



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY JANUARY 23, 1973  
TIME: 7:45 P. M. (COFFEE SERVED AT 7:30)  
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL  
224 W. 11TH STREET

Agenda: President's Report

Report of the Nominating Committee

Terry Fritsch (Election of Officers will take place  
at the Annual Meeting, February 20th)

NEW PROJECTS IN THE NEW YEAR

Channel: (Establishing a method of instant  
communications in the West Village)  
Bob Sann and Bob Read

Showcase: The work of West Village Professionals in the  
Arts

Ms. Bertha Case and Ms. Barbara Peart of W. 12th Street  
Creators of Needlework Designs

St. Lukes Community Programs  
Father Ledlie I. Laughlin, Jr.

CURRENT CONCERNS

OTB in the West Village  
Bob Trenour

Westside Highway Project  
Arthur Stoliar

And Latest Information:  
Skating Rink, Recycling, Annual Party, Lighting,  
Landmarks, Village Visiting Neighbors

MEETING MUST END BY 10:30 P. M., SO WE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 7:45

Joan Stoliar, President  
Erik Wensberg, 1st Vice President  
Margot Rebile, 2nd Vice President  
Paul Rawlings, 3rd Vice President  
Ernest Mayer, Treasurer  
Marie Reeves, Recording Secretary  
Lillian Drew, Corresponding Secretary



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WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

A Note from the President:

With the new year we are instituting a new project which showcases the work of West Village professionals in the arts. Several times during the year our meetings will include an exhibit + + It might be a showing of books by West Village authors, graphics, or as of this month's meeting, needlework designs by Ms. Case and Ms. Peart.

Ms. Bertha Case at 88, is still designing in her 12th St. home studio along side Ms. Barbara Peart who is her daughter. Most of their work is prepared for Alice Maynard one of the leading needlework shops in New York.

We feel that sharing this information is natural in a community so full of working artist, and we look forward to pleasures and supprises in the coming months. The discovery, perhaps that a book or print or design even bought long ago and beloved is, indeed, the work of a neighbor.

The Annual Meeting and Elections:

The February meeting of the West Village Committee is the Annual Meeting, and the election of officers for 1973 will be held. A nominating committee held meetings during the past month, and Terry Fritsch will give their report. As nominations for each office shall be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting, additional nominations may be made at that time.

Serving with Mrs. Fritsch on the Nominating Committee were Mervin Bendewald, Aye Greiss, Madelynn Kurtz, Ernest Mayer, Jean Smith, Arthur Stoliar and Charles Verral.

West Village Committee Membership:

At some time during the past year, membership forms have been included in the mailing to the membership. Many have been signed and returned, and some have not. Enclosed in this mailing is a copy of the Articles of Association of The West Village Committee. If there is a membership form at the end of the "Articles" you received, this means there is no acceptance of membership by you in our files. Please fill in the membership form and mail to the West Village Committee - 304 W. 11th Street - N. Y., N. Y. 10014. One form can serve both husband and wife or other family members. If there is no form, this of course means your membership is in good order. Please mail forms before February 9th, so the card file can be posted before the Annual Meeting.

Community Planning Board #2 News:

After two years as Chairman, Mrs. Rachele Wall has stepped down as the head of Community Board #2. We hope Rachele can now have some days of peace and quiet, and a much deserved and needed rest.

Mrs. Wall was a tireless worker as chairman of Board #2, and the whole Village owe a vote of thanks to Mrs. Wall for the fine job she did as Chairman.

Succeeding Mrs. Wall as Chairman is Emanuel Popolizio. We are very lucky here in the Village area to have such strong leaders, and can, and I am sure will get the same standard of strong leadership which has made Community Board #2 one of the best if not the best Community Board in the city.

The next meeting (January) of Community Board #2 will be held Thursday, January 18, 1973 at 7:30 P. M. Lower West Side Children's Center at 209 Sullivan St. (second floor) will be the site of this meeting. During the Public Session there will be a Review of Capital Budget Items 1973-74. As always, we urge West Village Committee members to attend your Planning Board meetings, and learn first hand the things that happen all around you and affect our every day lives.

### St. Vincent's Triangle wins another Award:

The West Village Committee was one of the eight Grand Finalist winners of the Mollie Parnis "Dress Up Your Neighborhood" contest, and was presented with a plaque which will be displayed on the site, and a check for \$500.00 by Mayor John V. Lindsay and Ms. Parnis at a ceremony at City Hall on Dec. 13th, 1972. The West Village Committee was represented by Pamela Berden, Bill Bowser, Jim Shaw and Joan Stoliar.

Enough cannot be said in praise of the hard work and long hours put in by Pamela Berden and Bill Bowser and a few helping hands to make a little corner of the Village a showplace for the whole city to enjoy.

Now, the flowers are gone, though the grass remains green to remind us of the beauty of the summer just past. The bulbs have been planted and the roses mulched, and spring is just around the corner.

Bill and Pamela have shown us the way. Now, it is time that West Village Committee members think of committing themselves to working in the garden in the months ahead. The back-breaking work has mostly been done, but comes spring there will be planting, weeding and watering. Lets all get behind Pamela and Bill and plan to give an hour or so, on a regular basis, to maintain the garden.

Oh yes, the cash donations were most welcome as they came through the fence last year, and will be again when the spring work starts. More important than cash in the coming months will be your physical presence.

Lets make it possible for Bill and Pamela to have a little vacation, also, this year. Bill can be reached at CH 3-0762, and will be most happy to get your call saying you'd like to help. Now, is the time for planning.

### Councilwoman Greitzer's Towaway Bill:

One of the recent bills introduced by Councilwoman Carol Greitzer would make it easier to deal with the problem of illegally parked cars in a non-towaway zone. Ms. Greitzer's bill would permit the police to remove a vehicle parked in the same spot for 7 days regardless of whether or not the car has a license plate. At the present time, a car cannot be considered abandoned and removed as long as it has plates regardless of the length of time it has been illegally parked.

At this time, no action has been taken on this bill, so letters to Vice Chairman Thomas J. Cuite at City Hall - N. Y., N. Y. 10007 asking that he consider this bill quickly and hold hearings might be a step in the direction of cleaning New York streets.

A bill of interest to apartment house dwellers has also been introduced by the Councilwoman. This bill would require the posting of the name, address, apt. number and phone number of the building's super. This bill is of particular interest to people in buildings with non-resident supers.

### More Community Board News:

At the Dec. meeting of Community Board #2 a resolution was passed to have local legislators amend Off Track Betting, Corp. legislation to give communities the right to decide where local OTB parlor sites shall be. OTB in the past has acted without regard to the feelings of local residents and communities. The vote was unanimous.

The Board also unanimously voted to oppose the variance request of the 9th Circle bar at 139 W. 10th St. This request which would legalize dancing facilities in the basement of the bar, will be heard at the Board of Standards and Appeal on Jan. 23rd.

### A New Exhibition at Westbeth:

A "Seven One Man Show" will open Feb. 2 - 25 at Westbeth. Artist included in the show are Colette, who is being held over from the current exhibition, Ralph Dubin, Ralph Iwamoto, Margaret I. McKinickinick, Morris Shulman, Don Vlack and Cathleen M. Zimmerman. Gallery open 5-9 opening day, thereafter, from 2 to 6 on Fri. Sat. & Sun.

### The Blood Crisis:

Even though the blood crisis of the holidays has eased, the donation of blood is welcome at St Vincent's. The Blood Bank is on the 2nd Fl. of the Smith-Raskob Bldg. on W. 12th St. Blood Bank Hours are 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat., Sun. & Holidays. Appointments may be made if desired. Phone: 620-1056.



ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF  
THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Preamble

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.

Article I - Name

The name of this association is: "THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE".

Article II - Membership

Any person who lives, works or owns property in the area of Manhattan known as the West Village, being generally the western part of Greenwich Village, shall be eligible for membership. In addition, membership may be extended to other persons on an individual basis by consent of the Executive Board of the association. A person eligible for membership shall become a member upon subscribing to these Articles in the membership roll of the association. Membership of any person shall terminate upon the termination of such person's eligibility for membership, unless such membership is extended by consent of the Executive Board.

Article III - Voting

Each member shall be entitled to one vote at membership meetings of the association.

Article IV - Meetings

This association shall hold an Annual Meeting of the membership on Feb. 25 of each year upon ten days written notice mailed or delivered to all members, provided however that the first Annual Meeting shall be held on March 20, 1962 immediately following the adoption of these Articles. Special meetings of the membership may be called at any time by the Executive Board or 25% of the membership upon ten days written notice setting forth the time, place and purpose of such special meeting. Those present at a membership meeting duly called and held shall constitute a quorum.

Article V - Officers and Executive Board

The officers of this association shall be: President - First Vice President - Second Vice President - Third Vice President - Treasurer - Secretary - Corresponding Secretary

Each such officer shall be elected by a majority of those present at each Annual Meeting, to serve until the next Annual Meeting and election of his successor. Nominations for each office shall be made from the floor of such Annual Meeting.

Immediately upon their election, the officers shall appoint an Executive Board consisting of all committee chairmen and such additional members at large as the officers shall select. The affairs of the association shall be conducted by the Executive Board.

The officers shall have such powers and duties as ordinarily pertain to the office they hold. The Secretary shall maintain the membership roll and record the proceedings of all membership meetings.

Article VI - Committees

The association may have any number of committees, which may be constituted at any time and for any purpose by the Executive Board. A member may serve on and act as chairman of more than one committee.

Article VII - Dues and Fees

No member shall be required to pay dues. Contributing and Sustaining Members may pay dues in accordance with a schedule set by the Executive Board. Contributing and Sustaining Members shall be entitled to receive newsletters and other publications of the Association.

Article VIII - The Annual West Village Party

The association shall hold a party on Feb 21 of each year, or the nearest feasible date, in joyous celebration of deliverance of the West Village from threatened destruction.

Article IX - Amendments

These Articles may be amended by the membership by resolution adopted at a membership meeting, and ratified at the next consecutive membership meeting, the notice for which shall set forth the full text of such amendment.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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I HEREBY ACCEPT MEMBERSHIP IN THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO ITS ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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(SIGNATURE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

I LIVE ( ) WORK ( ) OWN PROPERTY ( ) IN THE WEST VILLAGE





**BANK STREET TENANTS ASSOCIATION**

110 BANK STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10014

February 5, 1973.

West Village Committee  
304 West 11th Street  
New York, N. Y. 10010

Dear Friends,

Enclosed is a check for \$25.00 contributed to the West Village Committee in memory of our good friend and neighbor, Ruth Gottlieb.

Ruth was a devoted organizer and member of our Tenants' Association and we know also of her strong support to the West Village Committee.

Her last efforts prior to hospitalization were raising funds for your organization, therefore, we are sure that she would wish us to make this contribution.

A woman of great honesty and goodness, Ruth leaves us all better for having known and worked with her and at a loss for no longer having her with us.

Sincerely and in sorrow,  
110 Bank Street Tenants Association

Roslyn K. Pulitzer  
President



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### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

#### THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING

There is a great deal of activity these days on Washington Street between Bank Street and Morton Street, and for anyone who doesn't know, this is due mainly to the construction of the West Village Housing.

To begin at the beginning, a 1961 urban renewal plan calling for high-rise re-development of 14 blocks in the West Village bounded by Morton, Hudson and West 11th Streets and the Hudson River was passed by the Planning Commission in the face of vehement public opposition. Local residents feared the plan would turn the Village into another area of routine high-rise buildings. The Mayor and the Board of Estimate refused to pass the plan. This was the turning point in urban renewal: for the first time a local community had proved it could stop city action. The West Village Committee proceeded to develop its own plan. It drew heavily on the talents of local residents and, in the last few years, of city professionals. Our plan, approved in the fall of 1969 by the City Planning Commission and the Board of Estimate, called for the development of 457 new middle income apartments in five story walk-up buildings. This is a unique project which required a flexibility never before achieved in publicly assisted housing in New York City.

Because of a number of delays, 1972 the Board of Estimate approved additional funds, and actual construction started late in the year. We now look forward to the contemplated finishing date of February 1974.

For the benefit of some of our new neighbors, and some of our old friends and members, let us again summarize.

The West Village Housing is a complex of cooperative apartments currently being built in the westerly portion of Greenwich Village. Sponsorship of this development stems entirely from the West Village Community. The housing was conceived and fostered by the West Village Committee, a non-profit organization whose members are residents and businessmen located in the West Village and representative members of the Greenwich Village area.

The housing site consists of one entire block (bounded by Washington, West, Barrow and Morton Streets) and five other block fronts on the west side of Washington Street (bounded on the north by Morton Street and on the south by Bank Street). The block front from Christopher Street to West 10th Street is not included.

The final plans call for 42 buildings each containing 10-12 apartments of one, two, three and four bedroom size. Some of these will be duplex apartments. The site will now provide 420 new dwelling units a breakdown shows 35 one bedroom, 262 two bedroom, 71 three bedroom and 52 four bedroom apartments. The type of structure is in keeping with the scale of the surrounding West Village structures and in harmony with the Village scale.

The placement of the buildings develops only about 53% of the site and utilizes the remaining open areas intensively for gardens, courts and plazas. The housing will not be situated in a sea of parking lots, as the housing company has acquired the parking garage at 738-42 Greenwich Street to provide off-street parking.

The purpose of the West Village Housing, as envisioned by Jane Jacobs and many other West Villagers from the very beginning, is to add much needed new housing to the West Village without displacing a single resident. Thus the motto, "Not a single sparrow shall be displaced".

To implement the plan of the housing, the Greenwich Village Community Housing Corporation was formed. The Corporation, like the West Village Committee, is a non-profit organization with a board of directors. The five members of the Board of Directors, Richard Barnett, James Shaw, Arthur Stoliar, Rachelle Wall and Erik Wensberg all serve on a voluntary basis. Martin Berger of Berger, Kramer & Levenson is our legal advisor, and Norman Rosenfeld, A. I. A., Architect has been retained as our architectural consultant. The Perkins & Will Partnership are the designers and architects, and The Starrett Graphic Company are the builders.

Request for applications have been accepted for the past few years, and request may still be directed to the West Village Committee - 304 W. 11th St. - N. Y., N. Y. 10014. Our files have been well kept, but if you are in doubt, you may inquire in writing to the above address. Our files will be checked and any additions or changes will be made.

An offering prospectus is being completed which will spell out in detail all the information needed by prospective co-operators.

Applications have not been sent out as by law, the offering prospectus must be approved by the office of the Attorney General. When this approval is granted, applications and prospectus will be made available to all who have requested them.

#### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE ELECTION

The February 20th meeting of the West Village Committee is the Annual Meeting, and election of officers for 1973 will be held.

During the month of December, a nominating committee composed of Mervin Bendewald, Ave Greiss, Madelynne Kurtz, Ernest Mayer, Jean Smith, Arthur Stoliar and Charles Verral with Fritsch as Chairperson, met and Mrs. Fritsch gave the nominating committee report at the last meeting.

Any addition nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting.

#### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Enclosed in the January mailing were membership forms to be filled out and returned. Many were returned, and some were not. For all who did not return their forms, another form is included in this mailing. Please fill in your membership form and mail to the West Village Committee - 304 W. 11th St. - N. Y., N. Y. 10014. One form can serve both husband and wife or other family members. Only West Village members have a vote in the annual elections.

#### SHOWCASE

The best way for you to learn more about our three Showcase exhibitors is to let them speak for themselves and each other at the start of our meeting. Friends for many years, Iris Vinton, Nora Kramer and Chuck Verral claim independent fame and long lists of published titles in the field of books for young people and adults. In addition, each has yet another aspect to the career. Iris Vinton, for many years director of the publishing dept. of Boys Clubs of America, presently on the advisory board of the Arrow Book Club and Consultant to various publishers including Stackpole Books.- Nora Kramer as Eleanor Brent, was Consultant of Macy's little Bookshop, Director of The Bookplan and is presently Editorial Consultant to Scholastic's Arrow Book Club. There will also be several pieces of sculpture, part of a career to which Nora Kramer has returned after 40 years. - Chuck Verral, presently Editor/Writer in Special Books at Readers Digest has spanned several fields as commercial artist, and art director in books and advertising.

#### PLANNING BOARD #2

Community Planning Board #2 meets on Thursday February 15th at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Mercer Arts Center, 240 Mercer St. (between W. 3rd St. and Bleecker St.) in the Chandelier Room. A report of the West Side Highway study will be discussed.

#### OTB BETTING PARLOR

At the January Meeting of the West Village Committee, on a motion by Bob Ternour, The West Village Committee voted to join several block associations (W. Fourth St., Horatio Street, Jane St. and W. 13th St.) in their support of Community Planning Board No. 2's rejection of 71 8th Avenue as a site for an OTB Betting parlor. At a meeting with Mr. Howard Samuels arranged by Miriam Bockman, Mr. Samuels announced that the 71 8th Avenue site was being withdrawn.

#### BOOKS WANTED BY THEATER FOR THE NEW CITY

Books are needed for the Third Annual - Help-Save-our-Theater Super Special March Book Sale. All kinds of books are needed. Books may be dropped off at the Theater at 113 Jane Street, N. Y., N. Y. 10014 or call 691-2220 to arrange for a pick-up at your convenience.

#### IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we report the death of our dear friend and member Ruth Gottlieb. Ruth for years was the organizer of our theatre parties, and a big hand always when there were books to be sold. Ruth was always a willing worker where ever she was needed.

Ruth was also an organizer and member of the 110 Bank Street Tenants Association, and it is in her memory that her friends and neighbors of the 110 Bank Street Tenants Association made a contribution to the West Village Committee. All of us who knew Ruth join with her family, her other friends and neighbors, and mourn the loss of a true friend.





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### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

#### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE OFFICERS:

NEW OFFICERS WERE ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE IN FEBRUARY, 1973.

OFFICERS TO SERVE UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF FEB., 1974 ARE JAMES SHAW, PRES., ERNEST MAYER, 1ST VICE PRES., PETER FRITSCH, 2ND VICE PRES., JUDY BENDEWALD, 3RD VICE PRES., JOHN DUGUID, TREASURER, LEILA SOLOMON, AND BOB TRENOUR RECORDING SECT. AND LILLIAN DREW AND IRIS VINTON, CORRESPONDING SECT.

A VOTE OF THANKS WAS EXPRESSED TO THE OUT GOING OFFICERS, AND IS HERE EXPRESSED AGAIN.

#### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE DUES:

MANY THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE REMEMBERED AND SENT THEIR CHECKS FOR VOLUNTEER DUES. THIS IS THE TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN WE REMIND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE VOLUNTEER DUES IN LIEU OF A REGULAR DUES STRUCTURE. PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE - 304 W. 11TH STREET - N. Y., N. Y. TO HELP COVER OUR MONTHLY EXPENSES.

#### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

AGAIN, SOME ON OUR MAILING LIST WILL FIND ENCLOSED IN THIS MAILING A MEMBERSHIP FORM. IF YOU RECEIVE A FORM, THIS MEANS THAT WE DO NOT HAVE A SIGNED FORM IN OUR FILES. OUR MONTHLY MAILINGS HAVE NOW REACHED NEAR THE 800 MARK. WE'D LIKE TO CONTINUE TO KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE'D NOT LIKE TO BURDEN ANYONE WITH UNWANTED MAIL. PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM AND RETURN IT SO WE MAY BRING OUR MEMBERSHIP FILES UP TO DATE.

#### BARBARA FISHER PERRY TO PLUG BOOK:

BARBARA FISHER PERRY OF W. 12TH STREET WILL APPEAR ON THE BARBARA WALTER SHOW, "NOT FOR WOMEN ONLY" MON-FRI. APRIL 9-13 - CHANNEL 4, 9:00-9:30 A. M. BARBARA WILL BE PLUGGING HER RECENT BOOK "CARE WITHOUT CARE" (AVON, 1972) AND TALKING ABOUT PATIENTS RIGHTS AND HEALTH CARE.

CONGRADULATIONS BARBARA, AND WE'LL BE WATCHING YOU.

#### JAMES SHAW APPOINTED TO WESTBETH BOARD:

WITH THE EXIT OF THE KAPLAN FUND, AND THE RESIGNATION OF MS. JOAN DAVIDSON AS PRESIDENT, A NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS WAS TAKEN OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF WESTBETH.

THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS ARE:

MARY BLACK-CURATOR OF PAINTING AND SCULPTURE, NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY;  
FORMER DIRECTOR, AMERICAN FOLK ART MUSEUM.

CAROLYN KIZER-POET; FORMER DIRECTOR, LITERARY PROGRAMS AT THE NATIONAL  
ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS; DIRECTOR, GRADUATE WRITING DIVISION,  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY FALL '73.

JAMES SHAW-ACTOR; SECRETARY, GREENWICH VILLAGE HOUSING CORP; MEMBER, COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD NO. 2.

ROGER STARR-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CITIZENS HOUSING AND PLANNING COUNCIL.

LOTHAR STIEFEL-CPA; PRESENT WESTBETH TREASURER; ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND  
ASSISTANT TREASURER, THE J. M. KAPLAN FUND, INC.

HOWARD MOODY-SENIOR MINISTER, JUDSON MEMORIAL CHURCH, WHO WAS ELECTED  
CHAIRMAN AT THE BOARD'S FIRST MEETING.

WITHOUT THE KAPLAN FUNDING, THIS BOARD WILL HAVE A REAL CHALLENGE AS IT WORKS TOWARD STEERING WESTBETH IN THE DIRECTION OF ECONOMIC STABILITY.

#### ST. VINCENT TRIANGLE:

THE TINY IRIS IN THE ROCK GARDEN ARE ALREADY IN BLOOM, AND THE PRIZE WINNING GARDEN ON ST. VINCENT'S TRIANGLE IS OFF TO A BEAUTIFUL START. IN THE FALL, THOUSANDS OF SPRING BULBS WERE PLANTED, AND SHOULD SOON TAKE ON A LOVELY SPRING LOOK. PAMELA BERDAN AND BILL BOWSER WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD SOON TO GREETING ALL THE GARDENERS FROM LAST SEASON, AND ARE HOPEFUL THAT MANY NEW FACES WILL APPEAR AND GIVE A HAND. DON'T FORGET TO DROP A LITTLE DONATION AS YOU PASS IF THE BIG JAR IS SET UP AT THE SEVENTH AVENUE AND GREENWICH AVENUE POINT OF THE TRIANGLE. THIS IS ANOTHER WAY OF HELPING TO MAINTAIN THE GARDEN.

#### SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM:

WE OFTEN COMPLAIN ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS, AND THEN DISMISS OUR COMPLAINT WITH, "BUT WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?"

WELL, THERE IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT. THE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM, AN OFFICIAL UNIT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WAS ESTABLISHED 10 YEARS AGO TO RECRUIT, TRAIN AND SUPERVISE LAY CITIZENS WHO CAN ASSIST TEACHERS OR TUTOR PUPILS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NEW YORK CITY ON A REGULAR WEEKLY OR BI-WEEKLY BASIS.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS REPRESENT ALL SEGMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY, AND COME FROM EVERY ETHNIC, ECONOMIC AND AGE GROUP. THERE ARE ARTIST, WRITERS, ACTORS, EDUCATORS, RETIRED MEN AND WOMEN, SR. CITIZENS, HOUSEWIVES, CAREER GIRLS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS, SERVING IN NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS.

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED, BUT VOLUNTEERS MUST BE IN GOOD HEALTH, AND WILLING TO ATTEND FOUR OR FIVE TRAINING SESSIONS BEFORE THEY ARE ASSIGNED TO A SCHOOL IN THEIR AREA.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS BELIEVE OUR SCHOOLS ARE EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS, AND THAT WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IS ALWAYS A STIMULATING EXPERIENCE.

A TELEPHONE CALL, OR LETTER TO SCHOOL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM, 20 W. 40TH STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10018, WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING AND REWARDING ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY. YOU CAN ARRANGE FOR AN IMMEDIATE INTERVIEW, AND BE PLACED IN A SCHOOL NEAR YOUR HOME, BY CALLING 563-5620.

THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN ARE WAITING FOR THIS INDIVIDUAL CLASSROOM ASSISTANCE.

#### IMMIGRATION HELP:

THE BOROUGH PRESIDENT HAS CALLED OUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT MANY ALIENS, ELIGIBLE FOR CITIZENSHIP, SOMETIMES FAIL TO APPLY FOR IT BECAUSE OF A FEAR OF OFFICIAL-ISM OR FEAR OF RELATIVELY SIMPLE LITERACY AND CIVICS TEST WHICH IS REQUIRED OF THEM. SOMETIMES IT IS MERELY A MATTER OF INERTIA.

SERVICES FOR FOREIGN BORN WITH OFFICES AT 15 PARK ROW, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10038 WILL RENDER ASSISTANCE TO ALL ALIENS LIVING IN THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CITIZENSHIP AND NEED HELP IN APPLYING FOR IT. THIS FREE SERVICE IS SPONSORED BY THE NEW YORK SECTION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN, AND IS STAFFED BY MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO SPEAK MOST FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

OFFICE HOURS ARE 9:00 A. M. TO 5 P. M., AND BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. APPOINTMENTS MAY BE MADE BY CALLING WO 4-4200.

#### E P A SMOKEWATCHERS COURSE:

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADMINISTRATION HAS RECEIVED A COMMITMENT FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO HOLD A THREE DAY COURSE, PROBABLY IN APRIL, TO CERTIFY VOLUNTEER SMOKEWATCHERS.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD ON THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS - 8 A. M.-4 P. M. AT A LOCATION (TO BE ANNOUNCED) IN QUEENS, FOLLOWED BY A TEST FOR CERTIFICATION.

CERTIFIED SMOKEWATCHERS MAY SUBMIT AFFIDAVITS DIRECTLY TO THE DEPT. OF AIR RESOURCES WHO WILL MAIL OUT NOTICES OF VIOLATION WITHOUT HAVING TO SEND AN INSPECTOR. IF THIS IS NOT DONE WITHIN 45 DAYS, THE SMOKEWATCHER MAY PERSONALLY ISSUE THE VIOLATION AND MAY COLLECT HALF THE FINE THAT IS LEVIED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD.

SMOKEWATCHERS WOULD BE EXPECTED TO REPORT VIOLATIONS WHENEVER THEY ARE OBSERVED, AND MIGHT CONCEIVABLY BE ASKED TO CHECK OUT PROBLEM SPOTS IN THE VICINITY OF THEIR RESIDENCE. SOME VIOLATIONS INEVITABLY WILL RESULT IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD HEARING, AT WHICH SMOKEWATCHERS MUST ATTEND. THIS IS A COMMITMENT WHICH REQUIRES A BIT OF TIME.

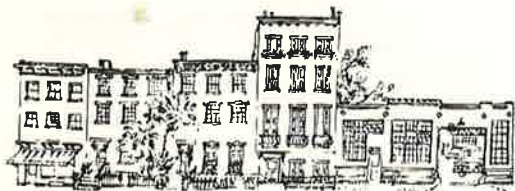
STILL INTERESTED? DIRECT YOUR QUESTIONS TO KARL SPAR 566-8948.

NOTE: THERE IS A 24 HOUR NUMBER (966-7500) WHICH HANDLES SMOKE, WATER, SEWER AND NOISE COMPLAINTS

#### VILLAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL FUND RAISING EVENTS:

ON THE WHEELS OF THE SUCCESSFUL COUNTRY AUCTION, ALICE IN WONDERLAND, FILM AND VILLAGE LIGHTS BENEFIT, THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY NOW LOOKS TO IT'S NEXT EVENT. TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR THE VCS RAFFLE. PRIZES INCLUDE ROUNDTrip HOLIDAY IN MEXICO CITY AND ACAPULCO FOR TWO, TWO SEATS FOR A JETS OR GIANTS FOOTBALL GAME, USE OF A RENAULT IN EUROPE FOR ONE MONTH THIS SUMMER PLUS MANY OTHER PRIZES. TICKETS PRICED AT \$1.00 EACH OR A BOOK OF 6 FOR \$5.00 MAY BE PURCHASED BY MAIL. PLEASE SEND CHECK W/SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO: VILLAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL - 272 W. 10TH ST.- N. Y., N. Y. 10014. THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 5TH DURING THE ANNUAL FLOWER SALE AND CARNIVAL. THE PROCEEDS FROM THESE EVENTS GO TO THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

MR. SANFORD L. SMITH, CHAIRMAN-FUND RAISING REPORTS THAT THE GOAL OF \$15,000 FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND HAS NOW BEEN SURPASSED. OUR CONGRADULATIONS TO MR. SMITH, AND TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THIS POSSIBLE.



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

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, February 20, 1973

7:30

St. John's-In-The-Village parish hall  
224 Waverly Place (between Bank & W 11th)

Agenda: -Showcase Exhibit: Three West Village Authors  
Iris Vinton  
Nora Kramer  
Charles Verral

- President's Report

- Annual Party Arrangements

- Election of Officers \*

- HEALTH CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

Speakers:

John Jennings, Acting Director; Lower West Side Health Coalition  
Lenore Cahn, Chairman of Health Committee; Community Board #2  
Sister M. Catherine Muldoon, Assistant Director; St. Vincent's Hospital  
Dolores Smith, Deputy Project Director; Martin Luther King Health Center

OPEN DISCUSSION

\* Nominating Committee candidates:

Pres.	Joan Stoliar	Treas.	John Duguid
1 VP	Ernest Mayer	Rec. Sec.	Leila Solomon
2 VP	Peter Fritsch		Bob Trenour
3 VP	Judi Bendewald	Corr. Sec.	Lylian Drew
			Iris Vinton

Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.  
Where offices are contested each candidate will be  
allowed 5 minutes for presentation of qualifications.

Joan Stoliar, President, Erik Wensberg, 1 VP, Margot Rebeil, 2VP  
Paul Rawlings, 3 VP, Ernest Mayer, Treas., Marie Reeves, Rec.  
Sec., Lillian Drew, Corr. Sec.



FEBRUARY 20TH 1973 ST. JOHNS

JOAN brought the meeting to order, after refreshments, and asked if members minded if the ~~meetings~~ of the ~~4~~ previous meeting were dispensed with, to save time. This was agreed too, unanimously.

*minutes*  
this meeting is being taped for later showing on cable TV- to be shown on March 13th

Tonights subjects are the Election and health care in the Village.

Joan discussed the SHOW CASE for tonight - Charles Verral, Iris Kramer and Iris Vinton and introduced these authors, who gave a brief outline of their work. Several examples of their work as well as sculpture by Nora Kramer, were on view.

Joan gave a report on her year as President, which involved so many people in this vital exciting neighborhood. Many issues were involved and Joan explained how she tried to break down barriers between the West Village Committee and other organizations. There are many new organizations, who must all exist and serve a function.

Joan also gave a review of our involvement in the Greening, stating things were not always smooth in this area, but with all working together, hope to achieve harmony eventually.

Another achievement was the Friendly Visitors which came into being just over a year ago on which Mr. Mayer has worked from the first. This is now a functioning organization, serving many elderly in the Village.

An innovation was the start of the coffee/social hour, before the meetings, as well as the Christmas caroling, the showcase and the cable TV filming. The OTB issue was resolved (at 71 8th Ave.) and we had discussions on the BOND ISSUE.

Joan then read a letter from Mr. Samuels of OTB and a letter from the Horatio St. Association expressing their appreciation for joining them against OTB. Joan said all participating ~~and~~ deserve credit.

On the subject of outdoor cafes, Joan said it is hoped we will have all year outdoor cafes = not enclosed.

Joan gave the hoped for goals for the coming year - that we will solve our differences on the Triangle, perhaps with suggestions from Bill Bowser and Pamela Burdick.

Joan also spoke of the problems of the elderly, the West Village Housing, and the West Side Highway project.

Also hoped for better exchange with Westbeth - perhaps holding exhibitions there.

Jim Shaw read a letter from 110 Bank St., Tenants Assn., in which they enclosed a check for \$25.00 in memory of Mrs. Ruth Gottlieb. He asked for a motion to write letter and of thanks to them. This was made, seconded and passed.

*Joan*  
Joan brought up the subject of the elections, stating that the By Laws had limited the terms of office to one year and one could not succeed themselves. She is not competing with Jim and would prefer to believe



these BY LAWS had never been changed and therefore is withdrawing her names from nomination. She hopes someone will nominate JIM and opened the nominations from the floor. ~~Jim~~ A motion was made to nominate Jim, this was seconded and passed. There being no other nominations, they were closed for the office of President. Joan then read the list of candidates for the other offices:

1st VP	ERNEST MAYER	TREA.	JOHN DUGUID
2nd VP	PETER FRITSCH	REC. SEC.	LEILA SOLOMON
3rd VP	JUDI BENDEWALD	CORRES.	BOB TRENOUR
			LILLIAN DREW
			IRIS VINTON

At the close, it was moved that the slate be accepted with a single vote, this was seconded and passed. A motion was made to so accept the slate, this was seconded and passed.

Joan spoke of our Annual Party-which should be soon.

Joan then came to the subject of health care and the growth of consumer interest and so little knowledge. People in this area cover a broad range of community health care and needs. Joan introduced Mrs. Leonore Cahn, Chairman of Comm. Board #2 (Health Committee).

Mrs. Cahn expressed her pleasure at being here as she has tremendous regard for our work. She has been working hard with Joan, Jim and Arthur concentrating on what can be done to improve health care in the community, and hopes for community participation in health care--specifically the formation of an Advisory Board for St. Vincents Hospital.

Mrs. Cahn introduced Mr. Phails, who will speak in place of Sister M. Catherine Muldoon, who could not be present because of illness.

Mr. Phails said St. Vincents is facing half dozen dilemmas and wonders which way to go. He gave outline of programs available. St. Vincents is owned by Sisters of Charity and adm. by Board of Trustees and lay people. Has financial and budget gap of 4 M. The question is-how to meet? They are trying to develop a long range program. Most of the buildings are outmoded and must replace all but 2. One under consideration is the National Maritime Bldg., to be used as a "swing bldg." in the interim, while others being torn down and rebuilt. They are looking for people to serve on the Advisory Board. Perhaps W.V.C. can have a representative attend meetings regularly. Perhaps block assns. can have also. Paper passed around to sign up.

Joan introduced Mr. John Jennings, Acting Director Lower West Side Health Coalition. He discussed the aims and purposes of his organization, trying to improve health care in the Lower West Side-tgo 549th St. Is now cataloging various centers in neighborhood. Also wants to survey needs and whether or not being met.

Joan introduced Mrs. Sonya Valdez-a director of the Martin Luther King Center, in the S.E. Bronx, which covers black and Puerto Rican neighborhood in the Bathgate area. She outlined the changes in her community--from primarily Jewish, who were served by Morrisiana Hospital, which gave good service, then up to the 1940s and present, when others moved in. Then the hospital found itself swamped, especially in the emergency room, where people came too late and waited too long.



In 1967/68, the M.L.K. Center was started, with community participation and trying to cover the various needs of their community, with the Family Case Plan=similar to private doctor care. *Outline the problem to bring the about*

Q&A =Arthur asked John Phails if St. plans this type of service. Mr. P said not now, but maybe in future.

Iris ~~amman~~ commented that each area's needs are different =thinks we should have a general information center.

The Advisory Committee would advise what the community needed.

A suggestion from the floor=should be a place to take complaints on hospital complaints.

Mrs. V ldez said very few Advisory Committee <sup>Boards</sup> work. Ours may be the exception.

Peter Fritsch he said thanks to Joan for all her efforts.

Joan spoke of the film club, but as 17 year olds often go off to various other locations, it is sort of in limbo now, but we do have the film, but needs to be coordinated.

There were many questions, suggestions and some answers in a sort of general discussion on the floor, regarding the Advisory Board such as how long will it serve? A 1 year term =to fill out the term of the previous board, which had resigned.

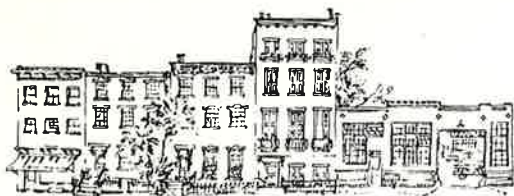
Mrs. Valez said no one answer for all.

adjourned 10:30

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John W. Smith	175 W. 12 <sup>th</sup> St	WA 4-9272	
Otis (C) <del>Chambers</del>	27 Bethune St	WA 9-3249	
William Gioso	247 West 10 St	WA 4-7635	
Mart Greenlee	752 Greenwich St	242-3918	
Dan Jacobs	655 Washington St	691-8286	yes
Jerri Mason	49 Grove Street	9241635	for
Mary Cardonah	25 Charles St	AL 5-4284	yes
Janice Langdon	300 W 4th St	CH 2-3775	yes
Steve Rouse	305 West 4th St	CH 3-0762	yes





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PLACE: ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL  
224 WAVERLY PLACE

AGENDA

SHOWCASE EXHIBIT

WATER COLORS BY HAZEL RANSOM-POTTS

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THIS MEETING WILL BE DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO  
WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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JOHN DUGUID - REPORT ON ST. JOHN'S  
BUILDING FUND

DAN SAMUELS - WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE  
OUTDOOR ART SHOW

BILL BOWSER - ANOTHER YEAR OF GREENING  
ON ST. VINCENT'S TRIANGLE

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AND OTHER REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

JAMES SHAW, PRES.  
ERNEST MAYER, 1ST V. P.  
PETER FRITSCH, 2ND V. P.  
JUDY BENDEWALD, 3RD V. P.

JOHN DUGUID, TREAS.  
LEILA SOLOMON, RECORDING SECT.  
BOB TRENOUR " "  
LILLIAN DREW, CORRESPONDING SECT.  
IRIS VINTON, " "

NOTE: THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETS THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH,  
EXCEPT THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
NOW!



# West Side Studies 6 Highway Plans

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1973

By FRANK J. PRIAL

Last April 1, the West Side Highway Project opened for business. Its mandate was to come up with a plan for reconstructing the obsolete, widely criticized and often feared highway.

Twelve months and millions of dollars later, the project group has done more than half of its work and is preparing to make its findings public. There are, at the moment, seven alternatives, including perhaps the most obvious of all—do absolutely nothing.

## 'We're Not Ready'

The project timetable, based on a 1975 cutoff for applying for Federal funds, calls for public hearings this spring. Lowell K. Bridwell, the former Federal Highway Administrator who heads the project, thinks he can meet his deadlines. "If we do," he said, "I think it will set a record for a project of this magnitude."

Others, both opponents and advocates of a new highway, are not so confident, however.

Said Robert Kagan, chairman of a highway committee set up by three West Side community boards: "The real problem is that we are not ready for public hearings and neither are they."

Mr. Kagan's group, called COMBO, represents Community Boards 1, 2 and 4. He insisted in an interview that there is not yet enough available data on traffic projections or on environmental impact, among other things.

The projections of the study groups must be approved by a policy body called the West Side Highway Project Steering Committee before the hearings can be held. The Steering Committee includes the chairmen of four community boards, 1, 2, 4 and 7.

Board 1 is in charge of the area from the Battery to Canal Street, Board 2's concern is from Canal to 14th Street, Board 4 covers 14th to 59th Streets and Board 7 is in charge of the area from 59th north, which is not now part of the project. It is expected to be, however, by the time construction begins, if it ever does.

The West Side Highway, built in the nineteen-thirties, has been obsolete for most of its four-decade existence. With more than 130,000 cars using it daily at the busiest points, the road is the second busiest highway in the city and one of the busiest in the country. Only the Long Island Expressway, which handles more than 150,000 autos a day, has more traffic.

Along the eastern shore of the Hudson, the West Side Highway and the Henry Hudson Parkway are actually the same road—a 15-mile, six-lane, sometimes elevated artery that is often hopelessly clogged and that three city administrations have declared unsafe.

## Trucks an Issue

These administrations have all called for the highway's replacement or modernization, but none has had the money to do the job. The Interstate Highway Program

can provide 90 per cent of the construction costs, but then the new highway must conform to the program's requirements, which permit trucks on the road.

There has long been public opposition to putting trucks on the West Side Highway because it is felt they would add to the already intense congestion and noise and because they would serve further to erode an artery that is literally falling apart in places.

Recently, however, such opposition has been reduced a degree, and many neighborhood groups now view the highway as a way to get trucks off local streets.

Of more intense and emotional concern is the fate of widely used Riverside Park, which parallels the highway from 72d Street to the George Washington Bridge. Two years ago when a highway plan threatened the park, residents of the area got their Assemblyman, Albert H. Blumenthal, a Democrat-Liberal, to put through legislation in Albany that banned construction of the highway "in or over" the park.

There is now a movement under way to modify the so-called Blumenthal amendment and some West Siders are already preparing to fight any plan that would touch a blade of grass. But such a view is not unanimous.

## Wait and See

"We always knew the new road would be built through Riverside Park," said Mrs. Rita Aid of Community Board 7.

"We had to be against the highway to save Riverside Park," Mrs. Aid asserted. But now she sees the proposed roadway, which would include a special "transitway" for buses, as a way to get heavy traffic off Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues.

According to Mr. Bridwell, the new highway could be built in the Riverside Park area without touching any part of the park east of the existing Henry Hudson Parkway. This would cut off the waterfront for the period of construction—which could be 10 years—but the current plan would restore a much greater waterfront by extending the park out over the highway, much in the same way that Carl Schurz Park overhangs the Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive.

While there is still stiff opposition to the alteration of the Henry Hudson Parkway from environmental and neighborhood groups, the biggest block to the planners remains the Blumenthal amendment.

The various plans for the southern portion of the project already have stirred considerable opposition from a number of quarters and there are many yet to be heard.

Three of the plans call for rehabilitating the present roadway. The key steps in them would be to strengthen and rebuild the roadway, eliminate the dangerous curves at 14th and 23d Streets and cut the road

down to four lanes in areas where there are now six. "If it's going to carry trucks," Mr. Bridwell said, "it's got to be cut to four lanes because of the extra weight."

None of the rebuilding plans make the West Side Highway eligible for Federal funds that would provide 90 per cent of the financing. The fourth plan, to do nothing at all—must also be broached at the public hearings.

But the three proposals for a new highway are taking up all the West Side Highway Project's time and money—\$7-million, of which 90 per cent is coming from the Federal Government.

"I'm not sitting here working my tail off to find a way not to do it," Mr. Bridwell explained.

## Three Routes Cited

The three routes that have survived the project staff's process of elimination are, in simple forms:

1. A depressed highway following generally the route of the existing West Side Highway. It would run depressed past Battery Park City and rise to grade in the area of the Holland Tunnel to facilitate a ramp connection to the tunnel. Near Pier 40, it would become depressed again, running in a tunnel through the West Village to emerge at Gansevoort Street and become an elevated roadway to 41st Street, the present end of the lower half of the project.

2. A depressed road running through the center of Battery Park City then coming up to grade and proceeding north through the center of the existing Pier 40, at Houston Street. Beyond Pier 40, the road would run depressed through the West Village area. At Gansevoort Street, it would rise to about eight feet above the water line, becoming elevated at 25th Street to make the connections with the existing road at 42d Street.

3. The so-called outboard alignment, which would run through Battery Park City to the edge of that project and continue north at the pier end line to 14th Street, except for a section where it would come up to grade to provide connections to Holland Tunnel ramps. It would be built at grade, but still well offshore from 14th Street to 26th Street, where it would become elevated to connect with the existing road at 42d Street.

The third proposal is the most ambitious, calling for enormous areas of landfill that could eventually be used for housing, recreation and some commercial uses, including new piers for a shipping industry that has all but disappeared from Manhattan's West Side. Indeed the only pier still operating along the entire length of the West Side Highway from the Battery to 41st Street is Pier 40.

The cost? Mr. Bridwell is almost casual when he says: "Between \$700-million and \$1-billion, exclusive of land acquisition."

Acquiring the land could be cheap or it could be very ex-

pensive. All of it is owned by the city. "If the city wants to sell," one planner close to the project said, "it will cost millions. But the city has got to keep in mind the fact that the real boss of this project is the State of New York. Outright sale would mean that New York State owns literally most of Manhattan's North River waterfront."

The alternative is an easement. The city could cede the property for highway use for \$1 plus considerations. In this way the state would build the new highway but the city would retain ownership of the property.

The community boards in the affected areas have hired consultants of their own with \$100,000 provided by the Board of Estimate to study the impact of highway change. As a result, they are reluctant to come down on either side of the issue.

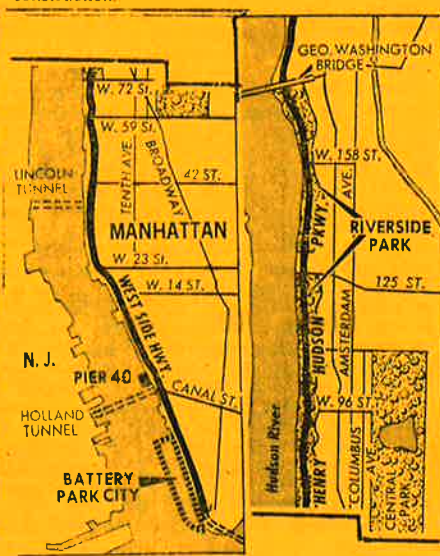
"We are waiting for our own consultants' reports and for the public hearings" is a typical statement from community board officials, except for those on Board 1 from the Battery to Canal Street.

"We're sitting it out at the moment," said Frank Waldron, the chairman. "Right now it's between Bridwell and Charlie Urstadt." Mr. Urstadt is chairman of the Battery Park City Authority, and in conferences with the West Side Highway Project staff he has rejected any route that might cut into the Battery Park City area.

Several plans call for sending buses through the Penn Central freight yards in the mid-30's and up through the Penn Central tunnel under Riverside Park. West Side Highway project studies indicate that the Penn Central yards are underutilized and could handle the bus lanes with no problem. "I don't expect the Penn Central will agree," Mr. Bridwell said with a smile.

Once the community boards have heard from their consultants and reported their conclusions to the project group the public hearings will be held. The results of the hearings will be evaluated by the Steering Committee, which includes city and state officials as well as community board presidents.

Then the Steering Committee will select a plan and assuming it is not the option to do nothing, will pass it on to the Federal Government. If Washington approves the state can start acquiring the right-of-way. After that come the contracts and construction.



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*Private Opinion*

**Sound the alarm,  
a new highway is coming**

by Mary Perot Nichols

if our car-producing and highway-building binge had better come to an end for the sake of this country's very economic survival (as Battle Bull suggests—see page 10).

West Side of Manhattan particularly, are going to have to get into a pitched battle very soon. A team of highway designers, led by the former Federal Highway Administrator, Lowell Bridwell, are currently rushing to have four proposals for building a new Interstate Highway along the West End ready for public hearings on May 30. That's only two months away.

Although four of the Borough President's Community Planning Boards along the West Side have hired their own consultants to deal with the masses of technical chaff churned out by Bridwell's group (so they can interpret this stuff to their own neighborhoods), what they have to interpret is only the four alternatives offered. There is no real money being poured into the study of what would happen if no highway were built at all, and what should be done to deal with those problems that would arise if the Federal Interstate Highway 90-10 funds were just plain turned

# Some Oil Companies Start Gas Rationing

amount of gasoline they purchased in 1972, although overall demand has risen 7 per cent.

biggest gasoline market, Texaco Inc., the country's largest oil supplier over the winter

One major Texaco distributor, who declined to be interviewed, said that the company is equipped with gas-devouring new cars on the road—all and the record number of

identified, said his firm was establishing rationing for its clients for the first time since World War II, when fear the situation will get aggravated the situation.

The acting head of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, Darrell M. Trent, said

among the dealers as fairly as we can,"

Lion Oil Co. has also established an allocation system, but it is not clear whether this will be as effective as the rationing system.

Despite the possibility of a gasoline shortage, the possibility of a shortage of other commodities is not as great. The government has a large stockpile of many commodities, and it is expected that these will be sufficient to meet the needs of the population for some time.

And the American Auto-mobile Assn. assured motorists they shouldn't shelve

around the situation so that it is advising distributors they will be getting only 90 per cent of their estimated 1972 gas requirements.

Mobil said it took the step "irretrievably" in the face of increasingly heavy demand for all petroleum products.

**N.Y. POST**

nations Big Three oil producers, announced yesterday that it was adopting an alternative plan that would limit

the manager of one Arizona service-station chain that is running out of gas.

curtailed schedules because demand for auto fuel is outstripping the supply.

And a number of independent service stations around the country are closing down or operating on

Will be limited in the amount of gasoline they can buy from distributors.

the company's 1000-plus outlets in the Los Angeles area. But for the first time since World War II, the stations

major oil company's major outlets. The Texaco stations affected are only a fraction of

200 Texaco stations today, marking the first time the nation's growing gasoline shortage had spread to a

In Los Angeles, distributors started rationing the gasoline supplies at some

have started running B&O line or trimming deliveries because of shortages in crude oil.

Several large oil companies have started rationing gas-

# VOICE

... is going to be the only way we can change national transportation policies) and wrecking any chances of a new Interstate Highway on the West Side, the better.

recall the incident a few months ago at the Lincoln Center Garage when children were killed by fumes. That stuff really isn't good for you.

that pollution is going to be vented. Weeden didn't have an answer for that. Nor was he even sure that garages of 500-car capacity were technically feasible. As West Villagers contemplate all that garage pollution being wafted by the river breezes into

blunt an all-out attack on building a new West Side Highway. It will be presented to the city's civic groups as the best we can get, the realistic position.

Although it was not exactly hailed as the Second Coming by the press, I am giving the Manhattan Auto Study more space than it probably deserves because I think it will be used to other purposes."

Air quality Act by 1970 ( it post-  
pones it by 10 years). It gives up  
on the notion that we have to sig-  
nificantly reduce the number of  
autos coming into the city. In fact  
it says quite bluntly, "Our  
research convinces us that au-  
tomobile use will grow, regard-  
less of the existence of air pollu-

It is a dirty city mouse because it gives up on enforcing the air quality standards of the federal

Don Weeden, a former Republican candidate for Congress in Lower Manhattan, have come up with a very small mouse and the "Manhattan Auto Study." It is not even a nice clean country mouse. It is a dirty city mouse. It is an

coming West Side Highway battle was offered last Friday at a press conference at the City Club of New York. After two years of studying what to do about auto and truck traffic in Lower Manhattan Expressway, a group

both, that if they want to make money, or to be re-elected, they can't destroy parks, pollute neighborhoods, destroy the beaches with oil spills, or turn over vast economic and political power to the Arabs.





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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: WEDNESDAY APRIL 18, 1973  
TIME: 7:45 P. M. (COFFEE SERVED AT 7:15)  
PLACE: ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL - CRONIN AUDITORIUM  
153 WEST 11TH STREET - NEW YORK, N. Y. 10011

AGENDA

SHOWCASE EXHIBIT

TEN WRITERS FROM HORATIO STREET

WRITERS WHOSE WORKS WILL BE SHOWN ARE: MARGARET ALBRECHT, JOHN M. CULKIN, EILEEN DENT, ROXANNE DENT, FRANK G. JENNINGS, EDYTHE CUDLIPP LACHLAN, ELEANOR BURKE LEACOCK, RICHARD MERYMAN, ELLIS NASSOUR AND NADYA OLYANOVA.

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THIS MEETING WILL BE DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO A REVIEW OF THE  
WEST SIDE HIGHWAY PROJECT

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OUR SPEAKERS WILL BE REPRESENTATIVES OF

BEYER - BLINDER - BELLE  
AND  
JUSTIN GRAY ASSOCIATES

THE CONSULTANTS TO THE COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #2  
ON THE WEST SIDE HIGHWAY PROJECT  
AND OTHER SPEAKERS  
ON THE EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED HIGHWAY

A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD WILL FOLLOW

James Shaw, Pres.  
Ernest Mayer, 1st V. P.  
Peter Fritsch, 2nd V. P.  
Judy Bendewald, 3rd V. P.

John Duguid, Treas.  
Leila Selemen, Recording Sect.  
Bob Treneur, " "  
Lillian Drew, Corresponding Sect.  
Iris Vinton, " "

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE Meeting - April 18, 1973  
at Cronin Auditorium, St. Vincent's Hospital  
Meeting came to order at 8:15 PM

Jim Shaw: This meeting will be entirely devoted to the West Side Highway Project. But before we go into the present outlook of the Project, I'd like to introduce John Phales an administrator of St. Vincent's Hospital

John Phales: Welcome to St. Vincent's, we are glad to greet you.

Jim Shaw: I would like to bring your attention to the exhibit outside this auditorium by the writers of Horatio Street. Now Mr. John Belle and Mr. David Gurin of Beyer Blinder Belle & Justin Gray Associates, consultants for COMBO, will speak of the West Side Highway Project (WSHP).

John Belle: Our object is to give an overall picture of the status of the highway project to this community. We, Beyer, Blinder & Belle, have had a four year relationship with Community Planning Board #2. Presently Beyer Blinder Belle & Justin Gray Associates are the consultants representing Community Planning Boards #2, #7, #9 (COMBO). The other Community Planning Boards involved in the Project are #1, #4, #12. They are acting independently and have their own consultants. We are trying to coordinate with them.

The West Side Highway Project (WSHP) extends from the George Washington Bridge to the Battery Tunnel, about ten miles. The Project is being studied in two parts. The U.S. Dept. of Transportation approved 8f the section from the Battery to 42nd Street as part of the Interstate System. As a result engineering money became available (90% Federal and 10% State amounting to about \$7 million) for study of alternative designs including no-build options. Also WSHP received a \$250,000 planning grant to study transit alternatives. Consultants were chosen led by Lowell Bridwell former Federal Highway Administrator.

From 42nd Street to the George Washington Bridge no Federal funds are available because of the Blumenthal Admendment. This amendmeht prevents construction of a highway through Riverside Park. However the City and the N.Y.S. Urban Development Corp allocated \$400,00 for a study to determine the possibility of constructing a highway without taking park land. Lowell Bridwell also leds this consulting group.

Under the Federal Highway Act a date must be set for the consultants to give their determinations. The current deadline is July 1, 1973. WSHP scheduled May 30th for a Public Hearing on the location and design of the Interstate Highway south of 42nd Street. North of 42nd Street is scheduled for June 31, 1973 which would require modification of the Blumenthal Amendment.

The consulting team of the WSHP are studying a highway work program. South of 42nd Street the study is extensive and consists in part of how to manage the project, public needs, Federal requirements, goals desired, transportation and traffic problems. Contract started April, 1972.

North of 42nd Street the study is shallow, only one sketch plan has been prepared. This plan shows how a highway could go through Riverside Park without changing the park to a very great extent presumably by ramps and other means.

South of 42nd Street there are 7 alternatives in preparation by WSHP:

- 1) for the highway to follow the pierline from Pier 40 to Gansevoort
- 2) a mid-water alignment between bulkhead and pierhead line from Morton to Gansevoort.
- 3) making a highway on West Street

There are 4 no-build alternatives:

- 1) repair West Side Highway by fixing road bed
- 2) remodeling - keeping the same but ironing our curves, ramps on the inside
- 3) taking down elevated part of highway and making West St. a 6 lane highway
- 4) rebuilding West St. into a six lane highway and building a transit facility

WSHP travel forecasting is still in process and behind schedule therefore environmental impacts cannot be estimated. Their deadlines are in jeopardy.

BBB & Gray Associates has a contract as consultants to COMBO until September 1st. The Borough President has funded our studies in the amount of \$100,000. A work program has been set up which consists in general: to monitor WSHP, identify goals, conduct meetings, assist in the formulation of policy, as well as giving technical information on every aspect of the highway. We are trying to determine the desirability of a highway and to see if there are alternatives other than building an interstate highway. Traffic and transit have high priority in making a determination. Other considerations are growth potential, impact of any new land created.

Floor: What is the transportation problem that prompted this study?

Mr. Belle: City and local concern of truck traffic traveling north and south, congestion of traffic in city streets.

Floor: Do highways solve the problem?

Mr. Belle: This question gives the reason to look into no-build and other alternative modes.

Floor: A highway could increase trucking traffic.

Mr. Belle: The Project is looking into different ways to solve the traffic problems of the city not just a highway. The state and the city are being funded by the Federal Gov't to make a study which is headed by Lowell Bridwell and therefore he represents the city and state agencies. BBB & Justin Gray Associates are also making a study which is funded by the Borough President and made up of three Community Boards which are mainly concerned with community reaction.

Floor: The question that needs to be answered is where do the trucks come from. Are the trucks mainly locally originated or is most of the truck traffic trying to go through the city.

Mr. Belle: These statistics are in the process of being collected, so far the statistics show about half the traffic is through traffic.



Floor: For some reason it looks as if the topic tonight had been about a dog run, the number of people attending the meeting would have been much greater. The Federal Gov't may spend 2 billion dollars on this highway and another \$20 billion would be spent on development engendered by the highway. The highway will have an enormous effect on the city yet all the projected studies are based on present laws which no longer relate to the city. Even before the highway is built it will be obsolete in its conception.

Floor: What information do we have about no-build as an alternative, the effects on business or the reconstruction of West Street.

Mr. Belle: The state and city WSHP is required to present information 30 days before their plan is submitted. You could not make a highway only for trucks to qualify for Federal funds. It must be a highway for all vehicles. The order of priority is trucks, buses, taxis and the last is private cars.

The original deadline for WSHP was May 30th however there is currently legislation that has gone through the Senate and is in the process of being presented to the House. It is expected that the current deadline may be extended for one year. A new Federal Highway Act 1973 might reflect the growing demand for funds to be spent on public transit to a greater extent and not as much spent on interstate highways.

Floor: If, as a private citizen you would like to present a plan, how would you go about contacting the proper agency.

Mr. Belle: The Project is located at 19 Rector Street and you can call for an appointment. Also COMBO has meetings which are open forums for the purpose of hearing citizens' views.

Floor: If you make West Street a 6 lane highway, it will close off contact with the waterfront.

Mr. Belle: The WSHP has made assumptions which I would like to present:

1) Jobs - Presently there is a decline in manufacturing jobs in the city. The Project claims the highway would increase the growth of employment by 14% by 1995. BBB & Gray Associates finds the increase would probably be more like 5% and the increase of trips into the city would not be as high as the Project assumes.

2) Rate of auto trips - The Project has assumed that the rate of auto trips in Manhattan is to be compared to the rate in New Jersey and Nassau County. But they are not taking into account that Manhattan has mass transit. The Project assumes the increase in auto will be 68%. This is questionable. In the ten year period between 1963-1972 the number of autos garaged remained the same.

3) Even if the 68% increase existed does it mean cars would be used in the city.

4) Population: There has been a decline in population from 2 million to 1.5 million. Over the next 20 years the Project is assuming the population will remain stable. They are assuming the Central Business District - (everything south of 60th street) will have an increase in population and do not foresee an increase above 60th street. This does not reflect past trends.

Floor: In what ways can the Federal Highway laws be expanded to respond to citizen action.

Mr. Belle: Communities are influencing the Federal Gov't. but the highway

lobby is the second strongest lobby in the country. It is a very extensive lobby covering many industries in construction equipment as well as the auto industries. Still there is serious debate in Congress over the use of the Highway Trust Fund.

Floor: Presently 250,000 dollars is for mass transit and 6 million is allocated for highways. An adjustment is needed.

Floor: If the Project gives any provisions for mass transit it could only be a smoke screen since no funds are available. The Project will only listen when you say you don't want the highway. Then they will respond.

Mr. Belle: BBB & Gray Associates has a contract as consultants to COMBO until September 1st. So far we have completed two months work. We have a lot of catching up to do since the Project has been in existence for a year. Up to now our attention has been centered on policies and legislation. Recently I went to Albany to encourage holding the line on the Blumenthal Amendment and also in delaying the May 30th deadline. I urge you to look at the Project as one highway and not in two parts. I can be reached at 741-3973 and David Gurin is there most of the time. We try to meet as many people as possible.

Jim Shaw: We wish to thank BBB & Gray Associates, especially Mr. Belle and give them a round of applause. Let's give the consultants another round of applause.

David Rothman of the Coalition Against the West Side Expressway will now speak.

Mr. Rothman: Highways can be stopped. There is a better chance to stop a highway than to alter plans. I believe the highway should be stopped for the following reasons: A highway will increase traffic capacity in the city, increase pollution. The enormous cost of the highway can not be justified. There are other reasons.

The need for highways is declining and Washington is reflecting a national movement away from highways. Join our Coalition to fight the West Side Highway. I can be reached at 110 Riverside Drive. Our group is having a meeting April 24th at St. Gregory's Church. You are welcome to attend.

Jim Shaw: The meeting is adjourned (10:55 PM)



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

### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

#### THE WEST SIDE HIGHWAY PROJECT:

For over a year, a team of engineers under the direction of Mr. Lowell K. Bridwell, the former Federal Highway Administrator have been busy planning a highway which would replace the obsolete Miller (Westside) highway.

Property owner, tenant, business man or visitor to the village; this massive will alter the lifestyle of us all. How much do you know about it? Have you given it any thought? COME TO THIS MEETING, AND HEAR A PROGRESS REPORT ON THIS PROJECT.

#### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE DUES:

Again, thanks to those of you who have responded to the last reminder and sent in your checks for volunteer dues. This is the time of the year when we remind the membership of the volunteer dues in lieu of the regular dues structure. If you can afford to do so, do send your check payable to the West Village Committee - 304 W. 11th Street N. Y., N. Y. 10014 to help cover our monthly expenses.

#### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE SPONSORS ART SHOW:

The West Village Art Show will hang surrounding the St. Vincent Triangle on Sat. and Sun. May 12, 13, 19 and 20th from 11:00 A. M. to 7:00 P. M.

On exhibit will be Paintings, Drawings, Graphics and Sculpture by Greenwich Village Artist. For information, call CH 2-8542 or OR 924-0819.

#### ST. VINCENT TRIANGLE:

Have you passed the St. Vincent's Triangle lately? If you have, you have seen the beginning of the greening efforts for another year. Some of the spring bulbs have already broken the ground and are now in bloom, and the thousands of bulbs planted in fall should soon turn the garden into a spring festival. Pamela Berdan and Bill Bowser have announced their work schedule, and will be happy to greet volunteer gardeners each day from 1 P. M. to dusk. Come in your work clothes - Tools are available. The big jar will again be in place at the point where Greenwich and 7th Ave. meet. Don't forget to drop in your donation as you pass, and help to maintain this prize winning garden.

#### GOURMET FOOD AND BAKE SALE:

Gourmet feeds of West Villagers will be sold as well as candles and flowers at a Gourmet Food Sale on Sat. May 19th. The time and place will be announced in the next newsletter. All kinds of feeds will be sold. We ask our members and friends to get out these favorite recipes, and whip up these cakes, pies, cookies, health, ethnic, appetizers, main dish casseroles - or just surprise us. Don't feel bad if you can't cook! Donate a bottle of wine. For information, call Terry Fritsch WA 9-8234. Fill in the enclosed card, and return to West Village Comm. 304 W. 11th St. N. Y., N. Y.

#### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE BOOK SALE:

We are now collecting books for the Annual Book Sale which will be held on Sat. and Sun. May 19th and 20th at the West Village Headquarters 304 W. 11th Street. As usual, we accept all kinds of books. For information regarding pick up and or delivery of books, call 989-4898.

#### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE FLEA MARKET:

To those who ask "When is the next Flea Market?" We say, "Start sorting out these goodies, and we will announce the Flea Market date in the next newsletter. However, it isn't too early to start getting the things together.

#### VOLUNTEERS FOR VILLAGE VISITING NEIGHBORS NEEDED:

The Village Visiting Neighbors are now aiding more than 60 elderly villagers, and could aid more if more volunteers could be enrolled. If you can spare a few hours per week, please contact Ms. Janet Abels, Village Visiting Neighbors 820-1408, or write to Ms. Abels at 120 Washington Place - N. Y., N. Y. 10014. There are many elderly and lonely people awaiting your call.



#### V. I. D. CONSUMER BULLETIN:

A very interesting and informative series of bulletins have been issued by the Consumer Affairs Committee of the Village Independent Democrats under the supervision of Ms. Lenore Arens.

The latest bulletin which deals with the Dry Cleaning industry compares services and prices of 44 professional dry cleaners in the Village area, and follows bulletins #1 & 2 which dealt with supermarkets and prescription drugs.

We hope to have copies of this latest bulletin available at the next meeting, or you may secure one by sending a self addressed envelope (for each bulletin desired) to the West Village Committee 304 W. 11th St. N. Y., N. Y. 10014, and as a service we will forward the bulletin to you.

#### HUDSON STREET MAY ANTIQUE FESTIVAL:

Business men and women of Hudson Street are busy planning the first annual Hudson Street Antique Festival.

West Village Committee member, Merv Bendewald said that the objectives of the Festival were not only to promote a joint dealer sales effort, but to greatly enlarge public awareness of Hudson Street as a good place to shop and an interesting place to visit, and an increasingly important economic area within the West Village.

The festival will begin Sat. May 5th, and continue each weekend during the month of May. The hours will be from 12 noon til 10 P. M.

With the new bright lights on Hudson Street, and hopefully nice weather, it is hoped that more and more West Villagers will abandon their four walls and television set and take advantage of the evening shopping hours for a stroll on Hudson Street.

A drawing will be held on Sat. May 19th, and the lucky holders of winning tickets can be the proud owners of several valuable prizes.

#### VILLAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL FUND RAISING:

Tickets for the Village Community School Raffle are now on sale. Many prizes will be awarded including One Week in Mexico City, Taxco and Acapulco for two round trip fair and hotel accommodations included, tickets to a Jets or Giants Football game plus several other prizes. Chances are \$1 each, or a book of 6 tickets for \$5. Contact Natalie Ting at V. C. S. 272 W. 10th St. N. Y., N. Y. 10014 for tickets or information. The drawing will be held at the Flower Sale on May 5th.

The Third Annual Flower Sale and Childrens Carnival will be held on Sat. May 5th at the School. Potted flowers - House Plants - Soil - Hanging Baskets - Window Boxes Baked Goods - Food and Drinks will be for sale. A Children Parade - Movies for Kids Ballons and Crafts should make for an interesting Sat. from 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. Contact Shirley Wright for information and help.

Chelsea House Tour, a tour of 6 Chelsea Brownstone and Townhouses in the Chelsea Historic District - three of the houses are individually landmarked. The tour is scheduled for Sunday May 20th from 1 P. M. to 5 P. M. Admission is \$5 per person. Tickets may be obtained from Patricia Smith 929-3549 or Kathy West 691-5146.

#### ST. VINCENT OFFERS ALCOHOLIC PLAN:

The St. Vincent's Hospital Dept. of Psychiatry has initiated a new inpatient program for the treatment of alcoholics.

Treatment include complete patient withdrawal from alcohol and the evaluation of his medical, psychological and social condition. After-care, designed to keep the patient alcohol free, will be tailored to individual needs after detoxification and evaluation are completed.

All ambulatory alcoholics are eligible, but priority will be given to those residing within the hospital's catchment area. Referrals should be made directly to the Admissions Office in Reiss Pavillion. Telephone 620-1453.

#### GROVE STREET BLOCK PARTY:

The Grove Street Block Association will have their 2nd block party on Sat. May 5th, with the next day being held as a rain date. The suggested theme is The Renaissance, and the party will be held on Grove Street between Bleecker and Bedford.

#### COMMUNITY PLANNING #2 MEETS:

The next meeting of Community Planning Board #2 will be held on Thurs. April 19th at St. Vincent's Hospital - Cronin Auditorium - 153 W. 11th St.

We urge West Village Committee members to attend your Planning Board meetings.



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY MAY 15, 1973  
TIME: 7:45 P. M. (COFFEE SERVED AT 7:30)  
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL  
224 WAVERLY PLACE

AGENDA

DAN SAMUELS - WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE  
OUTDOOR ART SHOW

TERRY FRITSCH - THE GREAT GOURMET  
FOOD SALE

BILL BOWSER - ST. JOHN'S GARDEN  
GREENING PROJECT

PAMELA BERDAN - ST. VINCENT'S TRIANGLE  
GREENING PROJECT

JAMES SHAW - THE BOOK SALE

HILDA MAYORGA - MANHATTAN DEVELOPMENTAL  
SERVICE

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT  
ERNEST MAYER, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT  
PETER FRITSCH, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT  
JUDY BENDEWALD, THIRD VICE PRESIDENT  
JOHN DUGUID, TREASURER  
LEILA SOLOMON, RECORDING SECRETARY  
ROBERT TRENOUR, " "  
LILLIAN DREW, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY  
IRIS VENTON, " "

MAY 15, 1973  
WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the monthly meeting at St. John's Parish Hall. Meeting came to order at 8:10pm and adjourned at 9:30 pm

Jim Shaw: The meeting will come to order. The minutes of the last meeting are long and a summation of them will be given at the next meeting. Dan Samuels as Chairman of the West Village Committee Outdoor Art Show will tell us about the show.

Dan Samuels: After the first weekend of the Art Show, I feel things went well. We had good cooperation. About 47 artists submitted their work and 36 were accepted.

Iris Vinton: Since this is the first time an art show was exhibited in the Triangle our committee goofed as to the measurements in regard to the area. This was due to inexperience and we wish to apologize for any inconvenience we have caused.

Martin Forrer: The Art Show exhibited a remarkably high average of work.

Floor: I am disappointed Mrs. Potts's work was not accepted.

Dan Samuels: This is not a reflection on Mrs. Potts but a matter of separation.

Jim Shaw: In response to some protests against the Art Show, I should like to say it is valid because it represents our community. Congratulations to the committee. Terry will tell us about the Gourmet Food & Bake Sale.

Terry Fritsch: Do your stuff for the West Village's Gourmet Food & Bake Sale. Mainly come Saturday between 2:30 to 5:00. We'll be collecting your delicacies between 11:30 and 1:00. For sale will be flowers, plants, candles, wine and cheese in addition to whatever is brought to us.

Jim Shaw: I'm certain the sale will demonstrate what good gourmets we have in the West Village. Bill Bowser will report on his gardening activities.

Bill Bowser: In seeking outside funds for redoing the garden at St. John's, the Astor Foundation will donate \$1500 and will also renew their donation of \$1500 towards the Triangle provided we keep the can at the gate. In reference to the book we would like to do on city gardening, the Parks Council is interested in working with us.

Jim Shaw: Another contract will be drawn up with St. Vincent's in connection with the Triangle. Also a contract will be entered into with St. John's in connection with their garden. I should like to bring your attention to the folders in the back of the room announcing Parks Week. There will be many events taking place all over the city next week.

John Duguid: In behalf of St. John's I would like to thank you for the garden.

Jim Shaw: Let's go on to St. Vincent's Triangle and Pamela.

Pamela Berdan: We did some planting this week. It seems to me the recycling is getting too large. People seem to come from all over. Four barrels of material arrived when no one was there to receive them. The recycling section



of the garden is not covered as was promised and this presents an eye sore in a residential area. Possibly the pier on Gansvoort would be a more appropriate place for recycling.

Bob Reed: Are we committed to this group in any way.

Jim Shaw: They are really committed to us.

Floor: The recycling needs to be in a residential area.

Bill Bowser: Storage of recycling material in a residential area occurs no place else in the city.

Judy Bendewald: To discuss this fairly we need to hear the leaders of the recycling committee. If they are located so far out of the way as the pier on Gansvoort it will put them out of business.

John Duguid: The recycling detracts from the garden.

Dan Samuels: The garden is such a rare thing in the city.

Pamela Berdan: I do not mean to eliminate recycling.

Floor: As a new resident, the activities at the recycling area impressed me.

Jim Shaw: Mrs. Hilda Mayorga representing the Manhattan Developmental Service will speak.

Hilda Mayorga: This service is for the overflow patients at Willowbrook and also for mothers who are in need of placing their children under someones care while they are indisposed. We are located at 75 Morton Street. There are no facilities for outdoor activities. I would like to ask people in the community to help to take children to the park or for a walk, any place that will allow them to leave the confined area in which they are living. Since some of the parents have deserted their children, we need clothing, art supplies, small radios, yarn, etc. Eventually we will be supplied but the State takes a long time to give these items to us.

Bob Reed: We collect old cloths on our block. In addition, for the first time a meeting of block presidents will take place at the New School, May 17th and I am sure they would be interested in giving their support. I will speak to you at the end of this meeting.

Jim Shaw: I make a motion for a donation, motion is seconded by Martin Forrer. We will make a donation to the Developmental Service. The secretary will read a letter from a member of our community. Letter is read and is concerned about the recourse a consumer has when a shop does not properly service a customer.

Lenore Arons: I represent a Consumer Committee sponsored by VID. So far we have put out a bulletin giving information on various shops in the area. We would like to continue this activity with your active participation.

Jim Shaw: We must explore this carefully and will look to you to give us guidance.

Terry Fritsch: After your article about Super Markets, what was the reaction from the stores.

Lenore Arons: We do not have the staff to follow up on the results of our findings. We would like to have the ability to make changes.

Jim Shaw: The secretary will read two letters.

A letter from Rev. Charles H. Graf of St. John's thanking us for the care of their garden.

A letter from Sister Evelyn M. Schneider, Executive Director of St. Vincent's

Jim Shaw: The annual Book Sale will take place this Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 7 pm at 304 W. 11th Street.

Bob Reed: The Blood Drive will be Sunday, June 3rd from noon to 5:00 pm at 75 Morton Street. Also there is a group - Committee Against Age Discrimination in Employment - CADE that would like to enlarge to put pressure against this job discrimination. An open forum will take place Friday, 8:00 at Greenwich House. Robert Wagner, Jr. will attend and possibly Bella.

Jim Shaw: Any other announcements or comments.

Floor: Charles Street Block Party this Saturday 11:00 to 5:00

Floor: Hudson Street May Antique Festival will have a 29 piece band on Saturday at about 3:00.

Jim Shaw: This weekend there will be a great many community activities in the West Village which characterizes our vitality. The meeting will adjourn.



JUNE 19, 1973  
WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the monthly meeting at St. John's Parish Hall. Meeting came to order at 8:10 and adjourned at 9:45

Showcase Exhibit: D & D Studio Workshop, 655 Washington Street as presented by Derek Mason and Dan Jacobs. The shop is around a year old and the display shows good workmanship coupled with creative design ability. The shop designs, builds and installs furniture, wall section or anything needed for a home or office. All kinds of needlepoint for many uses were on display. Kits are sold and lessons are given in needlepoint. Open noon to 7:00, closed Monday.

Minutes read and admitted.

Jim Shaw: I am sure we have all enjoyed this beautiful display and the abilities of Derek Mason and Dan Jacobs. Now ~~Marquette~~ <sup>MARLENE COHEN</sup> and her friend have a problem to tell us about.

~~Marquette~~ <sup>Marlene Cohen</sup> and Friend: On Greenwich Street between 11th and Bank Streets, Liberty Moving Van has a very noisy air conditioner. We have pleaded with them to lessen the noise without results. The noise level was tested and found to be above the acceptable level. They were served with a summons but nothing seems to have resulted.

Jim Shaw: Maybe we could talk to Liberty.

Bill Bowser: Motion to have Jim deal with Liberty as he sees fit.  
(motioned seconded)

Bill Bowser: There is a question at this time as to what should happen to the Women's House of Detention. A new school will not be built on the site. It seems only by demolition can we be certain prisoners will not be in the building. Many streets surrounding the prison support demolition. Something should be rebuilt.

Floor: Possibly we could make recommendations for other uses for the building.

Louise : It could be a meeting place, apartments for the elderly. It just seems to me the building can have a function.

Dan Samuels: We need more time for a decision.

Jim Shaw: This Thursday the Planning Board would like to have our point of view.

Floor: The city only has money to tear down the building which will cost one million dollars, otherwise it will remain as a prison.

Jim Shaw: We don't need that much space for community activities.

Dorothy Pierce: I'm in favor of housing for old people.

Lillian Drew: Funeral Parlors.

Floor: Men's prisons are needed.



Jim Shaw: Will someone make a motion regarding the demolition of the building.

Bill Bowser: I motion the House of Detention be demolished.

Vote: 15 in favor of demolition

11 not in favor of demolition

Jim Shaw: The Village Community School will be discussed at the next meeting of the Planning Board. It is always good to try to attend these meetings.

Bill Bowser: The West 4th Street Association is writing letters to the city agencies against the recycling unit at the Triangle.

Floor: The recycling unit built something before the West Village Committee could vote on it. This violates our agreement with them.

Dorothy Pierce: The pressure of fire hydrants is being reduced by leaks.

Lew Smith: The 6th Precinct can help to fix the hydrants. May we have a report on the garden at the Triangle.

Pamela Berdan: We have a dog problem and we would like to have someone volunteer to maintain the garden.

Jim Shaw: The Parks Department will have mobile units coming to the West Village:

- July 6 - Abingdon Square, puppet mobile
- July 16 - Horatio and Hudson, zoo mobile
- July 19 - Abingdon Square, puppet mobile
- August 8- Horatio and Hudson, skate mobile

We would like to have some volunteers on hand to greet the unit.

Volunteers: Marguerite for July 6th and others said they would attend to the matter. *MARLENE COWEN*

Jim Shaw: Washington Square Association would like a contribution to their free Chamber Music Concerts in the Park August 7, 14 and 21.

Motion is made to give a donation and all are in favor.

John Duguid: As the Treasurer, I can report that we have \$1,000 to our account. At this time I wish to present Hilda with ~~\$100~~ *\$25* for the Manhattan Development Service.

Hilda Mayorga: I'm very happy to have this contribution. We will use the money to give the children ice cream.

Jim Shaw: This is the last meeting until after the summer holidays. A newsletter will be mailed with the announcement of the September meeting. We have a column in the Villager and not enough attention has been given to the column.

Bill Bowser: A week before publication send in your news.

Louise: If there is a problem involving parking call 566-0088.



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WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER  
SEPTEMBER 1973

WEST VILLAGE HOUSES GETS FINAL APPROVAL:

THE LONG AWAITED ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVAL OF THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSES HAS BEEN RECEIVED, AND THE SALES PROGRAM FOR THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE SPONSORED WEST VILLAGE HOUSES WILL SOON BE IN FULL SWING.

THE MASSIVE SALES BULLETIN AND THE BROCHURE ARE IN THE HANDS OF THE PRINTERS, AND SHOULD BE READY IN A MATTER OF DAYS. THIS PRINTING COULD NOT BE DONE UNTIL AFTER THE ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVAL BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE CHANGES IN TEXT THAT COULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

MID-JUNE 1973, A ONE PAGE BULLETIN #1 WAS MAILED TO ALL WHO HAD REQUESTED APPLICATIONS WITH A DETACHABLE FORM TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED EXPRESSING CONTINUED INTEREST IN THE HOUSING. THE PROSPECTIVE COOPERATORS WILL COME FROM THE ACTIVE FILES MADE UP FROM THOSE WHO RETURNED THEIR FORM. IF YOU MIS-LAID THIS MAILING, OR FOR SOME OTHER REASON DIDN'T RETURN THE FORM, AN IMMEDIATE NOTE SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SALES AGENT - HANFIELD, CALLEN, RULAND & BENJAMIN, INC. - 50 W. 40TH ST. - NEW YORK, N. Y. 10018 - ATT'N MRS. ASHE.

THE GARDEN:

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE SPONSORED GARDEN ON THE ST VINCENT'S TRIANGLE HAS JUST CONCLUDED ANOTHER GLORIOUS SUMMER DISPLAY OF COLOR, AND NOW WE LOOK TO THE FALL FLOWERS. AT THIS TIME, WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY TO ALL WHO HAVE HAD A HAND IN MAKING THIS GARDEN A SUCCESSFUL VENTURE. TO ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL, THE VINCENT ASTOR FOUNDATION, THE PARKS COUNCIL AND TO NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH THE FENCE. TO PAMELA BERDAN AND BILL BOWSER, THE CITY AND THE COMMUNITY OWE A GREAT DEBT, FOR IT IS THESE TWO VILLAGERS WHO WITH JUST A HANDFUL OF DEDICATED HELPERS HAVE DONATED ENDLESS HOURS OF THEIR TIME TO BRING THIS BEAUTIFUL AWARD WINNING GARDEN TO LIFE.

EXPENSES FOR THE GARDEN CONTINUE TO INCREASE, AND WE NOW GO INTO THE BULB PLANTING SEASON. CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE MOST WELCOME. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE - 304 W. 11TH ST. - NEW YORK, N. Y. 10014. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE NO CHECK "FOR THE GARDEN". ALSO, THERE IS ALWAYS A GREAT NEED FOR HELPING HANDS TO HELP BILL AND PAMELA WITH THE GARDEN CHORES.

COMMUNITY BOARD #2:

THURSDAY SEPT. 20TH AT 7:30 P. M., COMMUNITY BOARD #2 RESUMES ITS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETINGS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE BOARD MEETS THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH. THE MEETINGS ARE HELD AT A DIFFERENT LOCATION EACH MONTH IN AN EFFORT TO COVER ALL AREAS OF COMMUNITY BOARD #2.

THE SEPT. BOARD MEETING WILL BE A MOST IMPORTANT MEETING, AND WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING; MAKE IT A HABIT TO ATTEND THESE MONTHLY MEETINGS WHENEVER POSSIBLE. BOARD MEETING NOTICE OF LOCATION AND TIME CAN BE FOUND EACH MONTH IN THE VILLAGER AND THE VOICE. AFTER THE PUBLIC SESSION IS CONCLUDED, THE ENTIRE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE MEETING WILL BE TURNED OVER TO "COMBO" CONSULTANTS BEYER, BLINDER AND BELLE AND JUSTIN GRAY ASSOCIATES WHO WERE HIRED BY COMMUNITY BOARDS #2, #7 AND #9 TO ADVISE THE BOARDS ON THE WEST SIDE HIGHWAY PROJECT.

THE COMMUNITY WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS AND SO GAIN INFORMATION TO BETTER PREPARE US FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD LATER IN THE YEAR. MUCH HAS BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT, AND VAST AMOUNTS OF FUNDS HAVE BEEN SPENT IN PRE-PLANNING OF A HIGHWAY, AND WHATEVER THE FINAL DECISION ON BUILD OR NO BUILD, THE FUTURE OF THE WEST SIDE OF MANHATTAN WILL BE EFFECTED FOR YEARS TO COME.

THIS BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY VANDERBILT HALL, TISHMAN AUDITORIUM - 40 WASHINGTON SQUARE SOUTH.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AND HEAR WHAT THE CONSULTANTS WHO WERE HIRED TO PROTECT OUR INTEREST HAVE TO SAY.

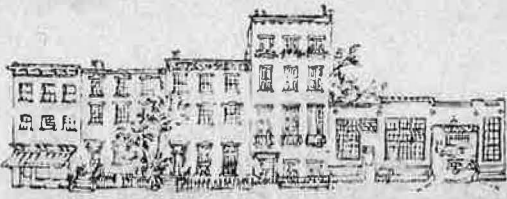
AMBULATORY CARE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE :

THE AMBULATORY CARE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER OF NEW YORK WILL HOLD ITS OPEN MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19, 1973 AT 7:00 P. M. IN THE ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING, 152 W. 12TH STREET, ROOM 207. COMMUNITY ATTENDANCE IS INVITED FOR THIS MEETING.

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WE WISH OUR MEMBER AND FRIEND LILLIAN DREW A QUICK RECOVERY, AND HOPE SHE WILL BE HOME SOON FROM ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL.





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

### THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

#### THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING

AUGUST WAS A VERY BUSY MONTH FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OUR LAWYER. IT WAS DURING THIS TIME THAT WE HAD THE CLOSING AND ALL NECESSARY CONTRACTS WERE SIGNED, AND CONSTRUCTION WORK HAS NOW BEGUN ON THE HOUSING SITE. A PROSPECTUS WHICH WILL SPELL OUT IN DETAIL ALL OF THE INFORMATION NEEDED BY PROSPECTIVE OWNERS, IS CURRENTLY BEING WRITTEN AND EDITED. THIS PROSPECTUS, BY LAW, MUST BE APPROVED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ACCEPT FORMAL APPLICATIONS AND DEPOSITS FOR THE COOPERATIVE APARTMENTS UNTIL SUCH APPROVAL IS GRANTED. WE ANTICIPATE THAT APPROVAL WILL OCCUR SHORTLY, AND AT THAT TIME THE PROSPECTUS AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL WHO HAVE REQUESTED THEM.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, RACHELE WALL, JAMES SHAW, RICHARD BARNETT, ARTHUR STOLIAR AND ERIC WENSBERG, AND OUR ATTORNEY MARTIN BERGER WISH TO THANK WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, OUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE STOOD BY US, WORKED WITH US, HAD FAITH IN US AND BEEN AVAILABLE WHEN WE'VE CALLED FOR HELP. IT IS ONLY WITH YOUR SUPPORT THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO SURVIVE IN THIS TEN YEAR STRUGGLE TO MAKE THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING A REALITY.

#### THE MOLLIE PARNIS "DRESS UP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CONTEST"

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE WAS ONE OF THE WINNERS OF THE "DRESS UP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD" CONTEST, AND JAMES SHAW ACCEPTED THE PRIZE OF \$750.00 FROM MOLLIE PARNIS AND CONGRATULATIONS FROM MAYOR JOHN V. LINDSAY AT A CERMONY AT CITY HALL. AS AN AWARD WINNER WE ARE AUTOMATICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR ONE OF TWO GRAND PRIZES OF \$1,000 EACH. THESE WILL BE AWARDED IN SEPTEMBER AFTER PERIODIC INSPECTIONS OF THE WINNING SITES.

#### ST VINCENT'S TRIANGLE GREENING

IF YOU'VE NOT SEEN THE BEAUTIFUL THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING ON THE ST VINCENT'S TRIANGLE, IT IS WELL WORTH TALKING A WALK TO GREENWICH AVENUE AND W. 12TH ST. AND SEEING WHAT IS HAPPENING.

ENOUGH CANNOT BE SAID FOR THE GREAT JOB BEING DONE BY BILL BOWSER AND PAMALA BERDEN AND THEIR VOLUNTEER HELPERS IN TURNING A VACANT LOT INTO A GARDEN SPOT. BILL AND PAMALA'S FIRST VENTURE WAS THE SMALL LOT ON GREENWICH STREET BETWEEN PERRY STREET AND WEST 11TH STREETS. WITH AID OF THE PARKS COUNCIL, A GRANT OF \$3,000 WAS OBTAINED FROM THE VINCENT ASTOR FOUNDATION TO CARRY OUT THE TRIANGLE PROJECT WHICH WILL INCLUDE A RECYCLING DEPOT RUN BY THE VILLAGE GREEN RECYCLING TEAM. A NEW DESIGN HAS BEEN APPROVED BY ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL, AND THE NEW RECYCLING DEPOT SHOULD BE IN OPERATION IN A FEW WEEKS. VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED AND WELCOME. JUST SHOW UP ON THE TRIANGLE, AND BILL OR PAMALA WILL BE HAPPY TO GREET IF YOU WILLING TO WORK IN THE SOIL.

#### BOOK SALE

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE BOOK SALE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY OCT. 7TH & 8TH. WE CAN STILL USE BOOKS FOR THIS SALE. WE NEED COOK BOOKS, ART BOOKS, FICTION, NON-FICTION, PAPERBACKS. PLEASE CALL 989-4898 OR CH 3-8779 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELIVERY OR PICK-UP OF BOOKS. THE HOURS OF THE SALE WILL BE 12 NOON UNTIL 8 P. M.

#### PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT MOBILE UNITS

FOR THE SECOND SUMMER SEASON, THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT HAS SENT A VARIETY OF MOBILE UNITS INTO THE NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE FIVE BOROUGHS, AND AGAIN THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE ACTED AS THE LOCAL SPONSOR IN THIS AREA. THIS YEAR WE HAD THE SHOW WAGON, THE ZOOMOBILE, THE SKATEMOBILE, AND THE PUPPETMOBILE. MANY THANKS TO BARBARA FISHER PERRY AND HER STAFF FOR OVERSEEING THIS PROJECT.

#### "CARE WITHOUT CARE" A NEW BOOK BY BARBARA FISHER PERRY TO BE RELEASED

CARE WITH CARE, AN AVON ORIGINAL, \$1.25, DETAILS EXPERIENCES AND RESEARCH INTO THE HEALTH AND HOSPITAL CARE OF NEW YORK CITY RESIDENTS. A BOOK OF PATIENT'S RIGHTS INFORMATION, THAT CAN TEACH THE READER THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO NOT ONLY BE DEFENSIVE WHEN DEALING WITH HOSPITALS AND DOCTORS, BUT HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY TAKE THE OFFENSIVE TO ASSURE A HIGHER LEVEL OF HEALTH AND HOSPITAL CARE FOR ONESELF AND FAMILY.

#### RE-SURFACING ON HUDSON STREET

MANY MONTHS AGO WHEN THE MAJOR JOB WAS DONE ON HUDSON STREET TO LAY CABLES, THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE RECEIVED MANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT WORKING HOURS AND SANITATION. WE CALLED UPON COMMUNITY BOARD #2 FOR HELP, AND MRS. EDITH LYONS, CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SANITATION COMMITTEE ARRANGED A MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF HER COMMITTEE, HUDSON STREET RESIDENTS AND THE CONTRACTORS. AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED LIMITING THE USE OF SOME HEAVY EQUIPMENT, REGULATING THE HOURS OF THE USE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVING SANITATION CONDITIONS. AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE JOB, AGAIN THERE WERE COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE CONDITION OF HUDSON STREET AFTER THE STONES WERE REPLACED. AGAIN, WE CALLED UPON OUR PLANNING BOARD. WE ARE HAPPY TO REPORT THAT THE AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE CONTRACTORS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS TO RESURFACE THE STREET FROM ABOUT HOUSTON ST. TO ABINGDON SQUARE (EXCEPT FOR THE PARKING LANES) HAS BEEN FULFILLED. LETS HOPE FOR A LONG PERIOD OF SMOOTH RIDING ON HUDSON STREET, AND AGAIN AN EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #2.

#### WEST SIDE HIGHWAY PROJECT MEETING

A COMMUNITY MEETING ON THE WEST SIDE HIGHWAY PROJECT SPONSORED BY THE VILLAGE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS WILL BE HELD THURSDAY SEPT, 14TH, 8 P. M. AT ST. LUKES SCHOOL-487 HUDSON STREET (NEAR GROVE). MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE WEST SIDE HIGHWAY PROJECT WILL BE ON HAND WITH MAPS AND CHARTS, AND LOTS OF INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF THE PROJECT. THIS IS A MOST IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF THE WEST VILLAGE. THE LIFE STYLE IN THE WEST VILLAGE FOR YEARS TO COME WILL BE DETERMINED BY WHAT HAPPENS TO THE MILLER HIGHWAY (WESTSIDE HIGHWAY). WE URGE WEST VILLAGE RESIDENTS TO MAKE THIS MEETING A MUST.

#### NEW RESTURANT IN THE VILLAGE

BENCHLEY'S AT 611 HUDSON ST. (CORNER W. 12TH ST.) SHOULD BE OPENING ITS DOORS TO THE PUBLIC ABOUT OCT. 1ST. INTERIOR WORK INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF A LOVELY OLD 120 YEARS OLD MAHOGANY BAR HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. PROPRIETOR, JACK HERBERT WILL BRING US A STEAK PUB FEATURING HOME COOKED AMERICAN LUNCHES AND DINNER AT MODERATE PRICES, A FULLY LICENSED BAR WITH 3 BEERS ON TAP. BRUNCH WILL BE SERVED ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS. HOURS WILL BE FROM 11:30 A. M. UNTIL ABOUT 2 A. M. MR HERBERT'S PLANS ARE FOR A "LOCAL" PUB CATERING TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD. ALSO INCLUDED IN HIS PLANS IS A SIDEWALK CAFE. BENCHLEY'S IS STILL ANOTHER OF THE GROWING NUMBER OF NICE RESTURANTS AND BARS MAKING THE WEST VILLAGE THEIR HOME. LIKE TRATTORIA DE ALFREDO, I'M SURE IT WILL BE A VERY POPULAR SPOT. GOOD LUCK TO BENCHLEY'S AND TO JACK HERBERT.

#### NEW COFFEE SHOP

SPEAKING OF THE SUCCESS OF ALFREDOS, MR. ALFREDO VIAZZI IS NOT CONTENT WITH JUST ONE SUCCESS. WATCH FOR THE OPENING OF HIS NEW COFFEE HOUSE WHICH WILL BE SOON OPENING AT THE CORNER OF PERRY AND WAVERLY PLACE. IT SHOULD BE A WINNER.





THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10011

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 1973  
TIME: 8 P. M. (COFFEE TIME 7:30)  
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL  
224 WAVERLY PLACE

AGENDA

THIS MEETING WILL BE A DISCUSSION  
ON THE WORKINGS OF YOUR COMMUNITY  
BOARD

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EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW  
MONTHS

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OTHER REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

JAMES SHAW, PRES.  
ERNEST MAYER, 1ST V. P.  
PETER FRITSCH, 2ND V. P.  
JUDY BENDEWALD, 3RD V. P.

JOHN DUGUID, TREASURER  
LEILA SOLOMON, RECORDING SECT.  
BOB TRENOUR, " "  
LILLIAN DREW CORRESPONDING SECT.  
IRIS VINTON, " "

NOTE: THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETS THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH  
EXCEPT THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
NOW!



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY OCTOBER 16, 1973  
TIME: 7:30 P. M. (COFFEE TIME 7 P. M.)  
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL  
224 WAVERLY PLACE

AGENDA

THE TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUE

DONALD WEEDEN, PRESIDENT OF THE CITY CLUB OF NEW YORK WILL BE THE SPEAKER AT THE OCTOBER 16TH MEETING OF THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE. THE TOPIC WILL BE THE VERY IMPORTANT GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER PROPOSED \$3.5-BILLION TRANSPORTATION BOND ISSUE WHICH THE VOTERS MUST APPROVE OR REJECT AT THE POLLS IN NOVEMBER.

WE URGE MEMBERS TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.  
BRING FRIENDS, AND ASK QUESTIONS. THE  
DECISION ON THIS ISSUE MAY WELL DECIDE  
THE FUTURE OF THE WEST SIDE HIGHWAY,  
AND OUR LIFE STYLE IN THE WEST VILLAGE  
FOR YEARS TO COME.

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COMMUNITY BOARD #2 MEETS OCT. 18TH AT THE LOWER WEST  
SIDE CHILDREN'S CENTER - 209 SULLIVAN STREET AT 7:30 P.M.

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JAMES SHAW, PRES.  
ERNEST MAYER, 1ST V. P.  
PETER FRITSCH, 2ND V. P.  
JUDY BENDEWALD, 3RD V. P.

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NOTE: MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR THE NOV. 15TH WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING.



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING - October 16, 1973  
Meeting at St. John's came to order at 8:00 and adjourned at 9:30

Jim Shaw: I would like to make a correction on the notice sent to you. Our next meeting will not be Nov. 15th, that is the date of the Community Board meeting. Our next meeting will be Nov. 20th and you shall receive another notice. Now we shall have the minutes read.

Minutes are read and accepted.

Dorothy Pierce: The Concerned Citizen's Committee and our Committee meet at the same time. I would like to suggest that different evenings be arranged.

Bob Trenour: Write to them asking if they could change the time of their meetings.

Floor: The Concerned Citizen's Committee does not seem to have a definite schedule for their meetings.

Dorothy Pierce: We should do something if only for the record that we have tried to cooperate with them.

Carol Janeway: Request that they try to change.

Jim Shaw: May I have a motion.

Bob Trenour: I motion to write to them to arrive at some agreement.

Iris Venton: We are an older organization and I do not think we should change.

Bob Trenour: I shall rephrase the motion. Write to them and request they change the evening of their meetings.

Marlene Cohen: Do you think we might get a better response if we talk to them rather than write.

~~Sam~~ Samuelson: I favor a discussion.

Jim Shaw: Will someone make a motion.

Bob Trenour: I motion we speak to them about the time of their meetings. (Motion carried by all.)

Jim Shaw: While we wait for the arrival of our guest, Bob would you like to tell us about your block festival?

Bob Trenour: We tried to do something different in the way of a block party. The Rock Festival was successful in terms of people having a lot of fun but I do not think it was profitable. We had very good cooperation from the community, all of whom I wish to thank. There was a lot of entertainment from fine performers. The amount of talent we attracted was exceptional.

Jim Shaw: Bill Bowser do you have some news about the garden?

Bill Bowser: We have an Austrian Black Pine. It is 10' tall and Thursday we hope to plant it. This will be our Christmas tree.

Royce Row: The piers on 12th St. and Bethune St. are down. The City is not doing anything except put in a fence as they did on Bank St. It will be a solid fence and you cannot see the view with this type of fence. A link fence would be better.

Bob Trenour: We should write a letter to the Mayor rather than an agency.

Royce Row: Other piers will be coming down and the City should have a plan of how to construct these fences.

Jim Shaw: Maybe we could use the area for an ice skating rink.

Madeliene Cohen: The problem the City has in building any recreation on the piers is insurance.

Jim Shaw: At one time the City promised to spend money on the piers but now no one in the administration is willing to improve the piers.

Floor: There are piers that have recreation on them. The money comes from concessions.

John Duguid: One lady in the community called to suggest a link fence be installed instead of a solid fence. She spoke to some agency and they were most uninterested in her suggestion.

Iris Venton: Maybe a commercial organization would be interested.

Dan Samuelson: The immediate problem is the fence. We have to move fast.

Bob Trenour: I motion we contact the Mayor and request a link fence.  
(Motion carried.)

Royce Row: The Mayor spoke of visual access therefore he may cooperate.

Dorothy Pierce: The traffic on 12th st. is extremely heavy because of the repairs on the highway.

Jim Shaw: The Traffic and Highway Commissions are very independent. They didn't tell us of their route. It was not until the day they put up their signs directing traffic did we know of their plans. Mike Levine who is on the Traffic Committee of the Planning Board is attempting to come to a better solution to directing the traffic.

Our guest Mr Weeden has arrived and we welcome him. Mr. Weeden will speak



about the bond issue to be voted on Nov. 6th. With this discussion, we can be better prepared to make a decision.

Mr. Weeden: I wish to apologize for being late, but as you know it is not always possible to find a parking space.

My involvement relating to transportation goes back to 1965 in connection with the Lower Manhattan Expressway. I was the district coordinator. In 1969 when the Mayor was for the Lower Manhattan Expressway, I was against it. For 2 1/2 years I worked on the Manhattan Auto Study to develop a transportation plan. However no plan was developed within the City or in any agencies or commissions. Nothing has been formulated in regard to our transportation problems. There is no plan to utilize the facilities that are here in this highly congested area.

Now I am the President of the City Club. We are against the Transportation Bond Issue. We have reaffirmed our position on the 1971 bond issue since no plan has been developed. No decisions have been made about the problems of the movements of people and no logical system has been presented. We need to know the most effective way to use dollars for the best system.

Two years have passed since the last transportation bond issue was proposed. This time the situation is presented as if a transit increase will occur if the bond issue is not passed. The bond issue is really oriented for highways. Our communities need mass transit.

We object to the idea of lumping the highway system with mass transit. The transit system should not be handled as a minor part of a huge expenditure. The bond issue is only a temporary means of support. How is this critical and chronic issue to be handled when the bond issue support ends? We need a permanent solution that is supported by a continuous program.

The bond issue is not worked out properly. The Port Authority will not commit itself to the project. Subsidy for mass transit is needed. The State Treasury has surplus revenues from the 1967 bond issue that could be used to take care of the present situation. This newly proposed issue complicates the transfer of monies and this is not necessary. These complications create the impression that the bond issue is necessary.

There is no immediate need to raise money nor is there a need for Federal funds. The State is using crisis situation for the bond issue. We should not be committed to a long term plan that is not reflective of a changing current situation. Even the Congress is reflecting the change. People are not as interested in highways. It is misleading to think the bond issue will do very much for mass transit.

The size of the bond issue is staggering. Interest rates are extremely high at this time. The total amount to be repaid will be at least double the \$3.5 billion. The probability is that not many of those dollars are going to go into anything else but to finish '67 projects.

Mr. Levitt, the Controller, doesn't know what the issue is for. We need

a viable transport system but we are unable to find out what the plans are. MTA what is it doing? A special committee can't find out. We must get control over our transportation system. We have given up our control. We don't know what is going on. The State Dept. of Transportation takes over if the bond issue is passed.

We could solve the problem of maintaining the fare. The new Mayor should assume the responsibility. He could find out what we want and need. If the City would develop a transportation plan then mass transit in the City would be under our control. Cities should organize. The bond issue means loss of control.

Peter Fitch: Atlanta reduced fare and other cities have also reduced their fares. New York has less people on the subways than previously. Why not take example from other cities.

Mr. Weeden: The City has no plan.

Peter Fitch: How do we solve the impasse of the Federal Government giving 90% for costs only when they include highways.

Mr. Weeden: We should not get money from the Federal Government for highways but for mass transit.

Bob Trenour: Do you have your position <sup>in</sup> print and available.

Mr. Weeden: Yes we do and I shall send you a copy.

Lillian Drew: The New York Magazine has an article about the bond issue.

Mr. Weeden: The Port Authority hasn't committed itself on mass transit since it is not profitable. However thinking is changing as to the allocation of money from highways to mass transit. Money should be spent on facilities we need to depend on. Presently large amounts of money is not oriented to our needs.

Floor: How can we prevent an increase <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ the fare?

Mr. Weeden: D.C. recognizes the need to subsidize mass transit. In the short run Albany has a surplus. Politically it is not feasible to let the fare go up.

Royce Row: To subsidize mass transit with a bond issue is the most expensive way of approaching the problem.

Mr. Weeden: In this time of inflation interest rates are high.

Floor: What is the City Club's position in solving the problem.

Mr. Weeden: MTA and all the other agencies and commissions related to transportation have no plan. It is up to the Mayor. He must take the leadership. If he would provide some plan and then get the cooperation of the agencies he does not have direct control over, the City could



solve the problem. The political decision is difficult because of labor and business.

Chris Stroligo: Why are highways being pushed?

Mr. Weeden: It is hard to change a point of view or a pattern of thinking.

Dan Samuelson: There is a stronger lobby for highways.

Martin Forrer: There will be retinking especially since gasoline will be higher. This is not a good time to push highway construction.

Floor: How does the Staten Island Ferry manage to keep the fare at 5 cents?

Mr. Weeden: This is a specific law which allows the fare to remain the same.

Judy Bendewald: The election is in 2 weeks. What can we do? The Legal of Women's Voters is for the issue. If we could change their minds it would help.

Mr. Weeden: I think the bond issue will be defeated.

Judy Bendewald: Last time there was a cohesive group against it.

Mr. Weeden: This time we have kept the opposition low keyed, otherwise the other side would use scare tactics.

Iris Venton: The general attitude has become stronger against highways. Highways and mass transit are two separate issues.

Rose DeMaio: What can we do to help?

Mr. Weeden: Spread the work the same way I am doing.

Rose DeMaio: If the bond issue does not pass then what can we do?

Mr. Weeden: Write to the Mayor. He needs to have a plan. We need the power of the City. Ed Koch cannot carry the whole burden. If a transit block is formed it can reach the Federal Government and further influence the trend for the need to subsidize mass transit.

Jim Shaw: If there are no more questions, we ought to thank Mr. Weeden. (Everyone applauds) Meeting is adjourned.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING  
November 20, 1973  
Meeting held at St. John's - came to order 8:10

Jim Shaw brought the meeting to order and the minutes were read and accepted. It was suggested that the minutes be shorter.

Jim Shaw explained that the West Village Housing was going along well and we should take rumors to the contrary with a grain of salt.

Bob Trenour spoke with the Concerned Citizen's Committee and reported they do not have a set date for their meetings. Although their last meeting was held at the same time as our meeting, it was just an accident.

Bill Bowser mentioned Christmas Cards sketched by Carol Creutzburg of the garden. Carol offered them at a good price. A motion was made to buy the cards. All in favor.

Bill Bowser brought up the subject of a ~~box~~<sup>crutch</sup> in the garden. After some discussion which included St. Vincent's concern a motion was made. The West Village Committee will put in a Christmas Tree and a Monorah. St. Vincent is invited to use a corner as they see fit. All in favor.

Jim Shaw announced there will be carolling and John Phales offered coffee, cocoa and cookies at St. Vincent after the carolling as they did last year.

Dan Samuels requested space for an art show and there is a possibility St Vincent can give some in one of their buildings..

Jim Shaw announced the Book Sale and the sale of Christmas Wreaths.

Royce Rowe reported on a meeting he attended of the Urban Design Council of the City of New York. A concept was presented to the council which reflects the idea of our housing. Instead of high towers the new proposal would restrict the height of buildings to a point system and give open space for sunlight. The idea is to be presented to the City Council.

Through the community's concern, Royce told us we have been promised a link fence at the piers. The Bank Street fence will not be changed but it might be used as a tennis court. The unused piers could be utilized by concessions if the community would make its desires known.

Then Royce spoke of the traffic problem we have continually had with trucks. West Street is a wide street and seldom used by trucks because of legal blockage at 16th and 17th Streets. Below 14th Street, West Street is used by Transit Authority employees for parking, in addition the longshoremen want the lanes open.

Now, due to the West Side Highway repair work, traffic is open on West Street. The trucks can use this route on their way to the Holland Tunnel instead of all our side streets. Possibly we can get help from the Community Board and Congressman Grieger to keep West Street open.



A motion was made to keep traffic on West Street open, all in favor.  
Jim Shaw and Royce Rowe will try to formulate something to further the motion.

Gloria representing Hudson Street had a petition to keep the sidewalks open. The cafes were not living up to the plans they filed. They were not to have permanent structures. Also the antique shops were using the street to display their merchandise. If this continues, Hudson Street will be just like 14th St.

This part of the meeting ended at 9:30 and then Martin Forrer showed his slides of the sources of fuel in Saudi Arabia and Iran which lasted over an hour. The slides not only showed his work in discovering oil deposits but also the way of life of the people of these two countries.



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

## WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 1973

### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be no meeting of the West Village Committee during the month of Dec. With the rush of the holiday season, and with so many other community activities, we consider the carol sing of Dec. 19th as our get together.

WE WISH HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

### CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The second annual Christmas Caroling will be held on Wed. Dec. 19th at 5:30 p.m. The starting point will be Abingdon Square Park (Bleecker and Hudson Sts.). We will make a few steps in the West Village and conclude the sing at the St. Vincent's Triangle, followed by refreshments at St. Vincent's Hospital.

### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Our Christmas wreaths are now available. Even though the cost price took another jump this year, we are holding our price at \$3.50 per wreath; same as last year. We urge all our members and friends to fill in the order form at the end of the newsletter and return with your remittance. This is one of the events we count on to help pay our operating expenses. Wreaths may be purchased at the Village Stripper - 519 Hudson St. or by calling CH 3-8779. BUY YOUR WREATH TODAY!!!

### GARDEN CARD

The West Village Committee sponsored garden on the St. Vincent Triangle is the subject of a greeting card designed by Village artist Carol Creutzberg. These cards are now available at the garden, and may also be purchased at the Village Stripper 519 Hudson St. The price, \$2.50 for a package of ten cards with envelopes.

### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS NEW LOOK

The West Village Committee Headquarters at 304 W. 11th Street has a very new look these days, and the current window has a warm holiday glow.

Several weeks ago, West Village Committee members Derek Mason and Dan Jacobs of the D and D Studio-Workshop, Inc. constructed a very nice show window, and it is only fitting that they should decorate our first window.

Derek and Dan were featured on Showcase at a recent West Village Committee Meeting. Their most interesting shop is at 655 Washington St. (between W. 10th & Christopher Sts.), and they are great craftsmen specializing in Space Planning-Residential and Commercial Interiors-Carpentry-Display and Exhibition Work-Rendering and Drafting-Color Coordinating and Styling-Fabric, Wallpaper and Carpet Designs-Custom Needlepoint Work and Designs and Design Consultation. An impressive list, but these gentlemen are tops. A visit to their studio should be most convincing.

### ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS FAIR & BAZAAR

Sat. Dec. 15th is the date, 12 noon to 5 P. M. the time and St. John's in the Village - 224 Waverly Place the location of the big fair. The Griddle will have good things to eat, the Baker's Board homemade foods, the White Elephant almost anything, the Greenery Corner plants and flowers, the Raffle lots of things, St. John's Table exhibiting plans of the new structure and souvenirs, In the Window Santa Claus and On Stage Above The Poko Puppets at 1 P. M. & 3 P. M.

Besides bringing community people together at St. John's, this event will raise much need funds for the rebuilding of the church.

### WASHINGTON SQUARE CHRISTMAS TREE

The Washington Square Association is planning a Christmas Eve. Carol Sing on Mon. Dec. 24, at 5 P. M. Because of the energy crisis, the tree will be lighted only from dusk til 10 P. M. Donations of any amount are welcome and needed. Make Check payable to THE WASHINGTON SQUARE ASSOCIATION, INC. and send to Ms. Jean B. Krampner, Exec. Sec. - 291 West 4th Street - New York, N. Y. 10014.

## H B PLAYWRIGHTS FOUNDATION ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING

H B Playwrights Foundation will premier a new American adaptation of The Second Shepherd's Play by William Packard. Performances will be nightly Wed. thru Fri. and two performances Sat. and Sun. starting Dec. 19th thru Dec. 29th. Reservations may be made by calling YU 9-6540.

## A NEW SHOP IN THE WEST VILLAGE

A La Bonne Cocotte opened its doors to the public on Dec. 8th, and West Villagers now have a place to buy great heavy gauge copper and aluminum pots and pans, and other useful items for the kitchen. Shopkeeper Lydie Marshall, who instructs French Cooking Lessons by evening, suggest that orders for that desired copper pot be put in as soon as possible as there is often a long delay for delivery.

If you don't need a pot, all is not lost. Perhaps you may be in the market for one of the fine guitars hanging from the wall, all selected by Wayne Marshall.

So, if its pots, pans or perhaps a guitar you're looking for, make your first stop at A La Bonne Cocotte - 23 8th Avenue (near Jane St.) Afternoon hours 1 to 5 P. M.

## SPEAKING OF POTS AND PANS

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## CHRISTOPHER PARK HOLIDAY DRESS-UP

Friends of Christopher Park (Sheridan Square), a group composed of members of surrounding block associations, will hold a tree decoration party on Sat. Dec. 15th from 3 to 5 P. M. They welcome donation of natural Christmas decorations, such as holly wreaths and garlands, cranberry strings, pop corn strings etc. Following the tree trimming, there will be carol singing from 5 to 6 P. M.

Everybody is welcome to find their way to Sheridan Square and join in the fun.

## ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL AND NMU BUILDING

St Vincent's Hospital recently acquired the National Maritime Union's building at 37 Seventh Avenue according to Executive Director, Sister Evelyn M. Schneider.

The newly acquired structure, between 12th and 13th Streets will provide the hospital with approximately 150,000 additional square feet of usable space.

All clinics will be located in this new annex, and a major portion will be used for the Hospital's Outpatient Dept. as soon as renovations are complete. The building will also contain offices for physician and administrative staffs.

In order to renovate the building for functional Hospital use, a \$3 million remodeling program will begin immediately.

## A ST. VINCENT'S APPOINTMENT

Dr. James McGowan has been appointed Director of the Alcoholism Service at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center of New York.

A Psychiatrist, Dr. McGowan has overall responsibility for all Dept. of Psychiatry alcoholism programs including the recently instituted in-patient facility. This program is geared towards detoxification and rehabilitation with an emphasis on educating the alcoholic patient about his illness. An inter disciplinary team consisting of physician, nursing, social service, occupational therapy, recreational therapy, and alcoholism counseling work together in attacking this serious malady.

Dr. McGowan, who is a consulting psychiatrist at both the Smithers Alcoholism Center and the Manhattan Bowery Project, has been a clinical assistant psychiatrist at St. Vincent's since 1972, and is married to Madeline Nagel McGowan who, as Administrative Supervisor, organized the Community Mental Health Nursing Program at St. Vincent's in 1966.

## COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 2 TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of Community Board No. 2 will be held on Tuesday Dec. 18th, 1973, 7:30 p. m. at Manhattan Development Services, 75 Morton Street, at which time elections will be held for the officers of the Board for 1974. We urge West Villagers to attend your Community Board meetings whenever possible.

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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY JANUARY 15, 1974  
TIME: 8:00 P. M. (COFFEE TIME AT 7:30)  
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL  
224 WAVERLY PLACE

THIS FIRST WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
YEAR WILL BE DEVOTED TO COMMUNITY RELATED PROBLEMS  
AND PLANS. WE ASK ALL OUR MEMBERS TO COME OUT AND  
HELP US GET OFF TO A GOOD START FOR 1974

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT  
ERNEST MAYER, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT  
PETER FRITSCH, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT  
JUDY BENDEWALD, THIRD VICE PRESIDENT  
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THIS IS THE ANNUAL MEETING AND THE ELECTION MEETING.

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER JANUARY 1974

THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSES

The sales program for the West Village Houses is now underway, and interviews are being scheduled for all who have requested applications. Due to construction delays, all of the model apartments are not complete, but the sales agents, Hanfield, Callen, Ruland and Benjamin, Inc. have opened a sales office on the housing site in one of the larger completed apartments. This sales office is in the 700 Washington St. Building at the corner of Washington and Perry Street. The housing bulletin and floor plans are now available, and appointments should be made by calling the sales agents. (354-9400)

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

Several West Village Committee members report they did not get their December notice in the mail. For that reason, some items from the Dec. letter are being repeated in the Jan. letter. Notices and newsletters are posted each month on the Community bulletin board at D'Agostino market at Greenwich and Bethune Streets, and may be picked up at the Imperial Liquor Store 579 Hudson Street.

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 2 MEETS

The January meeting of Community Board No. 2 will be held on Thursday Jan. 17, 1974 at 7:30 p. m. at the Village Community School, 272 W. 10th St. (Between Greenwich and Washington Streets) We urge West Village Committee members to try to attend these meetings whenever possible and see and hear, first hand, how issues vital to you are handled on a community level.

THE VETERANS' HEARING

On Tues. Jan 29, the Mayor's Office for Veteran Action, the Manhattan Borough Improvement Board, and the New York Area Council of Veteran Affairs will hold a Public Hearing on "Policy and Program Needs of the Vietnam Era Veteran". This hearing will be held from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. in City Hall at the Board of Estimate Chamber.

The public is invited to participate in the hearing either as an observer or as an expert witness. Those wishing to participate should call the MOVA Veteran Hearing Office at 237-5061 or 237-5062

The problem of the veteran will begin to be solved only when the entire community is mobilized. Industry, unions, educational and health institutions, social and religious groups, social welfare agencies as well as government and the veterans organizations all have something to contribute to this effort.

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS NEW LOOK

Many West Villagers were delighted with the lovely Christmas window display in the W. V. C. headquarters at 304 W. 11th Street.

Several weeks ago, West Village Committee members Derek Mason and Dan Jacobs of the D & D Studio-Workshop, Inc. constructed a very nice show window, and it was only fitting that they should decorate the first window. We hope Dan and Derek will do another window soon, but in the meantime, we hope to make the window available to other local craftsmen and designers for display. Our thanks again to Derek and Dan.

A NEW SHOP IN THE WEST VILLAGE

A La Bonne Cocotte open its doors to the public in December, and now West Villagers have a place to buy great heavy gauge copper and aluminum pots and pans, and other useful items for the kitchen. Shopkeeper Lydie Marshall, who instructs French Cooking lessons by evening, suggest that orders for that desired copper pot be placed as soon as possible as there is often a long delay for delivery.

If you don't need a pot, all is not lost. Perhaps you may be in the market for one of the fine guitars hanging from the wall, all selected by Wayne Marshall.

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### ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY CHORUS

The St. Luke's Community Chorus, under the direction of Gwenn Gould, will present its first concert of the 1974 season on Sunday, January 27, at 4:00 P. M. in the Chapel. The featured work will be St. Nicholas by Benjamin Britten.

### IRS PHONE SERVICE

The Internal Revenue Service has set up a new tollfree telephone tax information service in Manhattan, the Bronx, Staten Island and Westchester and Rockland Counties. For the first time, Taxpayers can now call the IRS for answers to federal tax questions without having to pay a toll outside their area. The no. in Manhattan is 732-0100.

### PEGGY PORTER

Throughout the West Village there is great sadness at the death of Margaret Porter in St. Vincent's Hospital on the Thursday night before Christmas. Mrs. Porter, who was always "Peggy" to uncounted friends throughout the Village, was one of the most beautiful women ever to grace the Village scene.

She had come to New York many years ago as a very young girl from Georgia, and stepping out of Penn Station there occurred between Peggy and the city of her adoption an instant love affair. As she said, she took one look and said to herself, "This is my kind of town." We asked her once if she had ever gone back to Georgia, and she snapped, "Yes. Once; for about five minutes."

Peggy was the sort of person who talked a lot and laughed a lot, and for a good part of her life she lived it to the hilt. She became a highly successful model. She liked travel, and so she travelled a lot. Even when she was very ill over these past three years, she managed a trip to Yucatan.

Her physical beauty and her love for a good time often tended to hide her very strong and steely character. Sometimes there was nothing like the wrath of Peggy Porter unleashed, although she tended to excuse it as "my Irish temper." And then she would laugh. But she didn't hold grudges. She saw to it that she spoke to people with whom she had had differences. She was altogether a favorable combination of beauty, keen intelligence, and tough character. She knew that she had a power to make strong men listen to her and do her bidding, and she was amused that she had this power.

Peggy was a Catholic. She worked tirelessly trying to achieve respect and understanding among various religious groups. She was a faithful member of the West Village Committee. She was a regular at Community Board meetings. She was a stalwart in the Bank Street Association. For many years she spent her Christmas days serving dinner to the needy in Salvation Army centers. In the end, she willed her body to medical research.

### GEORGE A. DARLING, JR.

The Villager has recently noted in a four-line obituary the death of George A. Darling, Jr., observing that he was a life-long resident of Greenwich Village. For those of us privileged to know George A. Darling, Jr., it was a bit inadequate, just as if The Villager were to advise us that the Hudson River flows in a southerly course. For George Darling was a constant in West Village life.

He had been in the plumbing business with his father, who had been in the same business before the son was born. He had been a quiet observer of life around him. He was interested in our garden in the St. Vincent's Triangle, which he knew as Mulry Square. He remembered the triangle before the old Loew's Sheridan Theater was built upon it, when a private house stood in the northwest corner and the rest of the triangle was a fruit orchard except for a blacksmith's shop which was located at the southeast corner.

He lived all of his life in No. 275 West Twelfth St. When he was a small boy, the Castle Garage space was an unimproved lot, and he played ball there with other neighborhood children. One of the few existing structures on the north side of that block was a neighboring three-storey brick, where an elderly military man known as Colonel Butterfield lived.

The entire Darling family had a sense of history. His mother, who lived into the 1960's, passed much of her knowledge on to her children. There were fascinating stories of when the trolleys used to come up Bleecker as far as Bank St. And anybody in the Darling family could tell you that the reason the street is low and the curb high at West Fourth and Twelfth (by what is now Andrew's pub) is because there was a natural spring there where folks brought their horses for watering.

George Darling not only remembered who built Loew's Sheridan Theater and when, and on one occasion when he realized that he had failed to impart important information, he later sent a note telling what film had played at the grand opening. He became a little portly in late years, but he was a man who moved with great dignity. He possessed a gentility which seemed to belie the ruggedness of his profession as a plumber.

The West Village has lost a kindly and generous person, a much unheralded oral historian.



MINUTES OF THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 15 JANUARY 1974.

Due to another meeting being held on the main floor of the building our meeting had to be held on the second floor in the room now being used for church services. We were also unable to have our coffee hour as the coffee maker was being used by the other group.

The meeting was called to order at 8:25pm by chairman James Shaw who announced that John Fales of St. Vincent's Hospital, who had been scheduled to speak was ill.

The chair then suggested that we have a buisness meeting and asked Mr. Ernest Meyer to speak regarding the Village Visiting Neighbors.

Mr. Meyer announced that the organization's chairwoman had recently had a baby, but that two members of the board had taken over her duties. He stated that more calls were being received from potential volunteers and also from persons needing visitors.

Mr. Meyer went on to state that the organization was in need of funds. They would like to open a permanent office from which a coordinator could work. They are looking for City, State or private funding to underwrite said office.

He reminded people that if they wished to become volunteers they should call 620-1408.

He then told of their organization finding a hotel on West 10th St. which was in poor condition and housed a good number of elderly persons who need the VVN's help.

Lillian Drew asked for donations of working TV's and Radios which could be distributed to the elderly.

Dorothy Hartman said that what Ms Drew was asking for was nice, but what was needed was housing for senior citizens.

She said that the people Mr. Meyer spoke of are at 305 W.10th St. and the Jasper LoBaito and herself have been trying to help them.

Ms. Hartman than went on to describe the poor condition of the building, how its halls were in need of paint and that the plumbing was in poor condition.

Margo Rebeil said she would donate her time to help paint the interior of the building and that perhaps there was a local plumber who would help with the plumbing problem. She asked who else would help and there was a show of hands.

The chair then asked Margot to make a list of names of volunteers to help paint and fix the building.

Jasper LoBaito then said it was nice to offer to help but that what we need is adequate housing for our senior citizens. He then went into a tirade about the recently demolished Womens' House of Detention and politics, etc. After numerous rulings by the chair that Mr. LoBaito was out of order he finally became silent.

The chair than announced that the Ambulitory Care Committee meets on Wed. January 23rd at 158 West 12th St., Rm. 207 at 7:00pm and that all meetings of the committee were open to observation by the public.

Ms. Hartman then announced that the Caring Comm. of the Elderly needs \$64,000 and had learned the previous week that the money was not available from the city. She stated that the city said our local elderly should go to the Bowery Center for meals.

Jasper LoBaito began another tirade and Royce Row asked the chair if anyone who hadn't spoken wished to speak.

Mr. Lo Baito continued to speak.

Mr. Row asked his question again.

The chair asked Mr. Lo Baito to please sit and be quiet.

Mr. LoBaito then got off on a tangent about the Creche in the Triangle garden and how he had called the chairman at 8:00 am to speak to him about it and that the chair had refused. Several people from the floor said that they wouldn't speak to him at that hour either. One person said he wouldn't speak to him at any hour.

Peter Finch asked that the meeting be continued.

A minister from St. John's asked the group to remember that they were in a church.

The chair asked Bill Bowser to report on the Triangle Garden.

Mr. Bowser said that he was pleased that Jane St. has launched a design for the vacant property at 40 Jane St. and that he had received a call from another part of the city regarding thri starting a garden in their area.

He then made a motion that a sum (to be determined) be donated to Cancer Care in memory of our late member Peggy Porter. The motion was second and past.

Lillian Shapiro spoke highly of Peggy Porter and mentioned that Bank St. plans to plant a flowering tree in the triangle in her memory.

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Bill Bowser than asked if there was anyone who would give a home to the two cats Peggy had owned.

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At this point a ~~xxxxxx~~ of police officers arrived and asked Mr. LoBaito to step out of the room so they might speak to him. He began shouting that the chair was fascist and using fascistic tactics to prevent the people from being heard and that if he as a resident of the community couldn't be a member of the West Village Committee he would see to it that the committee could not function.

A woman from the floor called for a vote of confidence in the chairman and applauded him for being strong enough to put up with Mr. LoBaito's disruptive tactics. There was a round of applause.

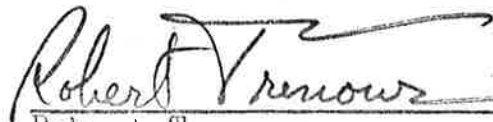
The chair then stated that we are a civic group and not a city chartered organization as is the Community Board and that there is no need for us to put up with such behavior.

The chair then said that if there was no other business he would entertain a motion to adjourne, and reminded everyone that the Feb. meeting would be the election meeting.

Lillian Shapiro moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

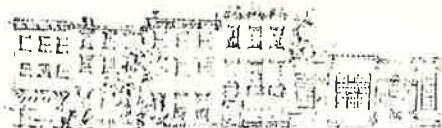
As there was little order to the meeting because of the disruptions it was difficult to record proper minutes, however, the undersigned feels that he must note that at one point during the meeting Mr. LoBaito referred to Ms. Pamela Berdan as an anti-christ for having reprimanded him for stepping on plantings in the Triangle Garden when he had climbed the fence to place a creche in the garden during the winter of 1972. Miss Berdan reminded Mr. LoBaito that he had not only entered the garden illegally but was trampling on plantings that she had spent many months nurturing for the community and had struck her and knocked her to the ground.

Apologies to the committee for these disjointed minutes, but they are none the less submitted most respectfully,



Robert Trenour  
Back-Up Recording Sec.





WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE

## WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 1974

### THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE AND THE COMMUNITY:

The West Village Committee is an association 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.

This organization was formed in 1962, and has held meetings on a regularly scheduled monthly basis since that time. The West Village Committee is a membership organization, and our members as individuals and as a group have made many contributions to our community.

We have always met in a most orderly fashion, and intend to continue to do so. However, at our January meeting two non-members in attendance were Ms. Dorothy Hartman, who writes for a throw away news sheet published in Yorkville, and Jasper LoBaito, the same Mr. LoBaito who had to be removed by the police in handcuffs from a recent Community Board meeting because of his disruptive tactics.

These two people proceeded to be out of order and disruptive at our meeting, and it was necessary to call for the police. We do not ask that Ms. Hartman or Mr. LoBaito agree with us. They are free to have their own views and goals, what ever they may be, nor, will we attempt to force them to a way of thinking.

It is sad that a time has come in our community when peaceful assembly is threatened. We will continue to meet peacefully, and will not be intimidated, and will take whatever legal steps necessary to insure our right to orderly meetings.

### KISKE JANEWAY AND CONWELL SAVAGE TO SHOW THEIR WORKS:

The second artist display is now on view in the new West Village Committee Headquarters window (304 W. 11th St.). The current window show is original watercolors and collages by Village artist Kiske Janeway. Ms. Janeway's works will remain on view through February 28th. For information, call Ms. Janeway OR 3-1577.

Conwell Savage will take over the window gallery on March 1st, and will be showing his ceramic sculptures of animals. Mr. Savage's ceramic sculptures, woodcarvings, watercolors, drawings and lithographs have been shown in many galleries and museums in the United States. His works are owned by more than one hundred collectors. Mr. Savage's animals will guard the window through March 31st.

### GIFTS TO THE GARDEN COMMITTEE:

Even while our generous grant from the Vincent Astor Foundation of last year has dwindled away to nothing, some substantial gifts have continued to keep our garden fund solvent. One of these was a check from author Jean Gould, Greenwich Ave., whose contribution was intended as a memorial to a friend, Clair C. Fisher. Mr. Fisher had been Chief, Landscape Review Section of the New York City Housing Authority, at the time of his sudden death two years ago, at about the time we were beginning the St. Vincent's Triangle Garden. Miss Gould tells us that Mr. Fisher had been very excited about our project, and had been preparing to advise us on sources for cheap top soil and shrubs when he was felled by a fatal heart attack. Another check came from new Broadway superstar, Michael Moriarty and his wife, Francoise, W. 12th St. Michael and Francoise had intended to give us their live Christmas tree, a balsam fir, but kept it indoors a little over-long. They have both been a great help to us from the inception of the garden. Last year Francoise began laying out a geometric pattern of stone in a circular center path; we now have fresh supplies of stone and broken gravel, and we hope she will come back and finish a job begun.

### VILLAGE LIGHTS '74:

The 5th annual Village Lights Variety Show for the benefit of the Village Community School Scholarship Fund will be held Sun. Eve. March 10, 1974 at 8 P. M. at the Loeb Student Center - 566 La Guardia Place. A Champagne and Gourmet Buffet will follow.

This is one of the major fund raising events to raise the \$15,000 to meet the existing deficit in the 1973-74 Scholarship Fund. Over 24% of the student body is on partial scholarship.

Tickets are \$10, \$15, \$25 and \$50 each with all but \$1 of each ticket tax deductible. Make checks payable to Village Community School, and mail to Heidi Trachtenberg 110 Bleecker St. Apt. 30-B. - N. Y., N. Y. 10012

#### ST. VINCENT'S NEWS ITEMS:

The ambulatory Care Service Advisory Committee of St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center of New York will hold its open meeting on Wed. Feb. 20th at 7 P. M. in the St. Vincent's Hospital School for Nursing.- 158 W. 12th St. Room 207. All ACSAC meetings are open to the observation of the public. All are invited.

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Early diagnosis and treatment of children's speech and hearing disorders are the best way to overcome problems these disorders generate, according to Rowena Mandell, Cheif, St. Vincent's Speech and Hearing Center.

The center, under the auspices of the Dept. of Rehabilitation, is devoted to the diagnosis and treatment of all communication disorders in children and adults.

"The majority of our caseload are children with delayed speech and language development. This may be caused by a hearing loss, minimal brain dysfunction, mental retardation, emotional problems, or lack of adequate stimulation. These children are from families representing every level of society," Ms. Mandell said.

"We work very closely with the parents. We often rely on the parents to provide additional stimulation and reinforcement in the home environment."

Upon application to the Center, children and adults receive complete speech, language and hearing evaluations. All Hospital services are available when necessary. Completed evaluations are followed by scheduling one-half hour individual therapy sessions as many times per week as needed.

The Center's three speech pathologist and one audiologist all hold masters degrees and are accredited by the American Speech and Hearing Association. The Center is authorized as an approved Speech and Hearing Center by the Bureau for Handicapped Children which pays for many services. These services are not available at all hospitals.

While referrals come in frequently from all over the City, there is at present, room for more patients. For further information write or call Ms. Rowena Mandell, St. Vincent's Hospital, 153 W. 11th St., New York, N. Y. 10011, telephone number 620-1793, 1528.

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A Substitute for human tissue that will be used for teaching medical students and residents suturing techniques has been developed and patented by Dr. Robert L. Rowan, Attending Physician, St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center of N. Y.

This tissue substitute, called a simulator, consists of a piece of plastic or synthetic tubing that duplicates various body tissue consistencies. Soft, medium, and firm are used.

Once a student inserts a suture, proper tension for the particular tissue must be exerted or the suture will not hold. In this way the student learns the "feel" of human tissue and the tensile strength of various sutures before working with actual patients. Mass production potential of the simulator is presently being developed.

Dr. Rowan, along with his wife Yetta, has, in the past, received several other patents and is the author of the book, Your Prostate (Doubleday).

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These are just some of the ways that St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center serves our community, and we shall try to keep our members and friends informed.

#### COMMUNITY BOARD #2 MEETING:

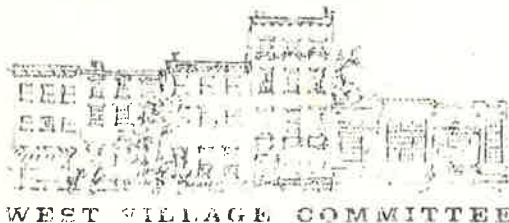
The February meeting of Community Board #2 will be held Thursday Feb. 21st at the Lower West Side Children Center - 209 Sullivan Street.

We ask that as many of our members as possible attend these board meetings, and get to know your community just a little bit better.

#### CAPITAL BUDGET 1974-75:

Public hearings will be held jointly by the Board of Estimate and the Comm. on Finance of the City Council on the proposed Executive Capital Budget for 1974-75.

The Borough of Manhattan hearings will be held Mon. Feb. 25th, 1974 at 10:30 A. M. at Hunter College Playhouse - 695 Park Avenue.



MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 1974  
TIME: 8:00 P. M. (COFFEE WILL BE SERVED)  
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S PARISH HALL  
224 WAVERLY PLACE

THIS IS THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THE BUSINESS OF THIS MEETING WILL BE THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO SERVE UNTIL THE ANNUAL MEETING OF 1975.

ALL NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS SHALL BE FROM THE FLOOR AT THIS MEETING, AND OFFICERS ELECTED BY A MAJORITY OF THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

LETS HAVE A GOOD TURN-OUT, AND PLEASE BE PROMPT.

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT  
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P. S.: MAKE A NOTE IN YOUR DATE BOOK FOR THE MARCH 19TH MEETING  
REMEMBER, WE MEET THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH EXCEPT  
JULY AND AUGUST.



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 19, 1974

Meeting held at St. John's - came to order 8:20 - adjourned 9:30

Jim Shaw Brought the meeting to order. The minutes were read by Bob Trenour and accepted with a round of applause.

It was announced the Ambulatory Care of St. Vincent's hospital will have a meeting February 20th.

This is the annual meeting for the election of officers. Jim Shaw opened the floor for nominations. The slate read as follows:

President:	Jim Shaw	nominated by	Bill Bowser
1st V. P.:	<del>Carol Janeway</del> <i>Bill Bowser</i>	"	" <i>Carol Janeway</i>
1st V. P.:	Bob Trenour	"	Terry Fitch
1st V. P.:	Iris Venton	"	Bill Bowser
2nd V.P.:	<u>Chris Stroligo</u>	"	Gloria Hamilton
3rd V. P.:	<u>Lillian Shapiro</u>	"	<u>Carol Janeway</u>
Treasurer:	Ernest Mayer	"	John Duguid
Rec. Sec.	Lila Solomon	"	Jim Shaw
Corr. Sec.	Lillian Drew	"	Lillian Shapiro

Motion: To accept the slated as nominated except for the 1st V.P., All in favor

Jim Shaw asked everyone to mark their ballot. Bill Bowser is the 1st V.P.

Jim Shaw made an acceptance speech in which he pointed out there is a tremendous amount of work and hoped he could count on everyone - applause.

Jim then introduced John Fales, asst. Dir. of St. Vincent's Hospital

Mr. Fales: I would like the support of the West Village Committee in requesting that the city tax exempt the Triangle. The 73-74 exemption is running out. We cannot sustain a tax burden on the property, which amounts to thousands of dollars.

Arthur Stoliar: If the hospital does sell the property, will the community know about it before it fails compli.

John Fales: Yes, but our long range goal is to build a hospital facility.

Rachael Wald urged John to help us understand how pressing the issue is by giving and estimate of the taxes, about 45,000.

After a little more discussion a motion was made to support the request by writing the City, all were in favor.

Jim asked if there was any other business.

Bob Trenour mentioned the budget hearing in regard to the piers and their use for recreational facilities. Arthur Stoliar said the ball is rolling in this direction. It would be a local not a regional facility with no new parking.

We shall try to get it budgeted and then to get the city to spend the money on the project.

Motion: The piers on the West Village waterfront be preserved for the use of recreational facilities and improved for the village community. all in favor.

Bill Bowser had two petitions:

1. To plan a garden on the site of the house of detention
2. To sue the city about the dog run in Soho.

All were in favor of adjournment.



THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK

### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER MARCH 1974

#### THE ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS:

The annual membership meeting of the West Village Committee was held on February 19, 1974. A Capacity crowd filled the meeting room in the Parish Hall of St. John's-in-the-Village Episcopal Church. The following officers were elected to serve until the next annual meeting, James Shaw was re-elected president; Bill Bowser, first vice president; Carol Janeway, second vice president; Chris Stroligo, third vice president; Ernest Mayer, treasurer; Leila Solomon, recording secretary and Lillian Drew, corresponding secretary.

In the only other business of the evening, and at the request of John Fales, representing St. Vincent's Hospital, the West Village Committee voted unanimously in support of continuing the tax-free status of the unimproved hospital property known as the St. Vincent's Triangle for an additional two-year period.

#### THE MARCH 19TH WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING:

One of the most important issues we in the West Village will face during the coming year will be the fate of the Miller Highway (West Side Highway). Not nearly enough information has found it's way into the neighborhoods to enable residents to really understand the pros and cons of building or not building an inter-state highway on the Manhattan west side.

We hope to be able at this meeting to impart some much needed insight. The emphasis at the West Village Committee meeting on March 19th will be on the five alignments.

We urge members to turn out on Tuesday, and get informed. Bring your neighbors. This is an issue which will effect this area for years to come.

#### THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSES SALES OFFICE:

The sales agent and managing agent for the West Village Houses, Hanfield, Callan, Ruland & Benjamin, Inc. announces that the sales office is now officially moved to the housing site. The new office is located at 700 Washington St. (at Perry St.) in one of the large apartments on the second floor. Appointments may be made by calling Mrs. Ashe at 354-9400 (week-end phone number is 354-9410). The office hours are 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., daily, and appointments may be made for Sat. and Sun.

#### CONWELL SAVAGE AND DAN SAMUELS SHOW THEIR WORKS:

The third artist display is now on view in the West Village Headquarters Window Gallery (304 W. 11th St.). Conwell Savage is now showing his ceramic sculpture animals. Mr. Savage's drawings, lithographs, wood carvings, watercolors and ceramic sculptures have been shown in many galleries and museums in the United States.

On April 1st, Dan Samuels takes over the gallery window. Dr. Samuels has done book illustrations, and illustrations for the Sunday Times Book Review Section, and his paintings and sculpture have been in many museum and group shows, and include a one-man show at Ro-Ko Gallery.

#### NEW PLAY AT H. B. PLAYWRIGHTS FOUNDATION:

Dear Mr. Giordano by Donna de Matteo will be the next production at the H. B. Playwright Foundation Theatre at 124 Bank Street. Reservations may be made by mail. Be sure to include a self addressed stamped envelope. Dress rehearsal previews are March 21st and 22nd at 7:30 P. M. The play opens Sat. March 23, and plays thru April 1st.

#### H. B. PARTY TIME:

A Strike-The-Set and Build-The-Theatre Party will be held on Mon. April 1st at 10 P. M. after the last performance of Dear Mr. Giordano. The theme is "Las Vegas Night". Join the Bright Lights, Top Entertainment, Dancing'til the Wee Hour, Beer and a Late Buffet Supper. after the play. Tax-deductible contributions are \$10.00 per person, payable to H. B. Playwrights Foundation, Inc.

#### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE VOLUNTARY DUES:

We would like to say "Thank You" to the members and friends who have Voluntary Dues contributions, and remind all that this is the time of the year that we make this request. Our by-laws do not call for dues, but at an annual meeting a few years ago, the membership voted to have a voluntary dues structure. With the increase in postage, our monthly expenses are again rising. Our monthly mailing alone is now over \$70.00. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!! ANY AMOUNT YOU CAN GIVE!!! MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE, AND MAIL TO 304 W. 11TH ST. - N. Y., N. Y. 10014.



## DR. STONER'S GARDEN

The West Village treasures its visible gardens, the one by St. Luke's Chapel and the one in the St. Vincent's Triangle, Mulry Square, but there are also many remarkable gardens quite hidden from view behind private houses. One such garden is in West Thirteenth Street behind the home of Dr. Henriette Stoner. Dr. Stoner, widow of the late artist and author, Elmer C. Stoner, is a retired psychiatrist, and a native Villager. Her father, Nathaniel Messinger, once owned the triangle property on which the West Village Committee's temporary community garden is located across from St. Vincent's Hospital. Nathaniel Messinger was a builder, and the Loew's Sheridan movie palace which once occupied the site was only one of many theaters which he built. Dr. Stoner remembers Mulry Square before her father built the Sheridan in 1923. At the corner of Greenwich and Seventh Avenues where the entrance to the Sheridan was later located there was once a blacksmith's shop, and the rest of Mulry Square was a wide sweep of estate planted with apple and pear trees. A single manor house with handsome porticos stood on the narrow end of Mulry Square at West Twelfth Street and Greenwich Avenue overlooking the expanse of orchard. Dr. Stoner recalls that there were other trees as well, including a large, graceful weeping willow. At the time of the construction, she found it very painful to see this expanse of nature destroyed in the name of progress.

The Messinger household in which Dr. Stoner grew up was a disciplined one. Meals were prompt and everybody was present at table. It was a time for conversation which was enjoyed as much as the food. At other times Mr. Messinger read aloud to the family, prose and poetry, and music was encouraged in the house. Many famous creative people were frequent visitors in the Messinger home. Dr. Stoner recalls with a laugh how Walter Damrosch reacted to some of her immature attacks on musical scores at the piano.

She now looks back on her childhood with gratitude that she was given very strict rules to live by. And she is convinced that there would be less need for people in her profession of psychiatry if parents today used more discipline.

Dr. Stoner was interested in things beyond psychiatry. She rejoiced in her husband's recognition as an artist and author. Among her dearest possessions is a collection of her husband's paintings, scenes of the Pennsylvania coal mining area, vibrant scenes alive with warm, rich colors of the earth. Both of the Stoners had a genuine interest in helping other people. For Elmer Stoner it led to the discovery of Grandma Moses and other artists, and for Henriette Stoner it led to the establishment of an art gallery, Talents Unlimited, at 61 Grove Street, in 1950. Talents Unlimited was a cooperative gallery for artists who shared in the profits, and was cited by the Museum of Modern Art for its unique and outstanding service to artists before it closed its doors in 1958.

Dr. Stoner only recently retired from practicing psychiatry. Now she has time to reflect on the many eras she has lived through in Greenwich Village. Coming to maturity as she did in the 1920's, when the Village was burgeoning with promising talent in many fields, she feels that it was a more generous and gentle period than we are now going through today. "We all knew we were going to be somebody," she said, "and we had a genuine interest in the ambitions of our friends. We achieved our goals, and we helped others to achieve theirs." She remembers that in the '20's those among her circle who momentarily had a little money took care of less fortunate friends, saw that they had food to eat or money to cover the rent.

It was in March, 1942, that Dr. Stoner and her husband looked at a house in West Thirteenth. She was shocked at the decay and neglect, but what struck her husband's fancy was the huge wisteria in the back yard. It was in full bloom, heavy with clusters of purple flowers. There were two unpruned privets, and the rest of the garden was a shambles, but as she says "the wisteria won out" and they bought the house where she still lives after more than thirty years. The wisteria only reached the top of the door then; now it is up to the fifth floor. It means a pruning job every two years, but it is more beautiful today than ever. The pruning is necessary to keep the vine from attacking the telephone wires and disrupting service.

The Stoners improved the privet by cutting back the dead wood, but several years ago one was struck by lightning. Although it was greatly damaged, they reset it and placed large boulders around it, and today it is in good shape again. The front of the house was improved by planting yews and ivy; this planting was done more than thirty years ago. They also had two trees which "grew by themselves," but which one year became so infested with caterpillars that Dr. Stoner had them cut down. Although she followed the advice of the local letter-carrier and painted the stumps with creosote, the ailanthus grew back. Happily she has never been besieged with caterpillars again. At one point they decided to have the back yard professionally planted, which they did at great cost. Within a few weeks everything had collapsed and died, except the old standbys--the wisteria and the privet. A horticulturalist told them they were getting too much soot from neighboring chimneys for other plants to survive. They tried planting bulbs also, with similar lack of success--the fate of many a city gardener. Dr. Stoner keeps a studio in the top floor of her house where at last count she had eighty-four house plants, and some of these she has had for the thirty-odd years she has lived in the house. She is very adept at taking cuttings and rooting new plants.

In a sense Dr. Henriette Stoner maintains two gardens. One is the physical garden in her back yard and in her studio. The other is an equally well-ordered garden of the mind and it is made up of human contacts--the famous and the unknown, rich and poor, talented and untalented--but all people she has loved and helped, and who have in some measure returned that love and concern.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 19, 1974

Meeting held at St. John's - came to order 8:05 - adjourned 10:20

Jim welcomed everyone, the minutes were read and accepted. Jim announced the Community Board's meeting to be held March 21st Lady of Pompey Church.

This meeting was held for the determination of the West Side Highway. At this time information about the project will be given to us by an Assistant Director of the West Side Highway Project.

Before we hear from our guest speaker, Rose Garfin wishes to make an announcement.

Rose Garfin: The Advisory Committee of St. Vincent's Hospital will have an election in June. There are three vacancies on the committee. The committee functions for the benefit of the community at large. You can nominate yourself, for further information please call 620-2016.

Bill Bowser mentioned the meeting about the property on 51 Eight Avenue. If the community does not find a use for this property, MacDonalds is considering the purchase of it. There have been proposals for using the property for the community. Congressman ~~Patch~~ <sup>Koch</sup> is hoping something will come of these ideas.

Arthur Stoliar introduced Chris Glaister of the West Side Highway Project. The Project has been in existence for close to two years studying reconstruction of the West Side Highway area. It seems up to this time very little information was available about the Project's activities.

Chris Glaister explained that five alternative approaches to the West Side Highway have been developed. With diagrams to illustrate the alternative reconstruction plans, Chris proceeded with an explanation.

- 1 - Fix-up the highway only to the extent of making it function.
- 2 - Fix-up the highway with consideration for safety and improved operation.
- 3 - Tear down the highway and use West St. as an arterial street and build a rail transit system beneath West St.
- 4 - Inboard Alternative consisting of a six lane Interstate Highway with a transitway.
- 5 - Outboard Alternative consisting of a six lane Interstate Highway located beyond the coastline and creating new land. Beneath the land fill a transit system would be developed.

Questions came from the floor during Mr. Glaister's presentation. Some of the questions sought information about the cost of each alternative, which branch of government would fund the reconstruction, the time involved, the effect on business and communities, the impact on the future of the city, and other questions involving the flow of traffic.

Arthur Stoliar who heads the Community Board's Committee on the West Side Highway Project tried to orientate us to some way to think of this vast project. He suggested we think of the highway in terms of purpose, what would we like to accomplish for the city and our community in relation to transportation on the westside.

March 19, 1974 meeting

For example: are we mostly concerned with pollution, developing land, local transportation, etc., then one could apply this idea of purpose to any proposed reconstruction plan and try to see which plan would have the best possibility of producing desired results.

With the sums of millions and billions of dollars running through our heads, the meeting was adjourned.



April 4, 1974

Mr. Edward C. Haggerty  
St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center  
7th Avenue and W. 11th Street  
New York, N. Y. 10011

Dear Ed,

This note is to reconfirm the speaking date of Tuesday April 16th, 1974 at 8:00 P. M. of Dr. John Chadbourn before the West Village Committee at St. John's Church Parish Hall 224 Waverly Place.

I understand you will be able to provide the projector for the 20 minute film, and we will provide the screen and projectionist.

We would like to thank all at St. Vincent's Hospital who make our April meeting possible, and express our appreciation for the warm working relationship we have had with the hospital in the past.

Very truly,

James Shaw  
President

April 4, 1974

Ms. Janice Brown  
24 Charles Street  
New York, N. Y. 10014

Dear Ms. Brown,

We are pleased with the interest which has been shown ~~in the~~ display window on West 11th Street since we have made it available to our members who are artist.

West Village Committee membership is open all West Villagers who are willing to abide by our preamble and the Articles of Association.

Enclosed, you will find our Articles and a copy of our last membership notice and news letter. We should be pleased to have you join us in our community efforts. Should you so desire, please fill and return the membership form at the bottom of the articles. At the same time please indicate the type of works you would like to exhibit.

Thanks again for your interest.

Very truly,

James Shaw  
President



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

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On May 1st, artist E. B. Savage will present a showing of her watercolors.

JAZZ AT THE GOTHAM BUILDING:

The Gotham Audio Studio at 741 Washington Street will be the scene of a series of rare evenings of recorded music. Mr. Stephen F. Temmer, of Gotham, is making his collection of taped concerts, operas and jazz available to the community. These great tapes were made mainly before live audiences.

Our first session will include tapes of Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong and Velma Middleton, Bob Crosby All Stars, Count Basie and Jee Williams and Art Tatum.

The date for this event is Friday April 19th. The time is 8:30 P. M. The Place is The Gotham Building - 741 Washington Street. Capacity will be limited to 40 persons, and admittance will be by reservation only. For reservations, call CH 3-8779 (Mornings)

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 TO MEET:

The April meeting of the Community Board #2 will be held on Thursday April 18, 1974 at St. Joseph's R. C. Church - 361 6th Avenue (Washington Place Entrance). The Board meets the third Thursday of each month, and we urge West Village Committee Members to try and attend these meetings when ever possible.

AMBULATORY CARE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MEET:

The Ambulatory Care Services Advisory Committee of St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center of New York will hold its open meeting on Wednesday April 17, 1974 at 7:00 P. M. in the St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing Auditorium, 158 W. 12th Street.

All ACSAC meetings are open to the observation of the public. All are invited to attend.

STOP McDONALD'S RALLY

Mark the date if you want to save the West Village from a fate worse than death! West Village Committee members are asked to participate in a Stop McDonald's/Boycott McDonald's Rally on Thurs., April 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Jackson Sq. Park at Horatio St. and Greenwich Ave., for the purpose of protesting building of the proposed McDonald's on the 51 8th Ave. site. The mass rally has been planned by the recently-formed Ad Hoc Committee for Jackson Square. Bill Bowser represents us on the Ad Hoc Committee, which is also composed of representatives from 305 W. 13th Tenants Assoc., The W. 13th St. Neighborhood, W. 4th, Horatio and Jane St. Block Assocs. The massed protesters will march down W. 4th St. slowly to the W. 3rd St. McDonald's site, which is about to have what we hope is an un-grand opening. After a brief protest there, the rally will proceed north on 6th Ave. to St. Joseph's Church where the regular monthly meeting of Community Board #2 will convene at 7:30 p.m. "No McDonald's" buttons will be available to the marchers, hopefully for a contribution to cover the ad hoc committee's considerable expenses thus far, and "Boycott McDonald" posters will be supplied to marchers. The protesters will demand of the Community Board a declaration of a moratorium on the entry of fast-food joints into the Village until new guidelines and zoning regulations can be produced by the City Planning Commission.



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#### HEALTH FAIR:

A Health Fair will be held Saturday April 27th (12 N - 6 P.M.) at St. Joseph's Church (Casserly Hall) 6th Ave. and Washington Place, and outside on Washington Place Between 6th Avenue and Sheridan Square. A very full schedule of free health test, movies, a puppet mobile and much health related information will be available to the community. These two important days are being presented to the community by the LOWER WEST SIDE HEALTH COALITION.

#### MCDONALD'S PROTEST LETTERS:

Letters of PROTEST re: McDonald's should be sent to Mr. R. A. Krec, Chairman of the Board, and to Mr. F. L. Turner, President. The address for both gentlemen is McDonald's Plaza - Oakbrook, Ill. 60521. Let them hear from you.

#### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE WORKING COMMITTEES:

Many problems we face in our communities could be avoided if we all would give a little of ourselves in working on committees, and thus sharing the load. We need members to work on various committees. Spring is here, and things are beginning to bloom in the Garden on St. Vincent's Triangle. The Garden Committee is very much in need of help in the garden. The Social Service Committee, The Waterfront Committee, The Public Relations Committee, Traffic Committee, Fund Raising Committee, Membership Committee, Public Safety Committee, Sanitation Committee and Social Service Committee all need members. Fill in the form below, and indicate in which area you would like to work. Mail form to: West Village Committee - 304 W. 11th St. - N. Y., N. Y. 10014, or bring with you to the membership meeting on Tues. April 16th.

#### OUR WEST SIDE HIGHWAY MEETINGS:

Our March West Village Committee Meeting was well attended, and those present heard a fine presentation on the West Side Highway Project Alternatives. Our thanks to Mr. Christopher J. Glaister of the West Side Highway Project for being with us. Enclosed in this mailing, for the benefit of those who were unable to attend the last meeting, we are including the summary of the alternatives as outlined by Mr. Glaister.

The May 1st Special Meeting is an important one, and we are very pleased that Mr. Lowell Bridwell was able to find a slot in his very full calendar to be with us, and to bring us up to date on the West Side Highway Project.

As was stated at the last meeting, these highway meetings are not debates, nor are they public hearings, but are being arranged in the hope that we will have an informed community when the public hearings are held. In the interest of time, and to prevent duplication, we ask that questions be sent in to the West Village Committee Headquarters, or written on cards which will be provided at the meeting. The written questions will be asked first, and then if there are areas uncovered, questions will be accepted from the floor. We'll see you on April 16th at the regular West Village Committee meeting, and on May 1st at the Special West Side Highway meeting.

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I would like to work on one or more committees of the West Village Committee:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

I could help in other ways \_\_\_\_\_

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## WEST SIDE HIGHWAY PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

THE WEST SIDE HIGHWAY PROJECT HAS DEVELOPED A SERIES OF ALTERNATIVE HIGHWAY AND PUBLIC TRANSIT FACILITIES. THESE FACILITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED EITHER INDIVIDUALLY, OR IN COMBINATION, INTO FIVE WIDELY DIFFERENT ALTERNATIVE PACKAGES. THESE FIVE ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES TO THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST SIDE HIGHWAY WILL BE PRESENTED AT PUBLIC HEARINGS LATER THIS YEAR.

The following are summary description of the alternatives.

### HIGHWAY DESIGN

#### Maintenance Alternative "M"

Under this alternative, there would be no significant change to the existing West Side Highway except for necessary repairs followed by periodic maintenance. Ongoing maintenance would consist of resurfacing, minor structural repairs and reinforcement.

#### Reconstruction Alternative "R"

This alternative calls for partial reconstruction of the existing West Side Highway in order to correct major structural deficiencies which occur between the Battery & 72 St.

Specific modifications such as new ramps and the elimination of curves would remove some of the most dangerous features of the existing highway and allow trucks and buses to use the facility, thus diverting heavy vehicles from local streets. While providing improved safety and operational benefits, this alternative would reduce the number of lanes from six to four.

#### Arterial Alternative "A"

The Arterial proposal is the only non-Interstate alternative which contemplates total replacement of the existing West Side Highway with new transportation facilities. These facilities would consist of an at grade arterial roadway of lower traffic capacity than the existing highway, and a rail transit system.

Under this alternative, the existing elevated highway would be demolished and West Street reconstructed as an arterial street between the Brooklyn-Battery tunnel and 72 St.

The rail rapid transit line would run beneath the arterial from the World Trade Center to West 23rd St., connect to the existing Penn Central Tracks, and follow the railroad right-of-way north to 149th Street.

#### Inboard Alternative "I"

In this alternative an attempt has been made to locate and design the transportation facilities so that they would preserve the existing waterfront uses in the study corridor while meeting Federal Interstate Highway Standards. This approach resulted in an Inboard alternative, consisting of a new six lane Interstate facility with a transitway in the median and a parallel service road.

The alignment of this highway/transitway facility is located mostly in the right-of-way of the existing West Side Highway from the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel to West 42nd Street. Because of its emphasis on preservation and minimal disruption to existing facilities, the configuration of this alternative responds directly to adjacent land uses and is different for each corridor community.

Thus it is depressed and partially covered in Lower Manhattan, depressed and fully covered in the West Village and elevated in Chelsea-Clinton.

#### Outboard Alternative "O"

The outboard alternative is the most dramatic set of proposals being considered by the Project. It rests on the assumption that the piers south of 42nd St. have no economic future and that, therefore, the reconstruction of the West Side Highway can be used as a vehicle to assist in the redevelopment of the waterfront, to provide access to the river, and to create new land for open space, recreation and a variety of other uses.

The transportation elements of this alternative include a new six lane highway built to Interstate standards with a service road, and a Transitway for Express Bus service. While the new highway would be constructed only between the Battery and 42nd St., the Express Bus facility would continue further north to the George Washington Bridge.

South of 42nd St. both facilities would be in a tunnel in landfill for most of their length. Exceptions occur in lower Manhattan where the facility runs inboard following the existing right-of-way in a partially covered and depressed configuration, and in the interchange areas at the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels.

### PUBLIC TRANSIT FACILITIES

The concept of a "Transitway" has been adopted to describe the transit options.

Briefly stated, the "Transitway" is an exclusive right-of-way that has been laid out so that it can accommodate either a conventional Rail Subway System or Express Bus service.

The "Transitway" concept also provides for the future conversion from one system to another so that changes in public policy can be accommodated in the future.



### Rail Transit System

The Rapid Rail Transit facility would be a conventional subway system which would run from the vicinity of the World Trade Center to 240th St. in the Bronx. The right-of-way would be co-ordinated with highway design alternatives south of 23rd St. At W. 23rd St., it would either continue under 11th Ave. or 12th Ave. to approximately W. 30th or 60th St. At this point, the new facility would join the existing Penn Central right-of-way and run north to 240th St.

At approximately 145th St., the subway line would divide into two branches. One service would continue to follow the Penn Central right-of-way north to the George Washington Bridge, swing east under 178th St., across the Harlem river, join the Penn Central Hudson Division tracks, and continue north to the area of Van Cortlandt Park. The other service would depart from the PCRR right-of-way at 145th St. on the West Side and continue east to 146th and 149th Sts. and then to Mett Haven in the Bronx.

### Express Bus System

The operating concept of the Express Bus System involves three phases:

- 1) Collection (and distribution) routes in suburban areas of New Jersey, Westchester, Bronx, Brooklyn, and Staten Island.
- 2) Utilization of all or some portion of the 12 miles of exclusive grade separated transitway from the George Washington Bridge to the World Trade Center.
- 3) Crosstown collection and distribution loops using reserved lanes on local streets in Midtown and two bus stations in Lower Manhattan at the World Trade Center and at Manhattan Landing.

In Lower Manhattan, the Transitway and Battery Park City/World Trade Center Bus Station would be located underground west of the bulkhead line and highway. The Transitway would parallel the highway alignment north crossing under it at the Holland Tunnel. From there, it would run parallel to, and east of the highway as far as 23rd St. North of 23rd St., the transitway alignment would follow either 11th or 12th Ave. and the Penn Central Railroad rights-of-way north to the George Washington Bridge.

Ramp connections for the crosstown service loops would be provided at 14th Street, 23rd Street, 42nd St, 60th Street and 125th Street.

Transit Facilities would be co-ordinated with the Highway Design alternatives as follows:

### Maintenance Alternative "M"

No special transit facility could be provided with this alternative.

### Reconstruction Alternative "R"

No special transit facility is envisaged for this alternative. However, the proposed improvements to the existing facility would make it possible to run buses on the reconstructed highway in mixed traffic. The reconstruction of West Street would also allow for a new local bus service.

### Arterial Alternative "A"

Provision has been made for the construction of the Transitway as part of this alternative. The rail transit option has been designed with the Arterial Alternative. It should be noted that an express Bus System could be substituted, although this would require some modifications to the design of the arterial street to accommodate on and off ramps for the buses.

### Inboard Alternative "I"

The transit components associated with this alternative can be varied. In designing the Transitway, sufficient space has been left to accommodate either the Rail Transit system described above or an Express Bus System. An improved West Street/12th Avenue will include provisions for a new local bus route.

### Outboard Alternative "O"

Like the Inboard Alternative, the Transitway is designed to accommodate either Express Bus or Rail Transit Systems. An improved West Street will, as with the Inboard Alternative, include provision for a new local bus route.

For further information please call:

Christopher J. Glaister  
West Side Highway Project  
19 Recter Street  
New York, N. Y. 10006

Tel. 212-483-8300





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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY APRIL 16, 1974  
TIME: COFFEE TIME 7:30  
MEETING 8:00 P. M.  
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL  
224 WAVERLY PLACE N. Y., N. Y. 10014

AGENDA

MOBILE CORONARY CARE

JOHN A. CHADBOURN, M.D., SPEAKER

DR. CHADBOURN, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, MOBILE CORONARY CARE UNIT OF ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER, WILL TALK ON CORONARY PREVENTION AND CARE, AND EXPLAIN THE WORK OF THE MOBILE CORONARY CARE UNIT. THERE WILL ALSO BE A 20 MINUTE FILM.

SPECIAL MEETING

UP-DATE OF THE WEST SIDE HIGHWAY PROJECT

MR. LOWELL BRIDWELL, DIRECTOR OF THE WEST SIDE HIGHWAY PROJECT WILL BRING US UP TO DATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1974  
TIME: 8:00 P. M.  
PLACE: ST. VINCENT HOSPITAL - CRONIN AUDITORIUM  
153 WEST 11TH STREET - NEW YORK, N. Y. 10011

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT  
BILL BOWSER, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT  
CHRIS STOLIGO, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT  
CAROL JANEWAY, 3RD VICE PRESIDENT  
ERNEST MAYER, TREASURER  
LEILA SOLOMON, RECORDING SECRETARY  
LILLIAN DREW, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

# GOTHAM



AUDIO CORPORATION

JAZZ CONCERT AT GOTHAM

(the first in a series)

April 19, 1974 8:30 PM

I. Duke Ellington and his orchestra 1952

- a. Monolog
- b. Duet
- c. Threesome

Narrated by The Duke and Freddy Robbins; Recorded in Studio A Gotham Recording Corp. 1657 Broadway. Client: Office of Price Stabilization.

II. Ralph Flanagan and his Dixieland Orchestra 1953

Georgia

recorded at a radio station in Asbury Park, NJ where Flanagan was appearing. Client: Savings Bonds Div., U.S. Treasury.

III. Bob Crosby and his Dixieland Allstars 1951

- a. Riverboat Shuffle
- b. Honey Suckle Rose

Hoagy Carmichael, composer & vocalist on a.)

Recorded at the Vine Street Theater, Hollywood for Savings Bonds Div. U.S. Treasury Dept.

IV. Louis Armstrong at Carnegie Hall 17. March 1957

- a. Mamma's back in Town
- b. That's my Desire

Velma Middleton, vocalist

Edmund Hall, clarinet

Trummy Young, trombone

Billy Kyle, piano

Arville Shaw, bass

Barret Deams, drums

V. Count Basie and his Orchestra, featuring Joe Williams

- a. Every day I've got the Blues
- b. Teach me Tonight
- c. I got a Girl who lives up on a Hill
- d. I know my Baby's gonna Jump and Shout
- e. Smack Dab in the Middle
- f. Closing Theme

Recorded November 29, 1956 at the Brooklyn Academy of Music;  
Client: USIA, Voice of America.

## INTERMISSION

VI. Art Tatum with Slam Stewart

Recorded at Cafe Society Downtown in 1948





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

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER MAY 1974

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The most important issue we will face here in the West Village during the coming year will be the fate of the Miller Highway (West Side Highway). The West Village Committee has made every effort to make it possible that the community is made aware of the importance of this issue. Our hope has been that every individual, every tenant, every home owner who lives in the village will be well informed of the proposed plans for the highway. Every one of us will be effected, during the several years of construction, and if we survive, the rest of our lives as villagers by what decisions made on this highway.

It is so very important that you get to meetings on this subject and learn first hand (not by distorted rumors) what is planned for your area.

The March meeting of the West Village Committee was devoted entirely to the West Side Highway. At this meeting, the five alignments were explained by Mr. Chris Glaister of the West Side Highway Project.

In the April mailing of our newsletter, we included a summary of the five alignments as outlined by Mr. Glaister to the membership for the benefit of those unable to make the meeting.

The West Village Committee sponsored a special Community Meeting on May 1st, and the West Side Highway was the topic. Mr. Lowell Bridwell, head of the West Side Highway Project was the speaker.

These meetings have passed, but you still have another chance (perhaps the last) for information. Community Board #2 has a Public Meeting scheduled on the third Tuesday of May (see Community Board items) which would be our regular meeting night. In lieu of a West Village Committee meeting, we beg our members and friends to go to this public hearing.

WAKE UP VILLAGERS BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 TO MEET:

The May meeting of Community Board #2 will be held Thursday May 16th, 1974 at 7:30 P. M. at St. Vincent's Hospital, 153 W. 11th St. New York, N. Y. 10011 (Gronin Auditorium).

Again, we urge our members to please make every effort to attend these most important community meetings.

PUBLIC HEARING  
COMMUNITY BOARD #2

THE WEST SIDE HIGHWAY

DATE: Tues. May 21, 1974  
PLACE: Vanderbilt Hall - NYU  
40 Washington Sq. S.  
New York, N. Y. 10012  
TIME: 7:30 P. M.

THE CONSULTANTS TO COMMUNITY BOARD #2 WILL EXPLAIN THE WEST SIDE HIGHWAY PROJECT ENVIRONMENT IMPACT DRAFT. COME HEAR HOW AN INTER - STATE HIGHWAY WILL AFFECT YOU, AND EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS.

GOHAM MUSIC SERIES LAUNCHED:

Several West Villagers were treated to a most unusual evening of music on Friday Eve. April 19, 1974. Mr. Stephen F. Temmer, of Gotham, is making his collection of tape recored concerts, operas and jazz available to the community.

The first of the series was a "Jazz" concert. The program included three pieces by Duke Ellington and his orchestra, narrated by the Duke and Freddy Robbins recorded in 1952, Louis Armstrong and his orchestra with vocals by Velma Middleton recorded at Carnegie Hall March 17, 1957, Count Basie and Orchestra featuring Joe Williams recorded Nov. 29, 1956 and Art Tatem with Slam Stewart recorded at Cafe Society Downtown in 1948.

Coffee and Cookies were served during intermission followed by a tour of the Gotham Audio Studio.



## MUSIC AT THE GOTHAM

THE SECOND IN THE SERIES "MUSIC AT THE GOTHAM" WILL BE HELD FRIDAY EVE. MAY 24, 1974 AT THE GOTHAM AUDIO CORPORATION, 741 WASHINGTON ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

OUR MAY PROGRAM IS "EDITH PIAF IN CONCERT AT CARNEGIE HALL". RECORDED SUN. EVE. JAN. 13, 1957. ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR DIRECTED BY ROBERT CHAUVIGNY WITH JACQUES LIEBRARD, GUITAR AND MARC BONEL, ACCORDION.

CONCERT STARTS AT 8 P. M., AND THE RUNNING TIME IS ABOUT 2 HOURS. COFFEE AND CAKE WILL BE SERVED DURING INTERMISSION.

SEATING IS LIMITED, AND RESERVATIONS MAY BE MADE BY CALLING CH 3-8779.

### COMMUNITY ELECTION:

All West Villagers 18 years or older are eligible and urged to vote for three consumer candidates for the Ambulatory Care Services Advisory Committee of St Vincent's Hospital to represent this area.

The consumer candidates elected to these seats will plan and evaluate the out-patient services offered in the Clinics and Emergency Room of St. Vincent's Hospital. They will be responsible for presenting the opinions of consumers and the community to the hospital and assuring that the care being offered meets the needs of the consumer and the community.

Voting will continue through May 31st, 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. (except Memorial Day) Ballot Box will be available in the Lowenstein Clinic of St. Vincent's Hospital, on 7th Avenue, or Sat. May 18th, 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. at Greenwich House, 27 Barrow Street. Mail Ballots may be requested by calling 620-2016, Mon. thru Fri. 9:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. . or by writing: Advisory Committee Election, St. Vincents Hospital, 153 W. 11th St. N. Y. N. Y. 10011.

Ballots will be counted publicly at the June 19th meeting of the Ambulatory Care Service Advisory Committee held at 7:00 P. M. at 158 West 12th St. N. Y., N. Y. 10011.

DON'T TAKE THESE ELECTIONS LIGHTLY! LIKE YOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS, THESE ELECTIONS ARE VERY IMPORTANT. IF YOU DON'T GET OUT AND VOTE, DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT THE CONDITIONS IN YOUR COMMUNITY!!!!

### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE GETS NEW GRANT FOR GREENING:

The West Village Committee has received a new grant from the Vincent Astor Foundation to continue our two greening projects. The Triangle across from St. Vincent's Hospital, and the St. John's Garden.

We would like to thank The Vincent Astor Foundation for their assistance during the past years, thanks to St. Vincent's Hospital for making the triangle available to us, and thanks to The Parks Council for help and guidance in so many ways.

The whole community, and indeed the city can be proud of the lovely garden which has been an inspiration for other community beautification projects, and has now attracted the attention of the tour busses many of which now point proudly to our garden.

It is not possible to talk of the garden without praising the fine work of Pamela Berdan and Bill Bowser who have spent many hours planning and working in the soil, and others who have given of their time and donations. This is truly a job well done.

### DRAIN PIPE THIEVES OUT AGAIN:

A new wave of Vandalism has invaded the West Village in the form of thief of drain pipes from the exterior of buildings. This operation is usually done during the week and during the day when occupants may be at work, and to the casual passerby it would appear that a legitimate repair job is being done. What is really happening is that your neighbor is really being "ripped off". Because of the high price of copper, the houses with copper drain pipes are the targets. These operators were most recently on Bank St. and Washington St., but work all over the area. Be alert, and should you see these thieves in action, get a good description, and if possible the auto license number, then call police (741-4811). It will cost your neighbor from one to three hundred dollars to replace stolen drains.

E. B. SAVAGE AND JANICE BROWN SHOW THEIR WORKS:

The current show in the West Village Committee Headquarters Window Gallery (304 W. 11th St.) is that of E. B. Savage. Ms. Savage's watercolors will be on view until May 31st.

On June 1st, the gallery will present a showing of canvases by Janice Brown. Ms. Brown's medium is oil, and her paintings will hang until June 30th.

JUDY SEIGEL PAINTINGS AT SO-HO GALLERY:

Recent paintings of Judy Seigel of Morton St. will be half of the two artist show opening May 25th at Ward-Nasse Gallery - 178 Prince Street - New York, N. Y. 10012. Judy's paintings will be on exhibit until June 7th.

H B PLAYWRIGHTS FOUNDATION, INC. ANNOUNCE TWO PRODUCTIONS:

A staged reading of a new play "The Assault upon Charles Sumner" by Robert Hivnor, directed by Herbert Berghof will be presented May 20th through Sat. May 25th, 1974. Reservations may be made by calling YU 9-6540. Curtain time is 7:30 P. M.

"Happiness Is No Laughing Matter" by Marshall Yaeger, directed by Susan Lehman will have Dress Rehearsal Previews Sun. June 2nd, at 3:00 P. M. and 7:30 P. M. Opening: June 3rd, and playing through June 10th. Curtain time is 7:30 P. M. Matinee curtain time for June 8th, and 9th is 3:00 P. M. Reservations by mail only. Request to The H B Playwrights Foundation, Inc. - 124 Bank St. - N. Y., N. Y. 10014 (Be sure to include a self addressed stamped envelope).

A STRIKE THE SET and BUILD THE THEATRE PARTY will follow the June 10th closing night production at 10:00 p. M. There will be entertainment, dancing, beverages and a late buffet supper. A \$10.00 per person contribution is tax-deductible.

CAST IRON WALKING TOURS:

Friends of Cast-Iron Architecture have announced two spring tours. The walk on Sun. May 19th will cover the downtown-Canal Street and So Ho area. In this area is probably the world's most impressive concentration of cast-iron architecture. The tour will assemble at Broadway and Leonard Street.

The tour on June 9th will walk the former Ladies Mile to 23rd St. to see the cast iron "palaces" of old department stores. This tour will originate from Grace Church, Broadway and E. 11th St.

Both tours start at 2 p. m., and are \$2.50 each. Reservations are not necessary. for information, call GR 7-2124.

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE BOOK SALE:

The West Village Committee Book Sale will be held at the West Village Committee Headquarters (304 W. 11th Street) on Sat. June 15th and Sun. June 16th. For information or book donations, call CH 3-8779.

VILLAGE WALKING TOUR SCHEDULED:

One of the most popular walking tours sponsored by the Museum of the City of New York is the Greenwich Village Walking Tour. The next Village walk is scheduled for Sun. June 2nd. Henry Hope Reed is usually the conductor of the Village tours, and has a wealth of village information to impart. The starting point is Christopher and Gay Sts., and the time is 2:30 p. m. The \$3.00 charge for the tour is well spent.

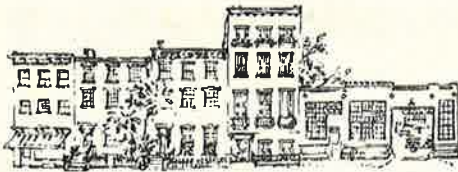
MOBILE UNIT PROGRAM:

The West Village will sponsor two of the New York City Department of Recreation Mobile Units. On July 15th (Mon.) at 11 a. m. we have Puppet Show Mobile #1 which will be in Abingdon Square Park, and the Skatemobile #2 on August 8th (Thurs.) in Seravalli Playground (Horatio and Hudson Sts.). More about these in future newsletters.

A GUIDE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN MANHATTAN:

A 23 page booklet "A guide for Senior Citizens in Manhattan" prepared by the office of Rep. Edward I. Koch is now in its 2nd edition. This booklet which is full of important information useful to our senior citizens is available to you by a mail request to Congressman Edward I. Koch - 26 Federal Plaza - New York, N. Y. 10007

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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10011

WILL YOU BE READY TO TESTIFY?

Hearings on the West Side  
Highway Reconstruction Plans  
are Presently Scheduled for  
May, 1974

How will the construction of a West Side Highway affect you?

Will it reduce truck traffic on your street?

What will it do to water quality in the Hudson?

What will it do to air quality?

Will it increase noise and congestion?

How long will it take to construct?

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Is the funneling of 2 billion dollars of Federal Funds into the  
city the most important consideration?

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What will the gross impact on your area be during construction  
and AFTER construction?

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Should the waterfront be used for garages, commercial uses, open  
space or shipping?

THERE ARE LOTS OF QUESTIONS. DO YOU HAVE ANY OF THE ANSWERS?

The West Village Committee has invited community members studying  
the West Side Highway proposals to talk, discuss and answer questions.

PLACE: St John's Parish House

Address: 224 Waverly Place

Time: 7:30 P. M.

Date: Tuesday March 19, 1974



# *Community Meeting*

UP-DATE  
of the  
WEST SIDE HIGHWAY PROJECT

*Speaker*  
Mr. Lowell BRIDWELL, director  
of the West Side Highway Project

*Date:* Wednesday, May 1, 1974

*Time:* 8:00 P.M.

*Place:* St. Vincent's Hospital  
Cronin Auditorium  
153 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St., N.Y., N.Y. 10011

*Sponsored by the West Village Committee*



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY JUNE 18, 1974  
TIME: COFFEE TIME - 7:30  
MEETING 8:00 P. M.  
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL  
224 WAVERLY PLACE - N. Y., N. Y. 10014

AGENDA

1. Coffee time & informal discussion
2. Open discussion on the proposed West Side Highway
3. 9:30, West Side Highway discussion ends, and by vote, The West Village Committee will direct it's representatives how to respond at the public hearings on the West Side Highway scheduled to start on Thursday June 20, 1974.

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This is a most important meeting, and we urge, yes beg our members to come out, and bring a neighbor or friend.

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT  
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THIS WILL BE OUR LAST REGULAR MEETING UNTIL THURSDAY SEPT. 19, 1974



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

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER JUNE 1974

A CRITICAL ISSUE:

Without a doubt, the most important community issue we in the West Village, and indeed the west side of Manhattan, will have to face in our lifetime is the fate of the Miller Highway (West Side Highway).

The West Village Committee has devoted much of its time during the past three months to the study of the highway in an effort to generate an informed community. The Horatio Street Association and other block and community organizations have had well publicized meeting on the subject. Community Board #2 devoted an entire issue of the new board publication to the highway, and thousands of copies were distributed and made available to all residents in the entire Board #2 area.

Community Board #2 has been involved in the study of the development of our waterfront for about six years, and the Boards proposed goals and objectives for its development include land use and compatible transportation policies. The Board's work has been widely distributed and well received by both the community and City agencies. During the past two years, the board has attempted to maintain satisfactory liaison and understanding of the work of the West Side Highway Project. This includes technical, legal and fiscal aspects. The Board has attempted, as perhaps never before, to elicit the widest community involvement and to ascertain grassroots feeling.

On Tuesday May 28th, the West Side Highway Committee of Community Board #2 decided unanimously to recommend that Community Board #2 vote against any form of an Interstate Highway on the west side of Manhattan. While agreeing that transportation problems do exist on the West side, the committee of the Board also agreed unanimously that none of alternatives suggested by the West Side Highway Project met the goals and objectives of the community. The recommendations of the West Side Highway Committee are based on past work relative to the West Side Waterfront, working directly with the West Side Highway Project staff, advice of the technical consultants hired to advise the Board, and input from the community at large.

Now good neighbors, is the moment of truth. West Villagers can no longer afford the luxury of apathy and the let George do it attitude. There have been scores of meetings, and information has been made available to every man, woman and child in the area who would only need come and listen to what was being said. Now, is the time for action. We must stand up and be counted.

Public hearings will be conducted by the State of New York on the location and design of the proposed West Side Highway packages. Hearings will be held on Thursday, June 20, 1974, June 27th and Sept. 5th at the Manhattan Center - 311 West 34th St., and on Sept. 12th, 1974 at the New York Statler Hilton - 401 Seventh Avenue. All hearings begin at 10:30 a. m., and end at 11:30 p. m.

Fighting for our survival is nothing new for us here in the West Village. It has been necessary for us to band together in the past. "Save the West Village" (now the West Village Committee) spearheaded the drive which saved the West Village from the bulldozers several years ago, then there was the fight against the Lower Manhattan Expressway.

Once again, we must be alert and make ourselves available to take what ever action deemed necessary to protect the best interest of our community.

NO INTERSTATE HIGHWAY RALLY:

What is billed as a "Giant Rally" No Interstate Highway - Save Riverside Park will be held on Wed. June 19th, 7:30 P. M. at 72nd St. and Broadway. This rally is sponsored by the Coalition Against the West Side Expressway - 110 Riverside Drive - N. Y. C. 10024, and Community Board #7.

Demonstrations against the interstate are being planned at the Federal-State Public Hearings - Thurs June 20th from 12:00 to 1:00 P. M. - at Manhattan Center 34th St. and 8th Avenue.

COMMUNITY BOARD # 2 TO MEET:

The June meeting of Community Board #2 will be held on Wed. June 19th at 7:30 p. m. This meeting will be held in the cafeteria of the Manhattan State Rehabilitation Center 75 Morton Street - N. Y., N. Y. 10014.



### VILLAGE STATION POSTOFFICE MOVING?:

A letter to Senator Javits dated April 30, 1974 on stationery of the Office of the Postmaster General - Washington, D.C., 20260 and identifying John C. Lintner, Senior Representative, Government Relations Dept. has come to our attention. This letter states, "The buildings which house this postal outlet is inadequate. For this reason, we plan to relocate this facility to the Custom House at 201 Varick Street. This building is approximately ten blocks away from where the Village Station is presently located. Before this move is possible, the Custom House must be renovated in order to be made suitable for postal operations. This move, therefore, will not be made for at least one year. This relocation will not result in a reduction of postal service to our customers in this area. The same services will continue to be available at the new station"

This is a matter of much interest to many residents in the West Village who will be required to travel these additional blocks for the "same service" which at it's best often leaves much to be desired. We will keep our neighbors and friends posted on this matter.

### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE BOOK SALE:

The West Village Committee Book Sale will be held at the West Village Committee Headquarters (304 W. 11th St.) on Sat. June 15th and Sun. June 16th. 12 Noon to 6 p. m.

### MOBILE UNIT PROGRAM:

The West Village Committee will sponsor two of the New York City Department of Recreation Mobile Units. On Monday July 15th at 11 a. m. we will have Puppet Show Mobile #1 which will be in Abingdon Square Park, and the Skatemobile #2 will be in Seravalli Playground (Horatio and Hudson Sts.) at 10:30 a. m. on Thursday August 8th. Please make a note of these dates, and bring out the kids.

### THE H B PLAYWRIGHTS FOUNDATION PRESENTS--:

"ALEXANDER...!" a new play by J. Ray Goodwin will be the next production presented by The H B Playwrights Foundation. Dress rehearsal previews: June 20, 21 at 7:30 p. m. Opening: Saturday June 22 at 3:00 p. m. Playing through Saturday June 29th. Curtain time 7:30 p. m. Matinees: Sunday, June 23rd and Saturday June 29th at 3:00 p. m.

Reservations may be made by mail by writing to H B Playwrights Foundation Theatre 124 Bank Street - N. Y., N. Y. 10014 - YUkon 9-6540. Give name, address, phone #, date, time and number of seats. (BE SURE TO INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE OR YOUR CONFIRMATION TICKET MAY BE DELAYED!) Come to the theatre by 7:15 p. m. (2:45 p. m. for matinees) on the date of the performance or your seats cannot be guaranteed. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

### ST. JOHN'S MUSIC SERIES:

St. John's will launch a three weekend chamber music concert series, A LITTLE GARDEN MUSIC" on Sunday June 16th at 2:30 p. m. The performances will be given in the St. John's Garden. This lovely garden has been recently re-designed by West Village Committee member Pamela Berdan, and the work is being done under her direction on a grant secured by the West Village Committee from the Vincent Astor Foundation.

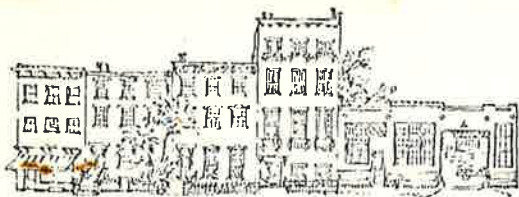
The Blue Hill Quartet will open the series on June 16th. The Manhattan Brass Quintet performs on Sunday June 23rd, and the final concert on June 30th will be performed by Les Nouveaux Jongleurs.

A garden party will follow each performance to provide an informal exchange between the concert goers and the musicians.

A \$3.00 contribution is requested for each concert, or the series can be had for a contribution of \$7.50. Tickets may be secured by mail or at the church office at 224 Waverly Place.

### THE CARING COMMUNITY MEAL PROGRAM BEGINS:

The Caring Community, a federally funded meal program will start serving free meals for Greenwich Village and Chelsea senior citizens June 19th at 12:30 p. m. in the Our Lady of Pompeii Auditorium - 25 Carine St. Approximately 150 hot meals will be served daily, and an additional 25 to 50 hot meals will be delivered to homebound senior citizens in the area. James Janski of St. Vincent's Hospital and Father Robert Lott, pastor of St. Joseph's Church are co-chairmen of Caring Community which is sponsored by local churches, synagogues, community groups and social welfare agencies.



For further information call CH 3-0762  
CH 3-8779  
CH 2-1425

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

Thursday, June 20, 1974

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

City-Wide Organizations Against a West Side Interstate Highway  
Protest State Hearings on Interstate 478 at Manhattan Center

Calling for immediate and sensible solutions to neglected West Side Highway problems, community activists and organizational heads protested outside Manhattan Center today. Inside, Department of Transportation officials from the State of New York were listening to pros and cons regarding the construction of Interstate Highway 478.

William Bowser, a Greenwich Village leader and one of the protest organizers, said that the hearings had been rushed into. "A highly technical crew have spent two years and nearly 10 million dollars getting up a turgid document that only an individual with a doctorate in about 10 different areas of expertise could understand." Furthermore, Mr. Bowser stated, "after taking two years to do their study, they are holding a public hearing only a few weeks after issuing their report."

The consultants to Community Boards 2, 7 and 9 who have looked at the report have labeled it flawed and inaccurate--the data, so highly technical, that the ordinary layman would be unable to determine its exact effect on his life, business and residence in the City of New York. "Substituting Interstate 478," they state, "for the West Side Highway perpetuates New York City's continued flouting of the Federal Clean Air Law and will not solve the traffic problems ~~XX~~ the people New York want solved."

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Rita Aid, West Side Highway Committee chairman of Community Board 7, which has been fighting the blighting of Riverside Park by Interstate 478, and another organizer of the protest, stated, "Interstate 478 is being touted as a miraculous solution for traffic on the West Side. What is not being said is that it will be under construction for several decades and when it is completed, you and I and the next guy will be dead."

Mrs. Aid also censured the State's West Side Highway project people for lobbying for Interstate 478 long before their report was completed or the public had an opportunity to be heard from. "Editorials began to appear in the media a year ago, Mrs. Aid said. "Were the editorial writers made aware at that time of the environmental deficiencies of Interstate 478 or the fact that it considers the West Side an expendable area that will be made unliveable? While the rest of New York has been going down, there has been a remarkable renaissance in recent years of the entire West Side from the Battery all the way up. The West Side Highway project people themselves admit in their report that Interstate 478 will blight that growth."

The protesters against Interstate 478 are demanding immediate solutions to West Side Highway conditions. The traffic problems on the West Side, they say, can be traced to neglect and the lack of traffic management, planning and enforcement. Of the Federal and State dollars allocated earlier this year for repair of highways, not one cent was allocated to the present West Side Highway nor has repair money been allocated to the highway for decades.

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

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER AUGUST 1974

WEST VILLAGE HOUSES:

Monday afternoon July 22, 1974 was a day for celebration for the West Village. This was the day of the ribbon cutting ceremony, the showing of the first of three decorated model apartments, and the official opening of the new sales office located at 115 Morton Street.

Following the ribbon cutting, Roger Starr, the Administrator of the City's Housing and Development Administration presented the West Village Committee with a certificate of appreciation from the City congratulating this community group for "Pioneering leadership in urban planning." James Shaw, President of the West Village Committee accepted for the West Village Committee.

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING:

The West Village Committee for years has held it's meeting on the third Tuesday of each month except during the summer months of July and August when no meetings are held. The last West Village Committee meeting was held on Tues. June 18th, the third Tues. of that month. Our monthly newsletter was mailed to over 600 West Village Committee members informing our membership that the agenda would be a discussion of the proposed West Side Highway followed by a vote. Over 150 attended this regularly scheduled meeting and by a unanimous vote rejected any interstate highway scheme, and further voted to actively work against such a scheme.

We deplore the false statements regarding our meeting made in a two page letter widely circulated in the neighborhood by the Bank/Bethune Block Association. The intent of such a letter could only be meant to divide our community when the whole westside of Manhattan is in a struggle of survival.

WESTSIDE AD HOC COMMITTEE AGAINST THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY:

The Westside Ad Hoc Committee is made up of community groups, organizations and individuals in Community Board 1, 2, 4, 7 and 9 areas for the purpose of working in harmony to stop an interstate highway along the west side of Manhattan.

A public demonstration is planned for Sept. 11th at 5:30 p. m. The group will meet at Sheridan Square, march along West 4th Street, and arrive at the rally point at 9th Avenue and West 14th Street about 6 p. m. We urge our friends to turn out and make a good showing.

Volunteers are needed to man tables and gather signatures in various parts of the area. for information, call CH 3-0762.

HORATIO STREET ASSOCIATION REJECTS INTERSTATE:

The Horatio Street Association at a recent meeting voted to join forces with other community groups who have formed the Westside Ad Hoc Committee Against the Interstate Highway.

AND MANY THANKS.....To Leila Solomon and Chris Stroligo for the professional assistance they have donated to the Ad Hoc Committee.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE WESTSIDE HIGHWAY RESUME--THURS. SEPT. 5TH AT THE MANHATTAN CENTER - 311 W. 34TH ST. AND ON THURS. SEPT. 12TH AT THE STATLER HILTON - 401 SEVENTH AVENUE. HEARINGS BEGIN AT 10:30 A.M. RUN TO 11:30 P.M.

### MUSIC AT THE GOTHAM:

The third in the series "Music at the Gotham" will be held Friday August 30, 1974 at the Gotham Audio Corporation - 741 Washington Street. By popular demand, it will be a repeat of the May 24th program, "Edith Piaf in Concert at Carnegie Hall" recorded Sun. Eve. Jan. 13th, 1957. Orchestra and Chorus directed by Robert Chauvigny with Jacques Liebrard, guitar and Marc Bonel, Accoroin.

Concert starts at 8 P.M., and the running time is about 2 hours. Coffee and cake will be served during the intermission.

Tickets may be picked up at the Gotham Audio Studio - 741 Washington Street. Because seating is very limited, there is a \$2 ticket charge when tickets are picked up, but the \$2 will be refunded at the door on arrival at the concert.

### GIFTS TO THE GARDEN COMMITTEE:

The garden across from St. Vincent's Hospital which is sponsored by the West Village Committee is made possible by the permission to use the triangle site without charge by St. Vincent's Hospital, and by a grant from the Vincent Astor Foundation.

Our beautiful garden is in it's glory now, and is giving pleasure not only to our friends and neighborhood here in the village, but is being shared all over the world as photographed and featured in such publications as the New York Times, Daily News Magazine, and most recently in Glamour and Smithsonian magazines.

Again, we wish to express our thanks to Pamela Berdan and Bill Bowser the neighbors and friends who help with the daily chores required to maintain this lovely garden.

Also, our thanks to those who show their appreciation-to the many friends who drop their donations to the garden into the box on the triangle fence.

We also acknowledge with thanks the annual donation to the garden made by author, Jean Gould of Greenwich Avenue. Ms. Gould's contribution is a memorial to a friend, Clair C. Fisher. Mr. Fisher had been Chief of the Landscape Review Section of the New York Housing Authority at the time of his sudden death about three years ago, at about the time we were beginning the St. Vincent's Triangle Garden. Ms. Gould tells us that Mr. Fisher had been very excited about our project, and had been preparing to advise us on sources of soil and shrubs when he was felled by a fatal heart attack.

### CONWELL SAVAGE EXHIBITS IN WVC HEADQUARTERS WINDOW:

Village Artist Conwell Savage again show his work in the window of the West Village Headquarters window. This time, we see another side of Mt. Savage. In March, Mr. Savage had a showing of his ceramic sculpturs of animals. This time around it is watercolors.

### AMBULATORY CARE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS:

The Ambulatory Care Services Advisory Committee of St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center of New York will hold its open meeting on Wed. August 21, 1974, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing, 158 W. 12th St., Room 207.

All ACSAC meetings are open to the observation of the public. All are invited to attend.

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# Bulletin West Village Houses

Summer, 1974

## West Village Houses A Community Effort

The West Village Houses came about through the efforts of a dedicated group of West Village residents who joined together to form the West Village Committee.

When the city proposed the original renewal plan for the West Village area back in the early '60s, the West Village Committee was organized in the neighborhood to come up with an alternative to the city's "superblock" approach to re-vitalizing the neighborhood. The West Village Committee was successful in getting the city to reconsider its plans for the area.

What was accepted instead was the West Village Plan for Housing, a complete, community-oriented proposal that would provide new housing for the community without displacing a single resident. The new houses would also preserve the existing scale of the neighborhood.

The West Village Committee added to its long list of civic involvements by becoming the Sponsor of the development. The West Village Committee, despite its involvement, has no financial interest in the development.

The West Village Committee has organized a trustee Board of Directors for the Greenwich Village Community Housing Corporation, made up of members of the Committee. Those members serve on the Board without compensation. The Committee also serves as Sponsor without compensation.



**NOW OPEN.** City officials and community leaders get together to cut the ribbon officially opening the West Village Houses and Information Pavilion and model apartments. Those on hand for the opening were (from left) city Commissioner of Development Peter Josephs; Housing and Development Administrator Roger Starr; Councilwoman Carol Greitzer; Rachele Wall, James Shaw, and Erik Wensberg of the West Village Committee.

## In The Beginning... EDITORIAL REPRINTED FROM:

DAILY NEWS, TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1963

### Low-Risers For The Village

The West Village Committee (sparkplug-in-chief, Mrs. Jane Jacobs) dreads the notion of a horde of high-rise apartment buildings stamping out Greenwich Village's

#### Unique Area-

#### Let's Keep It So

unique character and atmosphere, and is trying to head off such a thing.

Its idea is to decorate vacant Village areas with a lot of five-story apartment structures in harmony with longtime Village architecture. The plan is most appealing, we think, and we hope the admittedly difficult financing problems connected with it may be solved so that the project can proceed.



## Our Community Has Come Full Circle

That old saying, "the more things change, the more they remain the same," can be applied with a great deal of truth to the community that is the site of the West Village Houses.

Back in 1930, the west side of Washington Street was occupied by a row of stately townhouses that provided comfortable residences for the people living in them. In that year, the townhouses were condemned to make way for the construction of the Pennsylvania Rail Road's freight spur to the St. John's Terminal.

As the years passed, rail shipping declined, and the spur in the West

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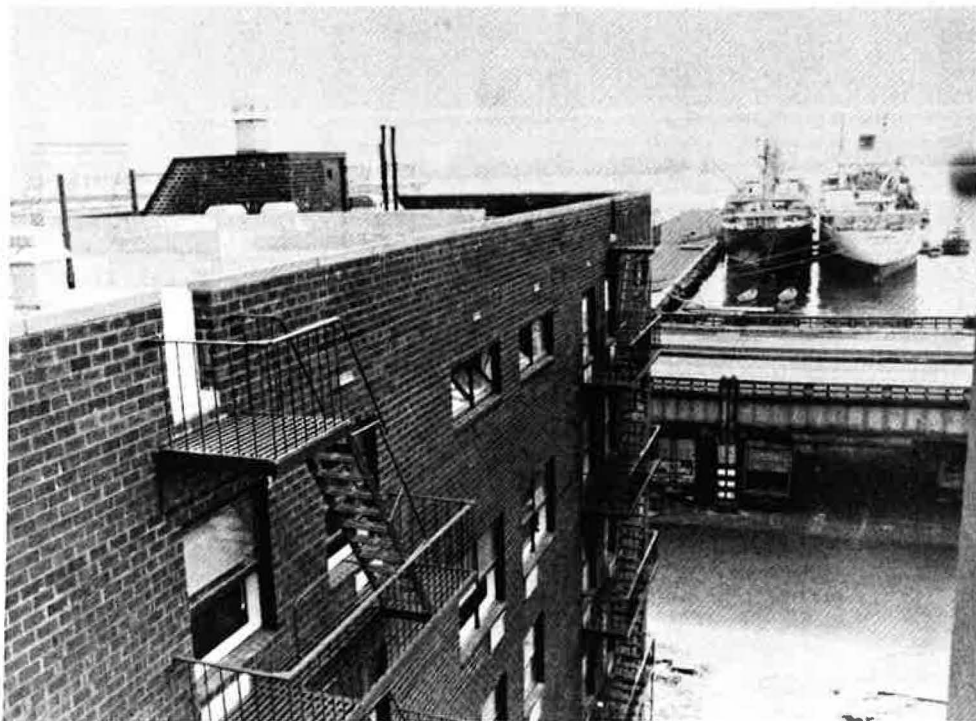
## Community Effort...

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With the opening of the West Village Houses, the West Village Committee has become the first community group to carry out its own locally conceived housing plan right on native ground. Thanks to the West Village Committee, 420 new homes have been added to the neighborhood, and an interesting, vital area of New York City has been preserved.



**HE'S AWARDED.** Housing and Development Administrator Roger Starr (left) presents an appreciation plaque citing the West Village Committee for its "pioneering effort in urban planning" to James Shaw.



**HARBOR NEARBY.** Scenic views of the Manhattan Harbor and Hudson River waterfront are only a block away from your new home in West Village Houses.

## West Village Living Is An Education

When you're moving to a new home, one of the things you have to consider is the kind of educational facilities available nearby for your children. At West Village Houses, finding a school in the neighborhood won't be a problem at all — the problem will be choosing from the many fine educational facilities available! And those facilities range from kindergarten right through college and graduate school.

Living in West Village Houses will mean that you're living in Manhattan's Community School District 2, one of the largest districts in the city, and one with an outstanding record of educational excellence. The district is known throughout the city for its use of innovative programs and teaching techniques. And its teaching and administrative staffs are unrivaled in their ability and concern for the students.

Two of District 2's excellent primary schools are within a few short blocks of West Village Houses. At Hudson and Grove Streets, just two blocks east of the development, you'll find P.S. 3, a recently established experi-

mental elementary school that admits children from kindergarten to fifth grade. P.S. 41, another fine school, is located at West 11th Street between Sixth and Seventh Avenues.

If a private or denominational school is what you have in mind for your child's education, once again you'll find you couldn't have picked a better place to live than West Village Houses. Right in your Greenwich Village neighborhood are a number of schools, including St. Joseph's School, St. Luke's, St. Anthony's, City and Country School, Village Community School, Elizabeth Irwin High School, St. Joseph's Academy, and the Little Red School House.

And if higher education is what you're aiming for, your home in the West Village Houses puts you less than five minutes away from the Washington Square campus of New York University.

It's easy to see that no matter what kind of educational facility you may be looking for, living at West Village Houses put a wide range of schools right in the neighborhood.

# Sunset Cocktail A Big Success

A crowd of West Village Houses neighbors got together at sunset on a recent evening, for an enjoyable, relaxed, Sunset Cocktail Party.

The scene of the event was the roof of the building containing the sales and information pavilion and the model apartments, at 115 Morton Street. Liquid refreshment and snacks were available in abundance. Host for the evening was the sponsor, The West Village Committee.

The view from the roof (which, everyone agreed, was certainly a unique location for such an enjoyable gathering) was nothing short of magnificent. Looking out over New York harbor at sunset, the West Village residents-to-be were treated to the full panorama of one of the most spectacular sights to be seen by New Yorkers.

The view inside was magnificent as well, as the party-goers got their first glimpse of the spacious, beautifully decorated model duplex apartment. The Sunset Cocktail Party also celebrated the duplex's opening.

A rooftop gathering in the setting sun was certainly an unusual — and uniquely enjoyable — experience for all.



**LOOK AT THE CROWDS.** A large number of West Village neighbors turned out for the first Meet Your Neighbor get-together in the Sales and Information office. We almost weren't able to accomodate the crowds, but you don't have to worry — if you'd like to come by and see the model apartments, give us a call, and we'll make an appointment for you to see them.

## It's Easy To Get Where You're Going

Transportation — whether by car or mass transit — won't be a problem when you're living at West Village Houses.

West Village Houses' location puts it conveniently close to every form of transportation available to New Yorkers. Subways, buses, and even the PATH trains to New Jersey are just steps away. And if you're going uptown, downtown, or crosstown by car, you'll find the driving easy, and you'll even have a parking space in a garage to come home to.

If the subway is your mode of transportation, a four-block walk east from West Village Houses puts you at a stop of the I.R.T. Seventh Avenue line. Walk just one block further east, and you can hop aboard a 6th or 8th Avenue IND train. You'll also find the PATH trains stop right nearby, offering trips to New Jersey or uptown to 34th Street.

Surface transit is also easily accessible. Crosstown buses run along

West 10th Street and Christopher Street. Northbound service is offered along Hudson Street and 8th and 9th Avenues to upper Manhattan. Southbound buses run along 9th Avenue and 7th Avenue, and additional northbound service is available on the Avenue of the Americas.

If driving is your way of getting to where you're going, you'll find West Village Houses' location convenient no matter what direction you're heading in. And when you get back home, you won't have to worry about finding a parking place. You can have your own spot waiting for you in the 250-car garage that has been purchased to serve the families living in West Village Houses.

So, no matter where you're going or how you're getting there, you'll find traveling easy from West Village Houses. And you have an extra bonus — a beautiful home to return to when your trip is over!

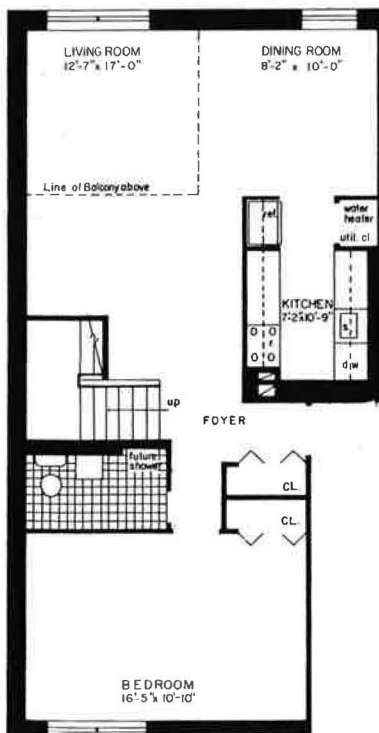
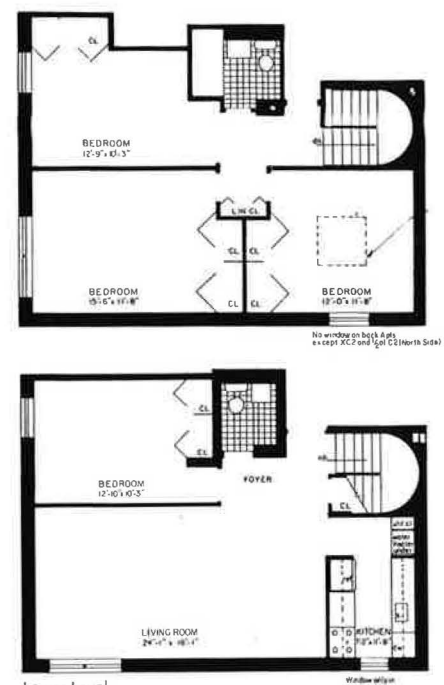
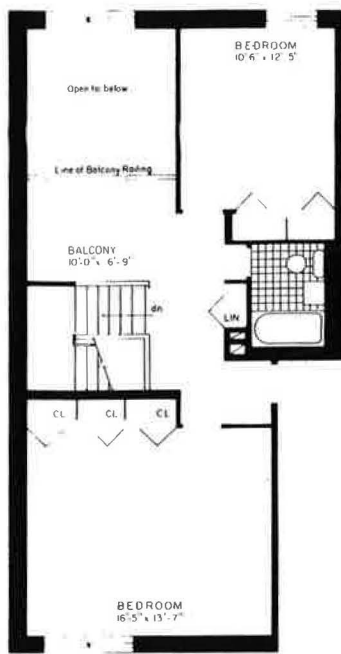
## Full Circle...

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Village became obsolete and unused. Finally, the tracks were torn up, leaving a series of empty sites along Washington Street to Bank Street.

It is on these sites that the West Village Houses have been constructed. The availability of the former railroad right-of-way meant that modern housing could be constructed without displacing a single resident. And the guidance of the West Village Committee insured that the new housing would be in keeping with the scale and feeling of the existing West Village neighborhood.

So, you can say that through the efforts of the West Village Committee, the community has been returned to the use it was originally suited for — housing on a human scale, in harmony with the surrounding historic area.



3 BR DUPLEX

**GREAT CHOICE.** You have your pick of a large number of apartment sizes and layouts at West Village Houses, so you can chose the one that fits your family's needs best. All rooms, except kitchen and bath, feature wood parquet floors. The color-coordinated kitchens are all-electric, and feature appliances by General Electric. Cabinets and base cabinets in the kitchen are of walnut-stained wood.

## ...We've Only Just Begun EDITORIAL REPRINTED FROM:

DAILY NEWS, WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1974

### MAY THEIR TRIBE INCREASE

The residents of the West Village turned out with pardonable pride on Monday to celebrate the opening of a middle-income housing development in their area. It was a project conceived and carried to reality almost entirely on community initiative.

The same citizens rose in wrath 13 years ago when City Hall tried to dump a high-rise monster in their midst. The idea for West Village Houses grew out of that protest, and from the residents deep commitment to retaining the character of their neighborhood. Their success should be an example for all New Yorkers.

I think some of my friends and associates would be interested in learning more about West Village Houses. Please put their names on your mailing list.

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Please mail coupon to: West Village Houses, 115 Morton Street, New York N.Y. 10014





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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 1974  
TIME: COFFEE TIME 7:30  
MEETING 8:00 P. M.  
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL  
224 WAVERLY PLACE - N. Y., N. Y. 10014

AGENDA

- 1: Coffee time and informan discussion
- 2: Progress report on the fight against  
the proposed West Side Interstate  
highway.

This is a most important meeting, and we urge,  
yes beg our members to come out, and bring a  
neighbor or friend.

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#### THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 1974

##### THE WEST SIDE HIGHWAY:

As of Sept. 12th, the hearings on the five alternative s for the designated corridor from the Battery to 42nd Street, as designed by the West Side Highway Project staff, were completed.

The alternatives include an "outboard" which would be built on landfill and an "inboard" which would be built along the existing alignment. Both of these plans would be interstate highways. Other plans call for maintenance of the existing road, reconstruction or replacement by a street level boulevard.

As expected, the main support for an "outboard" interstate highway came from The New York Chamber of Commerce and Industry and from about 50 local Trade Associations.

Besides a number of individuals who voiced opposition to the plans as presented at the hearing, a coalition of about 40 community, civic and environment groups served notice of intention to file suit to block an interstate superhighway as a replacement of the existing West Side highway. Provision for such civil action in cases where violation of clean air standards are charged are covered by Federal law.

Theodore W. Kheel, the lawyer and mass transit advocate, presented a statement for the records assailing the interstate plans and urging use of Federal funds for mass transit instead of for highway construction.

##### VILLAGE STATION POSTOFFICE:

In our June newsletter to our membership, we call attention to a letter to Senator Javits dated April 30, 1974 on stationery of the Office of the Postmaster General - Washington D. C. 20260. This letter signed by John C. Lintner, Senior Representative, Government Relations Dept. states, "The building which house this postal outlet is inadequate. For this reason, we plan to relocate this facility to the Custom House at 201 Varick Street. This building is approximately ten blocks from where the Village Station is presently located. Before this move is possible, the Custom House must be renovated in order to be made suitable for postal operations. This move, therefore, will not be made for at least one year. This relocation will not result in a reduction of postal service to our costumers in this area. The same service will continue to be available at the new station".

This is a matter of much interest to many residents in the West Village who will be required to travel these additional blocks for the "same service" which at it's very best often leaves much to be desired.

We ask each of our members to write to your senators and other elected officials, express your disapproval of this move, and ask just what they plan to do.

We cannot, and must not expect our Community Board to solve all our problems. There are some areas where we must involve ourselves, and this is one.

##### ART AT THE JANE STREET GARDEN:

West Village Committee member Dr. Dan Samuels of Jane Street will have a showing of sculpture at the Jane Street Garden, Jane St. and 8th Avenue on Sunday September 29th from 1-6 P. M. (Rain date Oct. 6th 1-6 P.M.)

##### BANK STREET COUNTRY FAIR:

On the theory that "you don't tamper with success", the Bank Street Block Association will hold it's 4th annual Block Party with a repeat of the theme of the past three years. Bank Street from Waverly Place to Bleecker will be transformed into a Country Fair with live stock, pony rides, square dancers, a barber shop quartet, good food and all the magic of the old country fairs grandmother used to tell about. Hog call time is from 12 noon to 6 P. M. on Saturday Oct. 19th. (Rain date Sun. Oct. 20th)

##### VILLAGE VISITING NEIGHBORS WHITE ELEPHANT SALE:

The Village Visiting Neighbors will hold a White Elephant Sale on Saturday Oct. 19th on the corner of Washington place and Sixth Avenue From 12 noon until 4 P. M.

The Village Visiting Neighbors is an unfunded organization whose volunteers look to the needs of our senior citizens. Village Visiting Neighbors volunteers contribute valuable services to our village elderly by just visiting with them, shopping for them, escorting them to the hospital or clinics and other services to make their lives more comfortable.

White elephant items such as radios, T. V.'s, small appliances (in working order), household items, jewelry, picture frames, etc may be left at St. Joseph's Hall on Washington Place at 6th Avenue on Wed., Thurs., and Friday October 16th, 17th and 18th. All donations are welcome.



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## THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 1974

### THE OCTOBER MEETING:

This is the second of a series of meetings we promised in association with St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center. St. Vincent's is one of more important community institutions, so it is most important that we attempt to inform the community of the various services of the hospital.

On Tuesday April 16, 1974, we had Dr. John A. Chadborn, Associate Director of the Mobile Coronary Care Unit who spoke to us on "Coronary Prevention and Care".

This month, we are pleased to have with us Dr. James McGowan, Director of Alcoholism Services at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center.

A Psychiatrist, Dr. McGowan has overall responsibility for all Dept. of Psychiatry alcoholism programs including the recently instituted in-patient facility. This program is geared towards detoxification and rehabilitation with an emphasis on educating the alcoholic patient about his illness. An inter disciplinary team consisting of physician, nursing, social service, occupational therapy, recreational therapy and alcoholism counseling work together in attacking this serious malady.

Dr. McGowan, who is a consulting psychiatrist at both the Smithers Alcoholism Center and the Manhattan Bowery Project, had been a clinical assistant psychiatrist at St. Vincent's since 1972 before his appointment as director last year, and is married to Madeline Nagel McGowan who, as Administrative Supervisor, organized the Community Mental Health Nursing Program at St. Vincent's in 1966.

We would like to say a special thank you to John Fales, Assistant Director of Administration at St. Vincent's who has made these forums possible, and has been a helpful friend in so many ways.

### ST. VINCENT'S NEWS RELEASES - A THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM AND A NEW APPOINTMENT:

A special group therapeutic program for aphasic patients is now available at the Speech and Hearing Center, St. Vincent's Medical Center of New York.

Aphasia, usually the result of stroke or trauma, limits a person's ability to use or understand words. While it is sometimes permanent, structured counseling by a professional staff offers patients potential for greatly improved communication capabilities.

The group program allows aphasia patients to interact and relearn communication skills from each other. Classes are conducted by fully accredited speech pathologists who structure and direct each session.

Thorough evaluation of each individual's speech and language skills are completed prior to the initiation of any therapy program. When needed, private therapy sessions are designed to help overcome patients' specific language handicaps. Group classes then perform the vital function of supplementing other therapy by maintaining and enhancing skills already learned.

For eligibility information and appointments write Ms. Rowena Mandell, St. Vincent's Medical Center of New York, 153 W. 11th St., New York, N. U. 10011 or call (212) 620-1793 Ex. 1523.



Dr. Godfrey C. Burns has been appointed Chief of the Renal Service at St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center of New York, Department of Medicine Director Dr. William J. Grace announced recently.

Dr. Burns' new duties include management of the Hospital's dialysis and hypertension programs as well as coordination of the teaching and research activities of the Department.

Prior to this appointment Dr. Burns was Associate Chief of the Renal Service at St. Vincent's and Head of the Renal-Hypertensive Section at the Boston, Massachusetts Naval Hospital.

An instructor in Clinical Medicine at the New York University School of Medicine, Dr. Burns is a graduate of the Howard University College of Medicine. He completed his internship, residency and renal-dialysis fellowship at St. Vincent's in 1970.

Dr. Burns is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and is a member of the New York County Medical Society, the New York Society of Nephrology, and the National Medical Association.

#### COMMUNITY BOARD #2 TO MEET:

The October meeting of Community Board #2 will be held on Thursday Oct. 17th at the Lower West Side Children's Center - 209 Sullivan Street - 3rd Fl. Public session starts at 7:30 P. M. Again, we urge all members of the West Village Committee to go to your community board meetings when ever possible.

#### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE FALL FESTIVAL:

The West Village Committee will hold a "FALL FESTIVAL" on October 26th, the last Sat. of Oct. (Rain date Sun. Oct. 27th). Watch the Villager for all details and our ad.

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#### COMBO TO MEET:

The West Side Highway Committee of Community Boards 2, 7 and 9 announce that there will be a meeting of the full COMBO Committee to which other interested community members are invited on Wednesday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Vanderbilt Hall (of NYU Law School), 40 Washington Square South, Rm 220.

To assist in estimating attendance, please reply no later than Tuesday Oct. 15. Phone COMBO, 741-3960

WEST SIDE Ad Hoc COMMITTEE AGAINST THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY:

We would like to say a special thank you to the friends who have made generous contributions for use in our mutual fight against the proposed interstate highway on the west side of Manhattan. Besides individual contributions, the following Block Associations and community groups have made contributions, The Association of Village Homeowners, The Grove Street Association, The West Ninth Street Association, The Far West Tenth Street Block Association, The Horatio Street Association, Perry Street Block Association, West Eleventh Street Block Association (between 5th and 6th Avenues) and The West Village Committee.

Ad Hoc Committee members have been very active at the hearings, and have secured well over 15,000 signatures on petitions against an interstate highway.

VILLAGE POSTOFFICE:

In June, we brought to the community news of the plans to relocate the Village Station of the U. S. Postoffice from it's present location to a site on Varick Street.

As we stated in the September newsletter, such a move would work a real hardship on villagers who even now must walk nine or ten blocks for mail, stamps and parcels.

We have no new developments to report at this time, but we are working on this matter, and will report in December any new developments.

THE VILLAGER:

The Villager, Greenwich Villager's oldest newspaper, has taken on a new look under the guidance of Royce Rowe. Mr. Rowe is currently putting his staff in order, and has announced that Ms. Miriam Bockman is in charge of Advertising and Production.

The Villager under it's new management will be owned, staffed and run by Villagers for the village readers.

The Villager is our community paper, and deserves the support of every resident and business person. Lets get behind it, and support it with our ads and letters. Ads may be phoned in to Ms. Bockman at 674-7900, and letters addressed to the paper at 65 University Place.

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS WREATHS:

Orders are now being taken for the West Village Christmas Wreaths. The sale of wreaths has been one of our fund raising events for the past several years. We will have the same very lovely, large and fresh balsam wreaths we have had in the past. Please fill in your order form at the bottom of the page, and mail with your remittance.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE  
CHRISTMAS WREATHS '74

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AGENDA

- 1: Coffee time and informal discussion
- 2: Reports and announcements
- 3: SPEAKER: DR. JAMES McGOWAN

"Alcoholism and the Treatment of Alcoholics"

4: SPEAKER: MRS. MARGARET M. TANGEMAN  
HOME CARE ADMINISTRATOR, ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER

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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETS ON THE THIRD  
TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH EXCEPT DURING JULY AND  
AUGUST. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE  
19TH OF NOVEMBER. PLEASE MARK YOUR DATE BOOK,  
COME TO YOUR MEETING AND BRING A FRIEND OR A  
NEIGHBOR.





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### THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 1974

#### STREET TREES FOR THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING SITE:

Now that the new sidewalks are in, and new street lighting has been installed, the planting of street trees in the sidewalk cuts all around the housing site is to be completed during this fall planting season.

The West Village Committee was formed to help keep a precious community intact. We are not the only organization in the West Village, but we are the oldest of the community organizations, and our intent is and always has been to preserve a place in which people find joy in living together.

A recent New York Times editorial summed up a lot of what we tried to do, and we are grateful for their understanding.

## Unbuilding the Dream

There is no dream that cannot be defeated by inflation and bureaucracy. But nothing is more vulnerable to rising costs and red tape than the dream of a better place to live.

In New York, West Village Houses was an experiment in putting that dream into action. Community-sponsored, it was designed as a human-scaled, low-rise alternative to new apartment towers that were destroying Greenwich Village streets as they provided fashionable Village addresses. The aim was to prove that new development could reinforce the Village's specific attractions and life style rather than destroy them.

The idea was and is sound, and what is left of it after years of struggle with costs and city departments still attests to the validity of its urban design and human aims. Although design was reduced to the lowest common denominator to keep the project alive, there is still much to commend in terms of appropriate scale, neighborhood conservation and well-planned apartments. And trees heal architectural wounds.

In another New York attempt at better land use, a progressive development on Staten Island featured the amenities of cluster housing. This project will now return to conventional ticky-tacky because its out-of-town builders were defeated both by rising costs and by the leaden, labyrinthine business of getting anything built in New York at all.

What cannot be evaded in both experiences is that it is standard building procedure in New York for city departments to obstruct rather than to expedite. Each bureaucratic delay makes the price of housing go up and the quality of life go down. Reforms get lost in the municipal glue; the only certainty is that the process of delay has developed a life of its own, self-perpetuating from administration to administration.

At best, the West Village and Staten Island projects are aborted experiments. They are also unplanned monuments to a system geared to sabotage and a city determined to red-tape itself to death.

# The New York Times

NEW YORK, MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1974



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

## THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 1974

### THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSES:

As reported in the Dec. 5th issue of The Villager, the Board of Directors of the West Village Houses is hard at work to see if there might be some way in which the monthly charges might be reduced. At the same time, we are pushing our contractors to complete the sites so as to hasten the date of occupancy.

You have no doubt heard many rumors such as the buildings being renamed "The Jackie Robinson Houses" and occupied by welfare tenants. Then, there's the one about squatters and wayward children. We could go on and on about these deliberate and baseless rumors, but we won't. We just ask our members, friends and neighbors not to be misled by rumors planted in this neighborhood mainly from outside forces, but to check out a rumor before you repeat it. Call The Villager which is our neighborhood paper. If they don't have the details, you can be sure that your rumor is false.

In the meantime, our street trees have been planted, the fences and gates are being installed, and we shall continue to work at reaching our original goal which is to bring to our community much needed decent housing of moderate prices without the destruction of a healthy neighborhood.

### THE BARGAIN FINDER:

With the tremendous strain on the consumers' pocketbook these days, we'd like to call your attention to a most interesting book "Bargain Finder", The Encyclopedic Money Saving Guide to New York City.

This interesting book is published by Consumers' Alliance - 28 Bedford St. N. Y., N. Y. 10014 whose director is West Village Committee member Eric Zuesse. The book sells for \$4.95, but Mr. Zuesse will tell us how we can get his book at a discount. This book should make a dandy Christmas gift.

### TWO FAIRS IN THE VILLAGE SAT. DEC. 14TH:

St. John's in the Village - 224 Waverly Pl. will hold it's annual Christmas Fair in the Parish Hall on Sat. Dec. 14th from noon to 5 P. M.

The Food table, Book Stall and many other booths are always a great attraction.

The planned puppet show had to be cancelled, but in it's stead there will be showings of a free movie.

P. S. 3 will sponsor a Winter Fair throughout the building at 490 Hudson St. (Hudson at Grove Sts.) from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m. Lunch will be available, and there will be lots of good things to buy.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS\*\*\*\*\*JUANITA LUTZ:

West Villager Juanita Lutz is still under treatment and in residence at C-41 Goldwater Memorial Hospital - Roosevelt Island, N. Y. Many of us think of Juanita and the days when she served as West Village Committee secretary, and her always helping hand at the Book Sales and other events. OUR VERY BEST WISHES TO YOU, JUANITA.

### GOOD-BYE AND BEST WISHES RONNIE:

Bank Street Block Association said "Good Bye" to Veronica Gender with a lovely Cheese and Wine Party last Sat. Ronnie is being transferred from N. Y. by her firm. Ronnie will be sorely missed as she was always available and a great work at many events of her block association and the West Village Comm.

Cheese lovers may be interested in knowing of The Cheese Shop at 161 E. 22nd Street (Phone: 673-7920) which is run by Joe La Marca. If the cheeses at Ronnie's party were any indication, a visit to The Cheese Shop should be well worth while.



#### ST. LUKE'S FAIR:

An annual event of interest to West Villagers is the St. Luke's Fair which will be held this year on Friday Nov. 22nd (5 to 10 P. M.) and Sat. Nov. 23rd (noon to 5 P. M. at Hudson and Grove Streets.

The fair features good food, a thriving Flea Market, beautiful plants, Boutique items, and a delightful Children's Carnival (Sat. only) with games and prizes.

Admission is only 50 cents for adults and you'll find bargains galore. So don't miss the fair. (Flea Market items may be left at the Rectory 487 Hudson Street. Pat Madden (242-2437) is in charge of publicity.

#### THE ST. LUKE'S CHAMBER ENSEMBLE:

The St. Luke's Chamber Ensemble is presenting seven exciting Saturday evening concerts. The first of these was held on Oct. 26th, and the next one on Nov. 16th at St. Luke's Chapel - 487 Hudson St. (at Grove) at 8:15 P. M.

Future concerts will be held one each month through April of '75. Individual tickets are \$3.75. Checks for tickets or tax deductible contributions should be sent and made payable to St. Luke's Chamber Ensemble 487 Hudson Street New York, N. Y. 10014. For further information telephone 924-5960.

#### VILLAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL AUCTION:

The third annual Antique Country Auction will be held in the Village Community School auditorium 272 West Tenth St. on Sat. Nov. 16th from 7 P. M. until finished. The purpose is to raise money for the scholarship fund. Admission is free.

As in the past, food stands will carry a wide selection of homemade foods and coffee, sodas, beer and wine to drink. Doors will open at 5 P. M. for a preview of the items on auction.

#### FATHER GRAF TO RETIRE:

Father Graf will retire as Rector of St. John's Church on January 15, 1975. Father Graf became the ninth Rector of St. John's Church in 1942, serving the longest rectorship in the history of the parish. During his tenure in office the mortgages of over a half million dollars on the church buildings and St. John's Colony were paid and after a tragic fire, which destroyed the church building in 1971, he presided over and supervised the rebuilding, which has just been completed.

Father Graf will be greatly missed at St. John's, but we don't really say good-bye just yet, as Father Graf will remain as a consultant to the new Rector until January 6, 1976.

#### ST. JOHN'S PARISH FAIR:

The annual Parish Christmas Fair sponsored by the St. Aidan's Guild will be held on Dec. 14th in the Parish Hall 224 Waverly Place from noon to 5 P. M. Besides the food table, the gift table, the white elephant table and other features, this year's fair will feature two free puppet shows during the afternoon.

#### COMMUNITY BOARD #2 TO MEET:

There will be a meeting of Community Board No. 2 on Thursday, Nov. 21, 1974 at 7:30 P. M. This meeting will be held at NYU Loeb Student Center 566 La Guardia Place.

#### VILLAGE RECYCLING:

Nov. 9th, Dec. 7th and Dec. 21st are the last three dates for Village Village Recycling, located at Jane and Washington Streets. Watch for '75 dates.

#### WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS WREATHS:

Orders are now being taken for the West Village Christmas Wreaths. The sale of the wreaths has been one of our fund raising events for the past several years. We will have the same very lovely, large and fresh balsam wreaths as in the past. Please order now, and help us determine what we must order.

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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE  
CHRISTMAS WREATHS '74

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER \_\_\_\_\_ CHRISTMAS WREATHS @ \$4.00 PER WREATH. PLEASE REMIT  
CHECK ( ) OR MONEY ORDER ( ) \*\*\*CASH IN THE MAIL MAY VERY WELL NOT REACH US.

MAIL TO : THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE - 304 W. 11th Street New York, N. Y. 10014  
GIVE CHRISTMAS WREATHS FOR CHRISTMAS





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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY DECEMBER 17, 1974  
TIME: COFFEE TIME 7:30  
MEETING 8:00 P. M.  
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL  
224 WAVERLY PLACE - N. Y., N. Y. 10014

AGENDA

- 1: Coffee time and informal discussion
- 2: Report on the West Side Highway
- 3: Ad-Hoc Committee against the Inter-state report
- 4: Speaker: Eric Zuesse, Director Consumers' Alliance.
- 5: Report on Proposed Post Office Closing.

THIS IS THE LAST MEETING OF 1974. COME OUT AND BRING  
A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR.

THE OFFICERS OF THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE  
WISH YOU ALL  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

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MAKE A NOTE OF THE JANUARY MEETING NOW. THE THIRD TUESDAY  
JANUARY 21, 1975



James Shaw, President      Ernest Mayer, Treasurer  
Bill Bowser, First Vice President  
Chris Stroligo, Second Vice President  
Carol Janeway, Third Vice President  
Leila Solomon, Recording Secretary  
Lillian Drew, Corresponding Secretary

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

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER JANUARY 1975

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, January 21, 1975  
TIME: Coffee Time: 7:30 p.m.  
Meeting: 8:00 p.m. sharp  
PLACE: St. John's-in-the-Village Parish Hall  
224 Waverly Place

AGENDA

- 8:00 p.m. Reading of the Secretary's Minutes; discussion and vote on extension of filling station onto No. 51 Eighth Avenue; other business of the Committee.
- 8:30 p.m. MARCY BENSTOCK, director, New York City Clean Air Campaign; ROBERT RICKLES, President, Institute for Public Transportation, will speak on transferring federal funds for improving mass transit if any interstate highway is not built.

THE WEST SIDE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY

Last year in a public meeting the West Village Committee membership voted unanimously against any interstate highway being built in the West Side, and further voted to work vigorously to defeat implementation of any such interstate. It is now publicly admitted by involved officials that the five alternatives proposed by the West Side Highway Project are dead, and that none of those alternatives as such will be implemented. However, city officials, with the apparent blessing of Mayor Beame, have come up with an additional major alternative, dubbed "Westway" by City Planning Commissioner John E. Zuccotti, which is being pushed very hard for acceptance by the various communities comprising the West Side. It is basically a revision of the WSHP's discarded "Outboard" interstate alternative with massive landfill, and the suggested zoning for the West Village waterfront would permit building construction up to 15 storeys. Inasmuch as we have never taken a stand on what we do want in the West Village to replace the West Side Highway, we have felt that it is only fair at this time to consider other alternatives. One of the alternatives never considered by the city or the WSHP people is the transfer of available federal funds for upgrading existing mass transit and installation of additional mass transit facilities. Our distinguished speakers have been asked to discuss this long-ignored alternative.

BEST WISHES TO THE GRAFS

Toward the end of last year Father Charles Howard Graf announced his plan to retire from the rectorate of the Church of St. John's-in-the-Village. Last Wednesday night he celebrated his last mass for this beloved parish. Father Graf and his wife, Dorothy, have lived in this community for well over 30 years, and have contributed their own lives unselfishly to the betterment of the parish of St. John's and to the enrichment of the spiritual life of this community. From a monetary standpoint, they have always been extremely generous in support of the West Village Committee and its programs. They have been real Villagers. They raised their young family to adulthood here, and they leave our community with the respect and love of all of us.

THANKS TO MERV BENDEWALD

We are again grateful to Merv Bendewald of the Village Stripper for allowing us to use his shop to disperse Christmas wreaths. Apologies to persons who bought wreaths and found the supply short. We will be pleased to make adjustments and refunds.

### NEWS FROM 'THE VILLAGER'

We have long believed that a healthy and vigorous local newspaper is a necessity in our community for a means of publicizing local issues. The big dailies, diminished as they are, have never covered our local scene adequately and it is impossible for them to do so. We are extremely pleased to see the new and improved format of The Villager which is developing under new management and ownership. We understand that subscriptions have increased heavily recently, and that local businesses are responding with new advertising. The Villager has an admirable past. It is the grandfather of all Manhattan neighborhood weeklies. We are confident that The Villager will be able to maintain and continue to improve its new format, that additional support will be forthcoming from local residents and businesses.

### THE RUMOR MILLS GRIND ON

The latest rumor to circulate about the West Village is that if the Village Post Office is moved from Christopher and Greenwich Streets, the old federal building will be used to house drug addicts. We have checked with various agencies, and with Borough President Percy Sutton's office, and have found no foundation for such a rumor. A spokesman for Borough President Sutton's office said that the only formal proposal for use of the building they have knowledge of is a proposal for renovation of the building as residential housing. If you hear similar rumors, and there are people who start them with no good intentions, call us or call The Villager, where they are apt to know what's happening in our community--and if they don't know, they know where to call to find the answer.

### NO. 51 EIGHTH AVENUE

The owner of the filling station on the property adjoining the vacant lot at 51 Eighth Avenue (site of the former Greenwich Village Humane League) is proposing demolishing the present Texaco station on the corner and rebuilding on part of the No. 51 lot. The design for the new station is certainly more attractive than the present station, but filling stations themselves are a non-conforming use of land in the Historic District. The owner must get approval of the new design from the Landmarks Preservation Commission and a variance from the Board of Standards and Appeal for extension of any non-conforming use. The Jackson Square Ad Hoc Committee recently met with representatives of the owner, and after a rushed and inadequate discussion voted with 10 votes to accept the plan, but with five abstentions. The delegate from the West Village Committee abstained because he felt it should be put to the membership in a public meeting. The site is one of the worst locations in the city for a filling station; the sidewalk around the present station has curb cuts almost completely around the present station permitting entrance and exits from all points and angles, making walking on the sidewalk hazardous. We did not want McDonald's there. Do we want a filling station there? Let's meet, discuss and vote on the matter at this meeting.

### TIME TO THINK OF NEW OFFICERS

It is time once again to form a nominating committee to name a list of officers to be submitted for elections in March. We hope to get volunteers for such a committee that can report back at the February meeting. At the election in March, nominations will also be heard from the floor in addition to the slate put forward by the nominating committee.

### LAW SUIT AGAINST THE INTERSTATE

We ask all of our members to support the suit now in Federal District Court against the building of an interstate highway. The West Side Ad Hoc Committee Against the Interstate Highway is attempting to raise \$50,000 to support the suit. Working closely with the Friends of the Earth Foundation, 72 Jane Street, they have arranged for that group to receive tax-deductible checks for the cause if they are marked for "Highway Legal Fund." The need is urgent. Please help.

HAVE YOU SENT YOUR VOLUNTARY DONATION TO THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE?

We need your donations to operate.

### VILLAGE POST OFFICE

The situation on the probability of the Post Office moving to Varick Street is still a grim situation. Persons wishing copies of our petition protesting this move to place on local shop counters should call CH 3-8779.





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

### MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY FEB. 25th, 1975  
TIME: 8 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT  
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
224 WAVERLY PLACE N. Y., N. Y. 10014

### THE MONTHLY MEETING:

You will note that the Feb. meeting of the West Village Committee is being held on the fourth Tues. instead of the regular third Tues. of the month. This change was necessary because of conflicts in dates with other scheduled meetings involving our officers and others scheduled to take part in our meeting. An announcement of the postponement was carried in the Feb. 13th issue of THE VILLAGER. We urge our members to get your copy of THE VILLAGER each week, and read it as it is our local newspaper, and it is there we can expect to get the current news of our neighborhood.

### VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS:

This is the time of the year when we come to the membership for volunteer dues. Our monthly mailings now reach over 650 Villagers, and as we have no dues, we urge all members to remember to make the volunteer contribution. Our monthly mailing expenses have increased, and the forecast is they will increase even more with a new projected postal increase. Therefore, all contributions small or large are most welcome.

### WEST SIDE AD HOC COMMITTEE AGAINST THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY:

As you may know, The West Village Committee as well as many local block associations is a party in the law suit which has been filed opposing an interstate highway through our neighborhood on the west side river edge. This lawsuit requires funds, and we are trying in many ways to raise funds to shoulder our share of the burden. Tax deductible contributions may be made by making check payable to FRIENDS OF THE EARTH, and on the bottom a note "for the interstate", and mail to the Ad Hoc Committee at 304 W. 11th St. - N. Y., N. Y. 10014. Again, all size contributions are welcome.

One of the ways funds are being raised is by House Parties. The first of these parties was held Feb. 12 in the Apt. of Mr. and Mrs. T. Dennis at Westbeth. About \$200 was raised to aid in our fight, and we thank Mr. & Mrs. Dennis for starting the ball rolling. Anyone wishing to sponsor such a party should contact Mrs. Robert Boyar (243-0073). This is a great way to involve your friends in our fight to halt this proposed interstate.

### THE FRONT PORCH DOOR SWINGS OPEN AGAIN:

A few months ago, many of us in the West Village were saddened by the news that The Front Porch, a favorite local restaurant would be closing it's doors forever.

After closing, as we'd pass the restaurant we'd notice that the place continued to be kept neat, and the plants were well tended. This always gave us a glimmer of hope.

Now, after a re-organization, this local establishment is again open at 253 W. 11th St. - 7 days a week - 11:30 a. m. til 10:30 p. m., and serving those wonderful soups, sandwiches and desserts as in the past. The welcome mat is out for all the old and to new patrons.



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY MARCH 25TH, 1975  
TIME: COFFEE TIME 7:30 P. M.  
MEETING 8:00 P. M.  
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S EPICOPAL CHURCH  
224 WAVERLY PLACE N. Y., N. Y.

AGENDA

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers to serve for the next 12 months will be held at this meeting. The business of the meeting will begin promptly at 8:00 P. M. All nominations for officers will be made from the floor. If you have a member you would like to put up for nomination, be sure you have the member's consent of willingness to serve. We expect and hope for a large turn-out as election meetings are a most important way for each member to have a say in the running of his organization.

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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER MARCH 1975

VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS:

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BOOK SALE COMING SOON:

Now that the weather should be getting more stabile, we start thinking of our book sale. We would like to have books for the sale. We need books of all kinds, especially art books and cook books. Please go through your book shelves, and let us have any books you can spare. We can also use records and prints for this sale. We can use magazines such as National Geographic, Gourmet, Antiques and art magazines if you have back issues. Please be generous as part of the funds from our book sale will be used as our contribution to the fight against the Interstate Highway. For information, or to make donations of books, please call CH 3-8779 or Ch 3-0762

WEST VILLAGE HOUSES:

At the February meeting of the West Village Committee, a status report as of Feb. 12th, 1975 was presented to the membership. This proved to be a most interesting report, and many questions were answered in this report, and answers were supplied to questions asked from the floor.

Due to the fact that we have never been delivered a completed housing development (the original date of completion was to have been Feb. 1974) and have never been given a move-in date for any of the sites, it has been virtually impossible to sell apartments. Until such time we can get a definite move-in date, we will compile a list of prospective tenants.

The current plans call for apartments to be leased on a rental basis, with the option to co-op at a later date should the tenants so desire.

The office for the West Village Houses is again open at 115 Morton St. and the office hours are 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday thru Friday. Telephone inquiries may be directed to 255-9256 or 354-9400.

THE WEST SIDE HIGHWAY AND THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AGAINST THE INTERSTATE:

Despite his pre-election stand against the interstate highway on the west side of Manhattan, Gov. Carey has joined with Mayor Beame and approves federal funding for an interstate highway on Manhattan's West Side. This approval has been made in spite of the strong opposition to the "Westway" interstate plan.

Rep. Bella Abzug in a recent letter to Beame and Carey urged them to reconsider their approval. In so doing, she has joined five of six West Side Community Boards, Manhattan Borough President Percy Sutton and ten West Side state legislators in opposing the Westway which would run from the Battery to 72nd St.

As you may know, The West Village Committee as well as many local block associations and individuals is a party in the law suit which has been filed opposing an interstate highway through our neighborhood on the west side river edge. This lawsuit requires funds, and we are trying in many ways to raise funds to shoulder our share of the burden. Tax deductible contributions may be made by making check payable to FRIENDS OF THE EARTH FOUNDATION and on the bottom a note "for the interstate", and mail to the Ad Hoc Comm. at 304 W. 11th St. - New York, N. Y. 10014.

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 TO MEET:

Community Board #2 will hold it's next monthly meeting on Thurs. March 20th in the cafeteria room of The Manhattan Development Center - 75 Morton Street. Meeting starts promptly at 7:30 p.m.



Among important committee reports will be Waterfront West Side Highway, Social Welfare, and Institutions.

We urge our members to make every effort to attend community board meetings whenever possible.

METHADONE MAINTENANCE TREATMENT PROGRAM:

The proposal to open a private methadone clinic at 80 Fifth Ave. has come up against strong and hostile community attack.

With five facilities for drug abusers within the immediate vicinity of this proposed clinic, the community expressed almost total opposition to this facility at a Public Hearing recently held by Community Board #2.

The defeat of this proposed facility is not only important to those who live near the 14th Street and Fifth Avenue area, but should be of grave concern to all of us in the Greenwich Village Area.

We urge each of our members to write immediately (today) to: Dr. Robert Whalen, Acting Health Commissioner, New York State Department of Health, 84 Holland Avenue., Albany, N. Y. 12208, and tell him that you are opposed to the issuance of a license to Dr. Alan Kaye to operate a clinic in this area.

ALCOHOLISM CENTER TO ST. VINCENT'S:

Several months ago at a West Village Committee meeting, we were fortunate enough to have a most informative talk by Dr. James McGowan of St. Vincent's Hospital. He told of their plans and hopes for the treatment of alcoholics.

Now, we are happy to report that more than \$2 million to establish New York's City's only Federally funded hospital based Comprehensive Alcoholism Treatment and Education Program has been awarded to St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center. \$650,000 is authorized for expenditure during calendar 1975. The balance will be spent by 1977.

Funded by the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism of the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, the grant provides for comprehensive alcoholism services. When fully developed, the new program will have the capability of effectively treating all 12,000 alcoholics estimated to live in Greenwich Village and Chelsea.

The program which begins March 1, will be supplemented by expansion of the Hospital's inpatient alcoholism services.

Alcoholism, which cuts across all socio-economic levels (only five percent of alcoholics are "skidrow" types), will be treated as a primary illness at St. Vincent's under the direction of the Dept. of Psychiatry. Expanded services will include a new alcoholism clinic and a special alcoholism consultation unit to the general Hospital's inpatient, emergency room and outreach programs.

Psychiatrist Dr. James McGowan who is the Hospital's Alcoholism Services Program Director will assemble a team of 25 staff members to treat the illness at its source, thereby preventing many of the ailments it causes.

"There is increasing evidence that a large and growing percentage of the general in-hospital population in New York City have diseases that are secondary to alcoholism," Dr. McGowan says. "The disease can be arrested but it must be recognized first. Now we're coming to grips with the real problem by treating alcoholism both physically and emotionally."

The Comprehensive Program will also include medical staff education. This aspect of the Center's activities will help identify alcoholics even though they may have been admitted for other reasons. All medical departments will work closely to further the Program's goals.

When fully operational, St. Vincent's Alcoholism Program is expected to lead to shorter hospital stays for alcoholics, decreased readmissions for alcohol related medical problems, improve diagnosis and treatment of alcoholism and increased referral of alcoholic inpatients to appropriate aftercare sources.

AMBULATORY CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The monthly meeting of the Ambulatory Care Services Advisory Committee of St. Vincent's Hospital will be held Wed. March 18th at 7 p. m. in the St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing - 158 W. 12th St. Room 207. All ACSAC meetings are open to the observation of the public. All are invited to attend.

ACSAC ANNOUNCES JUNE ELECTIONS:

An election will be held in June to elect three Chelsea/Greenwich Village residents to the Ambulatory Care Service Advisory Committee.

To be eligible, one must be over 18 yrs of age, a resident for one year ending Jan. 31, 1975, have used the hospital emergency room or out-patient clinic at least once in yr, ending Jan 31, 1975. Also, one must be willing to attend regular comm. meetings during 3 yr term, and one can nominate one's self. April 15th, final nomination date. For information, call 620-2016.



JANE STREET NEWSLETTER:

The Jane Street Block Association has just published the first issue of the JANE STREET NEWS. Jane Street is to be complemented on a most interesting and attractive "NEWS" which will be published monthly.

ST. LUKE'S THRIFT SHOP:

St. Luke's has announced plans for a thrift shop to be located in a basement area of the parish house.

Funds from sales in the shop are to benefit the school scholarship fund and the chapel.

Donations of clean clothing, accessories, bric-a-brac, books, linens, appliances, radios, TV's, small pieces of furniture are needed, also hangers and paper bags, old laundry baskets, containers or shelving to hold merchandise. A receipt for tax deductible donations will be sent to you on request.

The thrift shop should be open around mid-April, and volunteers are needed for selling or marking merchandise, collecting donations and publicity.

If you can help in any way, contact St. Lukes School - 487 Hudson St.

SPECIAL BULLETIN

GOOD NEWS: Word has just come through from Albany that the certificate needed by Dr. Alan Kaye to operate a methadone clinic at 80 Fifth Avenue has been denied.

This is a good example of what can be done with a united community working with your Community Board. We don't win them all, but the chances are much greater.

NOW, LETS GET ON WITH THE HIGHWAY FIGHT!!!!

GOING TO LONDON? INTERESTED IN A SMALL HOTEL?:

You might find the JOHN DOUGLAS HOTEL - 90 Philbeach Gardens - London SW5 to your liking.

This is a very small, clean and interesting hotel in the Earls Court area on a crescent backed by a large private garden. It is located about two minutes from the Earls Court Exhibition Hall and the underground, and other local transportation. The rates are \$11 per person per night including taxes and an English breakfast. Your host Mr Cecil Lloyd-Jones and the telephone: 370-2695.

THE VICTORIAN SOCIETY TENTH ANGLO-AMERICAN STUDY TOUR:

In the past ten years, the Victorian Society has organized comprehensive tours, in which many American visitors have joined, of most parts of England, Wales and Scotland.

This year's tour will be dedicated to an intensive study of the development of the vernacular tradition in English Architecture during the Victorian and Edwardian periods, and its effect upon the design of the smaller country house.

The Study Tour will run from the afternoon of Friday, July 18th, to the morning of Monday July 27th, and will visit buildings in Kent, Sussex, Surrey and Hampshire.

Lectures will be arranged so as to shed light on the relation between the vernacular revival in England and parallel movements abroad; e.g. its connection with the Shingle Style in America, and with the emergence of the modern movement in architecture in Germany, Holland and elsewhere.

All the arrangements for this tour are made by the Victorian Society and the Victorian Society in America, non-profit making organizations, and the proceeds will go toward the work of both the Societies, and help to save the buildings you come to visit.

In the U. S. A., preliminary enquiries may be addressed to: The Executive Secretary, The Victorian Society in America, The Athenaeum, East Washington Square, Philadelphia, Pa. 19106.

The basic charge for the Tour - covering lectures, reading list, architectural notes, transport, entrance fees, insurance, and accommodation and all meals - will be \$280. This charge does not include extras such as drinks, or the cost of travel to London at the beginning of the Tour, and from Guildford to London at the end of the Tour.

Bookings must be received by Friday, May 31, 1975.



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY APRIL 15TH, 1975  
TIME: COFFEE TIME 7:30 P. M.  
MEETING 8 P. M.  
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S EPICOPAL CHURCH  
224 WAVERLY PLACE N. Y., N. Y.

AGENDA

THE WEST VILLAGE PIERS

The proposal to convert Piers 48, 49 and 51 into a Greenwich Village Waterside Recreation Park is of vital importance to all of us here in the area. We will discuss the proposed indoor tennis courts, the marina and the community pier so we will be prepared to make our recommendations at the proper time.

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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER APRIL 1975

VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS:

We would like to say our thanks to the members who have heeded our call for help in the form of volunteer contributions. To save postage, we'll not send out "Thank You" letters, but express our appreciation through the newsletter.

Our monthly mailings now reach over 650 Villagers each month, and as we have no regular dues, we urge all members, who have not done so, to sit down today and make your contribution.

The monthly mailing and printing expenses have increased, and the forecast is that they will increase even more with a new projected postal increase.

Therefore, your help is needed, and all contributions small or large are welcome.

BOOK SALE:

The West Village Committee Book Sale has been scheduled for Sat. and Sun. May 3rd and 4th. As usual, we will have a large selection of books, prints and records for sale. Mark your calendar, and save the dates.

WANTED!!! BOOKS, RECORDS AND PRINTS:

To have a successful book sale, we need books of all kinds, especially art books, childrens books, cook books, paperbacks. Also, records, prints and magazines such as National Geographic, Gourmet, Antique and Art magazines. If you have back issues (the older the better) please be generous, as part of the funds from the Book Sale are earmarked as part of our contribution to fight against the Interstate Highway. For information or to make a contribution, please call 243-8779 or 243-0762.

MEMORIAL GIFTS TO OUR GARDEN:

A few years ago when we were about to begin our garden beside St. Vincent's Hospital, a very kindly man who was keenly interested in our project promised to explore cheap sources for soil on the Mulry Sq. lot. Then he died quite suddenly of a heart attack. His name was Clair C. Fisher, and he was a professional landscaper, highly placed in a city agency. Mr. Fisher was held in esteem by his friends. WVC member Jean Gould has several times donated money to the garden fund in memory of Mr. Fisher. This past week we received two handsome checks from a couple in Ohio who have never seen our garden, Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Bell, who made memorial contributions to Clair Fisher and Jean Gould's sister-in-law, Betty Gould.

We do not label our memorial plantings in the garden. But everybody in Bank Street, for instance, knows which tree grows there in memory of our beloved late member, Peggy Porter, one of the early toilers in our garden. It is our quiet way of returning to a degree the love and concern these people have expressed to the world around us when they were still with us.

We also wish to acknowledge the generous check sent in appreciation of the garden by Mrs. Grace Horton of Jane Street. Such gifts are especially welcome at this time since we do not plan to seek another grant from the very generous Vincent Astor Foundation to maintain the West Village Committee garden. Checks should be made to the West Village Greening Committee, or since we are not tax deductible, to the Parks Council (and marked for the West Village Committee).

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 MEETING:

Community Board #2 will hold it's next meeting on Thurs. April 17th at the Village Community School on W. 10th St. Between Greewich St. and Washington St.

This important meeting starts at 7:30 p. m. promptly.

WANT TO GO TO A BIRTHDAY PARTY?

Well, the Friends of Christopher Park invite you to a Birthday Party and Spring Clean-Up. Sat. April 12th at 1 p. m. in Christopher Park at Sheridan Sq. to celebrate the park's 138th birthday.

All Villagers are invited to join in the Clean-Up, the fun and refreshments.

FREE NIGHT AT THE WHITNEY:

Villagers may be interested to know that admission to the Whitney Museum of American Art which normally is \$1 on weekdays, will be free on Tuesday evenings starting April 15th.

The Museum which is located at Madison Avenue and 75th Street said the move was made possible by a grant from the Mobil Oil Corporation.



### THE WEST SIDE HIGHWAY AND THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AGAINST THE INTERSTATE:

As you may know, the West Village Committee is a part of the coalition of more than 30 environmental and community groups which has brought suit in U. S. District Court to stop an interstate highway.

This law suit requires funds, and we are trying in many ways to raise funds to shoulder our share of this burden. Contributions may be made to the Ad Hoc Committee directly, or if your contribution is to be tax deductible, make check payable to FRIENDS OF THE EARTH FOUNDATION and on bottom make a notation "FOR THE INTERSTATE", and mail to the Ad Hoc Committee at 304 W. 11th Street - New York, N. Y. 10014.

### A NEW PLAY BY PAUL RAWLINGS:

West Villager Paul Rawlings is the author of a new comedy "Caesar At The Baths" which is playing weekends through April 20th at Exchange For The Arts Theatre - 151 Bank St. (Westbeth) curtain at 7 p. m. Extra 10 p. m. performance on April 12th, 18th and 19th. For reservations call 691-5035

### THE H B PLAYWRIGHTS PRODUCTION:

"The Diary of a Nobody" adapted by Majorie Sigley from the novel by George and Weedon Grossmith will be the next production of the H B Playwrights Foundation, Inc. at their theatre at 124 Bank St. Dress rehearsal previews are Thurs. & Fri. April 24th and 25th. Opening: Sat. April 26th and playing thru Sunday May 4th. Curtain time 7:30 p. m. Matinee: Sun. April 27th at 3 p. m. For information, call YU 9-6540.

### STRIKE THE SET, BUILD-THE-THEATRE PARTY:

H B Playwrights ask us to join them for a BIRD AND A BOTTLE SUPPER PARTY Sunday May 4th at 9:30 p. m. after the show. There will be suprise entertainment, music, dancing, delicious food and fine wine. The minimum (tax deductible) contribution is only \$10 per person. Make check payable to H B Playwrights Foundation and mail to the Foundation at 124 Bank St. New York, N. Y. 10014.

### THE BANK IS STILL COMING:

Many, many months ago, we reported that a bank would soon locate to serve the residents of the western-most part of the West Village. Businesses relocated to make space for the bank, and then there was silence.

Now, after months of delays, the wheels have started to roll on the 8th Ave. and W. 12th St. site which will house a new branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank. Design aspects are still being worked out, but work has started.

To answer the many inquiries, a bank perhaps should be serving the public at 302 W. 12th St. before the end of the year.

### THE POST OFFICE PETITIONS:

Over 2000 names have been signed to the petitions protesting the removal of the Village Station Post Office from Christopher St.

A communication has been sent to the proper authorities regarding this matter, and we hope to have a positive report before the next newsletter is published.

### ALEXANDER DOBKIN

We in the West Village were saddened to learn of the death, while on a Caribbean Cruise, of our friend and neighbor Alexander Dobkin.

Mr. Dobkin, an American Painter and Graphic artist is well represented in the permanent collections of many museums in America and abroad.

A memorial meeting is planned for late in April.

Reflecting The Treasured Traditions Of This Cherished Community



# The Villager



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## Board of Ethics Clears Charges

The city's Board of Ethics has judged as false charges brought by H. Marshall Scolnick against three members of Community Board 2.

According to the ethics board, Scolnick falsely accused board members James Shaw, Arthur Stoliar and Rachele Wall of having a private interest as investors in West Village Houses and of concealing that interest. The board held that the accusations had no basis in fact.

Scolnick, who lives on West 11th Street, is a familiar figure at Village and Board of Estimate meetings. The Board of Ethics described him as a "critic and opponent" of West Village Houses.

Two hearings were held regarding Scolnick's accusations. At the first hearing, Scolnick appeared and gave his version of the facts. At the second, three members of Community Board 2 and their attorney appeared to state their version and submitted affidavits and additional documents. According to the Ethics Board their affidavit states: "None of the undersigned have in the West Village project either 'a property, business or venture in which [the undersigned] member has any direct or indirect financial, economic or employment interest, nor do any of the undersigned receive compensation

directly or indirectly in connection with the project, and have specifically waived any possibility of any such compensation."

The affidavit also states that the three board members never had a private, personal or financial interest, direct or indirect, in the proposed project; that "no compensation, emolument, salary, wage" or any other financial interest arising out of the project would be received, accepted or retained by any of the directors, or members; and that they did not and will not have any interest in, or compensation from the housing corporation or project.

The Board of Ethics opinion quotes the sponsor's agreement signed on behalf of the West Village Committee which reads in part as follows: "That neither it nor any of its members or officers shall demand, or receive or accept any sum from the proposed housing company, as dividend, profits, sponsors, or development fee, surplus or other moneys. Any sponsors or development fee allowable will be utilized solely to defray the actual cost of the project or to reduce the mortgage loan."

The Board of Ethics stated that it was furnished with photocopies of the Certificates of Interest by Mrs. Wall, Shaw, Stoliar, and project directors

Richard Barnett and Eric Wensberg. These certificates are a matter of public record and were filed with government and city agencies, including the Board of Standards and Appeals, City Planning Commission, Housing and Development Administration and the Board of Estimate. According to the Ethics Board the following language in the certificates is relevant to the case: "I specifically agree to neither receive nor accept any fee whatsoever out of the development of the project and waive any claim I might otherwise have to any fee."

The facts and documentation show that Mrs. Wall, Shaw and Stoliar do not and never have had a financial interest in West Village Houses according to the ethics board. The board also dismissed as false Scolnick's accusation that Norman Rosenfeld, another Board 2 member, acted improperly. There were no violations of the code of ethics or its related laws in any of these cases, the board said.

The opinion covers an investigation over the past eight months. Scolnick made similar charges to the District Attorney's office 2 years ago. The charges, which were dismissed as untrue by the DA, are quoted in the present opinion.



## Village Thoughts

# Past Greed Visits Today's Waterfront

By WILLIAM BOWSER

Although the Landmark District designation protects a considerable section of the residential community in Greenwich Village, the area along the Hudson River—which is not in the Historic District—is viewed by realtors as a potential plum. The West Village waterfront area has fought off two major urban renewal efforts and from 1968 to 1972 battled the efforts of William Zeckendorf to build a razzle-dazzle high-rise complex of towering internos that would have destroyed the neighborhood and, with its accompanying highway plan, would have stifled what remained of the Village community on the other side of it.

In the past year events have occurred that seem to indicate these plans, which have so many times threatened the waterfront area, are not dead, but are being subtly engineered by the same interests which pushed them before.

The most obvious of these efforts has been the proposal to build a road that would add extensive new acreage. When the old Zeckendorf plan is compared with the proposed road offerings they bear a striking resemblance.

As a community adjacent to newly created and high-priced land, the Historic District would soon find itself declared uneconomic. Don't think that is too far-fetched, because there are before us now cases of historic buildings that have been undesignated as landmarks and torn down as uneconomic. Some of our local real estate moguls have already started legal steps to try to have the Village historic designation rescinded.

What is dangerous in the present situation is that many of us may find it difficult to recognize the subtleties being employed by those interested in securing the West Village waterfront.

The efforts to make the area powerless, and unable to control its destiny, take many directions. It should be remembered that because of the West Village's successes in battling City Hall, the need to break down its cohesiveness was and is viewed as a necessity by those who visualize it as a real estate bonanza. The credibility of community workers therefore must be attacked and their integrity questioned. Once the effectiveness of workers is destroyed, the area is vulnerable.

When Zeckendorf began his efforts to redevelop the area his first step was to begin purchasing sites. At one point nearly 50% of the land in the waterfront area was either under option to Zeckendorf or owned outright by him. He had also begun steps for acquisition of sites in the public domain, such as the Federal Prison on West Street and the old police station on Charles. Ownership of such a large land mass placed in his hands the ability to control zoning and all of his plans current at that time violated the Village scale. If they had been carried out, nearly 2,000 people in the area would have been displaced.

Today, similar dangers once more shadow the area. Westbeth, the building that Zeckendorf called the key of his plan, is in financial trouble and no one appears to be coming up with an effective means of dealing with its problems. It does not take a genius to deduce that the real estate moguls will soon suggest that the only way to make the building solvent will be to hand it over to private real estate interests.

West Village Houses blocked the Zeckendorf plan and condemned a considerable section of the land he owned. The costs of the project were deliberately increased by the very interests that are now demanding that the buildings be sold to private developers. One local realtor's wife phoned a city agency last week to say that her husband had prepared a sales analysis. These are the same individuals who are pushing hard for the construction of a highway on the waterfront. Control of Westbeth and West Village Houses by private interests would change the zoning of the area—and as a block of powerful realty interests, join with the meat market and the printing interests in forwarding the proposed highway and landfill plans for the area.

While on the subject of West Village Houses there is another fact that should be brought to public light because it demonstrates to what ends these people will go to achieve their goals. When then District Attorney Richard Kuh retired from office last year he issued a report of his tenure in office. Revealed publicly in that report for the first time is the fact that false charges of criminal conduct were brought to him in order to besmirch and place in doubt the reputations of West Villagers.

In his report Kuh states: "A prosecutor's office should not utilize its investigations to inflict pain, to punish. An investigation should be just that, an inquiry, not a contemporary western form of the Chinese water torture. The pendency of a prosecutor's inquiry causes daily tensions for those, including the innocent, who are subject to it."

Certainly those individuals guilty of such tactics should be held legally responsible. What public-spirited individual will want to give their services to their community if such tactics can be used to question the integrity of the innocent?

I have said that the effort to realize these questionable goals take many subtle directions. One of these steps is to discredit many of the hard-working members of Community Planning Board 2. I strongly urge that anyone interested in the welfare of the Village attend the Board's meetings. At the last meeting I attended several of these critics, who incidentally are members of Board 2, stayed in the rear of the auditorium throughout the entire meeting, disrupting the session with their loud personal conversations, and never once participated in the Board's business. These are the same people who wait that they are not permitted to participate in the Board's work.

The aim of the real estate moguls and their friends is to create dissension and chaos to take attention away from their real aim and goals. One of their favorite ploys is to complain about the deterioration of the community. "Look at the mess on 8th Street and Christopher Street and Greenwich Avenue and 6th Avenue." Next will come the suggested cure: "Rescind the Historic District designation. The only way to reverse this deterioration is to tear it down."

But our real estate moguls are the very ones who create the deterioration they are complaining about. They are the planters of the seeds of decay. Why rent to "Mom and Pop" businesses when a bar or a franchised food chain can bring in thousands monthly? It is the caliber of commercial business in the area that determines who the transients in your neighborhood are. The complaints in regards to methadone clinics can be equally applied to shabby fast-buck operations.

So the plunderers are with us again and this time they are armed with money and heavy public relations schemes. The extent to which they will go to achieve their plans are not governed by conscience or decency. Their aim is the pot of gold on the Hudson River and it is that tempting dazzle that blinds their conscience.





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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY MAY 20TH, 1975  
TIME: COFFEE TIME 7:30 P. M.  
MEETING 8:00 P. M.  
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S EPICOPAL CHURCH  
224 WAVERLY PLACE

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER MAY 1975

BOOK SALE:

The West Village Committee Book Sale which was rained out on May 4th has been rescheduled for May 17th and 18th. We will have a large selection of Books, Prints and Records for sale. Any one with books to donate for the sale may do so by bringing them to the sale address (304 W. 11th St.) or by calling CH 3-0762 or CH 3-8779. All kinds of books are desired, especially art books, childrens books and cook books. Also, there will be a Bake Goods table where you will find some fine things to eat. Part of the funds from the Book Sale are earmarked as part of our contribution to fight the proposed Interstate Highway through the legal suit which has been filed. SALE TIME 12 NOON TO 7 P.M.

VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Again, we say thanks to those who have sent in contributions to help with the monthly expenses of the West Village Committee, and we urge those who have not done so to please send in their volunteer dues if they can.

KEY FOOD COMING TO WEST VILLAGE:

The site on the corner of Bank and Hudson, formerly the A & P, is currently undergoing a complete re-decoration, and will open in the near future as a Key Food market.

Key Food operate 250 markets in New York City, and great care is being taken to design a market with special emphasis on the needs of the West Village community. Alan Schiffren and Irv Darrow, owner operators, promise us fine fresh fruits and vegetables sold in bulk so you buy only what you need or want, and top grade meats. They will carry a vast variety of groceries and frozen foods including National brands and Key Food label at very competative prices.

Delivery service will be available any place in the village, and the store will be open until 9 P. M.

THE JANE STREET GARDEN:

By now, most of you have read in the papers or heard on television the sad fate of the lovely Jane Street Garden. We will not dwell on the incident here, as the final chapters are yet to be written, but we would like to say that this is just the kind of disrespect and greed we've been trying to warn our neighbors of, and which is running rampant in this and other forms through the West Village. It is long past time that we put our heads and energies together and seek a single direction to combat those who would destroy our community.

THE TRIANGLE GARDEN:

Our garden on the St. Vincent's Triangle is a thing of beauty these days, and the community owes St. Vincent's vote of thanks for their generosity in permitting us to develop the site. We would also like to express our thanks to the Vincent Astor Foundation for the grants which made it possible to purchase



of top soil, plants and other necessary equipment. Our thanks also to the Parks Council for their help and guidance. And thanks to Pamela Berdan, Bill Bowser and all the helping hands for the many hours spent on hands and knees preparing the soil, and tending the plants. Thanks to the many nice neighbors and friends who have dropped contributions in the money box that hangs on the fence at the Seventh Avenue and Greenwich Avenue corner.

Because we feel it is now time that we stand on our own feet, we have informed The Vincent Astor Foundation that we will not seek additional funding, and hope that this will make possible the funding of other groups such as ours. Now, more than ever, we need those contributions through the fence.

#### THE JEFFERSON MARKET AREA GARDEN:

The Parks, Recreational and Cultural Affairs Administration and the Parks Council have finally approved plans for the garden on the site of the former Women's House of Detention.

Considerable funds have been raised in the Greenwich Village Community, and a grant has been secured from The Vincent Astor Foundation. The grant, which totals \$33,600, is to be divided over five years. The grant will be paid only on the condition that the Village Committee for the Jefferson Market Area raise \$1,000 for each of the five years from the community for additional planting and/or special programs in the garden. The Foundation's Trustees did not wish to preempt the community's involvement in the garden; on the contrary, they hope that the grant will serve to encourage enthusiasm for the project, one that is so vital to this part of the city.

#### - - AND ALL THAT JAZZ:

One of the bright jazz spots of yesteryears was Eddie Condon's in the Village, and one of the unfortunate changes in the Village in recent years has been the loss of the fine jazz spots and show clubs which made a night out in the Village a must for New Yorkers and visitors alike. One by one the jazz clubs, both in the village and midtown seemed to disappear in the wake of a new sound.

Now, all our village jazz buffs should be interested in a jazz club which recently opened. The club is EDDIE CONDON'S at 144 W. 54th St, and the owner is Villager Red Balaban. Some of you may remember "Red" when he was holding forth at Your Father's Mustache.

"Red", an old friend of Eddie Condon and his wife, has acquired the use of the name from the widow of the late jazz great, and has opened a club which is a fitting tribute to a great artist. We wish "Red" had brought his jazz back to the Village where Eddie Condon's is remembered from the days when the Village was THE place for fine clubs, but a trip midtown to Eddie Condon's is well worth while if you like nice smooth jazz.

Condon's is a nice room for listening, and the very attractive back bar of mirrored doors was a delicate stripping job executed by the Village Stripper under the supervision of owner, and West Village Committee member, Merve Bendewald.

Music usually starts with piano from 5:30 to 9:30, and from 9:30 til 3, Red and the Cats serve up some of the best jazz to be heard anywhere. Tues. eve. is guest night with invited jazz men sitting in for a lively session. A new feature is the Jazz at Lunch Time each Friday at noon.

There is no cover or minimum, drinks are reasonable, and the menu for lunch and dinner is very good.

The club opens at 11 a. m., but NEVER ON SUNDAY.

#### - - AND ON THE BANK:

There have been many inquiries about the proposed bank at 8th Ave. and W. 12th St. because of the for lease signs which recently appeared in the windows. The Chase Manhattah Bank will open on that site, perhaps as early as this spring. They will be leasing out about \$1,000 sq. ft. of space. Know of a nice business which wants to have the bank as a neighbor?





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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY JUNE 17, 1975  
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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER JUNE 1975

THE JUNE MEETING:

As is usual, this will be the last meeting before our summer hiatus. We will resume meeting on September 16, 1975. Mark the date, and we hope everyone has a most enjoyable summer. Even though there will be no summer meetings, there probably will be a mid-summer newsletter just to keep in touch. So come out and wish your neighbor a good summer in person.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE BOOK SALE:

Our thanks to all who worked so hard to make our recent book sale a real success. We cleared just over \$1,000, and the Ad Hoc Committee Against The Interstate Highway will benefit from our efforts.

We must not forget the threat of the interstate. Things seem to be quiet, but don't mistake that as a sign that all is well. Let us not be lulled into false security. We still have a law suit pending against the highway, and this takes money. Lets face it, we in the West Village will be the most affected by an Interstate Highway, and the bulk of the fight will have to be launched from this neighborhood. Lets roll up our sleeves, and raise every penny possible to win this battle. We urge each block group and other organizations to allot a portion of the funds from fund raising to the West Side Ad Hoc Committee Against The Interstate Highway. Donations may be sent to the Ad Hoc Committee at 304 West 11th Street, New York, N. Y. 10014. For information, call CH 3-0762. [Please hold all phone inquiries until after June 22nd]

FLEA MARKET COMING UP:

Because it was necessary to re-schedule the Book Sale, we will hold our Flea Market sometime in the fall on a date yet to be decided. However, we are ready to start accept any donations you may have. Please call CH 3-8779 or CH 3-0762 to arrange for pick-up or delivery. Also, we will continue to collect books. If you have books, know anyone who is moving or know any source of materials, please inform us. Lets work towards a great sale.

VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS:

Some volunteer contributions continue to come in, and again we would like to use the newsletter to say THANK YOU. If you've not made your contribution, it's never too late.

THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSES

In response to daily phone calls regarding the housing, we'd like to report that work continues toward the completion of the buildings.

To date, eight buildings have been turned over to the housing company by the contractor, after having been checked out and approved by H.D.A.

We now hold these eight buildings, which are now ready for occupancy, and we're still waiting for instructions from H. D. A. as to the rental rates and when we can start a rental program.

Occupancy of these finished buildings is most important so as to prevent the kind of malicious destruction we've experienced in the past.

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 2 MEETING:

There will be a meeting of Community Board No. 2 on Thursday, June 19th at 7:30 p. m. The meeting will be held at St. Vincent's Hospital, Cronin Auditorium, 153 West 11th St. WE URGE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

ACSAC MEETING:

The Ambulatory Care Services Advisory Committee of St. Vincent's Hospital will hold its open meeting on Wednesday, June 18th at 7:00 p. m. in the St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing, 158 W. 12th St. Rm. 207.

All meetings are open to the observation of the public, and all are invited to attend.

KEY FOODS COMES TO THE WEST VILLAGE:

Wed. June 4th was the opening of the Key Food Market which is located at the corner of Bank and Hudson Streets. This is the site of the recently closed A & P store.

The store has been remodeled, and has a clean uncluttered appearance. The meats and vegetables appear to be fresh, and attractively displayed. Popular named brand items are to be found on the shelves along with the lower priced Key brands.

Key Food, like it's neighbor D'Agostino, has weekly advertised specials, and village shoppers advise that shoppers must do a bit of comparative shopping as some items might be less expensive at one store and others more expensive than at the competition.

We wish Key Food well as they fill the Void left by the demise of the A & P.

FORTY JANE STREET:

At the Tuesday June 10th hearing before The Landmarks Preservation Comm., the design of a four-story apartment building at 40 Jane Street as "not in keeping with the neighborhood."

The apartment building proposed by developer Gregory Aure, Jr. has been opposed by most interested residents of the West Village, and gained wide newspaper and TV coverage when the developer ordered the award winning garden on the site destroyed without notifying the garden sponsors and allowing time for the safe removal of the plantings.

OLD ABINGDON FESTIVAL:

The old Abingdon Block Association will hold their annual block festival on Sat. June 14th [rain date June 15th] on W. 12th Street between Greenwich and Washing Streets. Besides the usual fine things to eat and buy, there will be an hourly auction. The hours are noon to 7 p. m.

Lets all get out and help Betty Dooley and her wonderful crew, who are always on hand to lend aid to other associations when needed.

BILL BOWSER ON VACATION:

Have you missed that hard working gentleman in the triangle garden recently? Well, Bill Bowser left recently to join wife Eileen in Italy. This for Bill is a most needed, and well deserved holiday.

We wish for Bill and Eileen a wonderful trip.

A LITTLE GARDEN MUSIC:

The second season of St. John's presentations "A Little Garden Music", four Sunday afternoons of chamber music held in it's famous enclosed garden got under way on Sun. June 8th with The Blue Hill Quartet. Sunday June 15th will be The West Side Brass Quintet. On Sunday June 22, The Galliard Quintet, and the final Sunday June 29th will present An Afternoon of English Madrigals.

Each concert begins at 2:30 with one or two intermissions, and a garden reception will follow from approximately 4 to 5 o'clock. There will be a choice of wine or fruit punch, coffee and a variety of cookies. Admission is \$3.00 per concert.

THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK:

Things seem to be moving along rather swiftly on the Chase Manhattan Bank branch to be located at 302 W. 12th St. [corner of 8th Ave.], and the proposed opening date has been advanced to about July 30th should the renovation continue at it's current pace. The manager for the West Village Branch has now been selected, and he is Mr. William F. Wisneski.

We welcome Chase and Bill, and look foward to a warm relationship.

OUTDOOR ART SHOW AT ST. VINCENT TRIANGLE:

A two week-end Art Show sponsored by the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Dept. of St. Vincent's Hospital will hang at the garden on St. Vincent's triangle. Opening on Friday June 20th, the show will hang on Sat. June 21 and 22, and again June 27th, 28th and 29th. The hours are 1 p. m. to 7 p. m. each day.





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

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER SUMMER 1975

THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSES:

As interest seems to be high in regards to the status of The West Village houses, we'd like to give the membership of The West Village Committee an update.

We had hoped at this writing to be able to report the start of a rental program to make available to the community the completed apartments on the housing site. Unfortunately, such a report is not forthcoming.

A meeting scheduled in mid-July with HDA, the Housing Company and public officials (elected and appointed) was first postponed, then canceled and later rescheduled. It was hoped that out of this meeting would come some meaningful decisions. In November 1974 and again early in 1975 we met with many of these same parties, and pointed out the problems of all Mitchell-Lama housing in the city, and ask that a program be initiated to assist in solving problems of all housing in the city.

It was most disappointing to find that little productive thought had been given toward solving these problems at a city level from the time of the 1974 meeting to the meeting held in July 1975.

From the day the Board of Estimate approved construction of the West Village Houses, and we were told by an opponent of the housing, "You got through today, but wait and see how long it is before you put a brick on the ground", many attacks and delaying tactic, mainly engineered by one H. Marshall Skolnick were carried out against the housing and it's Board of Directors.

In spite of these desperate attempts, we did not fold, and as mandated by a community about a dozen years ago, 42 buildings now stand on six sites on Washington Street from Bank Street to Morton Street.

These buildings, originally planned as co-op apartments, were to have been ready for occupancy in February of 1974. Early in October 1973 we were required to launch a sales campaign at a time when none of the buildings were near completion, and there was no sample apartment to show. It was not possible to even guess at a move in date, and it soon became apparent to a number of those who had made deposits that they might have to make other plans.

In the fall of 1974, it was obvious that there was a problem with the co-op concept because of the delays, construction cost increase and the state of the economy. About that time, the Housing Company informed HDA in writing that it would be impossible to sell apartments at the price we would be required to sell. Several months ago, a rental survey was ordered and authorized by HDA, and this survey containing rental suggestions still awaits action from HDA.

In the meantime, 19 of the 42 buildings, containing 186 apartment with 875 rooms in the complex have been approved as completed by HDA, the contractor and a representative of the housing company. These 19 buildings have now been turned over to the Housing Company, and are now our responsibility. It is frustrating indeed to take over these buildings as they are completed and not be able to rent them because we have not been given a directive from HDA.

With the need for decent housing, and the economy of the city, just a bit of arithmetic should show the folly of 875 vacant new rooms at perhaps an average of \$80.00 per room.

Lets hope that those in a decision making position can bring themselves to make a decision before we are again faced with the problems of vandalism and all the other problems associated with vacant buildings.

PARK'S DEPARTMENTS MOBILE UNITS:

The last of the four mobile units sponsored by The West Village Committee and co-sponsored by the Horatio Street Association will be held on Friday Aug. 8th at 10:30 a. m. in Saravalli Playground. (Horatio - Hudson - Gansvoort Sts.) We will have the Skatemobile Unit #2. Come, check out skates and have fun!!

### WORD OF WARNING TO DOG OWNERS:

We've been informed that Police Commissioner Codd has recently issued a two-page directive to all police precincts, including the Sixth Precinct, in cooperation with the New York City Department of Health, ordering a crack down on unleashed dogs in the city. The immediate purpose of the order is to cut down on the approximately 50,000 dog bites suffered by citizens annually. (there was a serious dog bite incident on the pier at Bank St. recently) Many of these bites are disfiguring; eyes and limbs have been lost, and some dog attacks on children have been fatal. Emphasis will not only be on unleashed dogs on the street, but especially in parks and children play areas. It is suggested that you contact Capt. William Fortune, commander of the Sixth Pct. 229 W. 10th St. New York, N. Y. to insure enforcement.

### ST. VINCENT'S TRIANGLE GARDEN:

Our Community garden in the St. Vincent's Triangle, Mulry Square, is well into its fourth year. We deeply appreciate faithful weeders, waterers, transplanters, clippers and lawn cutters, Leah Ice, Alma Wertley, Yolanda and George Konkus, Joan Smythe, Eileen Bowser and John Duguid. We also wish to acknowledge recent contributions from Norman Bloomfield, Bank Street, and Dorothy Southworth, Horatio Street. Mr. Bloomfield has been a faithful supporter of our garden in years past, and Dorothy Southworth gave a contribution in memory of her beloved father who passed away recently. We have designated the Lady Elgin rose, one of the most elegant of roses, to be placed as a living memorial.

### STOP WESTWAY:

Our elected officials in the Village, Councilwoman Carol Greitzer and Assemblyman William Passannante, have been extremely helpful in cooperating with the fight against Westway--the interstate highway along the West Side. In addition, Assemblyman Richard Gottfried, from upper Manhattan, has been outstandingly faithful to our cause. We hope we will soon be able to add other elected officials to our list of supporters in the near future. We can not defeat this interstate by a law suit alone. We need support from all our elected officials. We have paid all of the legal fees, incidentally, pertaining to the law suit from December 1974 when it was filed in Federal District Court up until March 1975. We have just received the new billing from our counsel from March and these new expenses are just under \$10,000. It has been suggested that we have a Village-wide block party in October to help raise these funds, and we hope you will join with our effort when the event rolls around. We have also been advised that by September we may expect the case to come to full trial at which time it is estimated that expenses will run as high as \$3,000 per month, so we must be prepared to pay what we already owe, and to pay mounting expenses as the case goes to full trial.

### LATE SHOPPING SERVICE:

For the information of West Villagers who may find it necessary to shop at odd hours, or perhaps you need a second extract for that cake you decided to make at midnight; your problems are over.

The A & P market at the corner of Sixth Avenue at W. 12th Street is open 24 hours a day 8 a. m. Monday thru 12 midnight Saturday. Sunday hours are 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

### CHASE COMES TO THE WEST VILLAGE:

July 30th marked the gala opening of the new branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank at 302 W. 12th St. (at 8th Avenue) Branch manager, William F. Wisneski was on hand to welcome the many Village residents and businessmen and women who stopped in to wish Chase well, open accounts and sign up for the promotion prizes and the door prizes.

Promotion days will run through August 22, and during this time along with the regular Chase services, West Villagers will benefit from the extended banking hours - 10 a. m. to 7 p. m. and on Saturday you can bank from 10 a. m. until 2 p. m.

One thing that is missing is safety deposit boxes. However, there is a possibility that this could be changed.

Bill Wisneski will be happy to see you, his neighbors, and discuss our local banking needs.



BILL BOWSER HONORED AGAIN:

West Village Committee Vice President William Bowser, who was recently honored by the Parks Department, has been awarded honorary membership in Friends of the Earth, the international environmental organization.

Bill was honored "for superior journalistic achievements in reporting West Side Highway news in THE VILLAGER and for his work in organizing against the proposed interstate highway.

The New York Chapter of Friends of the Earth also noted Bill's contribution in the greening of the West Village Committee sponsored St. Vincent's Triangle Garden.

FEDERAL PRISON DEPARTING THE WEST VILLAGE:

With the completion of the virtually escape-proof, modern jail in the downtown area of Manhattan, the Men's House of Detention at West 11th and Hudson Streets should be closed down within the next few days.

The old Federal jail has been the scene of many jail breaks in recent years, the most recent being the escape of seven major drug dealers in Sept. of last year. Father John J. Tirella, a voluntary chaplain at the prison was indicted last November, and charged with participation in the break. Father Tirella pleaded guilty before Federal Judge Henry Werker, admitting that he had taken without authorization a sealed envelope containing three plastic keys, from which metal impressions were cut. Father Tirella has been released by Judge Werker pending sentencing on August 25th.

The West Street facility which had been converted from a warehouse to a prison, was designed to hold 225 prisoners, however, the usual prison population was nearer to 400 inmates.

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE BOOK SALE AND FLEA MARKET:

The next West Village Committee Book Sale and Flea Market will be held on Saturday and Sunday Sept. 20th and 21st. The sale will be held at the West Village Committee Headquarters - 304 West 11th St., and the hours will be from 12 noon until dark. We will have our usual assortment of good books, and lots and lots of interesting flea market items.

There is lots of time for us to collect lots of nice interesting books and things, and we ask all our members and friends to start cleaning out the closets, attics, cellars and bookshelves, and call us for a pick-up.

We are looking for books, records, prints, cookbooks,, art books, atlas, dictionaries, children books or what ever you come up with. We need all kinds of items for the flea market. Dig deep, and we ask each member to come up with at least one good item. It really doesn't have to be something you don't want. We'll accept items you're really fond of, and feel you really can live without after all.

If you have items to donate, or for information: call CH 3-0762 or CH 3-8779.

WEST SIDE AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETS:

The West Side Ad Hoc Committee met recently to lay plans for a community wide block party to be held early in October to raise funds in the fight against the proposed Interstate Highway. It is hoped that we can find a site centrally located, and that we will be able to raise considerable funds to go towards counsel fees to fight the highway. We in the Village have probably more to lose should an interstate be run through our neighborhood, so we must stand together and fight this thing to the very end.

The Ad Hoc Committee will keep you informed as to the developments on the highway. Of course, we can use any and all cash donations. Send your check today addressed to:

The West Side AdHoc Committee Against the Interstate  
304 West 11th Street  
New York, N. Y. 10014

NEXT WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING:

After our usual summer hiatus, The West Village Committee will resume regular monthly meetings on Tuesday Sept. 16, 1975. We hope you are all having a fine summer, and look forward to our getting together again in the fall.



### MORE ON THE FEDERAL PRISON MOVE:

While this notice was being prepared, 400 inmates were removed from the Federal Detention Headquarters in the West Village to the new Metropolitan Correctional Center on Foley Square.

The operation to clear the West St. facility began at 7 p. m. Friday Aug. 1st, and ended Sat. afternoon. About 100 Federal Marshals, supervised the transfer, aided by about the same number of city police.

Two buses, each transporting 32 prisoners, shuttled back and forth between the old and new facility. Departure times were staggered to avoid a set schedule that could aid any potential break attempt.

Now, that the building is vacated, we must see that our Community Board keeps a watch on the new usage of the building should the Federal Government decide that it is surplus property.

### THE GARDEN ON VILLAGE SQUARE:

We are happy to see the trees and shrubs in the garden on the site of the former Women's House of Detention. This is the beginning of what we are sure will be a lovely garden.

We would like to ask our members to be patient, and realize that much city red tape was involved in getting this project underway.

Perhaps some things could have moved a bit faster, but don't be misled by those who would compare the pace of progress of this garden on city property with the speed we were able to produce a garden on the site St. Vincent's Hospital so generously allowed us to green.

When the old House of Detention was razed, many pigeons were made homeless, and it's only natural that they should take new homes with others living high in the Jefferson Market Library building.

Considering the fact that pigeons are not a very clean bird, we would like to ask those who throw huge pieces of bread and other food over the fence into the garden to consider that they are not only feeding pigeons, but are also attracting and feeding rats.

To those who deplore the fences around our gardens, we'd like to remind them that without the fences, there'd be no gardens.

Our first gardening venture was a rubble filled lot on Greenwich Street which we cleared, with the help of the youngsters on W. 11th Street. It was a lovely garden. It was a garden without a fence. Between the people who seemed to bring their dogs from blocks away so their dog could go among the flowers, and those who came with free hands, free so they could dig plants of their choice and take them away, it soon became clear that something had to be done.

Ah! a fence, we'd build a little fence. Well, things weren't much better when we erected a three feet high fence. However, it was more inconvenient as it was necessary that dogs be lifted over the fence, and lifted they were.

Yes my friends, a high fence or no garden. We'll take the fence.

#### IN MEMORIAM

#### DOTT HALSEY

A MEMORIAL MEETING WAS HELD  
RECENTLY FOR OUR WEST VILLAGE  
COMMITTEE MEMBER DOTT HALSEY  
OF BETHUNE ST., AND FORMERLY OF  
BANK ST. DOTT SHALL BE MISSED  
BY HER FRIENDS, AS SHE WAS A  
TRUE SPIRIT OF THE VILLAGE.



THE GREENWICH VILLAGE FAIR: October 11, 1975 noon to 8:00 p.m. at Jefferson Market Library Square (6th Avenue at Greenwich) Sponsored by the West Side Ad Hoc Committee Against the Interstate.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1975

# How Not to Manage the City

## IN THE NATION

By Tom Wicker

The New York Legislature has passed and Governor Hugh Carey has signed legislation designed to stave off financial default by New York City and to restore investor confidence in the city's borrowing ability. But what good will such legislation do if the city persists in supporting inept financial management and improvident public planning, as represented for one bad example by the proposal to build a new West Side Highway from the Battery to 42d Street at a possible cost to the city of \$110-million?

That is only 10 per cent of the total cost, and the other 90 per cent—about \$1 billion—will be paid for in Federal funds, although no Federal funds will be forthcoming, apparently, to save the city from default. What kind of insanity is that? Particularly since:

¶If the city chose, it could opt under Federal legislation to receive about \$550 million for mass transit capital expenditures, instead of the \$1 billion plus for building the highway.

¶An interstate from the Battery to 42d Street almost demands continuation at least to the George Washington Bridge, which would incur further enormous costs; and the State Department of Transportation has in fact already filed for an extension to 72d Street.

¶At best, and only for the route length now approved, construction would take ten to fifteen years by various estimates.

¶The new highway will bring vastly increased traffic, particularly in trucks coming from New Jersey; this increased traffic will escalate the city's problems in meeting Federal clean-air standards; when, in fact, the city is estimated to need a 30 to 50 per cent reduction in traffic levels to meet those clean-air standards.

¶Unless someone solves the energy crisis in the next year or so, the construction of grandiose new highways—this one largely on landfill in the Hudson River—to carry more gas-guzzling cars and trucks is a self-defeating policy that runs counter to every warning from the Federal Government and every common-sense consideration; what New York and every American city needs is improved

mass transit, not more concrete to accommodate more internal combustion engines.

¶Who would benefit, if anybody would, from the new highway? According to Action for Rational Transit, a coalition of groups opposed to its construction, more than 78 per cent of all Manhattan residents do not own cars; nor do 57.5 per cent of all New Yorkers. On the other hand, A.R.T. asserts, 90 per cent of all rush-hour trips to midtown Manhattan are taken on the subways.

¶While the \$50 million the city could obtain for mass transit would not be directly available for operating subsidies, there might well have been ways in which this sum could have been used to save the 35-cent fare; it surely could be used in a manner designed to attract more riders, hence more revenues.

And while the city goes ahead with its incomprehensible plan to build the new highway, the Ford Administration has announced legislative plans to downgrade urban interstate stretches and to give greater weight to the necessity of completing cross-country links of interstate highway. In almost every aspect, therefore—energy, environment, need, cost, community sentiment, common sense and legislative trends—the new West Side Highway is the wrong plan at the wrong time for the wrong place.

Why should this be? One reason, not necessarily the most important, is the so-called "highway lobby," the conglomeration of big interests that benefit from highway construction—suppliers, builders, engineers, labor, banks that handle huge deposits for construction purposes, some real estate interests. All these interests have good friends in Congress, state legislatures, state highway agencies, and important local authorities.

Perhaps more to the point is the persistent American failure to recognize that the day of cheap and abundant energy is either over, or so precariously preserved that no one can count on it beyond the moment. As

long as it is believed that American drivers can go on forever in profligate wasting of energy—the voracious consumption of gasoline in automobiles—there will be public demand for more and more highways and there will be politicians and bureaucrats to yield to those demands.

In the final analysis, however, it is the mystical American fixation on the automobile that produces such perversions of common sense as the West Side Highway plan. Among public officials, planners, even most commentators, it is an article of faith that an American cannot be lured out of his car, that mass transit is at best a losing proposition, that no matter what the dollar or environmental or energy cost, highways and autos are the only mode of transportation Americans will accept.

That is not true, as can be demonstrated by the acceptance of improved transit in any number of American cities. But what people think is true might as well be true, which is why New York will no doubt persist in the folly of the West Side Highway, even while trying to prove that it really does know how to handle its money.



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY OCTOBER 21, 1975  
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT  
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL  
224 WAVERLY PLACE N. Y., N. Y. 10014

AGENDA

THIS WILL BE A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, AND WE  
WILL BE DISCUSSING OUR FUND RAISING, THE HIGHWAY  
AND OTHER VILLAGE RELATED PROBLEMS AND CONDITIONS

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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE GETS AN AWARD:

The West Village Committee was presented the CIVIC PLANTING AWARD at the ribbon cutting ceremony of the 1975 Bryant Park Flower Show. This is your award, so we thought you'd like to see a copy.

Bryant Park Flower Show

1975

Civic Planting Award

To

West Village Committee

Whose untiring efforts  
and interest created the  
Triangle Garden at St. Vincent's Hospital  
for all New Yorkers to enjoy.

October 2, 1975

Phyllis Mallory  
RESIDING CHAIRMAN



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

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 1975

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:

The West Village Committee meets the third Tuesday of each month at St. John's in the Village. The November meeting will be Tuesday Nov. 18th, and the December Meeting will be Tuesday Dec. 16th. Please make a note of these dates so that when your newsletter arrives at the last minute (as it does this month) it will just serve as a reminder of something you've known all along.

CHARTER REVISION:

The League of Women Voters of the City of New York invites all of you to AN EVENING WITH THE ELECTION ISSUES to be held at the First Presbyterian Church (12 West 12th St.) on Thursday October 23rd (7:30 - 9:30). The speaker will be Lyn Carver, President of the New York City League of Women Voters and author of "New York City Government"

November 4th is election day, and we urge all registered voters to get out and vote. Registered voters who have moved since Oct. 6th have until Oct. 22 to report to their local election board and re-register.

We urge members to go to this meeting, go to other meetings on the issue, get as much information pro and con regarding Charter Revision, and above all, go to the polls and VOTE. Don't be one of the vast number of New Yorkers who don't have energy enough to go to the polls and vote on important issues, but can muster up great amounts of energy when it comes to screaming and complaining about the horrors of New York. We all have a hand in making the city what it is.

RAMSEY CLARK ON AMNESTY:

You have been invited to hear a talk on Unconditional Amnesty by Ramsey Clark at the Vesper Service Sunday Oct. 19th at St. Joseph's Church - 371 Sixth Avenue (corner of Washington Place) at 4 P. M.

ST. JOHN'S HAS NEW RECTOR:

The Reverend John Dyson Cannon has been elected rector of St. John's Episcopal Church. Father Cannon succeeds Father Graf who retired from the parish earlier in the year.

Father Cannon assumed his new duties on Oct 15th, and we wish Father Cannon and St. John's well.

THE BIG APPLE FARM AND FOOD CONFERENCE:

Urban gardening, food policy and untrition will be among the topics explored at the BIG APPLE URBAN FARM AND FOOD CONFERENCE that will be held at the Brooklyn campus of Long Island University on Sat. Nov. 8, 1975. The conference is being jointly sponsored by Brooklyn Congressman Fred Richmond and organic publisher-agriculturalis and nutritionist Robert Rodale, publisher



Organic Gardening & Farming Magazine.

The day will highlight many panels and topics of discussion, and promises to provide a wealth of information.

The Community Gardening panel will feature individuals who've pioneered innovative programs in urban gardening. Legal restrictions, security, soil preparation, types of crops and volunteer organization for community gardens will be discussed.

The panel on New Techniques for Urban Agriculture Production will cover seed sprouting, solar greenhouses, hydroponics, indoor lights, aquaculture, companion planting, inter-cropping and intensive planting.

Federal Food Assistance Programs and how they can be better utilized by New Yorkers, individual diet requirements and how our diets can be improved will be explored by the Nutrition and Health panel.

A panel will be held on Alternate Uses of Urban Wastes; specifically, the conversion of sludge, solid waste, market waste and restaurant waste into fertilizer and soil nutrients.

The Producers and Consumers Co-Ops Panel will further the development of the cooperative food purchasing concept, exploring the use of farmers to consumer markets in city communities.

The Consumerism and Food Policy Panel will explore the interrelationship between our rural food producers and the urban consumer, with a focus on why food prices have continued to rise, while farmers incomes remain stagnant. The panel will discuss the effect agribusiness has on our food cost, and what specifically consumers can do.

The final panel will be a discussion of the world food crisis and the United States' role in alleviating hunger and malnutrition through the world.

The conference will open for registration at 8:30 a. m. The exhibits and continuous film showings will begin at 9:00 a. m. and the keynote session will begin promptly at 9:30. The panels will begin at 11:00 a. m. and run continuously until 4:00 p. m. The final film showing will be at 4:00 p. m. The exhibits and films will be open to the public at no charge. The Brooklyn Campus of Long Island University is located on Flatbush Avenue Extension at DeKalb Avenue in Brooklyn.

Conference registration fee of \$7.50 includes luncheon. Reservations should be mailed to The Big Apple Farm and Food Conference  
147 Montague Street, Brooklyn, New York, 11201

WEST FOURTH STREET COOKBOOK:

The West Fourth Street Block Association threw a publication party recently to present their new cookbook, "Positively West 4th Street", a 64 page book of 61 recipes collected from Association members and restaurants along the street.

Positively West 4th Street is available in Greenwich Village book stores or send \$2.95 (check or money order) to Positively West 4th Street

303 W. 4th Street % Langdon  
New York, N. Y. 10014

CHRISTMAS WREATH ORDER 1975

ENCLOSED \$\_\_\_\_\_ FOR\_\_\_\_\_ CHRISTMAS WREATHS AT \$3.75 EACH.(CHECK OR MONEY ORDER)

NAME\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ORDER EARLY - LIKE TODAY. STATE WHEN IN DEC. YOU'D LIKE DELIVERY



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 1975  
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT  
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S EPOSCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL  
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TWO MEETINGS. (TUESDAY DEC. 16TH AND TUES. JAN. 20TH)  
REMEMBER, WE MEET THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT  
ST. JOHN'S IN THE VILLAGE.

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# THE VILLAGE COMMITTEE FOR THE JEFFERSON MARKET AREA, INC.

[FORMERLY The Ad Hoc Committee for Demolition of the Women's House of Detention]

18 West Ninth Street, New York, N.Y. 10011

November 20, 1975



## REPORT ON THE JEFFERSON MARKET GREENING

On Friday, November 14th, the following additional plant material went in:

7 Akebono Cherry Trees	
3 Sargeant Crabapple Trees	
2 Katherine       "       "	
2 Patricia       "       "	
2 Yellow woods	
1 Japanese Fringe Tree (Japanese lantern type blossoms)	
3 Ilex Grenata	
1 Panicked Goldraintree	
1 Japanese Zelkova	
2 White Poplars	
1 Red Jade Crabapple	
2 Star Magnolias (white blossoms)	
2 Saucer       "       (pink blossoms)	

Still to be planted within the next week will be:

2 Japanese Pagoda Trees	2 Zumi Crabapple Trees
2 Fringe Trees	20 Dwarf Pyracantha

All plantings are guaranteed for one year from the time of planting provided they are up to certain standards of care. The rose bushes didn't flourish and were replaced.

On Saturday, November 15th, we had a bulb planting and many village volunteers joined. We planted 730 Daffodils, and 400 Tulips. They were selected so that there would be a range of harmonious colors, a variety of heights and different blooming periods throughout the Spring. Part of the money raised at our White Elephant and Bake Sale in June paid for the bulbs.

Volunteer teams have been working diligently all summer keeping the grounds clean and the plantings healthy. This will be an ongoing project. As we have more plantings we will need more volunteers to supplement paid maintenance. volunteers please leave your name, address and phone, with hours and days available in the volunteer box at the main desk of the Jefferson Market Library.

Geraldine Mindell  
chairman

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This report was given at a public hearing of the Community Bd #2 on November 20th, 1975. -----

Geraldine Mindell, *Chairman*  
Carol Janeway *Vice-Chairman*  
Allen Pilikian *Secretary*  
Jack Meserole *Treasurer*

Assn. of Village Homeowners  
Washington Square Assn.  
West Village Committee  
Village Independent Democrats  
Bank Street Assn.  
Patchin-Milligan Neighborhood Assn.  
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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 1975

THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSES:

There is little new to report on the status of the West Village Houses.

As most of you have probably read by now, the City has taken steps to foreclose on the mortgage. On November 10th, an answer was filed to the City charges on behalf of the Housing Company.

The fact now is that there are 42 buildings containing 420 apartments, most of which are completed, and despite the shortage of housing in this city, the apartments stand vacant.

We have stated on many occasions that our attitude regarding West Village Houses is a responsible one both to the City and to our Community. We intend to continue to act in the best interest of both. We had assumed until recently that we were working with the Housing and Development Administration in a reasonable and constructive manner, and that our joint efforts would lead to occupancy at West Village Houses.

Building after building was turned over to the Housing Company, and with each turn-over, the responsibility of heating, maintenance and security. These apartments could have tenants today had we been given permission from the Housing and Development Administration to rent them, and construction on the new Village Post Office would probably be underway on the Charles Street site. (The P. O. had plans to take the commercial space on this site)

Occupancy of these apartments could have started in April of this year. If Administrator Starr was really interested in the welfare of the City and the People of New York who need decent housing, and if he was really interested in having these buildings occupied, then why did he withhold the Certificates of Occupancies and prevent these buildings from being rented. WHO ARE THESE BUILDINGS BEING SAVED FOR?

CHRISTMAS WREATHS:

Again in this newsletter, we include an order form for Christmas Wreaths. Many of our members did return their form with their check last month.

We urge all our members and friends who will want Christmas Wreaths to take just a moment and fill out and return their order form. Please order early as only in this way can we have an idea as to the supply we need to order, and thus save the waste of years past.

D. W. GRIFFITH PLAQUE CEREMONY:

On Sunday November 30, 1975, The West Village Committee will participate in a ceremony honoring the memory of D. W. Griffith. At 2 P. M. that Sunday a plaque will be placed on 14th Street near the site where the Biograph Studio once stood, at 11 East 14th Street. This is where Griffith directed his first films in the early years of this century, and where all film historians agree, because of the genius of Griffith filmmaking was first developed into an art.

Blanche Sweet, the actress has been the driving force in seeing that the Village has a plaque to Griffith in his centennial year, and both she and Lillian Gish are expected to attend the ceremony.

The public is invited to attend the plaque-placing ceremony. A reception following, will be for invited guest and dignitaries.

There are many unmarked sites of historic interest in Greenwich Village. The Landmarks Commission will mark the site if the original building is standing. However, there are many interesting sites where the buildings are no longer standing, and our community would be greatly enriched if such places of interest were marked with plaques. We hope to proceed with such a program.



COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 2 MEETS:

There will be a meeting of Community Board No. 2 on Thursday November 20th, 1975 at 7:30 P. M. This meeting will be held at Children's Aid Society 209 Sullivan St. (2nd Floor)

We urge West Village Committee members to go to your Community Board meetings whenever possible.

ST. LUKE'S CHRISTMAS FAIR:

The annual St Luke's Christmas Fair will be held on November 21st and 22nd, at St. Luke's, 487 Hudson Street.

The Fair will kick off with a GOOD LUCK DINNER on Fri. Nov. 21st at 5 P. M. Also, Luncheon on Sat. - good food, low prices.

Then there is the St. Luke's Thrift Shop, A Flea Market, The Christmas Shop, the Bakery, a Raffle and a Carnival for the children - by the children. And, don't miss the 5th Grade Bicentennial Play on Friday night and repeated on Sat. afternoon.

Oh yes, you can order your Christmas Tree and pick up a Directory.

DESIGN IN CLAY - CHRISTMAS SHOW:

A Christmas show will be held at Designs in Clay, 327 W. 11th Street, between Greenwich and Washington Streets. Exhibitors will be potters, Marji Greenhut, Ellen Kahn Froncek, English Austin Friedberg; weaver, Tina Jupiter; and watercolorist, Ruth Conway. The exhibition will offer a variety of painting, sculpting and weaving, as well as functional objects.

The studio will be open on December 5th - 7th, and 12th - 14th from 5:00 - 9:00 P. M. on Friday; 1:00 - 9:00 on Saturday; 1:00-5:00 P. M. on Sunday, or by appointment. (Phone: 929-0889)

FALL PLANTING IN JEFFERSON MARKET GARDEN:

Planting of Fall plants and Spring bulbs should be in progress during this month on the site of the garden next to the Jefferson Market Library. This is a community garden, and we urge our members to join with all our neighbors and make this a meaningful and successful venture. You may sign to do a little gardening at the West Village meeting, or drop a note in the mail slot of West Village headquarters at 304 W. 11th St. or you can call CH 3-0762 or CH 3-8779. We will inform you as to planting dates.

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CHRISTMAS WREATH ORDER 1975

ENCLOSED \$\_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ CHRISTMAS WREATHS AT \$3.75 EACH. (CHECK OR MONEY ORDER)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ORDER EARLY - LIKE TODAY. STATE WHEN IN DEC. YOU'D LIKE DELIVERY

MAIL TO: WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE - 304 W. 11TH ST. - N. Y., N. Y. 10014

# **WEST SIDE Ad Hoc COMMITTEE AGAINST THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY**

304 West Eleventh Street, New York, New York 10014 CH 3-0762

# **Press**

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## **WE SPONSORED A STREET FAIR**

In October we sponsored the first annual Greenwich Village Fair around the Jefferson Market Library Square to raise funds to support the suit now in Federal District Court to halt the building of the proposed West Side interstate highway. More than 30 block associations and other groups participated in the street fair. We grossed around \$6,000. We immediately sent a check for \$2,000 to support the law suit, and anticipate that we can send another large check as soon as all of our expenses for the fair are paid. To our knowledge there is only one large bill outstanding and unreported. (Bob Read, will you please submit your statement of expenses?)

In addition to the contributions we have made to financially support the law suit, much of our activities also poured funds into the Friends of the Earth Foundation. Checks to Friends of the Earth Foundation are tax deductible. Friends recently paid over \$1,500 into the legal fund, largely gained from fair-related activities. We continue to solicit such gifts to Friends of the Earth Foundation. A memo should be marked on such checks "For highway legal fund."

## **WHY PAY A LAWYER FOR THE SUIT?**

The most frequent question we are asked in fund-raising is why we have not found a lawyer who will take on the suit against the interstate highway without charge. Not many of us find or expect to find free medical or dental service, and for a suit of this character, we felt that we should pay for the best counsel available. Our attorney, William Hoppen, is a seasoned lawyer in environmental cases, and in the opinion of many is the best lawyer in the country to take on a suit against an interstate highway. Inasmuch as we are taking on federal, state and local governments, we were determined to have only the best advocate for our cause. For those of you who have been able to read the suit draft, it should be apparent that the implications of issues to be resolved go far beyond local issues. The results will be felt nation-wide.

## **FUND-RAISING THIS WINTER**

We tried one theater benefit at greatly inflated prices and made some money. This winter we may be doing a series of similar benefits at regular theater prices. One Village theater has already offered to split the proceeds of a night if we will sell out the house for a night. This would mean smaller sums of money, but less vigorous activities required of our loyal workers.



#### OUR NEW SLOGAN

Our new slogan will be "Mass Transit, Not Highways." We have used it first on a new button sold at the street fair bearing a drawing of the first tram car in the world. This street car was designed by James Stephenson in 1831 when it was chartered to run from Prince Street to the Harlem Bridge (3rd Avenue). Tracks were laid in 1831, and the car, known as the "New York and Harlem" began regular runs in 1832. This first tram was a horse car, and was still running in the 1890's.

Over the years the city fathers have failed to recognize what we once all knew. New York and all other large urban areas grew and developed as mass transit expanded. Today many really poor people cannot even afford to ride mass transit, but the great masses of middle class citizens have always depended upon mass transit facilities.

#### A PROPOSAL TO TEAR DOWN THE MILLER HIGHWAY

Recently the city has come up with a proposal to tear down the West Side Highway from Jane to West 14th Street. In a city daily facing financial default, they have suddenly found funds to destruct this section. If this portion comes down, it dismisses any possibility of repair, and will reinforce the city's argument to push ahead with plans for the "Westway" interstate. The West Side below 59th Street is one of the most deprived areas in the nation for recreational facilities. We feel very strongly that if the Miller is not to be repaired as a highway, it ought to be preserved as a unique bicycle route. For these reasons we strongly oppose this proposed destruction of the Miller Highway.

#### THOSE EAST RIVER BRIDGE TOLLS

Proposals to place tolls on East River portals have brought cries of opposition from city hall and from a coalition of members of Congress. Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman of Brooklyn has led this opposition. The only Manhattan Congressman to join her group is Charles Rangel. We support the proposed tolls, the purpose of which is not to increase revenues, but to induce citizens to use mass transit rather than private cars. We urge people to write to Holtzman and Rangel. To our mind, if they misunderstand the purpose of the proposed tolls, it is because they want to misunderstand in order to use their obviously false arguments as a ploy to get votes.

#### TRADE IN THE HIGHWAY FOR MASS TRANSIT

The city has been legally able for many months now to trade in the West Side Highway for \$525,000,000 to be put into improving existing mass transit. Had they taken this money the recent transit fare increase from .35¢ to .50¢ would not have been necessary. Presently efforts are being made in Congress to split the \$525 million between mass transit and a highway. We urgently urge you to write to your senators and members of Congress urging them not to allot any of these funds to highways. In addition to your own representative in the Congress, we also particularly urge letters of protest to Senator James Buckley and Congresswoman Bella Abzug.

If our city is dying, it is dying partly because the needs of mass transit have been largely ignored, and because we have allowed Detroit to suffocate our urban area with their products. We must once again see freight moved by rail and by water.

#### IT IS NOT JUST A QUESTION OF AN INTERSTATE

The proposal to build Westway is not just a simple question of building a highway. The landfill proposal is to be the answer to the fondest dreams of the big money, giant real estate interests. The city has big plans for the West Side. The open space around Independence Plaza downtown is being parceled up and offered for sale to developers. What is being prepared is not just an interstate, but one of the greatest land grabs in history all along the lower West Side waterfront.

Opponents of Westway, wherever you are, give us your support!



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY DECEMBER 16, 1975  
TIME: 7:30 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT  
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S EPOSCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL  
224 WAVERLY PLACE N. Y., N. Y. 10014

AGENDA

A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING  
FOLLOWED BY  
A SHORT FILM - PRESENTED BY  
THE VILLAGE VISITING NEIGHBORS  
AND THEN  
LOTS OF GOOD FOOD AND GOOD CHEER

SO

WE CAN HAVE ENOUGH FOOD AND DRINK  
FOR ALL, IT IS NECESSARY THAT WE  
HAVE AN IDEA AS TO HOW MANY TO  
PREPARE FOR. RESERVATIONS MAY  
BE MADE BY CALLING ONE OF THREE  
PHONE NUMBERS BETWEEN 10 A. M.  
AND 7 P. M. - CH 3-8779 - CH  
3-0762 OR CH 2-4817. FOR THIS,  
RESERVATIONS MUST BE LIMITED.  
THERE IS NO CHARGE, BUT GET YOUR  
RESERVATION IN EARLY.

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT  
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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 1975

THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSES:

The City has taken steps to foreclose on the mortgage of West Village Houses, and on Nov. 10th, an answer to the City charges was filed on behalf of the Housing Company. On Nov. 21st, Housing and Development Administrator Roger Starr was appointed Receiver.

The fact now is there are 42 buildings containing 420 apartments of sound housing, most of which are completed, and despite the shortage of housing in Manhattan, these apartments stand vacant.

West Village houses were conceived over a dozen years ago as an alternative of massive high-rise construction plans which would have destroyed many blocks in the West Village. Many of the houses we live in today would long ago have been demolished, and others in peril.

Commissioner Starr met recently with officials of Community Board 2, and it was reported that he has suggested occupancy as early as late Jan. at rentals of \$80 to \$85 per room. We might point out that in Oct. 1974, over a year ago, the Housing Company requested of HDA that the apartments be marketed at \$85 per room. We were never permitted to do this.

The Housing Company, as does Community Board 2 is interested in seeing West Village Houses rented up quickly and thus prevent the vandalism which is bred by vacant buildings.

However, we will take a dim view of seeing 12 years of our hard labors turned over to developers, at a great loss to the City, and turned into huge profits.

MARY'S BACK IN TOWN:

We are very pleased to have our dear friend and former West Village Committee officer back for a few weeks from her home in California. We WELCOME Mary, and look forward to seeing her at the meeting on the 16th. Mary who? Why Mary Adamson, of course.

HORATIO STREET ASSOCIATION IS MOLLIE PARNIS WINNER:

The Horatio Street Association was recently cited by the Mollie Parnis Dress Up Your Neighborhood Contest for the small triangular garden located at the intersection of 8th Ave., West 4th and Horatio Streets. The award carries a cash prize of \$250.00.

Horatio Street becomes the third West Village Community organization to capture awards in this contest. The West Village Committee was a winner for the garden on the triangle across from St. Vincent's Hospital, and Jane Street took a prize for the garden the Association designed and developed at the corner of Jane St. and 8th Avenue.

The West Village Committee and the Community Salutes Horatio Street.

LOCAL SCHOOLS HAVE FUND RAISING EVENTS:

Both PS 3 and PS 41 will be holding events in the next few days, and look forward to seeing all of our neighbors.

A CHRISTMAS BAZAAR  
PS 41 116 W. 11th St.  
Saturday Dec. 13th.  
12 Noon to 5 P. M.

AND

A HOLIDAY FAIR  
PS 3 490 Hudson St.  
Friday Dec. 19th.  
6 P. M. to 10 P. M.

THE H B PLAYWRIGHTS FOUNDATION:

The H B Playwrights will present their Annual offering THE SECOND SHEPHERD'S PLAY starting Dec. 20th, and running thru Dec. 30th. For information and reservations, telephone 989-6540.



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## HIKE TO PROTEST 'WESTWAY'

On Sunday, December 14, there will be a hike along the West Side to protest the proposed super highway, Westway. This hike has been inspired by Tom Yoannou of Conservation & the Outdoors. Hikers will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the IRT Broadway Local stop at the Battery; they expect to reach 6th Avenue and West 8th Street by 10 a.m.; they will meet other hikers at 40th Street and 12th Avenue at 11 a.m., and still other hikers will join the line of march at Riverside Drive and 72nd Street at 12 noon. This is the same group of hikers who recently walked the Miller Highway to celebrate our fund-raising street fair. We ask Villagers to join in this hike to show that we are a united community all along the West Side--united in defeating Westway. A .50¢ service fee is charged by Conservation & the Outdoors to each hiker to support the legal action against the highway.

## HELP RESTORE RAIL SERVICE

The U.S. Senate recently passed a bill which would provide subsidies to many branch rail lines. But only those lines approved by the State Department of Transportation, which is a very highway-oriented body. The measure still must pass the House of Representatives, and so there is still time for you to write to your representative in Congress asking that any branch line which is a member of the U.S.R.A. be included in the subsidies. In addition to writing to your own representative, we beg you also to write to Rep. Harley Staggers, Chairman, House Interstate & Foreign Committee, 2125 RHOB, Washington, D.C. 20515 and Rep. Fred B. Rooney, Chairman, Subcommittee on Transportation & Commerce, 2125 RHOB, Washington, D.C. 20515. The success of this measure is very directly tied into the economic and energy crisis of the entire northern United States. We must revive rails and keep the ones which are rolling running, or else we will have lost a battle from which we will never recover.

## STOP THIS BILL IN CONGRESS

This very week in Congress, the House of Representatives is expected to vote out the House Highway Act, and the Senate will take action on its counterpart in that body known as S 2711. This bill is an abomination and, if it passes both houses, will endanger our fight against Westway. It would permit Interstate Transfer Funds to be moved from mass transit needs to building highways, and could only encourage governors and mayors to build more and larger highways. The argument for the bill is that it may increase the overall sum of monies available from the Federal Government, but it in fact may contain a clause which would make the building of highways obligatory.

As you know, historically New York City grew and expanded as mass transit facilities were made available to the middle classes, while a series of corrupt and short-sighted city administrations have allowed our mass transit facilities to reach a state of chaos. Besides, national energy, economic and clean air policy demand better mass transit and movement of freight by rail and water, not more highways.



### LET US MAKE 'WESTWAY' A POLITICAL ISSUE

Many voters on the West Side are disenfranchized by the lack of response of their elected officials on the issue of an interstate highway. Congressman John M. Murphy has never found time to meet with us. Congresswoman Bella Abzug, through reasoning that apparently only she can comprehend, is supporting the House Highway Act--which would make mass transit money available for highway building--would, in fact, as we have said, make highway building obligatory. Exceptions have been Assemblyman William Passannante and Councilwoman Carol Greitzer, who have always been very helpful, but a number of our other West Side officials in the State Legislature have not performed satisfactorily. This lack of sensible response from our elected officials compounds our problem of fighting an interstate when we are saddled with a City Hall administration which promises nothing more than that it will be the worst on record in living memory.

Let us begin now by not only fighting an interstate, but looking for reasonable replacements for these arrogant elected officials. Senator James Buckley recently voted against Interstate Transfer Funds for mass transit. Let us ask ourselves whether we really need the Buckleys, the Murphys and the Abzugs when they so often work against our vital interests and well-being in this city.

### 'WESTWAY' IS NOT JUST A SUPERHIGHWAY

Westway is not just a proposal for a superhighway. Even more important to this city administration in the plan of Westway, is the development of high-rise real estate on the Hudson River landfill. That is the key to it all. From Battery Park City to the rail yards in the West 60's, the city has plans for high class (expensive), high-rise developments. All those plans for park space along the river is pie in the sky, for it will never happen. The Department of Parks has more park space than it can handle and maintain now. The big private developers will simply move in and develop. It promises to be one of the biggest land grabs in city history.

What is being prepared, providing the Federal Government comes through with the money, is a giant rip-off. The hacks in City Hall are in full sway.

A number of people have asked that a recall election against Mayor Beame be instituted. It has even been suggested in the press. There is no provision in New York State for recall of a mayor. Theoretically, a governor can remove a mayor, but that is an unlikely event. In any case, Mr. Beame is a rather powerless individual: a straw boss for the bosses who are really running this city from the Bronx and from Brooklyn.

At this time we do not support any campaign to remove Mayor Beame from office. It would be removing none of the real power in this city and would mean nothing.

### WE PAID ANOTHER \$1,000

The Ad Hoc Committee recently paid another \$1,000 into the legal fund against the interstate. Jessie Dennis, Mel Stevens, Inga Maehr and other constant workers are busily working on other fund-raising schemes, but we need the help and suggestions of all of our members. As you may know, we long ago set a goal of around \$50,000 to be raised. It is not really so much when you consider the consequences of a billion dollar plus interstate highway.

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Happy holidays to our members all along the West Side and elsewhere. And may we all come into the New Year fighting even harder for mass transit, for rail and water freight, for a renewal of passenger rail, and against the sham of our current boss-riden, morally bankrupt city administration.