

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

ELECTION NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

Date: Wednesday, February 25th, 1970
Time: 8:00 p.m. PROMPTLY PLEASE
Place: St. Luke's Chapel of Trinity Parish
487 Hudson St. (Hudson and Grove Streets)
N. Y., N. Y. 10014

At a meeting of the nominating committee on Feb. 17th, preliminary nominations were made. The candidates indicated that they will serve if elected. The nominations were:

President:	James Shaw
1st Vice-Pres:	Jean Smith
2nd Vice-Pres:	James O'Neill
Recording Sect:	Juanita Lutz
Corresponding Sect:	Madalynne Kurtz
Treasurer:	John Manno

Nominations are not closed.

On Feb. 25th, the proceedings will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m. to allow time for additional nominations from the floor. 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.

The current production at The HB Playwrights Foundation, Inc. is SALUTE A DISTANT MAN a new play by ROBERT SUGARMAN. As usual, we have selected two evenings for West Village Committee members. Please save Sun. March 1st or Mon. March 2 and join us for an evening in the theatre. Performances start at 8:30. Reservations may be made by calling Joan Stoliar (OR 5-3527) or Ruth Gottlieb (AL 5-1915 evenings). Your attendance will benefit both The West Village Committee and The HB Playwrights Foundation, Inc.

Proposed change in Articles of Association to be discussed.

Article VII states that no member shall be required to pay dues. The proposed admendment would permit the charging of an annual membership dues. Let your voice be heard on this issue.

James Shaw, President
Peter Fritsch, 1st Vice President
Richard Barnett, Treasurer
Juanita Lutz, Recording Secretary



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH, 1970
TIME: 8:00 P.M. PROMPTLY PLEASE
PLACE: WESTBETH
463 WEST STREET
N. Y., N. Y. 10014

At the annual meeting held on Feb. 25th at St. Luke's Chapel of Trinity Parish the following officers were elected to serve for 1970-71. James Shaw, Pres., Jean Smith, 1st Vice Pres., Peter Fritsch, 2nd Vice Pres., Juanita Lutz, Recording Sect., Madalynne Kurtz, Corresponding Sect. and Jack Manno, Treasurer.

A resolution was adopted at the last meeting to amend Article V of The Articles of Association by adding the office of 3rd Vice Pres., and at the same time it was voted that Mr. James O'Neill fill this office should this amendment be ratified at this meeting.

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT OF THE
SANITATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE OUR GUEST AT
THIS MEETING, AND OUR LOCAL SANITATION PROBLEMS
WILL BE OUR TOPIC OF DISCUSSION.

The proposed change of Article VII which would have permitted the payment of dues was defeated at the last meeting. It was decided that we should maintain ourselves on a basis of voluntary donations. Many of our members often ask how they can be of help. It is in the area of funds that we are most in need of help. With the heavy load of postage and other expenses related to the housing, funds, or the lack of funds has been a major problem. We would appreciate donations LARGE or small. Please make checks payable to THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE.

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE HAS TAKEN SUN. EVE. APRIL 5TH AND MON. EVE. THE 6TH FOR THEATRE NIGHT AT HB. THE EVENING WILL BE TWO ONE PLAYS "GOODBY HOWARD" AND "THE BROOFER" BY ROMULUS LINNEY, AND EX-CERTS FROM HIS FULL-LENGTH PLAY "DEMOCRACY AND ESTER". DIRECTED BY HERBERT BERGHOF. RESERVATIONS MAY BE MADE BY CALLING JOAN STOLIAR (OR 5-3527) OR IN THE EVENINGS RUTH GOTTLEIB (AL 5-1915) PLEASE JOIN US AT HB. YOUR ATTENDANCE WILL BENEFIT BOTH THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE AND THE HB PLAYWRIGHTS FOUNDATION, INC.

James Shaw, President
Jean Smith, 1st Vice President
Peter Fritsch, 2nd Vice President
Juanita Lutz, Recording Secretary
Madalynne Kurtz, Corresponding Secretary



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

SPECIAL MEETING

WE ARE HONORED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR MEMBER AND FRIEND MRS. JANE JACOBS, A LEADING URBAN CRITIC AND FORMER SENIOR EDITOR OF ARCHITECTURAL FORUM WILL ADDRESS A SPECIAL MEETING OF WEST VILLAGE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. JANE WAS ONE OF THE PRIME MOVERS IN THE FIGHT TO SAVE THE WEST VILLAGE, AND ONE OF THE ORIGINATORS OF THE CONCEPT OF THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING PLAN. MRS. JACOBS IS THE AUTHOR OF TWO WIDELY ACCLAIMED BOOKS, "THE DEATH AND LIFE OF GREAT AMERICAN CITIES" (1961) AND "THE ECONOMY OF CITIES" (1969). WE ARE MOST FORTUNATE THAT MRS. JACOBS, A MOST SOUGHT AFTER LECTURER HERE AND IN EUROPE IS ABLE TO GIVE US AN EVENING ON HER RETURN FROM HER CROSS COUNTRY SPEAKING TOUR.

AS SEATING IS VERY LIMITED FOR THIS SPECIAL MEETING, A SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION OF \$3.00 AND UP IS REQUESTED FOR INVITATIONS FOR THIS SPECIAL MEETING. FILL IN THE ATTACHED FORM, AND RETURN IMMEDIATELY.

AN EVENING WITH JANE JACOBS
TUESDAY EVE. MAY 19, 1970
P. S. 41 - 8:15 P. M.
304 W. 11TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10011

MAIL TO: JEAN SMITH
109 BANK ST.
N. Y. N. Y. 10014

NAME _____ (PLEASE PRINT)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

PHONE NO. _____

CONTRIBUTION @ \$3.00 PER SEAT. NO. _____ \$

I CANNOT MAKE THE LECTURE BUT WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE \$ _____



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 23RD, 1970
TIME: 8:00 P.M.
PLACE: ST. LUKE'S CHAPEL OF TRINITY PARISH
487 HUDSON ST.
N. Y., N. Y. 10014

THIS IS THE LAST MEETING UNTIL AFTER THE SUMMER REST. OUR
MEETING WILL BE DEVOTED TO COMMITTEE REPORTS AS AVAILABLE.

WE HOPE FOR ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
THE VERY BEST SUMMER POSSIBLE, AND THAT
WE WILL ALL IN OUR OWN WAY WORK TOWARDS
A BETTER WORLD.

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT
JEAN SMITH, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT
PETER FRITSCH, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT
JAMES O'NEILL, 3RD VICE PRESIDENT
JUANITA LUTZ, RECORDING SECRETARY
MADALYNNE KURTZ, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
JACK MANNO, TREASURER

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE BEFORE COMING TO THE MEETING



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, SEPT. 22, 1970

TIME: 8:15 P. M. PROMPTLY PLEASE

PLACE: ST. LUKE'S CHAPEL OF TRINITY PARISH
487 HUDSON ST.
N. Y., N. Y. 10014

AGENDA: CRITICAL VILLAGE ISSUES

THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF CRITICAL ISSUES, OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE WEST VILLAGE COMMUNITY, WHICH HAVE HAD TO BE DEALT WITH DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, AND MOST ARE STILL TO BE RESOLVED. THIS MEETING WILL DEAL WITH THESE ISSUES.

COME OUT AND HEAR WHAT HAS BEEN DONE, WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, AND WHAT YOU CAN DO.

ARTIST HOUSING IN SOHO: THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION HAS SCHEDULED A PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPT. 23, 1970 ON A PROPOSAL TO LEGALIZE ARTIST OCCUPANCY OF LOFT BUILDINGS FOR JOINT LIVING-WORKING PURPOSES IN THE SOHO DISTRICT OF LOWER MANHATTAN. QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO MRS. JULIUS A. STRATTON, 360-8231.

James Shaw, President
Jean Smith, 1st Vice President
Peter Fritsch, 2nd Vice President
James O'Neill, 3rd Vice President
Juanita Lutz, Recording Secretary
Madelynne Kurtz, Corresponding Secretary
John Manno, Treasurer



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, OCT. 27, 1970

TIME: 8:00 p. m. PROMPTLY PLEASE

PLACE: GREENWICH HOUSE
27 Barrow Street
Third Floor — Community Council Room

AGENDA: Mayor Lindsay's "Plan for Neighborhood Government"

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, MAYOR LINDSAY PROPOSED A "PLAN FOR NEIGHBORHOOD GOVERNMENT" FOR NEW YORK CITY. THE MAYOR HAS ASKED VARIOUS NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS -- INCLUDING THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE -- TO STUDY HIS PLAN AND REPORT BACK THEIR COUNSEL, SUGGESTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS BASED ON THE "NEEDS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUR OWN COMMUNITY."

SEVERAL WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN STUDYING THIS "PLAN FOR NEIGHBORHOOD GOVERNMENT." INCLUDED ON THE PANEL ARE VICE PRESIDENTS PETER FRITSCH AND JAMES O'NEILL.

COME AND HEAR THEM DISCUSS IT. ASK QUESTIONS. FIND OUT WHAT SOME OF OUR COMMUNITY AND POLITICAL LEADERS THINK OF THE PLAN. DECIDE WHAT KIND OF COUNSEL THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE SHOULD OFFER REGARDING THIS "PLAN FOR NEIGHBORHOOD GOVERNMENT."

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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUES. DEC. 8TH, 1970
 TIME: 8:00 P.M.
 PLACE: THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS
 304 W. 11TH STREET
 NEW YORK, N. Y. 10014

BECAUSE OF THE THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS,
 THE NOV. & DEC. MEETINGS ARE BEING COMBINED AND HELD
 HELD AT AN EARLIER TIME OF THE MONTH.

THIS IS THE TIME OF OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE. IT IS WITH CHRISTMAS WREATH,
 BOOK SALES, ETC. THAT WE ARE ABLE TO MEET THE RENT, AND THE MANY EXPENSES OF THE
 GREENWICH VILLAGE HOUSING WHICH THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE SPONSORS. WE URGE ALL
 OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO FILL IN THE FORM BELOW, AND MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK FOR
 YOUR 1970 CHRISTMAS WREATH. WREATHS MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE
 HEADQUARTERS OR THE BENDEWALD STUDIO 523 HUDSON ST. ON SAT. DEC. 12TH OR 19TH.
 PLEASE HELP US BY ORDERING YOUR CHRISTMAS WREATHS NOW.

THE NEXT BOOK SALE WILL BE HELD IN JAN. AS USUAL, WE NEED AND WELCOME
 BOOKS OF ALL KINDS FOR OUR SALE. BOOKS MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE WEST
 VILLAGE HEADQUARTERS OR THE BENDEWALD STUDIO BETWEEN 12 NOON AND 6 P.M.
 ON DEC. 12TH OR 19TH ALSO, OR PHONE CH 3-8779 (BETWEEN 9 AND 11 A.M.)
 IF YOU HAVE BOOKS.

WEST VILLAGE HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT

WE CAN UNDERSTAND THE ANXIETY OF THOSE OF YOU WHO FOR MONTHS HAVE AWAITED THE
 ISSUANCE OF APPLICATIONS. YOUR ANXIETY IS SHARED BY THOSE OF US WHO FOR THE
 PAST EIGHT YEARS HAVE TOILED TIRELESSLY TOWARD THE ULTIMATE FRUITION OF THIS
 PLAN. IT HAS BEEN A STRUGGLE AND BATTLE, THE SCOPE OF WHICH CAN NOT BE IMAG-
 INED BY ONE NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE THOUSANDS OF HOURS DONATED BY MEMBERS
 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GREENWICH VILLAGE COMMUNITY HOUSING CORP. AND
 OTHERS. WE ARE HAPPY AND PLEASED TO REPORT THAT AT A RECENT MEETING, THE ARCH-
 ITECTS REPORT THE COMPLETION OF THE PLANS, AND FINAL PLANS FOR GROUND BREAKING
 SHOULD BE IN MARCH OF 1972. WE HOPE TO HAVE APPLICATIONS READY SOON AFTER THE
 FIRST OF THE YEAR. A DISPLAY OF PLANS, AND MATERIALS TO BE USED IN THE CON-
 STRUCTION OF THE HOUSING WILL BE PLANNED ABOUT THAT TIME ALSO. TIME AND PLACE
 OF THE DISPLAY WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY MAIL AT A LATER DATE. THERE WILL BE NO
 OTHER HOUSING REPORT AT THE DEC. 8TH MEETING.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

JAMES SHAW, PRES. JEAN SMITH, 1ST V. PRES. PETER FRITSCH, 2ND V. PRES.
 JAMES O'NEILL, 3RD V.P. MADALYNNE KURTZ, REC. SECT. JACK MANNO, TRES.

----- CLIP THIS COUPON -----

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

WREATHS \$3.25 (APPROXIMATELY 20" DIAM) I ENCLOSE \$ _____ FOR _____ WREATHS
 I WILL PICK UP WREATHS ON DEC. 12TH OR 19TH I WILL CALL CH 3-8779 _____ (9-11 A.M.)

SEND TO:

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

ORDER YOUR WREATH TODAY



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487 HUDSON ST.
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10014

A WAR ON GRIME

WHY IS THE VILLAGE SO DIRTY?

A PUBLIC MEETING

SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY BOARD
NUMBER 2

MONDAY JAN. 25 - 7:45 P.M.

NYU VANDERBILT HALL

40 WASHINGTON SQUARE SOUTH

AGENDA: THE PUBLIC MEETING ON SANITATION

WHY IS THE VILLAGE SO DIRTY? THIS YOU NO DOUBT HAVE ASK YOURSELF MANY TIMES AS YOU'VE WADED THROUGH LITTER, DODGED GARBAGE CANS ALL OVER THE SIDEWALKS, OR HAD THE MISFORTUNE; AS YOU WALK DOWN THE STREET DEEP IN THOUGHT OR CONVERSATION; OF NOT LOOKING WHERE YOU STEP. THEN YOU USUALLY SAY OR THINK "WHY IS THE VILLAGE SO DIRTY?" OH YES, IT IS VERY EASY TO FIND A SCAPE GOAT, AND WE USUALLY DO. THAT IS USUALLY WHERE YOU LEAVE IT. NOW, WE HAVE ALLOWED THE VILLAGE TO BECOME VIRTUALLY A DUMPING GROUND OF LITTER AND OTHER PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF OUR LACK OF ACTION. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO REVERSE THIS TREND. PLEASE COME TO THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING WITH GOOD IDEAS, BESIDES COMPLAINTS, AND LET US PLAY A VITAL PART IN THIS COMMUNITY EFFORT. IF YOU LIVE IN AN APARTMENT BUILDING, PLEASE POST THE ENCLOSED FLYER BY YOUR MAIL BOX.

BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS

WE NEED BOOKS FOR THE NEXT BOOK SALE. ALL KINDS OF BOOKS, AND OF COURSE RECORDS. BOOKS ON ALL SUBJECTS - COOK BOOKS, ART BOOKS, GARDENING, CRAFTS, SPORTS. HARD BACK AND PAPERBACKS. IF YOU HAVE BOOKS FOR THE SALE, PLEASE CLIP THE SLIP AT THE BOTTOM OF NOTICE AND RETURN, OR PHONE 243-8779 (MORNINGS)

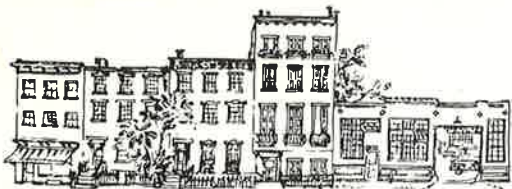
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I CAN DELIVER _____ I WILL NEED HELP _____



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

ELECTION NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

Date: Tues. Feb. 16th, 1971
Time: 8:00 P. M. Promptly Please
Place: Westbeth Resturant - Enter resturant on Bank St.
West side of Westbeth Park. On Bank Street between Greenwich St. and West.

At a meeting of the nominating committee on Feb. 4th, preliminary nominations were made. The following candidates indicated that they would serve if elected.

President:	James Shaw
1st Vice Pres:	Jean Smith
2nd Vice Pres:	James O'Neill
3rd Vice Pres:	Robert Bayley
Recording Sect:	Marie Reeves
Corresponding Sect:	Madalynne Kurtz
Treasurer:	Ernest Mayer

NOMINATIONS ARE NOT CLOSED

On Feb. 16th the proceedings will begin promptly at 8:00 p. m. to allow time for additional nominations from the floor. 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.

Block Association Reports followed by recommendations and discussion on how best all these activities can be coordinated to the best advantage of the whole community.

There will be a short report on the status of the West Village Housing.

Community Announcement: Planning Board #2 meets at 7:45 p. m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at St. Anthony's, 151 Thompson Street.

Book Sale postponed: Our West Village Committee book sale has had to be temporarily postponed until a little later this spring. But please save your books and records. We'll be glad to pick them up for you.

JAMES SHAW, President
JEAN SMITH, 1st Vice President
PETER FRITSCH, 2nd Vice President
JAMES O'NEILL, 3rd Vice President
JUANITA LUTZ, Recording Secretary
MADALYNNE KURTZ, Corresponding Secretary
JACK MANNO, Treasurer

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 1971 - WESTBETH

Mr. Shaw brought the meeting to order at 8:15 PM. The minutes from the previous meeting were dispensed with (because they were not available).

Mr. Shaw stated he had attended the official opening of the new Police Station on West 10th St. on Feb. 9th - representing the W.V.C.

He reminded us that the Honorable Bela Abzug has expressed her willingness to be a "servant" of the W.V.C. - he had attended a reception on the opening of her New York office at 252 7th Ave. - bet. 23/24 St. in the Veterans Bldg.

He urged us all to attend the meeting of Planning Board #2 on the 18th - at St. Anthony's Church, 153 Sullivan St. As previously stated the 1st part is public and the second part private, but all can stay for both.

Miss Kurtz read a letter Mr. Arthur Greiss, Chairman of Traffic Committee of Pl.Bd.#2 has written to the Highway Dept., complaining about the bad condition of Hudson St., resulting from the excavations recently "completed". No answer as yet, but will call them soon if not forthcoming.

Miss Jean Smith read a letter from Citizens for Clean Air, reminding us of their membership drive - now have 400 new members, totalling 1500, and want to double that.

Mr. Shaw gave the numbers to report pot holes - WO 4-2110, all the time. Also 566-2018 - from 9 to 5. New patch system being used.

Mr. Shaw introduced Miss Finn? - regarding summer travel, at reduced rates to Europe on Charter Flights - for July and August.

Miss Perry gave a report on the newly formed 12th Block Assn. They had their first meeting last month. Have been distributing questionnaires on crime, etc., in each house - 21 returned. Out of these there were 30 burglaries, 16 muggings, 5 attempted burglaries - this covered 224 adults - for one year. She also stated a casual survey had disclosed much more pedestrian traffic on 12th St., which, in some way, seemed to be tied in with drugs - down Greenwich St. way. Is having Patrolman Hollywood to address the next meeting. Perhaps other block associations - Jane and Bank/Bethune - might care to consolidate with this meeting?

Mr. Wood - Chairman Traffic Committee of Westbeth spoke on the subject of the proposed Stolport for Chelsea. Asked for our support in blocking this and specifically for all to attend a meeting on March 20th at Maritime Bldg. This will be an all day meeting - we should express our opposition to this proposed Stolport. Cited reasons - noise, flights over buildings, pollution, etc. FAA will be at meeting. They have made a study for American Airlines. Someone referred to article on this, written by Patricia Kirk - in Village Voice. Jim ONEILL proposed a motion for W.V.C.'s support to Westbeth against Stolports, anyplace around New York City, and we should write FAA, American and proper authorities. This was made, seconded and passed.

Another member gave a talk on how the FAA uses our tax money to make these studies and subsidize airlines, etc., and we should have something to say about it.

Mr. Wood also spoke about the need for downtown transportation for the West Village. It was suggested the No. 11 bus route downtown (beyond Abington Square)

W.V.C. Meeting

February 16th, 1971

Mr. Shaw asked for a report from the Jane St. Association. Mary Carowley spoke about the need for rerouting of traffic.

Bank/Wethune St. assn. was also heard from.

Dick Barnett - spoke about the ~~renewed~~ renewed interest in Block Associations. And, while this is a good thing, it is very important to work together for neighborhood good. Each one should have representative to work with each other and all with the W.V.C.

Mr. Shaw stated the Nominating Committee had submitted a list of names - -

President	Mr. James Shaw
1st Vice Pres.	Miss Jean Smith
2nd Vice Pres.	Mr. James O'Neill
3rd Vice Pres.	Mr. Robert Bayley
Treasurer	Mr. Ernest Mayer
Record.Sec.	Mrs. Marie Reeves
Corres. "	Miss Madalynne Kurtz

He asked for any other nominations - there being none - asked for acceptance of slate. This motion was made, seconded and passed. Slate elected for one year. (As per revision in By Laws last year, officers can succeed themselves).

Mr. Shaw spoke about the Federation of the Handicapped's efforts to help Handicapped Neighbors. Gave out circulars, etc. Many kinds of help available.

Miriam Beckman spoke about the meeting on Feb. 25th - on Traffic and Police matters. Officials will be there. All should attend.

Dick Barnett spoke about the Landmarks Commission and how they work to keep outsides of buildings intact and that changes must be approved. Mentioned several sites and instances.

Miss Beckman reminded us of the Mayor's Block Assn. Meeting on May 15th. Call the Urban Task Force for information.

A member mentioned the Helicopter Service from Pan Am Building. Mr. Greiss said now is a dead issue - gave reasons why not approved. The type helicopters they expected to use had crashed with loss of life - in other places.

The subject of parking of private cars and police cars by policeman of the 6th precinct in bus stops, etc., on 10th and Charles Sts. was discussed. Must complain to the Precinct.

Housing was not discussed as Rachel Wall not present.

Subject of testing for lead poisoning - maybe with mobile unit??

Miss Lutz brought up St. Vincents proposal to use the lot they acquired recently, for parking. Mr. Greiss said legal action now pending, so cannot do anything like that at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10 PM



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DATE: TUES. MARCH 16TH, 1971

TIME: 8:00 P.M. PLEASE BE PROMPT

PLACE: WESTBETH - ON BANK STREET
BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND WEST STREETS

AGENDA: MEMBERSHIP CLUBS
LIVING WITH COMMERCIAL GARAGES
SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR THE DISABLED
THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE AND HOUSING

ELECTION: THE ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR 1971-72 WAS HELD DURING THE FEB. MEETING. THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS ARE LISTED AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS NOTICE. YOUR NEW OFFICERS HAVE MET, AND WILL HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS IN OUR CONSTANT EFFORT TO MAKE THE WEST VILLAGE A BETTER PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE. WE DESIRE AND NEED THE ASSISTANCE OF ALL OUR MEMBERS, NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS FOR WORK ON VARIOUS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.

BOOK SALE: THE BOOK SALE HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 23rd, 24th and 25th. WE WILL NEED BOOKS AND RECORDS OF ALL KINDS: HARD COVERS, PAPER BACKS, FICTION, NON FICTION *** ANY SUBJECT *** WE NEED BOOKS, BOOKS BOOKS. PLEASE PHONE CH 3-8779 (MORNINGS) TO ARRANGE PICK-UP OR DELIVERY.

FLEA MARKET: IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK OF SAVING THINGS FOR THE ANNUAL FLEA MARKET WHICH WILL BE HELD LATE MAY OR EARLY JUNE. MORE ABOUT THE MARKET IN FUTURE BULLETINS.

PLANNING BOARD NO. 2 MEETING: PLANNING BOARD NO. 2 MEETS THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH. THE MARCH MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD WILL BE HELD AT METROPOLITAN DUANE CHURCH - 201 W. 13TH STREET ON THURSDAY MARCH 18TH.

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT

JEAN SMITH, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

JAMES O'NEILL, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

ROBERT BAYLEY, 3RD VICE PRESIDENT

ERNEST MAYER, TREASURER

MARIE REEVES, RECORDING SECRETARY

MADELYNNE KURTZ, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

MEETING - MARCH 16th, 1971

WESTBETH

Mr. Shaw brought the meeting to order about 8:15 - with thanks to the Bank/Bethune Block Assn for changing their meeting night, enabling us to have the hall tonight - their meeting is tomorrow.

Mrs. Reeves read the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Wood made correction on the motion on Stolport to read - to -" support West Village" instead of only Westbeth. Otherwise accepted.

Mr. Shaw introduced Anne Leith (?) spoke about dog meeting on March 24th - (for people) 7 PM PS 199, 270 W. ~~from 7th~~ 70th St. - no ~~smoke~~ politics - talk by Fran Lee - Dog owners only 6% of population.

Mr. Wood reminded us of Stolport meeting on March 20th - VERY IMPORTANT.

Mr. Shaw reminded us of book sale - April ~~23/24/25th~~ 23/24/25th

Also reminded about Planning Board #2 Meeting - March 18th at Metropolitan Duane - 7:45 - and stressed the importance of all attending these meetings.

Miss Salem of Federation of the Handicapped gave a short talk on their desire to help homebound handicapped and asked for our help in finding them and assisting. Answered questions on this from the floor and asked for volunteers to assist in this good work.

Mr. Greiss - Chairman of Traffic - spoke about meters on Hudson St. Community does not want meters and has so stated. Traffic Dept. wont remove signs back to what they were. Will reevaluate. Community rejected their alternate plans so far. Dept. still working on this- no answer yet.

Mr. Shaw brought up the subject of membership clubs - such as The Haven. Miss Zepperone (?) and several neighbors of that vicinity ~~attends~~ were in attendance and Miss Z spoke about all of the problems these people have to content with. Planning Board #2 is asking for better state control of these licenses. The new proposed law is not adequate, as only covers bottle clubs. Sen. Javits also working on this. New Club at Bank and Hudson This must be closely watched to see what is happening there. There were various questions and suggestions from the floor. We should all be on lookout and alert to vacant buildings and stores, which might be taken over for these clubs.

Miss Aylsworth spoke about noise and parking violations on Charles St.- near 6th Precinct. Mrs. Segal made a motion we write Mayor re these- this was seconded and passed.

Mr. Van Dyke ~~spoke~~ said he has been in the club at Bank/Hudson - so really not private club.

Peter Frisch spoke about his problems on Perry St., with Liberty/Allied and a new auto body and collision shop. Vans on sidewalk, dog. He had written the Tres. of Allied - no help there. Noise all day. What can we do. Our petition on trucks was turned over to Jerome Kretchmer. Many more auto body shops now in West Village.

Anne Leith spoke about the Bethune/Washington St. body shop ~~and~~ open

24 hours a day. We wrote to Bldgs. Dept. Had been used for storage after garage went out, so cannot now go back to garage. We need rezoning. Our first letter was written Jan 4th and second Feb. 24th. - no word yet. Mr. Gottlieb ~~owns~~ owns this bldg. Dept. says the lease was signed January 1st. This will be followed up.

Mr. Shaw stated he had received a call from Lt. Puko of H.Q. Shaw will use this as a ~~wedge~~ wedge to make contacts. Will write letter to Comm. Murphy on West Village Committee stationery about Mr. Fritsch's problems, as well as others, trucks, garage, meters, etc.

Mr. Martin Forrer made a formal motion that Mr. Shaw do this - and state we had contacted 6th Prec. many times, got nowhere. Cite cases. This was seconded and passed.

It was suggested we get numbers, names and times that trucks were in violation.

Mr. Barrett spoke on housing. More housing must be provided and must preserve existing housing. The delay in the West Village Housing is proving very costly - maintaince will be higher. The architects are trying to revise plans to keep costs down. There will be some subsidies provided. Cost per room will now run about 75/80 per month. All applicants must be approved by Attorney General. Hope to have ground broken in late Spring. Are now relocating the few business tenants still there.

Several people from floor asked various questions on this housing, which Mr. Barrett graciously answered.

Miss Lutz asked if there would be a theatre party for West Village Committee, at the HB Playhouse. Mr. Shaw said he would advise later on this.

Meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUES. APRIL 20TH, 1971
TIME: 8:00 P.M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: WESTBETH - ON BANK STREET
BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND WEST STREETS

AGENDA: THE AIR WE BREATHE SPEAKERS FROM
THE DEPARTMENT OF AIR RESOURCES
VILLAGE PROBLEMS
VILLAGE REPORTS

BOOK SALE: THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE BOOK SALE WILL BE HELD FRIDAY APRIL 23RD 8 P.M. TO 10 P.M. - SAT. APRIL 24TH 1 P.M. TO 9 P.M. - SUN. APRIL 25TH 1 P.M. TO 7 P.M. WE NEED RECORDS AND BOOKS OF ALL KINDS FOR THE SALE. BOOKS AND RECORDS MAY BE LEFT AT THE VILLAGE STRIPPER - 519 HUDSON ST. MON. THRU SAT. 11 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M., OR YOU MAY PHONE CH 3-8779 (MORNINGS) TO ARRANGE FOR PICK-UP OR DELIVERY.

FLOWER MARKET AND RE-CYCLING CENTER: A FLOWER MARKET WILL BE HELD ON SAT. MAY 1ST RAIN OR SHINE AT THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL - 272 W. 10TH STREET. 10 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M. THIS IS A BENEFIT FOR THEIR SCHOLARSHIP FUND, AND WILL FEATURE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PLANTS, CUT FLOWERS, FLOWER BOXES, HANGING BASKETS, GARDEN SUPPLIES AND MANY THINGS TO HELP MAKE OUR VILLAGE AND HOMES MORE PLEASANT.

-ALSO-

THERE WILL BE A RE-CYCLING CENTER IN OPERATION THAT DAY FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. SAVE AND BRING ANY ALUMINUM CANS (WITH CAPS REMOVED) AND BEER, LIQUOR, WINE AND SODA BOTTLES FROM ANY COMPANY. BOTTLES SHOULD BE REASONABLY CLEAN, AND LABELS REMOVED.

FLEA MARKET: THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE ANNUAL FLEA MARKET WILL BE HELD IN JUNE. AS YOU START YOUR SPRING CLEANING, PUT ASIDE ALL THOSE UNWANTED ITEMS AND SAVE THEM FOR OUR SALE. WE WILL START ACCEPTING ITEMS FOR THE FLEA MARKET AFTER THE BOOK SALE WHEN WE HAVE MORE ROOM FOR STORAGE. HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE ITEMS, AND CAN'T WAIT WE WILL BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE TO GET THEM. CALL CH 3-8779 (MORNINGS) TO MAKE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS.

PLANNING BOARD: THE COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #2 WILL MEET THURS. APRIL 15TH PROMPTLY AT 7:45 AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH (YOUTH CENTER) 371 SIXTH AVENUE (ENTRANCE ON WASHINGTON PLACE) THE PUBLIC SESSION WILL BE A REPORT ON THE WATERFRONT STUDY BY BEYER & BLINDER ASSOCIATES. THIS SHOULD BE OF INTEREST TO ALL VILLAGERS.

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THE HOUSE YOU LIVE IN

GREENWICH VILLAGE IS THE ONLY SURVIVING SECTION OF MANHATTAN WHERE ONE CAN SEE THE MAJOR ARCHITECTURAL STYLES OF THE EARLY CITY DISPLAYED, SIDE BY SIDE, RANGING FROM THE MOST NAIVE TO THE MOST SOPHISTICATED VERSIONS. THEY HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED BY THE BUILDER-ARCHITECT, IN EVERY PRICE RANGE, FROM THE MOST MODEST STRUCTURE TO THE MOST ARISTOCRATIC TOWN HOUSE. NO WHERE IN GREATER NEW YORK IS A LARGER CONCENTRATION OF BUILDINGS TO BE FOUND, COVERING EVERY DECADE FROM 1800 TO THE CIVIL WAR. THE HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY (NOW A PART OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE), IN MAKING A STUDY OF EARLY ARCHITECTURE IN NEW YORK DURING THE NINETEENTH-THIRTIES, SELECTED MORE BUILDINGS FROM GREENWICH VILLAGE, FOR THEIR NOTABLE DESIGN FEATURES AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, THAN FROM ANY OTHER SECTION OF THE CITY.

17 TO 27 BANK ST. THIS FINE ROW OF ITALIANATE HOUSES WAS ERECTED IN 1856-57 BY LINUS SCUDDER, A MASON-BUILDER LONG IDENTIFIED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VILLAGE, IN ASSOCIATION WITH HENRY L. CATHELL, WHO ALSO WAS A BUILDER.

THE ORIGINAL APPEARANCE OF THESE HOUSES IS BEST SEEN AT NOS. 25 AND 27. THREE STORIES IN HEIGHT, WITH FULL BASEMENTS, THEY ARE CONSTRUCTED OF BRICK WITH STONE TRIM. THEY ARE GRAND IN SCALE AND HAVE HIGH, WIDE STOOPS. NO. 27 HAS A RUSTICATED BASEMENT, WHILE THAT OF NO. 25 IS SMOOTH-STUCCOED. THEY HAVE THE TYPICAL HIGH STOOP OF THE PERIOD EMBELLISHED BY HANDSOME CAST IRON STAIR AND AREAWAY RAILINGS DISPLAYING A WREATH OR CIRCLE MOTIF, A FAVORITE WITH THE VICTORIANS. THE ENTRANCE DOORFRAMES HAVE HEAVY MOLDINGS AND LEAD TO DEEPLY RECESSED DOORS FRAMED BY ROPE MOLDINGS. THE OPULENTLY CARVED PANELED OUTER DOORS ARE THE ORIGINALS. ALSO CHARACTERISTIC OF THE PERIOD ARE THE GRACEFULLY CURVED "EYEBROW" LINTELS OVER THE SEGMENTAL-ARCHED ENTRANCE DOOR FRAMES, AS WELL AS THE FRENCH WINDOWS OF THE PARLOR FLOOR AT NO. 23 AND 27. THE HOUSES ARE CROWNED BY PROJECTING BRACKETED ROOF CORNICES. A PENTHOUSE WAS ADDED AT NO. 27.

NO. 23 IS SIMILAR TO ITS NEIGHBORS TO THE WEST, EXCEPT THAT AN ADDITIONAL STORY WAS ADDED LATER IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY, TOGETHER WITH A DELICATELY DETAILED ROOF CORNICE WITH CARVED BRACKETS AND PANELED FASCIA BOARD.

THE NEXT HOUSE, NO. 21 HAS BEEN COMPLETELY ALTERED AS A RESULT OF CONVERSION, FIRST FOR THE USE OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH IN 1893, AND LATER AS THE HEAD-QUARTERS FOR VARIOUS POLITICAL CLUBS. THE STOOP WAS REPLACED BY A BASEMENT ENTRANCE AND THE WINDOWS ARE MODERN STEEL CASEMENTS. A NEW BRICK FRONT, MAKING USE OF MEDIEVAL ELEMENTS OF DESIGN, HAS EXTENDED THE HEIGHT OF THE BUILDING TO FOUR STORIES, TERMINATED BY A ROOF PARAPET WHICH IS LEVEL WITH THE CORNICE OF NO. 23.

THE NEXT TWO HOUSES, NO 17 AND 19, WERE ALSO PART OF THE ROW OF 1857, AS MAY BE SEEN BY COMPARING THEM WITH NO. 23. THEY HAVE BEEN RAISED IN HEIGHT TO FOUR STORIES. NO. 19 HAS NO ROOF CORNICE, MERELY A STONE COPING, IN CONTRAST TO NO. 23. NO. 19 STILL RETAINS ITS ORIGINAL DOORWAY, STOOP, RUSTICATED BASEMENT AND IRONWORK, IDENTICAL TO NOS. 23, 25, AND 27. ALTHOUGH NO. 17 HAS BEEN WELL MAINTAINED, IT HAS BEEN EXTENSIVELY MODIFIED BY THE ELIMINATION OF THE STOOP IN FAVOR OF A BASEMENT ENTRANCE AND THE ADDITION OF A FOURTH STORY, CROWNED BY A BRACKETED CORNICE. THE WINDOW LINTELS ALL HAVE "EYEBROW" CORNICES ABOVE THEM.

SCUDDER AND CATHELL HAD PURCHASED THE LAND IN THE SPRING OF 1856 FROM THE PEUGNET BROTHERS, LOUIS AND HYACINTHE, TWO FRENCHMEN WHO FROM 1839 ON HAD MAINTAINED AN ACADEMY, OR A SCHOOL FOR BOYS, IN THE PREMISES FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY THE ORPHAN ASYLUM SOCIETY, SITUATED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BLOCK BOUNDED BY BANK AND WEST TWELFTH STREETS. THE SITE NOW OCCUPIED BY NOS. 25 AND 27 HAD SERVED AS A PLAY AREA FOR THE ACADEMY.

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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY JUNE 15TH, 1971
TIME: 8:00 P.M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL
224 WAVERLY PLACE N. Y., N. Y. 10014

THIS IS THE LAST MEETING BEFORE OUR USUAL SUMMER BREAK. FOR THIS MEETING WE WILL HAVE NO SET AGENDA, BUT WILL DEVOTE THE MEETING TO VILLAGE PROBLEMS PAST - PRESENT AND FUTURE. WE WILL DISCUSS SOME OF THE THINGS WE HAVE DONE, SOME OF THE THINGS WE ARE DOING AND SOME OF THE THINGS WE SHOULD AND CAN BE DOING. COME TO YOUR MEETING AND LETS ALL WORK TOGETHER AT MAKING THIS A VIABLE COMMUNITY.

FLEA MARKET: WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING ITEMS FOR THE FLEA MARKET. WE NEED ALL KINDS OF SALEABLE ITEMS - DISHES, GLASSES, VASES, SMALL FURNITURE, SILVERWARE, TOYS, GAMES, PUZZLES, GADGETS, WORKING ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND JUST ABOUT ANYTHING YOU CAN DIG UP FROM THE ATTIC, BASEMENT OR CLOSETS. WE WILL ALSO BE SELLING SOME BOOKS SO YOU CAN STILL GO THROUGH THOSE BOOKSHELVES FOR THE BOOKS YOU DIDN'T GET TO FOR THE LAST BOOK SALE. WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEER HELP TO PREPARE FOR THE SALE, AND HUCKSTERS ON THE DAYS OF THE SALE. YOU MAY CALL CH 3-8779 (MORNINGS) TO MAKE ANY ARRANGEMENT REGARDING THE FLEA MARKET.

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE FLEA MARKET
304 WEST 11TH STREET
N. Y., N. Y. 10014
SAT. AND SUN. JUNE 26TH AND 27TH - 1 P. M. TO 8 P. M.

THEATRE PARTY AND BUFFET: THE H B PLAYWRIGHTS FOUNDATION, INC. IS CURRENTLY PRESENTING A NEW PLAY IN THREE PARTS BY DONNA de MATTEO ALMOST ON A RUNWAY. WE HAVE RESERVED A LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS FOR WED. JUNE 30TH. THERE WILL BE A BUFFET A 6:30 AT 109 BANK STREET, AND WE CAN JUST GO ACROSS THE STREET AND MAKE THE 7:30 CURTAIN. A DONATION IS MADE TO THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE, AND THE COMMITTEE IN TURN MAKES A DONATION THE FOUNDATION. PLEASE CONTACT RUTH GOTTLIEB - AL 5-1915 (EVENINGS) FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION.

VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS: MANY THANKS TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTIONS. WE HOPE MORE OF OUR MEMBERS WILL HEED OUR APPEAL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO HELP DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE. ANY ONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO AND CAN DO SO PLEASE MAIL YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE TO THE WEST VILLAGE COMM. TO OUR HEADQUARTERS AT 304 W. 11TH STREET, N. Y., N. Y. 10014.

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

A PLAN TO PROTECT A COMMUNITY
AND
TO SECURE HOUSING WITHOUT DISLOCATING PEOPLE
THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING

THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING PLAN WAS ORIGINATED NINE YEARS AGO. MANY NEWCOMERS HAVE COME TO THE WEST VILLAGE AREA SINCE THEN AND PERHAPS A NEW GENERATION HAS REACHED ADULTHOOD WHO MAY BE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE PLAN AND ITS PURPOSE. TO REACH THOSE WHO MAY BE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE PLAN AND TO REFRESH THE MEMORY OF OTHERS, THIS LEAFLET HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

In 1960 a 13 block area of the West Village (11th Street to Christopher Street, between West Street and Hudson Street) was designated for urban renewal. The plan would have rased hundreds of homes and displaced thousands of people. The net gain in new housing would have been only 300 additional units and the plan would have cost 30 million dollars.

This was not the first attempt to destroy the area between Hudson and West Streets. In 1954 a similar plan had been defeated for the area from 11th to Horatio Streets. Other equally devastating inroads into the area have also been attempted by other types of designations.

In 1962 a plan to put an express trucking route down Washington Street was also defeated. The truck route, by the way, would have prevented the renovation of Westbeth. In the last decade the lower Manhattan expressway was also fought by the community because it would have used Washington, Greenwich and Hudson Streets as exit ramps from the expressway. Residents of the area, because of these many attempts to destroy the area, have long been aware of the vulnerability of the community west of Hudson Street.

In 1962 a plan and a concept for housing to protect the area was orginated by Jane Jacobs. The plan was many faceted. 1) It would show that housing could be added to a community in a humane fashion without displacing tenants, 2) and it would be a protective barrier against the inroads of speculators and planning destructive to the residential fabric of the community.

The validity of that plan has been shown many times over. Just the fact that such a plan existed made it impossible for the 1962 Washington Street expressway to become a reality. It was an aid to Westbeth when they proposed residential housing for a street which was mainly commercial. Only recently it stopped the proposed condemnation of the area between Christopher and Bethune Streets when a real estate speculator acquired 51% of the land. That condemnation would again have evicted thousands and resulted in luxury housing.

Up until the time the West Village plan was originated, planning in New York had been largely an established procedure in which neighborhoods and communities played an insignificant role. The West Village plan pioneered the concept of community planning. Realization of the plan would mean that a community could control its own destiny - and real estate interests and the bureacracy that has con-

trolled such planning for so long would be resoundingly defeated. As a result of its unorthodox theories it has been fought at every turn. Its main opponents, the establishment theoreticians with an assist from those interests which claim the West Village is only for trucking and industrial interests. It should be pointed out that, if for some reason the West Village housing was not built to condemn the area by real estate interests is still a viable (and legal) possibility.

Where will the housing be located and what kind of housing will it be? The housing will be built along the west side of Washington Street between Bank Street and Morton Street where the Penn Central Railroad spur used to be. Most of the site is now vacant so that re-location problems are minimal. The relatively low rise buildings consisting of apartments of from one to four bedrooms have been designed to harmonize with Village scale and to preserve the character of the neighborhood. The buildings will be constructed in irregular positions to create gardens, courtyards and plazas. Part of the ground floor will be devoted to commercial space. A major supermarket chain has indicated interest in opening a store in the co-op which will serve not only the West Village Housing but Westbeth and the adjacent community.

How near is the plan to fruition? Very near! The City has already acquired the land on which the housing will be built. Ground breaking is scheduled for this fall. In 1968 the finished plan was put on view for the entire community at an exhibit in the Herbert Berghof studios. Over seven hundred people viewed the exhibit. In 1969 more than five hundred people took the time to attend the lengthy hearing before the City Planning Commission. In 1969 an equal number were present when it passed through the Board of Estimate.

The only money expended on this project is \$4,000 advanced by the West Village Committee. This was for the initial architects plan. At the present time, however, several hundred thousand dollars worth of work has been done on faith by architects, contractors, engineers and half a dozen specialists.

The Agreements under which the housing is to be built provide that none of the five community members, who are officers and directors of the company undertaking the project, shall receive any dividends, profits, fees or other moneys and each of the community members involved has expressly waived any such fees. Any moneys otherwise payable as developers' fees are to be used to defray project costs. These directors are Rochelle Wall, James Shaw, Richard Barnett, Arthur Stoliar and Erik Wensberg.

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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL
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SUMMER IS OVER, AND MOST VACATIONS ARE A THING OF THE PAST, SO WELCOME HOME TO ALL WHO WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE A FEW DAYS OR WEEKS AWAY FROM THE DAILY ROUTINE OF CITY LIVING.

AGENDA: PROBLEMS OF COMMUNITY PLANNING

OUR FIRST WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE FALL IS A MOST IMPORTANT ONE. REPRESENTATIVES OF BEYER-BLINDER-BELL ASSOCIATES, INC. WILL BE WITH US. THESE GENTLEMEN ARE EXPERTS IN CITY PLANNING, AND HAVE LONG BEEN CONCERNED WITH GREENWICH VILLAGE, AND HAVE BEEN STUDYING MANY ASPECTS OF THE WEST VILLAGE AREA INCLUDING TRAFFIC AND PARKING PATTERNS. THEY WILL SHARE WITH US SOME OF THEIR IDEAS, AND WILL BE PLEASED TO HEAR SOME OF OURS. WE URGE EACH MEMBER TO SPREAD THE WORD AND LETS HELP IN HAVING AN INFORMED COMMUNITY.

FLEA MARKET AND BOOK SALE ITEMS: WE WILL SOON BE ACCEPTING ITEMS FOR THE NEXT SALES. WE WILL NEED ALL KINDS OF SALEABLE ITEMS - DISHES, GLASSWARE, VASES, LAMPS, VASES, SMALL FURNITURE, SILVERWARE, TOYS, GAMES, PUZZLES, GADGETS, WORKING ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND JUST ABOUT ANY THING YOU CAN DIG UP FROM THE ATTIC, BASEMENT OR CLOSETS. BOOKS ARE WELCOME DEALING WITH ANY SUBJECT, COOK BOOKS, ART BOOKS, FICTION, NON FICTION AND JUST ABOUT ANYTHING ON THE PRINTED PAGE. SALE DATES HAVE NOT BEEN SET, BUT WILL PROBABLY BE LATE OCT. OR EARLY NOV.

VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS: AGAIN, MANY THANKS TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTIONS. WE HOPE MORE OF OUR MEMBERS WILL HEED OUR APPEAL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO HELP DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE. ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO AND CAN DO SO PLEASE MAIL YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE TO THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE TO OUR HEADQUARTERS AT 304 W. 11TH STREET, N. Y., N. Y. 10014.

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WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING - SEPT. 21, 1971 - ST. JOHNS

Mr. Shaw opened the meeting with a welcome to all. We must work hard, as we have a long haul to accomplish our goals.

Mrs. Reeves read the minutes, which were accepted. We haven't made a donation as yet to the 11th St. Association, as no proper organization has been formed and they do not have a bank account.

DATE: TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST, 1971

The theatre project raised \$51.00. PLEASE BE PROMPT

PLACE: ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL

The Flea Market raised between \$600/700. N. Y., N. Y. 10014

Mr. Shaw then introduced the main speaker of the evening, Mr. John Belle of Beyer-Blinder & Belle Associates, Inc., who presented slides, and a very interesting, and informative talk on the Waterfront Study, which has taken 3 years. He gave information as to various buildings, and which could be rehabilitated, with notations as to which residences and which business or unoccupied. Also the buildings which could not be rehabilitated. Said 10000 apartments could be added, giving us 25,000 to 30000 new residents.

The Meat Market site has the highest land value of Village - \$30.00 per as opposed to other sites, which are around \$25.00 per

The old 6th Precinct may be a Day Care Center.

Spoke about the West Side Highway and many other pertinent topics. He then answered questions from the floor. Mr. Stoliar clarified the questions and comments and "put it all together".

A vote of thanks to Mr. Belle.

Mr. Bob Goldstein spoke about the Ferry Boat- GOLD STAR MONSTER, which is a methadone clinic, now berthed at Christopher St, treating about 450 per day. This treatment center has created many problems for the residents of the Street and besides the facility is not properly supervised. There is a policeman on duty, however, he will not cross the street (West St. I suppose) to actually police the boat. This boat was moved to its location, late at night, without any previous warning. Rachell Wall is also working on having this moved.

Jean Smith spoke about Health Day at St. Vincents - Sept. 25th- 10/4. Many free tests will be given, as well as free transportation.

There will be a new supermarket - D'Agostino's - at Bethune and Greenwich St., about Feb. 1st. This is not a landmark area, so appropriate changes can be made in the structure.

A tenant from West Beth spoke about the Bank St. pier, which has become available for community use. Had several helpful and some "amusing" suggestions. Mr. Shaw reminded us of registration - Sept. 30th, Oct. 1st, 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM RECORDING SECRETARY

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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: OCT. 19TH, 1971 TUESDAY
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL
224 WAVERLY PLACE N. Y., N. Y. 10014

WE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE AT THIS TIME TO EXPRESS OUR THANKS TO MR. JOHN BELLE OF BEYER-BLINDER & BELLE ASSOCIATES, INC. WHO WAS SO GENEROUS WITH HIS TIME AND KNOWLEDGE, AND MADE OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING A VERY INTERESTING ONE.

AT OUR OCTOBER MEETING, WE WILL TRY TO TOUCH MANY BASES AS THERE ARE ALWAYS MANY ISSUES OF INTEREST IN THE VILLAGE AREA WE CAN EXPLORE. THERE WILL BE SOME OLD ISSUES, AND SOME NEW. COME AND BE PREPARED TO ASK QUESTIONS, AND EXPRESS OPINIONS.

BOOK SALE: THE BOOK SALE WILL BE HELD THE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 12TH. AS USUAL, THE OPENING EVENING WILL NOT BE ADVERTISED IN THE PRESS. THIS IS TO GIVE ALL OUR MEMBERS A FIRST CRACK AT ALL THE WONDERFUL BOOKS AND BARGAINS. THE PREVIEW WILL BE FRIDAY NOVEMBER 12TH 7 P.M. TO 10 P.M. THE ADVERTISED PUBLIC SALE WILL BE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13TH AND 14TH 1 P.M. TO 9 P.M. AT THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS - 304 W. 11TH STREET. WE NEED BOOKS AND RECORDS FOR THIS SALE. BOOKS OF ALL KINDS ARE WELCOMED - COOK BOOKS-ART BOOKS- FICTION NON-FICTION-MYSTERY-TRAVEL-ENCYCLOPEDIA. DON'T BE CONTENT TO CHECK YOUR BOOK SHELVES ONLY, BUT COLLECT FROM NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS. CALL 243-8779 (MORNINGS) OR OR 5-3527 FOR PICK-UP AND DELIVERY SCHEDULE.

FLEA MARKET: DETAILS FOR THE FLEA MARKET WILL BE REVEALED IN THE NOVEMBER MEETING NOTICE. HOWEVER, IT ISN'T TOO EARLY TO START LAYING ASIDE ITEMS FOR THE SALE. WE WILL NEED ALL KINDS OF SALEABLE ITEMS. DISHES-CLASSWARE-VASES LAMPS-SMALL FURNITURE-SILVERWARE-TOYS-GAMES-PUZZLES-GADGETS-WORKING ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND JUST ABOUT ANYTHING YOU CAN DIG UP FROM THE ATTIC, BASEMENT OR CLOSETS.

RECYCLING: THE RECYCLING CENTER ON THE CORNER OF WASHINGTON AND JANE STREETS WHICH IS A PROJECT OF BANK/BETHUNE, HORATIO, JANE, W. 12TH AND OTHER BLOCK ASSOCIATIONS NOW COLLECT NEWSPAPERS, GLASS, MAGAZINES AND TELEPHONE BOOKS AND ALUMINUM ON EVERY OTHER SATURDAY. THE NEXT COLLECTION DATE IS OCT. 23RD.

OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASES: ENCLOSED IN THIS MAILING IS "NEWS FROM COUNCILWOMAN CAROL GREITZER". AS A SERVICE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS, THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO INCLUDE IN OUR MONTHLY MAILING TO OVER 600 VILLAGERS THE NEWS RELEASES OF OUR LOCAL AND STATE OFFICIALS.

TRUCKS AND TRAFFIC: A BILL LIMITING THE DIMENSION AND WEIGHT OF VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY HAS BEEN STUCK IN COUNCILMAN SAL SHARISON'S COMMITTEE ON GENERAL WELFARE SINCE NOV. 1970. ALTHOUGH IT LEAVES SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED, IT IS A START IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. THE QUESTION IS, "WHY HASN'T IT BEEN BROUGHT OUT OF COMMITTEE?"

BANK STREET PIER: SINCE OUR LAST MENTION OF THE BANK STREET PIER, IT IS NOW A PLEASURE TO LOOK DOWN BANK STREET AND BE ABLE TO SEE THE HUDSON RIVER. PORTS AND TERMINALS HAVE REMOVED THE PIER'S OVERHANGING STRUCTURE. SUGGESTIONS FOR USE OF THE PIER ARE NOW BEING MADE. YOUR SUGGESTIONS MAY BE SENT TO THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE, AND THEY WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES. IT WOULD BE NICE IF THE WATER SCENE COULD BE OPENED UP ON OTHER WEST VILLAGE STREETS, ALSO.

OLD CHARLES STREET POLICE STATION: COMMUNITY BOARD #2 HAS ASKED THE CITY'S REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE TO HONOR THEIR REQUEST TO MAKE THE OLD CHARLES STREET POLICE STATION A DAY CARE CENTER. ADDICTION SERVICES RECENTLY ASKED TO HAVE THE OLD POLICE STATION TRANSFERRED TO THEIR DOMAIN. THE DAY CARE PROPOSAL IS NOW BEING REVIEWED BY THE CITY.

WEST VILLAGE HOUSING: MUCH HARD NEGOTIATING HAS BEEN GOING ON IN RECENT MONTHS TO BRING THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING TO THE POINT OF GROUND BREAKING. WE HOPE VERY SOON TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A VERY POSITIVE FULL REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP. IN THE MEANTIME WE URGE ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED, AND HAVE NOT DONE SO, TO WRITE TO THE GREENWICH VILLAGE COMMUNITY HOUSING, CORP. 304 W. 11TH STREET - N. Y., N. Y. 10014 AND REQUEST AN APPLICATION. WHEN THEY ARE AVAILABLE, APPLICATIONS WILL BE SENT OUT TO ALL WHO HAVE REQUESTED THEM.

HUDSON STREET PAVING: WE REPORTED IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER THE PLAN TO RESURFACE A PART OF HUDSON STREET. THESE PLANS ARE STILL IN THE WORKS. WE WILL TRY TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON TO GET THIS WORK UNDERWAY AT THE EARLIEST DATE POSSIBLE.

JANE STREET RESURFACING: IT'S OFFICIAL! THE PLAN TO RESURFACE A PART OF JANE STREET HAS BEEN DROPPED. A SURVEY OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE AFFECTED PART OF THE STREET SHOWED MOSTLY OPPOSITION TO THE RESURFACING. IT IS NICE TO BE ABLE TO REPORT AN INSTANCE WHERE THE WISHES OF THE COMMUNITY REIGN SUPREME.

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OUR WEST VILLAGE HEADQUARTERS: OUR COMMUNITY OWES A HEARTY ROUND OF THANKS TO OUR LANDLORD MRS. G. W. SEWALL OF MONTCLAIR, N. J. MRS. SEWALL HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO AFFORD OUR HEADQUARTERS OVER THE YEARS, AND IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE WITH A HELPING HAND AND AN OPEN HEART WHEN WE HAVE CALLED UPON HER. A TRUE VILLAGER, SHE. TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION, LET US MAKE OUR HEADQUARTERS A MORE USEFUL BASE IN OUR COMMUNITY. ANY SUGGESTIONS? TO START, AFTER THE BOOK SALE WE MUST HAVE A GENERAL CLEAN-UP. WE WOULD WELCOME PLANTS FOR THE WINDOW AREA. ALSO, OUR THANKS TO FATHER LEACH AND ST LUKES, PETER COTT AND WESTBETH, HB STUDIO AND FATHER GRAFF AND ST JOHNS FOR MAKING MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE TO US;

COMMITTEE WORK: IN ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS OURS, THE BULK OF THE DUTIES TEND TO FALL ON THE SAME FEW SHOULDERS. WE WOULD LIKE TO BROADEN THIS WORK LOAD, AND IN SO DOING, STRENGTHEN THE ORGANIZATION. THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES WOULD WELCOME YOUR HELP. FUND RAISING, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION, TREE PLANTING, SANITATION, LANDMARKS, POLICE RELATIONS, HEALTH, POLLUTION AND WATERFRONT. PLEASE FILL OUT ANY OR ALL THE ATTACHED FORMS AND MAIL TO THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE % MRS. M. KURTZ.

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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY NOV. 16TH, 1971
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL
224 WAVERLY PLACE N. Y., N. Y. 10014

BOOK SALE: OUR BOOK SALE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS: FRIDAY NOV. 12TH, 7 P.M. TO 10 P.M. SAT. & SUN. NOV. 13TH & 14TH 1 P.M. TO 9 P.M. THE SALE HAS BEEN EXTENDED, AND WILL RESUME SAT. & SUN. NOV. 20TH & 21ST. WE NEED MORE BOOKS. SO, THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE BOOKS FOR THE SALE. CALL 243-8779 (MORNINGS) OR OR 5-3527 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENT FOR PICK-UP OR DELIVERY. OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE DONATIONS.

FLEA MARKET: THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE FLEA MARKET WILL BE HELD SAT. & SUN. DEC. 11TH & 12TH FROM 1 P. M. TO 7 P. M. JUST AS THE BOOK SALE, THE PLACE IS THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS 304 W. 11TH STREET. WE WILL NEED ALL KINDS OF SALEABLE ITEMS FOR THIS SALE. DISHES- GLASSWARE-VASES-LAMPS-GADGETS SMALL FURNITURE-SILVERWARE-TOYS-GAMES-PUZZLES-WORKING ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND JUST ABOUT ANYTHING YOU CAN DIG UP FROM THE ATTIC, BASEMENT OR CLOSETS. PLEASE CALL 243-8779 (MORNINGS) FOR FLEA MARKET INFORMATION.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS: THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE WILL, AS IN THE PAST YEARS, HAVE A CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE. THE WREATHS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP OR DELIVERY MID DECEMBER. PLEASE FILL IN CHRISTMAS WREATH FORM AND MAIL YOUR ORDER AND CHECK TODAY.

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WE ASK YOUR SUPPORT IN ALL FUND RAISING EFFORTS

TRATTORIA DA ALFREDO: A BEAUTIFUL NEW RESTURANT HAS BRIGHTENED THE CORNER OF BANK AND HUDSON STREETS, AND WE ARE MOST HAPPY TO WELCOME IT TO THE WEST VILLAGE. TRATTORIA DA ALFREDO IS OWNED AND OPERATED BY ALFREDO VIAZZI AND HIS DAUGHTER DENISE VIAZZI, AND THE FINE CUISINE IS NORTHERN ITALIAN (MOSTLY ROMAN). THE RESTURANT IS OPEN 12 NOON UNTIL MIDNIGHT, WITH LUNCH SERVED 12 NOON - 2:30 P. M. AND DINNER 6 - 11:30 P. M. BETWEEN LUNCH AND DINNER WHO COULD ASK FOR A NICER PLACE TO HAVE AFTERNOON COFFEE, CHEESE, MELON AND PROSCIUTTO, OR JUST SIT AND READ YOUR NEWSPAPER, BOOK OR MAGAZINE OR EVEN STUDY THAT SCRIPT. THE VIAZZI FAMILY HAS GIVEN US JUST THE KIND OF RELAXED ATMOSPHERE WE SO LONG HAVE DESIRED IN A RESTURANT IN THE WEST VILLAGE. THE HOUSE IS DARK ON TUESDAYS. THERE IS NO LICENSE FOR WINE OR SPIRITS, BUT THE IMPERIAL LIQUOR STORE IS ONLY TWO DOORS AWAY AT 579 HUDSON STREET. WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF THE ROLE THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE PLAYED IN STOPPING THE 24 HOUR TEENAGE PRIVATE CLUB, WHICH WOULD HAVE GIVEN THE ABINGDON SQUARE AREA THE LOOK AND ENVIORNMENT SHERDIAN SQUARE HAS HAD TO ENDURE BECAUSE OF THE HAVEN. WE ARE MOST HAPPY TO HAVE TRATTORIA DA ALFREDO ON THAT CORNER INSTEAD.

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 MEETING: THE NEXT MEETING OF COMMUNITY BOARD #2 WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY NOV. 18TH, 1971 AT 7:45 P.M. AT ST JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTERN CHURCH, PARISH HOUSE, 85 CHRISTOPHER STREET. AGAIN WE URGE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS WHEN POSSIBLE.

BANK STREET PIER: A FENCE HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN FRONT OF PIER 49 AS REQUIRED DURING CONSTRUCTION WORK. WE CAN LOOK FORWARD A NICE RIVER VIEW IN THE SPRING. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND IN YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE USE OF THE PIER.

BANK STREET PIER: SINCE OUR LAST MENTION OF THE BANK STREET PIER, IT IS NOW A PLEASURE TO LOOK DOWN BANK STREET AND BE ABLE TO SEE THE HUDSON RIVER. PORTS AND TERMINALS HAVE REMOVED THE PIER'S OVERHANGING STRUCTURE. SUGGESTIONS FOR USE OF THE PIER ARE NOW BEING MADE. YOUR SUGGESTIONS MAY BE SENT TO THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE, AND THEY WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE PROPER AUTHORITIES. IT WOULD BE NICE IF THE WATER SCENE COULD BE OPENED UP ON OTHER WEST VILLAGE STREETS, ALSO.

OLD CHARLES STREET POLICE STATION: COMMUNITY BOARD #2 HAS ASKED THE CITY'S REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE TO HONOR THEIR REQUEST TO MAKE THE OLD CHARLES STREET POLICE STATION A DAY CARE CENTER. ADDICTION SERVICES RECENTLY ASKED TO HAVE THE OLD POLICE STATION TRANSFERRED TO THEIR DOMAIN. THE DAY CARE PROPOSAL IS NOW BEING REVIEWED BY THE CITY.

WEST VILLAGE HOUSING: MUCH HARD NEGOTIATING HAS BEEN GOING ON IN RECENT MONTHS TO BRING THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING TO THE POINT OF GROUND BREAKING. WE HOPE VERY SOON TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A VERY POSITIVE FULL REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP. IN THE MEANTIME WE URGE ALL MEMBERS WHO ARE INTERESTED, AND HAVE NOT DONE SO, TO WRITE TO THE GREENWICH VILLAGE COMMUNITY HOUSING, CORP. 304 W. 11TH STREET - N. Y., N. Y. 10014 AND REQUEST AN APPLICATION. WHEN THEY ARE AVAILABLE, APPLICATIONS WILL BE SENT OUT TO ALL WHO HAVE REQUESTED THEM.

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RECYCLING: THE VILLAGE RECYCLING CENTER ON THE CORNER OF WASHINGTON & JANE STREETS, WHICH IS SPONSORED BY COMBINED BLOCK ASSOCIATIONS, WILL BE OPEN ON EVERY OTHER SAT. 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. THIS CENTER WILL COLLECT NEWSPAPERS, GLASS, MAGAZINES & TELEPHONE BOOKS AND ALUMINUM ON EVERY OTHER SAT. THE NEXT COLLECTION DATE IS NOV. 20TH. THE ENVIRONMENT CENTER AT THE N. W. CORNER OF 10TH ST. AND BROADWAY IS OPEN ON SATURDAYS 10 A. M. TO 4 P.M. AND ON WEDNESDAYS 5P.M. TO 8 P.M. THEY ALSO COLLECT CLOTHES AND OTHER USEFUL ITEMS WHICH THEY GIVE AWAY IN THEIR FREE STORE.

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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BECAUSE THE THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH (OUR REGULAR MEETING DATE) FALLS SO NEAR CHRISTMAS DAY, AND BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY SCHEDULE REQUIRED BY OUR BOOK SALE, FLEA MARKET AND WREATH SALE, THERE WILL BE NO MEETING OF THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

TREE LIGHTING SERVICE IN THE GARDEN

AN INVITATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO ALL NEIGHBORS IN THE VILLAGE TO HELP CELEBRATE THE JOYS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH ALL OUR FRIENDS AT ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH. CAROLS WILL BE SUNG, AND REFRESHMENTS SERVED. IT IS REQUESTED THAT EACH FAMILY BRING A SMALL PRESENT (PLEASE INDICATE SEX AND AGE), OR A DONATION TO PUT UNDER THE TREE FOR A NEEDY CHILD.

PLACE: ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
224 WAVERLY PLACE

DATE: THURSDAY DECEMBER 16TH, 1971

TIME: 6:00 P. M.

WHAT A NICE WARM WAY THIS IS TO REVIVE THE TRUE FEELING OF THE HOLIDAYS. LET US ALL MAKE A DATE AND MEET AT ST JOHN'S ON OUR WAY HOME FROM WORK.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS: OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE IS NOW UNDERWAY, AND IF YOU'VE NOT ORDERED YOUR WREATH, PLEASE MAIL THE FORM AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE AND ORDER TODAY. WREATHS MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE FLEA MARKET, OR WE WILL ARRANGE A LATER DELIVERY TO YOUR HOME OR STORE.

FLEA MARKET: THE FLEA MARKET WILL BE HELD AT THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH AND 12TH FROM 1 P. M. TO 7 P. M. WE STILL NEED ALL KIND OF SALEABLE ITEMS FOR THE MARKET. DISHES - GLASSWARE - SILVERWARE - VASES - LAMPS - GADGETS - SMALL FURNITURE - TOYS - GAMES - PUZZLES - WORKING ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND ANYTHING YOU CAN DIG UP FROM THE CLOSET, BASEMENT OR ATTIC. THE HEADQUARTERS AT 304 W. 11TH STREET WILL BE OPEN FROM 8 P. M. TO 10 P. M. EACH EVENING DURING THIS WEEK TO RECEIVE DONATIONS, OR CALL CH 3-8779 (MORNINGS) FOR PICK-UP.

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MEMBERSHIP: WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING AND REARRANGING OUR FILES, AND WE ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS FILL IN THE MEMBERSHIP FORM AND RETURN IT IF YOU'VE NOT DONE SO IN RECENT MONTHS.

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WEST VILLAGE HOUSING WAS ORIGINATED TEN YEARS AGO
AS A NEW CONCEPT IN URBAN HOUSING

For those concerned with preserving what is worth keeping in city neighborhoods and for those who believe that diversity in living environments is the key to city vitality, the West Village Housing represents a breakthrough. An innovative concept that was put forth 10 years ago by Jane Jacobs.

The plan began more than a decade ago when residents of Manhattan's West Village discovered that their neighborhood had been designated by the City Planning Commission as a "blighted" area and earmarked for urban renewal. Confronted with a multi-million dollar massive "slum clearance" project -- a real estate venture which would have leveled large sections of the area, displaced the established population, and destroyed a way of life -- the residents rebelled. Through a citizen-action group (now called the West Village Committee), they paved the way for a new approach to urban housing: not only staging and winning the first all-out battle for the right not to be renewed by outside developers, but also becoming the first community group to act as its own developer and come up with its own alternative housing plan.

What the West Village Committee devised -- and what is now finally being carried out -- is a building solution for the area which (1) adds to the housing supply without destroying existing housing as the defeated plan would have, and (2) preserves and even enhances the character of the existing community rather than erasing it as the defeated plan would have. The existence of the plan over the past decade also prevented the massive Zeckendorf "Robert Young Village" plan, with its 100 story buildings, from becoming a reality. Up to the time that West Village Housing broke ground that was to be our alternative fate.

By conventional urban planning standards which equate the removal of old structures and the erection of large towering new housing developments with progress, the West Village Plan -- which strings 5-story townhouse-like buildings on vacant sites for six blocks along Washington Street -- is unorthodox. Not only does the plan call for no demolition of existing housing structures; the new houses are actually planned to fit intimately among and harmonize with the old buildings. Also, the six sites are of varying depth and shape to meet the Committee's main requirement: that not a single resident be displaced involuntarily and that no business depending upon site location be uprooted.

In developing housing their way, Villagers have pointed up the contrast between stock theories of urban planning and the realities of their city neighborhood. To Villagers, the area was, and is a vital, safe and congenial place to live -- a place which not only attracts but keeps an interested and responsible population. To the inhabitants, the old buildings deplored by outside planners are vital sources of interest and diversity. As a result, inter-mixing of high, middle and low income residents -- hailed as desirable by planners, but generally ruled out by housing which regiments people according to income or family size -- occurs naturally.

The communities planned integration of new buildings with old is intended to continue the characteristic mixed land usage -- with work, residence and commerce mingling together and supporting each other.

The community wanted low-rise dwellings which would conform to the scale of the neighborhood, offer a diversity of the types of apartments and open spaces already so popular in the village. Three basic five-story building shapes, designed and effectively grouped in varying combinations and relationships to each other by architect J. Raymond Matz of the New York office of Perkins and Will Partnership, meet these requirements. Though the three shapes -- each with two apartments per floor -- are repeated to create 42 units, thus obtaining the cost savings of repetitive construction, each of the building clusters created for the six sites between Merton Street and Bank Street is architecturally varied. Some of the brick buildings front on the street, some are angled from other buildings, and others are reached through courtyards. Some have two-story living rooms and still others open onto private terraces at the rear.

Because of the flexibility his prototypes allow, Matz has been able to make total use of the irregularly shaped building sites, achieving both the exceptionally high ratio of ground coverage needed to make the project financially feasible and the varieties of public and private outdoor space desired by the Committee.

To reinforce the lively street life valued in the Village, strategically located shops and many small public sidewalk plazas are incorporated. A sense of community and security is furthered by intimately scaled private courtyards, gardens and terraces created by careful positioning of the buildings. To avoid the dangers of private space into which anyone can wander, these areas have been structurally separated from the street where possible with access only from within the buildings. Apartments are arranged so that living rooms and bedrooms alternately face the street, to the end that someone will usually have an eye on both the street and the interior outdoor space.

The design calls for walk-up apartments -- an aspect attacked by critics as anachronistic -- but one which the Committee preferred because of the dangers of unattended elevators and because of the cost savings involved. Each building has its own front door shared by only 10 families, which assures the natural urge to identify with a reasonable number of others.

Electrical heat is provided, a feature which -- in addition to lowering initial cost, permitting individual control, and reducing pollution -- frees the ground floor space usually taken up by mechanical rooms for use as community space, including laundries which open directly on to outside sitting and play space. Instead of surrounding the housing with a sea of parking lots, the plan calls for the purchase of a garage in the community to satisfy the parking requirements.

So that shops can be interchangeable with apartments depending on demand, a concrete slab will separate the lowest from the upper floors. The partitions will be non-bearing and can quickly and inexpensively be removed and rebuilt.

To keep cost to a minimum, the buildings will be constructed of masonry bearing walls with wood-joist floors. Because solid brick must be used for bearing at the lower levels, it will be left exposed.

Utilizing low-rise dwellings which make maximum use of small scattered sites explodes a number of planning myths and demonstrates that high-density low-rise housing has both economic and human advantages.

The West Village cost figures -- though doubled by inflation and soaring construction costs during a mere ten year delay -- still fall well below the cost figures of the defeated Title I redevelopment plan. In 1961, the Title I plan was to have cost \$30 million and, after massive demolition and relocation, would have increased the housing supply by only 300 units.

Sites too small for high-rise or project building but suitable for the development of low-rise high-density housing are to be found in many urban residential areas. The West Village plan utilizes a narrow continuous strip formerly taken up by railroad tracks; but other possible sources of new housing are land which becomes available when a business closes or a school is abandoned, lots taken up by ugly and inefficient little parking lots. The housing gained will not solve the acute housing shortage facing cities -- just as West Village's 420 units do not solve New York's -- but they represent net gain. The adoption of this building approach could serve to retard the slum clearance of habitable dwellings with replacement by luxury apartments which has so drastically reduced the supply of low and even middle-income housing.

If for the past 10 years, no habitable housing had been destroyed and the total housing supply had been added to drop by drop as in the Village plan, New York City would not find itself today having to house welfare clients burned out of or evicted from their homes in sleazy welfare hotels at enormous cost to the taxpayer.

The West Village case raises broad issues. The neighborhood was saved from dictatorial outside development because it had a closely-knit, sophisticated group. But even with its special advantages it has taken the Committee more than a decade to get its plan through the city's bureaucracy and to counter repeated attempts by special interest groups to block the plan.

Thus, while the West Village plan is significant as an incentive and model for other neighborhoods, it is perhaps more important for some of the questions it raises:

-How can the local community and its residents have more voice in matters of urban development?
-How can resources be made available to communities which lack the assets of the West Village?
-How can creation of new housing become a common goal and less of a battle ground?
-How can accurate ways be found for distinguishing the sometimes subtle differences between a hopeless slum and a neighborhood in the process of unslumming itself?

And questions such as these -- once raised -- may hopefully trigger some study and produce some answers. Jane Jacobs made that point 10 years ago.

Mr. Shaw opened the meeting by welcoming all the healthy members. Minutes read and accepted. There was no December meeting, due to the holidays. He thanked all who contributed to the sale.

The treasurer read the bank statement - showing a total of \$830.80 in bank, from sales and contributions.

While dues are not mandatory, they are always welcome to help defray expenses of mailings, etc.

Read a letter from Leslie Block - who wanted to be remembered to all and sent a \$25.00 contribution.

Mr. Shaw asked Miss Smith to read a letter from Rachelle Wall on Urban Improvement program, which will be held Jan. 25th, 8 PM at room 403-NYC 100 Washington Sq. east.

Mr. Shaw read a reminder from Bela Abzug on Medicare enrollment - open from Jan. to March for people with birthdate of 1904.

Also reminded us of a Master Plan meeting on January 31st, at P.S. 41.

Mr. Bauser - read report on meeting at St. Anthony's on Jan. 5th - on various matters, including SOHO, etc.

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The bad condition of the sidewalk on the lot at 7th Ave. and 11th St. belonging to St. Vincent's was brought up. Mr. Phails of the hospital said this would be looked into and hoped to have it fixed. Someone suggested perhaps some trees could be planted in this spot, rather than leave it in the deplorable condition it is now. Mr. Phails was also asked when St. Vincent's is going to build on the lot or what the plans are. He said the hospital is waiting for Federal funding, as they ran short of money. Was also asked if St. Vincent's was not aware of the shortage of money, before the buildings were down. It was decided a committee would be formed to see about the planting of the trees - Mr. Bauser volunteered and others.

A member asked that special zoning be made to preserve local businesses.

Mr. Shaw introduced Father Leach - who came to say "Goodbye", before leaving St. Luke's. He gave a brief moving talk on the importance of getting the West Village Committee together again. Should get back to our original grass roots and enthusiasm and try to get all types of people involved in our Committee and Community.

Our elections will be in February.

Margo spoke about the facility on Morton St. Mr. Vander Hauvel wants to use for overflow from Tombs. She outlined the trouble caused by the narcotics center and how much worse the situation would be in the neighborhood, if actual criminals were detained there.

Gloria also spoke about the possibility of demonstrations at the site, and the danger to residents and the 3 schools in the vicinity.

Mrs. Ellison - said very few residents. It is zoned commercial, and therefore not many residents. Gloria insisting many neighbors and school children.



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 1972
TIME: 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL
224 WAVERLY PLACE N. Y., N. Y. 10014

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: THE MAIN BUSINESS OF THIS MEETING IS THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE FOR THE 1972-73 YEAR. WE HOPE YOU WILL COME OUT AND HELP ELECT A STRONG SLATE OF OFFICERS, AND THEN GIVE THEM YOUR STRONGEST SUPPORT THROUGH THE NEXT YEAR.

THE D'AGOSTINO SUPERMARKET: A TALK WITH MR. STEVEN D'AGOSTINO, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SUPERMARKET CHAIN WHICH WILL OPEN A NEW MARKET AT THE CORNER OF GREENWICH STREET AND BETHUNE STREET REVEALS THAT INTERIOR WORK IS NOW UNDERWAY. LIKE MOST WHO UNDERTAKE BUILDING OR REMODELING, MR. D'AGOSTINO FINDS IT IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET HIS ORIGINAL DEADLINE. MR. D'AGOSTINO HAS BEEN WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION AND OTHER INVOLVED CITY AGENCIES TO MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR OCCUPANCY, AND HOPES TO BE READY TO MEET HIS NEW NEIGHBORS IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS.

METHADONE CLINIC: A NEW AND PERMANENT SITE ON CANAL STREET WAS VOTED BY THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE FOR THE METHADONE CLINIC WHICH IS NOW HOUSED ON THE BOAT AT THE FOOT OF CHRISTOPHER STREET. THE HARD WORK OF COMMUNITY BOARD #2 AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY IS TO BE COMMENDED.

SHERIDAN CENTER: THE MANHATTAN MENTAL RETARDATION SCREENING CLINIC IS CURRENTLY MOVING INTO THE SHERIDAN CENTER ON MORTON STREET. BOARD OF CORRECTION CHIEF WILLIAM VANDEN HEUVAL SEEMS TO BE UNSWAYED BY THE FEELINGS EXPRESSED BY COMMUNITY PEOPLE WITH WHOM HE MET, AND STILL SEEMS INTERESTED IN LOCATING PRISONERS FROM THE TOMBS IN THIS BUILDING WHICH IS ON A RESIDENTIAL BLOCK.

MEDICARE MEDICAL INSURANCE: LET US AGAIN BE REMINDED THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL SIGN UP PERIOD FOR MEDICARE MEDICAL INSURANCE EXTENDS TO MARCH 21, 1972. IF YOU FEEL YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS COVERAGE, OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU MAY CONTACT THE TWO SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICES LOCATED AT:

1657 BROADWAY - JU 6-1616
39 BROADWAY - HA 2-3900

MEMBERSHIP: IF YOU RECEIVE A MEMBERSHIP FORM IN THIS MAILING, THIS MEANS WE DO NOT HAVE ONE IN OUR FILES. FORMS ARE BEING SENT ONLY TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RETURNED FORMS SENT IN PREVIOUS MAILINGS. PLEASE FILL IN AND MAIL IMMEDIATELY, OR BRING TO MEETING.

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE OFFICERS

JAMES SHAW, PRESIDENT	JEAN SMITH, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT
JAMES O'NEILL, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT	ROBERT BAYLEY, 3RD VICE PRESIDENT
ERNEST MAYER, TREASURER	MARIE REEVES, RECORDING SECRETARY
MADELYNNE KURTZ, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	

WEST VILLAGE MEETING - FEBRUARY 15, 1972

ST. JOHNS CHURCH

Jim welcome^d us all, Election night.

Minutes read and accepted.

Jim advised D'Agostinos are busy working on the new store - will be ready in six weeks or so. Mr. D'Agostino has had anonymous phone calls opposing it. We are writing letter to him - vote of welcome to the neighborhood. Dick Barnett made ~~motion~~ motion -(he lives 10 ft. from store) A member asked about deliveres - Dick said delivery doors on Bethune St. - allowing trucks to drive all the way in. Motion seconded and passed.

Jim advised Planning Board #2 will meet on Thursday at St. Vincents Cronin Hall - at 7 pm - will discuss W.V. Housing, zoning, variances, asked all to attend.

* Mrs. asked all who wish to speak at Planning Board have written statements of 5 minutes.

There will be a press conference on Feb. 14th - Percy Sutton will attend in reference to localized government. The Mayor also has a plan. This issue is still very much alive. We should have committee to study plan and report to board and Boro President. Dick Barnett, Barbara Baumgartner, Mr. Bowser, Carlson, Mr. Dugan, Frank and Jim Townsend were recommended.

Jim spoke about the Mental Retardation facility - now only have the first floor - will expand as monies available. Van der Haarvel has not abandoned plans for the jail, which is entirely unsuitable and would cost tremendous money to put into suitable shape. There should be reforms within system. Motion asked for vote of welcome. Jean Smith made motion, seconded and approved.

Jim advised Bella Abzug has again remind all born in 1904 to take advantage of last chance for Medicare enrollment.

Mr. Phails - advised the sidewalk at the lot at 12th St. & 7th Ave. will be repaired - contract has been signed. They are looking into the greening of the lot and evaluating others' uses for same. Temporary uses discussed - reclye center, cars of street, etc.

Mrs. Fritsch reminded us of the collection of clothes and money for Willowbrook - at St. Lukes.

Jim spoke about the elections - names picked by nominating committee= asked for nominations from floor.. Mrs. Fritsch pleased and proud to announce the candidates - for President - Joan Stoliar

1st Vice Pres. - Eric Wensbueg
2nd Vice Pres. - Margot Rebell
3rd Vice Pres. - Paul Rawlings
Treasurer - Ernest Mayer
Corres. sec. - Lillian Drew
Recording sec. - Marie Reeves

There being no further nominations - this slate was elected unanimously.

Joan gave vote of thanks to Jim Shaw for the wonderful job he did -with

so many problems to take care of, etc.,etc. - SO SAY WE ALL!



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY MARCH 21, 1972
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

MEMBERS WHO WILL BE SPEAKING:

DICK BARNETT
BILL BOWSER
JOHN DUGUID
MARGOT REBEIL
JAMES SHAW AND OTHERS + + + +

GUEST WHO WILL SPEAK:

SUE NEAL, STAFF MEMBER
METROPOLITAN MENTAL RETARDATION CLINIC
" THE NEW SHERIDAN CENTER AT 75 MORTON ST."

MARGARET PEPPER, M.S.W. COMMUNITY COORDINATOR
DEPT OF PSYCHIATRY ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL
"SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY"

JOAN STOLIAR, PRESIDENT

ERIK WENSBERG, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

MARGOT REBEIL, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

PAUL RAWLINGS, THIRD VICE PRESIDENT

ERNEST MAYER, TREASURER

MARIE REEVES, RECORDING SECRETARY

LILLIAN DREW, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

an evening with

JOE JACOBS



The West Village Committee Inc.

Cordially Invites You

To a Reception in Honor of

JANE JACOBS

on the Evening of Friday

the Fourteenth of April

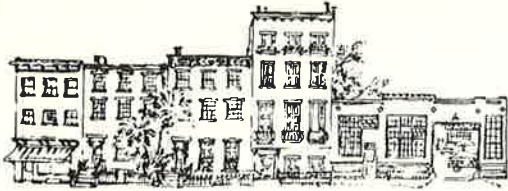
from Seven O'Clock until Ten

in the Parish Hall and Common Room

of the Church of St. John's-in-the-Village,

224 Waverly Place, New York City

R.S.V.P.—Envelope Enclosed.



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY APRIL 18, 1972
TIME: COFFEE TIME 7:30
MEETING 8:00 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL
224 WAVERLY PLACE N. Y., N. Y. 10014

AGENDA

MEMBERS WHO WILL BE SPEAKING:

BOB SANN
BARBARA FISHER PERRY
BECKY BRENNAN
ERIC WENSBERG

ALSO

ERNEST MAYER
BILL BOWSER
TERRY FRITSCH
JIM SHAW AND OTHERS + + +

DON'T FORGET THESE TWO MOST IMPORTANT HEARINGS

BOARD OF STANDARDS AND APPEALS	APRIL 18TH	80 LAFAYETTE STREET
BOARD OF ESTIMATE	APRIL 20TH	CITY HALL

Joan Stoliar, President
Erik Wensberg, First Vice President
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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

BOOK SALE: THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE BOOK SALE WILL BE HELD SAT. APRIL 29TH AND SUN. APRIL 30TH AT THE WEST VILLAGE HEADQUARTERS 304 W. 11TH STREET. THE HOURS ARE 1 P.M. TO 8 P.M. EACH DAY.

WE HAVE STARTED COLLECTING BOOKS FOR THE SALE. WE NEED BOOKS OF ALL KINDS ON ANY SUBJECT - HARD COVER, PAPER BACK, FICTION, NON FICTION. ART BOOKS AND COOK BOOKS ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOMED. WE ALSO NEED RECORDS FOR THIS SALE. PLEASE PHONE CH 3-8779 (MORNINGS** LET PHONE RING ABOUT 10 TIMES) TO ARRANGE FOR DELIVERY OR PICK-UP. PLEASE HOLD ON TO YOUR FLEA MARKET ITEMS UNTIL AFTER BOOK SALE.

FLEA MARKET: THE FLEA MARKET IS BEING PLANNED FOR LATE IN MAY OR EARLY IN JUNE. IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO PUT ASIDE YOUR FLEA MARKET DONATIONS, BUT BECAUSE OF OUR STORAGE PROBLEMS IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU HOLD ON TO THEM UNTIL NEWS IN THE MAY BULLETIN. HOWEVER, IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM, DO CALL THE ABOVE NUMBER AND LETS WORK SOMETHING OUT.

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #2 MEETING

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD #2 MEETS THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH. WATCH VILLAGE PAPERS FOR TIME AND PLACE. THE APRIL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE SHERIDAN MENTAL RETARDATION CNTR. 75 MORTON STREET. THE PUBLIC SESSION STARTS ABOUT 7:30 P.M. COME EARLY, GET A SEAT, AND SEE YOUR PLANNING BOARD IN ACTION.

DATE: THURSDAY APRIL 20TH

DOGS-HEALTH-ENVIRONMENT: SINCE DOGS IS OFTEN A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION IN THE WEST VILLAGE, IT MIGHT BE INTERESTING TO VIEW IT THROUGH THE EYES OF ANOTHER NEIGHBORHOOD. COMMUNITY BOARD #8 INVITES YOU TO THE LENOX HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 331 E. 70TH STREET - WED., APRIL 26TH, 1972 - 7:30 P.M. FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.

VILLAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL FUND RAISING: VILLAGE LIGHTS, '72 THE THIRD ANNUAL STAR-STUDDED BENEFIT SHOW WILL BE PRESENTED SUNDAY EVE. MAY 14TH, 1972 AT 7:30 P. M. THIS BENEFIT WHICH IS THE MAJOR FUND-RAISING EVENT FOR THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL WILL AGAIN BE HELD AT N Y U LOEB CENTER. TICKETS ARE PRICED AT \$10, \$15, \$25 AND \$50. FOR TICKET INFORMATION, CALL CH 2-3468.

MAY 6TH IS THE DATE OF THE FLOWER SALE AND SPRING FAIR TO BE HELD IN THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL YARD, CORNER OF WEST 10TH STREET AND GREENWICH STREET. FLOWERS WILL BE SOLD IN POTS, FLATS OR CUT. ROSE BUSHES AND SHRUBS WILL BE AVAILABLE READY FOR PLANTING. THERE WILL ALSO BE A BAKE SALE AND CRAFT SALE. ALL OF THIS WILL BENEFIT THE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

URGENT !!!!!

THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING ITEM WHICH WAS ON THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE CALENDAR ON MARCH 23RD WAS LAID OVER TO THE MEETING OF APRIL 20, 1972. CITY HALL - BOARD OF ESTIMATE HEARING ROOM. HEARINGS START ABOUT 10 A. M. WE URGE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS INTERESTED IN THE HOUSING TO JOIN US AT CITY HALL.

BOARD OF STANDARDS AND APPEALS HEARING: THE ARGUMENTS PRO AND CON REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF VARIANCES NEEDED TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING WERE HEARD ON MARCH 28TH BEFORE THE BOARD OF STANDARDS AND APPEALS. A DECISION WILL BE REACHED AFTER THE CONTINUED HEARING ON APRIL 18TH WHICH WILL AGAIN BE HELD AT THE BOARD OF STANDARDS AND APPEALS 80 LAFAYETTE STREET. SESSIONS BEGIN AT 10 A.M. WE WELCOME THE CONTINUED NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORT AND ATTENDANCE AT THESE VERY IMPORTANT HEARINGS. AT THE MARCH 28TH HEARING, THE FIGHT AGAINST THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING WAS LED BY H. MARSHALL SCOLNICK OF 308 W. 11TH STREET AND IRENE ELLISON OF 407 BLEECKER STREET. YOU MIGHT REMEMBER THAT THIS IS THE VERY SAME IRENE ELLISON AND MARSHALL SCOLNICK WHO TRIED TO KILL THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING BEFORE THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES IN 1969, AND THE SAME ELLISON AND SCOLNICK WHO FOUGHT SO HARD TO GIVE US THE "DEFEATED" LOWER MANHATTAN EXPRESSWAY, AND THE SAME ELLISON WHO IS NOW ADVOCATING A SCHEME TO RUN "THROUGH TRUCK TRAFFIC ROUTES" THROUGH THE WEST VILLAGE. AT THIS TIME, WE DO NOT KNOW WHOSE CAUSE THEY ARE SERVING, BUT ONE THING IS CLEAR, THEY SEEM TO BE WILLING TO GO TO ANY LENGTH TO SEE THAT THE MUCH NEEDED HOUSING IS NOT BUILT IN THE WEST VILLAGE.

EASTER EGG CONTEST: THE EASTER EGG JUDGING CONTEST HELD IN ABINGDON SQUARE ON EASTER SUNDAY AFTERNOON WAS A BIG SUCCESS THANKS TO THE GOOD WORKS OF TERRY FRITSCH WHO CONCEIVED THE IDEA, AND THE ASSISTANCE OF LEILA SOLOMON. A LIGHT NOTE WAS STRUCK WITH THE APPEARANCE OF "LUMIA THE CLOWN" (DOROTHY SUNSHINE) AS THE EASTER BUNNY ASSISTED BY HER SON TEDDY. LUMIA KEPT THE YOUNGSTERS LAUGHING, SINGING AND HAPPY. PRIZES WERE GIVEN IN THE FOLLOWING FOUR CATEGORIES: ADULT, TEEN AGE, PRE-TEEN AGE AND UNDER 7 YEARS. THE JUDGING WAS DONE BY MISS NINA PELLEGRINI ONE OF OUR VERY ACTIVE VILLAGE ARTIST.

BLOCK PARTIES: WITH THE COMING OF SPRING, WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING TWO BLOCK PARTIES:

JANE STREET BLOCK ASSOC. MAY 6TH

CHARLES STREET BLOCK ASSOC. MAY 13TH

WE HOPE FOR GOOD WEATHER, AND WE'LL SEE YOU ON THE BLOCK.

WINDOW BOXES: IN COOPERATION WITH THE WEST FOURTH STREET BLOCK ASSOCIATION, WE URGE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO INSTALL AND PLANT WINDOW BOXES THIS SPRING. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS WINDOW BOXES, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COOPERATE BY GROWING FLATS OF SEEDLINGS FOR DISTRIBUTING AMONG YOUR NEIGHBORS, OR PARTICIPATE IN A PLAN TO ACQUIRE POTTING SOIL BY THE TRUCKLOAD AT A REASONABLE PRICE, PLEASE CALL BILL BOWSER (CH 3-0762) OR PAMELA BERDAN (CH 2-6814)

NEW BUSINESS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO WELCOME A NEW BUSINESS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO SERVE OUR MANY NEEDS. SUCH A NEW BUSINESS IS ANDREW'S GREENWOOD. ANDREW'S WILL BE LOCATED IN THE 302 W. 12TH BLDG., ON ABINGDON SQUARE. ANDREW KUHN, OUR NEW BUSINESS MAN, EXPECTS TO BE OPEN ABOUT APRIL 21ST TO SELL YOU PLANTS FOR THE HOUSE AND GARDEN, GARDEN SUPPLIES, AND POTTERY. HE WILL ALSO DO GARDEN AND TERRACE AND COMMERCIAL INSTALLATIONS AND MAINTENANCE.



Post Photo by Tony Calvacca
JANE JACOBS
10-year fight.

Village Wins 10-Year Fight For \$23M Housing Project

By PETER FREIBERG

An hour after the Board of Estimate approved the West Village Housing Project, about 20 of the plan's supporters were celebrating early today in a Greenwich Village restaurant.

"You know," remarked Jane Jacobs, the city plan-

ning critic and former Village activist, "if you keep fighting and don't give up, you always win—if you've got the community behind you."

After 10 years of fighting, victory for Mrs. Jacobs, who now lives in Toronto, and the West Village Committee she helped found, came shortly

after 11 p.m.

With Bronx Borough President Abrams casting his two votes in dissent, the board voted 20-2 to grant the West Village Community Housing Corp. a \$23.9 million mortgage loan.

Abrams praised the "innovative" project but was opposed on principle to tax abatement for apartments renting for \$100 a room per month.

Thirty per cent of the 420-unit Mitchell-Lama projects, to be built on the westside of Washington St. between Bank and Morton Sts., will be low-income apartments.

The remainder will rent at \$100 a room unless the project can obtain federal subsidies to bring the figure down to about \$44 per room per month.

The unique West Village plan will cause no residential dislocation and will consist of 42 low-rise, walk-up buildings constructed to create gardens, courtyards and plazas.

The board rejected the arguments of H. Marshall Scolnick, a long-time opponent, who charged that the project was a "politically inspired raid upon the city's depleted treasury."

NEW YORK POST, MONDAY, APRIL 24, 1972

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A Neighborhood Victory

Before long there should be some striking new statistics on local housing starts—resulting from the energetic efforts of crusaders who wouldn't be stopped.

In other words, the West Village Housing Project has just secured approval of its \$24 million mortgage loan from the Board of Education and a campaign that began 10 years ago, led

by planner Jane Jacobs and the West Village Committee, has now ended in an admirable success—offering restoration of hope as well as renewal in an unusually attractive urban plan.

There has been an almost excruciating "lead time" in launching this appealing project. It would be some compensation if it were to lead to similar initiatives in other neighborhoods.

Prospectus

The West Village Housing Plan consists of 420 family-size apartments in 42 five- and six-story buildings strung along the west side of Washington Street from Barrow Street on the south to Bank Street on the north (next to Westbeth Artists Housing). There will be duplexes among the larger apartments and garden apartments scattered among the buildings. There will be lots of common open space as well as private outdoor space. Architecturally, the varied brick houses—some with cathedral roofs, others with sun decks—will fit into the existing fabric of the West Village. More than 8000 applications for the cooperative apartments are already on file. Additional applications can be sent to the West Village Committee, 304 West 11th Street, New York 10014.

VILLAGE VOICES APRIL 27, 1972



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY MAY 16TH, 1972
TIME: COFFEE TIME 7:30
MEETING 8:00 P.M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL
224 WAVERLY PLACE N. Y., N. Y. 10014

AGENDA

TWO VERY IMPORTANT MATTERS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING.

BILL BOWSER WILL PRESENT: "A PROPOSAL FOR THE TEMPORARY
USE OF THE TRIANGLE ACROSS FROM ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL"

ARTHUR STOLIAR WILL DISCUSS: "THE WATERFRONT AS IT EFFECTS
US"

THERE WILL BE OTHER REPORTS AS TIME PERMITS.

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

WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWS LETTER

THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING: WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS WHO JOINED WITH THE WEST VILLAGE COMMUNITY AT CITY HALL FOR THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE HEARING TO GRANT ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO MAKE THE START OF OUR BUILDING POSSIBLE. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW BY NOW, IT WAS A GREAT VICTORY FOR THE WEST VILLAGE. BY A VOTE OF 20-2 THE FUNDS REQUESTED WERE GRANTED. DESPITE THE CAREFULLY TIMED LAST MINUTE EFFORT TO DISCREDIT THE HOUSING PLAN AND THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED FOR YEARS ON IT'S VERY DIFFICULT DETAILS, THE COMMUNITY HELD TOGETHER. THOSE OF US WHO ENDURED FROM THE MORNING HOURS UNTIL AFTER 11 P.M. WERE DOUBLY REWARDED BY THE INSPIRING AND TIMELY WORDS OF WISDOM FROM JANE JACOBS AS SHE ADDRESSED THE BOARD. WE THANK JANE FOR COMING DOWN, AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HER SOON AT THE NEXT CELEBRATION. THE NEXT STEP IS THE PROSPECTUS WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING WRITTEN AND EDITED. THE PROSPECTUS WILL CAREFULLY SPELL OUT ALL THE DETAILS AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IMPORTANT TO PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS. THE PROSPECTUS MUST BE, AS REQUIRED BY LAW, APPROVED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. WHEN THIS IS DONE, THE PROSPECTUS AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL WHO HAVE REQUESTED THEM.

OUR FILES HAVE BEEN WELL KEPT SINCE THE FIRST REQUEST WAS MADE. IF YOU HAVE ANY DOUBTS AS TO YOUR BEING LISTED, PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE, BUT SEND A POST CARD. THE FILES WILL BE CHECKED, AND IF NECESSARY (NOT LIKELY) YOU WILL BE ADDED TO THE LIST. IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT WE BE INFORMED OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS, AND THAT NAMES AND ADDRESSES BE LEGIBLE.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE, JUNE 20TH WILL BE DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING. MR. MARTIN BERGER, LEGAL ADVISER FOR THE HOUSING, WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER. THE MEETING SITE WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEXT MONTHLY MAILING AND IN THE LOCAL PRESS.

SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY: ERNEST MAYER HAS BEEN THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE AT A SERIES OF MEETINGS CALLED BY MRS. PEGGY PEPPER OF ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL. OUT OF THESE MEETINGS, A NEW GROUP HAS BEEN FORMED TO HELP OLD PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE. PEGGY PEPPER, WHO EXPLAINED WHAT CAN AND SHOULD BE DONE FOR THE AGED IS NOW DEVELOPING THESE PLANS AND HAS NEED FOR SOME INFORMATION FROM ALL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND STREET ASSOCIATIONS TO BE ABLE TO CREATE A WORKING ORGANIZATION. SHE IS COMPILING A LIST OF PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE WHO ARE WILLING TO GIVE SOME TIME FOR VISITS AND HELP TO THE AGED. A MINIMUM OF 4 HOURS A WEEK IS REQUIRED, AND VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE A SHORT TRAINING BY A VISITING NURSE OR EXPERIENCED HELPER. MR. MAYER ASK THAT WE DROP HIM A NOTE AT 304 W. 11TH ST. IF WE KNOW OF ANY OLDER PERSONS IN NEED OF THIS ASSISTANCE.

FLOWER SEEDS: FLOWER SEEDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT THE MAY MEETING. WE ASK THAT YOU PLANT YOUR SEEDS, AND WHEN THEY ARE READY, KEEP WHAT YOU NEED AND SHARE THE REST WITH YOUR NEIGHBOR. IF THERE ARE ANY LEFT OVER SEEDS, THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE JUNE MEETING, BUT NOW IS THE TIME TO PLANT.

WALKING TOURS: THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF WALKING TOURS THROUGH THE WEST VILLAGE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY JUNE 18TH. THE STARTING POINT WILL BE JACKSON SQUARE WITH THE FINAL STOP ST. LUKES. OF COURSE THERE WILL BE MANY INTERESTING THINGS TO SEE IN BETWEEN. AS SPACE ON THE WALK IS LIMITED, ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN THE WALK SHOULD DROP A NOTE TO THE WEST VILLAGE COMM. % AL WALD 304 W. 11TH STREET. THIS WILL HELP IN THE PLANNING OF THIS AND FUTURE WALKS. ANY QUESTIONS? AL WILL ANSWER THEM AT THE MEETING.

WEST FOURTH STREET "STREET FAIR": SAT. MAY 20TH IS THE DATE OF THE SPRING BLOCK PARTY OF THE WEST FOURTH STREET BLOCK ASSOCIATION. THE PARTY WILL BE ON WEST FOURTH BETWEEN WEST 12TH AND JANE STREETS. THERE WILL BE A WHITE ELEPHANT SALE AS WELL AS BOOKS, POTTED PLANTS, OLD CLOTHES, COSTUME JEWELRY, ETC. ALSO, THERE WILL BE THE USUAL TABLE OF UNUSUAL HOME-BAKED/COOKED GOODS. ANY ONE WITH DONATIONS OF ANY OF THE ABOVE SHOULD CONTACT BILL BOWSER CH 3-0762, BARBARA BUMBARDNER WA4-7765 OR JIM BRENNAN 691-6618.

BOOK SALE: PHASE #2 OF THE BOOK SALE WILL BE SAT. & SUN. JUNE 3RD & 4TH. WE ARE STILL COLLECTING BOOKS AND RECORDS FOR THE SALE. WE ALWAYS HAVE A DEMAND FOR ART BOOKS AND COOK BOOKS. YOU MAY CALL 989-4898 OR 243-8779 TO ARRANGE PICK-UP OR DELIVERY.

FLEA MARKET: BY ALL MEANS, HOLD ON TO THE ITEMS FOR THE FLEA MARKET. IT WILL BE HELD THE WEEK-END OF JUNE 24TH AND 25TH. MORE NEWS ON FLEA MARKET IN THE JUNE BULLETIN, BUT PHONE CALLS MAY BE DIRECTED TO 243-8779 (MORNINGS)

DOG POLLUTION SYMPOSIUM: A SYMPOSIUM ON DOG POLLUTION: DISEASE ACQUIRED BY MAN FROM HIS DOG, IS TO BE HELD AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, LOEB STUDENT CENTER, SOUTH LOBBY, WASHINGTON SQUARE S. ON TUES. MAY 23, AT 8 P.M. THE PANEL OF SPEAKERS IS TO BE MADE UP LARGELY OF EMINENT MEDICAL AUTHORITIES. THIS VENTURE IS BEING CO-SPONSORED BY THE WEST 13TH ST. NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND THE WEST FOURTH STREET BLOCK ASSOCIATION.

A PARK GROWS ON GREENWICH STREET: ON WHAT WAS A CAN LITTERED VACANT LOT ON GREENWICH STREET NEAR WEST 11TH STREET IS NOW THE BEGINNING OF A LOVELY LITTLE GARDEN SPOT. IN COOPERATION WITH MEMBERS WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE WEST FOURTH STREET BLOCK ASSOCIATION, THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN. THE PLANNING WAS DONE BY GARDENING EXPERT PAMELA BERDAN, AND MUCH OF THE DOWN TO EARTH WORK HAS BEEN DONE BY MS BERDAN AND BILL BOWSER WITH AN ASSIST FROM NEIGHBORS, BUSINESS AND RESIDENT ALIKE. OUR HOPE IS THAT WE CAN ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO GREEN A SPOT, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, BUT ANYPLACE WE CAN MAKE THINGS GROW.

RECYCLING: FOR THOSE LIVING NEAR W.12TH, JANE ST. AND WEST FOURTH STREET THERE IS A CONVIENIENT RECYCLING DEPOT AT 325 WEST FOURTH STREET BETWEEN W. 12TH AND JANE STREETS EVERY OTHER FRIDAY EVENING, 5 TO 9 P. M. THEY ACCEPT ALUMINUM, FLATTENED TIN CANS, RINSED BOTTLES, NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES, CLEAN RAGS. THE NEXT DATES AT THIS DEPOT ARE MAY 12TH, MAY 26TH AND JUNE 9TH.

THE COFFEE TIME: THE COFFEE TIME WHICH PRECEDES THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE MEETING IS PROVING VERY POPULAR, AND SUCCESSFUL. IT AFFORDS US A FEW MINUTES OF THAT LOST ART OF CONVERSATION BEFORE THE MEETING, AND HELPS GET US TO THE CHURCH ON TIME. LOIS AYLWORTH WITH AN ASSIST FROM HAZEL RAMSON-POTTS TENDS THE COFFEE AND DONUTS, AND MUSIC IS FROM THE CATALOG OF PETER FRITSCH'S LYRICORD RECORD COMPANY.



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY JUNE 27, 1972
TIME: 7:45 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: CRONIN AUDITORIUM - ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL
153 WEST 11TH STREET

AGENDA

THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING:

THIS MEETING WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING. THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING WHICH IS TO BE BUILT ON THE WEST SIDE OF WASHINGTON STREET, BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY BANK STREET, AND ON THE SOUTH BY MORTON STREET (THE BLOCK FRONT BETWEEN CHRISTOPHER AND WEST 10TH STREETS NOT INCLUDED) WAS CONCEIVED AND FOSTERED BY THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE.

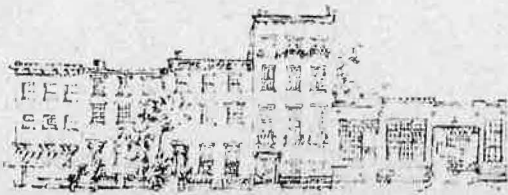
MANY HEARINGS AND MANY YEARS LATER, OUR HOUSING IS TO BECOME A REALITY. ALL OF THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY LIMITED FUNDS RAISED BY THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE AND HOURS OF HARD WORK PUT IN BY THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSING CORPORATION.

OUR SPEAKER FOR THE EVENING WILL BE MR. MARTIN BERGER OF BERGER, KRAMER & LEVENSON WHO WILL BRIEF US ON SOME OF THE PAST, AND THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE HOUSING. MR. BERGER IS THE LEGAL ADVISER FOR THE HOUSING.

THIS WILL BE OUR LAST MEETING UNTIL AFTER SUMMER. TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND MEMBERS WE WISH A SUMMER FILLED WITH GOOD DAYS, WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES, AND MANY DREAMS FULFILLED.

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER

JOAN STOLIAR,	PRESIDENT
ERIK WENSBURG,	FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
MARGOT REBEIL,	SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
PAUL RAWLINGS,	THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
ERNEST MAYER,	TREASURER
MARIE REEVES,	RECORDING SECRETARY
LILLIAN DREW,	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 1972
TIME: 7:30 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HALL
224 WAVERLY PLACE N. Y., N. Y. 10014

SUMMER IS ABOUT OVER, AND MOST VACATIONS ARE A THING OF THE PAST, SO WELCOME HOME TO ALL WHO WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HAVE A FEW DAYS OR WEEKS AWAY FROM THE DAILY ROUTINE OF CITY LIVING.

AGENDA: CABLE TELEVISION IN THE WEST VILLAGE - A GATHERING OF FACTS TO HELP US EVALUATE ITS SIGNIFICANCE, EFFECT AND ITS POTENTIAL IN OUR COMMUNITY

***ASSEMBLYMAN WILLIAM PASSANNANTE, WILL DISCUSS LEGISLATION WHICH IS DUE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1973

***RICHARD M. GALKIN, PRESIDENT OF STERLING MANHATTAN CABLE TELEVISION, INC. WILL DISCUSS THE COMPANY'S SERVICE AND ITS PLANNED OPERATION WITHIN THIS COMMUNITY

***PROFESSOR GEORGE C. STONEY, DIRECTOR OF THE ALTERNATE MEDIA CENTER, ESTABLISHED BY N. Y. U. WILL DISCUSS COMMUNITY ACCESS CHANNELS, AND THE TRAINING OF CITIZENS TO USE THEM

THE REGULAR COFFEE TIME AND A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING WILL PRECEDE THE AGENDA

JOAN STOLIAR,	PRESIDENT
ERIK WENSBERG,	FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
MARGOT REBEIL,	SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
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PLEASE BE PROMPT, AND BRING ALONG ANOTHER VILLAGER



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY OCTOBER 17, 1972
TIME: 7:30 P. M. PLEASE BE PROMPT
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH PARISH HOUSE
224 WAVERLY PLACE N. Y., N. Y. 10014

AGENDA 1 - PROPOSITION #1 ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT
THIS IS ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOND ACT OF 1972,
A SIGNIFICANT PROPOSAL WHICH HAS RECEIVED LITTLE
PUBLICITY IN THIS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEAR.

JEROME KRETCHMER - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADMINISTRATOR
OF NEW YORK CITY

GEORGE MUMPHREYS - ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, NEW YORK STATE
DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

CLAIRE BECKHARDT - ADMINISTRATOR, PARKS COUNCIL

WILL DISCUSS THIS PROPOSAL AND ITS IMPACT ON THE CITY
AND OUR COMMUNITY.

2- PROPOSED SIDEWALK CAFE DESIGN - BENCHLEY'S
611 HUDSON STREET

THE REGULAR COFFEE TIME AND A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING
WILL PRECEDE THE AGENDA

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Housing Study: High Rise=High Crime

By JACK ROSENTHAL

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25—A three-year study by a New York University research team has produced dramatic evidence of a major cause of the terror that afflicts public housing residents in many major cities: The higher the building, the higher the crime rate.

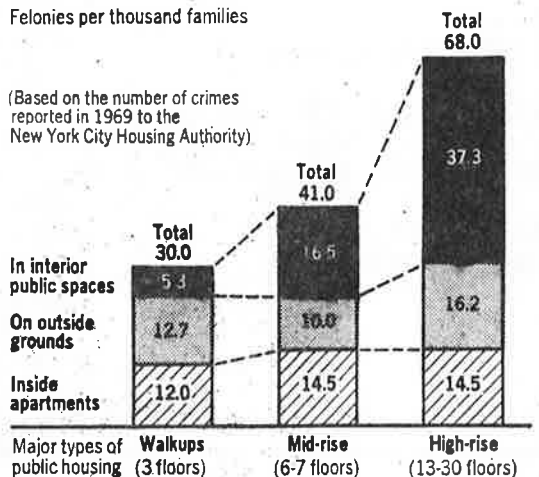
The most dangerous type of public housing of all, the study found, is the high-rise elevator building with floor upon floor of "double-loaded corridors" serving so many apartments, ranging along both sides of the hall, that residents can't tell neighbors from strangers.

The crime rate in such buildings is more than twice that in walk-up public housing. Nevertheless, the researchers conclude that even in such high-rise buildings crime — and the almost equally paralyzing fear of crime — can be curtailed.

PUBLIC HOUSING CRIME IN RELATION TO BUILDING HEIGHT

Felonies per thousand families

(Based on the number of crimes reported in 1969 to the New York City Housing Authority)



Source: Analysis by Professor Oscar Newman, New York University

The New York Times/Oct. 26, 1972

Their primary solution lies in design, organizing a setting to maximize what Oscar Newman, an architect and the project director, calls "defensible space."

That is the title of a just-published book reporting the work of the \$600,000 study. It was conducted by N.Y.U.'s Institute of Planning and Housing and financed by research grants from Federal and city agencies.

A major aspect of the research was analysis of 1969 crime statistics that the New York City Housing Authority police compiled for 100 public housing projects.

In three-floor walk-up buildings, the study found, there were 30 serious crimes.

for every thousand families. In buildings of six or seven floors, there were 41 serious crimes. In high-rise buildings of 13 to 30 floors there were 68.

What the researchers found even more striking were the contrasts in the locations in which crimes were committed.

The rates differed little among the three types of housing with respect to crimes committed inside individual apartments or on outside grounds. But there was a very different result concerning crimes committed in interior public spaces—elevators, lobbies, corridors, stairs and roofs.

While the total serious

crime rate was twice as high in tall buildings as in walk-ups, the rate of crime in public spaces in the high-rises was seven times higher.

Why? The study offers the following answer:

"In a high-rise, double-loaded corridor apartment tower, the only defensible space is the interior of the apartment itself; everything else is a 'no man's land,' neither public nor private.

"Unlike the well-peopled and continually surveyed public streets, these interior areas are sparsely used and impossible to survey; they become a nether world of fear and crime."

By contrast, Mr. Newman said in an interview today, "in the walk-up buildings, where few families share an entry, the interior public space becomes an extension of the home. And so does the street.

"Kids can play outside and still be within calling distance of the window. And as parents supervise their children at play, they also monitor street life. Defensible space is extended. You begin to get safe streets as well as safe buildings."

The contrast is evident from the sides of Stone Avenue in Brooklyn, as it intersects two kinds of public housing—the towers of Van Dyke Houses on one side, the low and mid-rise buildings of Brownsville Houses on the other.

The two projects are almost identical in density, population, income, race and other characteristics except crime. In 1969, the study found, there were 432 reported criminal offenses in the tall Van Dyke project. There were 264 in the lower Brownsville project.

Such differences between high and low-rise public housing are evident regardless of neighborhood or city, Mr. Newman said today. The worse the neighborhood, the more dangerous high-rise public housing becomes by comparison with low-rise. And this is even more true in Newark, St. Louis and other cities than in New York, the study found.

The project called essentially for two solutions. One is to stop assigning families with children to high-rise buildings in large public housing projects.

Locating them in walk-up buildings would mean lower density—about 50 units an acre. But that, Mr. Newman contends in his book, would not be a problem anywhere but in New York, where land cost values are exceptionally high.

He cites the enormous Pruitt-Igoe development of high-rise public housing in St. Louis, some of which has now been dynamited and most of which has been abandoned. There, density was abandoned, largely because of crime. There, density was only 48 units an acre.

And even in New York, he says, one solution would lie in concentrating elderly residents in high-rise buildings, families in walk-ups. Experience has shown that when older adults are congregated together, they do well at maintaining security.

The second proposed solution calls for the design of "defensible space." The resident of a public housing tower, situated on a park-like superblock and with the entry facing inward, would be "much safer had he been able to go directly from street to front door," Mr. Newman writes.

Design improvements can even curtail crime in existing low-rise projects, Mr. Newman believes. He cites as evidence the modifications he has made, working with the Housing Authority, of Clason Point Gardens in the Bronx.

This project houses 400 families in two-story buildings. The modifications focused on giving them a stronger proprietary sense over the grounds and walkways. It was finished eight months ago.

"Eight months is not long enough to tell anything for sure," Mr. Newman said today. "But so far, compared with the same eight months last year, the total number of offenses is nearly six times lower."

THE NEW YORK TIMES,

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1972



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1972
TIME: COFFEE AT 7:30
MEETING WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 7:45
PLACE: ST. JOHN'S -IN-THE-VILLAGE PARISH HALL
224 WAVERLY PLACE, BETWEEN BANK & W. 11TH STS.

A Look at
Agenda: WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN THE WEST VILLAGE
On
Film, Video Tape, Color Slides.....and
PLANS FOR SOME THINGS TO COME

Speakers: Allison Tupper
Russell Childs
Bob Sann
Ernest Mayer
William Soffel
Merv Bendewald
John Duguid
Jim Shaw
Leila Solomon

THIS WILL BE AN EARLY EVENING: St John's has requested
that all groups conclude their meetings by 10:30 PM.
We wish to accommodate them, and therefore encourage you
to note the early starting time.

Jean Stoliar, President
Erik Wensberg, 1st Vice President
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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE 304 WEST 11TH STREET NEW YORK, N.Y. 10014

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING

The West Village Committee sponsored West Village Housing is now moving ahead full steam. All six sites are now available to the contractor, and demolition, excavation or construction is now underway on five of the six sites. We would like to urge all interested members to take a walk on Washington Street between Bank Street and Merton Street, and see for yourselves what is going on. In this way, it will not be easy for our members to be the victims of false rumors and smears that were so much a part of the earlier stages of the housing.

Some ask the question, "Why no ground breaking ceremony?" Let us explain that all members of the board of directors of the Greenwich Village Community Housing Corp. are West Village Committee Volunteers, and must work at their regular professions just as others do. At this time, we give priority to working on the many details necessary to make the West Village Housing the successful venture we envisioned many years ago. At the time we consider proper, you can be sure there will be one big celebration.

We can understand the frequency of the question, "When do I get my application?". As has been stated before, the prospectus which, by law, must be approved by the office of the Attorney General is being completed, and will be available at the time applications are issued. The prospectus will spell out in detail all information needed for the formal filing of an application. Any questions regarding the housing may be directed in writing to the Greenwich Village Community Housing Corp. - 304 W. 11th St. - N. Y., N. Y. 10014. TAKE A WALK ON WASHINGTON STREET, AND WATCH OUR HOUSING GROW.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND WREATH SALE

Preparations are underway for our Christmas celebrations. These festivities will include the selling of Christmas wreaths, trimming and lighting of a Christmas tree and the singing of Christmas carols in the West Village. The Christmas wreaths will be available December 15th, and despite the increase in our cost, the wreaths again sell for \$3.50 each. Final holiday details will be revealed in the December West Village Committee Newsletter. Please fill out the enclosed order form, and mail your wreath order today.

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 MEETS

The November meeting of Community Board #2 will be held Thursday November 16th at 7:30 p.m. in Cronin Auditorium St. Vincent's Hospital 153 W. 12th Street. When possible, members should attend Community Board meetings and learn how this body work on community problems so important to all of us.

THE ORANGE AID

"A guide to Raising Children in Greenwich Village and Loving It" is now on sale for \$1.00. This is a calendar, plus shopping and information researched and published by our own West Village Nursery School on Horatio Street. The book is available through the school (CH 3-5986), local school fairs and block parties, and will also be available at our next West Village Committee meeting. It would make a good gift for friends who love kids or have anything to do with them.

RESPIRE SERVICE OF THE MANHATTAN RETARDATION CENTER

On November 3rd, a new service was inaugurated at the Manhattan Retardation Center located at 75 Morton Street. Respite Service offers a 25 bed, temporary, 24 hour or week-end residential care for retarded ambulatory children and adults whose parents need to be out of the city, or in a case where there is a family crisis. For information regarding this service, contact Hilda Mayorga at the center. Phone: 924-2912.

THE VILLAGE VISITING NEIGHBORS

When Mrs. Peggy Pepper came to us and asked for our aid, The West Village Committee immediately joined with St. Vincent's Hospital, village churches and synagogues, and the Village Visiting Neighbors was born. Ernest Mayer was appointed to represent us, and has been a moving force in the life of this organization. Mr. Mayer is happy to report on the successful activities of the organization since the spring of this year. "The Village Visiting Neighbors is a newly established friendly visiting program for the elderly of the Greenwich Village Community. Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Janet Abels, 30 volunteers are visiting 30 elderly people now. It is a community based volunteer operation in which people from all walks of life and of all ages visit a particular elderly person who is either shut-in or lonely or in need of help of some kind. The program has use of the resources of St. Vincent's Hospital, and is also backed by village block associations. If you would like to volunteer your services, or know of an elderly person who is in need of a visitor, call the Village Visiting Neighbors at 620-1408. This service covers the area from 14th Street down to Houston Street, and from the Hudson River to Broadway".

AN ANTIQUE AUCTION IS NEXT FUND RAISING EVENT FOR VILLAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

In an effort to reach their goal of \$15,000 to cover scholarships already awarded to 22% of the student body, the Central Fund-Raising Committee of the Village Community School will next hold an Antique Auction on Saturday, December 9th at 7:30 P. M. The Village Community School is located at 272 W. Tenth Street. Paula Kaplan (691-6209) is chairman for this event.

WESTBETH GRAPHICS WORKSHOP EXHIBITION

After having completed a most successful exhibition in Mexico, sponsored by the Mexican Government, the Westbeth Graphics Workshop will inaugurate the fall season with its premier New York Exhibition of works by some thirty members. The exhibition will run from December 1st through December 17th, 1972 at the Westbeth Galleries - 155 Bank Street, N. Y., N. Y. 10014. The galleries will be open Wednesdays through Sundays from 3:00 to 9:00 P. M.

JOAN STOLIAR REPRESENTED IN THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GRAPHIC ARTS EXHIBITION

West Village Committee President, Joan Stoliar, is represented in the current exhibition "Inside '72". Mrs. Stoliar was the designer for the best seller Jonathan Livingston Seagull by Bach which has been on the Best Seller List for fiction for about 28 weeks, and number 1 on that list for about 20 of those weeks.

The exhibition opened November 9th, and will run through November 28th, 1972; Monday through Friday from 9:30 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. The gallery is located at 1059 Third Avenue (at 63rd Street).

THE WEST VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Many people ask who is responsible for getting out our newsletters. The newsletters are compiled and edited by Jim Shaw, but the thankless job of collating and getting them in the mails falls on our corresponding secretary Lillian Drew. Lillian wants to say a special thanks to Laurel Planz and Evan Stoliar, two youngsters who gave her a helping hand last month.

The deadline for material for the newsletter is the fourth of each month. All material should be sent in duplicate to the West Village Committee % Jim Shaw - 304 W. 11th Street, N. Y., N. Y. 10014.

Nov. 28, 1972

Dear Jane,

I have asked that the Greenwich Village Community Housing Corporation repay the West Village Committee the sum of money which was advanced to the housing company to insure the purchase of the garage on Greenwich Street and Perry Street. This has now been done, and with many thanks I am happy to return to you the sum of \$500.00 which you kindly made as a loan to the West Village Committee.

Jane, it is a great comfort to know we have a friend like you, and I really don't know what we'd have done without your presence in body and or spirit.

I do hope you will be able to get down here sometime and see with your own eyes the activity on the West Village Housing site. We would love to see you.

My very best wishes to you and your family for the holiday season.

Love,

James Shaw

Enclosure:

West Village Committee Check #669

ACTION AGAINST CRIME

Almost 100 representatives from block associations, tenant, civic, political and business groups from the 19th Congressional District met for an all day Crime Action Conference convened by Rep. Bella S. Abzug on Oct. 17th. Also present were transit, housing and city police; Officers Brennan and Hollywood attended from our own 6th Precinct.

Proposals from workshops on legislation, community action, police liaison, public information and drugs were presented to Police Commissioner Murphy and Henry Ruth, Director of the Mayor's Criminal Coordinating Council on Oct. 22nd.

Here's a round-up of those proposals, plus some of the projects which the workshops, now functioning as committees, are at work on:

- Increase the number of visible uniformed police on the streets

- Expand neighborhood police teams and consult with the community on the best areas in which to concentrate their force.

- Re-examine the effectiveness of precinct community councils and permit more public participation - in ways as basic as the planning of agendas, for example.

- Form a permanent committee to investigate complaints on a community level of police inaction or corruption, with a special phone number so that citizens can contact the committee directly.

- Review the relationship of housing, transit and city police to each other, and let the community know what it can expect from each. (it was not generally known, for example, that transit police may make arrests outside the subway, or that they must patrol trains constantly.)

- Press for court reform to reduce police frustration in "revolving-door arrests.

- Inform citizens of exactly what is involved in becoming a complainant.

- Explore the possibility of alarm systems between shopkeepers and precinct; push for call boxes in the middle of long blocks; and an emergency number for local precincts if 911 is busy.

- In an effort to integrate police and community, press for new patrolmen to live in the district; set up training courses for para-professionals from the community to work in precinct houses in clerical capacities; expand the Auxiliary police. (Auxiliary Police are local volunteers trained by the police and have been particularly effective in the Lower East Side; their number are not as high as they might be because each volunteer must pay for his uniform.)

- Direct grants from the Safe Street Act away from riot control measures and toward better street lighting, alarm systems and Auxiliary Police training and equipment.

- Create Councils for Youth Safety to reduce police harassment of young people.

- Form an escort service by young people for senior citizens.

- Launch "Operation Light-Up" programs to encourage merchants to keep their stores alight from sunset to sun-up; to enforce the law requiring owners of multiple dwellings to install a 50 watt bulb every 22 feet on the building's exterior; to enact a law requiring owners to light up vacant lots; to provide matching funds for the installation of street lights.

- Enact a law to require landlords to install effective locks and buzzer systems.

- Pass legislation to halt "blockbusting", reflecting the concept that vacant buildings constitute public harassment; effectively seal off uninhabitable buildings which are breeding grounds for crime and drug addiction.

- Expand methadon centers into high crime areas, making them easily available to people who need them most.

- Increase the distribution of whistles, block by block, as pioneered by the Bank-Bethune Association.

(It is a pleasure to report that Bob Read of the Perry Street Association, who had a brush with a taxi on his way to a recent meeting of the Community Action committee, is now recovered.)

--Madalynne Kurtz, West Village Committee Representative



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

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1972

TIME: 5:45 - 8:30

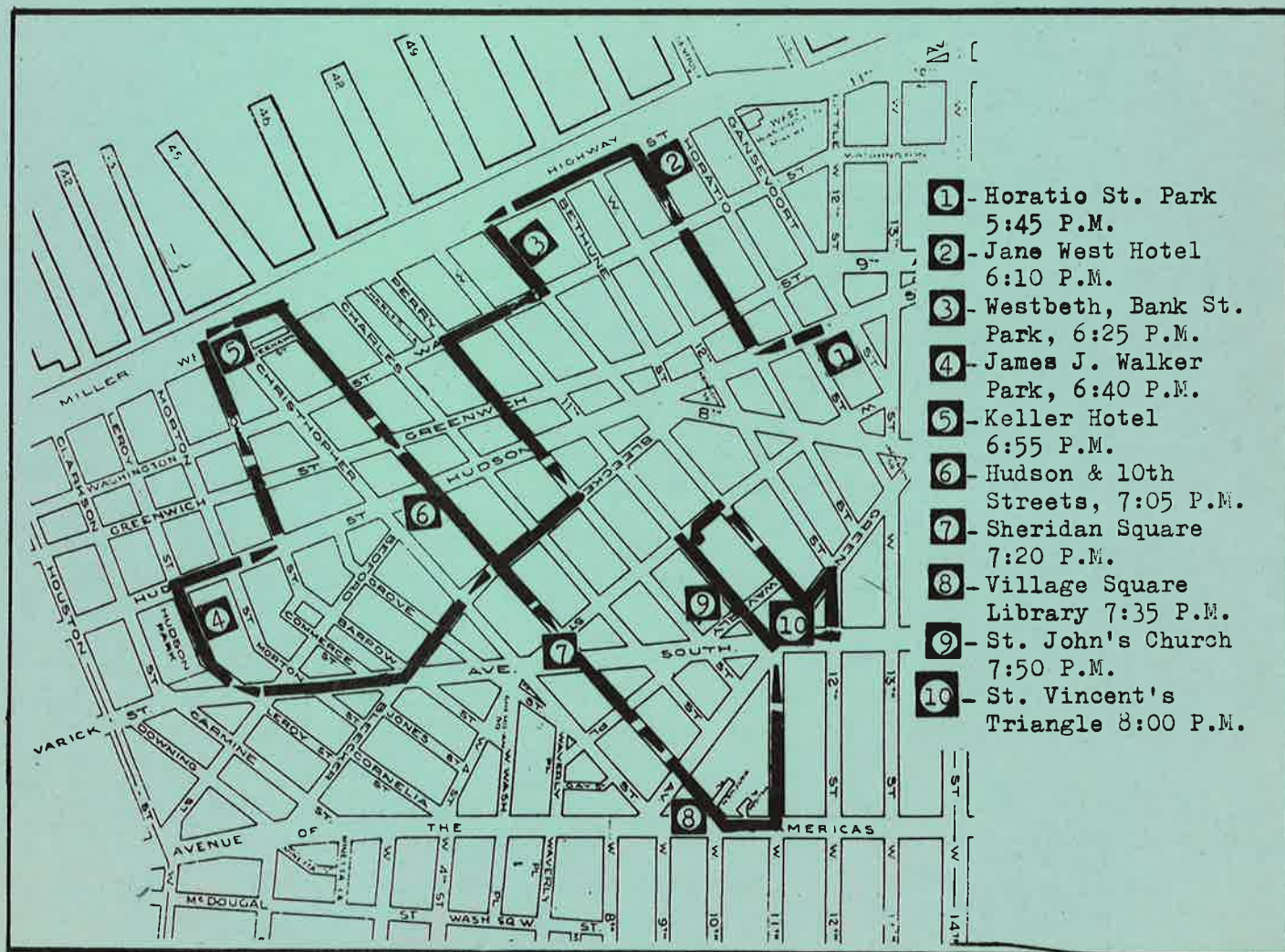
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WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE

CAROLING CARAVAN

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE CAROLING CARAVAN - DECEMBER 20th - 5:45 to 8:30 P.M.



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THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

THE WEST VILLAGE HOUSING

The West Village Committee sponsored West Village Housing is well underway with work progressing on all six sites.

In response to concern as to the height of the West Village Housing, we would again like to state that there has at no time been any change in the concept of the housing. The housing remains low-rise, walk-up structures containing one, two, three and four bedroom cooperative apartments.

We are pleased to include a reprint from the Oct. 26, 1972 New York Times which seems to bear out our long time feeling regarding security.

Any questions regarding the housing should be directed in writing to the Greenwich Village Community Housing Corp. - 304 W. 11th St. - N. Y., N. Y. 10014

THE WEST VILLAGE COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The West Village Committee will sponsor a Christmas Celebration on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1972. This will replace the regularly scheduled December meeting. The festivities will begin with caroling starting at 6 P. M. The carolers will assemble at 5:45 by the park at Horatio Street and Hudson Street. We invite Villagers to join any place along route and ride or walk along. Come out and join your neighbors in an evening of joy.

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

The christmas wreaths will be available for purchase and pick-up on Sat. Dec. 16th from 1 P. M. to 5 P. M. at the West Village Headquarters - 304 W. 11th St. They will also be available for purchase and pick-up at the Village Stripper - 519 Hudson St. daily (except Sunday) between 10 A. M. and 5 P. M.

If you have not ordered your christmas wreath, please fill out the order form at the end of the newsletter and mail today with your check or money order. Despite the increase in cost to us, the wreaths will again sell for only \$3.50 each. Order Today

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AT ST JOHN'S

St. John's in the Village again extends a welcome to the community to join in their annual tree lighting.

This year, the traditional Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on the vacant lot where the old church stood, and where the new church will be erected.

There will be a brief tree lighting service at 6:30 P. M. on Thursday, Dec. 14th. Carols will be sung by the St. John's choir around the tree, and the choir will lead caroling in the Parish Hall during a reception where punch, hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

Those attending are requested to bring a small present for a needy child to be placed under the Parish Hall tree. These gifts will be taken to the children at St. Barnabas House on Bleecker Street.

ST LUKE'S SINGERS ENTERTAIN HOTEL RESIDENTS

On Saturday Dec. 16th, the Community Chorus will join with residents of the Keller Hotel on Barrow St. at West St. at their Christmas Party. The musical portion, as requested by hotel residents, will include carols, hymns and spirituals.

The Christmas Party will be sponsored by the Out-Reach Program at St. Luke's.

ST LUKE'S COMMUNITY CHORUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

"The Magnificat" by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi, will be the featured choral work when the St. Luke's Community Chorus presents its first concert of the 1972-73 season on Sunday Dec. 17th, at 4 P. M. at St. Luke's Chapel - 487 Hudson St. (near Christopher) N. Y., N. Y. 10014.

This 40 voice choir, conducted by Ms. Gwen Gould, the founder-director of the group, is in its second year, and is partially supported by a grant from Trinity Parish. It's membership is drawn from residents of surrounding neighborhoods, the school's parents and staff.

Admission to the performance is free, but a \$2.00 donation will be suggested.

PUBLIC BROADCASTING SPECIAL

The Tchaikowsky classic "The Sleeping Beauty" with new staging and additional choreography by Rudolf Nureyev will have a television premier on WNET/Channel 13 on Sun. Dec. 17 at 7:00 P. M. (EST) This is a National Ballet of Canada Production which was made possible by a grant by IBM.

The principal dancers will be Mr. Nureyev as Prince Florimund, Veronica Tennant as Princess Aurora and Celia Franca as Carabosse.

There will be an encore performance on Christmas, Dec. 25th at 8 P. M. (EST)

COMMUNITY BOARD #2 MEETS

Community Board #2 meets the third Thursday of each month. The December meeting will be held at N. Y. U. Tishman Auditorium -40 Washington Square So. (Vanderbilt Hall). Please check the Voice or the Villager for the exact time of the Dec. 21st Board meeting.

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VILLAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Village Community School is especially interested in broadening its after-school enrollment beyond the student body, and actively seeks community participation. The 3:15 to 4:45 daily activities are designed for specific age ranges, and activities for the Fall Session cover children from 6 to 14 years of age. Woodworking, Ballet, art, photography, guitar and boy's sports were only some of the fall activities.

Posters around the village will soon announce the Second Semester activities available for enrollment with the appropriate ages, dates of sessions and cost. At the same time, information will also be available by calling the school (691-5146).

WESTBETH GRAPHIC WORKSHOP EXHIBITION

West Village Committee member Irving Weinstein is one of the 28 artist represented in the current exhibit at the Westbeth Galleries - 155 Bank St. - N. Y., N. Y. 10014. The Westbeth Graphic Workshop is to be congratulated on the quality show they have mounted. The Galleries will be open Wed. through Sun. from 3 P. M. to 9 P. M. The current show runs through Dec. 17th.

GROUP SHOW TO OPEN IN WESTBETH GALLERIES

A group of seven Westbeth Artist, including painters, collage artist, sculptors and a photographer will run from Jan. 1st through Jan. 28th, 1973 in the Westbeth Galleries 155 Bank St. - N. Y., N. Y. 10014. Galleries hours for this show will be 2 P. M. to 6 P. M. Fridays through Sundays.

RECYCLING IN THE VILLAGE

Recycling is now available to those who live in the Hudson and Christopher Street area. Properly prepared recyclables may be left at St. Luke's Parish Hall 487 Hudson Street on the Friday eve. prior to pick-up dates, and between 10:00 and 10:30 A. M. on pick-up dates. Pick-ups are on alternate Saturdays, the next being Dec. 23, followed by Jan. 6th and 20th. This service is made available through an arrangement with Village Recycling.

VILLAGE RECYCLING is the first center in the Village, and is located in a lot on Washington Street between Jane and Horatio Streets. Alternate Sat. pick-ups are the schedule, next dates same as mentioned above; Dec. 23, Jan. 6, Jan. 20, etc. The hours at this center are 9 A. M. to 1 P. M.

THE VILLAGE GREEN RECYCLING TEAM collect recyclables at the center on the St. Vincent Triangle. This center is open Wednesdays 12:30 to 2:30 P. M., Thursdays 6 P. M. to 8 P. M. and Saturdays 10 A. M. to 2 P. M.

Volunteers are always welcome to help staff these centers.

THOSE OLD CHRISTMAS TREES

Bill Bowser has requested that anyone who can should deliver their old Christmas trees to the St. Vincent Triangle after the holidays. These trees can be used for mulching and in other ways on the greening site. Also, any live trees used, and not wanted after the holidays will be welcome. For information, Call Mr. Bowser (CH 3-0762)

MANHATTAN RETARDATION CENTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 17th is the date of the Christmas Party for children and parents of the center at 75 Morton Street. Party time is 2:30 P. M.

The Manhattan Retardation Center is a new facility in our community, and most of us don't really know of the great work that is done by the staff there. There are many ways in which we in the village may help. West Village Committee member Hilda Mayorga will be happy to tell you what you can do to help. Call Hilda at 924-2912.

THE VILLAGE VISITING NEIGHBORS REPORT

The Village Visiting Neighbors now have extended their activities during the past month. There are now 50 volunteers visiting with elderly people in the village.

Christmas boxes containing practical objects for daily use are being assembled for all the elderly visited by volunteers of the Village Visiting Neighbors. This very nice gesture has been arranged by The Home Economy Association, thanks to Mrs Barbara Sullivan.

Monthly meetings are held by volunteers to exchange experiences and hear informative reports and speakers.

A call has been put out for items needed to help make life more interesting and comfortable for our elderly neighbors. Items requested are small pieces of furniture, ice-boxes, radios and television sets. Anyone with such items to donate for this worthy cause may call 620-1408.

CHRISTMAS WREATH ORDER FORM

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304 W. 11TH STREET
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