

# Carol Greitzer

CAROL GREITZER has been Greenwich Village District Leader since 1961, when she was part of the team that toppled DeSapio. She was re-elected in 1963, 1965, and—unopposed—in 1967.

Her efforts and influence go beyond the limits of Greenwich Village. In 1962 she organized an inspection of Philadelphia's parks which led to the formation of the city-wide Council for Parks and Playgrounds. As vice president she helped organize or was consultant to neighborhood park groups all over the city, including, in the 2nd Councilmanic District, Penn Station South, Abingdon Square, 2nd Avenue at 20th Street, Carl Schurz Park, Washington Square Park and several Central Park playgrounds. Her efforts helped local groups get brand-new parks or win improvements such as creative play equipment and safety surfacing. She also served on the Committee to save Madison Square Park, got two Hudson River piers open to public recreation, serves on the board of High Rock environmental park in Staten Island, and with Ed Koch got the city to ban liquor drinking in parks.

**HOUSING** Carol Greitzer developed the currently active city pilot Project for creating studio-residences for low-income artists, pushed bills through the State legislature to legalize combined studio-residency, formed the Gansevoort Area Redevelopment Committee for planning housing in the to-be-vacated meat market area, and has worked for housing with West Village and Cooper Square groups.

**TRANSIT** She organized TRAC (Transit Riders Action Committee) to give the riders a voice in the running of the subways and buses. She got the Transit Authority to promise two needed new bus routes. And scored a direct hit at a Board of Estimate hearing with "Those Who Stand and Wait," first such film every shown at a Board hearing. She has come up with traffic improvement plans that would also give jobs to hard-core unemployed.

**IDEAS** Carol urged creative new uses for threatened landmarks, including the Astor Library, Jefferson Market Courthouse, and the Jerome Mansion. Active in fights to maintain rent control and to strengthen air pollution curbs, she has been active and audible at City Hall hearings on issues that affect all of us. She is active in school affairs (her daughter is at P.S. 41), the PTA, and favors decentralization. She is a member of Community Planning Board No. Two.

CAROL GREITZER has done all this as a District Leader—think of how much more she could do as an imaginative, active, and concerned member of the City Council, representing you!

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## for City Council.

2nd Councilmanic District, Manhattan

# Here's what they say about Carol Greitzer



Photograph by Barbara Sheridan.

“A woman who is fighting to save the New York she loves is dynamic Carol Greitzer... Carol's political work is directly involved with what she feels about New York...”

CUE in its cover story on The New York Woman

“She won her position of leadership and respect by hard work and intelligence and her uncanny knack of discerning good local issues—for going down to Verrazano Street and helping repair City-owned slums, for getting lofts for artists. 'There are,' says one Village resident, 'a lot of monuments around here to Carol Greitzer'.”

NEW YORK POST

“...perhaps the most effective female crusader New York has seen since Carrie Chapman Catt stormed the barricades a half century ago...”

McCALL's in New York's Movers and Shakers

“A lot of old-timers were tremendously impressed because she is a day-to-day worker. On housing, parks... cultural things... She is cool. She is feminine in appearance, and masculine in her way of thinking. She doesn't blow up or get hysterical. And I always have the feeling that before she opens her mouth she comes to an absolute dead stop.”

Dan Wolf, editor of the Village Voice, quoted in the NEW YORK POST

And here's why they say it...

# If anyone can wake up and shake up the City Council, it's Carol Greitzer.

## Private Park Suggested in Chelsea Area

The east Chelsea-north Village area 'desperately needs' an attractive sitting park area, Carol Greitzer, Democratic District Leader in the Village, said.

She suggested finding a site in the growing residential-business area around Sixth Avenue and 16th Street.

'Though space is expensive, a site could be created out of the air, as it were, by decking over a parking lot and providing ramp access to the elevated park,' she said.

A new kind of private dual-use area might be the answer, particularly where there is both commercial and residential population, she said, pointing to the 'fierce lunchtime competition for patches of sunlight' at such private vest-pocket areas as Paley Park and Seagram Plaza.

'Employees of the firms setting up the park could have exclusive use during lunch periods, but with residents having access the rest of the day,' Mrs. Greitzer said.

Private ownership has another advantage, she said. She referred to a park in Chelsea which mothers and children stayed away from because of the 'unpleasant presence of junkies.'

'Because of the difficulty of establishing controls in public places,' she said, 'I think we must seriously explore the expanded use of private parks—not like Gramercy Park, with access by key, but like Paley Park (on 53rd Street)—open to the public, but privately controlled, so that, presumably, misbehaving people can be asked to leave.'

## Vest Pocket Parks — Handkerchief Size

Plans for the creation of five small sitting plazas in the Village have been submitted to the City Planning Commission for approval. The proposals, which were made by Democratic District Leaders Edward I. Koch and Carol Greitzer, are among the first to take advantage of a recreational development program being financed by a \$175,000 Federal and City grant.

## Special Park Areas For Mothers Asked

A plan to limit sections of some city parks to mothers, their children and adult escorts was proposed today by two Democratic district leaders in Greenwich Village.

Mrs. Carol Greitzer and Edward I. Koch said they are submitting the proposal to Parks Commissioner Newbold Morris as the result of many complaints received from park users.

'The problem of derelicts, narcotics addicts and undesirable in parks throughout the city has reached such proportions that the parks cannot be used by people for whom they were designed—mothers and their children and neighborhood residents,' Mrs. Greitzer said.

The two leaders suggested that local planning boards be consulted about which parks should be included in the plan.

## More Protection For Sq. Asked

Plainclotheswomen, constant police patrols, and a regulation against pint wine bottles in Washington Square Park were asked for this week. The suggestions came from Village Democratic District Leaders Carol Greitzer and Edward I. Koch. They will discuss public safety in the park with Captain Charles E. the week.

A confidential source revealed a number of alcohol perverts, addicts in Washington Square Park, that male and female officers unobtrusively benches could arrange women or make marks. The 'occasional exposure incidents' in the area could be plainclotheswomen.

**POLICE ARE ADDED IN WASHINGTON SQ.**

**Patrols Assigned to Park to Prevent Undesirables from Molesting Patrons**

**THREE SHIFTS ORDERED**

**Democratic District Chiefs Plan to Ask Murphy to Put More Men in 'Village'**

**ALSO**

## City Said To Lag in Play Areas

'There'd be a baby buggy brigade marching on City Hall,' Mrs. Carol Greitzer told a conference on Parks in New York City's Future. 'If mothers and fathers realized how deprived of recreation New York City children are.'

Speaking at the third annual Pratt Planning Conference at the Americana Hotel, the vice president of the Council for Parks and Playgrounds noted that the only thing heading off a recreation revolution here is the fact that many parents don't know how far the city lags behind others in park design.

Praising the variety of play equipment and continuing experimentation elsewhere in the U. S. and abroad, she said that our Parks Dept. was just beginning to emerge from the domination of Robert Moses, former parks commissioner.

Mrs. Greitzer's Council for Parks and Playgrounds wants to co-sponsor, with other interested groups, a 'living' exhibit where children could test new techniques, such as the Scandinavian 'junk' playgrounds.

She also advocated a new Recreation Department—not only to coordinate, but also to explore recreational needs.

## Helpmobile For Tenants

Democratic District Leaders Edward I. Koch and Carol Greitzer will be present in their 'Helpmobile' on Tuesday, June 18, at Sheridan Square, 5 to 6 p. m., and at Village Square 6 to 7 p. m. They will dispense information to tenants who have housing problems and give out Rent Commission forms to those who require them.

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## DRUNKS IN THE PARKS

As Heaven is our witness, THE NEWS never was puritanical and isn't now. But we feel that Greenwich Village's Democratic leaders, Carol Greitzer and Edward I. Koch, have a point when they plead with Park Commissioner Newbold Morris to try to cut down drinking in the parks.

It would be no easy job. But why not an earnest effort by Mr. Morris to rejigger park regulations with a view to protecting women, children, lovers et al. from annoyance or worse by luses, winos and liquored-up hoodlums?

## Village Hits Plan to Shut A Museum

By Don Ross  
Of The Herald Tribune Staff

There were rumbles yesterday in Greenwich Village and elsewhere over the probability that the Cooper Union Museum will close its doors, but it was too early to say whether the rumbles would develop into a major seismicological disturbance.

In the Village, Mrs. Carol Greitzer, Democratic district leader of the 1st A. D. South, said she was ready to organize a committee to save the museum for the Village. Mrs. Greitzer has had practice in organizing such committees when some Village landmark is threatened with extinction.

## Historic District Skirmishes go on

Varying interpretations of the Landmarks Preservation Law, Local Law No. 46, lie behind continued skirmishes for or against the proposed designation of a major part of Greenwich Village as an historic district.

This week Democratic District Leaders Edward I. Koch and Carol Greitzer charged that real estate, commercial, and banking interests have joined forces to frighten Village homeowners into opposition to the proposed designation of the community as a historical district. The allegations were made at a press conference in the W. 11th St. home of Mrs. John Marks, president of the Association of Village Homeowners.

The Reform Democratic leaders reported that 'at least a dozen re-

## Safety in the Subways

Renewed efforts to obtain closed-circuit television for the Eighth and Sixth Avenue subway entrance in the Village at Sixth Ave. and W. Fourth St. was pledged this week by Mrs. Carol Greitzer, Democratic district leader. Mrs. Greitzer's announcement came on the heels of Mayor Wagner's new drive against crime in the subways into which he has ordered 1,200 men.

Mrs. Greitzer has on several occasions in the past pressed city officials on the need for closed circuit TV and other safety devices in the multi-level W. Fourth St. station. Several bills calling for closed-circuit TV surveillance of each of the city's subway stations have been introduced into the state legislature by Assemblyman Thomas V. LaFauci, Queens Democrat. With the renewal of concern over and efforts to meet the subway crime crisis, Mrs. Greitzer said she would again take up the case of the W. Fourth St. entrance.

## Consumers Lobby On Mass Transit

A new consumers' lobby on mass transit was formed this week under the leadership of Greenwich Village Democratic District Leader Carol Greitzer and City Councilman Edward I. Koch. The new group will act in the mass transit field as the American Automobile Association's New York chapter acts on behalf of the city's drivers.

The new committee is called the Transit Riders Action Committee (TRAC). TRAC's first step will be to ask for 'equal time' car advertising cards on buses and subways so as to solicit membership.

Joining with Councilman Koch and Mrs. Greitzer are several dozen civic leaders, engineers, and graphic and architectural designers, including Ivan Chermayeff, Norval White, A. I. A., William Vickrey, professor of economics at Columbia University, and Dr. Stephen Dobrow, President of the Committee for Better Transit.

## Artist-Loft Bill Is Signed

Governor Rockefeller on Tuesday signed a bill that will enable artists to make use of lofts as combined residences and studios. The bill, which was supported by the Artist Tenants Association, had the backing of New York City's leading artists. Democratic District Leader Carol Greitzer was a key figure in bringing pressure to bear on the state and city authorities to gain passage of the legislation.

“She has brought politics to the level of imaginative community service, and her work in the Village could be a pattern for the rest of the city.”