterly uncontroversial. No one of any significance in Boston or Massachusetts would favor building the Inner Belt.

In 1970 the decision apparently meant the loss of 600 million Federal dollars: There was no provision, then, for any exchange of funds. But Massachusetts politicians played a leading part in a successful campaign in Congress to authorize equivalent transit funds for abandoned urban highways. Last year Congress allowed increases for inflation. As a result, the decision that once looked so costly now entitles the Boston area to \$1 billion in Federal aid for transit projects.

The psychological change here has been as important as the financial. Boston is now a transit-oriented area. Some of the brightest public administrators around work on transportation for the state and city. The improving transit system is a key to the remarkable revival of downtown Boston.

What does all that mean for New York and Westway? Of course the situations are not identical. New York and Boston are very different in geography and economics, and each of the proposed highway systems has its own calculus of costs and benefits. But Boston's experience does have some general lessons for other cities.

One lesson is that feared "loss" of Federal money should not determine a city's fundamental decisions on its own future. Congress has changed the rules in the past, and may change them again in response to vigorous and well-reasoned urban arguments. In any case, gifts are not all wisely accepted. The Greeks bore gifts to Troy.

Another is that highway "facts," however long established in the plans and brochures, need fresh scrutiny. Too much highway planning was done, in the past, by one-sided experts sheltered from the public. The wise political leader today will want a proposal as significant as Westway to have a new and more detached examination, with ample opportunity for public comment at hearings or otherwise.

Finally, there is the psychological point. It required a drama for Boston to realize that its economic and social interest lay overwhelmingly in mass transit, not cars. Anyone who uses New York's degraded subways knows that, somehow, that city must make a new commitment to the transit system that carries 89 percent of people going to and from work. The decision on Westway or some other great symbolic issue will show whether New York's leadership understands that urgent need.

Westway Questions

To the Editor:

There are many unfortunate side effects which proponents of the Westway ignore. Unquestionably the Westway will speed automotive traffic, allowing goods to move into the city and businesses to move out.

Your economic analysis (editorial Nov. 14) does not tell us how many fewer people will be on mass transit, how the city should scale down its revenue needs to compensate for reduced employment or how the schools should adjust when middle-class parents and students go up the Westway and out of the city.

Before building this highway, we should be told where the fuel is coming from and how much it will cost us economically and politically.

ROBERT E. FELDMAN
Jamaica, N.Y., Nov. 14, 1977

Costly Westway

To the Editor:

Your cost comparison of the construction of Westway with the trade-in for mass transit [editorial Nov. 14] is really invalid. Just as you made adjustments to the value of the trade-in for various losses, you have to make adjustments to the value of Westway. These costs include the loss of jobs (and resulting taxes) due to the deterioration of mass transit without the trade-in money, the increased operating costs of mass transit due to the failure to modernize the infrastructure of the transit system, the added maintenance and policing costs of Westway, the costs of increased traffic, traffic congestion and pollution due to the increased auto use caused by Westway, etc.

By saying that improved and expanded transit would increase transit deficits and using that as an argument against trade-in, you effectively deny the urgency of the city's mass-transit needs. Deteriorating mass transit has been cited as a key reason for the loss of jobs in New York City. Since the vast majority uses mass transit for the journey to work to the Manhattan central business district, the quality of New York life and its commercial renewal can best be aided by investing in mass transit, not highways.

STEPHEN B. DOBROW
Assoc. Professor of Urban Systems
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Teaneck, N.J., Nov. 15, 1977

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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 1977

 * ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY *
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 * DATE: TUESDAY DECEMBER 20, 1977 *
 * TIME: 7:30 P. M. *
 * PLACE: ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE *
 * 224 WAVERLY PLACE *

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS PARTY:

"TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY", and that is just how we plan to be at our December 20th meeting of The West Village Committee.

Last year, we had about 85 members at the party, and it was remembered as a fine evening of fellowship when we set aside all the problems of our daily life, to eat, drink and be merry. This year's party promises to be every bit as nice.

So we can better plan, it is important that we have some idea as to how many to expect. Therefore, it is important that the enclosed Christmas Party form is returned so as to reach us no later than Dec. 18th. Forms may be mailed, or deposited in the mail slot at 304 West 11th Street.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE:

The very nice balsam Christmas Wreaths have arrived, and are now available. As we expected, the wholesale rate for the wreaths was up again. However, we will honor the \$5.00 price on orders arriving at 304 W. 11th Street on and before December 15th. After that date, the wreaths will be \$5.75 each. Orders should mailed, or left in mail slot at 304 W. 11th Street - N. Y., N. Y. 10014, and enclosed check should be made payable to The West Village Committee. Please state the number of wreaths desired, your telephone number, and the date you would like to have your wreath. For information, call 243-8779 between 10:30 a. m. and 1 p. m. Specially decorated wreaths available on special order.

THOSE OLD-FASHIONED DARK FRUIT CAKES:

We would to thank those who ordered those wonderful fruit cakes. We are also sorry to say that the kitchen is closed, and no more orders can be accepted. All proceeds from the fruit cake sale will benefit The West Side Ad Hoc Committee Against the Inter-State Highway.

MONTHLY MEETING OF COMMUNITY BOARD #2:

Community Board 2 will hold its regular monthly meeting on December 15th at 7 p. m. in Cronin Auditorium, St. Vincent's Hospital-153 W. 11th St.

A nominating Committee will be elected to draw up a slate of candidates for elections to be held in February. Board offices to be filled are chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer.

THE HB PLAYWRIGHTS FOUNDATION:

HB Playwrights Foundation will present its annual Christmas Offering, "THE SECOND SHEPHERD'S PLAY" - American adaption by William Packard at the HB Playwrights Foundation Theatre - 124 Bank St. N. Y., N. Y. 10014.

Performances will be Dec. 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 with 8 p.m. curtain, and where will be matinee performances on Dec. 23, 26, 28, and 30 with a 3:00 p.m. curtain.

The theatre will be open 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for the evening performances and 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for matinees to allow time for a "cup of cheer" before and after the performances.

For reservations, please telephone 989-6540. There is no admission fee.

CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL:

The Children's Film Festival's screenings on Dec. 13th (Tues.) at 4 p.m. will include "Snowy Day", "Leo on Vacation", "Mole and Hedgehog", "Wind", and "On the Twelfth Day".

Films are shown each Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the Hudson Park Branch of The New York Public Library - 10 7th Ave. South. Admission is free.

The new list of films for the first six months of '78 is now available. For information, telephone 243-6876.

WASHINGTON SQUARE PLAYERS:

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The Washing Square Players of New York University has an impressive program of events between now and the end of the year.

Starting with a readers theatre production of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol Dec. 12 at 4:00 p.m., and Dec. 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Press 14, 32 Washington Place. Admission is free.

On Dec. 13 at 8:00 p.m. you can catch Selene de Medeiros, a Brazilian folklorist/poet/singer. University Theatre-35 W. 4th St. Admission \$1.00.

Christmas Song Fest, with Joe Garofalo & Hugh Waddy on Dec. 15 at 12:30 p.m. Press 14, 32 Washington Place. Admission is free.

Sicilian Marionettes by Mike Manteo, a 300 year old art form of expression in theatre featuring puppets of such construction as to be difficult for a full grown man to lift, will perform on Dec. 15 & 16 at 8:00 p.m. at University Theatre-35 W. 4th St. Admission is \$3.50 for adults, Children under 13 \$1.50.

Raven Stole the Moon, which is based on folktales of the American Northwest Indians is scheduled for Dec. 17 and 18 at 1:30 & 3:30 p. m. Press 14, 32 Washington Place. Admission is \$1.50.

A traditional English Mummings play, St. George and the Dragon can be seen on Dec. 19, 20 & 21 at 6:30 p.m. Press 14, 32 Washington Pl. Admission free.

On Dec. 21 at 7:30 there will be Caroling at Press 14, 32 Washington Pl. Everyone welcome.

TELL US MORE ABOUT THE WESTWAY DEAL SENATOR JAVITS:

On Sun. Nov. 13, 1977 as guest on MEET THE PRESS, Sen. Jacob K. Javits made the following statement in answer to a question about federal aid to the city, "----Fourth, and very importantly, I think our mayor has to learn he has got to keep promises to business. One big example is something called Westway. People of the country may not know what that means, whom we are talking to, but it is a road and traffiching which was promised to business. Now he has kind of indicated he may want to swap that for some transit money. Bad idea. Our main trouble is jobs, and we have got to keep our promises to business if we are going to get jobs. If he (Koch) sticks to these lines, I believe we have a good chance of getting the cooperation of the Congress in what is absolutely essential to keep us out of bankruptcy".

Write to Sen. Jacob Javits (110 E. 45th St., N. Y., N. Y. 10017) and let him know that we do not feel that Mayor-elect Ed Koch is "bound to keep any promises and deals made by Mayor Beame and Gov. Carey to their special interest friends". Sen. Javits might also be reminded that we shall refresh his mind comes election day, should he forget he made such statements.

MORE MEDIA SUPPORT FOR OUR ANTI-WESTWAY POSITION:

In the event you may have missed it, we are reprinting some of the recent articles on "Westway".

We were pleased with the Anthony Lewis article in the New York Times. However, don't be mis-led into thinking that The New York Times has seen the light. Their editorial policy still is geared to mis-inform and mis-lead on this issue, and most articles of an anti-West nature are buried on the obituary page, and letters (when published) usually find their way in print in the Sat. issues with low readership.

However, we welcome the recent multi-part editorial which was broadcast recently on WCBS radio.

Also, the three part editorial which we reprint from The New York Post. We hope you will write to the Post, and express your views as they request.

WEST VILLAGE CHORALE IN CONCERT:

The West Village Chorale under the direction of Ms. Gwen Gould, and aided by The Perry St. Consort (a Renaissance band) and West Village Choral Chamber Singers will present a concert on Sun. Dec. 18th at The Church of St. Luke in the Field at 4:00 p.m. (487 Hudson St., near Christopher) Tickets are \$3.00 at the door. Senior citizen tickets are \$1.00.

VILLAGE SINGERS AND WEST 10TH STREET CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:

The Village Singers will sing traditional Christmas songs along Renwick, 10th St. between Sixth and Fifth Avenues at 8:00 p.m. on Dec. 15th. At 8:30, the lights will go on along Renwick Row revealing balconies draped with white pine roping, and lit by over 1,000 tiny lights. This will be followed by a program of seasonal music and carols at both St. Vincent's Hospital and The Village Nursing Home, and carolling through the Village Streets led by the Village Singers.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE - 304 WEST 11TH STREET - NEW YORK, N. Y. 10014
CHRISTMAS PARTY - TUESDAY DECEMBER 20, 1977 - 7:30 P. M.

I PLAN TO ATTEND THE CHRISTMAS PARTY:

NAME _____

PLEASE LIST NAME OF HUSBAND/WIFE/CHILDREN OR GUEST IF YOU PLAN TO BRING ONE
THIS FORM MUST REACH US NO LATER THAN SUNDAY DEC. 18TH.

Politics of Westway: a test for Koch and Carey

IN A TIME when Anwar Sadat and Menahem Begin clasp hands in the quest for Mideast peace, the vision of a working partnership between Hugh Carey and Ed Koch can scarcely be dismissed as fantasy. But Westway may quickly test whether the ancient adversary relationship between Albany and City Hall will outlive the conflict between Cairo and Jerusalem.

On the surface the dispute appears to foreshadow a head-on collision. Carey, while not long ago professing readiness to reopen his mind, is generally portrayed as an election-year political captive of the pro-Westway building trades unions and some commercial and banking interests long identified as sponsors of the massive highway project.

Koch, despite a moment of wavering during his mayoralty campaign, concluded his drive with the unequivocal pledge that Westway would "never be built" if he won the mayoralty.

In recent hours he has reaffirmed that commitment — if somewhat less dramatically—following release of the loaded pro-Westway report prepared by a committee jointly selected by Carey and himself.

Some more conspiratorial spirits have darkly hinted that Koch agreed to the committee's personnel—at least two of its three members clearly in the Westway camp — because he sought to pave the way for an early retreat.

It is admittedly hard to understand why he went along with those designations if he still retained any zest for combat.

But other students of political craftsmanship suggest that he had nothing to lose from a document that so plainly reflected the preconceptions of its authors, produced no significantly fresh, affirmative evidence and had an unmistakable qual-



By
James A.
Wechsler

ty of special pleading. It was a dud, not a bombshell.

Despite its pro-Westway bias, it at least faithfully recorded the large-scale benefits that the alternative program—concentration of funds on mass transit and construction of a less grandiose replacement for the West Side highway—would bring.

All the theories of intrigue about the committee's creation and composition may well be irrelevancies. Conceivably it was a stop-gap operation designed to win time for both Carey and Koch while each weighed his future course.

But soon time will be running out, and the rough moments of political truth will have to be confronted. Neither man can afford to prolong the stalemate indefinitely. Neither, however, is any formula for comfortable "compromise" discernible.

No doubt there are those around Carey arguing that Koch should defer to him because it is Carey who now faces an election battle while the occupancy of City Hall is settled for the next four years.

Yet I think it can be argued even more persuasively that Koch has a larger stake in this dispute than Carey.

It is an early, crucial test of his credibility. It is also an issue that primarily involves the city

—and millions of people who are the victims of a decaying, obsolete transit system.

Whatever the precise mathematical details of the "trade-in," Koch repeatedly insisted during his campaign—in private as well as public dialogue—that there could be no appreciable loss of federal funds if he and Carey united behind the mass transit priority.

What happens to his image of strength and resolution if he is obliged to announce meekly that his first major exercise in persuasion was a failure, and that he has yielded to Albany?

On the other hand, would Carey suffer fatal political damage if he accepted the proposition that the new Mayor had the right to fix the city's priorities?

Surely there would be no turbulence in the streets upstate over that decision. Most non-city residents could not care less about how these funds are allocated.

Neither, it must be added, is there any evidence that most rank-and-file members of most of the building trades are in an agitated state about the result. Only a very limited number of them would be special beneficiaries of Westway. Many would do just as well—or better—if the mass transit option, along with a limited highway, were chosen.

I may be accused of innocence in seeming to minimize the power and resources of the Westway lobby. To the extent that Carey can be denied some campaign funds now in prospect, his treasurers may be appalled by the thought of a reversal. But those dollars will not decide the 1978 gubernatorial election.

Their importance could well be

matched at the polling booth by a surge of support in the city from citizens who have begun to achieve a deepening involvement in this clash. I am not talking about the organized environmentalists, dedicated as their limited ranks are, but about throngs of subway (and bus) riders who have too long felt voiceless.

To describe "labor" as being pro-Westway, as so many analysts have done, is absurd; it is a fiction preserved by the listlessness so far of too many union chiefs. Most people who labor are mass transit users.

Westway was the product of an expert promotion operation staged at a time when New York was desperately seeking to prove its faith in its own future. In those terms the fact that it would require six, eight or 10 years to create became a psychological selling point. The slow-motion timetable is itself an affirmation of our confidence in the city's immortality; a municipal terminal case would hardly embark on so long-range a project.

It is a matter of record that I was personally swayed by that argument. But at the time the concept of a "trade-in" was widely regarded as unrealistic. That is an idea whose time has passed.

The political risks for Carey in yielding to Koch would be negligible; he might even come out ahead. But capitulation by Koch would be a dismal augury for a new Administration that so urgently needs a swift demonstration of resolve and direction.

Those are the basic politics of Westway, too long obscured by technical disputation and high-pressure propaganda. The air is finally clearing.

AS CHAIRMAN of the Westway Committee of the Greater New York Association of Meat and Poultry Dealers, which represents more than 170 wholesale meat firms, our Association is totally opposed to the Westway project in its present form.

Under the current plan, an access road to the highway will be built on the north side of West 14th St. According to studies and reports done by the Westside Highway Project, the impact of this ramp would cripple a large enough segment of the market so that the entire market would no longer be able to operate.

We employ 4000 people and 3500 other taxpaying people in the city and use public transportation. We do over \$2 billion a year in business in this market from which the city, state and federal government benefit.

The Westway Project must be stopped in its present form. We must prevent the demise of this vital wholesale business market. This is vital to the tax-paying owners, the tax-paying workers and to our city's economy.

GERALD SUSSMAN
Manhattan

Subways: The lifeline of New York

THREE CHEERS for your stand against Westway! Thousands of long-suffering subway riders will agree you have put the city's priorities in their proper order.

Two million of us—the great bulk of the work force—use the subway every day and yet we are forced to travel in an underground environment that is not only ugly but also uncomfortable, inconvenient, insecure and, as you have recently noted, in some places actually unsafe.

Alone among the city's dallies, you seem to recognize the importance of the subways to New York's economy. Yet we must also recognize that this lifeline

of the city is in very bad shape.

Our subways need a massive modernization. The stations must be made attractive—not repellent as they are now. Access to and from the platforms must be made easy, convenient and safe. All this will require hundreds of millions of dollars and as you note will provide thousands of jobs throughout the entire city. We at the Better Subways Committee welcome The Post as an ally in pushing for a rehabilitation program that will bring our subways into line with 20th Century tastes and needs.

ALBERT N. McGRATH
Manhattan

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Westway Trade-In

By John B. Oakes

The shakiest possible basis on which Mayor Koch could choose Westway over its mass transit alternative is the argument that the 4.2-mile interstate highway project for the Lower West Side of Manhattan will provide significantly greater employment and other economic benefits for New York City than will massive rehabilitation of the bus and subway system.

Leaving aside for the moment the compelling environmental and social case for the transfer of nearly a billion dollars in available Federal funds from Westway to mass transit, the three-man committee set up by Messrs. Carey and Koch to "report on the economic facts relating to the development of the Westway project and its trade-in alternative" offers no clear reason for a decision in favor of the highway, despite attendant publicity to the contrary. Here's why:

(1) The report states that the construction of Westway would create 36,500 man-years of "direct" employment, spread over the nine years it will take to build the highway, compared to only 29,000 such jobs from the mass-transit alternative. However, this new estimate for Westway jobs represents a suspicious jump of 80 percent over the figure (20,000) put out by the West Side Highway Project itself as recently as two months ago, just before the employment comparison with mass transit had become a hot political issue.

(2) In projecting the mass-transit alternatives, the committee considered only options proposed by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Other alternatives which would involve more direct use of labor were not even examined. A more carefully constructed set of trade-in proposals is already under consideration by Chairman Robert F. Wagner Jr., of the City Planning Commission, who has been asked by Mayor Koch to evaluate the report and is expected to make his own recommendations shortly.

(3) The report states that the total number of jobs resulting from the Westway project, covering "induced employment from wages and salaries as they circulate through the economy," would come to 87,000 for the full period, 25 percent higher than its maximum estimate of 69,000 for mass transit. Opponents of Westway dispute those figures, setting the total for properly selected mass transit alternatives at 103,000 or one-third more than for Westway.

As it is impossible at this stage to determine with any degree of certainty which set of job estimates is right, it would be folly for the Mayor

to base his decision on such dubious figures. Nor must it depend on the assumption that Westway will produce more "free" Federal dollars for New York than the alternative mass-transit proposals. The choice ought to depend, rather, on the relative effect of the two competing projects on the long-term development, character and quality of life within this city.

Westway could be an intriguing concept of land-use planning for New York—and it would be if all its projected amenities such as parks and housing and waterfront facilities could be assured of realization. But they cannot be. Too much of this vital aspect of Westway's planning depends on the economic uncertainties of the future. What is much more certain, unfortunately, is the grave environmental danger from intensified air and water pollution just at the moment when New York is at last beginning to succeed in clearing the atmosphere and cleaning the Hudson.

The amount of air pollution to be caused by increased truck and auto traffic is still so much in dispute that the state's Environmental Conservation Commissioner has tentatively refused to give the project clearance on that ground alone. The amount of water pollution and fisheries destruction resulting from Westway's projected dredging and landfill operations, which may also vitally affect the flow of the Hudson River, is so alarming that the Federal Environmental Protection Administration has already recommended that the Army Corps of Engineers deny the essential permit. The amount of increased energy waste that will be induced by Westway is literally incalculable. And once built to 42d Street, pressure to extend Westway would probably rise irresistibly.

For no matter how disguised, Westway is in reality a superhighway project. It is, paradoxically, a retrogressive step, a signal to the country that New York is placing a billion-dollar bet (in Federal funds) on encouraging rubber tires and gasoline engines as the traffic wave of the future, instead of on an internal mass-transport system directly applicable to the needs of New York's own economy.

The decline of New York's essentially efficient, energy-saving, decrepit transport system has reflected the decline of the city. But the massive rehabilitation of this arterial lifeline through a trade-in of Westway funds would be the most significant present step this city could take to assert its inner vitality and to underpin its future growth and development for the benefit of the masses of people who live and who work here.

John B. Oakes is Senior Editor of The Times.

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NEW YORK POST

Westway vs subways: stand firm, Ed Koch

The just released report on Westway prepared for Gov. Carey and Mayor-elect Koch was initially advertised as an objective review of conflicting evidence. It is not.

It is a flawed rehash of old promotional material for the \$1.2 billion, 4.2-mile boondoggle, coated with bureaucratic jargon to confuse the public while comforting the highway lobbyists and politicians who have surrendered to them.

Despite its pro-Westway bias, much of the report inadvertently fortifies the case against Westway. Many of its errors, omissions and perverted perspective and priorities offer new argument for rejection and validate approval of the transfer of funds for mass transit and a modest road.

According to the report, the city would "lose" \$194 to \$214 million if it trades in the federal funds now scheduled for Westway for mass transit dollars. That estimate is based on Washington picking up 90 per cent of the cost of an interstate highway but only 80 per cent of any mass transit project.

But there is now every indication that Congress will approve the Administration-supported proposal to grant mass transit projects the same 90 per cent rate. This would cut the city's "loss" down to about \$100 million.

The report, however, does not calculate how much the city will lose in the hundreds of businesses, thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in payroll and real estate taxes that would be sacrificed to the sweep of Westway's concrete.

Even if the city lost any money in the trade-in—though we contend any loss would be minimal—what it received would be infinitely better concentrated on vital mass transit improvements.

The options duly listed in the report are compelling. Instead of a six-lane, 4.2-mile superhighway going nowhere, the city could use the funds to:

- Air-condition 1590 BMT cars.
- Modernize 185 subway stations.
- Insulate 2000 cars from track noise and acoustically treat elevated stations.
- Purchase 700 new buses.
- Upgrade signal systems.
- Complete sections of the Second Avenue subway.
- Extend service to Southeast Queens.
- Construct LIRR access to Grand Central Terminal.

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way will create 36,493 direct jobs, about 8000 more than mass transit projects and a modified road combined.

This figure is utterly without independent documentation; its source is the West Side Highway Project. Curiously, moreover, the project in its official application for funds to the federal Dept. of Transportation listed its job impact at 20,000. How the total has been nearly doubled is not explained.

In the only comprehensive study of the impact on jobs, conducted by the Open Space Institute and the Sierra Club, mass transit projects were found to create 32 per cent more jobs than the superhighway. That estimate was supported by 26 pages of documentation.

The study also found that not only would transit projects create more jobs, but do so sooner than Westway and where they are needed — in New York City. Many Westway jobs were identified outside the region, in plants manufacturing concrete and other materials used in highway construction.

In its totality, the report loses any claim to detachment or fresh disclosure.

For example, it implies that mass transit funds are subject to annual Congressional approval, while highway funds are not. In fact, Congress must appropriate money from the Highway Trust Fund each year, subject to the President's approval.

The report claims that Westway can be completed in 1986, while its sponsors have been saying all along that it will be 1988, at the earliest.

The report implies that, if the alternative is selected, no funds could be made available until 1980, because there will not be time for an insertion in the 1979 budget. The fact is the mass transit projects can be funded out of current or supplemental appropriations.

The report contends that the trade may be blocked because Westway is "essential to completion of a unified and connected interstate system." The fact is that all the highway projects successfully traded in were also considered "essential."

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New evidence on Westway

One of the major arguments advanced by backers of Westway has been that the federal government will pay for 90 per cent of that highway project, but only 80 per cent of the bill if the funds are traded in for improvements in mass transit.

N.Y. Post
Editorial

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That claim has suffered another heavy blow.

Now the Carter Administration, in a move aptly described by Mayor-elect Koch as "long overdue," has proposed that mass transportation projects be treated on an equal footing, with the 90 per cent rate.

While the proposal is not yet law, the prospective change deserves serious recognition in the final Westway decision.

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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER JANUARY 1978

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224 WAVERLY PLACE

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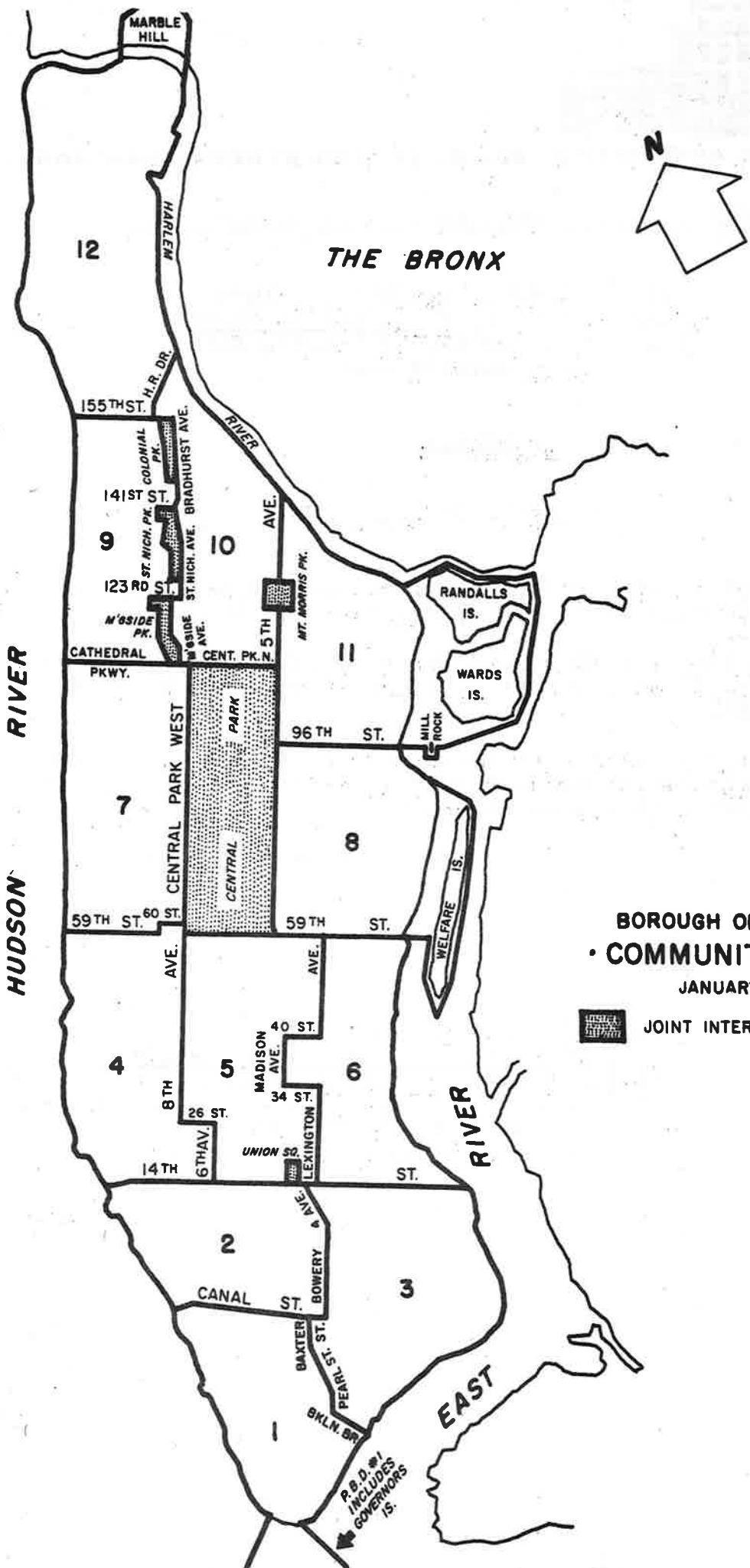
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THIS IS THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN INTERESTING AND INFORMATIVE MEETING.

WE EXPECT TO HAVE ONE OR TWO KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE TO DISCUSS WITH US THE WORKINGS OF THE COMMUNITY BOARDS.

LETS HAVE A GOOD TURN-OUT FOR THIS MEETING. WE ASK THAT EACH MEMBER NOT BE CONTENT TO COME ALONE, BUT BRING A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR.

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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The December 20th meeting of the West Village Committee was a real social evening.

This was our second Christmas Party. We are happy to report that it was a very festive evening. Over 100 members and friends feasted on ham turkey and all the trimmings.

We would like to thank those who were responsible for the fine food and wine, mainly Bill Bowser, Marlene Cohen, Eva Ettisch, Terry Fritsch, Barbara Jean Hamilton, Jackie Hanley, Gabriele Knecht, Jim Shaw, Chris Stroligo, and of course Arthur Bond, our skillful master carver.

It was a most successful evening, and enjoyed by all.

A WESTWAY UP-DATE:

We would like to report on some of the more recent Westway developments.

Recently, the Open Space Institute and the Sierra Club issued a comprehensive study of the impact on jobs resulting from Westway trade-in as opposed to jobs provided by the building of Westway. This study revealed that Mass Transit projects would create more jobs, and do so sooner than Westway. This report also shows that New York City residents would benefit from more employment by the Mass Transit Trade-in as opposed to Westway jobs which mainly benefit manufacturers of concrete and other highway related construction materials.

On November 21, 1977, Gov. Hugh C. Cary and Mayor-elect Edward I. Koch jointly designated a three person panel to report on the economic facts relating to the Westway Project and its trade-in alternative.

State Transportation Commissioner William Hennessey was the appointee of the Gov., David I. Margolis, president of Colt Industries was the appointee of the Mayor-elect, and Harold L. Fisher, the chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority was a joint appointee. Both Hennessey and Fisher were known to be pro Westway, and Mr. Margolis who had declined to state his preference publicly, stated before beginning the study that the case for Westway as he knew it "seems pretty hard".

On December 19, 1977, the three-person panel released it's Briefing Report. This report, while not making a recommendation that Westway be built, did report that their findings favored Westway construction in favor of Mass transit trade-in.

Except for The New York Times which editorially has been a prime proponent for the construction of Westway, this report has been condemned as a flawed and biased document by most local media and by most informed local elected officials.

An Indirect Source Air Quality Permit is need from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation before construction can be started.

After reviewing evidence, pro and con, presented at a Public Hearing, State Hearing Officer Albert J. Rosenthal, in September, recommended that this permit be rejected.

On Dec. 16, 1977 State Environmental Conservation Commissioner, Peter Berle upheld the Rosenthal findings and denied an Air Quality Permit.

This denial is being appealed by the State.

Also needed is a Dredge and Fill Permit from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to allow Hudson River dredging and the massive landfill in the Hudson River on which part of this proposed superhighway would be built.

On December 15, 1977, The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency recommended the Corp of Engineers reject this permit.

On December 29, 1977, Mayor-elect Koch reformed his opposition to the Westway, and on January 3, 1978, Mayor Koch ask his new City Planning Commissioner, Robert Wagner, Jr. to prepare another Westway report.

Commissioner Wagner's report will include a review not only of the Panel Report, but of reaction to the Report which was prepared by the three-member committee appointed by the Governor and the Mayor.

Litigation against the Westway Project is still pending in Federal Court.

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 TO MEET:

The first meeting of the new year of Community Board # 2 will be held on Thursday January 19, 1978 in Greenwich House Auditorium - 26 Barrow St.

A slate of officers selected by the Nomination Committee will be presented. Nominations from the floor will be accepted when elections are held. Meeting time: 6:30 P. M.

SENATE MINORITY LEADER MANFRED OHRENSTEIN ON WESTWAY:

I have just issued a major analysis of the failings of the Westway proposal, and of the merits of trading in Westway funds for the two-fold purpose of improving mass transit and erecting a modest roadway to replace the West Side Highway. This analysis, "In the Matter of Westway," reveals fresh information from the State Department of Transportation that proves anew that the trade-in will benefit both the district and the entire City.

The data I have obtained show that a trade-in would bring the City \$.05 billion, of which \$720 million could be used for mass transit improvements. Improvements of this nature may constitute our last chance to reclaim the subway and bus system, instead of being doomed to perpetual patchwork. Under the trade-in, each dollar of City expenditures would attract nearly \$7.00 in Federal and State funds. Moreover, trade-in projects would generate more than 71,500 work-years of employment including more than 26,000 work-years of direct employment plus 45,000 work-years of indirect or induced employment. Yet the overall cost of the trade-in would be \$94 million below the cost of Westway.

I have written to, and met with, Mayor-elect Koch to emphasize our distress about Westway's detrimental impact upon our district's economy, its businesses, and its recreation and rehabilitation efforts. I assure you that I shall continue to work vigorously to bring the trade-in to fruition, instead of permitting the Westway mammoth to be foisted upon us.

----legislative report from Senator Manfred Ohrenstein - December, 1977

NEW SUBWAY MAP AVAILABLE SOON:

The transit Authority has almost completed an up-to-date, authoritative, definitive, and "we hope, accurate map of the City's Subway system.

TA and MTA mapmakers say the new map could be available later in January or in February.

When completed, the new maps will be offered free at token booths, and will also be posted in stations and aboard subway trains.

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD APPLICATION PERIOD EXTENDED:

State Senate Minority leader Manfred Ohrenstein informs us that the previously expired application period for School Crossing Guards has been extended.

School Crossing Guard applicants should apply at the local police precinct nearest their residence. In the 6th precinct area, apply at 233 W. 10th Street - Phone: 741-4811 - Ask for Officer Cianci - Try reaching him between 7 a. m. and 3 p. m.

Applicants must meet certain requirements: 1. They must live in the area they are applying to work. 2. They must be between the ages of 18 and 65. 3. Their income cannot exceed: \$2,970 with one dependent, \$3,930 with two dependents, \$4,890 with three dependents, \$5,850 with four dependents, \$6,810 with five dependents, \$7,770 with six dependents. APPLICANTS SHOULD ACT AT ONCE FOR ANY AVAILABLE JOBS.

We thank the senator for his part in obtaining this extension.

LETTERS TO WRITE ON WESTWAY:

Once again we must urge our members and friends to write letters against Westway. One of the best weapons we have in our fight against this super-highway is public opinion.

Much pressure is now being put on the Mayor's Office to abandon its position on Westway. We urge a letter to Mayor Edward I. Koch - City Hall - N. Y., N. Y. 10007. Tell him you back his position, and ask him not to budge from his firm position against Westway.

The New York Post has taken a strong stand against Westway, and has run a series of excellent editorials. It is most important that we flood Rupert Murdock, Publisher - New York Post - 210 South St. - N. Y., N. Y. 10002, with mail thanking him and praising him for the editorials and published comments.

C.B.S. Television News has run pro-Westway editorials, and the most recent one suggested that Mayor Koch is big enough to see his error and change his stand and back Westway.

This editorial was answered on Tuesday Jan. 10, 1978 by a spokesman from the City Club of New York. It is important that you let Peter Kohler - Director of Editorials - C.B.S. News - 524 W. 57th Street - N. Y., N. Y. 10019, know that his views expressed on C.B.S. Evening News are not those of a vast segment of his viewing public.

The New York Times has also taken a strong pro-Westway editorial position. However, there have been a few fine articles of late taking the opposite stand and urging mass transit trade-in. Write to A. M. Rosenthal - Executive Editor - The New York Times - 229 W. 43rd Street - N. Y., N. Y. 10036. Let him know that subway and bus improvements are more important to the residents of New York City than the additional real estate and superhighway the Westway scheme offers.

These letters need not be long. Please write today, and get at least five friends (more if possible) to write also. We would appreciate having copies of your letters.

MOBILE CORONARY CARE UNIT DONATION:

At a recent West Village Committee meeting, the President was directed to make a donation to St. Vincent's Hospital's Mobile Coronary Care Unit.

A donation was made, and on January 5th, 1978 a letter was written to The West Village Committee thanking you for your thoughtful and generous gift.

A FRUIT CAKE TO JUANITA LUTZ:

The West Village Committee purchased one of those great Bill Bowser fruit cakes from the West Side Ad-hoc Committee against the Interstate, and we would like to thank Marie Reeves for delivering it to Juanita Lutz at the Goldwater Memorial Hospital on Roosevelt Island.

Juanita is a longtime member of The West Village Committee, and served us as secretary several years ago until she found it necessary to resign. This was just our small way of letting Juanita know that we remember and think of her.

Via Marie, Juanita sends greetings to her West Village friends.

VILLAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL AUCTION:

Plans are now being made for the 5th Annual Country Auction to be held in the Village Community School Auditorium on Saturday, February 11, 1978. There will be a preview from 3 - 5, and the auction starts at 5 P. M. Food and drink will be available beginning at 4 P. M.

The annual Auction is one of the fundraising events to benefit the VCS Scholarship Fund.

For information regarding donations and or to volunteer services, you may call Jane Rivkin at 243-1463.

FLASH!! ANOTHER BOOST FOR WESTWAY TRADE-IN:

In a special New York Magazine report, "63 Ways to Strengthen New York", written by David Rosenthal and Ken Lerer, with Rinker Buck and Geraldine Hutner, under the direction of Michael Kramer, Politics Editor, item 19 ALL QUIET ON THE WESTWAY FRONT calls Westway the single most crucial decision facing Ed Koch, and concludes by saying the city should trade in the majority of federal Westway funds for mass-transit uses.

NEW YORK POST, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1977

LETTERS

Write to: The Editor, New York Post,
210 South St., New York, N. Y. 10002.
Sign your name and give your address.

A Congressman's view of the Westway row

THE POST is to be congratulated for its excellent series of editorials in opposition to Westway and in favor of the mass transit alternative.

The case for a transfer of federal interstate highway funds to our subway and bus systems grows stronger by the day. It has now been conclusively shown that Westway would substantially worsen air pollution, would not provide as much economic stimulus

to the city as mass transit improvements and would stand in direct opposition to national energy conservation policy.

As The Post has correctly pointed out, the transfer of Westway money to our mass transit network is explicitly permitted under federal law. And that law also states that a city or state cannot be penalized for its choice by having its regular federal mass transit

appropriations reduced.

You are performing a great public service by continuing to urge Governor Carey to join Mayor-elect Koch in requesting a Westway trade-in. The groundswell of public opinion in favor of the mass transit alternative will hopefully convince the Governor that Westway is indeed the wrong way.

TED WEISS
Member of Congress

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PETER MICHELMORE Metropolitan Editor

Westway under fire

Mayor Koch has reinforced hope that he will stand firm in his opposition to Westway by assigning Robert Wagner Jr., his able City Planning Commissioner, to draft a new analysis of conflicting testimony about the controversial project.

In effect, Koch is asking Wagner for a critical evaluation of the highly vulnerable pro-Westway report recently submitted to the Mayor and Gov. Carey by a three-man committee plainly stacked in favor of the super-highway.

That document largely bought the dubious claims that Westway would provide more jobs more quickly than an alternative plan for mass transit projects along with a less ambitious road. It ignored solid contrary findings. It also minimized the delays Westway faces and understated the variety and scope of subway improvements that could be swiftly undertaken.

Wagner's mission is to sift the facts from the propaganda. We remain convinced that the totality of evidence—and a valid sense of priority and proportion—decisively support the mass transit emphasis.

It is our hope that Wagner's survey will fortify Koch's case and that Carey will give it the open-minded hearing he has pledged.

Minimally, it should serve to rebut the loaded pro-Westway "study" and avert any stampede toward capitulation to the pervasive, powerful Westway lobby.

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If the subject seems to be very much on our mind, let us note that our concern is not a private one. For the record, the mail we have received on the issue since our recent series of anti-Westway editorials is running more than 5 to 1 against the project.



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE

DATE: TUESDAY MARCH 21, 1978
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE

AGENDA

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL BE HELD AT THE MARCH MEETING OF THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE.

WE'VE NOT HAD THE BEST OF LUCK WITH THE WEATHER ON THE NIGHTS OF OUR MEETINGS. OUR JANUARY MEETING WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER, AND WE DIDN'T FARE MUCH BETTER IN FEBRUARY. AS A RESULT, IT WAS DECIDED RESCHEDULE THE ELECTION.

ALL NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS WILL BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR. PLEASE COME PREPARED TO MAKE NOMINATIONS IF YOU DESIRE, AND TO VOTE. PLEASE BE SURE THAT ANY ONE YOU WOULD NOMINATE WILL BE WILLING TO SERVE.

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT
WILLIAM P. BOWSER, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
ELAINE SCHECHTER, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
EVA M. SENYE ETTISCH, THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
LEILA SOLOMON, RECORDING SECRETARY
BARBARA STEINBERG, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER MARCH 1978

A CALL TO VOTE:

The work load of The West Village Committee during the next few months will be heavy and important. There are many issues we will be interested in reviewing. Issues that affect the life style and very existence of the area in which we live. There is our continued fight against "Westway", There is the consideration of the plans for the Archives Building, there is the Jackson Square area and many other problems we will have brought to our attention, and on which we will be asked to give an opinion.

We have a large membership, and like most civic, block and neighborhood groups, the bulk of the organizational work falls on the shoulders of a few dedicated workers. It is not possible to schedule meetings and events to fit schedules of everyone, and it is understandable that there are times when other activities create a conflict.

There is one obligation that goes with membership in most organizations, and that is the obligation to vote. Unfortunately, voting has a low priority on most levels whether it be national, local or fraternal.

With this in mind, we urge all members to turn the trend around and attend this meeting and vote.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT:

We had an opening balance on Jan. 1, 1977 of \$585.82. During the year, we had income from Book and Bake Sales, Christmas Wreath Sales and contributions of \$3,295.10 giving us a total of \$3,880.92.

Expenses during the same period were \$3,280.77. Our contributions made to three groups totaled \$125.00. Our expenses and contributions totaled \$3,405.77. This left us with a closing balance on Dec. 31, 1977 of \$475.15.

Our aim to keep our community informed is reflected in our expenses of \$862.00 for postage, and 853.32 for printing and stationery.

Also not reflected in the report are the sums of money we raised which went directly to the Ad Hoc Committee Against the Interstate Highway and monies which were paid directly to the Friends of the Earth Foundation - Legal Fund which is used to defray legal expenses of the highway fight.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE PLANS JANE JACOBS AFFAIR:

We all look forward to a visit to New York City by our dear friend Jane Jacobs, and we are happy to announce that we will have Jane with us on Friday evening April 14th. We plan a great party that evening, and hope for a very happy reunion for Jane and her friends. Details of the party will be available after March 24th.

For information call 243-8779 or 233-0762.

THE HONORABLE BROCK ADAMS, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO SPEAK:

The Association Of The Bar Of The City Of New York will present The Honorable Brock Adams, Secretary of Transportation who will speak on Programs and Progress in Public Transit on Thursday March 16th at 7:30 p.m.

This important speech will be in the House of the Association - Meeting Hall - 42 West 44th Street.

Members of the Bar, their guest and all other interested persons are invited to attend.

CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL:

We would like to remind our members and friends that one of the nice things for children in our area is the Children's Film Festival which is held each Tuesday at 4 p. m. in the Hudson Park Branch of The New York Public Library. 10 7th Avenue South. For information, call 243-6876. Admission is free.

HON. JOHN M. MURPHY TO HOLD MEETING:

Congressman John M. Murphy will hold a Town Meeting on Tuesday March 14th at the Educational Alliance - 197 East Broadway - 8:00 p. m.

Unfortunately, notice of this meeting was delivered in the West Village only on March 11th. We do hope as many West Villagers who get the word will be able to make it.

THE VILLAGE SINGERS BENEFIT CONCERT:

The Village Singers will present A Benefit Concert and Gala Reception at Greenwich House (Auditorium) - Saturday March 18, at 8 P. M. - 27 Barrow St. Benefit contribution is \$5.00, and tickets may be purchased at the door or you may send a self-addressed envelope with a check to The Village Singers, 57 West 10th Street, N. Y. C. 10011.

The Village Singers under the direction of Frank Namhauser will include Schubert's "Miriam's Song of Triumph" and other selected works on their program, assisted by Hedwig Klebl, soprano and Sunday Brunch Company, poetry.

The Village Singers is your community chorus, and deserve your support.

The phenomenal success of The Village Singers has resulted in an approach by several amateur instrumental musicians to see if this dynamic group would be interested in starting a real community orchestra of chamber proportions that would operate on the same basis.

The fund raising is about to begin, a "home" for rehearsals has been located, and plans are being made for tryouts, rehearsals and a first appearance in mid-May.

THE VILLAGE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA FUND RAISING PARTY:

A kickoff Fund Raising Party will be held to benefit The Village Chamber Orchestra on Friday April 7th at 6:30 P. M. at the Pen and Brush Club - 16 East 10th Street.

There will be wine and cheese and fine entertainment.

For information on this Wine and Cheese Party, and the open tryouts for The Village Chamber Orchestra please drop a note to The Village Singers - 57 West 10th Street PH - New York, N. Y. 10011.

THE H B PLAYWRIGHTS FOUNDATION PRESENTS NEW PLAY:

"THE LIVINGROOM" a new play by Pedro Juan Petri and direct by Jose Ferrer. This production will run from March 15th through March 26th. The curtain time is 8:00 p. m. except March 18 and 25th which will be 3:00 p. m. matinees and March 17 and 24th which will be late shows with 11:00 P. M. curtains.

To order tickets by mail, give date requested and an alternate date, the number of seats and your phone number. INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE, and mail to H B Playwrights Foundation - 122 Bank St. N. Y., N. Y. 10014. Reservations may also be made by calling 989-6540 - phone reservations are automatically confirmed. To guarantee your seat, you must be at the theatre 15 minutes before curtain. There is no admission charge.

THE VILLAGE NURSING HOME BENEFIT:

The Frank Lloyd Wright I Knew, an informal slide lecture by Edgar Tafel, architect will be presented on Sunday March 19th at 4:30 p. m. in the New School Auditorium at 66 W. 12th Street. The suggested contribution of \$3.00 will benefit The Village Nursing Home.

Edgar Tafel studied with America's Master Architect from 1932-41, where he was senior fellow at Wright's architectural complex, The Taliesin Fellowship.

Mr. Tafel's intimate association with Frank Lloyd Wright through the years portrayed through slides and anecdotes, gives a clear view of Wright from "one who was there".

A PLAN FOR PLANTING STREET TREES:

Requests for the planting of new trees or replacing dead ones have been so numerous that Community Board #2 is currently arranging for free tree planting providing that block associations, homeowners or merchants are willing to pay for the cost of the trees, at approximately \$70.00 per tree. This planting does not include any guarantee for life of the tree or damages incurred. However, the quoted price does include sidewalk cuts for any new tree planting.

The trees will be three inches in diameter and available in the following varieties: Sophora, Ginkgo, Linden Greenspire, Honey Locust, Callery Pear, Marshall Ash, Dawn Redwood, Buisman Elm, Zalkova, Urban Elm, Flowering Cherry.

In order to proceed with the spring planting, it is necessary at this time to determine the number of trees to be reserved.

For information, write to : Ad Hoc Committee for Trees - Elizabeth Shuldiner 80 West 12th Street, N. Y., N. Y. 10011, or contact Rita Lee, CB #2 District Manager, 5 W Third Street, N. Y., N. Y. 10012. Phone: 533-1617

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 TO MEET:

The next meeting of Community Board #2 will be held on Thurs. March 16th at 7:00 p.m. - St. Vincent's Hospital, Cronin Auditorium - 153 W. 11th St.

Standing Committee Reports will be made by the Traffic, Transportation & Waterfront - Landmarks - Parks & Recreation - Environment & Sanitation - Zoning Institutions - Social Services & Health and Sidewalk Cafe Committees.

We urge our members to attend the Community Board meetings whenever it is possible.

IC MEETING ON THE PCB MARKING AND DISPOSAL RULE:

A public meeting on the PCB Marking and Disposal Rule will be held on Friday March 17th, starting at 9:00 a. m. in Room 305 of the Federal Bldg 26 Federal Plaza - N. Y., N. Y.

Polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, which are used primarily as heat transfer fluids in the electrical industry, have been the subject of intense scrutiny since they were found in large quantities of fish in a number of freshwater bodies in the country, including the Hudson River and the Great Lakes.

PCBs have been recognized as an environmental contaminant as early as 1966, and have been in use since 1929, but not until the DDT scare of the late '60s did scientists begin to worry about the possibility that the chemicals could be toxic.

PCBs are man-made chemicals produced by chlorination of biphenyl with the use of a catalyst. They are still attractive in commerce because of their thermal stability, resistance to oxidation, excellent electrical insulating properties, and low biodegradability.

Everyone is consuming PCBs in small quantities. The chemical is ubiquitous; it is in the air, water and soil. Recent studies to measure the amount of PCBs in humans discovered levels approaching 1 part per million (ppm) in 75 percent of the persons tested. Fishing in the Hudson River was banned completely for a time due to PCB contamination.

The rule for PCB marking and disposal, which is the first step under the Toxic Substances Control Act to eliminate PCBs from the marketplace and to prevent further contamination of the environment, becomes effective on April 18, 1978. The rule provides requirements for the marking, decontamination, storage and disposal of items that contain polychlorinated biphenyls, and requires that all facilities desiring to dispose of these materials obtain approval from the appropriate Regional Administrator. Without this approval, disposal of PCB wastes will be illegal.

If you desire any further information regarding this rule, contact either Michael F. De Bonis, Chief, Solid Waste Branch (212) 264-0505, or Richard J. Cahill Public Information Specialist, (212) 264-2515.

This release was issued by Eckardt C. Beck, Regional Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency - Region II.

CANINE WASTE ACT TO TAKE EFFECT:

The New York State "Act to amend the public health law in relation to removal of canine wastes in cities of 400,000 or more persons" shall take effect August 1, 1978. This law specifically states that "it shall be the duty of each dog owner to remove any feces left by his dog on any sidewalk, gutter, street or other public area. Any violation of this section shall constitute a violation punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.00."

The Environment and Sanitation Committee of Community Board #2 is busy working on ways that the new law might be promoted.

The committee is interested in hearing from individuals or block groups with any ideas, recommendations or solutions you have found workable. Any ideas would be most helpful to the Board in making it's determination as to ways to make this a workable law. Any recommendations should be directed to: Community Board #2 - District Service Office - 5 W. 3rd St. - N. Y., N. Y. 10012 Att'n: Yvonne Marrow.

COUNCILWOMAN GREITZER'S ENVIRONMENTAL BILL:

In the Feb. newsletter, we reported on a returnable-bottle bill which has been introduced in the New York City Council by Councilwoman Carol Greitzer.

This bill would require a deposit on all glass beverage containers, ban the flip-top beverage can and ban the plastic loop carrier for flip-tops.

We re-print an editorial from the NEW YORK POST, Saturday March 11, 1978 in support of this bill.

Again, may we strongly urge you to write letters supporting this bill to Mayor Koch and to Councilman Thomas A. Cuite. Address both letters to these gentlemen to - City Hall - N. Y., N. Y. 10007, and send copies to Hon. Carol Greitzer - City Hall - N. Y., N. Y. 10007.

Battle of the bottle

Legislation that would require a deposit on all cans and bottles of beer and soft drinks is being recycled this year in Albany and in the City Council.

Beyond its undoubted environmental merits, this legislation could save the city \$10 million a year in sanitation costs and generate 2300 jobs for unskilled workers in private industry here.

The system has worked well in Oregon and Vermont. It should be tried here. Even if the Legislature fails to act once again, the city can and should adopt its own bill to get used bottles off the streets and back into the economy.



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY APRIL 18, 1978
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE

AGENDA

THE FACE OF THE WEST VILLAGE IS UNDERGOING MANY CHANGES THESE DAYS, AND MUCH OF THIS IS DUE TO THE CONVERSION OF SEVERAL BUILDINGS FROM COMMERCIAL USAGE TO RESIDENTIAL.

ONE SUCH CONVERSION IS 72-74 HORATIO STREET. MR. NOAH GREENBERG, ARCHITECT, WILL PRESENT HIS PLANS FOR THIS CONVERSION FROM LOFT TO RESIDENTS.

513 HUDSON STREET (CORNER OF W. 10TH) IS NOW THE THE SITE OF AMOS FARM, A UNIQUE GARDEN AND PLANT SUPPLY BUSINESS. MR. HOEN MEIERS WILL PRESENT HIS OVERALL PLAN FOR HIS NEW-LOOK FOR THAT CORNER.

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT
WILLIAM BOWSER, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
ELAINE SCHECHTER, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
EVA M. SENYE ETTISCH, SECRETARY
PETER FRITSCH, TREASURER



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER MAY 1978

DATE: TUESDAY MAY 16, 1978
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE

AGENDA

THE J-51 PROGRAM, AND WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

RACHELE WALL, FORMER CHAIRMAN OF
COMMUNITY BOARD #2 WILL LEAD THE
DISCUSSION.

THE WEST VILLAGE IS THE SCENE OF A GREAT
DEAL OF CONVERSIONS OF WAREHOUSES AND OTHER
LARGE COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS TO RESIDENTIAL
USAGE. MUCH OF THIS IS DONE WITH THE AID
OF THIS RECENT CITY TAX-ABATEMENT PROGRAM.
COME OUT AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE THINGS
WHICH AFFECT YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE.

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT
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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER MAY 1978

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE HONORS JANE JACOBS:

Over 200 Westway opponents and friends gathered at St. John's-in-the-Village on Friday April 14th to honor Jane Jacobs on her recent trip to New York. It was one of the most impressive, and most pleasant Village events in years, and after about two hours of good conversation, food and wine, Jane Jacobs was introduced.

Jane expressed her pleasure at again being surrounded by her Village friends, and imparted a few words of wisdom to the assembled crowd. "The way you win battles like this is to hold the powers-to-be off, and hold them off, and eventually they have to give up. Time is on our side - - - Expressways are never wiped out at a single stroke. They're nibbled to death by ducks. So, let's all be ducks and nibble this thing to death." So spoke Jane Jacobs.

We are happy to report that we were able to send a check for \$2100 to Bill Hoppen, the attorney for one of the legal suits against the Interstate, and hope after all expenses are in we will be able to issue another check to apply to the expenses of fighting this interstate scheme.

We would like to thank all those who had a part in planning this great evening, especially The Imperial Liquor Store, Judi Bendewald, Bill Bowser, Rachele Wall, Jim Shaw and most of all, all the nice friendly people who came out to make this evening such a fine one.

THE VILLAGE GREEN RECYCLING TEAM FAIR:

Saturday May 13th from 12 noon to 5 P. M. is the date and time of the White Elephant Sale sponsored by Village Green Recycling Team. The sale will be held at 8th Street and 6th Avenue. This sale is to raise funds for the legal fight against Westway. Excellent baked goods and other refreshments will be available, also.

OTHER STREET FAIRS SCHEDULED:

- BEDFORD - BARROW - COMMERCE ST. FAIR SAT. MAY 13 7TH AVE. & BARROW ST.
- ST. VINCENT'S DEPT. OF PSYCHIATRY TUES. MAY 16TH 7TH AVE 11TH TO 12TH STS.
- GREENWICH HOUSE DAY CARE SAT. MAY 20TH BARROW ST. 7TH AVE & WEST 4th ST.
- ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE JUNE 3RD WAVERLY PL. WEST 11TH TO PERRY ST.
- JANE STREET SAT. JUNE 3RD JANE ST. 8TH AVE. TO HUDSON
- FAR WEST 10TH ST. JUNE 3RD 10TH ST GREENWICH AVE. TO 6TH AVE.
- VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS JUNE 10TH W. 4TH ST 7TH AVE S. TO CHARLES ST.
- WEST 10TH STREET SAT. JUNE 10TH WEST 10TH ST. 5TH AVE. TO 6TH AVE.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE STREET FAIR:

The West Village Committee has scheduled a STREET FAIR on Sat. June 10th and Sunday June 11th. The hours will be 12 noon to 6 p.m. on Sat., and 1 p.m to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

We will have Books and Records - Baked Goods - Fine Food - Yarn and Knit Goods - White Elephant Table and other Refreshments.

* WANTED *

* WE NEED BOOKS AND RECORDS, AND ANY USABLE *

* WHITE ELEPHANT ITEMS FOR THE SALE. WE *

* ESPECIALLY NEED COOK BOOKS AND ART BOOKS. *

* PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOOK SHELVES AND CLOSETS *

* AND LET US HAVE ITEMS FOR THE SALE. *

* THIS ONE IS FOR US TO HELP PAY THE EXPENSES *

* INCURRED BY THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE. *

* BESIDES OUR RENT AND UTILITIES, THE COST OF *

* PUBLISHING OUR NEWSLETTER WILL INCREASE WITH *

* THE INCREASE IN THE POSTAL RATE DUE SOON. *

A NEW FACE IN THE WEST VILLAGE:

Congratulations to Gerald and Frances Burns of W. 11th Street, and welcome to Thomas Edward Burns who was born on Monday, April 17, 1978. All three Burns are doing great.

ANTI-WESTWAY RALLY

THURSDAY MAY 25, 1978

5 TO 7 P.M.

72ND AND BROADWAY

THE ANTI-WESTWAY RALLY:

May 25th is the date for the next rally sponsored by the oponents of the Westway scheme. This rally will be held at 72nd Street and Broadway from 5 p.m to 7 p.m.

We urge all of our members and friends to make a very special effort to attend this rally. Bring the children, and a friend or neighbor.

For information, call Lynn Bender 666-3129.

WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK CLEAN-UP:

The Washington Square Park Council will again launch a Washington Square Park Spring Clean-Up every Sunday. The Clean-Up crew meets at the arch at 10 am.

N. Y. U. will again supply brooms, bags and work gloves, and as a bonus, each person assisting on 10 clean-up days will receive a season pass to N. Y. U. Bobst Library.

St. Joseph's in the Village invites all park workers for coffee and cake at 12 noon in their downstairs meeting room, 6th Avenue and Washington Place.

WEAR YOUR OLD CLOTHES

THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL:

The annual St. Luke's Strawberry Festival will be held on Sunday May 21st at St. Luke in the Fields - 487 Hudson Street.

This is one of the very happy traditional events of St. Luke's School, and you are invited to join in the festivities from 1 to 5 p. m. There will be lots of strawberries, ice cream, juice, wine, new games, a mini-science fair with projects by St. Luke's children, and a highlight will be Gilbert & Sullivan's HMS Pinafore, performed by the 7th and 8th grades. A Village tradition which should not be missed.

WEST VILLAGE CHORALE SPRING CONCERT:

The West Village Chorale under the direction of Gwen Gould will present it's annual Spring Concert on May 21st at 7:30 in St. Luke's Church. This year's program includes Bach's Cantata No. 4, Christ Lag in Todesbanden; Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes and an early Mozart work, Te Deum. Tickets are \$3.00 general admission and \$2.00 for senior seniors. You are invited to come early and enjoy the garden.

VILLAGE VISITING NEIGHBORS NEED YOUR HELP:

The Village Visiting Neighbors has a list of homebound or lonely elderly persons, each of whom is waiting to be assigned a volunteer who will pay friendly visits at least once a week - and possibly provide additional services such as shopping and escorting.

If you are an elderly who needs such a service, or a prospective visitor interested in this free-of-charge service, please contact Lucille Strider at 929-5869.

SEMINAR ON ALCOHOLISM:

The Manhattan Committee on Alcoholism will sponsor a seminar and panel discussion on Alcoholism in the City University of New York's Graduate Center 33 West 42nd St. - Room 207 on Monday May 15th from 6 to 9 P. M.

Refreshments will be served following the discussions. (non-alcoholic we assume)

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 TO MEET:

The May meeting of Community Board #2 will be held on May 18th at the Village Community School (10th St. between Washington St. and Greenwich St. Public session will start at 7 p.m.

ANOTHER NO-PINT RECRUIT:

We commend Manley's Liquor Store, and Kenneth P. Maguire, Proprietor for their decision to discontinue the sale of cheap pints of wine. This is an action which should assist in the effort to improve the conditions in the Eighth Avenue and 14th Street area.

FIRST STEP TOWARD GUN REGULATIONS NEEDS YOUR HELP:

The Department of the Treasury, exercising authority it has under existing law, has proposed three important regulations aimed at curbing illegal gun commerce. They would require:

1. A unique serial number to be stamped on each firearm manufactured.
2. The reporting to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF) (the agency charged with monitoring the gun industry and enforcing firearms laws), all thefts and losses of firearms by Federal Licensees --i.e., manufacturers, wholesalers and dealers.
3. The quarterly reporting to BATF of all sales and dispositions of firearms between licensed manufacturers, importers and dealers.

The Treasury Department has set aside 60 days during which interested citizens can comment on the regulations. We may be sure the National Rifle Club will be busy with a high powered attack on these requirements. To counter the NRA attack, we urge the following steps:

1. Immediately, write: MR. REX DAVIS, DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20026 and URGE THAT THE REGULATIONS BE PUT INTO EFFECT.
2. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO WRITE, IF NECESSARY SPONSOR A LETTERWRITING EVENING.
3. Send a Mailgram to Mr. Davis. A short message cost less than \$1.00. You can send a mailgram by calling your local Western Union office.

DON'T DELAY!!! WRITE YOUR LETTER OR MAILGRAM TODAY

A NEW COOKBOOK ON THE MARKET:

The Horatio Street Association is now selling their new cookbook. The HSA Cookbook is full of recipes contributed by Association members and friends. To order, send \$4.00 to: HSA Cookbook - 75 Horatio St. - N. Y., N. Y. 10014.

CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL:

We'd like to remind you of the Children's Film Festival held each Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the Hudson Park Branch, The New York Public Library - 10 7th Ave. South. For information call CH 3-6876.

THE STUDIO ON ELEVENTH STREET:

The Studio Early Childhood and Elementary School is a non-profit institution specializing in the integration of maturational and emotional education to facilitate increased intellectual potential within the framework of the academic week.

Students, ages 3-12, work in small groups, larger groups, and individually in an environment which nurtures each child's creativeness and scholarship. Beyond 12 years, students are accepted on a tutorial basis within an independent study program.

The family and school staff work together to provide a positive learning experience for each child.

The Studio, also provides an After School Program.

For further information call 243-4447.

THE EARLY ALERT PROGRAM:

The Early Alert Program is a cooperative effort of the N.Y. C. Department for the Aging, the U.S. Postal Service and a host of public and voluntary social service agencies to provide older New Yorkers with a greater measure of security and assistance. In the program, letter carriers report to the Department for the Aging cases where older persons are not picking up their mail and may be in some kind of trouble.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Many letter carriers have had the same route for many years and are familiar with long time residents. If you register in Early Alert and the letter carrier notices that mail has been sitting in your mailbox for "two days or so," he will call the Department for the Aging. (The figure of "two days or so," is flexible and will depend upon the carrier's judgment and familiarity with your habits.)

When the Department for the Aging gets a call from the Post Office, they will immediately refer to the registration form you filled out when you enrolled in the program. First, they will try to call you, if you have a phone, to find out if you need any help. If they can't reach you, they will call the contact person you noted on your registration form. This contact person should be someone whom you have trusted with a key to your home - for example, a relative, neighbor, or your superintendent. (In public housing, the management office personal can be the contact person.)

If the contact person can't be reached or can't make a home visit, the Department will call a social service agency in your neighborhood to send a social worker to your home. If you do not answer your door bell and the contact person or social worker feels you may be in trouble inside, he will call the local police precinct to request that a police officer open your door and determine whether or not you need assistance.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM

Any New York City resident 65 years of age or older is eligible for the program. Enrollment is entirely voluntary. By your registration in the program, the Department for the Aging will be given permission to take whatever action it deems necessary in an emergency situation. In order to obtain a registration form write or call: N. Y. City Dept. for the Aging - 280 Broadway - N. Y., N. Y. 10007 - 2nd floor - Room 200 Phone: 577-0374

750 GREENWICH STREET:

Several years ago, the owner of this building applied to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to renovate this building. His plans were accepted, and he was permitted to evict the tenants of the building.

After evicting the tenants, the owner made no attempt to renovate, and the building was permitted to deteriorate.

After many complaints to the community board, and broken promises by the owner, the buildings department was called into the picture, and judged the building unsound and it was slated for demolition.

The West Village Committee requested that demolition be delayed, as we had had several inquiries from community residents who were eager to acquire this property and do the necessary repairs.

The owner was again given a six month extension of time in which he was to start his renovation. After this time expired with no sign of work, complaints were again lodged with the community board. The request for another extension was denied to the owner.

We are happy to report that at this time, scaffolding is being erected and work is about to begin on the building. It has not been determined whether this work is being done by the owner in question, or if the property has been acquired by another party.

We would like to thank Rita Lee the district manager of our board for keeping on top of this situation, and hope that never again will a city agency be used to evict tenants without some guarantee that the eviction is being done in good faith, and that the tenant is given some legal recourse should false eviction occur.

TIME FOR VOLUNTEER DUES CONTRIBUTIONS:

A couple times a year, we remind our members to make their volunteer contributions to The West Village Committee.

As you might remember, we have no regular set dues. This issue was decided several years ago by the membership.

The reason for this decision was to insure that no member shall feel he or she cannot be a part of the organization because they didn't pay or could not pay dues.

Please get out your check book today, and make check payable to:
THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE, INC. - 304 WEST 11TH STREET - NEW YORK, N. Y. 10014.

All contributions are welcome regardless of the amount.

The cost of trying to keep an informed community is increasing each year along with every thing else. We will feel it very strongly in the next couple of months when the cost of postage is slated to rise from .13 to .15. We hope we will be able to maintain our mailing list as it now stands without having to curtail the newsletters.

A THANK YOU FOR RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS:

Some of our members have not forgotten, and without a reminder have made recent contributions.

We would very much like to express our thanks to a member who wrote, "---You are doing a fine job. Keep up the good work. I hope my contribution will help." Enclosed was a check for \$200. Again we say thank you, and you can be sure your contribution will be put to good use as we go down to the wire in the Westway fight.

A WORD ABOUT MEETING ATTENDANCE:

We urge our members to mark your calander for 8 P. M. the third Tuesday of each month (except July and August) and make it a point to come out to the meetings. Your physical presence is most important in maintaining a strong organization. Those of you who feel you may not like to be out alone at night, contact a neighbor to come along with you. Don't let fear make you a captive within your own four walls.

The May and June meetings are the last before the summer lay-off, so do come out and lets have a good attendance. Please be prompt so we can have our meeting and head safely home.



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

MONTHLY MEETING NOTICE

DATE: TUESDAY JUNE 20, 1978
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE (AT W. 11TH ST.)

AGENDA

"A WESTWAY RAP-SESSION"

THIS IS THE LAST MEETING UNTIL AFTER THE SUMMER MONTHS,
AND IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE.

IT IS PLANNED TO BRING YOU THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON
WESTWAY, AND TO EXPLAIN THE LEGAL POSITION.

THREE LEGAL FIRMS INVOLVED IN THE COURT CASES AGAINST
WESTWAY, WILLIAM HOPPEN, BARRY MALLIN AND AL BUTZEL OR
STEVE KASS OF BUTZEL AND KASS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO
DISCUSS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS ON LEGAL MATTERS.

ALSO, BILL BOWSER, AD HOC COMMITTEE AGAINST WESTWAY
MARCY BENSTOCK, NYC CLEAN AIR CAMPAIGN
BUNNY GABEL, FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

AND

OTHERS

PLEASE BE PROMPT AS SOME OF THESE PEOPLE DO NOT LIVE
IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. AND WE'D LIKE TO MOVE THINGS
ALONG SO THEY MIGHT NOT BE DELAYED IN GETTING TO THEIR
HOMES.

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT
WILLIAM P. BOWSER, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
ELAINE SCHECHTER, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
EVA M. SENYE ETTISCH, SECRETARY
PETER FRITSCH, TREASURER



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER JUNE 1978

THE JUNE MONTHLY MEETING:

Our June 20th meeting will be the final meeting until Tuesday September 19th when our fall meetings start.

This is a most important meeting, and we hope you will make every effort to attend, and bring along a neighbor or friend.

You will be able to hear from the real experts on "Westway" instead of the plotters, planners and developers of this ill-fated real estate scheme.

You will be able to ask questions and get answers, and will be instructed as to what each of us can do to help during the summer months.

As usual, we expect to get out a mid-summer newsletter, and we wish all of our members and friends a happy, pleasant and safe summer.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE SPRING FAIR:

The West Village Committee Spring Street Fair was held on June 10th and on June 11th on West 11th Street between Hudson and Greenwich Streets.

We were most fortunate to have two find sunny days, and would like to say THANK YOU to all our members and friends who helped with donations, labor and purchases.

Our efforts grossed about \$850.

END OF THE ROAD PARTY:

The Sierra Club, in association with Friends of the Earth and the Ad Hoc Committee Against Westway invite you to join prominent New Yorkers and celebrities from Broadway, Hollywood and Washington to celebrate the end of the road for "Westway".

Tuesday June 20th - 5:30 to 8 P. M. - Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (Terrace Lounge) - 345 E. 46th Street.

There will be a Gourmet Cocktail - Buffet.

A contribution of \$25 per person should be sent to Sierra Club-Westway Fund - 800 Second Avenue - New York, N. Y. 10017. Tickets will be held at the door.

Monies raised will go to the Anti-Westway Legal Defense Fund and for the state-wide organization for Westway opposition.

A NEW NEIGHBOR AND A GOOD DEED:

We welcome Network Courier, a delivery service which is now located at 544 Hudson Street.

You may remember this as the address of The Flying Saucer, an illegal Disco which was the cause of much community concern until it was closed because of community pressures.

Even though the Disco disappeared, the huge mural painted on the side of the building without Landmarks approval remained as an eyesore and blight on the neighborhood.

On behalf of the West Village Community, we would like to thank Network Courier for the paint job done on the exterior of the building, and especially for painting out the horrid mural and giving us a neat clean wall in it's stead.

STEPHEN TEMMER'S PIAF TAPES NOW NEW ALBUM:

Several of our members were fortunate enough to attend one or more of the recorded concerts sponsored by The West Village Committee, and presented by Stephen F. Temmer at The Gotham Building on Washington Street.

One of the most memorable concerts was the "Edith Piaf At Carnegie Hall" taping.

We are pleased to report that Mr. Temmer's taped concert is now available as a new album, "Edith Piaf at Carnegie Hall, January 13, 1957". This two record album is released by Peters International (PLC 2014/15)

This fine album will delight Piaf fans, and should produce many new admirers.

BEWARE THE PHONY SOLICITOR:

In recent weeks there has been a woman on the streets "soliciting funds" for The Village Nursing Home. This woman is a fraud.

Should you encounter her, do not give her money, but call Sister Bonnie Morrow (741-1274) and give her the location of the solicitor. In so doing, you will be doing a community service.

A NEW LIBRARY SERVICE:

Jefferson Market Branch, 425 Avenue of the Americas (243-4334) and Hudson Park Branch 10 7th Avenue South (243-6876) are among the five Manhattan Branches of The New York Public Library involved in "Consumer Testing" a book which began on June 12th. The computer-produced, information packed New York Public Library Directory of Community Services In The Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island includes information geared to help the individual deal with everyday needs and problems. It is the preliminary edition of a publication which will be updated and expanded every six months.

The new Directory is part of the Library's Community Information Service, a file of information being built up by each Library Branch of hard-to-find, unherald, and unique local services and programs. Included are community groups, consumer, educational, health, social service, religious, recreational and cultural agencies, associations and institutions.

The first complete edition of the Directory is planned for Fall of 1978 and will update and replace the preliminary edition now being tested. The fall edition will contain the input of all branches and will be in English and Spanish.

750 GREENWICH STREET:

In the May Newsletter, we reported on the latest developments involving this building which has been permitted to deteriorate the past few years after the owner was permitted to evict the tenants by expressing his intent to renovate the property. After delays, broken promises by the owner and extensions of time in which he was to start renovation, his most resent request for an extension was denied.

Last month we were happy to report that scaffolding was being erected and work was about to begin on the building. The scaffolding was erected, but to date there is ~~no~~ sign that work is going to commence.

We find it unacceptable that what appears to be another trick to delay this renovation be permitted. We do not want to see the scaffolding sit there for another three or four years with no improvements being made on this building.

We again petition our District Manager Rita Lee to look into this matter, and to report to the Landmarks Committee of Community Board #2 any action which has been or will be taken to remedy this unacceptable situation.

TOM STOKES OPENS MANHATTAN CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS:

Tom Stokes who is campaigning for the congressional seat representing the 17th Congressional District has opened campaign headquarters at 38 Canal Street - 2nd Floor (at Division, Ludlow & Canal). The phone number is 431-5620, and the best time to reach the office is in the morning hours.

TED WEISS OPENS RE-ELECTION DRIVE IN NEW CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS:

Ted Weiss will celebrate the opening of his drive for re-election with a party celebrating the opening of his campaign headquarters at 162 West 72nd Street on Sunday June 18, from 6:00 - 11 P. M. The phone number at the campaign headquarters is 362-7157.

THE GARDEN IS IN BLOOM:

The Garden on the site across from St. Vincent Hospital which was planned and is maintained by The West Village Committee is in full bloom at this time, and if you've not seen the lovely display of roses, it should not be missed. The garden represents yet another vote of thanks Villagers owe to Bill Bowser who has headed the Garden Committee over the years.



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND NEWSLETTER

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 1978
TIME: 8 P.M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE

A FALL WELCOME:

The September 19th meeting will be the first meeting of The West Village Committee since our June meeting.

We hope you've had a nice summer, whether you spent it in the "Big Apple" or in some near or remote spot of your choosing.

We welcome you back, and hope you are all rested and ready to "join-in" in our efforts to have a more livable community.

AFTER THE NEW DOG LITTER LAW:

It has now been a few weeks since the law requiring owners to clean up after their dogs went into effect.

Dog owners in the West Village are to be congratulated on their high degree of compliance. The community now benefits from clean streets like we have never known before. Thank you -- Thank you.

WESTWAY HEARING POSTPONED, RESCHEDULED:

The Public Hearing for one of the crucial permits needed for the construction of Westway scheduled for July 6th was postponed until August 31, Sept. 1, 5 and 6. Postponement was at the request of the West Side Highway Project.

This hearing and other Westway related developments will be reported on and discussed at the September meeting.

THE SEPTEMBER 12TH ELECTION:

One of our duties as good citizens is to get out and vote. This is one way we have in having a say in our life style.

Many people feel "What's the use of wasting time with the primaries." Don't forget that the primary election is most important. It is in this election that the slates are chosen for your final choice in the general election.

Whatever your decision, don't fall victim to that disease called "apathy."

GROVE STREET HARVEST TIME FESTIVAL:

The Grove Street Block Association will hold its seventh annual street festival on Sat., Oct. 14th from noon to 9 p.m. (rain date Oct. 15th). It will be held on Grove Street between Seventh Avenue and Hudson Street.

There will be crafts and a wide variety of merchandise for sale, including plants, books and pottery. There will also be games for kids, a variety of fresh foods and a raffle.

We hope you will all turn out and help Grove Street celebrate.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE FALL BOOK SALE AND FLEA MARKET:

We do not have a date as yet for The West Village Committee Fall Book Sale and Flea Market, but we expect it will be held late in October or early in November.

It is not too early to start putting aside your books and items for the sale. If you have items for the sale, please call CH 3-0762, or (after October 8th) CH 3-8779.

IN MEMORIAM:

We are very sorry to announce the death of Fred Benedict of 3 Weehawken St. Mr. Benedict was one of the original members of The Committee to Save the West Village, the group from which The West Village Committee grew. Our sympathy to his wife, Joyce Benedict.

Westway a Waste, Secret Memo Says

By STEVE LAWRENCE

The controversial \$1-billion-plus Westway highway project would be a waste of money and would not significantly ease traffic congestion or improve air quality here, according to a confidential Tristate Regional Planning Commission memo obtained by City News.

The memo concludes, in addition, that a less expensive rebuilt West Side Highway would yield more recreation area than Westway. And it says that the \$300-million-per-mile superhighway would not create as many jobs and as much economic revitalization here as its backers contend.

"The economic consequences have been so enlarged and overblown that New York's credibility as the knowledge capital of the world could be seriously questioned," the memo says.

It was written by George Haikalis, a well-regarded staff

planner at the commission. But it contradicts the commission's official position in favor of Westway.

Neither Haikalis nor anyone at the commission — the document was obtained from other sources — was available to comment on the memo. Similarly, there was no one available at the West Side Highway Project, the official coordinator for Westway.

The Tristate Regional Planning Commission is the official planning agency for transportation projects for New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. The commission's approval is neces-

sary for federally funded projects.

Westway would replace the existing, dilapidated and in part unusable West Side Highway with a modern super-road. Two and a half miles of Westway would be underground and covered by an esplanade planned for parks housing and industry.

More Space for Park

"The landfill for housing and industry that would result from the creation of Westway would not be duplicated in the cut-rate option," the confidential memo says.



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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND NEWSLETTER

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 17, 1978
TIME: 9 P.M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE


Semi-Annual

Book SALE STREET FAIR

between Hudson and Greenwich Streets
Saturday, October 14
Sunday, October 15
Noon till Dusk

RAIN DATE: October 21 & 22

Books Knitting
Records Yarns
White Elephants
Food



CH 3-0762
CH 3-8779

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE

THE WEST VILLAGE BOOK SALE

We wish to thank members who so far have donated books and white elephants for our sale on Oct. 14-15. If other donors are out there, please call to arrange a pick-up. These sales have always been major sources of financial support for the West Village Committee's activities over the many years of our existence. Nevertheless it is often something of a struggle to keep up with sharply increasing postage costs, contribute to the maintenance of the Triangle Garden, and contribute substantially to the legal action against Westway as well as contributing to various local causes. We appreciate the support of our many generous members whether your "donation" has been in time or money. If you have time to give, lend us a hand with this sale.

A PORTEMENT OF THINGS TO COME

A couple of years ago when Mayor Koch was still Congressman Koch he strongly proposed before a City Planning Commission hearing that the best way to clean up the Times Square area would be to relocate all porno, pimps and prostitutes to the Hudson River waterfront. There is nothing to indicate in the months following that he has backed away from his proposed solution. More recently, the day before he flew to Rome as an official delegate at the burial of Pope John Paul, he suggested that gambling casinos be established in all boroughs of the city. It would appear to have not been an idle suggestion on the Mayor's part; the N.Y. POST for Sun., Oct. 8, states that legislation is already written in Albany legalizing gambling casinos in the city. These various proposals recall to mind the frequent plans put forward by I. D. Robbins and others to turn downtown Manhattan below 14th Street into a "24 hour district." We do not take a position on any of these proposals, but because of the newspaper strike, and the lack of adequate coverage in the other media, we feel you should know about them as news.

BOSTON TRADES IN SECOND INTERSTATE FOR MASS TRANSIT FUNDS

Boston and nine other cities have determined not to build interstate highways through their urban heartlands, and have received Federal UMTA funds instead for improving mass transit facilities. Governor Carey, Congressman Murphy, and other Westway proponents are still going around saying New York cannot trade in Westway for mass transit funds. Well, Boston had a second interstate proposed to run as a big ditch and partially tunneled speedway through the heart of the city. A lot of people were saying this second highway would become Boston's Westway. Well, it's not going to be Boston's Westway; they have traded this second speedway in for mass transit funds as well. And if you have been to Boston lately, you must have been struck by how it appears to be the most recovered of financially troubled northeastern cities. Somebody up there is doing something right!

SHOP AND ESCORTING SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY OF WEST GREENWICH VILLAGE

Village Visiting Neighbors, Inc., is happy to announce a new service for the West Greenwich Village area elderly. This service will provide shopping and/or escorting for our elderly neighbors. Would you like someone to: escort you when you need to go to the doctor or the dentist, or to visit a friend--or to go marketing for you? The fee is \$1 per hour. For further information, please call 929-5968.

THE ADOPTING OF CHRISTOPHER PARK

Christopher Park is the city park triangle bounded by Grove, Christopher and W. 4th Streets. It is frequently mistakenly called Sheridan Square, whereas Sheridan Square proper is the open traffic triangle to the south and east of Christopher Park bounded on the south by West 4th Street. But this entire area, whatever it may be called and sometimes misnamed, is one of the most heavily trafficked areas in Greenwich Village. Partly because of the heavy pedestrian traffic, and partly because derelicts and alcoholics have taken over Christopher Park, it has become misused and an eyesore to the community. This is nothing new or different for many of the city parks, large and small. Jackson Square Park on 8th Avenue has also become a scene where unsocial and unsavory acts are committed publicly. In 1973 a group called Friends of Christopher Park was formed which attempted to redeem that park for use by local residents. A great deal of effort went into improving the park; much credit is due Vera Schneider, Alice La Prelle, Ruthelma Stevens, and others who spearheaded that effort, even though after two years they suspended operations. But they never abandoned the idea of reclaiming Christopher Park. A revived Friends of Christopher Park is now working under the guidance of Marian Schoenbaum of the newly formed Christopher East Block Association and Alice La Prelle, Grove Street. On Saturday and Sunday, October 28-29, the Friends will hold a "celebration" in Christopher Park. On Saturday from noon till 4 p.m. they will clean up and prepare the soil for planting. On the following Sunday noon till 4 p.m. they will again clean up (following Saturday night) and plant bulbs for spring bloom. Refreshments will be served. Contributions in the form of money are also welcomed. For more information telephone 243-4829.

WELCOME HOME, JAMES SHAW

We extend a warm welcome home to our hard-working and devoted President, Jim Shaw, due any day to return from a well-deserved vacation. He is probably the only president of anything who can be away for six weeks and survive a palace coup.

IN MEMORIAM:

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Mrs. Susie Williams, proprietor of Madame Alice Cleaners in W. 4th Street. Mrs. Williams was an active and generous neighbor who was a good friend to many who patronized her cleaning and tailoring services.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Barbara and Harvey Bumgardner and their family at the tragic accidental death of their son, Harvey Jr., in a plane crash.



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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND NEWSLETTER

DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 1978
TIME: 8 P.M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE BOOK SALE:

We would like to express our thanks to those who made contributions of books and white elephant items for our Semi-Annual Sale held on Oct. 15th and on Oct 21st.

We'd also like to acknowledge, with a vote of thanks, those who gave so freely of their time to help set-up, sell items and pack-up at the end of the day.

Our take for the two days was just over \$1400.00. This will greatly help in meeting our monthly expenses, maintenance of the lovely garden on the triangle across from St. Vincent's Hospital, aid in our legal fight against Westway and to fulfill our commitment to our neighborhood.

DIRTY TRICKS OF THE WESTWAY PROPONENTS:

In spite of the millions of dollars of our tax money already spent and now being spent to foster this Westway scheme, and the large sums of money being channeled in from the powerful construction trades, the insecurity and desperation of Westway proponents surfaced again on Saturday 21st of Oct. at the site of The West Village Committee Book Sale.

This was in the form of harassment by the police responding to calls placed by Westway supporters. The complaints were that we were disrupting business on the block (the one business on the block being a barbershop), and that we were using City Property to politic. A call to the Sixth precinct finally revealed that the complaints were called in by a "lady" on Bethune Street who lives two and one half blocks away from the sale site.

It is sad that the gentlemen of the Sixth can spend a couple of hours of their precious time trying to shut down a street fair, for which a proper permit has been issued, sponsored by a community because, "--some people are offended by what you people support".

It is even more sad that we find ourselves living in a political climate where city agencies are used to suppress opinions different from ones own.

IT'S CHRISTMAS WREATH TIME AGAIN:

We are now taking orders for the lovely 12 inch balsam fir Christmas Wreaths sold each year by The West Village Committee.

Despite the fact that wholesale prices have increased again this year, we will again hold the wreath price to \$5.00. Thus, it is important that we sell as many wreaths as possible. We ask each member to not only order your wreath, but also ask your friends and neighbors to order their wreaths from us. Please place your orders early. By so doing, you will help us in placing our order with the wholesalers.

We also make up larger, decorated wreaths on special order.

PLEASE FILL IN ENCLOSED ORDER FORM AND MAIL TODAY

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The West Village Committee's Annual Christmas Party has been scheduled for Friday December 15th in the Parish Hall of St. John's-In-The-Village at 7:30 P. M.

Year after year our Christmas Party has grown and grown, and the feeling of good-will and good cheer is everywhere. Last year, over 150 people sat down to a festive dinner of turkey, ham and all the trimmings one expects with such a feast. Then there were pies and cakes galore, and a super time was had by all.

This year, the membership has approved two changes in the party structure.

First, attendance will be limited to 75 persons on a first come basis.

Second, there will be a \$2.00 per person donation. In this way, The West Village Committee will not have to tap the Committee Funds to

bear the total expenses as we have had in the past.

VILLAGE VISITING NEIGHBORS ESCORT SERVICE:

The Village Visiting Neighbors recently announced a new service to help make life a bit easier for some of our neighbors.

This new program "SHOP AND ESCORT SERVICE" will provide shopping and escorting for West Village Neighbors. There is a fee of \$1.00 per hour plus a carfare fee.

For information regarding this service, please call Joyce Gregory at 929-5968.

CORLEARS SCHOOL WILL HAVE OPEN HOUSE:

Corlears School - 324 W. 15th Street invites all interested parents and professionals to attend its annual Open House Wed. Nov. 15th at 7:00 P.M. at the school. Visit classrooms, meet teachers, see children's work, and have refreshments.

The director and other staff members will be on hand to discuss the thoughtfully developed curriculum, its intrinsic structures which evolve from the expectations of high scholastic achievement for each student, the understanding of children's individual learning styles and the essential role of group dynamics.

Corlears School for ages 3-11 has a high teacher-student ratio and a curriculum that emphasizes concept grasp as well as studying skills.

Tour and refreshments will be between 7:00 P.M. and 7:45 P.M. Discussion will begin at 7:45 P.M. Any inquiries may be directed to Eleanor Horowitz - 741-2800.

A NEW FREE HOME SERVICE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS:

Senior citizens 65 years and older who are having emotional problems such as nervousness, stress, anxiety, etc., now have a free home service available to them.

Home visits are made for the purpose of evaluating mental health and social problems. Referrals are made as needed to other agencies offering medical and psychiatric services.

For information regarding this free service call:

THE MANHATTAN MOBILE GERIATRIC TEAM
218 WEST 57TH STREET

NEW YORK, N. Y. ATT'N: MISS MILLER PHONE: 581-8078

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 TO MEET:

The next meeting of Community Board #2 will be held Nov. 16th at 7 P.M. at St Alphonsus Church Auditorium - 308 West Broadway.

We report the announcement of these meetings in the hopes that more and more villagers will take the time to attend meetings from time to time. It is the fate of your community that is often being shaped in these meetings.

It is your responsibility to at least know who makes these decisions on your behalf, and learn the workings of your appointed Community Board.

GREENWICH HOUSE MUSIC SCHOOL CONCERT:

The next Greenwich House Music School Concert will present GREENWICH WOODWINDS with guest artist Nanette Norton, Harpist on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 12th at 4 P.M. at Grace Church - Broadway and 10th Street. \$2.50 Contrib'n.

If you would like more information on G-H Music School or their remaining events on the Fall Concert Schedule, contact Lester Cantor, Director at Greenwich House Music School - 46 Barrow St. N. Y., N. Y. 10014 - CH 2-4770.

A PUBLIC HEARING ON A WEST VILLAGE RENOVATION:

Shael Shapiro, on behalf of William Monaghan, owner of 161 Perry St. has filed an application with the Board of Standards & Appeals to permit the conversion of the upper three floors of the building, maintaining the lower three floors in commercial use. Variances are required since the building is in an M1-5 District where new residential uses are not permitted.

A Public Hearing on this matter will be held on Mon., Nov. 13t at 7 P.M. at St. Joseph's Church, 371 Sixth Ave. Anyone wishing to speak at this hearing may do so by filling out a Speaker's Card at the Hearing.

THE VILLAGE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA:

Last spring, we announced through this newsletter the formation of a new "Village Chamber Orchestra". We are happy to announce that this orchestra has now become a reality, and this fine group of community musicians have hopes of giving their first concert in mid-December or January.

The "Orchestra" meets every Wednesday at 7:30 P. M. at St. John's-in-the-Village - 224 Waverly Place. Mr. Jim Willard would be interested in hearing from any string players interested in joining with this group of musicians. Mr. Willard can be reached by phone after 6 P.M. by calling 254-9703

VILLAGE GREEN RECYCLING TEAM RAISE FUNDS TO FIGHT WESTWAY:

The Village Green Recycling Team's recent Book and White Elephant Sale was as usual a huge success.

Over \$1500.00 was raised on Oct.28th to go towards the legal fight against Westway.

The West Village Committee is pleased to have had a hand in helping our fellow community organization by the donation of books, and helping man the tables to sell books. It is this kind of cooperation between community groups that is needed to turn back "the spoilers", and turn them back we will.

THE HORATIO STREET ASSOCIATION PLANS GARAGE SALE:

The Horatio Street Association will again hold their Garage Sale on the loading bays of the "Zenith Building" at #7 Horatio Street (near W. 4th St.) on December 2nd. The hours will be from 12 noon to 4 P.M. The Association can use items for this sale. For information on where to make deliveries, call 675-7512 between 5 & 7 P.M., and at other times, 924-2086.

VILLAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL PLANS TWO FUND RAISING EVENTS:

A DISCO NIGHT will be held on Saturday, November 11th. From 8 P. M. til midnight, parents will have their own Studio 54 right at the school. There will be a cash bar, and free hors d'oeuvres. A Wishing Tree will be an extra attraction with various services as prizes.

A two day Book Fair will be held on Friday Dec. 8, and Dec. 9th. The first day (12/8) will be mainly for VCS children and parents, as in the past. The second day (12/9) should attract many community people. The usual selection of fine books, chosen by the school librarians, will be augmented by an assortment of gift items and baked goods.

The Village Cimmunity School is located at 272 West Tenth Street.

TWO BLOCK ASSOCIATIONS OFFER HOLIDAY SUGGESTIONS:

The West Fourth Street Block Association and The Horatio Street Association both offer Association Cookbooks as holiday gift ideas.

The West Fourth Street Association Cookbook should be ordered from D. Mayer 285 W. 4th Street. N. Y., N. Y. 10014

The Horatio Street Festival of Foods Cookbook is also available, and can be ordered from The Horatio Street Association - 75 Horatio Street - N. Y., N. Y. 10014. The price is \$4.50 p.p. Please enclose your check/money order with your order.

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS PARTY ORDER FORM

PARTY DATE: FRIDAY DECEMBER 15, 1978

DATE _____

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
TELEPHONE # _____

PLEASE RESERVE 1 _____

2 _____ SEATS

MAKE PAYABLE TO:
THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE
304 W. 11th St. N. Y., N. Y. 10014

ENCLOSED CHECK/MONEY ORDER \$ _____

CHRISTMAS WREATH ORDER

DATE _____

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
TELEPHONE # _____

DATE WREATH WANTED _____

ENCLOSED CHECK/MONEY ORDER FOR \$ _____ FOR _____ WREATHS @\$5.00EA.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE
304 W. 11TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10014



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE AND NEWSLETTER

DATE: DECEMBER 15, 1978
TIME: 7:30 P. M.
PLACE: 224 WAVERLY PLACE

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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The December meeting of The West Village Committee will serve as our annual Christmas Party. The party will be held on Friday Dec. 15 at 7:30 P. M. in the Parish Hall of St. John's-In-The-Village, 224 Waverly Place.

We will be able to receive a few more reservations for the party. If you intend to attend the party, Make reservation now as reservations are limited. Complete order form at the end of newsletter.

THE CHRISTMAS WREATH:

We are now taking orders for the lovely 12 inch balsam fir Christmas Wreaths sold each year by The West Village Committee.

Despite the fact that the wholesale prices have increased again this year, we will again hold the wreath price to \$5.00. Thus, it is important that we sell as many wreaths as possible. We ask each member to not only order your wreath, but also ask your friends and neighbors to order their wreaths from us. Wreaths should be available by the Dec. 9th week-end.

Complete order form at the end of the newsletter.

THOSE OLD FASHIONED FRUIT CAKES:

Bill Bowser has again spent a few hours in the kitchen, and has again produced a supply of his fine fruit cakes.

We have set aside 20 cakes reserved for customers who have purchased in the past. These will be held on reserve until Dec. 20th.

These wonderful fruit filled cakes are about 2 pounds in weight, and the price this year is \$12.00 each.

Complete order form at the end of the newsletter.

LANGUAGE SEMINAR:

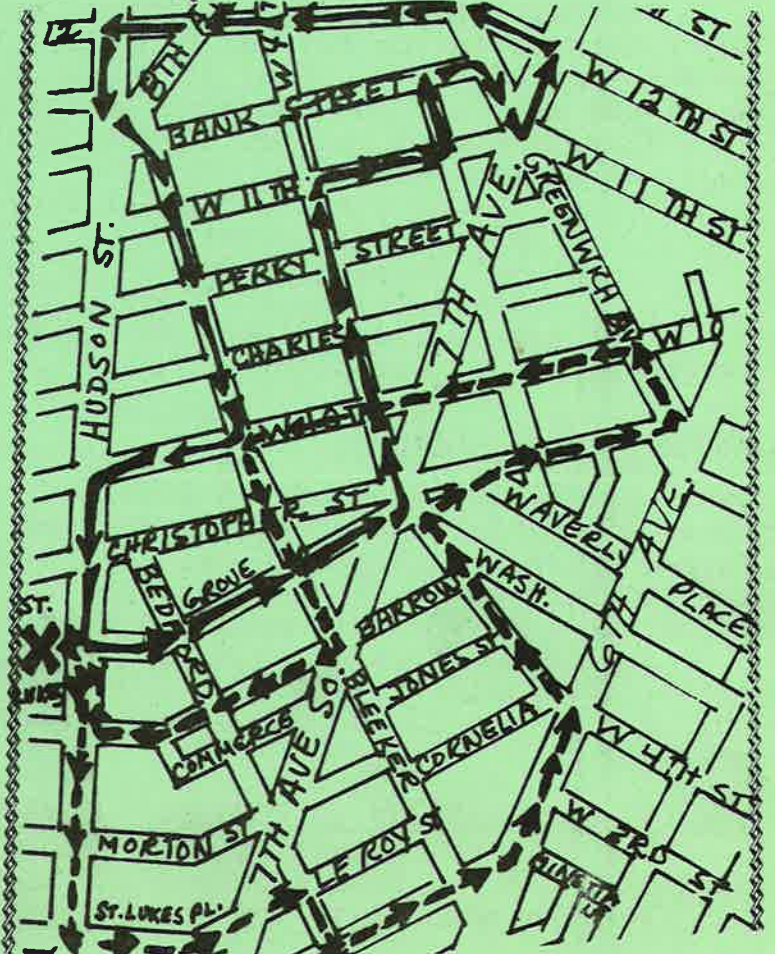
"How Does Your Language Grow?", a discussion of language development will be held at Corlears School on Thursday Dec. 7th at 7:30 P. M. - 324 W. 15th St. Dr. Frances Minor, professor at New York University will lead the discussion.

WEST VILLAGE CHORALE:

Everyone is invited to come sing in The Third Annual West Village Chorale Christmas Caroling Walk. It will be held on Friday Dec. 8th at 7:30 P. M. starting from the Church of St. Luke-in-the-Fields, 487 Hudson Street, or you may join the walk anywhere along the way. See route map on the right.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT:

Sylvan Wind Quintet presents CHILDREN'S CONCERT - a child's guide to the woodwind quintet on Saturday Dec. 9th at St. Lukes - 487 Hudson St. at 2:00 P. M. The program will include "Peter and the Wolf" by Prokofieff arranged for quintet, "Opus Zoo" by Berio, "Rags" by Joplin and "Nutcracker Suite" by Tchaikovsky with audience participation. General admission is \$4.00 with a special rate of \$2.50 for students and senior citizens. For additional information call 663-8339.



COLEARS SCHOOL BENEFIT:

Corlears School will sponsor a benefit at the New York State Theater at Lincoln Center of THE NUTCRACKER on Wed. Dec. 13th and Thurs. Dec. 14th. There may be a few tickets left at this time. All tickets are \$17.00 (\$13.00 plus \$4.00 donation). The proceeds of this event goes to the Colears Scholarship Fund. For ticket information call 741-2800.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

West Village Chorale under the direction of Gwen Gould will present a concert on Sunday Dec. 17th at The Church of St. Luke-in-the-Fields, 487 Hudson St. at 4:00 P. M. There is an admission of \$3.00 for general admission and a \$1.00 charge for senior citizens.

MONTESSORI SCHOOL FAIR:

Greenwich Village Montessori School will hold it's Annual Christmas Fair on Sat. Dec. 9th from 11 A. M. to 5 P. M. in St. Joseph's Hall - 109 Washington Place at 6th Avenue. There will be good food and baked goods, hot cider and wine, a white elephant sale, an all day auction, and a raffle. There will be a separate play area for children with continuous movies and unlimited popcorn with Santa putting in an appearance from 1 P. M. to 3 P. M.

A HOLIDAY BOOK FAIR:

Village Community School at 272 W. 10th Street will have a Holiday Book Fair at the school on Sat. Dec. 9th from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

There will be a large selection of Children's paperback books, and other books of interest. Signed William Steig posters, holiday confections, hand-crafted gifts, tree ornaments and other items will be for sale. A 20% discount will be given on sales of \$8.95 and over. Proceeds will benefit the Village Community School Scholarship Fund.

WATERCOLORS AT RAIMUNDO'S:

Raimundo's at the corner of Christopher and Hudson is popular for the nice pieces of furniture to be found there, but it is also well known for the very nice works of art that hang there regularly.

The current show is "Landscapes for Meditation", watercolors by Joffrey Van Dyke.

The show hangs through Dec. 31st, from 12 noon to 8 P. M. Raimundo's is located at 125 Christopher Street.

BENEFIT FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES CENTER:

A wine and cheese party and reception hosted by the office of the Borough President of Manhattan will be held at "Fives" a restaurant at 555 W. 57th St. (between 10th and 11th Avenues) on Sat. Dec. 16th between 5:00 and 7:30 P. M.

Music will be generously provided by "Jazz at Noon", a group regularly heard at noon at Storytown.

The Developmental Disabilities Center at Roosevelt Hospital is one of the major centers caring for and rehabilitating children of mothers ill with Rubella at the time of birth. Many of these unfortunate children are both blind and deaf, and many are both physically and mentally handicapped.

Tickets are \$10.00 per person, and are tax-deductible, and checks may be made out to and mailed to:

The Roosevelt Hospital Pediatric Department
%Dr. Louis Cooper
428 W. 59th Street
New York, N. Y. 10019

Your name will be placed on the guest list, and you will receive a card reminding you of the date.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE:

Leonard R. Rothkrug, on behalf of W. 11th Apartments (Michael Miller), owner of the building at 373 W. 11th Street, has filed an application with the Board of Standards and Appeals to permit conversion of the existing 3 story former Detention Center to Class "A" apartments. Variances are required since the building is in an M1-5 District where new residential use is not permitted as of right now. It is proposed that a complete fourth floor be constructed.

Public hearings on this matter will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 19th at 7 P.M., at St. John's-in-the-Village, 224 Waverly Place. Anyone wishing to speak on this matter may do so by filling out a speaker's card at the start of the hearing.

THE DECEMBER MEETING OF COMMUNITY BOARD #2:

The full board meeting of Community Board #2 will be held on Thursday Dec. 21st at 7 P.M. at Public School 130 located at 143 Baxter Street.

We urge members to try and attend these meetings when possible.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING: -3-

The H B Playwrights Foundation invites all our friends to attend their Annual Christmas Offering "THE SECOND SHEPHERD'S PLAY", adapted by John Gassner, and directed by Marlene Mancini.

Performances are scheduled for Wed. Dec. 20th through Sat. Dec. 30th. Evening performances are at 8:00 P. M., and there will be matinee performances on Sat. Dec. 23, Wed Dec. 27 and Sat. Dec. 30. Matinees will be at 3:00 P. M.

The theatre will be dark on Dec. 24th and 25th.

The theatre is located at 124 Bank Street, and reservations may be made by telephoning 989-6540. Small group parties may also be arranged, and refreshments will be served. THERE IS NO ADMISSION CHARGE.

RECYCLING:

Recycling in the far West Village has been resumed at Washington St. at Horatio St. on Saturdays between 10 A. M. and 1 P. M. Newspapers only can be accepted.

AN OBSERVATION AND THE NEW ART GALLERY AT 799 GREENWICH ST.:

The Village has a very rich history, a bright future, and in spite of the constant bad press, the Village is without a doubt one of the nicest, if not the nicest neighborhood in which to live in New York City. It is safe to say that most of the problems we may have are brought into the neighborhood by people who do not live in our neighborhood. A good example is the situation on Christopher Street where drugs are brought into our neighborhood, dispensed to the transit population of the street, and the whole neighborhood suffers from the by-products of this drug trafficking.

We urge our elected officials, district leaders, councilmen and State and Federal representatives to press our mayor to focus the same clean-up attention now focused on the Time Square business area on neighborhoods where people live.

One of the nice things to come out of our neighborhood is the building at 799 Greenwich Street. It is this building that some of our neighbors and members of our organization fought years ago to gain legal status for working artist to live and work in what we know today as lofts. The law passed to legalize 799 Greenwich St. has made possible Westbeth and the historic So-Ho and the surrounding areas.

The Co-Op owners of 799 Greenwich St. have recently opened a little art Gallery (entrance at 329 W. 12th St.), showing the arts and crafts of some of the co-ops of the building.

At the moment, there is no identifying sign, but the gallery is open Wed. through Fri. from 4 to 7 P. M., and from 1 to 7 P. M. on Sat. and Sun.

Prices range from 10 cents for hand-printed book-marks up to \$600 for other works of art. Here is just one other great place to do your Christmas shopping.

DINA PAISNER'S T V ROLE:

West Villager Dina Paisner can be seen as a prison matron in the NBC-TV production of "Interrogation in Budapest" on Sunday, Dec. 24th from 4:30 to 5:30 P. M.

LEILA SOLOMON'S NEW VENTURE:

We've missed our former Secretary Leila Solomon, but Leila has been a very busy lady putting her new business in order. Ms. Solomon now operates a computerized photo typesetting business at 6 E. 39th St. called Leila Gothics. Our congratulations and best wishes for success in your new venture Leila.

MARTIN FORRER TAKES A BRIEF RETIREMENT:

Martin Forrer has taken early retirement from Texaco after over 31 years of service, and has taken a position of Technical Advisor in the Energy section of the United Nations. Mr. Forrer has recently returned from his first assignment which took him to Angola.

We hope that in the near future, Mr. Forrer will share with us some of his travels.

DR. DAN SAMUELS' WORKS AT PROFILE GALLERY:

Dr. Dan Samuels will have sculpture pieces included in the current show "Religion in Contemporary Art" at the Profile Gallery - 113 Jane St. (corner of West St. For information call Gallery 243-7530.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE ORDER FORM

NAME _____	_____ PARTY RESERVATIONS @\$2.00 EA.
ADDRESS _____	_____ CHRISTMAS WREATHS @\$5.00 EA.
TELEPHONE _____	_____ FRUIT CAKES @\$12.00 EA.

ENCLOSED CHECK/MONEY ORDER FOR \$ _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE-304 W. 11TH ST.-N.Y., N.Y. 10014
FOR INFORMATION CALL 243-8779

Other Projects Get \$5 Billion in Interstate Road 'Trades'

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 — By trading in 110 unbuilt miles of their interstate highway allotments, a dozen urban areas have earned allocations of \$5 billion in Federal funds for other transportation projects, primarily mass transit.

So far \$1.7 billion of the money from the trade-ins, or "interstate transfers," has been committed to specific projects, the Federal Highway Administration said today. More than \$900 million once intended for interstate highways has been allocated to construction of the expanding rapid-rail "Metro" system in the Washington area, for example, and almost \$500 million has been committed to similar transit projects in the Boston area.

The "interstate transfer" provision in the Federal highway law has become more popular because of the bitter opposition of residents in many urban areas to the construction of interstate highway segments.

Meanwhile, the new Surface Transportation Act, signed by President Carter last month, was intended to assure enough financing to complete the remaining 3,400 miles of "essential gaps" in the 42,500-mile Interstate System. These "essential" segments are generally cross-country stretches that would not be likely candidates for the interstate transfer provision, according to the highway administration.

But some of them are in areas with costly construction problems or with strong opposition from environmentalists so they are not likely to be completed before 1990, Karl S. Bowers, the Federal Highway Administrator, estimates. Even then some controversial inner-city segments — including, perhaps, Manhattan's Westway along the Hudson River — may not be complete.

The new transportation act authorizes an average of \$3.36 billion a year for four years for new interstate construction. It also allocates \$175 million a year in 1979 and 1980 and \$275 million each year in 1981 and 1982 for repair, rehabilitation and resurfacing of some of the older interstate segments, the so-called "three R's program."

The act not only provides the money to finish the Interstate System, under construction since 1956, but sets deadlines. Local governments have until Oct. 1, 1983, to choose between finishing the last links or trading in those segments under the "interstate transfer" provision. If they opt for the interstates, construction must be under way not later than Oct. 1, 1968.

Interstate mileage can be turned in and the Federal aid used for other, less elaborate highway construction or for public transportation, including subways, rapid rail lines and special busways.

Until now, choosing a transportation project other than interstates has meant considerably less in funds from the Federal Government because its share of interstate projects was 90 percent while the ratio of Federal-local matching for other, non-interstate projects was 70-30 and for mass transit projects was 80-20.

Under the new legislation, however, if interstate mileage is turned in, the state or local government will receive 85 percent Federal funding for a transit or a non-interstate highway project.

That provision is likely to encourage even more urban areas to switch from controversial Interstate projects to other forms of transportation construction.

Of the 3,400 miles still needed to complete the limited-access Interstate System, 1,400 miles are under construction. The new infusion of money, the Federal Highway Administration says, means funds will be available for the following "essential gaps" in the nationwide system:

¶Completion of Interstate 66 from the Washington Beltway to Front Royal, Va., and between the beltway and Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, and a connection with Interstate 81.

¶Extension of Interstate 75 from St. Petersburg, Fla., to Miami.

¶The rest of Interstate 10 between El Paso and San Antonio, Tex.

¶In the upper Middle West and North-central states, completion of Interstate 43 between Green Bay and Milwaukee, Wis., and of Interstate 29 between Sioux Falls, S.D., and Fargo, N.D.

¶In the West, the final gaps in Inter-

state 80 in Utah and Nevada. (Interstate 80 is one of the few coast-to-coast routes in the system. It extends from the George Washington Bridge area opposite New York City to San Francisco.)

¶In the East, construction of Interstate 93 in the mountainous Franconia Notch section of New Hampshire and, as part of Interstate 95, the second harbor tunnel and access roads in Baltimore.

¶Upgrading of the West Virginia Turnpike, a toll road that has been incorporated into Interstate 77.

Fewer Than 11,000 Miles Complete

Only an average of about 300 miles a year can be completed in the coming years because so many of the remaining stretches are in urban areas and are subject to long delays or cancellation with the attendant environmental and construction problems.

Although more than 39,000 miles of Interstate highways — 92 per cent of the system — are open to traffic now, fewer than 11,000 of those miles are considered "completed" or essentially completed. More than 26,000 miles open to traffic still require minor improvements to reach interstate standards and nearly 1,900 miles need major improvements.

The principal interstate segments traded for transit or highway projects have been as follows:

¶In the Boston area, 23.3 miles of Interstates 95 and 695; in the Washington area, 14.7 miles of segments of Interstates 66, 70S, 95, 266, 295 and 395.

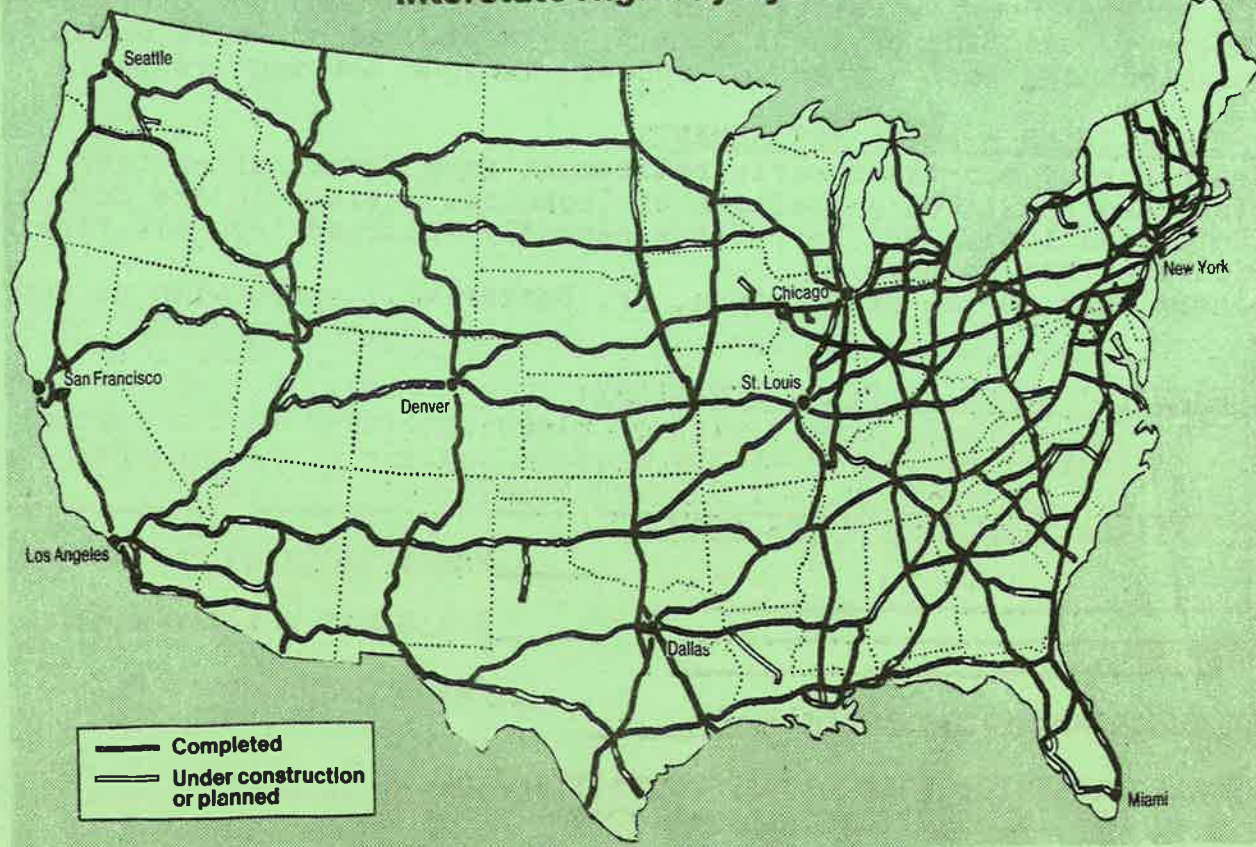
¶Elsewhere in the East, 7.8 miles of Interstate 695 in the Philadelphia area; 13.5 miles of Interstates 86 and 291 in the Hartford, Conn., area, and 3.6 miles of Interstate 687 in the Albany, N.Y., area.

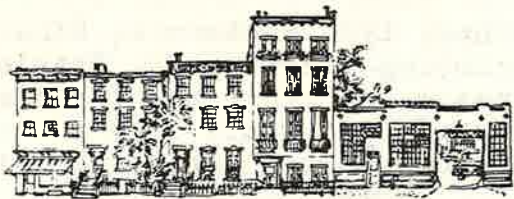
¶In Chicago, 6.3 miles of crosstown Interstate 494, valued at about \$500 million.

¶In the West, at Portland, Ore., 5.1 miles of Interstate 80N, and in the Denver area, 26.3 miles of Interstate 470.

Meanwhile, motor vehicle registrations in the United States keep climbing. They topped the 150 million level this year, and 114 million of those were automobiles.

Interstate Highway System





THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND NEWSLETTER

DATE: TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20, 1979
TIME: 8 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S IN THE VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE

THE MONTHLY MEETING:

We urge our members to turn out for this meeting. We must make plans for the March Election Meeting. We would like to make plans for an indoor Book Sale and Flea Market if a suitable location can be found. We expect to have a report on the latest news on Westway. We look forward to a good attendance.

WEST VILLAGE NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:

The West Village Nursery School, a parent owned and operated co-operative school will hold it's OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, February 13th at 8 p. m.

West Village Nursery accepts 3, 4 and 5 year olds, and has a professional staff responsible for the educational programs assisted by parents who assist in the classrooms and perform other tasks. This parent involvement brings home and school closer together and enables the parents to contribute directly to the quality of their children's education and helps maintain the reasonable tuition of \$760 for 3 and 4 year olds.

The school year runs from mid-September to the first week of June.

The Directors, teachers and parents will greet visitors, and after a tour of the school and discussion of its objectives, refreshments will be served.

For additional information, call the school - 243-5986 or the Admissions Secretary Kathleen Perry - 533-0437.

The West Village Nursery School is located at 73 Horatio Street.

THE TINY HOUSE NURSERY SCHOOL UNDER NEW DIRECTION:

The Tiny House Nursery School located in the heart of the West Village is now under new direction.

This bilingual school under the direction of Eve Scott keeps students busy from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

For information call 243-1596 or 741-0229, or write to Ms. Scott at the Tiny House Nursery School - 17 8th Avenue - N. Y., N. Y. 10014

JEAN GOULD HONORED:

Jean Gould, Village author and activist, was recently invited to serve on the Editorial Board of National Forum: The Phi Kappa Phi Journal, a scholarly quarterly published by the National Honor Society. The invitation, which has been accepted, acknowledged Jean Gould's "distinguished career as a contemporary author." Jean's last book was a biography of Amy Lowell, and rumor has it that she is working on a new book. Having unusually talented people like Jean Gould as a long-time member of The West Village Committee is one of the rewards of our endeavors, for she enriches the entire community in which she lives.

TWELVE PHOTOGRAPHERS SHOW AT WESTBETH:

The current show in the Northwest Gallery (at Westbeth) features the works of photographers Leonard Freed, William Gamble, Bob Gruen, Tom Haar, John Hacker, Arnold Hinton, Ilene Ito, Freda Leinwand, Susan R. Rubinstein, Marilyn Schwartz, Shelley Seccombe and William Suttle.

This show runs through March 3rd, and can be seen Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon to 6 P. M.

The Northwest Gallery can be reached at 155 Bank St. through the courtyard.

FOR DOG LOVERS WHO LOVE TO WRITE:

Charles Arthur Dog of Horatio Street is proud to announce to all dog lovers, and especially his pekingese friends that a short note paper with his likeness is now available at the be shop - 110 Greenwich Avenue.

The art work is by ex-West Village Committee member and Villager, Roberta Everett.

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AN APPEAL TO CAT LOVERS:

Helen Seawuck of 117 Bank Street Passed away in November after a long illness, leaving 10 health and neutered cats. Helen had been a resident of that address for well over 20 years.

Helen's neighbors, Arthur Cunningham, Bill Hines, Lyda MacKenzie, Dina Paisner and Frank Yasah pitched in and helped, including locating Ms. Seawick's relations. Through their coordinated efforts, homes have been found for 6 of the cats. Homes are needed for the remaining cats. If you would like to have one of these cats, please leave name, address and phone number for Frank Yasah the Sup't at 119 Bank Street.

GREENWICH WOODWINDS CONCERT:

The Greenwich Woodwinds, with Jean Kershaw performing on flute and recorders and Lester Cantor performing on Bassoon and alto saxophone, with guest artist Natasha Ghent, viola and Composer Robert Shaughnessy performing on guitar and viola, will present a chamber music concert on Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m. on March 18th at Grace Church (Broadway and 10th Street). Greenwich Woodwinds is a resident chamber group at Greenwich House Music School. This concert is made possible with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts.

Admission \$2.50 (students and seniors \$1.00) TDF vouchers accepted.
For information, call 799-3168.

A REPRINT FROM VILLAGE VISITING NEIGHBORS, INC. NEWSLETTER:

We often get the newsletters of various local community organizations, and here we would like to reprint a statement from the October-November issue of "Neighbor's" newsletter.

IF I HAD BY LIFE TO LIVE OVER....

I'd dare to make more mistakes next time. I'd relax, I would limber up. I would be sillier than I have been this trip. I would take fewer things seriously. I would take more chances, I would climb more mountains and swim more rivers. I would eat more ice cream and less beans. I would perhaps have more actual troubles, but I'd have fewer imaginary ones.

You see, I'm one of those people who live sensibly and sanely hour after hour, day after day. Oh, I've had my moments, and if I had it to do over again, I'd have more of them. In fact, I'd try to have nothing else. Just moments. one after another, instead of living so many years ahead of each day. I've been one of those persons who never goes anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, raincoat and a parachute. If I had to do it again, I would travel lighter than I have.

If I had my life to live over, I would start barefoot earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall. I would go to more dances. I would ride more merry-go-rounds. I would pick more daisies.

by Nadine Stair,
85 years

NEW BUSINESS ON WEST VILLAGE HOUSING SITE:

The West Village Laundry and Cleaners is the first business to open up on the West Village Housing site.

Most of our local establishments have become so specialized. Some will take cleaning but no laundry, some take both, but no handkerchiefs. Now it is nice to have a place where one can just take your laundry and cleaning in one stop, and pick up beautifully finished bundles, and at a most reasonable price.

We welcome West Village Laundry and Cleaners at 700 Washington Street to our neighborhood. Their phone number is 691-1955.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMUNICATIONS CENTER:

The number to call to register any complaint regarding sewers, water, air or noise is 966-5700. These types of complaints include running hydrants, poor water pressure, catch basin problems or broken water mains. The center operates on a 24-hour, seven-day week schedule. The Department of Environmental Protection request that you call 966-5700 in order to properly record and process your complaints.

HEAT AND HOT WATER COMPLAINTS:

The City has two complaint systems for tenants to use to report heat and hot water complaints.

Tenants in privately owned buildings should call the Central Complaints Bureau, which is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Call 960-4800.

Tenants in City-owned buildings (those who have been notified in writing that the City has taken over the management of their buildings) with heat and hot water emergency complaints can call the Tenants Service Center, seven days week from Mon. through Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and weekends 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 566-2860. Non-emergency situations are handled through the building's Real Estate Manager or area office. The area office serving our area is located at 70 E. 4th Street. The phone number 477-9550.

PUBLIC DUMPING FACILITY:

The Sanitation Department operates several dumps in the City open to the public at no cost. The facility in our area is the Gansevoort Street Dump at West and Bloomfield Streets. The phone number is 243-1623. It is suggested that you call prior to using the dump.

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February 13

Case of the elevator duck
Little red lighthouse
My dog is lost
Mr. Hare and Mr. Hedgehog

February 20

Now I am bigger
A story, a story
The astronoughts
Whazzat?

February 27

Family adventures on a wild river
In the park
Whistle for Willie

March 6

One Monday morning
Magic Michael
Shout-it-out alphabet
Picture for Harold's room

March 13

Badger's bad day
Princess and the pearl
Happy owls

March 20

Mole and the green star
A penny suite
Magician

FOR INFORMATION CALL CH 3-6876

THESE PROGRAMS ARE FREE

THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY EARLY CHILDHOOD RESOURCE AND INFORMATION CENTER:

We would like to call your attention to another Public Library service. The Early Childhood Resource and Information Center. The February programs deal with THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. The remaining Feb. program are as follows:

Wed. Feb. 14
11 a. m.

Parent's Learning Group

Fri. Feb. 16
1 p. m.

Creating an environment for the development of listening and speaking skills
Eileen Goldstein Eisner, Educational Consultant

Wed. Feb. 21
2 p. m.

Making simple puppets
Mark K. Conwell, N. Y. Public Library, Branch Librarian

Fri. Feb. 23
10:30 a. m.

Books, Music & Movement
Dr. Jean Mandelbaum, Assn't Director, Comprehensive Training Programs of CUNY

Tues. Feb 27
4 p. m.

Children, TV and Commercials
"The 60 Million Dollar Sell"
Dr. Deidre Breslin, Adjunct Professor, Fordham University
New York State Department of Education

The March program deals with CARING AND RESPONSIBILITY

Fri. March 2
11 a. m.

Workshop for Babysitters and Caregivers
Mildred Berkey, Educational Director-International Playgroup

Thurs. March 8
11 a. m.

Pre-Movement and Music for Young Children
Ruth Jacobson, Creative Movement and Music Specialist, N. Y. U.

Fri. March 9
11 a. m.

Parent's Learning Group

Sat. March 10
10:30 a. m.

Early Detection of Learning Difficulties in the Pre-School Population
Dr. Harold Friedman, O. D., Consultant, Vision and Sensory Motor Training
Dawn Burness, Educational Consultant
New York Institute for Child Development

Tues. March 13
4 p. m.

The Stages of Parenthood
Dr. Ellen Galinsky, Bank Street College of Education, author

Wed. March 14
4 p. m.

Music Workshop for Children, Parents, Caregivers and Teachers
Ruth Spencer, Early Childhood Music Instructor

The remainder of the March schedule will be covered in the March newsletter.

All programs are free and open to anyone who lives or works with young children. Advance registration is required for the workshops. You may sign up in person or by telephoning The Center, 929-0815. All programs are to be held at EARLY CHILDHOOD RESOURCES AND INFORMATION CENTER - 66 LEROY STREET NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 10014

JUANITA LUTZ RECUPERATING:

Juanita Lutz, a long time member of The West Village Committee, and a former officer, was recently in Bellvue Hospital for surgery. She has been returned to Goldwater Memorial Hospital where she has been a patient for some time.

We are happy to report that Juanita is recovering well from her operation, and we extend our best wishes to her.

GREENWICH HOUSE MUSIC SCHOOL EVENTS:

There are a few events left on the Winter Concert 1979 schedule for the month of March.

On March 16th there will be a Faculty Recital, Jean Kershaw, Flute. This concert will be at 8:00 p. m.

The Penny Jones & Co. Puppets finish out the season. On March 17th, they present "The Magic Forest", and on March 24th and 31st, they present "Toby's Tale". These three events start at 3:30 p. m.

Greenwich Music School, under the direction of Lester Cantor, is located at 46 Barrow Street. All concerts at Renee Weller Concert Hall. Call for information and tickets. (2424770)

HOME OWNERS MAY FACE STEEP TAX HIKE:

Property taxes for city homeowners could double or triple under a court mandated full-value assessment scheme, according to a new study.

The scheme might add about \$500 million to the tax bills of 550,000 property owners.

"A shift of this magnitude could undermine the residential sector of the community, substantially reduce the value of homes, and discourage middle class families from living in the city," the report warns.

Complicating the situation are some \$1.8 billion in back claims by taxpayers who say they were overcharged under the current system.

Under the current setup, individual homeowners and small rental units pay taxes on a far smaller fraction of their assessed value than utilities, commercial and industrial properties.

Two recent court decisions basically require all towns in the state to eliminate the difference by assessing all property at full value for tax purposes.

This is an issue that should be of concern to all of us who live in residential communities such as ours, tenants and owners alike. We hope our elected officials will give this considerable attention, and ask that the Association of Village Homeowners keep on top of this issue.

GUIDELINES FOR TENANTS AND LANDLORD AVAILABLE:

We have had many recent inquiries about tenant and landlord relations, and would like to call attention to a publication published by the Citizens Housing and Planning Council of New York, Inc. It is called, "What Every Landlord and Tenant Should Know". Rules and regulations of interest to tenants and landlords are clearly covered. This valuable little publication can be obtained from the

Citizens Housing and Planning Council of New York, Inc.

20 West 40th Street

New York, N. Y. 10018

The cost is .50 per copy.

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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND NEWSLETTER

DATE: TUESDAY MARCH 20, 1979
TIME: 8:P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S IN-THE-VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE

THE MONTHLY MEETING:

This is the meeting at which officers are to be elected for the coming year. We urge you to please make this meeting so we can have a good turn-out for the elections. As usual, nominations will be made from the floor. Officers to be elected are President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. Please give thought to the elections, and if you have someone whose name you would like to put in nomination, be sure and check with them, and get their consent.

HAS WINTER GONE--AND COULD SPRING BE FAR BEHIND--:

If there any doubts, take a little detour as you walk in the Village and have a look at the Garden on the St. Vincent's Triangle. The signs of Spring are certainly there as the crocus and other spring bulbs are pushing upward and beginning to burst into color.

The good news for the community is that the garden will be with us for yet another year or so. The plans for building on the triangle site have been changed, so we look forward to a lovely garden as in the past.

You may have already seen Bill Bowser out in the garden working and cleaning getting things ready for the change of the season. As the spring and summer approach there will be more and more work to be done in the garden. If you have a little time to spend, and would like to help in the garden, drop a note to The West Village Committee at the above address, or stop by the garden when you see Bill there.

The garden on St. Vincent's Triangle is a project of The West Village Committee, and we would again like to thank St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center for allowing us to use the site for this community project. If you have enjoyed this garden over the years, take a moment and drop a note to the hospital and express your appreciation for their fine Community contribution beyond the dispensing of fine medical care.

For the first few years of the garden, we requested and received a grant from The Vincent Astor Foundation. A couple of years ago, we wrote to them and ask that they discontinue the grant, and perhaps make the funds available to some other community effort. We felt that now that the garden was established, we, as the community should shoulder the responsibility. That is why we ask you not to forget to drop something in the little box that you will see hanging on the fence at the corner where Greenwich Avenue and Seventh Avenue meet, or you may drop a check to The West Village Committee at the above address. You should write "for greening" on the bottom of the check. We look forward to another lovely garden with your help.

A NEW MUSICAL COMEDY BY PAUL RAWLINGS:

"FAIR PLAY for EVE" is a musical comedy with book and lyrics by Paul Rawlings with music by Jerry Markoe. Direction is by Robert Engstrom and choreography by Milena Melone. This production will star Grant Bridger, Elaine Rinehart, Stephen Schmidt and B. J. Wells at the American Theatre of Actors - 314 W. 54th Street - Wed. - Sat. March 21 - April 7 at 8 P. M. This is an Equity approved showcase. For reservations call 664-9142.

Paul is a longtime West Village Committee member, and one of the big guns when we have our book sales. We congratulate Paul, and wish him well with his new vehicle.

THE H B PLAYWRIGHTS FOUNDATION:

The next production at H B will be "SHADBERRY" a new play by Christina Kukucka with Deborah Hedwall and Darri Johnson. This production will be directed by Herbert Berghof. Performances will be March 28 - April 9. (NO performance on April 3)

To make reservations, call 989-6540 or write to H B Playwrights Foundation, 122 Bank St., N. Y., N. Y. 10014. INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE. Phone requests are automatically confirmed. No seats are guaranteed unless you are at the theatre 15 minutes before curtain. There is no admission charge.

IMPRISONED ART EXHIBITION & SALE:

The Westbeth Artists Community in conjunction with works by Prisoners' Accelerated Creative Exposure present Imprisoned Art - A Statement of Solidarity Inside/Outside at Westbeth Gallery - 463 West St. Besides the featured artist, additional works by artist incarcerated in various correctional facilities will be shown. The show is currently running, and will continue through March 25th. Gallery hours are 2-7 P. M. For information call P. A. C. E. 228-8530.

EDWARD A. GRIGGS OPENS VILLAGE OFFICE:

Edward A. Griggs, Realtor has opened a new office at 80 Eighth Avenue. (Corner of 14th Street)

Ted (as we all know him) has been a resident and real estate broker in the Village for 26 years specializing in the sale of brownstones, cooperative and condominium apartments and apartment buildings.

Ted includes The West Village Committee among his many community activities, and is past Chairman of The Real Estate Board of New York's Chelsea-Greenwich Village Committee and Past President of The Greenwich Village Kiwanis Club.

SYLVAN WIND QUINTET:

American Women Composers are in the spotlight when Sylvan Wind Quintet present their next concert at St. Lukes - 487 Hudson Street on Friday April 6th at 8:30 P. M.

Admission is \$4.00 with Students and Senior Citizens tickets going for \$2.50. For information, call 663-8339.

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MARCH 27
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Cops
Circus slicker
Selfish giant

APRIL 3
The magic tree
Cosmic zoom
Flash

APRIL 10
Red Balloon

* THESE PROGRAMS ARE FREE *

APRIL 17
FARMS

APRIL 24
K-9000; a space oddity
Kitten for Kim
Walter the lazy mouse

MAY 1
Lorax
Alphabet

MAY 8
Amazing cosmic awareness of
Duffy Moon
Help, I'm shrinking
Queer birds

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- Fri. March 16 11 a. m. Day Care in China, a comparison
Barbara Omolade, Assistant Project Director, The Non-Sexist Child Development Project.
- Tues. March 20 4 p. m. Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect:
Rosleen Mazur, Extension Associate, Cornell University Department of Human Development and Family Studies
- Thurs. March 22 4 p. m. Toddlers & Books, a teacher's view
Adeline Silvia, MFY Group Child Care
- Fri. March 23 11 a. m. Parent's Learning Group
- Thurs. March 29 5:30 p. m. Listening to children
Susannah Falk Shopson, ACSW, Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services
- Fri. March 30 3:30 p. m. Parenting, singular or plural: an ongoing family business
Marjorie Zeidman, CSW

THE FORMER FOOD & MARITIME TRADES VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SITE:

There have been several proposals for the use of the former Food and Maritime Trades Vocational High School site on West 13th Street.

Now, there is a new proposal that has been brought to our attention. That is the Anthology Film Archive's proposal to purchase or lease the building at 208 W. 13th street.

It is hoped that this proposal will be explored, and given favorable consideration. The cultural needs of a community must also be attended to.

In this great land grab which is going on in the West Village, it is time that desires and wishes of the community be taken into consideration instead of the our being planned for by special interest parties.

Perhaps the Federal Archives Building has been given away with little or no real community in-put as mandated by the City Charter, but we must not stand by idle while our community is being dismantled piece by piece and handed over to those who have no interest in our community except what they can take out of it.

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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND NEWSLETTER

DATE: TUESDAY APRIL 17, 1979
TIME: 8 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE

THE APRIL MEETING:

Our April meeting will be a most interesting meeting, and one which should be of interest to all of us here in Greenwich Village.

We are most fortunate to have very knowledgeable village residents among our membership, and one of our leading Villagers will be our speaker at this meeting.

Mrs. Rachelle Wall, a charter member of The West Village Committee, a former President of Community Board #2, and currently a member of CB #2. Rachelle will discuss with us, and inform us of the workings of the J-51 program, and how it is, and will affect us in our community.

Lets have a good turn-out to welcome Rachelle.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS:

The March meeting of The West Village Committee was our election meeting. A motion was made from the floor that the current slate of officers continue in office for another year. This motion had a second, and after a short discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

A PUBLIC HEARING:

Shea, Gould, Climenko & Casey, on behalf of Manhattan Refrigeration, has filed an application with the Board of Standards & appeals for variances to permit the conversion of the nine existing buildings on the block bounded by West St., Horatio St., Washington St., and Gansevoort St., except for 97 Horatio St., to residential use. Building addresses are 521-23 & 533 West St., 802-16 Washington St., 105-7 & 111-13 Horatio St., 84-88, 90-92, 94-98 & 100-102 Gansevoort St.

Variances are required since the block is within an M1-5 (Manufacturing) District where new residential uses are not permitted as of right.

A Public Hearing on this matter will be held by the Community Board on Monday, April 16, at 8 PM, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Cronin Bldg Auditorium, 153 W. 11th St. Speaker's Cards will be available at the entrance.

MUSEUM OF MODERN ART HONORED:

The Museum of Modern Art was honored with a special award at the 51st annual Motion Picture Academy Awards for it's 50 years in working in the area of film preservation.

In accepting the award in Hollywood, Mrs. John D. Rockefeller singled out Eileen Bowser, curator in charge of the Museum's Archives, for her work at the Museum.

Oh yes, Bill Bowser, First Vice President of The West Village Committee, is the husband of Eileen Bowser. Congratulations Eileen.

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 TO MEET:

The next meeting of Community Board #2 will be held Thursday April 19th in the parish hall of St. Anthony's Church at 7 P M. The church is located at West Houston and Sullivan Streets.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE BOOK SALE AND FLEA MARKET:

We are now making plans for our spring Book Sale and Flea Market which will be held the end of May, or early in June.

We are now ready to collect items for the sale. If you have books or flea market items, please call 243-8779 or 243-0762 to arrange for delivery or pick-up.

We can use books on all subjects, especially children books, art books, cook books paper back or hard cover.

If you know anyone who may have books, please tell them about our sale.

COMMUNITY GARDEN BEGINS TO BLOOM:

The community garden which is on the St. Vincent's Triangle is beginning to show it's true colors, and they are lovely.

This garden is a West Village Committee sponsored project, but it is a true community effort. The garden needs community help. If you can spare a little time during the week or week-ends, please contact Bill Bowser, seen regularly working in the garden, or call CH 3-0762.

Oh yes, we need money also. Don't forget to feed the money box that you will see hanging on the fence at the corner where Greenwich Avenue meets Seventh Avenue, or you may drop a check to The West Village Committee at 304 W. 11th Street. You should write "for greening" on the bottom of the check if you want it to go for that purpose.

We have already had big expenses in the garden this year as we have had to buy fertilizer for the whole garden, and Bill has already worked it into the soil.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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<u>April 17</u>	<u>April 24</u>	<u>May 1</u>	<u>May 8</u>
Farms	K-9000; a space oddity Kitten for Kim Walter the lazy mouse	Lorax Alphabet	Amazing cosmic awareness of Duffy Moon Help, I'm shrinking Queer birds

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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND NEWSLETTER

DATE: TUESDAY MAY 15, 1979
TIME: 8 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE

THE MAY MEETING:

Our meeting in May will be a general membership meeting. We will have reports on various events of interest to us. We will make the final plans for our annual Book Sale and Flea Market, and other fund raisers.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE BOOK SALE AND FLEA MARKET:

The Semi-Annual Book Sale and Flea Market will be held on Sat. and Sun. June 2nd and 3rd on West 11th Street between Hudson and Greenwich Streets. The rain dates are June 9th and 10th.

We will have a large selection of books, and lots of white elephants for your pleasure. As usual, there will be records and you can be sure there will be some of the fine goods usually found at a West Village Committee event.

We are currently accepting items for the book sale and for the flea market. If you have items, or know of anyone who does, please call 243-8779 or 243-0760 to arrange for delivery or pick-up.

A WESTWAY BENEFIT:

The Ad Hoc Committee against Westway, together with The West Village Committee will sponsor a special performance of Paul Rawlings and Jerry Markoe's new musical comedy FAIR PLAY FOR EVE at the Three Muses Theater in the Hotel Ansonia, 73rd Street and Broadway. The play will be followed by a gala supper party at an historic townhouse, on Riverside Drive, designed by Cass Gilbert (1859-1934), architect of the Woolworth Building, the Federal Courts Building and the Old Customs House. This musical, historical and gustatory evening will benefit the legal fund against Westway.

The price is \$25 per person, tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Make checks payable to FRIENDS OF THE EARTH FOUNDATION, and send to the Ad Hoc Committee - 304 W. 11th St. - New York, N. Y. 10014. For information, call Bill Bowser - 243-0762.

THE DATE OF THIS BIG EVENT IS MONDAY MAY 14TH - CURTAIN TIME IS 8 P. M.
THE SUPPER ADDRESS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE THEATER

A TIME TO WRITE AN IMPORTANT LETTER:

We are asking each and every WVC member to write a most important letter to Mr. Eckhardt Beck, Regional Administrator - U. S, Environmental Protection Agency 26 Federal Plaza - New York, N. Y. 10007.

Tell him, You urge him to reject the State Implementation Plan. The State Implementation Plan is just another ploy to get Westway started. This State plan must be rejected as it has no provisions which would allow trade-in for mass transit.

Both air and water quality are involved in this issue. The State of New York and the City of New York are acting as though the Hudson River were the sole property of Messrs. Carey and Koch. The fact is that the river is shared by both the states of New York and New Jersey. Recently it was reported on WINS radio that the citizens of New Jersey were angry, and there is talk of a legal battle if the landfill is approved. The taking of 1/6th of the width of the river for the landfill narrows the river-bed, raises the water level and increases currents, and increases the chances of flooding the New Jersey shoreline, resulting in frequent damage and higher insurance rates.

Write Mr. Beck in your own words, and please if possible send a copy of your letter to the Ad Hoc Committee - 304 W. 11th St. - N. Y., N. Y. 10014.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR LETTER TODAY

Mr. Beck has been holding the line, but the pressures by proponents of Westway is massive, and he needs all of our support.

COMMUNITY BOARD PUBLIC HEARING:

Two issues of importance to this community are on the agenda at a Public Hearing sponsored by the Traffic, Transportation & Waterfront Committee of Community Board #2. May 14th at 6 P. M. - St. John's-in-the-Village.

The first issue is on a consent application submitted by Advertimes, Inc. to construct, install, maintain and operate Safety/Time Towers in public streets and sidewalks and to install and maintain advertising matter on such towers.

The other issue is regarding Washington Street traffic problems and various proposals for its alleviation.

This is a Public Hearing, and it is hoped that many members of the public will come out and be prepared to make statements and ask questions.

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 TO MEET.

The May meeting of Community Board #2 will be held on Thursday May 17th at the New School - 66 W. 12th St. Room 407.

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL NEED HELPING HANDS:

Ms. Laretta Harris, Assistant Director Community Relations sends out the following message to: Friends and Neighbors!

Your valuable skills are much needed at St. Vincent's Hospital. Our Volunteers Department needs your people skills, your helping hand. Interesting assignments available now in Pharmacy, Nuclear Medicine, Radiology, Children's Playroom (Clinic), and on the rolling Gift Cart. If you have some extra hours weekly that you'd like to put to valuable use, call 790-8686 and find out more about being a St. Vincent's Volunteer.

ST. VINCENT'S ART SHOW:

Plans are now being formulated for St. Vincent's outdoor art show which displays paintings by patient artist.

As in the past, the Art Show will be held adjacent to the garden triangle on the Seventh Avenue side of the garden.

The show is scheduled to run from May 31, through June 3, 1979.

NUCLEAR ENERGY FORUM:

Hazards of Nuclear Energy a slide show presentation by Michio Kaku, Assoc. Professor of Nuclear Physics, CCNY - Wednesday, May 16 at 8 P. M - P. S. 41 (116 W. 11th - 6th avenue)

This event is sponsored by the Committee on the Environment of the Village Independent Democrats. Admission is Free.

WOMEN ARE IN THE LIMELIGHT WITH ART SHOW:

WOMEN AT WESTBETH is the current show in the Westbeth Gallery - 155 Bank St. The hours are Fri., Sat., Sun. - 12-6 P. M.

WIND MUSIC TO BE PRESENTED:

Sylvan Wind Quintet will present a concert at St. Lukes - 487 Hudson St on Friday, May 18, 1979 at 8:30 P. M.

There is a \$4.00 General Admission, and a special rate of \$2.00 for Senior Citizens and Students. For information, call 663-8339.

ST. LUKE'S CHAMBER ENSEMBLE FINALE:

St. Luke's Chamber Ensemble will present their final concert of the season on Saturday - June 2 - 8:00 P. M. to be followed by a Wine Reception in the Garden. R.S.V.P. 943-0950 The price is \$5.00 for the concert and reception.

THE RICHARD MORSE MIME THEATRE:

One of the quietest groups in the Village is The Richard Morse Mime Theatre. They are really making their presence know as a good Village Neighbor as they offer their services to various Block Parties and Street Fairs.

The "Mime Theatre" makes their home at St. John's-in-the-Village, and can be reached by calling 242-0530.

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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER
JUNE 1979

THE JUNE MEETING:

This will be the last meeting of The West Village Committee until after the summer months. We wish a most pleasant summer for all our members and friends.

There will be a mid-summer newsletter so we can try and keep our community informed of neighborhood developments.

THE JUNE AGENDA:

The main topic for discussion at this meeting will be the proposed park for the waterfront along West Street between W. 11th and Perry Streets. We have requested that representatives of Ports and Terminals and Community Board #2 join with us for this discussion, and also have requested that Captain Ryan of the Sixth Precinct sit in with us for this meeting.

Since this proposal has been announced in the press, we feel it would be most constructive if the plan is presented to the community before it is decided by the Community Board. In this way, community sentiment can be taken into consideration when the final plans are presented for approval.

We urge our members and friends to attend this meeting which will be held at St. John's-in-the-Village - 224 Waverly Place (between W. 11th and Perry Sts) on Tuesday June 19, 1979 at 8:00 P. M.

WESTWAY BENEFIT A SUCCESS:

The Ad Hoc Committee Against Westway and The West Village Committee are pleased to inform our membership that we have turned over over \$2,500.00 in checks which were the receipts from our Theatre Party, and made payable to the Friends Of The Earth Foundation, Inc. All of these funds will go to reduce the legal commitments which have been assumed by the groups involved in the legal action against Westway.

We would like to thank Paul Rawlings and Jerry Markoe for allow us to present their new musical FAIR PLAY FOR EVE, Marge and Bob Boyar for making the theatre arrangements, Bill Bowser for doing all the things that Bill Bowser always does, Mr. and Mrs. Brodhead for opening their spacious home for a fine supper party after the theatre and all those who made contributions and attended the performance. The West Village Committee picked up the expense of the theatre rental, and the salaries for the performers and the ham.

THE PARK'S DEPARTMENT MOBILE UNITS:

We have not received the schedule for the Mobile units for this summer, but by phone, we were able to get the first few dates for our area. On July 10th, the Sportsmobile will be in Saravelli Park from 1:30 to 3.00 P.M, and the same unit will visit Abingdon Square Park on July 19th from 10:30 A. M. until 12:30 noon. On July 20th, the Skatemobile will visit Saravelli from 1:30 until 3:30 P. M., and on July 27th Abingdon Square will have the Puppetmobile from 1:30 until 3:30 P. M.

GREENMARKET-FRUIT & VEGETABLE FARMERS MARKET:

Plans for the Fruit & Vegetible Farmers Market to be located on Gansvoort Street between Hudson Street and Ninth Avenue are going forward.

The Greenmarket Farmers Market will open on July 14th, and run each Saturday Mid-July - November. This will be a market similar to the one now operating in Union Square, and will be a joint effort of the Council on the Environment and The West Village Committee. More on this in a few days.

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 WILL MEET:

The next meeting of Community Board #2 will be held on Thursday June 21. at the Manhattan Developmental Center - 75 Morton St. (between Hudson and Greenwich Streets) at 7:00 P. M.

BLOCK PARTY ON WAVERLY PLACE:

St. John's-in-the-Village and The Richard Morse Mime Theatre will sponsor a Block Party and Street Fair on Sat. June 16th from 12 noon to 6:00 P. M. The rain date is Sunday June 17th. The Community House Fund of St. John's and the community service and cultural enrichment program of the Richard Morse Mime Theatre will benefit from this effort.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Tufo, Johnston, Zuccotti & Allegaert, on behalf of the owners of 378-390 West 12th St. (Common Ground Development Corp., David Puchkoff), have filed an application with the Board of Standards & Appeals for variances to permit the conversion of an existing 7-story building in an M1-5 (Manufacturing) district to residential use, with the addition of a 2-story penthouse and cellar living rooms. Variances are required since new residential use is not permitted in a Manufacturing District, and cellar living rooms are not permitted by the Building Code.

A Public Hearing on this matter will be held on Monday, June 18, 1979 at 7 P. M. at St. John's - 224 Waverly Pl. Anyone wishing to speak on this matter may do so by filling out a Speaker's Card at the Hearing. Doris Diether will chair this hearing as Chairperson of the CB #2 Zoning Committee.

THE H B PLAYWRIGHTS FOUNDATION:

"THE TWO MAPLES" by Evgeny Shwartz, translated from the Russian by Miriam Morton will be the next production at the H B Playwrights Foundation - 124 Bank Street. This play will run from June 23rd through July 1st. The curtain times are as follows. June 23rd at 2:00 p. m., June 24th and July 1st at 3:00 p. m. June 24th through July 1st at 7:30 p. m.

To make reservations, please telephone 989-6540, or by mail include a self addressed stamped envelope. (Phone request are automatically confirmed) Seats are not guaranteed unless you are at the theatre 15 minutes before curtain. THERE IS NO ADMISSION CHARGE. Limit 4 per reservation, and mail orders should list alternate dates and the number of seats.

GALLERY 329:

The current show hanging in Gallery 329 at 329 W. 12th Street (at Greenwich) is watercolors - Scenes of New York by Margaret W. Case will run through July 22. The hours are 2-7 P. M. Friday, Sat. and Sun.

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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL BY PORTS AND TERMINALS REGARDING THE CREATION OF A PARK AREA BETWEEN WEST 11TH AND BETHUNE STREETS AT ITS MONTHLY MEETING ON JUNE 19TH, AT ST. JOHN'S IN THE VILLAGE, 224 WAVERLY PLACE (BETWEEN W. 11TH AND PERRY), TUESDAY EVENING AT 8:00 P. M.

THIS PROPOSAL WAS NEVER BROUGHT BEFORE COMMUNITY BOARD #2 OR THE AFFECTED COMMUNITY BEFORE THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE PRESS BY PORTS AND TERMINALS. IN ADDITION TO THE CREATION OF THE PARK AREA, PORTS AND TERMINALS INTENDS TO ADVERTISE FOR CONCESSIONAIRES FOR THE PROPOSED PARK.

NATURALLY, THERE IS DEEP CONCERN EXPRESSED BY RESIDENTS REGARDING A PROPOSAL WITH A HIGHLY CONCESSIONAIRE MIX. THE MAINTENANCE OF SUCH A FACILITY AND ITS LITTERING EFFECTS, NOT ONLY IN THE PARK AREA BUT ON THE APPROACHES TO THE AREA (THROUGH HIGHLY RESIDENTIAL STREETS) IS IN QUESTION.

IN VIEW OF THE POOR MAINTENANCE RECORD BY PORTS AND TERMINALS TO MAINTAIN THE PARK AT THE END OF CHRISTOPHER STREET (WHICH DOES NOT HAVE CONCESSIONAIRES) THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE HAS REQUESTED THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF PORTS AND TERMINALS AND COMMUNITY BOARD #2 MEET WITH US TO ANSWER THE PUBLIC'S QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MATTER.

WE HAVE ALSO ASK CAPTAIN RYAN OF THE SIXTH PRECINCT TO BE WITH US AND EXPLORE PLANS OF DEALING WITH THE CURRENT PROBLEM OF PROSTITUTION AROUND THIS PROPOSED PARK AREA.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE IS ALSO URGING PUBLIC SUPPORT IN DEMANDING THE IMMEDIATE PROPER MAINTENANCE OF THE PARK AT THE END OF CHRISTOPHER STREET.

PLEASE JOIN US AS THIS IS AN ISSUE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE WELL BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY.



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

MID-SUMMER NEWSLETTER 1979

WEST VILLAGE GREENMARKET:

The West Village Greenmarket, a venture sponsored jointly by the Council on the Environment of New York City and The West Village Committee got off to a brisk start on Saturday July 14th, and will continue as a public service until November 15th.

Each Sat. morning, a group of farmers assemble on the market site and bring to our members and the West Village and Chelsea communities an assortment of garden fresh vegetables, fruit, flowers, plants and many other items such as apple cider, herb vinegars, honey, eggs, etc.

One of the regulations laid down to farmers by the Council is that leafy, green vegetables, peas, beans, corn, cucumbers and eggplants shall be picked no earlier than 24 hours before the market. This insures us of a supply of fresh vegetables as they come into season during the duration of the market. Currently, we have six farmers including one who also deals in organic foods. As the market grows, we will have more farmers and a larger assortment of food goods.

The West Village Committee is adding a new dimension to the market with interesting books, records, wool and synthetic yarns and other items available for purchase. Block Associations and other community and environmental organizations are invited to take space at the market. Information regarding the space should be directed to 929-2532.

GANSEVOORT INCINERATOR CLOSED:

For several years, we in the West Village have been plagued with the fall out of filth from the incinerator on the waters edge on Gansevoort Street.

For years, The West Village Committee has launched a fight to have this facility up-graded to acceptable and legal standards, or closed.

It seems now that our letters, petitions and in-person visits to city agencies has paid off. Just a few days ago, a few West Villagers were pleased to be present at the official closing of this facility as a burning plant.

THE COMMUNITY GARDEN ON ST. VINCENT'S TRIANGLE:

Just as the Gansevoort incinerator was a happy closing, we must report a very sad closing.

As St. Vincent's Hospitals Master Plan reaches the stage of becoming a reality, we must announce the phasing out of the garden and recycling center on the triangle site.

St. Vincent's will resume limited use of the Triangle on and after Sept. 4th. This will entail the placement of vehicles for construction offices in the grassy circle area of the garden.

St Vincent's will resume full use of the Triangle on and after December 3, 1979. After that time, the garden will be closed to make way for construction which should take up to five years.

In 1972 when St. Vincent's made the site available to The West Village Committee on a temporary basis, we weren't sure we would have the use of the site for more than six months. Now, years later, we return the site to St. Vincent's with many thanks for the beauty and pleasure the garden and recycling center have imparted to this community.

The Master Plan provides for an area where a community garden and recycling center can be established when construction is completed.

In the meantime, the garden is a very lovely site these days, and you can be sure that Bill Bowser will see that it goes out in a blaze of glory.

***** JUANITA LUTZ *****

* It is with great sorrow that we announce the *
* death of Juanita Lutz on July 10, 1979. She *
* was a former resident of Jane Street, and a *
* former secretary of The West Village Committee. *
* Juanita was a patient at Goldwater Memorial *
* Hospital on Roosevelt Island. *

WESTWAY DEVELOPMENTS:

Things have been a bit quiet on the Westway front of late, but there have been a few new developments.

A new legal action will be brought against The State Department of Environmental Conservation challenging the granting of a water quality permit for Westway. This suit is being brought on behalf of a group of Environmental and Community organizations and interested home owners.

On July 9th, 1979, an editorial "No To Westway" was a welcome switch by NBC/TV. The editorial ended, "As much of that one billion two hundred million dollars slated now for Westway should be allocated to Mass Transit. Improved subway systems. Buses. That's where the need is now. And that's where the future of Mass Transportation lies. Westway and its like are as dead as the Dodo." End Quote. Anyone wishing copies of the complete editorial may have a copy by addressing a request to The West Village Committee, 304 W. 11th Street.

The Atlantic Coast District of the International Longshoremen's Association in convention in Bal Harbor, Fla. Early in July unanimously approved a resolution opposing Westway calling the project unacceptable on a number of grounds.

A Westway warning can be found in an article with headlines CO-OP CITY IN CRISIS: THE LAND IS SINKING, THE BUILDING CRUMBLING By James Norman in the Wed. August 1, 1979 issue of The New York POST. "CO-OP CITY, the world's largest housing project, is crumbling, and much of the Bronx land on which it was built is sinking at an alarming rate.

"These defects are a threat to the health and safety of the people" in the development said Victor Marrero, State Housing Commissioner.

Officials of the cooperative housing complex, which is home to 60,000 people have contended temporarily with the crisis by constructing stairs between buildings and sidewalks where none were needed before. **the situation is getting out of hand, and as things stand now, nothing except complete replacement can save over hundreds of miles of underground pipe that serve the buildings with heat, hot water and air conditioning. Replacement of that plumbing would cost an estimated \$50 million, according to Ron Meyer, vice chairman of Co-Op City Council, a tenants group.

**The settling land also has resulted in the threat of many of the pipes being sheared off at the points where they enter the buildings.

Several serious water main breaks already have occurred precisely for this reason, according to Frank Gradt, Co-Op City's assistant general manager.

The buildings themselves have not sunk into the soft sand and swamp of the site because--unlike the land around them--they were built on proper pilings.

According to an article in Barron Magazine, the same problem exist at Battery Park City where landfill is to support housing and other buildings.

UPDATE ON THE THEATRE PARTY:

A July 3rd letter to our Westway Attorney, Bill Hoppen, from the Friends of the Earth Foundation with a copy to The West Village Committee reads as follows:

Dear Bill,

Enclosed is a Friends of the Earth Foundation check for \$3,900.00 for work on the legal battle against Westway.

Of this total, \$2,640.00 came from the theatre Benefit and Supper sponsored by The West Village Committee. The rest is from late end-of-the year giving in response to Marcy's mailing, which listed both the ART suit and the Butzel effort as possible recipients.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Bunny Gabel

cc: Mary Ann Rothman, ART
James Shaw, WVC



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND NEWSLETTER

DATE: TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 1979
TIME: 8 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING:

First, we would like to welcome all of our members and friends back to the BIG APPLE, those who were fortunate enough to holiday at the shore, in the mountains, in other cities or abroad.

This is our first meeting since June, although as promised, we did manage to get out a mid-summer Newsletter.

Many of our members were in very interesting places during the past few months, and we will try to draw from their travel experiences from time to time at future meetings.

Mr. Martin Forrer who has recently returned from a United Nations mission to China will be with us at this meeting, and show us a few slides and relate a few of his experiences.

GREENMARKET - A FARMERS MARKET IN THE WEST VILLAGE:

In our June Newsletter, we told of our plans to co-sponsor with the Council on the Environment a fruit and vegetable market.

We are pleased to report that the Greenmarket which opened on July 14th, and has been opened each Saturday since, has been a huge success. For the benefit of our friends and members who have not had an opportunity to visit the market, we would like to remind you that the market will be open each Saturday until November 10th or 17th. Market hours are listed from 9 A. M. until 6 P. M., however, we would like to suggest that you do your shopping earlier in the day so as not to be disappointed. Our farmers come from as far away as Albany, N. Y., so as they sell out of produce around mid or late afternoon, they start packing up for their trip home. You see, for them it has been a very long day by that time.

We would like to remind you that the Greenmarket didn't just grow like "Topsy". This market is the result of lots of hard work and expense by The West Village Committee, and our community owes a vote of thanks to Ms. Eva Ettisch and Bill Bowser, manager and co-manager of the market. You will find Eva out on the market site on Friday late-afternoon, posting the no-parking signs and washing down the street, and on Sat. mornings, early, setting up barriers and greeting the farmers. Eva would welcome volunteers to help with these chores, and we would be most pleased if you would take a few moments and stop by the West Village Committee table and see us. We would also welcome letters -- let us know how you like the market, let us have your suggestions. It may not be possible to implement them, but we would sure like to have them. We would like to know in writing from our members and friends if our many efforts in bring Greenmarket to the West Village is a worthwhile effort. As an added service, we have set up a little section on the market site where you may bring your old newspapers and other items to be recycled. These are picked up later in the day by The Village Green Recycling Team truck. See you at the Market which is located in the Meat

Market area on Gansevoort Street between Hudson Street and Ninth Avenue (just where Greenwich Street ends).

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS:

The St. Vincent's Hospital Community Committee for Clinic and Emergency Room Patients (CCCERP) is presently recruiting applicants to become members of its Board. The Board meets monthly (one Tuesday a month at 6 PM). It advises the Hospital with respect to outpatient services, and monitors the provisions of the contract between the Hospital and the State Department of Health with regards to the State Ambulatory Care Program. The Board also seeks to participate in and to have an impact on health policy in the City and State of New York.

Users of the Clinic and the Emergency Room are given first priority for membership and all consumer members must live between W. 34th St. and Canan St., 5th Avenue to the Hudson River.

There will be an open meeting to discuss the history, functioning and concerns of the Board on Wed. Oct. 3rd at 7 PM. The meeting will be held in the 1st floor Clinic area of the O'Toole Medical Service Building. Those interested in membership are invited to attend.

Applications for membership may be obtained by calling the Community Relations Department of the Hospital (790-7558) or by picking them up at 130 W. 12th St., Room 3-F.

Applications must be postmarked by Oct. 15th or hand delivered to the above address by Oct. 17th. There are 4 open positions and new members will be selected at the Nov. meeting.

ST. LUKE'S CHAMBER ENSEMBLE:

St. Luke's Chamber Ensemble's Inaugural Concert will be A Bach Festival. This most interesting program will be held on Saturday Sept. 22 at 8 PM. There will be a Pre-Concert Recital at 6:45 PM. General admission is \$5.00 with the student and senior citizens tickets at 2.50. TDF vouchers accepted. For Reservations call 943-0950.

SYLVAN WIND QUINTET AT ST. LUKES '79-80:

The first program of the Sylvan Wind Quinten series will be Friday September 28th at 8 PM. For series information, SYLVAN WIND QUINTET-884 WEST END AVENUE NO 56-NEW YORK, N. Y. 10025 or call 663-8339

St. Luke's is located at 487 Hudson Street.

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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND NEWSLETTER

DATE: TUESDAY OCTOBER 16, 1979
TIME: 8 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE

THE OCTOBER MEETING:

This will be a general membership meeting, and there will be a few items of interest on the agenda.

Ms. Y. Morrow will be with us to speak about the Community Board #2 Census Public Outreach project.

We will have a report on Westway and the new legal suit.

We will have a report on Manhattan Refrigeration law suit.

We will have an update on the garden on St. Vincent's triangle.

and...other items of interest to us in the West Village.

TINY HOUSE NURSERY SCHOOL:

Tiny House Nursery School at 17 8th Avenue is very much in the need of space for a new toddler's school. They have the babies, teachers and care people, and all they need is the place. If you know of available space, please contact Eve Scott at the school, or phone 741-0229 or 243-1596.

GREENMARKET UPDATE:

We are happy to report that the Greenmarket is doing great, and continues to be a huge success. Again, we would like to remind you that the market will be open each Saturday until November 17th. Market hours are listed from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., however, we would like to suggest that you shop earlier in the day so as not to be disappointed. Our farmers come from as far away as Albany, N. Y., so as they sell out of produce around mid or late afternoon they start packing for their trip home.

The West Village Committee is proud to add this market to the other of our community services. Last month we expressed our thanks to Eva Ettisch and Bill Bowser, manager and co-manager of the market, and this month we would like to salute Erik Wensberg, Bea Auster and Tom Stokes who have volunteered hours of their valuable time to make the market a success.

We would like to know in writing from our members and friends if our efforts in bringing Greenmarket to the West Village is a worthwhile effort, so we would welcome letters telling us what you think of the market, and offering any suggestions you may have. See you at the market - rain or shine.

VILLAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL FALL FOOD FESTIVAL:

The Village Community School, at 272 West 10th Street will hold a "Fall Food Festival and Farmers Market" on Saturday, October 27th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the benefit of its Scholarship Fund.

The Village Community School schoolyard, located at the corner of Greenwich Street and West 10th Street will be transformed into a marketplace with an abundance of international foods. Specialties from France, Greece, Italy and the Far East will be served to be eaten in an outdoor cafe or taken home. A Farmers Market resplendent with pumpkins, plants, vegetables and gourds will be a wonderful place to meander on an autumn day.

Special activities will be planned for the children in the school gym. A silent auction will feature exotic prizes in the form of services as well as merchandise. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL (691-5146)

WEST VILLAGE NURSERY SCHOOL:

The West Village Nursery School, 73 Horatio Street has openings in its 3, 4, and 5 year old classes.

A parent owned and operated co-operative, the school is 16 years old. Professional staff are responsible for the educational programs while parents share all other tasks, including assisting in the classrooms. This involvement helps keep the tuition at a reasonable level, currently \$875.00 for 3's, \$925.00 for 4's and \$1,150 for 5's.

The current school schedule will run until the first week of June. The hours are for 3's, 9 - 12 noon; for 4's, 1 - 4 pm; for 5's, 9 - 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and on Friday 9 - 12 noon.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the school - 243-5986, or the Admissions Secretary Kathryn Smallwood - 243-0513.

DON'T FORGET THE BIG WEST VILLAGE FAIR. SEE ENCLOSED FLYER

NEW ANTI-WESTWAY SUPPORT:

We are pleased to share with you the following letter which was published in THE NEW YORK TIMES, THURSDAY OCTOBER 4, 1979.

Westway vs. the Need to Conserve

To the Editor:

In your Sept. 27 editorial about the flap over subway aid, you commented that the life of New York City depends on its transit system. Does not that view demand abandonment of the proposal for a superhighway on Manhattan's West Side?

The National Audubon Society supports the "trade-in" alternative: build a modest but adequate roadway in existing roadbeds at a fraction of the cost of Westway and use the remaining available Federal money — more than a billion dollars — for mass transit.

You say Washington promises are uncertain. Perhaps. But so far none of the 14 cities that have applied for such trade-in aid have been turned down, and that includes Portland, where Neil Goldschmidt was mayor before he became Secretary of Transportation.

Westway is a major conservation issue because it is inconsistent with the pressing national need to conserve energy and because it would adversely affect air and water quality in New York City. If we are to meet President Carter's national goal of a 50 percent reduction in oil imports by 1980, we must favor mass transit over the construction of lavish new highways that will only encourage more automobile use. If this city is to attain minimally healthful air as required by the Clean Air Act, we must pursue the same environmentally sane course.

There is at present an alarming disparity between New York's mass transit needs, as defined by the M.T.A.

and other official agencies, and the funds available to meet such needs. The money from a Westway trade-in would help to fill this gap.

RUSSELL W. PETERSON
President, National Audubon Society
New York, Sept. 28, 1979

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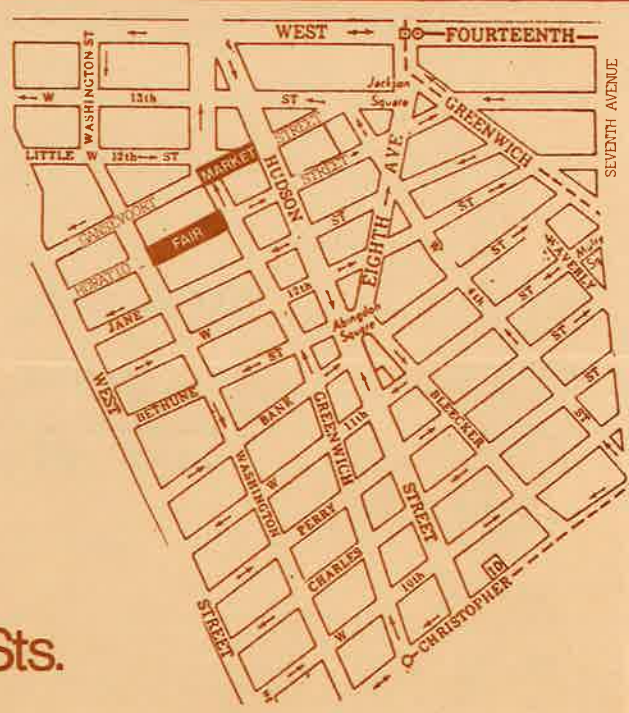
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ALL-DAY AUCTION

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The Big West Village Fair
Saturday, October 20

11AM-5PM - Rain Date Oct. 21

Horatio Street

between Greenwich & Washington Sts.

Benefit: West Village Nursery School

Come early and visit the new Farmer's Market on nearby
Gansevoort St. Fruits-Vegetables-Pumpkins on sale from 9AM



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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND NEWSLETTER

DATE: TUESDAY NOVEMBER 20, 1979
TIME: 8 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S-IN-THE-VILLAGE
224 WAVERLY PLACE

THE NOVEMBER MEETING:

As the end of the year approaches, we start thinking of the holiday season. First, there is Thanksgiving then, the busiest of the holidays, the Christmas Season. We wish all our members and friends a very nice Thanksgiving, and remind those who will have mailings for the Christmas holidays to check with your local postoffice as the deadline for surface mail to foreign countries begin about this time. At this meeting, decisions will have be made about our annual Christmas Party, and the future of the Greenmarket. There are other things we should talk about, so please come out and be a part of the decision making. We need you.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS:

One of the sources of fund raising we use to meet the expenses of The West Village Committee is the sale of Christmas Wreaths each year. We usually have our supply of wreaths available about December 10th, and expect that this year will be no exception.

The very nice balsam Christmas Wreaths are being offered at this time at last years price of \$5.00, and we hope to hold to this rate. The wholesale rate seems to increase each year, and we may have to increase the price when we get wholesale quotes. Mail your order now to avoid any price increase. Specially decorated wreaths will be available on special order.

FRUIT CAKES:

Bill Bowser will not make the wonderful fruit cakes we usually have as the price of ingredients makes it impossible to offer them at a reasonable cost. However, there are a few well seasoned cakes from last year which will be available on a first come basis. The price, \$15.00 for the approx. two pound loaf.

CONFERENCE ON COOPERATIVE HOUSING:

An in-depth information exchange on the pros and cons of Co-ops sponsored by Manhattan Borough President Andrew Stein and Councilmember Ruth Messinger will be held Saturday, December 1, 1979 from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Brandeis High School 151 W. 84th Street. Free day care will be available, and a box lunch will be provided for a nominal charge.

THE CURTAIN FALLS ON GREENMARKET '79:

November 17th was the last Saturday of the Greenmarket for this year. It has been a pleasure for The West Village Committee to have sponsored the market as a community service.

Many thanks to our members who worked so hard, and gave up their weekends to make tha market a success. We will now have a few months to reflect on our operation of the market. You can help.

Again, we urge each of you who used the market to just take a moment of your time and let us know in a note just what your reactions were to the market. This is very important. I want to thank all of those who have taken the time to write. Give us any ideas you might have so that should we decide to sponsor the market again next year, your ideas may be included in the planning for next year.

A JOB IS AVAILABLE:

We know of a job which is available for someone who would like to work in a liquor store. The job would involve opening shop, replacing stock and receiving, selling and generally managing until about 3 p.m. This might be attractive to some retired person who would like to work in the neighborhood. If interested, drop a note to The West Village Committee, and we will get it to the proper hands.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE:

Every year from January 1st to April 15th, millions of taxpayers in the Metropolitan area are faced with what many consider to be an ominous task preparing their Federal Income Tax Returns. This necessary task need not be a dreaded chore. The Internal Revenue Service is currently conducting a program called VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance). This program is a means of training volunteers within our organization to prepare their own tax returns, as well as the returns of others, especially low income taxpayers within our community. At the same time, it enables us to not only provide a needed community service with high public exposure, but also gives participants a valuable and useful skill.

If we have 15 or more members or friends who are interested in participating in this program, the Internal Revenue Service will supply instructors, publications and all necessary materials free of charge to train participants. The course (dealing with preparation of Federal Income Tax Returns) generally runs 3 to 4 days.

Any one interested in this valuable program should contact The West Village Committee.

A DISGRACEFUL CUT IN CITY SERVICES:

In the Bank, Greenwich and W. 11th Street area of the West Village, the official garbage pick-up days are Tues., Thurs. and Sat. With this in mind, residents place their garbage out on the streets on the evening before the scheduled pick-up.

What is happening is that more often than not, the Tues. pick-up is omitted, and we finally get service on Wed. afternoon or evening. Then, the powers to be decide there is no need for Thurs. pick-up then, if we're lucky, we get a Sat. pick-up. Often, it is as it was the week of Nov. 12-17th when garbage was piled high on our streets from Monday evening until Sat. This disgraceful cut in services must be stopped. Check and find out your scheduled days for pick-up. If you don't get proper service, call the district office of Community Board #2 (533-1617) and lodge a complaint every time service is omitted.

These complaints are most important. We must stop just complaining to each other, and direct our complaints to the proper agencies.

THE ST. VINCENT'S TRIANGLE GARDEN:

Every day sees a bit more of the garden disappear as we race to meet the early December deadline for returning the site to St. Vincent's Hospital. We're happy to know that many of the rose bushes and other plantings were sold to tenants in West Village Houses. A fitting home for them since The West Village Committee was the sponsor of both the Houses and the Garden.

Some of the plants will be removed to the site between the existing garden on Village Square and the Jefferson Market Library. Still other plantings are being used at the new garden along the river front at the foot of Bank Street. The West Village is proud to be a part of the planning of this waterfront site which is beginning to take shape. The iron railing looks great, and twelve trees have already been planted, and beds are being dug to hold the plants donated by The West Village Committee.

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CHRISTMAS WREATH ORDER FORM FOR 1979

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PLEASE RESERVE _____ CHRISTMAS WREATHS FOR ME AT \$5.00 @ MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE - 304 W. 11TH ST. - NEW YORK, NY 10014



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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND NEWSLETTER

DATE: TUESDAY DECEMBER 18, 1979
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AGENDA: FUN AND GOOD CHEER

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The West Village Committee's Annual Christmas Party will be the only item on the agenda for December. We do look forward to seeing as many of our friends as possible.

Last year's party was a huge success with over 100 villagers feasting on turkey, ham and all the trimmings. This year's party we hope will be as great an event.

Reservation forms should be returned immediately, and because of the time element, confirmed by calling 243-8779 (mornings) or 243-0762 no later than Mon. noon December 17th.

THE CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES:

The Christmas Wreaths are now available. As we suspected, the price of the wreaths at the wholesaler was up again this year. We will have to increase the price of the wreaths to \$6.00, however, all orders that have been received will be honored.

Please order your Christmas Wreath now. This fund raising event is one of the ways we have to meet the expenses of the Newsletter, the Greenmarket, the Gardening and other greening projects and other projects we undertake to make living in our community more pleasant. Fill out your order form, and order today, or call 243-8779 (mornings or between 7 and 10 P. M.)

WESTWAY LEGAL FUND BENEFIT:

The West Village Committee and The Ad Hoc Committee Against Westway join forces in presenting a special benefit performance of Gail Kriegel Mallin's new play "Holy Places" on Sunday December 16, 1979 at the American Place Theater - 111 W. 46th Street. at 3 p. m. A wine and cheese party will follow the performance. RSVP to: Ad Hoc Committee - 304 W. 11th St. - N.Y.C. 10014 enclosing \$15.00 per person contribution or phone CH3-0762. If you must have a tax deduction on this contribution, make check payable to Friends of the Earth, and mark "for Westway Legal fund" on bottom of check. However, if you do not need the deduction, please make check payable to The Ad Hoc Committee Against Westway to help cover the expense of the theater and other expenses.

We must not for one minute let up in our fight against Westway, and this can only be done with your help.

GREENING PROJECTS:

The West Village Committee would again like to express our thanks and that of our West Village Community to St. Vincent's Hospital for signing an agreement with The West Village Committee allowing us to develop the Triangle Site across from the Hospital into a prize winning garden. We look forward to the completion of construction when again a garden can be developed on parts of the site as called for in the current plans.

Thanks to the back-breaking work of Bill Bowser with much help from Tom Stokes, a new mini garden is taking shape on the strip behind the Jefferson Market Library. Planting on that site will include a rock garden, crape myrtle, tea and climbing rose bushes and a few other plantings we have donated from the Triangle garden.

Many of the lovely rose bushes have been sold, and will grace some of the open spaces of West Village Houses, and other Village gardens. We are pleased that much of the plantings will remain in the neighborhood and continue to give Villagers much pleasure.

We have a letter from The City of New York - Dept. of Ports and Terminals dated November 30, 1979 which reads as follows:

Dear Mr. Bowser,

The Department of Ports and Terminals is most pleased to accept the offer of The West Village Committee to care for and maintain the plantings which your group has so generously offered for planting at the new waterfront esplanade area. This arrangement will provide for a safe and attractive waterfront public access area and is a good example of what can be accomplished through cooperative efforts between the City and community groups.

We look forward to working with you on this most exciting project.

Very truly yours,
signed--
Marsilia A. Boyle
Deputy Commissioner

Bill Bowser met with representatives of Ports and Terminals and helped lay out a scheme of planting for the area. The original plan for the waterfront esplanade area was to be twelve trees provided by the city. Because of the involvement of The West Village Committee, the esplanade area has been expanded and widened and three nice planting areas have been created, one about 50 feet in length. In these pits will be planted the fir trees, crab apples and some of the larger plants and wisteria and other shrubbery. The emphasis will be on low maintenance plants, and we hope that our input will make for a more beautiful waterfront.

COMMUNITY USAGE OF PIER 42 MAY BE CURTAILED:

There have been many complaints from members of the public who feel that the pier which has for several years been maintained as a community pier is slipping out of the hands of the community. First, there was the appearance of a commercial boat tied up at the pier. This was done without coming before Community Board #2, and community input as to usage of the pier. The BERTH OF A RESTAURANT ad appeared in the New York Times on Dec. 5, 1979. Does this mean that with two berths occupied at pier 42 (or is this two plus the one already occupied?) that there will be little or no room on the pier for the people who live in the neighborhood and found their oasis on our waterfront.

BERTH OF A RESTAURANT



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PORTS AND TERMINALS

is offering two berths at Pier 42 on
the North River in Manhattan for
Waterborne Excursion Restaurants
to operate in the spectacularly scenic
New York Harbor.

Contact Luk Sun Wong, Project Manager
(212) 248-8594.

Edward I. Koch Mayor Susan M. Heilbron Commissioner

If this ad has not come to the attention of Community Board #2, we do hope this will bring it to the attention of the board, and inform us if we are being deprived of rights mandated by the City Charter. It seems that more and more the community is being left out of planning and input, and told what they can have and what is good for it.

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE:

The Internal Revenue Service is currently conducting a program called VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance). The program is a means of training volunteers within our organization to prepare their own tax returns, as well as the returns of others, especially low income taxpayers within the community. At the same time, it enables our organization to not only provide a needed community service with high public exposure, but also gives our individual members a valuable and useful skill.

If we have 15 or more members or friends interested in volunteering for the program, the Internal Revenue Service will supply instructors, publications and all necessary materials free of charge to train participants. The course (dealing with preparation of Federal Income Tax Returns) generally runs 3 to 4 days.

Any one interested in investing your time and talents in this worthwhile project should contact The West Village Committee as soon as possible.

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 TO MEET:

The December meeting of Community Board #2 will be held on Dec. 20th at 6:45 at New York University - Weinstein Hall (Sub-Cellar) - 5 University Place. It is important that residents of this community attend these board meetings, and see your community decision makers in action. At every meeting, decisions are made that affect you and your neighborhood, and it is your responsibility to learn how these decisions are made, and by whom. We must all become active members of our community.

ST. LUKE'S CHAMBER ENSEMBLE:

A gala evening is planned by St. Luke's Chamber Ensemble on December 31st at 8 P. M. It will be a New Year's Eve Renaissance Celebration By Candlelight - The Age Of Monteverdi. Vocal and Instrumental Selections from Monteverdi's Scherzi + Duets + Late 16th Century Italian Lute Songs + Instrumental Selections of Sima, Frescobaldi and others. Tickets for the Concert and the Reception which will follow are \$7.50. TDF Vouchers will be accepted with a \$3.00 surcharge. For information, call (212) 943-0950
St. Luke-in-the-Field is located at 487 Hudson St. at Grove St .

CHILDREN'S FILM FESTIVAL:

Tuesdays at 10:30 and at 3:30 is the time and the dates for the Children's Film Festival at the Hudson Park Branch of The New York Public Library. Programs scheduled for the coming weeks are: Dec. 18 + Crack in the pavement + Christmas Visitor + Great toy robbery Jan. 8 + Sophie and the scales + Something queer at the library + Strega Nonna Jan. 15 + Red balloon Jan. 22 + Dinosauers + Snow girl + Super bug + When knights were bold Jan. 29 + Matrioska + Pierre + Light in the night + The judge + Tomcat's meow.

These films, made available by grants from the Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations, are one more of the nice things available for children FREE in our neighborhood.

THE H B PLAYWRIGHTS FOUNDATION:

The H B Playwrights Foundation cordially invites you, your family and friends to attend their Annual Christmas Offering, "THE SECOND SHEPHERD'S PLAY"

Performances began Thursday Dec. 20th and continue through Dec. 30th NO PERFORMANCES DEC. 23, 24 or 25th. Curtain time is 8:00 p. m. each eve. with 4:00 p. m. performances on Sat. Dec. 22, Thurs. Dec. 27th, Sat. Dec. 29th and Sun. Dec. 30th.

The theatre will open 7:30 p. m. to 9:15 p. m. for the evening performances and 3:30 p. m. to 5:15 p. m. for matinees to allow time for a cup of cheer before and after the performance. Please make reservations as soon as possible so an ample supply of cider can be stocked.

For reservations: TELEPHONE 989-6540. There is no admission charge. Small "group parties" may be arranged.

FOR THAT PRE THEATRE DINNER:

Why go through the rat race of having dinner at home, when for a very modest tariff, a complete dinner can be had in the pleasant atmosphere of VILLA EDA Resturant + 131 Bank St. (corner Bank and Washington Streets) and just down the street from H B Playwrights Theatre. For reservations call 924-3787.

THE VILLAGE SINGERS:

"CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE" is the theme of the concert presented on Friday eve. Dec. 14th at 8:00 at the Church of the Ascension - 5th Ave. at 10th Street by THE VILLAGE SINGERS. Admission is \$2.00.

TWO EVENTS OF THE WEST VILLAGE CHORALE:

On Sat. Dec. 15th, at 8:00 p. m. the West Village Chorale, under the direction of Gwen Gould will present their CHRISTMAS CONCERT at St. Lune's Church + 487 Hudson St. Admission is \$3.00 with a Student and Senior Citizen admission of \$1:50.

The fourth annual West Village Chorale Christmas Caroling Walk will be held on Friday Dec. 21st at 7:30 p. m. Starting from The Church of St. Luke in-the-Fields + 487 Hudson Street. The route is along Hudson St. to Abingdon Sq. along Bleecker St. to Charles over to W. 4th St. to Sixth Ave., Carmine to Bedford St. then Commerce St. back to the church. You are welcome to join any where along the way.

CHRISTMAS WREATH & CHRISTMAS PARTY ORDER FORM

Name _____

Enclosed \$_____ for _____ wreaths @ \$6 each

Address _____

Telephone _____

Enclosed \$_____ for _____ party reservations @ \$5 per person

Make check payable to THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE and mail to 304 W. 11th St. New York, N. Y. 10014