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Waiting Non-rush-hour Tram passengers face waits of up to 15 minutes for Red Bus service, which is no longer scheduled to meet cabin arrivals. Residents have been grousing, but at RIOC, newly-promoted Vice President for Operations Sari Dickson says some have praised the new scheduling for greater frequency of service. RIOC seeks resident comments on the routing and schedule, which were put in place two weeks ago. RIOC President Herb Berman can be addressed at HBerman@RIOC.com; the phone number is 212-832-4540.

Islanders: Carole Kennedy Is Off to Ukraine for Peace Corps

by Anusha Shrivastava

If anyone out there is looking for a name for a tornado, they might consider Carole as a possibility: the woman is like a whirlwind, no less. At 68, Carole A. Kennedy is so full of energy and ideas, so passionate and cheerful, so persistent and ready to take on anything that comes her way, it is hardly a surprise to know that she is off to Ukraine as a Peace Corps volunteer later this month. "Why not?" she asks, as if it is the most natural thing in the world to do. "I love to travel, I'm free of responsibility, and I am in good shape."



Kennedy, a jewelry and accessories designer, has traveled to almost every European country and to several Asian ones. "I loved Bali and wanted to go back there but they didn't want me to go to Indonesia so I'm off to Kiev instead," Kennedy says. She has been asked to apply her expertise as a small-business entrepreneur to help Ukrainian non-governmental organizations expand their business through better advertising and marketing. "I'd like to help them market the skills they have," Kennedy said. "The opportunity to sell ethnic goods is always limited but, with the Internet, the chance to fish for new clients has grown."

For her efforts, Kennedy will be paid \$200 a month for the next 27 months. She will stay with host families for the first six months as she familiarizes herself with the country and her work. She doesn't know where she'll be assigned after the first few weeks in Kiev. "With my luck, I'll end up somewhere near Siberia," Kennedy says. It is clear that a sense of adventure drives Kennedy, but she is not doing this for the fun alone. She says she enjoys helping people and has been a volunteer at Altrusa, a business women's club where, among other activities, she has helped raise money for literacy among women in Afghanistan. "It is difficult for women to operate in certain environments and I want to help as much as I can."

Her helpful nature has been noticed by many on the Island. "She's a gentle, compassionate presence who will be missed a lot while she is away in Ukraine," said Srini, an investment banker and a long-time friend of Kennedy's.

"This is a woman who knows how to make lemonade out of a lemon," said Julie Lipp, Kennedy's friend from the Garden Club on the Island. "She is strong and courageous, resilient and optimistic. She is always positive and interesting."

Blushing furiously, Kennedy tries to laugh off the positive comments. She says her social life has

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Briefly...

Sari Dickson has been named RIOC Vice President for Operations, at \$88,000 a year, in the position vacated early last year by Robert Antonek. She had been on loan from, with salary paid by, DHCR.

Event producers are being sought by RIOC for the annual Fourth of July fireworks at Southpoint Park, and for other events on the Island. The details are on the RIOC website at www.rioc.com/proposal.html.

RIOC will pay the New York Power Authority some \$500,000 for power consumed in the vacant minischools over a period of a dozen years. At last week's Board meeting, RIOC President Berman explained that pipes had not been drained and power was consumed for heat and safety lighting. The bill had been set aside, unpaid.

Amid Complaints, Red Bus Changes Will Get "a Chance"

The Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation's two-week-old revision of Red Bus service will remain in place at least until next week, according to RIOC Vice President for Operations Sari Dickson. "We have some people who love it because buses are coming more frequently," she told *The WIRE* this week. "Others don't like it because it's not tied to a schedule. That's what we're looking into right now." Dickson said there could be an announcement next week "about whether there will be any change."

Dickson's boss, RIOC President Herbert E. Berman, told his Board of Directors in last week's meeting that the new plan, in which buses run continuously rather than meeting Tram arrivals and leaving Motorgate on a fixed schedule, was "developed to include the stops at Southtown and to insure that nobody has to wait a half-hour at the subway." Before the February 8 change, half the bus trips had traveled north on the new Main Street, leaving subway riders waiting for service.

Berman told the Board, "The new bus pattern was developed with resident Board members and members of the community including [Residents Association President] Matt Katz" and others. However, Katz and other residents who attended meetings on the bus scheduling have said that decoupling the service from Tram arrivals and fixed Motorgate departure times was never discussed. Among residents, complaints have centered on waiting times at the Tram station, particularly at night, and greater difficulty in timing morning departures to coincide with bus service.

Residents Association President Matthew Katz deals with the service change in his column in this issue of *The WIRE* (page 3). A selection of resident letters on the topic appears on page 2.

Berman told the RIOC Board and residents attending last week's meeting, "...and folks, if it becomes necessary, we'll make other changes."

The problems associated with unscheduled service were first pointed out by Residents Association Common Council member Frank Farance, an engineer who has offered his services to RIOC. Farance's concerns, expressed at a RIRA Common Council meeting several

days before the new routing was put into place, were reported in the February 7 *WIRE*. Dickson says RIOC does not plan to take Farance up on his offer "for now."

RIOC first revised Red Bus routing in mid-December to provide northbound service to residents of 465 and 475 Main Street, but changed it again two weeks ago in response to complaints about half-hour waits for bus service at the subway station. The new routing provides southbound service at the Southtown stop, taking all passengers to the Tram station first, then to the subway station. But few passengers have boarded at the new Southtown stop. Instead, residents continue to use a makeshift path south of the new buildings, walking across the lawn and jumping down an embankment to go west to the service road and the subway station.



Meanwhile, preparations for MetroCard on the Tramway go forward. By early this week, new gates had been installed and card-reading equipment was in place.

The Nine Lives of Jerry Blue Former RIOC President Gets City Tech VP Post

Thanks to Islander Audrey Maurer for calling *The WIRE's* attention to this article from the *Clarion*, the newspaper of the faculty/staff union at CUNY. It is condensed here with the *Clarion's* permission. The subject, Dr. Jerome Blue, was President of RIOC from 1996 to 1999, when the Governor suddenly moved him to a new position as Commissioner of Human Rights.

by Tomio Geron

A longtime Pataki administration official has landed in a high-level job at New York City College of Technology - a position created specially for him at the insistence of CUNY central administration, according to sources at the college.

Jerome Blue, described by *The New York Times* as "a protégé of former Senator Alfonse D'Amato," will become City Tech's "Interim Vice President for Research, Governmental and Corporate Affairs" on December 15 [2003]. CUNY central administration will provide the funds for his salary, but neither 80th Street [CUNY administration] nor City Tech administration would say how much Blue will be paid.

No search was involved in hiring Blue, City Tech spokesperson Michele Forsten told *Clarion*.

Michelle Harris, the college's executive director of human re-

sources and labor relations, said that Blue will have broad responsibilities at City Tech. "Basically we expect he will be developing and advancing proposals for City, State and federal support," she said. "His expertise is government relations." Harris added that Blue will help to "create public-private partnerships with corporate partners."

At a September 16 meeting of City Tech's College Council, President Fred Beaufait had told faculty that Blue would not be coming to Tech because of difficulties in negotiating the details of his hiring. However, at a subsequent Council meeting on November 4, Beaufait said that Blue would be hired, but would not be paid out of City Tech funds. For the next two weeks, no one in college administration would discuss the source of Blue's salary.

"I think the faculty is patient but concerned that a new position is being created," said Lois Dreyer, chair of the College Council. "But we have no choice in this. Neither does the President [Beaufait]. This is a decision made higher up."

Dreyer has been unable to learn the source of Blue's salary, or how much he would be paid. "We can't seem to pin it down. It's not coming out of our normal budget," she said. "The president would not dis-

cuss it."

When *Clarion* asked President Beaufait's deputy, Steve Soiffer, about the source of Blue's salary, he said, "You're getting into areas that are making me nervous." Beaufait himself would not comment.

Given the absence of a search, Forsten was asked how Blue had been chosen. "I don't know the selection process," she said, "but he has a strong record in public service, most recently as senior vice president for the Battery Park City Authority." Forsten said she did not know if CUNY central administration had been involved in the decision to give Blue this new position. When asked if Beaufait had chosen Blue, she said, "I don't think so, but I don't know."

Blue entered public life as an aide to then-Senator D'Amato. At D'Amato's request, Blue was hired as a special assistant to the New York regional administrator of the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development in the 1980s. He moved on to a series of positions under Pataki, including vice president of the State Housing Finance Agency, chief executive of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation, and State human rights commissioner.

Letters

To the Editor:

I was waiting at the Tram stop alone one night last week for 15 minutes – 15 minutes of terror, since I was standing there in a completely deserted area after dark on a windy cold night, alone. Anything at all could have happened to me and no one would have been the wiser for it. I got home and complained to Public Safety – because there are no patrols at the Tram. They said they can’t be everywhere on Roosevelt Island and suggested I contact RIOC, which I tried by phone but it’s impossible to even leave a voice mail on the RIOC line.

If something happens to a resident, or a child, who has to wait alone at night at the very isolated and deserted Tram stop, because there no longer is a bus waiting for each arriving Tram, then the blame will be squarely on President Berman.

I hope RIOC considers the above and re-institutes having a bus wait as before for each arriving Tram – if only for safety reasons.

Helen Chirivas

To the Editor:

At the RIOC open house for Rivercross residents some weeks ago, I found President Berman so charismatic and charming that I was sure my request – a very simple one – would be taken care of immediately.

I pointed out that although the Chapel of the Good Shepherd had a painted crosswalk in front of it, the Synagogue across the street did not, although it was even more important because of evening services on Fridays.

Although the crosswalk in front of the Chapel ends in the middle of the street, one has only to keep walking in the same direction to be safe.

And since the Synagogue is directly opposite the Chapel, only half a crosswalk is needed. But it’s very important; leaving alone one Friday night, in our dim lights and with my low vision, I couldn’t find the proper place to cross and almost risked my life leaving from the wrong place.

If I weren’t 90, I could take a can of white paint and paint the lines myself.

Frances Salten

To the Editor:

A bad spin on the new bus route.

Even though it does not work well, if we have to keep this new bus route, how about only having it in the evening? Let’s go back to the old route in the morning. In the course of the day, the Queensboro Bridge changes traffic flow on the upper roadway; likewise, we could do the same.

In the morning, we are half awake to begin with, and the last thing the majority of passengers (meaning the people going to the subway) need is to go through a double dose of the dizzying spin-cycle near the Tram before backtracking to the subway. I can read it on the faces of my fellow passengers, “What the hell are they doing to us?” as we twirl around, delayed in our journey to the City, thinking, “when the weather gets warmer, we’ll start walkin’.”

The other sad loss is the loss of a predictable bus. I used to know when I should leave my apartment to catch the bus. It was like clock-work. It was one of those nice things about our little Island – being in the know how this place works – like a well-oiled machine that is now running amuck. You’re at the supermarket, bags in hand, the bus is waiting for you. You come home on the Tram and the bus is like a welcome wagon. But not now; instead, you face a longer walk than if you came from the subway.

What I found really amusing about all this was when I read that the new route was started to help the poor folks in those new buildings near the subway. Will someone please provide them a walk path to the subway? They seem to want to go there, and roundabout trips don’t make sense for them either.

Neal Weissman

To RIOC President Herb Berman:

I am a resident of Northtown and I use on a daily basis the RIOC bus. It is an essential component of the quality of life on Roosevelt Island.

Since the new route of the bus was instituted under your leadership, as I am told, I wonder:

- Are you conducting a competition for the most *moronic* bus route, one that assures the maximum waste of time of all residents on Roosevelt Island?
- Why did not you leave the old route and simply add two more bus stops on the south end of Main Street (one on each side) just before it bifurcates into the two separate roads?
- Under your innovative bus route a resident of Southtown who gets off the subway and wants to take the bus, because he/she has a heavy package, this individual has to travel all around the Island wasting at least ten minutes, whereas, if the two bus stops were added, as suggested above, this individual after one minute on the bus will cross the street and be at home.
- Under your innovative bus schedule, the buses reach the very

north end of Main Street and then, since rarely there are any passengers, hide behind the curve for about 5-7 minutes and then take the new bus route. And, if there is any passenger, then they simply travel at the pace of a turtle, presumably to meet the Tram. Going to the subway with the bus becomes a total waste of time, walking is quicker.

Please do not waste any more of our time and try to implement an efficient bus route that would improve the quality of life on the Island.

Nurit Kalderon

To the Editor:

In a letter last Fall, I asked for advice on candidates I might support in the next State election.

The February 7 issue of *The WIRE* answered that question, at least in part.

Pete Grannis’s action on instigating a close look at RIOC has renewed my faith in him. Based on the report in *The WIRE*, I now support Mr. Grannis. He has opened a door to an investigation that may lead to Island residents, elected by Island residents, becoming responsible for their own neighborhood.

Thank you, Assemblymember Grannis.

David J. Bauer

To RIOC President Herb Berman:

When you visited the Roosevelt Island Residents Association (RIRA) meeting in September, I presented a detailed account to you of the neglect which has caused Motorgate to deteriorate and become a health hazard, inconvenience and even endanger the lives of Island residents who use it. You assured Councilmembers that you would “look into it.”

Your follow-up letter states that you have spoken to Island maintenance and/or garage officials, and have been “assured” that “the garage is structurally sound.” But I never raised the question of structural soundness. And since when does it constitute an appropriate investigation to call up a party suspected of neglecting his responsibilities, and simply *ask* him if everything’s OK, then declare your satisfaction when you are assured blithely that everything *is*?

Some of the concerns you have failed to address include:

- The garage leaks profusely during rainy weather. This causes large puddles of standing water on many of the floors, just on the other side of the doorways to these floors, past the elevator landings.

To the Editor:

With regard to Frank Farance’s comments about the new minibus route, he disregards the fact that the buses have doors only on the right side, which makes the unnatural “keep to the left” clock-wise rotation essential from the point of view of minimizing street crossing. He also disregards that “buses will no longer linger at Motorgate or at the Tram station (unless a cabin is docking).”

This in and of itself will increase the frequency of buses (subject to the drivers’ collaboration).

The times when buses left Motorgate on a fixed schedule are long gone. They were overtaken by Manhattan Park (additional stops and waiting by polite drivers); frequent unnecessary bottlenecks on Main Street caused by saturated parking on Main Street (by Island employees, who can park at Motorgate, and by Public Safety, who used to park their vehicles elsewhere); and by lack of supervision (by 7:00 a.m. there is no predictable schedule, and up to three red minibuses often follow each other as if in convoy).

My suggestion at the February RIOC meeting would have been for RIOC’s Board to check the bus performance during rush hours before tampering with the schedule (again). There has never been a link with the subway, and the bus often misses the Tram. However, by holding its meeting at 4:30 in the afternoon, RIOC effectively limits the attendance.

Mogens Petersen

To RIOC President Herb Berman:

In the past year I’ve left several messages with the RIOC office about errors on the Roosevelt Island web page, but noticed today that after several months they haven’t been corrected yet. So I’m taking the liberty of letting *you* know so that you can route the directive to the appropriate RIOC person(s) to fix the errors.

- In business listings, the phone number for the pizza restaurant is listed as the same number as the Chinese take-out, 212-588-0806. They are not the same business and don’t have the same phone number. The correct listing for the pizza restaurant (Capri) is: 212-688-4702.
- The business listings still show Lilies International Christian School at 504 Main Street. I had thought that their lease wasn’t renewed and that they’re gone from that location. If that’s the case, shouldn’t their listing be removed?

Also, shouldn’t all the medical offices, such as the pediatrician, dentist, and internist, be listed?

By the way, do you really consider the Roosevelt Island Branch of the New York Public Library a “commercial business listing?” Or, for that matter, the church that’s listed?

Have you also noticed that neither the Catholic Church nor the Roosevelt Island Jewish Congregation are listed, while the Christian Church of God is listed? Nor is the Main Street Theatre and Dance Alliance. Nor is the Youth Group or the Roosevelt Island Senior Association.

The way I would do this web page is simply to create a directory of important Roosevelt Island numbers, and then sort it by businesses, services, education (including public and private schools), associations, religious groups, etc. That would be the logical, intuitive, and useful way to do things. Right now, it’s really not useful to Islanders or visitors.

Maybe it’s time for someone to take a look at the website and make sure it’s correct and updated. After all, tax dollars are paying for it.

Raye G. Schwartz

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After deadline, letters are considered on a space-available basis.

In order to walk to one’s car, it is necessary either to broad-jump these large puddles or to walk through standing water. Leaky walls and roofs do not necessarily indicate that a building is “structurally sound.”

- The standing water in these puddles becomes a health hazard, attracting disease-bearing insects. Furthermore, there is a long-standing infestation of pigeons. Their droppings litter the floors. When the flooding occurs, these

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To the Editor:

The new Red Bus(ted) routing is disruptive, distractive, and destructive.

Not only will people not be able to depend on exact arrival times, but all residents plus most hospital workers will now have ten or so minutes added to their travel time when going south to the subway station. The subway is the principal and primary end destination for commuters going off-Island. Ninety percent of the thousands of riders will then be inconvenienced and deprived of valuable personal time by the change. Several hundred of the southernmost building residents may choose to walk to save the precious time. Management should mainly consider the majority, not the minority. Moreover, people rely on a schedule in the winter months so they do not have to wait out in the freezing cold, harsh Island winds, and rain or snow.

Additionally, how many of the 25-cent fares will this remove from the bus income? It might be cheaper to have a small shuttle bus or van dedicated to 475 Main Street so the normal buses can maintain their timetable. Ideas many times have good intentions. For instance, the idea of placing a light bulb higher up so it will illuminate a larger area (the new bus route) seems great in concept. However, a light placed higher up will illuminate the new area (total number of riders) with much less light.

As always, management is paid big to think small.

Martin Atkins



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How are you doing with the new bus route? Monday will be two weeks since it took effect and the verdict is still out. Your Residents Association in conjunction with this newspaper had rider-surveyors on all the buses the first morning of operation to assess the on-time percentages and, since then, I've received comments from many riders and bus drivers as well.

The preponderance of comments has focused on the difficulty of timing your morning commute as was possible when the bus schedule was tied to the Tram schedule. I don't make a morning commute any more, but I have seen the buses clumping together in two- and three-bus "convoys" similar to City buses when they're backed up. Also, Tram riders are not finding the Red Buses waiting for them upon arriving at the Roosevelt Island station, as used to be the case.

This can be a problem for some late-night Tram riders who are afraid to wait alone or to take that long, lonely walk north.

I was a member of a group convened by RIOC in January to replace the bifurcated bus route that had some buses using Main Street South and some buses using the West Service Road. The RIOC Board, RIOC management, a Southtown developer, and RIRA were represented. However, none of us was a current Roosevelt Island commuter (or a traffic expert, for that matter). While our intentions were good, I now think we spent too much time considering bus routes and too little time on scheduling. I believe we have an opportunity now to fine-tune whatever isn't working and to make it better.

I met with RIOC President Herb Berman on the 13th and I know their intention is to tweak the system until it is functioning correctly. However, I was told that there is no intention to schedule the buses so as to synchronize with the Tram; rather, the buses will space themselves by walkie-talkie communication between bus drivers. Herb also said that he's received no complaints about the present routing and scheduling of the Red Buses.

If you have strong feelings about the new bus route/schedule, RIOC needs to know. It's OK to bring your comments to me or to *The WIRE*, but RIOC runs the buses and RIOC needs to hear from you in large numbers when issues need redressing. Mr. Berman's e-mail address is hberman@rioc.com and the RIOC telephone number is **212-832-4540**. When I bring your concerns to RIOC, mine is just one voice. If the new bus schedule is causing you problems, remember what 19th-Century humorist Josh Billings said, "The wheel that squeaks the loudest, Is the one that gets the grease."

At that same Friday the 13th meeting, I learned that every Public Safety shift now has at least one officer trained in defibrillator operation. This is indeed good news. Should you witness a tragedy in which someone's breathing or heart stops, this on-Island service could be the difference between life and death. Remember, however, always to call 911 to bring additional aid.

As of this writing, the Tram MetroCard is still not a done deal. Also, as I write this, the MetroCard sales machines and card readers are being installed at both Tram stations. Surely this equipment would not be in place without definitive agreements between City and State and between the two public benefit corporations, RIOC and the NYC Transit Authority. And yet, I'm told that caution is in order and not to believe the evidence of my own (and your) eyes. What are we to make of this? I don't know, but it's making me nuts! There's good news coming, friends, if we can survive the waiting and remain patient.

The Tram elevator continues in its role as a planter

for begonias rather than as a conveyance. A recent letter from Speaker Miller to Herb Berman reinforces the frustration that we are all feeling as the elevator outage drags into its fourth month. Berman tells me that the fight between the company making the necessary parts and RIOC has been resolved by finding another company and that repairs should be imminent. Like any mechanical system, the elevator must have a reliable source for parts, and I hope (as I'm sure you do) that this change will allow RIOC to maintain the Manhattan-side elevator as a dependable adjunct to the Tram. Then we can address the pigeon-crap problem.

Many of you are waiting for the results of the DHCR hearings on rent increases for Island House and Westview. Part of the debate has centered on the increases required by RIOC for the Public Safety Department that would factor into the rent hikes. I've learned from Assemblymember Grannis's Chief of Staff, Tony Morenzi, that the increases have been disallowed. Further, it is his understanding that the rate of reimbursement required of the two buildings has been rolled back to 1995 levels. What this will mean for individual renters remains to be seen but, clearly, the State considers our payments to operate Public Safety out of whack. What services we are paying for and whether those services are worth the cost are questions requiring answers. I expect the RIOC Board of Directors advisory committee on Public Safety (on which I sit) to address these core concerns and to return the necessary answers to you in a timely fashion.

As you know, Southpoint remains the last unfinished park on Roosevelt Island. Last week I was involved in several meetings that have me excited. The RIOC Board of Directors has asked the Trust for Public Lands (TPL) to spearhead the effort to build a park that will satisfy Roosevelt Island residents while attracting visitors from the rest of the City and far beyond. TPL is a national organization with an enviable record of saving parkland and urban gardens, and protecting wetlands, wildlife habitat, and recreational land by outright purchase for the common good. I met with the New York City and Southpoint

Project Directors, who are anxious to include community members and organizations in their plans.

They are hoping to develop a master plan in just six months, a short time for so ambitious a project. I outlined with them the effort that has already taken place here through the auspices of Bonnie Sherk of Life Frames, Inc., and her Living Library project that operates under a Ford Foundation grant. You've read about her outreach to our senior, disabled, student, artistic, and residential communities, not to mention the United Nations, and perhaps you saw the marvelous garden Bonnie produced in the PS/IS 217 schoolyard last Roosevelt Island Day with the help of student and resident volunteers, myself included. In San Francisco, Ms. Sherk has created gardens where there was only asphalt and concrete and she hopes to integrate her achievements there with a Roosevelt Island project by way of interactive web links.

Bonnie and I have met with the Regional Director of TPL and I know they are anxious to incorporate the many months of work she has done with this community by including her on their project advisory committee. The potential for synergy between these two professional organizations, to combine their creative expertise and financial resources can only result in a world-class facility that will become as much an icon of Roosevelt Island as the Tram. Keep your eyes on this newspaper as our dreams take shape and dimension. This is the good stuff.

increased, from \$155.00 per month, to \$160.00 per month; and, as might be expected, no prior notice was given. Does RIOC consider this unannounced rate increase appropriate?

I feel it is highly irresponsible for a corporation with a license to collect money on what amounts to a monopoly on this Island to have no obligation to provide a safe or decent atmosphere. I would appreciate a *detailed* response from you, concerning each of these annotated, outstanding problems.

Russ DiBello

The RIRA Column



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puddles become pools of saturated pigeon dung, further imperiling the health of our community. This is *not* acceptable.

- The elevators (there are two banks) in Motorgate are frequently inoperative. Often, there is only one working elevator. Occasionally, even at night, both have been known to be out of order at the same time. It's no stretch to imagine what this could mean to a handicapped individual, or a pregnant or just plain scared woman at night, stranded on an upper floor and forced to use the stairwell, which is

sometimes locked, always filled with the foul odor of urine, and occasionally frequented by dubious characters, drinking alcohol and hanging out there.

- The general look of the garage, the interior of the elevators and the stairwell is "no-brainer" proof that almost nothing has been done with regard to regular upkeep. The floors of the elevators are ripped up, their ceilings are broken, and their walls are a mess. The landings have probably never seen a paint job.

- In October, the monthly parking fee for non-City-residents was

COMING UP

– The Coming Week –

Toastmasters Public Speaking Group, Mon., Feb. 23, 8:00 p.m. Visitors welcome. Information: **212-751-9577 / 212-935-1254**.

Free Tax Clinic for seniors and low-income taxpayers, **Tue., Feb. 24** and every Tuesday through Apr. 13, 10:00-1:30, offered by Eviction Intervention Services, at EIS offices, 150 East 62nd St. (between Lexington and Third) in Lexington United Methodist Church. No appointment required. Additional information: **212-308-2210**, ext. 207, or eisny@aol.com.

– Future Events –

Residents Association Common Council meeting, Wed., Mar. 3, 8:00 p.m., Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Public access near beginning of session.

The Main Street WIRE – next issue **Sat., Mar. 6**. (To receive e-mail bulletins in the meantime, send an "Add Me" message to Bulletins@MainStreetWIRE.com.) **Deadlines:** Advertising in the paper, Fri., Feb. 27; decision on fliers for *The Bag*, Mon., Mar. 1; fliers due Thur., Mar. 4. **Future issues:** Mar. 20; Apr. 3, 17; May 1, 15, 29; June 12; July 3 (Fourth of July issue), 31; Aug. 28; Sept. 11, 25; Oct. 16, 30 (pre-election issue); Nov. 6 (post-election issue), 20 (Thanksgiving issue); Dec. 4, 18 (two December holiday issues), then twice a month starting in January, 2005. (Schedule subject to adjustment.) **Phone/fax** for news, **212-826-9055/755-2540**; urgent matters **917-617-0449**. phone/fax for display and classified advertising placement and information, **212-751-8214/755-2540**. **To list your organization's Island event in this column**, e-mail information to ComingUp@MainStreetWIRE.com, or leave it, addressed to *The WIRE*, at the desk at 531 Main Street; provide a telephone number for follow-up questions; there is no charge.

RIRA Sock Hop, Sat., Mar. 6, 8:00 p.m., Manhattan Park Theater Club. Tickets in advance, \$10; at the door, \$15. See ad, page 4.

Toastmasters Public Speaking Group, Mon., Mar. 8, 8:00 p.m. Visitors welcome. Information: **212-751-9577 / 212-935-1254**.

Forum on Women and Housing Discrimination, presented by Community Board 8 Housing Committee, **Thur., Mar. 11**, 7:00 p.m., Einhorn Auditorium, Lenox Hill Hospital, 131 East 76th Street; with State Senator Liz Krueger and representatives from the City Commission on Human Rights, the American Civil Liberties Union, and Lenox Hill Neighborhood House.

Roosevelt Island Bridge all-agency meeting on rehabilitation, Department of Transportation Division of Bridges, **Wed., Mar. 17**, 10:00 a.m., 2 Rector Street.

There is no charge to list Island events here. E-mail information to ComingUp@MainStreetWIRE.com or leave copy at the lobby desk at 531 Main Street, addressed to *The WIRE*. Please provide telephone numbers for possible follow-up.

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Monday
10-11, **Latchhook Class**
10-11:30, **English as 2nd Lang.**
10:30, **Blood Pressure Screen**
12:30, **"Oldies" Movies**
1:00, **Tai Chi**
7:00, **Dance Class** (Beginners)
Tuesday
9-1, **Tax Help for Seniors**
10:00, **Computers**
10-11, **Dance & Relax**
1:00, **Bingo**
6:00, **Yoga Class**
7:30, **Games** (RISA)
Wednesday
9:15, **Stay Well**
10:00, **Spanish Class**
10:30, **Shoppers' Bus**
12:30, **Sculpting**
7:00, **Pokeno** (RISA)

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10:00, **Tai Chi**
10:30, **Creative Arts**
12:30, **Movie**
7:00, **Dance**
Friday
6:00, **Dance & Relax**
9:30, **Yoga Stretch**
7:00, **Games** (RISA)
Saturday
7:30, **Bingo** (RISA)

Special Events
Mon., Feb. 23, 10:30, Dr. Spencer lecture, topic to be announced
Thur., Feb. 26, 10:30, Lawyer lecture: Health care proxy, wills
Sat., Feb. 28, 9-5, Black History Month Celebration
Tue., Mar. 9, 7:00, RISA General Meeting
Sat., Mar. 20, 6:00, St. Patrick's Day Celebration

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never been better. Since she announced her departure, she says, "I've never been wined and dined as much."

"We're celebrating because we are so happy to see her go," quipped Lipp.

While Kennedy is preparing to set off across the ocean, she is positive she will return to her Rivercross apartment, where she has lived for the better part of the past three decades, and the City she so loves.

Kennedy declares her "favorite city on earth will always be New York" – this on the jacket of a book she has co-authored with fellow Islander Hattie-Jo Mullins. The book, *New York Made Easy, A Practical Guide for Seniors*, was published earlier this year. It lists practical tips for seniors to enjoy the sights and sounds of New York and tells them where to shop, eat, dance, and even where they can sit, rest, reflect, and find restrooms and doctors.

Now – if only Kennedy had a similar book to tell her how to navigate Ukraine! Who knows – she might just write one herself.

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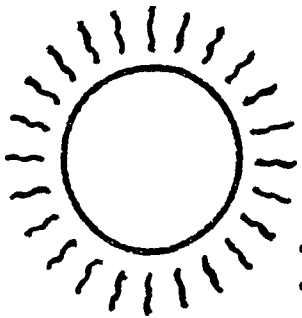
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	832 4545 RI Public Safety Department	552 Main St	Jim Fry, René Bryan
718 468 4868	Drug Activity reporting number	Queens Narcotics	Field Operations Desk
718 626 9311	NYPD (114th Precinct)	34-16 Astoria Blvd / 11105	Capt David P Barrere
718 626 6630	NYPD Queens Gangs Unit (includes RI)	34-16 Astoria Blvd / 11105	Sgt Craig deMaio
	311 Quality of Life Hotline		Includes Consumer and Taxi/Limo matters
800 746 4726	RCN cable Service Dept		
	832 4540 Roosevelt Island Operating Corp (RIOC)	591 Main St	Herbert E Berman, president; fax 832-4582
	358 0900 Time-Warner Cable Service Dept		Repairs: Press 1 (English), 2
	890 6611 Verizon telephone repairs		
MEDICAL/PROFESSIONAL			
	688 4980 Chiropractor	507 Main St	Dr James Flannigan; MW 9-10:30, 3-8:30; Th 3-8; F 10-12; Sa 10-2
	848 6000 Coler-Goldwater Mem'l Hospital (north campus)	900 Main St	Visiting hrs daily 10:30-9; www.nyc.gov/html/hhc/html/colergoldwater.html
	303 7280 Coler-Goldwater Mem'l Hospital (south campus)	1 Main St	Visiting hrs daily 10:30-9; www.nyc.gov/html/hhc/html/colergoldwater.html
	752 8722 Dentist	501 Main St	Dr Lawrence Itskowitch; MF 9-6, TW 12-5 & 6-9, Th 3-7
	753 5505 MD (Pediatrics; Allergist)	501 Main St	Dr Katherine Grimm; MTh 9-12, Tu 12:30-4:30, WF 1:30-5:30
	832 2310 MD (General)	501 Main St	Dr Jack Resnick, MF 9-6 by appointment; office or house calls
	752 8722 Orthodontist	501 Main St	Call Dr Itskowitch for referral
	753 5505 Pediatrician	501 Main St	Dr Katherine Grimm; MTh 9-12, Tu 12:30-4:30, WF 1:30-5:30
718 670 8000	Visiting Nurse Service		www.vnsny.org
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GOVERNMENT & GOVERNMENT SERVICES			
718 649 8600	Animal Rescue		
	593 0040 AVAC system		
800 621 4673	Battered Women's Assistance		
	788 9600 Bloomberg, Michael R (Mayor)	City Hall / 10007	http://nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mayor.html ; fax 788-8123
	886 3800 Board of Elections, NYC	200 Varick St	http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us
	832 4558 Bus Garage (RI red bus service)	684 Main St (in Motorgate)	
	688 6262 Clinton, Hillary Rodham (US Senator)	780 3rd Av / 10017	http://clinton.senate.gov/email_form.html ; fax 688-7444
	758 4340 Community Board 8	505 Park Av #620 / 10022	Victoria Caramonte; cb8m@aol.com ; fax 758-4616
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	480 6772 DHCR (NYS Division of Housing & Community Renewal)	25 Beaver St, 7th fl / 10004	Mary Beth Labate; mlabate@dhcr.state.ny.us ; fax 518-473-9462
	337 3900 Drug Enforcement Administration (Federal)		
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800 375 5283	Federal Citizenship & Immigration Svcs		
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	669 7250 Gotbaum, Betsy (NYC Public Advocate)	1 Centre St, 15 fl / 10007	www.pubadvocate.nyc.gov ; fax 669-4091
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	374 8411 Housing Court		
	860 0606 Maloney, Carolyn B (US Representative)	1651 3rd Av #311 / 10128	rep.carolyn.maloney@mail.house.gov ; fax 860-0704
800 772 1213	Medicare		
	860 0893 Mendez, Olga A (State Senator)	87 E 116th St / 10029	Jimmy Vasquez; fax 831-0530; Albany 518 455-3361
	535 5554 Miller, A Gifford (City Council Speaker)	336 E 73 #C / 10021	Jessica Lappin; miller@council.nyc.ny.us ; fax 535-6098
	308 6243 New York Public Library (RI branch)	524 Main St	Petra Kolotronis; MW 12-8, Th 11-6, F 1-6, Sa 10-5, TuSu closed
518 474 7516	Pataki, George E (Governor)	State Capitol, Albany 12224	gov.pataki@chamber.state.ny.us
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	330 3844 Post Office Fraud, Obscenity, Theft Reports		
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	486 4430 Schumer, Charles E (US Senator)	757 3rd Av #17-02 / 10017	http://schumer.senate.gov/webform.html ; fax 486-7661
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	669 3500 Thompson, Wm C, Jr (NYC Comptroller)	1 Centre St #530 / 10007	www.comptroller.nyc.gov ; fax 669-2707
	935 3645 Youth Program, RI (RIYP)	506 Main St	Charles De Fino; riyp506@hotmail.com

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230 1919	Bicycle Repair (Bike Heaven)	348 E 62 (betw 1st/2nd)	M-F 10-7, SS 9-5; reduced hours off-season
688 4702	Capri Pizzeria	532 Main St	daily 11-11; deliveries
688 7928	Card Shop/Stationery Store (Island Newsstand)	563 Main St	M-Sa 7-9, Su 7-7; Rakesh Patel
751 8214	Cat Sitting		Ellen Levy
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758 1778	Cleaners (RI Cleaners)	571 Main St	M-F 6:30-6:30, S 7-6:30
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838 3964	Deli (M&D Deli)	579 Main St	MTWT 6:15-10, F 6:15-11, Sa 6:30-10 (summer, -11); Su 7:30-10
570 916 7928	Farmer's Market (Saturday mornings)	Motorgate, under ramp	Sa 7-3; call for free same-day delivery
644 8231	Financial Services (Accountable)	599 Main St	Sy Williams; by appointment
935 1702	Fish Store	530 Main St	M-S 8:30-9, Su closed
752 5545	Florist (Cymelia)	568 Main St	M-F 11-8, S 11-7; Maria Stoica, mgr; Sandor Toh, owner
371 2680	Gristede's Mega Store (supermarket)	686 Main St	daily 7-12
644 4125	Gristede's Pharmacy	686 Main St	M-F 9-9, Sa 9-6, Su 9-5; John Guerra; fax 644-0381
838 5822	Grog Shop (Liquor Store)	605 Main St	Archie Seale; hours vary, call store
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759 7710	Manhattan Park 30 River Rd door station	30 River Rd	
308 7373	Manhattan Park 40 River Rd door station	40 River Rd	
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308 6472	Manhattan Park Pool		June 1-Sept 7, M-F 11:30-8, SS 10-8
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206 2642	RIHMC After-Hours Service		Hours: Weekend/night/holiday emergency
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	935 3645	Little League (RI Youth Program)	506 Main St Charles De Fino; riyp506@hotmail.com
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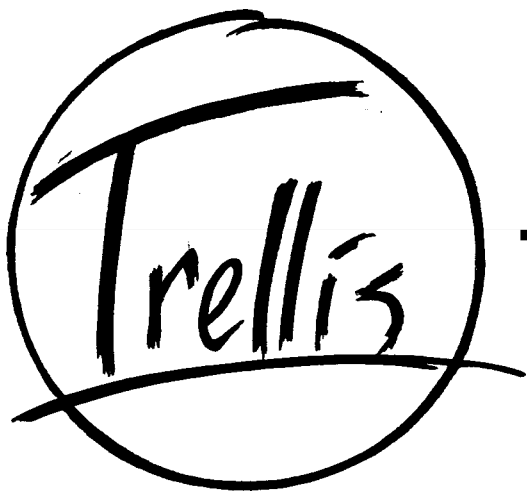
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After four weeks of play, the *Orange* team, coached by Jim Armenakis, leads the senior division 4-0 with Harold Burrows’ *Red* team at 2-2, Tony Simmons and Steve Long’s *Green* team at 1-3, as well as Steve Marcus, Kevin Brown and Arnold Swaby’s *Blue* team at 1-3.

Last week’s games featured the *Green* team avenging a 20-point loss in week one at the hands of the *Blue* team by winning their first game 92 to 76. *Green* was led by the disciplined play of Anthony Simmons with 29 points and balanced the scoring of: John McNeil (16), Andrew Rousseau, the point guard (15), Darren Roy coming off the bench (20), Isaiah Lee (8), Steve Morgan (8), Anthony Pompey being cheered on by the crowd (4) and the ever-present defensive play and rebounding of Fode Bah (2). The *Green* team managed to contain the #1 pick of the draft, the *Blue* team’s Anthony Santiago, and held him to 15 points. Paul Brown was the highest scorer for *Blue* with 24 points, followed by Tyrell Anderson with 22 points. DeShawn Pearson, held scoreless in the first half, came roaring back in the second half with 13 points with Felix Ceballos (3) and Jarrel Thompson (1).

The earlier game for the first time ever had two teams scoring over 100 points each, in a game that saw the lead constantly changing hands and ending with a regulation score of 95 to 95. In overtime, Remy Armenakis (8 points) hit a clutch baseline shot for *Orange* with seconds left to play, which tied the score at 107. *Red* was given a technical foul for calling an improper timeout. Chris Chatman hit the two technical foul shots followed by a foul shot by Quincey Leon that gave *Orange* a lead of 110 to 107. *Red* set up a corner baseline shot for Jose Marte (28), who got the shot off while falling backwards but just missed, resulting in an *Orange* overtime win. This game was a thriller with fans cheering and applauding their friends and favorite players. It was a game to be remembered. *Red* had a balanced attack with Melvin Gager (28), Sharome Dixon, who was unstoppable, bringing the ball into the paint against much taller players and scoring at will (23), Lamar Burrows (16), Karam Hider (10), and Jonathan Singh (2). The *Orange* were led by the spectacular play of Chris Chatman (38), Sika Franco (38), Quincey Leon (15), Fabian Williams (9) and Sasha Agosta (2).

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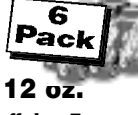


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