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Bonnie Goodman was among those performing last weekend at Gallery RIVAA in a benefit for Orphans International.

Orphans International Nets \$2,200; More to Come

The *Roosevelt Island for Orphans* summer campaign has shifted to high gear after a kick-off brunch at Riverwalk Place held on Roosevelt Island Day.

More events are coming – in Rivercross, Manhattan Park, Eastwood, and Riverwalk Place. And representatives are still needed for Island House and The Octagon. The champion fundraiser in whatever building tops the campaign will be flown to Sri Lanka to report for *The Main Street WIRE* on Orphans International's (OI) organizational efforts there.

In an event last weekend at Gallery RIVAA, Islanders performed to help Westview reach a goal of \$1,000. Deborah Drucker, Matthew Katz, and Sherie Helstien were joined by Bonnie Goodman in a guest cabaret appearance. The evening ended with those performers and the guests singing *We Are the World*, but not before OI's cofers were enriched to the tune of \$2,200 – more than double the goal.

Marlene Flom hosted the event, assisted by RIVAA members Esther Cohen and Toshiko Kitano, while a multimedia show of OI's children around the world played in the background. The Grog Shop and FreshDirect provided wine and cheese, providing support from on and off the Island.

In welcoming the OI guests, RIVAA President Tad Sudol noted that OI was one of the Island organizations that wrote letters on behalf of the organization (the letters stand for Roosevelt Island Visual Arts Association).

As the summer campaign continues, Rivercross will have a pro-

Briefly...

Consultants have started work on a "CHP" (Combined Heat and Power) plan for the Island's Steam Plant, with the goal of having recommendations ready in time for Hudson-Related to consider Island-produced steam for heating and cooling requirements in Southtown buildings now under construction, as well as three apartment buildings yet to be built. The New York State Energy Resources and Development Agency (NYSERDA) is splitting the cost of the planning work with the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation.

gressive cocktail party, being planned as a series of hour-long soirées in three different apartments the same evening. Eastwood talent, spearheaded by Barbara Parker, may host a dance extravaganza in the Main Street Theatre and Dance Alliance. Manhattan Park is planning a series of wine and cheese parties in the four different buildings, coordinated by Kimberly Andino. And Riverwalk Place representative Silvia Kramer plans a gathering in the building's penthouse community room overlooking the Manhattan Bridge and skyline.

"Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for orphans here on the Island this summer," says OI founder Jim Luce. "With projects for tsunami orphans in Indonesia and Sri Lanka, and for kids whose parents died in Hurricane Jeanne in Haiti, funding is needed above and beyond what is provided by our generous Child Sponsors." Other OI projects in motion are located in Ghana, Togo, Nigeria, the Dominican Republic, Peru, and the Philippines.

Orphans International is very much a home-grown Roosevelt Island charity, though it has branched out to raise funds internationally, gaining support from H.S.H. Price Albert of Monaco. Among Island residents, many have stepped forward – not just those acting as building captains in the current fundraising effort. For that effort, Ricardo Vasquez of The Octagon apartments has produced a line of promotional items ranging from hats and shirts to mugs and mousepads.

Flom says, "Participating in Orphans International makes my life seem more valuable. I know firsthand that there are needy children out there. And because of OI, orphans can have a better day, with clothes, food, school, and play." She adds, "Orphans soon learn to bear their circumstances because there is OI to care. Every one of us can be a child sponsor – just caring – as being a sister/brother, father/mother for another."

Orphans International Worldwide is associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information, and is described by Wikipedia on-line at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orphans_International. It is located at 540 Main Street

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Governor's Staff Puts Hold on Plan for RIOC Board Pre-Election Voting Delayed Until November, Possibly Longer

by Dick Lutz

The RIOC-RIRA plan for an election to nominate resident members of the RIOC Board is on hold.

The election planned and announced for September 18 will be delayed, at least to the November 6 general election, and possibly longer.

According to resident leaders who have been working on the plan since RIOC President Steve Shane came on board in April and working more intensely in recent weeks, the delay has been mandated by the Governor's Office of Appointments, which seems to have been surprised when the developing plan – with an actual election date, budget, and points of agreement – became known to them.

But Deborah VanAmerongen, the Commissioner of the State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR), who chairs the RIOC Board, told *The WIRE* on Wednesday, "I wouldn't call it a delay imposed by the Governor's office. I tried to be clear with RIRA through the discussions that we were open to input from the various buildings, [but] I also expressed concern about anything that was termed an 'election,' so it then could appear that this office or the Governor was standing in the way of a democratic election process."

Shane explained the situation this way in a Wednesday conversation with *The WIRE*: "Obviously, we reported this as a matter on RIOC's agenda in our report to the second floor [the Governor's office]. To what extent it got any attention there, I don't know. RIOC is such a microdot on the radar, it's hard to claim anything. But now that the matter has risen to attention, it has gotten some attention, and they have asked us to please put everything on hold."

"They're not rejecting it. They're saying please put it on hold because it has implications for the broader group of State agencies," Shane added, "They had never really said 'go ahead,' they had never really said 'don't go ahead' in the context of our reporting what we intended to do. So now they have said, 'Whoa, let's wait a minute.'" Shane said he had never explicitly cleared the election plan with the Governor's office, or gotten an explicit "go," but had simply included it in reports.

But Margie Smith, the former RIRA Vice President who now heads the organization's Government Relations Committee, said, "Each time we asked, we were

assured by Shane that the Governor's office was aware of what we were doing and they didn't object to it. Also, [RIRA President] Matt [Katz], [MTG head] David [Bauer], and I met with Shane and VanAmerongen because she wanted to discuss the details of how the elections would work. She was talking about 'how' it would happen – not 'if.'"

As David Bauer of the Maple Tree Group (MTG), a Residents Association subcommittee, put it, "As RIRA met with Steve Shane on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) about what the election process would accomplish, and as MTG worked through the details of the process, one of the involved State agencies flashed a caution light."

The Office that vets prospective appointees to State agencies asked to have a closer look at what is being done to carry out the apparent intention of the Governor. The completion of the Memorandum was put on hold."

Although there may be adequate time before November to clear up any concerns with all the State executive units that might have an interest in the broader impact of the election plan, there's no certainty that the State offices involved will even begin considering it in time for Board candidates to decide to run, complete the necessary papers, and campaign.

But there is a further problem, articulated by VanAmerongen. "It came out looking like it was something like a RIOC-endorsed and -financed process. It got to the MOU point, with [the MOU calling for] RIOC support for an 'election' process, and that was problematic."

"I had said repeatedly that calling it an 'election' is problematic. They [RIRA] can call it that, but an election that is sponsored and endorsed by RIOC is different from RIRA going through a process on their own."

While anyone can recommend a RIOC Board candidate to the Governor – and developers have successfully done so in the recent past – there's apparently a concern that an actual elective process resulting in recommendations might put a considerable bur-

See **Election**, page 8

Weekend Subway Curtailed

Weekend F-train service is curtailed for three weekends, starting today. There will be no direct service from Manhattan to Roosevelt Island through Monday, August 13, from 12:01 a.m. Saturday through 5:00 a.m. Monday. For Roosevelt Island, take the Queens-bound F or V, running on the V line, from any station below Lex/53rd, then cross over to a Manhattan-bound F at Roosevelt Avenue. Or take the Tram.



Summer What's a blistering hot day in July good for? Water and splashing, of course!

The Editorial Page

Democracy on Hold?

Oh-oh. While Americans are dying in an effort to bring democracy to Iraq, the State of New York can't find its way around legalisms to bring even a pseudo-democracy to Roosevelt Island.

Over there, the obstacles are roadside bombs and religion run amok.

Over here, the problem seems to be lack of communication within the Spitzer administration and a sudden worry – get this – that the Governor and his people might actually appear to be endorsing a democratic process.

The questions, which should have been resolved years ago but certainly eight weeks ago when DHCR and RIOCR gave the Residents Association a green light to plan a plebiscite to bring elected residents forward for appointment to the RIOCR Board of Directors, revolve around just how much the State can assist RIRA in mounting such an election – and a fear that DHCR or the Governor might appear to be thwarting democracy if he turns down one or more nominees put forward through Island-wide balloting.

As it is, resident leaders have proceeded carefully – checking point-by-point all the way – down a path toward such an election. Told that the Governor's office was fully on-board, they made plans and put forth substantial effort – effort to encourage candidates to run, effort to sort out the details of an election, effort to assemble a budget, and considerable effort to compromise on a Memorandum of Understanding that would set forth RIRA's responsibilities for conducting the election and the responsibilities of DHCR and RIOCR to respond to it.

The election would guarantee winning candidates nothing – only that, if they passed muster with the Governor's Appointments Office, they would be at the top of the Governor's list to consider for appointment and ultimate approval by the State Senate. As things have developed, the candidates would apparently be assured of less than nothing. No funding for the election process or campaigns, no certain assurance of being recommended to the Governor.

Deborah VanAmerongen of DHCR says she sees no reason, yet, why nominees selected this way would not be acceptable to her and the Governor, but that very statement puts another hurdle in any candidate's path: After winning fellow residents' votes, there would be the potential of a DHCR or RIOCR veto. In short, it appears to be business as business was usual under George Pataki: Agree with what RIOCR and DHCR want to do, or you go down.

That isn't democracy, no matter how you spell it. It points up the need for a law that codifies democracy on Roosevelt Island. The Governor should put such a law on his must-have list. At this point, it's the only way his administration regains the credibility it has lost in this affair.

In the meantime, because such laws don't happen overnight, the Governor should cut through the equine leavings with an assurance that he wants elected resident nominations and will accept nominees emerging from a resident election, with only the reservation that they must pass through the State's vetting process successfully.

Nobody's asking him to give up power or responsibility – just to back a process aimed at giving residents a true voice in getting names of democratically chosen residents before him.

Summer doldrums have set in; can the dog days be far behind? Music and outdoor dining have returned to The Trellis and not a moment too soon. What a charming way to spend a Friday or Saturday summer evening! Life on Roosevelt Island remains rewarding and precarious and I'll explain what I mean as this column develops.

Early in June the Island hosted Mayor Bloomberg and his entourage, here to visit the Verdant Power RITE (Roosevelt Island Tidal Energy) project. We got to schmooze with Deputy Mayor Kevin Sheekey, and that contact developed into a meeting at City Hall. Our frank discussion resulted in his request for a tour of the Island, for which we will accommodate the

Deputy Mayor in mid-August, and upon which I shall report in these pages when The WIRE returns to your doorstep at the end of the month. Don't forget: the City still owns this chunk of rock and, all things being

equal, will resume control of their property at the conclusion of the Master Lease in 2068. It's nice to see someone from the Mayor's office taking an interest in City property at last.

Were you at Southpoint Park for the Independence Day fireworks? Even the seriously inclement weather couldn't dampen the festive mood among the thousands who attended. Sherie and I also have been to and thoroughly enjoyed the first two movie screenings at Southpoint. Kudos to RIOCR and Community Liaison Erica Wilder for two fine evenings and for enhancing the subsequent publicity with signage all over the Island for the remaining three movies. Matter of fact, the next film is tonight, so why don't you come out and enjoy?

The arts are what we do best here on Fantasy Island, and there have been two openings: Selwyn Fund's solo show at The Octagon and the RIVAA "Summer Expressions" exhibit at the Gallery. Both are worth your consideration. I fell in love with Selwyn's photo of Jackie Robinson that appeared in The WIRE's May 19 issue and bought a print that I've mounted and now proudly display among my Brooklyn Dodger memorabilia. I still mourn Brooklyn's loss of Da Bums.

Orphans International, that worldwide movement to create "global citizens" from third-world abandoned children, is in the throes of its summer fund-raising efforts that will pit building against building in a good-natured competition to see which development can raise the most money. Like the organization itself, this friendly rivalry is the brainchild of OI founder Jim Luce. Sherie and I performed some of our music along with Deborah Drucker at last weekend's Westview effort at Gallery RIVAA that raised twice the expected goal of \$1,000. It was enormous fun and I urge you to keep a weather eye out for the fund-raising events to follow. Isn't it extraordinary that there are homes for children all over the third world named after Roosevelt Island and

Roosevelt Islanders? I'm so proud of what Jim, his staff, this community, and caring people everywhere have set their minds to do, and have done!

The roster of cultural events continues with a production of Shakespeare's The Tempest, directed by Octagon resident Mike Flanagan, produced by RIRA member Julie White, and supported by the RIRA Social, Cultural, and Educational Services Committee. I've learned that this delightful play will be presented on the evenings of August 10 and 11 at the Eastwood Amphitheatre, thus recreating the outdoor atmosphere of London's Globe Theatre. Watch for ticket information; this is not to be missed.

Did you attend last October's Fall for Arts Festival? Sherie and I performed at the Eastwood Amphitheatre that lovely afternoon, and the planning for this year's event is underway. Artists, musicians, performers: make it your business to attend the planning meeting on August 2 (7:00 p.m. at Gallery RIVAA) to sign up to strut your stuff. Fall for Arts is scheduled to hit the Island on Saturday, October 6, during the same weekend that The Encampment will open its tents at Southpoint Park. Truly, a cornucopia of delights, and all produced by or with the aid of



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Roosevelt Islanders.

My words must turn a little darker now. In my last column I mentioned that when RIRA and RIOCR met to revise the Red Bus routes we also discussed the blatant disregard for Stop and Yield signs by all the vehicular traffic on Main Street. RIOCR President Steve Shane vowed to step up enforcement of the traffic laws and to require a report on moving

violation summonses along with the Public Safety report on index crimes. The test of that will come at the first RIOCR Board of Directors meeting in the fall. A few days ago, while walking south past the traffic circle that divides Northtown from Southtown, I watched a private car go through three consecutive stop signs while circumnavigating the traffic circle and without even slowing down; this must be some kind of record. If cars, trucks, and yes, even our Red Buses are allowed to maintain the habit of ignoring these signs, some child darting into the street will pay the price.

We have a great many of these signs along our one street. Are there too many to maintain a constant flow of traffic? Are they placed in the most advantageous locations? I don't know, and I suspect RIOCR, which doesn't employ a traffic expert, doesn't know either. See Katz, page 8

Whole month of July:

1. The Fourth of July was a very successful event. Almost 4,000 of the 5,000 expected showed up and although damp around the edges, the rain held off long enough to really enjoy the spectacular fireworks.

2. RIOCR's summer crew is doing all sorts of projects around the Island. The Blackwell House renovation is on track for completion in September. The seawall repair project is underway.

3. The Tram study from Dopplemayr is in; the engineering firms are studying the existing system, so whatever is to be done will have taken the current status into account, with a report due around the end of the month. We plan a special Board meeting for mid-August to consider next steps. Minimum current disruption of service, taking into consideration future service needs against maintenance requirements and service disruption, forms the matrix for decisions. Stay tuned.

4. The New York City Department of Sanitation is making demands for major overhaul of the AVAC garbage removal system. More to follow.

5. Leases with several of the existing merchants on Main Street have been discussed. Plans for the vacant stores are being considered in contemplation of the requirements of the Public Authorities Law.

6. The discussions with RIRA about selection of candidates for RIOCR's Board of Directors are on hold. Legal concerns have been expressed about the statutory non-delegable authority of the Governor to make nominations, subject to Senate confirmation.

7. The teleconferencing equipment has been in-

The RIOCR Column



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stalled and is functioning to bring RIOCR into compliance with the Governor's Executive Order for meetings.

8. In conjunction with NYSEDERA (New York State Energy Resources and Development Agency), the study of the feasibility of the Steam Plant's being utilized for co-generation has been preliminarily scoped and the consultant, ERS, Inc., identified. The study will be complicated, given the many moving parts of future Island utilization and the thermal load that may be absorbed. Southtown's buildings are an opportunity, but the uncertainty as to the future planning of the Coler-Goldwater Hospital complex creates a moving target. As the study progresses, the information will be made available.

9. René Bryan has been the acting head of Public Safety for the past several weeks while Jim Fry has been on medical leave. We all wish Jim a speedy recovery.

10. Unhappily, Congresswoman Maloney's efforts on the Island's behalf to secure capital funding for seawall repair in the Federal budget appropriation did not bear fruit, but she will be back. We thank her for her efforts.

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COMING UP

– This Weekend –

Subway Service Curtailed. See page 1.

Timeless Photography exhibition, photography of Island resident Selwyn Fund, continues through Sept. 2, Octagon Gallery, 888 Main St.



◁**Cultivating Stillness** by Island resident Gerald Starlight, display window at New York National Bank, continuing through Sept. 1. Works in stone, wood, metal, ceramics, and ink.

Music Outdoors at Trellis, Fridays and Saturdays, 6:00-10:00 p.m., through September 15.

Children’s Advanced Swimming Classes, Sat., 9:30; Mon.-Wed.-Fri., 5:30, Sportspark pool. Information: **212-753-3611.**

Summer Expressions show continues at Gallery RIVAA through August 26. Gallery hours: **Sat.-Sun.,** 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; **Wed.** and **Fri.,** 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Children’s Learn-to-Swim Program, Sat., noon; **Tues.** and **Thur.,** 5:00 p.m. Information: **212-753-3611.**

Movies at Southpoint Park – National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation, Sat., July 28, sundown (about 8:30). Free, sponsored by RIOC.

– The Coming Week –

Celebrate Brooklyn! presents Brave New World Repertory Theatre, *Walt Whitman: Crossing Brooklyn Ferry*, with music direction by Roosevelt Islander Roy Eaton, **Thur., Aug. 2,** 8:00 p.m., Prospect Park West at 9th St., Brooklyn. Free; suggested donation \$3.00.

Movies at Southpoint Park – Happy Feet, Sat., Aug. 4, sundown (about 8:30). Free, sponsored by RIOC.

– Future Weeks –

Shakespeare’s The Tempest, Fri.-Sat., Aug. 10-11, 8:00 p.m., Eastwood Amphitheater, sponsored by RIRA. Free.

Book Discussion Group: Collected Novellas by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, **Thur., Aug. 16,** 6:30 p.m. Group meets monthly, third Thursday, at the NYPL Roosevelt Island branch.

Movies at Southpoint Park – Funny Girl, Sat., Aug. 18, sundown (about 8:30). Free, sponsored by RIOC.

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

Aug. 20; they are due Thur., Aug. 23. **Additional issues in 2007:** Sept. 8, 22; Oct. 6, 20; Nov. 3, 17; Dec. 1, 15. **Issues scheduled in 2008:** Jan. 12, 26; Feb. 9, 23; Mar 15, 29; Apr. 19; May 3, 17, 31; June 14, 28; Aug. 2, 30; Sept. 13, 27; Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 8, 22; Dec. 6, 20. **News phone, 212-826-9055;** urgent matters, **917-617-0449.** **Phone** for display and classified advertising placement and information, **212-751-8214.**

Residents Association Common Council meeting, **Wed., Sept. 5,** 8:00 p.m., Good Shepherd Community Center (lower level). Meetings, open to all, begin with public access period for residents to present matters to the Council. (Future meetings Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5.)

RIOC Board of Directors meeting, **Thur., Sept. 6,** 9:30 a.m., Good Shepherd Community Center. (Future meetings 4:30 Oct. 25, 9:30 Nov. 29.)

Primary Election, Tue., Sept. 18.

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Fall for Arts Festival, Sat., Oct. 6.

RIOC Board of Directors meeting, **Thur., Oct. 25,** 4:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Community Center. An open forum for residents to bring matters before the Board will follow the formal session. (Future meeting 9:30 Nov. 29.)



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Monday
10:30, English as 2nd Language
10:30, Blood Pressure
12:30, “Oldies” Movies
1:00, Computers
5:45, Yoga

Tuesday
9:30, Get Stronger Bones
10:30, Shoppers’ Bus
2:00, Bingo
2:00, Paint & Sculpt
7:30, Games (RISA)

Wednesday
9:30, Yoga
10:30, Computers
10:30, Shoppers’ Bus
7:00, Pokeno (RISA)

Thursday
9:30, Get Stronger Bones
10:30, Creative Arts
11:00, Tai Chi
12:30, Movie
2:00, Lotto

Friday
9:30, Yoga
10:30, Computers
1:00, Bridge
7:00, Games (RISA)

Saturday
7:30, Bingo (RISA)

Special Events
RISA Flea Market, Sat., Aug. 4, 9:00-4:30
Atlantic City trip, Sun., Aug. 5
Stop and Shop, Mon., Aug. 6, 12 noon
Aqueduct Flea Market trip, Tue., Aug. 7, 12 noon
Kennedy Senior Center visit, Fri., Aug. 10, 10:00 a.m.
Yonkers Casino, Mon., Aug. 13, 12 noon
South Street Seaport trip, Wed., Aug. 15, 12 noon
Atlantic City trip, Wed., Aug. 22
RISA Flea Market, Sat., Aug. 25, 9:00-4:30
Bronx Zoo trip, Thur., Aug. 30, 10:00 a.m.

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Letters

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Letters deadline for Aug. 25 issue: Tues., Aug. 21. After deadline, letters considered on a space-available basis.

Anna Palm

To the Editor:

I am no Einstein but, with regard to the Red Bus, here is my math for its schedule:

Instead of three buses going every 15 minutes, why not one every five minutes? The amount of waiting time for someone who came to the bus station one minute after the “scheduled” time would decrease from 14 minutes to 4 minutes. The number of people trying to get cover on a rainy day like July 18 would also decrease drastically, and so on.

It was not one or two times that I’ve seen two empty buses going by. The first one was crowded, but the second and the third were completely empty. It makes sense to me that the 5 minutes rule is applied.

To the Editor:

I am writing about the *Art from the Heart* exhibit that took place in Gallery RIVAA from June 2 through July 8.

It was a huge success, displaying the fine works of art from the residents/patients at Coler-Goldwater Hospital. What a glorious way to make friends with the Roosevelt Island families.

Our beloved son, Michael Cahn, was a resident/patient at Coler from 1974 through July 17, 2003, when he passed away. He was very well taken care of and loved.

My husband Alfred and I are advocates for both the physically and mentally challenged population. We have been, and still are, volunteers on many committees. We put patients first, as Coler-Goldwater has.

We started the Michael Cahn Foundation to memorialize his good name, and to upgrade quality of life for all the patients. There is a lovely plaque for Michael in the Coler Library that says, “Books – they quiet the heart, and race the brain.” There is also a proclamation issued by State Senator Toby Stavisky at the opening reception where we started the foundation in 2003.

My husband and I give our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Ron Becker, executive director of the Therapeutic Activities Department, and his wonderful staff, who gave so much time to this margelous exhibit. Hopefully, there will be more exhibits in the future that will keep the artists busy.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Cahn
Whitestone, NY

most important, as to *why* he was obstructing the traffic on Main Street at rush hour. As a result of his action, buses and other vehicles had to wait for turns to pass in the

only available lane.
The message was the same: I am the law, I do what I want.
I will certainly try to stop that.
Mircea Nicolescu

Over the past month: RIOC’s *Movies at Southpoint Park* drew a crowd of respectable size. (There’s another movie tonight; see ComingUp, this page.) And a driver going the wrong way around the turnaround at Gristede’s lost control. Air bags deployed. There were injuries.



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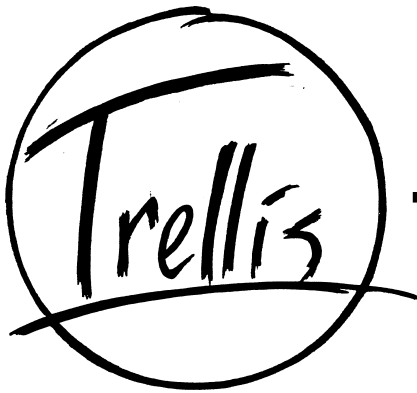
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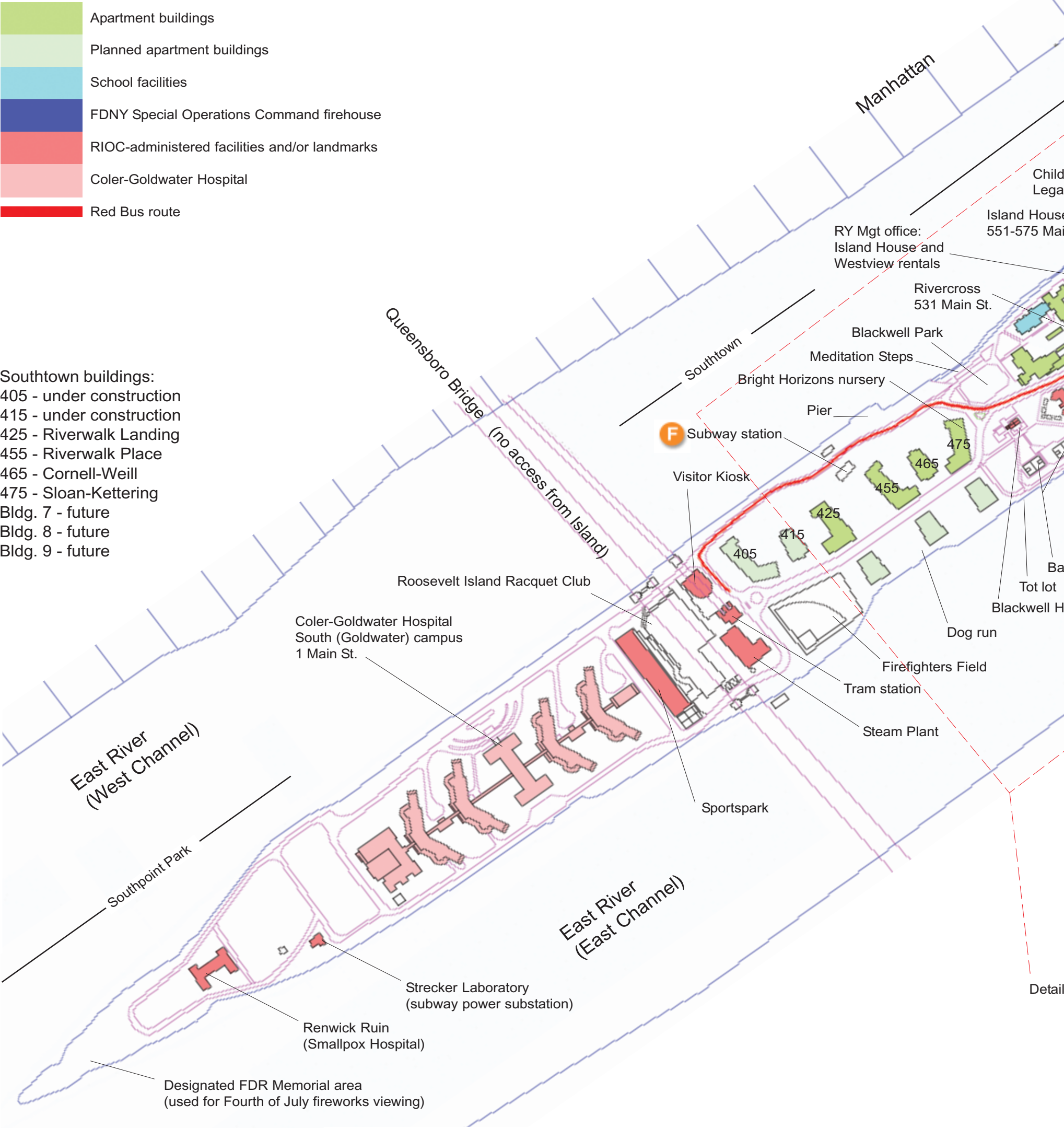
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den on the Governor. Shane said, “There are people in the Governor’s Counsel’s office and the inner sanctum who are concerned about the appropriateness, the legality, of the Governor’s prerogative being impinged on even to the extent that there’s a public election. They’re struggling with it not so much because they object to it specifically as to Roosevelt Island, but because it could set a precedent with regard to other State agencies.”

But by mid-July, the plan had developed to the point where City Councilmember Jessica Lappin wrote to the Mayor’s Office of Appointments asking that “the Mayor’s office waive its right to forward two names [of RIOCI Board nominees] to the Governor’s office... to allow for the slate of democratically nominated candidates to be reviewed.” And Assemblymember Micah Kellner, after re-introducing his predecessor’s bill to formalize a RIOCI Board election in law, wrote to the Governor, saying “I understand that you have given DHCR Commissioner Deborah VanAmerongen and RIOCI President Steve Shane the authority to hold community elections... to recommend candidates that you would then ultimately appoint to the [RIOCI] Board.” Kellner’s letter applauded the idea, but asked for consideration of a change in the law to give residents the right to direct election of RIOCI Board members.

Whatever trigger brought on the “hold,” last week Residents Association President Matthew Katz brought the word to the RIRA subcommittee working on the election plan that Shane had told him on Tuesday, July 17, that the MOU Katz and Shane had prepared to-

gether would not be signed by Shane and VanAmerongen. But Katz said he considered some clear promise that “the President of RIOCI and the Chair of the RIOCI Board of Directors will accept the results of the elections... and will forward the names of the winning candidates... to the Governor... recommending their nomination...” a necessary precursor to RIRA undertaking the mounting of an election. Katz said that although, just days before, Shane had said the MOU was acceptable, RIOCI’s agreement to it would not yet be forthcoming based on instructions from the Governor’s Office of Appointments.

MOU

The three-page MOU anticipated an election to coincide with the primary scheduled for September 18, and had these key points:

- RIRA would “conduct elections for prospective nominees for open seats on the RIOCI Board” in November of even-numbered years.
- Nominations would close August 12, a date that will be changed if the election is moved to November 6, and candidate nights would be held to acquaint residents with those seeking the Board seats.
- RIRA would “solicit candidates,” who would be required to comply with various State requirements imposed on those seeking such posts. “Elections will be carried out Island-wide with no distinction made for districts or residential developments,” but “to assure the broadcast representation possible, a concerted effort will be made to attract candidates from each of Octagon Apartments, Manhattan Park, Northtown [Westview, Island House, Rivercross, Eastwood], and Southtown.”
- Candidacy would be open to all

Islanders over 25, but all residents over 18 would be able to vote in the election.

RIOCI and DHCR would agree to these points in the MOU:

- DHCR would recommend the winners to the Governor’s office.
- DHCR would join in asking the Mayor to waive his right to recommend two Board members.
- Both the RIOCI President and the head of DHCR “will recommend to their successors that this [election] procedure... be continued.”
- RIOCI would pay the cost of the election, based on a budget submitted by RIRA.
- RIOCI would fill mid-term vacancies, should someone leave the Board. “RIRA suggests that vacant seats be filled at the next regular election or, failing that, by the losing candidate receiving the next largest vote count, who will serve until the next regular election.”

Shane told *The WIRE*, “The Governor’s office has a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding and what’s really triggered this is that I sent the Appointments Secretary a copy of my edited version...”

VanAmerongen emphasized to *The WIRE* that, in her view, “There never was a guarantee” that residents winning a nominating election would actually be recommended to the Governor or nominated by him. “He can’t delegate his authority to someone else,” she said, but added, “I see no reason that candidates put forward by RIRA wouldn’t be able to be supported, but that’s an unknown until I see the names that come out of the process. We can’t supply a guarantee [to RIRA]. It cannot be that RIOCI can pay for this election and give a guarantee. But we’re certainly open to their suggestions

Orphans from page 1

#418 and its website is www.oivw.org. For more information about this summer’s campaign and planned events, e-mail info@oivw.org or call 212-755-7285.

Luce and Rivercross resident Dr. Doris Chernick, an educational advisor to OI, were almost killed two weeks ago when a misunderstanding led to a mob scene near OI Haiti. Luce plans an account of the incident for this fall.

The finale of the summer campaign, at the end of August, will be held at Manhattan Park, where the flight to Sri Lanka will be awarded.

In off-Island events, Peter Yarrow (Peter, Paul, and Mary) will perform at a benefit in his home this fall. The German Consulate will host the next off-island event, with the sponsorship of Manhattan Rotary Clubs. Mets pitcher Pedro Martinez is expected to host another OI event shortly.



These girls were clearly having a great time at the Orphans International event last weekend.

and involvement.”

VanAmerongen added, “It just can’t be that there is an official stamp of approval. But we really want their input.”

The gap between wanting “input” and the MOU’s proposed promise that RIOCI and DHCR would recommend winners to the Governor is a sore point for RIRA. Resident leaders have expressed a concern that truly outstanding candidates would sit out an election if there remained a possibility that they would be vetoed by DHCR. But it’s not the only sore point: RIRA has expected, based on progress drafting the MOU, that RIOCI – not RIRA – would fund the election.

What’s Next?

Asked about his next step, Shane said, “My next step is to sit here quietly. I will inquire from time to time, but I’m on hold. My direct instructions are to hold.”

In her letter to the Chair of the Mayor’s Committee on Appointments, City Councilmember Lappin wrote, “For years, residents have been frustrated by the appointment process for the RIOCI Board... I applaud the State for giving the community this unprecedented opportunity to have a say in the Board selection process.”

It’s unknown, at this point, whether the Governor’s office will ultimately withdraw that opportunity, or allow the election to proceed November 6 or at a later date.

Lappin, reached during a City Council meeting on Wednesday, said, “I’m extraordinarily disappointed. I thought that we had made good progress – the residents, working with DHCR.” She mentioned her letter to the Mayor. “Obviously, it seems that the Governor’s Appointments Office had not cleared this and we have not made the progress we thought we had made.” Lappin said she

had spoken with VanAmerongen shortly before writing to the Mayor, and added, “I’m not sure where and how the breakdown occurred, but it’s disappointing.”

Assemblymember Micah Kellner echoed Lappin’s words. “I’m really greatly disappointed in RIOCI and the Governor’s office. Obviously, their lack of communication got the residents far down a road that they had never been on, and got them excited about something that was never really signed off. When I spoke to the Governor’s office to see how we could save the situation to have a recommending vote that wasn’t binding – to at least have the Governor on record saying that he was interested in hearing from the residents of Roosevelt Island, at least encouraging them to go forward with the vote – he was unwilling to do that.

“For a Governor who came to Roosevelt Island and said, ‘Everything is going to change on day one, not much has changed. I think that has led to distrust of RIOCI and the Governor.’”

Speaking for MTG, David Bauer said, “This delay spotlights the importance of a change in the law governing the Island to make the resident election procedure clearly marked out in law,” and “MTG hopes that Steve Shane and the Commissioner will be able to work with all involved State agencies to permit the process to move ahead.”

RIRA’s Margie Smith told *The WIRE*, “I believe a November election is absolutely possible. I’m cautiously optimistic that we’ll get the go-ahead because I sincerely believe that Governor Spitzer wants us to be represented by people we choose.

“I think the fact that the law still gives him the right and obligation to appoint Board members makes it important for his legal staff to look at this in depth before giving us a green light... I believe it’s extremely reasonable for the Governor’s staff to proceed cautiously. It’s inconceivable to me that between the Governor’s staff and the residents of Roosevelt Island, we can’t come up with a course of action that’s acceptable to everyone, that satisfies the law, and brings democracy to the Island.”

Katz from page 2

I do know that, while the number and placement of Stop and Yield signs is sorted out, drivers should be habituated into obeying the law by the imposition of summonses and fines. Let’s go, Public Safety, we need a ticket blitz to maintain the safety of Main Street.

In my June 2 column I offered a progress report on the Octagon picnic area. Though it was originally part of the “give-backs” to the community offered by Octagon developer Bruce Becker, we learned that RIOCI would take up the slack, that the equipment (grills, picnic tables, benches) was on order, and that the area would be available for use by the Fouth of July. Have you walked up that way? What you will find, as of last Tuesday, is eight metal poles poking out of the ground. That’s it. The ground is barren, with metal grating sticking up through gravel and grass. When I’ve inquired as to the promised picnic area, I’ve been put off with vague comments about the smoke that might emanate from the grills and inconvenience Octagon tenants. Don’t get me wrong, this is a legitimate concern, but that concern could have been anticipated last month, last year, or three years ago when a new, enhanced picnic area was promised to replace the heavily used one torn down to build the Octagon apartments. This summer is half over; when will someone keep his word to this community?

And finally: Last April DHCR Commissioner Deborah Van Amerongen and RIOCI President Steve Shane made an extraordinary offer to RIRA: to produce an election to choose the Governor’s appointments for resident directors on the RIOCI Board. We went to work with the assistance of the Maple Tree Group, a RIRA-affiliated Island organization that has been concerned with the governance of the Island for over a decade. We were assured that the Governor was on board with this plan to democratize his appointments process, or at least that he wasn’t opposed to it. RIRA went to work to devise an election process, to encourage residents with the necessary credentials to place their names in nomination, and to inform and educate the Island electorate in what we were attempting.

My first concern was to codify in writing exactly what we were promising to do, as well as what the State of New York would do with our ballot-box choices. We understood that, by statute, the Governor and the State Senate would still make the appoint-

ments; we just wanted to know whether we had “approval in principle” to make this unorthodox effort. To that end, we endeavored to write a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to give all the parties “comfort” as to what we were about. We asked for assurances that the Governor and, especially, his Office of Appointments were on board with this deal. Well, after three drafts the language evolved from an “election” to an “election of nominees” to an “election of proposed nominees.” We approved the watering-down of the language requested by the Commissioner and asked for their signatures on the MOU.

We’ve now learned that the State Office of Appointments was blissfully unaware of our three months of effort and, having received the final draft of the MOU last week, has shut the process down until they can study it. We’ve now learned that Shane and VanAmerongen had never received permission from the Governor to pursue this goal; they simply had not been turned down! I can’t help wondering why some active support for this election wasn’t obtained *before* making the offer to RIRA. For people whose stock in trade is the precise meaning of language, their willingness to accept tacit support by silence is unacceptable.

Our plans for a Primary Day (September 18) election are dead. Further, we’ve learned that the Governor’s Office won’t allow Shane and VanAmerongen to assure us of anything by signing any MOU. Here’s the deal: without some assurance that the hundred of hours of labor this effort will require of RIRA will be rewarded by the Governor’s endorsement of your choices (not to mention the completion of a 21-page application by, and a State Police investigation of, the candidates, and your enthusiastic participation at the polls), we cannot continue.

We must now hope that Shane, Van Amerongen, and our elected officials who are just as outraged as we are will be able to obtain the necessary assurances that will allow us to continue our work in time for a November Election Day deadline. After a decade and more of being disappointed by State government, it is especially galling to be treated in the same fashion by the Spitzer administration and his appointees. The bloom is off the rose and the honeymoon is over. To say that we are disappointed doesn’t begin to address our feelings. Betrayed is more like it.



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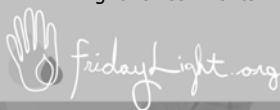
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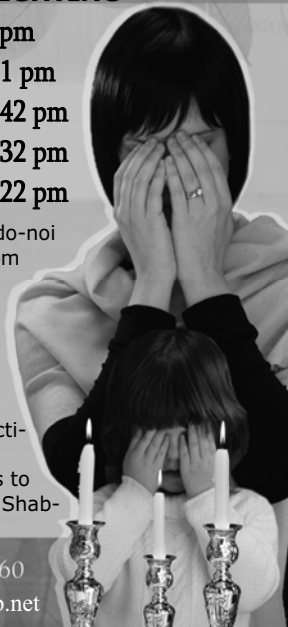


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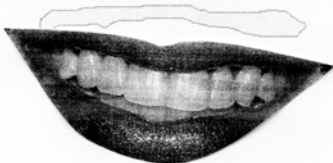
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