

In The 'Hood**Discovery Walks for Families**

Date: October 24, 2015, 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

Location: Belvedere Castle, mid-Park at 79th Street

Bring your family for a guided walk through the Ramble and take part in hands-on exploration. Learn about what makes Central Park a sanctuary for plants, animals and humans alike. Borrow a Discovery Kit - a rugged backpack filled with kid-friendly binoculars, field guides, and other discovery tool.

Youth Basketball Clinic

Clinics are held every Saturday thru October 31 at the North Meadow Recreation Center(mid-Park at 97h Street) It's not just shooting hoops! This high-energy, interactive clinic provides youth with an opportunity to learn and enhance their skills in the game of basketball through small group instruction and competitive games. Designed to help young people develop both on and off the court, these clinics focus on skill development, team play and sportsmanship. For more information, please call 212.348.4867

Halloween Parade and Pumpkin Flotilla

Sunday, October 25, 2015

3:30 pm - 7:00 pm



Charles A. Dana Discovery Center, inside the Park at 110th Street between Fifth and Lenox Avenues

Enjoy live music, spooky stories, pumpkin carving demonstrations, and, of course, Central Park Conservancy's signature pumpkin flotilla, which sets sail across the Harlem Meer at twilight! Participation is free; all ages are welcome. Tickets are not required; RSVP to let them know you're coming.

Members-only Perk: Register by October 23 to reserve space in the

flotilla for your pumpkin. (Please remember to bring your membership card with you)

For more information about the Halloween Parade and Pumpkin Flotilla, please call the Charles A. Dana Discovery Center at 212.860.1370

For additional activities, please visit: <http://www.centralparknyc.org/events/>

Halloween Celebration at American Museum of Natural History

Saturday, Oct 31st, 2pm - 5pm

Explore the museum in your costume, fill up your bag with candy and meet other characters, like Curious George, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Wild Thing, Peter Rabbit, and Llama Llama, who will be roving the halls. There will also be musical guests and performers from the Big Apple Circus at this celebration, which is perfect for little kid and bigger ones too. Tickets are \$14(\$12 for members) and you can call or visit amnh.org/halloween to purchase.

**PRESIDENT'S POTPOURRI**

Dear 336 CPW Friends and Neighbors,

Memorial Day. Flag Day. Independence Day. Bastille Day. V-J Day. Women's Equality Day. Labor Day. Columbus Day. Equinox. All the summer holidays come and gone and getting ready for Halloween. It seems just the blink of an eye, but actually it's been a beautiful, enjoyable, restful summer, I hope. And I hope that's been the case for all of us at 336 CPW.

We have finished the third quarter of our fiscal year at 336 CPW and are beginning the fourth. We are in the midst of another strong year operationally, fiscally and structurally. Co-op operations are substantially on budget at the end of 9 months with most individual budget lines also on target. We still have nearly three months to go, so there's no guarantee that we finish the year on budget. But, please rest assured the Board, the management and the staff will leave no stone unturned to accomplish it. On the cash reserves front, we have once again added materially to our proverbial "rainy day fund." It is larger than ever, and the financial condition of the Co-op is much stronger than it was at the close of fiscal 2014.

The Board is working methodically - with the management and the staff - to analyze and assess all needs for deferred maintenance in the building. The immediate utility of this effort will be anticipation of needs for capital maintenance that could be mandated by the next Local Law 11 report. At the same time we are hoping this effort will have longer term utility in planning for capital maintenance. We will keep the shareholders and residents apprised appropriately. All that said, however, I feel confident the combination of planning and increased reserves should insulate all of us from any unhappy surprises down the road.

The shareholder relations committee has been liaising with three of our shareholders who are collaborating directly with the various public agencies and offices on the subject of CPGS traffic, noise and public safety. All parties are working with CPGS to solve - or at least improve - the traffic problems during school opening and closing. Recent reports suggest the combined efforts of the school administration, the 24th precinct, the City Council, the Borough President and the community may be having some positive impact on the problem, although no one is yet prepared to declare victory and withdraw. Said differently, it is early in the campaign and undoubtedly too early to say what the eventual outcome will be. Early reports, however, are somewhat encouraging.

I have been directly and actively engaged in 336 CPW matters of general concern since the spring of 2006. In the spring of 2007 I was one of five shareholders who offered their candidacies for board membership under the aegis of an ad hoc shareholder committee formed late in 2006. I am moved to pause and reflect on how the building has progressed and what we as a community have accomplished since that spring 2007 annual meeting. Permit me to reprise the general principles we articulated as our rationale for running and which we introduced as the platform for seeking board membership:

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Many of us live on the Upper West Side because this neighborhood has always been characterized by a strong sense of community - friendly interaction between individuals of diverse backgrounds and circumstance, shared concern for each other's well-being, a sense of connection despite the hustle/bustle of our busy independent lives and a genuine appreciation for the contributions of all to the vibrancy of the community.

The Ad Hoc Committee believes strongly in building and sustaining this sense of community with all residents welcoming new comers, encouraging participation, working collegially with the staff and the managing agent. We believe the Board must take positive, proactive steps to build and sustain community at 336. This principle will define our leadership efforts and activities.

We have just finished the October Board meeting, which effectively finishes the first three-quarters of calendar 2015 for the building. Our 10 board members - 5 new or virtually new - are getting into rhythm as a unit and working well together. I am pleased to make that report, especially because, even as the perennial optimist (sometimes a/k/a Candide), I found myself wondering if there would be a break-in period before arriving at the collaborative ease we have achieved. And all that after only 5 meetings (May, June, July, September, October).

Our five standing committees of the Board are establishing routines and rhythms of dividing the responsibilities of oversight and supervision which insure smooth and effective building operations and services. They are doing so more and more efficiently, effectively and equitably. As a reminder, those committees (with members in parentheses) are Governance (Schell, Michel, McCloskey), Finance (Kaplan, Segel, Schell), Communications (Graff, Bulhack, O'Donald), Facilities & Infrastructure (Corvi, O'Donald, Segel) and Shareholder Relations (Graff, McCloskey, Kaplan, Michel). I urge you to get to know them and to use them - perhaps a better term would be "liaise with them."

My bottom line reason for this pause, is to say I think we have made excellent progress toward building and maintaining the kind of community and the kind of governance that I believe we all aspire to having. I hope so. I welcome your thoughts, comments and suggestions in that vein. For myself, I would like to say it has been a wonderful, energizing and satisfying experience for which I am grateful.

As noted in my last letter, the Board is thinking about and discussing in concept and in principle some of the larger, longer-term initiatives that will be important to our financial and structural health and welfare. These would include preparation for the next Local Law 11 review, including trying to anticipate needs that will be prudent to address, as well as those that could be required. We have had preliminary discussions concerning a complete revamp of the co-op's ancient and completely archaic proprietary lease, with a view to having something for shareholders to approve sometime in 2016. This is a major undertaking, and I hope to be able to report more substantive progress on it before the end of the calendar year. Suffice to say at this early juncture, this will entail considerable discussion and planning at the Board level and will also require considerable discussion among shareholders before we are ready to take the definitive step. I look forward to a thorough and healthy conversation with all of you.

There is a good deal of work on our collective plates for the next several months to year or so. However, it is all for the improvement of the health and welfare of our Co-op community - in all senses of those words. On behalf of the Board, I would like to say we are all looking forward to it.

Happy Halloween and best wishes to all.

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Neighborhood Eats:

Fall is here, and with the cooler weather, comes some new choices on the UWS.

The Ribbon For Upper West Siders bemoaning the recent closing of Owest, this opening is well timed. It's the latest entry from the Bromberg brothers, who own eight Blue Ribbon establishments around the city, and has the earmarks of the quintessential neighborhood restaurant. But its fried chicken, served only on Sunday and Monday evenings, may make it a destination. The large menu includes cheese plates, pâtés (and chopped liver), raw-bar items, latkes, rotisserie meats and a burger, but none of the sushi served at some other Blue Ribbons. "We're going back to our roots: French, but also what we grew up with, like prime ribs at Grandma's house," said Eric Bromberg, who owns the restaurant with his brother, Bruce.

Manhattan Brew & Vine, a new wine bar that also sells craft beers has opened its doors at 109th street and Columbus Avenue. The lounge will also have nightly dj's, and appears to be trying to attract a celebrity clientele. The soft opening brought out several celebrities from the hip hop and R&B worlds, including Ne-Yo, Fabolous and Fat Joe. Executive Chef Denzell Washington, formally of Morimoto, was brought on board to create MBV's New-American food menu with signature dishes including Columbus Curls (Shrimp, Vanilla broth, rosemary and Pearl onions), Amsterdam Cockerel (Chicken, Amber honey, Cremini shrooms, roasted garlic) and Combo Platter- 3 cheeses and 3 meats (Cheese: Provolone, Gruyère, Brie and Parmesan/Meats: Salami, Prosciutto, Capocollo and Sopressata with mixed olives, grapes, fresh bread, and fig compote), which pairs perfectly with one of the restaurant's selection of 44 wines and 29 craft beer options. Manhattan Brew & Vine (MBV), located on the corner of 109th Street and Columbus Avenue, brings an upscale dining and nightlife experience to the Upper West Side.



Moore Food & Drink has replaced Ed's Chowder House on the second floor of the Empire Hotel building at 44 West 63rd street. They're owned by the same company. Moore, run by chef Harold Moore, has some similar seafood dishes to Ed's, with a few twists. It seems tilted to more American comfort food of both the land and sea variety.

Always a very convenient, and a chirp, I mean, cheap, option - a new **Chirping Chicken** has recently opened on the corner of Columbus Avenue and 106th Street.

You might have noticed that **The Mermaid Inn** has moved into the space next door at 570 Amsterdam Avenue (between 87th and 88th), formerly occupied by Mamajuana Cafe. It's got a larger bar and dining room, and lots of sea creatures, as always.

For some additional dining options, **Bloomberg** has put out a list of the best UWS restaurants for eating with clients, friends and family. It's got a mildly condescending headline like all stories about Upper West Side restaurants ("Good Restaurants on New York's Upper West Side Exist (Yes, Really)") but the choices seem pretty solid (though generally pricey). For clients: Jean-Georges/Nougatine, Dovetail, Telepan, The Leopard at Des Artistes and Gabriel. For friends: Kefi, Salumeria, Boulud Sud, Mermaid Inn and Cotta. And for families: Isabella's, The Ribbon, the Boat Basin, Barney Greengrass and Red Farm. For the full article: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-08-11/upper-west-side-dining-guide-nyc-restaurants-for-family-friends-clients>