



Musical theatre returns to the Island this weekend as the Main Street Theatre & Dance Alliance presents **Working**, based on the writings of Studs Terkel. (Show times are in an ad on page 5.) Directed by Islander Jacqueline Lucid-Cusick with musical direction by Paul Johnson, the show features a cast of regulars. *Kneeling:* Aya Esther Hayashi; *front row:* Peggy Polaneczyk, Barbara Parker, Maggie Warner, Kathleen Weeks, Deborah Drucker, David Kolakoski; *back row:* Brenna Stein, Carol Baird, Eric Cohen, Ronnye Halpern, Russ Cusick, Jonathan Stein, Bill King. Until its usual quarters in the Cultural Center are rehabilitated after water damage, MST&DA continues to mount its productions at the Good Shepherd Center.

At Octagon Field

Relay for Life Today Is a 12-Hour Anti-Cancer Marathon

by Jennifer Dunning

You might think that grim despair would accompany any discussion of cancer. But laughter bubbled up, along with poignant anecdotes and accumulated wisdom, in a recent conversation with Islanders Paula Beltrone and Patty Fallone about Relay For Life (RFL), being held today (Saturday, April 26) from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Octagon soccer field.

The event, in its second year here, is sponsored by the American Cancer Society (ACS). It raises money for research and for services for all affected by cancer. ACS is the largest source of non-profit, non-governmental cancer research funding in the United States. Its services include 31 Hope Lodges nationally, offering free lodging during treatment for cancer patients and their caregivers.

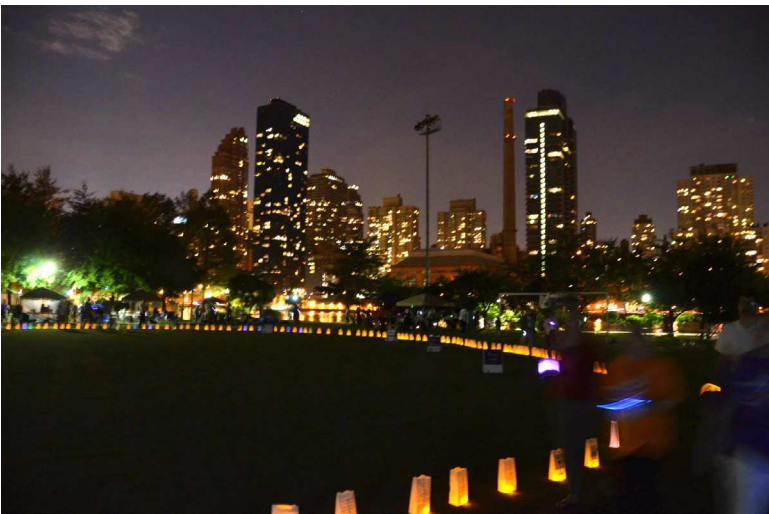
“Fund-raising is a bonus,” said Alex Schoeneck of ACS. “First and foremost, it’s a day of celebration.” Schoeneck joined Beltrone

and Fallone, who helped organize the Island Relay, and this reporter in the conversation.

Fallone, whose daughters Alexandra and Katie participate in

the perspective of a caregiver, both professionally and for beloved family members.

Beltrone has learned firsthand how to live with cancer. “I have



Relay at their college, volunteered as a high-school student at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center after her mother was diagnosed. She went on to join the staff, working there for 12 years as her father, sister-in-law, and mother-in-law were also eventually diagnosed. She looks at cancer from

low-grade B cell follicular lymphoma and it is not curable,” she said. “I have had it for 19 years, with several episodes during those years. There will be a point at which it shows its face again, and I will need treatment. I have to hope that it does not transition into a more aggressive lymphoma.”

So far, she has benefitted from a monoclonal non-chemo drug called Retuxan. “It’s really important to raise money for cancer research,” Beltrone said. “When I was originally diagnosed, there were only chemo drugs available to me. Now, because of breakthroughs in

See **Relay**, page 6

Island Real Estate About To Enter a New World – Soon, No Mitchell-Lama

by Jim Baehler

Rivercross has entered the world of conventional cooperatives, where apartments are sold at full market prices. Island House is headed in that direction, and Westview is likely to follow. Properties at 455 Main Street are already changing hands.

Three Islanders have special experience in this world of real estate that most mortals touch only once or twice in a lifetime.

Suzanne Wolf has been an Island resident since 1977, and an associate broker with the Corcoran Group for the past 13 years. She graduated from Drexel University with a degree in fashion merchandising and design, and worked for Bloomingdale’s as a fashion coordinator for almost 20 years.

Joyce Short is also an associate broker with Corcoran, and has been an Island resident since before there was a Tram. “In those days, the Red Bus was a station wagon, and you called when you wanted to be picked up,” she remembers. Joyce joined the Corcoran Group six years ago, after having her previous job disappear along with the Twin Towers. “If I hadn’t been late for work that day, I would have died, too.” Joyce has been involved in some sort of financial activity

for her entire business career. “I was the first woman bond trader at Solomon Brothers.”

John Sheehan has lived here more than 30 years, and has been a broker for all that time. He is currently with Town Real Estate. At one point, he served a term as president of the Roosevelt Island Residents Association.

Our three experts agree on many of the do’s and don’ts of selling residential properties, but there are also some differing views. Naturally, all three agree that retaining a capable, experienced broker to sell an apartment is the wisest course for any owner. Sheehan says, “Trying to sell your apartment by yourself fails about 80% of the time, and you end up hiring a broker anyway. And if an owner does complete a self-sale, it will probably be at a lower price than if a broker had

found a buyer.”

All three agree that the most important thing a seller can do is to remove all clutter. As Suzanne puts it, “Purge! Purge! Purge!”

Sheehan says, “The apartment should be spotlessly clean and neat. Buyers want to be able to visualize their own possessions in the apartment. They can’t do that if it is packed with the possessions of the owner.”

See **Real Estate**, page 14

Inside:
A new soccer program for the youngest kickers – page 10.



These Islanders met the Easter Bunny a week ago, courtesy of the Youth Program, Island Kids, RIOC, the Youth Center’s Beacon, and RIRA. More than 100 attended the first annual event, so look for a repeat next year.

Briefly...

A **Strikers Reunion** benefit fundraiser for Island soccer player and cancer victim Patrick Souma is set for Saturday, May 3. (See story, page 10.)

A new **soccer program** for the 2-to-5-year-old set gets under way on Sunday. There’s a full report on page 10.

The **Octagon Tennis Courts** are being resurfaced. The courts will be unavailable for about two months.

Islander **Sharon Pope** has been appointed to Community Board 8, joining **Jeff Escobar**, **Larry Parnes**, and **Ellen Polivy**, who also represent Roosevelt Island.

by David Stone

The weather seemed unwilling to cooperate late last week as six-year-old Leela Ramakrishnan arrived at Four Freedoms Park for a Family Arts Workshop. But she and other children were ready for the program scheduled to take advantage of spring break – “a great opportunity for the community to come together,” said Nellie Chaban, the park’s Director of Education and Public Programs.

Leela, who lives in Manhattan Park, was one of 20 participants who braved chilly winds, and skies with intermittent dashes of sun, to see what the workshops had to offer. She brought her father, Kirithi, who joined in the activities.

A Brooklyn-based painter, Jillian Greenberg, ran the three days

Rubbings – a new way to experience the park.



of workshops as a teaching artist. “My goal,” she told *The WIRE*, “is to get both kids and grownups involved and looking more closely at their surroundings.” She holds a master’s in fine art from Chelsea College in London, and another in education from Columbia University. She has taught in both public and private schools in New York.

In space protected from the weather, kids and their parents were first gathered around tables and given paper and pencils, and took up the task of drawing shapes they expected to see in a park. Soon, freehand squares, circles, and wedges covered their papers. Some filled in or shaded their shapes.

“In all of our programs, we aim to inspire visitors through President

See **FDR Park**, page 12

The Editorial Page

Desperately Seeking Civility

Just how far should residents go in questioning the morality, motives, and ethics of other residents?

In recent months, some have used – or attempted to use – the *Letters* section of *The WIRE* to raise questions about the actions and attitudes of other residents, particularly those who have taken or accepted volunteer opportunities to serve the community. The questions have ranged from concerns about the wisdom of certain actions all the way to borderline slanders that have contained implications of improprieties of various kinds – those that make the leap from criticisms of policy to reach presumptive conclusions about personal morality, motives, and ethics.

In one recent and continuing case, a resident got something basic wrong through faulty note-taking in a meeting, and then proceeded to build, upon that error, a case for charges ranging all the way from venal self-interest to outright racism. (See recent issues of *The WIRE* for more on this. They’re online at MainStreetWIRE.com.)

Just how far should this sort of thing go?

That question has a direct bearing on matters of free speech and a free press.

The WIRE’s policy for the past 17 years has been to publish virtually every signed letter received, plus some in which we knew the writer’s identity but agreed to a *Name Withheld* signature because the letter-writer feared possible retribution by a landlord, a Public Safety officer, or an official with some real or possible power to disrupt his or her life. These are not exactly whistle-blower cases, but often are simple, legitimate complaints worthy of community attention by individuals who prefer to avoid negative reactions or attention. (Exceptions to acceptance for publication have included highly duplicative letters, letters with errors of fact or assumption that we’ve contacted the writers about, and a couple of cases of outright libel that could subject the writer and the newspaper to costly legal actions.)

We’ve been comfortable, until recently, with that virtually-every-letter policy.

But recent Island controversies, accompanied by overzealous bombast, have raised this question:

Should *The WIRE* make itself available as a platform on which residents go beyond questions of issues and policy to question or comment upon the morality, motives, or ethics of other residents performing volunteer work intended to benefit the community?

A balanced approach to this question requires us to acknowledge that the online life of an issue or accusation does not end with its benign resolution. It survives the moment, and it has the potential for widespread, lasting, and damaging effect.

A balanced approach must recognize that not all who volunteer are necessarily angels of pure intent, and those who seek power – as, for example, appointment to the RIOC Board – become public officials who, albeit serving without pay, certainly understand that their decisions, their actions, and sometimes their motives must be open to legitimate question. And paid officials and elected officials take their roles knowing they are subject to all manner of criticism. On the other hand, those who volunteer in the Island’s organizations may err in their decisions but without clear evidence, it is just good sense to stop short of reaching and publishing conclusions that vile motives are involved.

All letters to *The WIRE* are, as the policy says, “subject to acceptance.” The policy governing acceptance is now required to evolve, we think, and we’d like to hear your views on the questions raised here.

Our address: MainStreetWIRE@usa.net, or *The WIRE*, 531 Main Street, NYC10044.

DL

Letters

To the Editor:

I need to correct a few points in Matt Katz’s letter in your April 5 edition, and then I would like to make a further point about another matter of far graver concern.

• Matt refers to me as a “pioneer.” I am not a pioneer here, nor do I claim to be. We moved to Roosevelt Island on April 1, 1979, which is a mere 35 years ago. Real pioneers arrived here a few years earlier. It is not a big deal to most of us, but I do not want my forerunners to think I was claiming a longevity status equal to theirs.

• More substantially, Matt misquoted me on an important matter. He quotes me as saying “the constitution no longer pertains.” If you check the article in question, you will find I actually said, “That constitution no longer pertains.” I was referring only to the original RIRA constitution, which I had some small hand in writing. That constitution has been amended from time to time, and so it does not pertain in the form in which I left it. But of course it still pertains, as amended. For me, as for Matt, the RIRA constitution always pertains.

• And, far more important: I believe the recent reader letters you have published in the defense of your paper are entirely irrelevant. The only relevant matter is that some people don’t like what you are publishing, and they are trying to prevent your circulation. It does not matter what you are actually publishing or whether you agree or disagree with anyone on this rock. (I for one, often disagree with what you publish.) The core issue is that here, in America, no one has the right to tell a newspaper what to publish, and no one has the right to affect your circulation. This is called censorship, and we do not do this here.

David Kraut

To the Editor:

As a Roosevelt Landings resident, I want to show my appreciation to all the people who are involved with *The WIRE*. We are so fortunate to have a paper truly serving us Islanders.

Through this paper, I get all my information about what is going on and to understand what is happening on this small Island. In my opinion, it should be an award-winning paper.

It is a simply genius idea that it is distributed free, door-to-door, especially very helpful for elderly, disabled, and busy people. Does anybody know that it is a free service because of all the volunteers?

I don’t understand the reason why a few people are against this distribution service. Is this a case of the application of the American saying about “cutting off one’s nose to spite one’s face?”

Sonia Jang

To the Editor:

In the April 5 *WIRE*, the history of the building used by Dayspring Church is incorrect. It was built by the Altar Guild of the Episcopal Church in 1926 for the residents of Metropolitan Hospital. It was Holy Spirit Chapel.

A stained-glass window above the altar is in memory of a student nurse who died while a student at Metropolitan Hospital School of Nursing.

Pastor Obed and his congregation revived the building, and, at considerable cost and with a great deal of energy and effort, renovated it completely. Much work has been done to restore the outside, and the interior is wholly redone. Now, it’s a warm and inviting space for religious services.

Judy Berdy

Letters deadline for May 10 issue: Tuesday, May 6, 5pm

To the Editor:

During the 2003 power outage, Public Safety Officer W. Dentone came to my apartment, then refused to connect my battery to my respirator, saying my aide had to do it. I attempted to instruct her, but her eyes went blank. Dentone then allowed me to instruct him: “Red goes on plus,” etc.

In November 2010, headed north passing the Public Safety office, this same officer was exiting sideways, looking backward. I slowed down to a snail’s pace to allow him to see me and avoid a collision, but he turned and fell over me, catching himself by holding the gooseneck driving tube of my wheelchair. This dislodged it, beyond the reach of my mouth. He ran off, never stopping to check on my condition. Now uncontrolled, the chair continued on a diagonal toward the curb; I could not stop it.

By word and eye, I made a young man passing by understand what I needed. He bent the tube to my mouth, so that I was able to arrest my slow drive to disaster. I went right in and filed a complaint. Never heard a word.

When I discussed the battery incident with Rene Bryan, he claimed that batteries were not required of the job. “An emergency?” “He could have, under the circumstances. I’ll talk to him.” When I attempted to talk to Dentone months later about the collision, he said I rode up to him and “Wheeled over my foot.” Yes, when he crashed into me, my wheel did go over his foot.

Sharon Stern

Letters Policy

The WIRE welcomes letters of local interest to the community, and to/from officials. Requests for a Name Withheld signature will be considered, but the writer’s name, address, and phone number must be provided for verification and for our records; letters submitted anonymously will not be published. Submit letters by email text to MainStreetWIRE@usa.net or on a disk left at the lobby desk at 531 Main Street, addressed to The WIRE. If you email, expect a confirming response and, if you receive none, resend and call 212-826-9056 to alert us. Alternatives: Typed copy left at 531 Main Street (allow extra time for typesetting); clearly handwritten letters will be considered, if brief. We are not able to take telephone dictation of letters. All letters are subject to acceptance and editing for length and clarity. Recommended maximum length, 350 words; longer letters will be considered if their content, in the judgment of the editors, merits the required space.

Please see the editorial in this issue (this page) regarding consideration of refinements in the paper’s letters policy, and offer your comments.

April’s Fools Aren’t Children’s Pranks or Old Folks’ Cliché Jokes!

They’re redneck rebels who will not forgive Abe Lincoln just because he freed their slaves
Hate radio’s malignant mouths who scream,
Pope Francis is a Communist! because he’s said (like Holy Scripture) *It is easier For camels passing through a needle’s eye Than Wall Street’s greedy to unlock the gates Of heaven.* Hate makes Hitlers of such fools.

It’s such a pity. Spring will thaw the death Of Winter. Galaxies of stars unloose
The ecstasy of awe. But humans will not warm To just one thought. Each race breeds ugliness
And beauty. Every class has geniuses And imbeciles. But all of us will die
Surrounded by the lives of others who Are searching for a dawn beyond night’s dark.

It’s such a pity. We all can’t reach out To share the grand adventure of our lives.

– Deek di Salvo

There’s more on the website: MainStreetWIRE.com

To the Editor:

Last Saturday, the Roosevelt Island Youth Center/Beacon Program, in collaboration with Island Kids, RIOC, and RIRA, held its first Spring Celebration for children aged 4-10. [Photo, page 1.] It included arts and crafts activities, Easter egg decorating, face-painting, and an incredible animal education presentation. Over 100 attended.

We want to extend out thanks to RIOC President Charlene Indelicato for coordinating that presentation with Jenny Muller. The children loved it. We would also like to thank RIRA, particularly Lynne Shinozaki and Sherie Helstien, for providing the Easter Bunny costume and items for the goodie bags, both of which were a big hit.

As with Roosevelt Island Day and the annual Halloween parade, this event provides an example of what can happen when Island entities come together in a constructive and creative way. We look forward to doing it again next year.

Nikki Leopold, Island Kids
Charles DeFino, Youth Center
Kim Massey, Beacon Program

COMING UP

— This Weekend —

Main Street Theatre’s Musical Theatre Studio production, *Working, a Musical*, by Studs Terkel, **Fri-Sun Apr 25-27**. (Ad, page 5.)

Subway Diversion – No direct service from Manhattan to the Island **Fri Apr 25** 9:45pm to **Mon Apr 28** 5am. Tram service expected to be normal or extended.

Cherry Blossom Walk, Sat Apr 26 11am, from Visitor Center (at Tramway Plaza on RI), sponsored by Historical Society. \$10. Reservations requested at 212-688-4836 or RooseveltIslandHistory@gmail.com.

Second Annual Motorgate Gallery Opening, Sat Apr 26, 12 noon. Sponsored by RIVAA and RIOC.

PS/IS 217 International Dinner, Sat Apr 26 4-7pm, Manhattan Park Community Center, 8 River Rd. Tickets: 217pta.com.

American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Sat Apr 26 10am-10pm, Octagon Soccer Field. For information on how to join a team or put a team together, contact Patty Fallone at pfallonecr@yahoo.com. (Story, page 12.)

Super Soccer Stars starts on the Island, **Sun Apr 27** starting 9:30am to 11:10am, depending on age; Firefighters Field. Details at SuperSoccer-Stars.com. (Story, page 10.)

– Regularly Scheduled Meetings and Events –

See separate listing, page 10.

— The Next Two Weeks —

Cornell Construction & Community Task Force meeting, **Mon Apr 28** 6-8pm, 12th floor meeting room, 546 Main St.

RICC Membership Meeting, Tue Apr 29 6:30-8:30pm, Westview Community Room, 625 Main St. Updates on Cornell issues.

Tips for a Clean and Organized Home, Tue Apr 29 7-8:30pm, Westview Community Room, presented by Mary Cavanaugh, founder of The Best Home Services. Free. Sponsored by the Housing Committee of the Roosevelt Island Residents Association.

Red Bus farecard refunds – last day, **Wed Apr 30**, RIOC bus garage, Motorgate. For information, 212-832-4540.

Women’s Health Organization meets, **Wed Apr 30** 6:30pm, 546 Main St., 12th floor. Guest speaker Dr. Saul M. Presser, dentist. Ages 18-up.

Democratic State Assembly Candidates (Gus Christensen, Ed Hartzog, David Menegon, Rebecca Seawright) appear with State Senator Liz Krueger in a forum held by the East Side Democratic Club, **Thu May 1** 6:30pm, Church of the Holy Trinity, 316 E 88th St.

Strikers vs Geezers Reunion Soccer Match, a fundraiser for cancer victim Patrick Douma, **Sat May 3** 6:30pm kick-off (but arrive early; see story page 10), Octagon Soccer Field.

Jane’s Walk – Cherry Blossoms, Sun May 4 12noon, Visitor Kiosk at Tramway Plaza on the Island.

First Sunday Jazz Salon, Sun May 4 5-7pm, Gallery RIVAA, 527 Main St. \$5 donation; refreshments.

Pre-Mothers Day Fundraiser Spa Day, Sun May 4, sponsored by Women’s Health Organization.

Roosevelt Island Residents Association Common Council meets, **Wed May 7** 8pm, Good Shepherd Center. Public session at beginning for brief resident/guest comments/announcements.

Main Street Children’s Theatre presents *Peter Pan*, **Fri-Mon May 9-12**. (Ad, page 8.)

The Main Street WIRE– **Sat May 10**. Advertising deadlines: Display ads, **Wed Apr 30**; decision date for circulars/inserts, **Tue May 6**; 5,500 copies due **Thu May 8**. Future issues: May 24; Jun 7, 21; Jul date to be determined; Aug 30; Sep 13, 27; Oct 11, 25; Nov 8, 22; Dec 13. **2015:** Every 2 weeks starting Sat Jan 10. News phone, **212-826-9056**; urgent matters, **917-617-0449**. Email press releases or feature-story suggestions to MainStreetWIRE@usa.net. Advertising (display & classified): **917-587-3278**.

There is no charge to list Island-related events in ComingUp. Email information to MainStreetWIRE@usa.net or leave it at the lobby desk at 531 Main Street, addressed to *The WIRE*.



– Future Weeks –

Book Discussion, Proof of Heaven by Eben Alexander, **Thu May 15** 6:30-8pm, Library.

Main Street Teen Theatre presents *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, **Fri-Sun May 16-18**. (Ad, page 8.)

Matchmaker 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Icla da Silva Foundation, **Sat May 17** 9am (registration)-12noon, Firefighters Field. Information: thematchmaker5K.org.

Bike New York Spring Kick-Off Party, Sat May 17, 11am-4pm, Capobianco Field basketball court (north of 580 Main St.). Learn-to-Ride for Kids, bike mechanic pop-up shop, face-painting, prizes, food, bike decoration.

R&R Concerts presents Islander **Roy Eaton**, pianist, performing selections in *Chopin Meets Joplin Meets Jazz*, **Sat May 17** 7:30pm, Good Shepherd Center. Free.

Child School/Legacy High School Annual Founder’s Dinner, Thu May 22 6pm, Terrace on the Park, 52-11 111th St., Flushing. Info: 212-223-5055, ext 1007.

First Sunday Jazz Salon, Sun Jun 1 5-7pm, Gallery RIVAA, 527 Main St. \$5 donation; refreshments.

Roosevelt Island Residents Association Common Council meets, **Wed Jun 4** 8pm, Good Shepherd Center. Public session at beginning for brief resident/guest comments/announcements.

Sunset Garden Party, Tue Jun 10, 5-8pm, Four Freedoms Park. Info: www.FDRFourFreedomsPark.org.

Book Discussion, Mom & Me & Mom by Maya Angelou, **Thu Jun 19** 6:30-8pm, Library.

Roosevelt Island Day and Blood Drive, Sat Jun 21.

Summer Movie Series shows *Frozen* **Sat Jun 28** sundown, Southpoint Park.

Summer Movie Series shows *The Dark World*, **Fri Jul 11** sundown, Southpoint Park.

Outdoor activities on Roosevelt Island have begun in earnest, and the dates for many new and well-loved Roosevelt Island events have been set. You can read more below about the fantastic calendar planned for this summer. Free community celebrations aren’t the only thing planned for the season, however. Construction projects, including repairs to the Lighthouse Park footbridges and the installation of new parking meters, are in the works, along with plans to bring concessions to the newly refurbished West Pier.

Upcoming Events

This weekend, the Motorgate Gallery will be holding an opening for its new exhibit at the Motorgate Ga-

The RIOC Column

rrage Atrium (628 Main Street) today (Saturday, April 26) at 12 noon. We invite you to join us in a celebration of the beautiful artwork that was painted at the 2013 Fall for Arts Festival, and to view the murals now on display at the

Gallery. The opening is sponsored by the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation and curated by the Roosevelt Island Visual Art Association.

Bike New York

Mark your calendars – the Bike New York Spring Kickoff Party will take place on Saturday, May 17, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Capobianco basketball court. This family-friendly community event will celebrate Bike Month and the start of the bicycling season on Roosevelt Island. Activities will include a Learn to Ride Kids class, pop-up bike shop, bicycle raffle, face painting, bike decorating, a ride around the Island, and more. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact cgoodspeed@bikenewyork.org.

Summer Events

Roosevelt Island Day 2014 will take place on Saturday, June 21. Every year, this event is a celebration of the vibrant community on Roosevelt Island, and serves as a day to come together and beautify our neighborhood. Come out and take part in the morning cleanup, then join in the free celebration at Good Shepherd Plaza for carnival rides, games, food, and more. This event is sponsored by Urban American and the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation in partnership with the Roosevelt Island Youth Program.

Summer Movies

RIOC’s annual Outdoor Summer Movie Series will begin Saturday, June 28, with a screening of Disney’s hit animated film, *Frozen*. This year’s theme is *Heroes*, focusing on characters who overcome impossible odds. The planned screening schedule is as follows:

Saturday, June 28: *Frozen*

Friday, July 11: *Thor: The Dark World*

Saturday, July 12: *The Avengers*

Saturday, July 26: *Hunger Games: Catching Fire*

Saturday, August 9: *The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug*

Saturday, August 30: *Goldfinger*

The WIRE publishes The RIOC Column, The RIRA Column, and The Cornell Column as a service to RIOC, RIRA, Cornell, and the community, and does not control or censor them.

The WIRE runs on volunteer power.

What would you like to do?

Summer at the West Pier

RIOC has issued an invitation requesting innovative proposals to provide food vending options at the newly restored West Pier. The Pier, with its wonderful view of the Manhattan skyline, is an ideal location to have a meal and relax on the waterfront. Excellent visibility from the Tram and location near the subway also make this an appealing site for prospective merchants. Interested vendors are encouraged to go online at rioc.ny.gov/proposal.htm and look over the Proposal Invitation. For more information, please contact Donna Masly by email only at Donna.Masly@rioc.ny.gov.

Construction Update

On Monday, April 21, work began on a project to improve and repair the Manhattan and Roosevelt Island



Charlene Indelicato, President Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation
charlene.indelicato@rioc.ny.gov

Tram stations and platforms. Construction is scheduled to last 120 calendar days. In the event that work causes a disruption to Tram service, RIOC will issue an advisory to notify the public in advance. We thank you for your patience during this necessary work.

Work is progressing on the Good Shepherd Community Center’s entryways and narthex.

Restoration of the ceiling and interior doors has been completed, and workers are moving forward with the cleaning of the entryway’s brickwork and limestone. This project is scheduled to be completed by the end of May.

Sportspark Heating

Sportspark’s temporary heating system has been installed, and is ready to be activated when the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation closes the Steam Plant. While the Plant is still in operation, it is more fiscally responsible for Sportspark to continue to use steam. However, the switchover to the temporary system can be made with very little notice and will not require a shutdown of the facility. Responses to the Request for Proposals for the design of Sportspark’s permanent heating system were received on April 17. After the bids for this project are evaluated and the contractor is selected, work on the design will begin.

Red Bus Refunds

The deadline for fare change card refunds is approaching quickly. As a reminder, the Red Bus fare was eliminated at the beginning of this month. A refund for any unused balance on your fare change card can be obtained at the RIOC Bus Garage (680 Main St.) until this Wednesday, April 30, 2014. For more information, contact us at 212-832-4540 or email information@rioc.ny.gov.



Published by **The Main Street WIRE**™
©2014 Unisource2000™ Inc.
531 Main St. #413, NYC10044

News **212-826-9056**
Urgent news **917-617-0449**
Advertising **917-587-3278** or **212-751-8214**
Circulation **212-935-7534**
e-mail **MainStreetWIRE@usa.net**
Website NYC10044 – nyc10044.com

Editor & Publisher – Dick Lutz

Copy Editor – Ashton Barfield

Chief Proofreader – Linda Heimer

Proofreaders – Vicki Feinmel, Helke Taeger

Reporters – Jim Baehler, Andrew Gordon,

Alex Marshall, David Stone, Briana Warsing

Photographers – Maria Casotti, Mircea Nicolescu, Kurt Wittman

Aerial Photography – David Quinones / SkyCamUSA.com

Advertising Sales – Ellen Levy

Circulation Managers – Sherie Helstien, Matthew Katz, Katherine Vithlani

Circulation Assistants – Jim Bates, Brandon Cruz

Human Resources – David Bauer

Legal Counsel – A. Ross Wollen

Technical Advisor – John Dougherty

Island History Consultant – Judy Berdy

Website NYC10044 – Jeff Prekopa, Laurence Vaughan

Rudolfs Alsbergs, Bubu Arya, Marilyn Atkins, Marty Atkins, Steve Bessenoff, Claire Blake, Barbara Brooks, Shelly Brooks, Mary Camper-Titsingh, Carol Chen, Gloria Cherif-Jamal, Billy Cuozzi, Caroline Cuozzi, Joan Davis, Joan Digilio, John Dougherty, Arlise Ellis, Justin Evans, Russell Fields, Jan Fund, Gloria Gonsalves, Matthew Gonsalves, Tiffany Gonsalves, Angela Grant, Aaron Hamburger, Steve Heller, Ellen Jacoby, Todd Jagerson, Michael Kolba, Gad Levanon, Bill Long, Mary Mangle, Hezi Mena, Bakul Mitro, Brett Morrow, Clinton Narine, Kiran Narine, Sandra Narine, Kumar Nathan, Lutum Niu, Halima Nooradeen, Rebecca Ocampo, Essie Owens, Florence Paau, Joan Pape, Christina Park, Lucas Plaut, Judy Quintana, Brian Recardi, Ronnie Rigos, Ilonka Salisbury, Mondira Sarkar, Bob Specker, Betty Spensley, Camilla Stacchetti, Nina Wintringham; and...

Krystyn Donnelley and students of Legacy High School;
Kim Massey and students from the PS/IS 217 Beacon Program



FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
FOUR FREEDOMS PARK

Spring and Summer Programming

Yoga • Tai Chi • Outdoor Reading Room
Family Arts Workshops • Kite Making • Musical Performances



Learn more at www.fdrfourfreedomspark.org/events

The Park is free and open to the public 6 days a week, 9am - 7pm, closed Tuesday
Free public tours at 11am on Saturday and Sunday



facebook.com/fdrfourfreedomspark



@4freedomspark

Bike Heaven

Repairs • Rentals • Accessories

M-S 10-7
Sun 10-6

10% off any single purchase of accessories with this coupon



212-230-1919

348 E 62 (btw 1st/2nd Aves)

St. John's Preparatory School
Educating Tomorrow's Leaders
Nurturing Christian Environment

STILL UNDECIDED?
WE love St. John's Prep... YOU will too!



College and Honors Courses
Extensive Extra-Curricular Program
Unique Baccalaureate Program with St John's University

School Tours by appointment...
Transfer students welcomed...

Call Admissions Office
(718) 721 - 7200 (ext. 699)
21-21 Crescent Street, Astoria 11105
www.stjohnsprepschool.org

OLYMPIC CAR SERVICE

All discounts included in airport fares:
JFK \$35 • LGA \$19 • Newark \$70+toll

On all other fares:
\$1 off any fare under \$25
\$2 off any fare \$25 or over

Save this Coupon

Ask for your special RI resident's discount card
Call us about your return trip from the airport

1-718-626-8000

**MST&DA ADULT MUSICAL THEATRE STUDIO
PRESENTS**



In 1974, Chicago radio broadcaster Studs Terkel published a best-selling compilation of interviews with a cross section of Americans talking about their Jobs.

In 2007 – 2008 additional interviews were conducted. Terkel described it as 'the extraordinary dreams of ordinary people.'

These are their words.

From the book by STUDS TERKEL
Adapted by STEPHEN SCHWARTZ and NINA FASO
With additional contributions by Gordon Greenberg

Songs by CRAIG CARNELIA, MICKI GRANT, LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA,
MARY RODGERS and SUSAN BIRKENHEAD, STEPHEN SCHWARTZ, JAMES TAYLOR

DIRECTED BY
JACQUELINE LUCID-CUSICK

MUSICAL DIRECTOR
PAUL L. JOHNSON

CHOREOGRAPHY
MARY MCCATTY

Friday April 25 8 pm
Saturday April 26 2 pm & 8pm
Sunday April 27 7 pm

GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER, 543 MAIN STREET

BOX OFFICE

Good Shepherd Center (Downstairs)
1 hour before each performance, and
Sat. 4/26 2:30-6:30 at the MST&DA table at Relay for Life
General Admission \$15 Seniors/Students \$10

FEATURING

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Carol Baird
Eric B. Cohen
Russ Cusick
Deborah Drucker
Ronnye Halpern
Aya Esther Hayashi
Bill King

FEATURING

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

David Kolakoski
Barbara Parker
Peggy Polaneczky
Brenna Stein
Jonathan Stein
Maggie Warner
Kathleen Weeks

WORKING is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

MSTDA.ORG • CONTACT US: INFO@MSTDA.ORG
548 MAIN STREET ROOSEVELT ISLAND NEW YORK 10044

Do you own an apartment in Mitchell-Lama housing? Is your building being privatized?

Call for a **free** consultation on value of your apartment & Mitchell-Lama privatization and what it may mean for you. We help answer all questions and help list your property for maximum exposure.

Call Brian Delshad: 516-695-1595



METROPOLITAN PROPERTY GROUP

- ✚ Expert on Mitchell-Lama housing privatizations on Roosevelt Island
- ✚ Consultation on appraisal / valuation services
- ✚ Working with a team of lawyers specializing in government programs
- ✚ Award Winning Member of a Top-Grossing Sales Team
- ✚ Specializing in Roosevelt Island Sales Listings

Brian Delshad
Licensed Salesperson
Metropolitan Property Group
Office: 646-484-5111
Cell: 516-695-1595
brian@briandelshad.com

rrconcerts.org

CHOPIN meets JOPLIN meets JAZZ



The cumulative effect was deeply satisfying. One came much closer to the heart of Chopin—and by extension, to music itself.

—The New York Times on Roy Eaton's "The Meditative Chopin" solo concert at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall

ROY EATON

R&R CONCERTS PRESENTS: ROY EATON: CHOPIN MEETS JOPLIN MEETS JAZZ

7:30PM SATURDAY MAY 17

GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER THE LANDMARKED 1889 CHURCH AT 543 MAIN ST

CONTRIBUTIONS TO R&R CONCERTS WELCOME **ADMISSION IS FREE**

Relay, from page 1

research, there are other less damaging drugs available. Only with research can we hope to eliminate this dreadful disease.”

“It is very rare to talk to someone whose life has not been affected by cancer, Fallone said. “Especially in New York City. Everybody deals with it in their own way, and it’s rare that you get together in a celebratory atmosphere to deal with something that’s so incredibly painful. And that’s really what Relay does.”

Fallone grew up on Roosevelt Island, and returned with her husband to raise their children here. “Taking such pride in this as a community, and being able to get together as a community as we have so often done for so many events – I think it’s very moving to be able to do it, not just for the community, but with each of us bringing our outside vibes into the community because of a common experience.”

History

The first Relay For Life occurred in 1985 in Tacoma, Washington, when Gordy Klatt, a local physician, ran for 24 hours with family friends and patients to raise money to fight cancer. Now, there are 5,200 Relays in the United States each year, and Relay events in 20 other countries. Last year, the Island’s Relay raised nearly \$30,000.

The event includes a daylong relay, entertainment, and a raffle and auction with prizes ranging from a Pilates session and original art to a day of golf and a week on Cape Cod or at the Island Kids summer camp. It also offers a relaxing chance to hang out with friends, neighbors, and community groups.

The day ends around 8:00 p.m. with the lighting of luminaria candles to form a glowing path around the soccer field. Each candle bears the name of a family member, including pets, and friends, and caregivers affected by cancer, either living or dead. (Photos are welcome.) “It’s very beautiful,” Beltrone said. “But it’s also a very happy thing.” (Luminaria are available for \$5 online at www.relayforlife.org

or/rooseveltislandny or at the event. Event registration is \$10. Donations may be made online or by check, made out to the American Cancer Society.)

Every person’s experience of cancer is unique, Fallone and Beltrone agreed, but no one needs to feel alone. “It’s an individual journey and everyone deals with it differently,” Beltrone said. Among the hardest things for women to face is the loss of hair or breasts, though Beltrone laughingly admitted she once pulled the chemo card to get out of a parking ticket.

“I’m going through chemo,” she told the policeman. “I just parked here for a second.” She tugged at her wig. “He said, ‘OK, OK.’ He got really nervous.”

Some tough it out, recoiling at the sight of yet another pink ribbon and laughing their way through treatment, only to cry sometimes, suddenly and unexpectedly, in private moments. “Being connected with others who have cancer can be very helpful and supportive,” Beltrone said. She is currently a “lymphoma buddy” to three people diagnosed with lymphoma, through a program at the Lymphoma Foundation.



It is reassuring for them, she said, to see living proof that a good quality of life is possible after that frightening diagnosis.

It is important, Beltrone and Fallone agreed, to allow family and friends to help. Support groups can be useful. One important ACS-funded service is a hotline – 1-800-ACS-2345 – available 24/7. There’s information at www.cancer.org.

“There are often many different ways to treat a particular cancer,” Beltrone said. “You have to be your own advocate.” She got help from her husband, she said, who was “my guide in finding the best and least toxic treatments. I am so grateful for his questioning and challenging the medical establishment and helping me get through my treatments.”

Wear cheerful, bright-colored clothes when you visit a patient, Fallone suggested. And the treatment environment matters. There have been good changes in facilities since she worked at Sloan Kettering in the 1980s.

Sunlight is important. A fresh-painted wall in something other than institutional gray. A coffee pot and crackers handy. And nurses willing to take the time to chat.

Fallone talked, too, of how important it is for caregivers to take care of themselves, as much as possible. “Make sure you’re in the right frame of mind, going into this. Whatever happens, it’s not personal.” She recalled a nurse infuriated by the behavior of a mother frustrated when a glitch in a procedure meant her child had to go through it again. The woman was going home to a three-year-old with cancer, Fallone pointed out. “It’s about them. If they’re in a bad mood, you have to separate it out.”

The best thing about Relay for Life, everyone agreed, was that the event is not about how far or how fast you can run in how many days. Walking is encouraged. Sidlers will not be barred. Some Islanders may appear in period costumes.

“This focuses on people who have experienced cancer,” Fallone said. “It’s not just about what you’re doing. This is actually a day where the whole focus is on those fighting cancer and those who have been by their side.”



Your Roosevelt Island Real Estate Specialist

A Roosevelt Island resident for over 35 years, Suzanne brings a wealth of firsthand experience and intimate knowledge of living in this unique neighborhood. For the past 13 years Suzanne has been an award winning agent with The Corcoran Group, the #1 individual real estate firm in the nation*. Representing both buyers and sellers, Suzanne has generated over \$34M in sales on Roosevelt Island alone.

Call Suzanne for a complimentary market evaluation and to discuss your real estate needs.

*Member of Corcoran's Multi-Million Dollar Club
Ranked among the top 2% of NRT agents nationwide*

Suzanne Wolf
Lic. Assoc. Real Estate Broker
(o) 718.923.8095
sew@corcoran.com



corcoran
corcoran group real estate

*Source: NRT, LLC. Based on 2012 earnings of Realty affiliates and owned companies. The Corcoran Group is a licensed real estate broker located at 660 Madison Ave, NY, NY 10065.

CALLING JUNIOR TENNIS PLAYERS OF ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS!

All City Jr. Tennis, New York City's oldest and most established junior program. At Roosevelt Island Racquet Club, just minutes from Manhattan.

Here's what you'll love about the program:

- Some of the finest coaches in the Eastern U.S.
- For players as young as 4, recreational players, and tournament competitors
- Players improve and enjoy the game with appropriate levels of competition
- After-school and Saturday classes



 **Transportation Available!**

ADVANTAGE
TENNIS CLUBS

We've Got Your Game



Find out more today!
Call 212-935-0250
Email: netennis@aol.com



Hungry? At Home?

tinyurl.com/MENUtrellis

You don't need to come into Trellis to see the menu and order from it. Just go to tinyurl.com/MENUtrellis and you'll have access to everything Trellis serves. Call us and we'll deliver promptly. Meantime...

See you at Trellis!
212-752-1517

See the new Trellis at **trellisdiner.com**

*At the heart of the community,
next to the Good Shepherd Center*

**Trellis: 6:00 a.m. to midnight,
7 days every week. We also deliver.**

MAIN STREET CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRESENTS
A PRODUCTION OF



Friday Evening
Saturday Matinee
Sunday Evening

Delilah Belmont
Adrian Chabla
Bryan Cusick
Haesu Dawkins
Renee Dickey
Noah Johnston
Elena Jordan
Kelsey Long
Marcus Lopez
Dylan Marfey
Kiran Narine
Nemanja Prokic
Juliette Sakmar
Jacob Tannen
Jake Towey
Darnell Wilkins-Payne

PETER PAN
A Musical Based on the Play by
SIR J. M. BARRIE
Lyrics By CAROLYN LEIGH
Additional Lyrics By BETTY COMDEN and ADOLPH GREEN
Music By MORRIS (MOOSE) CHARLAP
Additional Music By JULE STYNE
Originally directed, choreographed and adapted by
JEROME ROBBINS

PETER PAN
is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI,
421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019
Phone: (212) 541-4684 Fax: (212) 397-4684 www.MTIShows.com

Director/Musical Director/Choreographer

NOEL CAREY

Assistant Directors

AYA HAYASHI NATHANIEL TAYLOR LEACH

Friday May 9 8:00 pm
Sat. May 10 2:00 pm & 8:00 pm
Sun. May 11 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Monday May 12 7:00 pm



SAVE THE DATES!

MAY 16-18

MAIN STREET TEEN THEATRE
PRESENTS

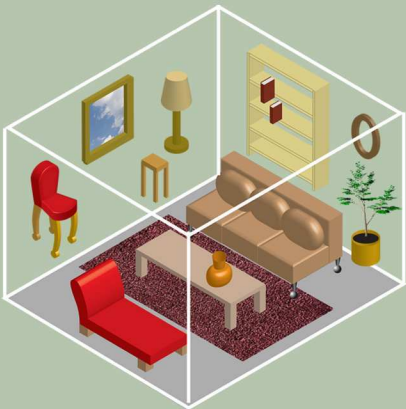


BOX OFFICE

Good Shepherd Center (Downstairs)
5/5, 5/6, 5/7, 5/13, 5/14 6-8 pm
5/10, 5/17 11 am - 1 pm &
1 hour prior to each performance
Tickets \$15, Seniors/Students \$10
Children (Ages 4-10) \$5

MSTDA.ORG • CONTACT US: INFO@MSTDA.ORG

548 MAIN STREET ROOSEVELT ISLAND NEW YORK 10044



HOME STAGING
SOLUTIONS

Increase Your Apartment's
Value for Resale

HOME STAGING SOLUTIONS offers a full range
of services and affordable solutions helping you to:

- De-clutter rooms and closets to emphasize living and storage space
- Increase the feel of spaciousness by rearranging furniture as needed
- Neutralize your apartment's style to appeal to most buyers
- Freshen your apartment by recommending insured painters, contractors and established cleaning and storage companies

Our goal is to create an inviting space that potential buyers will love. We will work within your budget, suggest a realistic timetable and deliver our services with professionalism and expertise.

Call us now for a consultation

Ellen Levy 917 587 3278
eglevy123@gmail.com Vicki Feinmel 212 223 1108
vfeinmel@verizon.net

Registration

Programs for Ages 3 Months to 5 Years

The Roosevelt Island Day Nursery

Riverwalk at 405 Main Street
3 months to 2.6 years

River Road at 4 River Road
2.6 to 5 years

Registration at 4 River Road; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

All registrations require a 10% deposit of the full tuition paid by check or cash

Financial Aid is available to those who qualify

Call to schedule a tour

For more information and tuition rates please visit our website
www.ridn.org, call 212-593-0750 or email preschool@ridn.org



ROOSEVELT ISLAND DAY NURSERY

Serving Roosevelt Island families since 1979

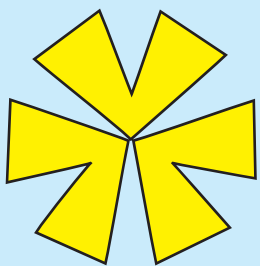
FREE SHUTTLE

WE ARE NOW READY! ♦ PICK-UP & DROP-OFF ♦ SERVICE NOW RUNNING

TO ASSOCIATED!

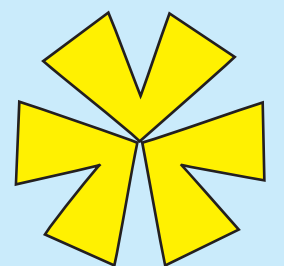
2115 Broadway at 21st Street, Astoria

718-728-1112 (Fax 718-728-0692)



10% Senior Discount
(65-up) **Every Wednesday***

Excludes Sale Items, Alcoholic Beverages, & Meat Plans



***Now thru May 1, 2014, 10% Senior Discount in effect every day!**

Come shop with us!

Coming and going, use our shuttle
FREE with any purchase

Wednesday through Monday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Our van picks up every hour.

For more information, or to schedule a pickup at your building, just call us at 718-728-1112.



POLAND SPRING WATER



16.9 Fl oz. – 24-pack
with any purchase
of \$10 or more

\$2.99

+ tax & deposit



Must have coupon. Limit 1. Expires 5/11/14

BOUNTY SELECT A SIZE



Paper towels 15-pack

\$16.99

+ tax



Must have coupon. Limit 1. Expires 5/11/14

TROPICANA ORANGE JUICE



\$1.99



Must have coupon. Limit 1. Expires 5/11/14

ROTISSERIE CHICKEN

each



\$3.99

+ tax



Must have coupon. Limit 1. Expires 5/11/14



For your convenience, use our electronic shopping cart



COMING UP

— Continuing Events & Activities —
A listing of repeating meetings & events
(See page 3 for events this weekend and in coming weeks.)

ART EXHIBITS

Vernissage XIII, RIVAA members annual group exhibition, through May 4. Gallery hours **Sat-Sun** 11am-5pm, **Tue & Thu** 1-5pm, **Wed & Fri** 6-9pm.
Spring, RIVAA members group exhibition, Octagon Gallery, 888 Main St. **Daily** 9am-9pm. Through Sun May 11.

PARKS

Southpoint Park open **daily** 6am-10pm.
FDR Four Freedoms Park open **daily** 9am-7pm.
Lighthouse Park open **daily** 7am-9pm.

CLASSES (alphabetical, then Sat-Fri)

Art, taught by members of the Roosevelt Island Visual Art Association (RIVAA), **Sat** 11am-2pm, Sportspark. Free

MUSIC

Jazz Salon, 1st Sun (except Apr 6 and Jul-Aug) 5-7pm, Gallery RIVAA, 527 Main St. \$5 donation. Resumes May 4.
Drum lessons for 5th-9th-graders, **Tue & Thu** 3:30-5:30pm, Youth Center, 506 Main St. Info: Call **212-527-2505** or email info@RooseveltIslandYouthProgram.com.
Piano lessons for 5th-9th-graders, **Wed & Fri** 3:30-5:30pm, Youth Center, 506 Main St. Info: Call **212-527-2505** or email info@RooseveltIslandYouthProgram.com.

EXERCISE & SPORTS (alphabetical)

Basketball (all ages), **Sat** 2-5pm, Sportspark. Free.
Basketball (adults), **Mon-Thu** 8-10pm, PS/IS 217. Free.
Pilates with Karen, **Tue & Thu** 7:15pm; **Wed** 8:45am, 10am; **Fri** 9am, 10am; **Sat** 10am. Info 212-750-6223.
Pilates, **Wed & Fri** 6:30-7:30pm, PS/IS217.
Ping Pong (all ages), **Tue Wed Fri** 6-9pm, Sportspark.
Sportspark extended hours (ages 16-25), **Fri-Sat** 9pm-midnight.
Swimming (all ages; no instructor) – **Sat-Sun** 12-3pm, **Mon-Fri** 6-10am, **Mon Wed Thu Fri** 7:30-10:30pm.
(All **Sportspark swimming** \$5; free for disabled, seniors 60+, and ages 0-3.)
Swimming (18 yrs+) – **Sat-Sun** 4-7pm, **Tue** 7:30-10:30pm, Sportspark.
Swimming – Water Aerobics, **Sun** 12-1pm, **Wed & Fri** 9-10am, Sportspark.
Yoga (open-level), **Mon & Thu** 6:15-7:15pm, **Sat** 11:15am-12:15pm, Sportspark. \$5. Mats available.
Yoga with Keren Messer, **Mon & Tue** 8-9pm. \$17; multi-session rates. Location and other info: KerenMsrgmail.com or 212-614-9181.
Yoga with Jax Schott, **Wed** 7:30-8:40pm, Island Kids, 536 Main St. \$15.
Yoga (open-level) with Lauren Blankstein, **Thu** 7:30-8:30pm, PS/IS 217 Beacon. Free.
Zumba, **Mon** 6:30-7:30 & 7:30-8:30pm, **Thu** 8:30-9:30pm, **Sat** 10-11am, Sportspark. \$5.
Zumba/Dance/Cardio, **Mon & Wed** 6:30-7:30pm, PS/IS 217. Free. (Replaced with Pilates until new instructor is found.)

BIRTH THROUGH TODDLER (listed Sat-Fri)

Swimming classes (age 3-up), **Sat** 3-4pm, Sportspark. \$15 or \$100/10 weeks. Questions/registration, ryansherrill84@gmail.com or 917-261-2771.
Art for Kids with Connie Tanner (ages 3-8), last **Sun**, 10-11:30am, Gallery RIVAA, 527 Main St. \$10 suggested donation; materials supplied. No reservation required.
Baby & Toddler Swim classes (6-36 mo), **Sun** 11am & 11:30am, **Wed** 10:30 & 11:00 (starts Mar 16, ends wk of May 4), Sportspark. Drop-in rate \$7. Info: Eddit.Perez@rioc.ny.gov or 212-832-4569. Pre-registration rate \$5/class.
Baby Story Time (0-18 mo), **Mon** 10:30am, Library. Advance registration required.
Baby Playtime (0-18 mo), **Mon** 11am, Library.
Story Time with Olya (pre-school ages), **Tue & Thu** 9am, Main Street Sweets, 559 Main St. Free.
Toddler Story Time (18-36 mo), **Wed** 11am, Library. Registration required. Free.
Toddler Play Time (18-36 mo), **Wed** 11:30am, Library.
Island Kids Baby Group (0-14 mo), **Thu** 10am, 536 Main St. Info: IslandKidsRI@gmail.com.
Read Aloud (3-6 yrs), **Fri** 3:30pm, Library.

OLDER KIDS (Sat-Fri)

Tennis – **New York Junior Tennis League** (ages 5-18), **Sat-Sun** 6-8am, Racquet Club. Free.
Tennis – Junior Tennis, **Sat & Mon-Fri** after school, Racquet Club. Info 212-935-0250.
Teen Time (ages 13-18), **Mon-Fri** 3pm, Library.
Beacon After-School Program for 1st-8th-graders, **Mon-Fri** 3-6pm, PS/IS 217. Free. Info: 212-527-2505 or RooseveltIslandYouthProgram.com.
Reading Aloud (children), **Fri** 3:30pm, Library.
Open Gym for high school students, **Mon & Wed** 6-8pm, PS/IS 217.
Board Games (5-12 yrs), **Tue** 4pm, Library. Free.
Teen Game Night, **Wed** 6pm, Main Street Sweets, 559 Main St.
Girl Scouts (6-13 yrs), **Fri** 6-8pm, PS/IS 217. Info: 212-527-2505.

SENIORS (also see page 18)

Lunch, **Mon-Fri** noon, Senior Center, 546 Main St. \$1.50. Menus outside social worker office.

REGULAR MEETINGS (Sat-Fri)

Toastmasters, 2nd & 4th Mon 7:30pm. Info: 212-751-9577.
Sci-Fi Discussion Group, 1st Tue 6:30pm, Library.
114th Precinct Community Meeting, 4th Tue 7pm, Riccardo’s by the Bridge, 2101 24th Av., Astoria.
RIRA Common Council meeting **1st Wed** (except Jul-Aug) 8pm, Good Shepherd Community Center.
Book Discussion, 3rd Thu 6:30-8pm, Library.

OFFICE HOURS

RIOC’s Community Office Hours, **Mon** 3-5pm, 591 Main St.
Constituent Service Hours for Assemblymember Micah Kellner and/or staff, **Mon-Fri** 9:30am-5:30pm, District Office (1365 First Av at 73rd St.). Call 212-860-4906 for appointment.
Constituent Service Hours for State Senator Jose Serrano and/or staff, **2nd Mon** 4-7pm, Senior Center, 546 Main St. Info: 212-828-5829.
Constituent Service Hours for City Councilmember Ben Kallos, **1st Wed** 4-7pm, Senior Center, 546 Main St.

OTHER

Knitting & Crocheting Circle (adults), **Thu** 11:30am, Library.
Food Box Orders for Helping Families Help Themselves, ordering period **1st-11th of month**. Menu online at jolinfoodbox.com. Info 347-985-7540; pickup period at 546 Main St. **15th of month**.

Events, regular and otherwise?

Send your organization’s information to MainStreetWIRE@usa.net.

Starts Tomorrow

Island Soccer Program Expands; A Benefit Set for Patrick Douma

by Briana Warsing

Super Soccer Stars, an Upper West Side-based soccer enrichment program for kids, is coming to the Island.

And Islanders are planning a fundraiser for a soccer stalwart who has a Stage 4 cancer.

Tomorrow, Ages 2-5

Super Soccer Stars classes start tomorrow (Sunday, April 27) at Firefighters Field. The sessions are 10 weeks long and cost \$200. The Island will have five age groups for ages two to five, with two sections for threes to young-fours.

Super Soccer Stars was founded in 2000. It has 250 programs in the five boroughs, plus expansions into New Jersey, Westchester, Long Island, Boston, Miami, and Los Angeles. The program specializes in developing socialization, balance, coordination, and teamwork in a fun, non-competitive way, explains Marketing Coordinator Martin Shore, adding, “We’re very, very excited about coming to Roosevelt Island.”

An Island Tradition

Soccer has a long history on the Island. In 1978, Bob Babcock started the Roosevelt Island Youth Soccer Association (RIYSA), affiliated with the American Youth Soccer Association (AYSO), whose motto was *Everyone Plays*.

In 1980, Charles Morgan created the Strikers Soccer Club, the Island’s traveling team. By 1982, there were 12 teams playing on the Island in addition to the Strikers, who played in the Cosmopolitan League. Bleachers at the Nurses Residence Soccer Field (located where 475 Main Street is now) sat 60, and there were concessions selling hot dogs, soda, beer, and donuts, with umbrella picnic tables and chairs.

In the spring of 1982, the Strikers were selected as one of the 133 teams throughout New York State to play in the Youth Cup tournament. They ended up losing to the Silver Lake Americans of Staten Island. They did, however, play two exhibition matches in the Meadowlands during those early years, fulfilling a promise to sell upwards of 350 seats.

By 1984, they won the B Division conference title in New York’s Cosmopolitan Junior Soccer League, under-14 age group. In the process, the team set club records in numerous categories, and had two players picked by league coaches to City select teams.

In *The Main Street WIRE* at the time, Morgan said of his team, “They are a fraternity of athletes. They are the first and only Roosevelt Island Sports Club of any type to be accorded a championship throughout the five boroughs of New York.” Ultimately, Morgan coached for two years in the intramural league, and was the coach of the Strikers for four years before retiring, although he later came out of retirement.

Tim Sheehy was the first captain of the Strikers. Because of his talent and involvement in soccer, he won a college scholarship at a Division 1 school in South Carolina.

The next coaches of the Strikers were Wes Paccurar and Dermott McNamara, who led the Strikers to victory in 1987; they won first place in the Cosmopolitan Junior League. In 1998, coached by Brice Douma and Euloge Makombo, the team won the Eastern New York Youth Soccer Association Challenge Cup, a State title, as well as second place in the Cosmopolitan Junior League.

Ages Six and Up

Although Super Soccer Stars goes only through age five, at age six children are eligible for Beacon Soccer, run by director Adib Mansour. In 2001, the Roosevelt Island Youth Program (RIYP) stepped forward to run the Island’s soccer program. Mansour says, “I am delighted to say that soccer is a major sport on Roosevelt Island, reflecting the cultural diversity of our community.”

Other Island soccer aficionados agree. Of his experience, Felix Cardinal says, “I played in every age group from Kinderkickers on.” He was a center midfield for the Island league and a goalie on the Strikers, playing from the early 1980’s to the mid 1990’s. Last season, he coached the 10-to-11-year-olds in the Beacon’s soccer program. Of the connection between soccer and the Island, Cardinal says, “It’s always been a natural meshing. When I think back to who was on [the Strikers with him], if you went position by position, you’d have a different country represented in every one.”

“With over 300 players in four divisions and the RIYP Beacon at PS/IS 217, we are now introducing an all-year-long soccer lineup,” says Mansour. He adds that the Beacon has now partnered with Soccer for Success (SFS), the US Soccer Foundation’s free soccer-based afterschool program that uses soccer as a tool to combat childhood obesity and promote healthy lifestyles for children.

Mansour is looking to expand further. “Under the vision of Charles DeFino, RIYP’s Executive Director, I am working to further the SFS program and encompass a larger community involvement on our Island.”

Soccer has been played indoors at the Sportspark and in the school. Manhattan Park brought with it a new field, where Beacon plays soccer now. Of the old Nurses Residence field, Cardinal says, “If you stood at one goal, you could see only the upper half of the other goal because the field was so sloped.”

Benefit Match

There is a Strikers’ reunion game planned for Saturday, May 3, to raise money for Patrick Douma, who was diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer in August 2012; it has since spread to his liver. He played with the team in the late 1980’s, and his six brothers have also played and coached over the years.

Douma teammate Craig Ellis remembers, “Patrick, pronounced Patrique, has been a Roosevelt Islander for as long as I can remember and an avid soccer player for a lot longer than that, which is evident in his skill.” The Douma family moved here in 1984 from the Congo. Patrick worked as a porter in Island House from 1998 to 2012.

Douma was a beloved teammate and friend. “He surpassed the skill of many of the players on the team, but he had an ability to bring the best out of us all, and he was just an overall pleasure to be around – to call a teammate and friend.”

Former teammate and friend Alexandru Sinclair says, “Patrick has has touched many of us. The game is to honor him and raise awareness of his illness and the treatment he’s seeking with the intent of getting [Patrick] to his goal of \$15,000.”

Anyone can contribute at gofundme.com/6y9gxc.

Of the game, Sinclair adds, “We are playing a team that [former Striker] Marco [Depero] plays with regularly, the Geezers, and they are willing to come out to the Island and play with us in the spirit of the sport and Patrick. It should be a great evening. The kickoff is at 6:30 p.m., but we are encouraging everyone and their families to come down early and hang out.” To Douma Ellis says, “Patrick, my friend, we are here for you and pushing for you and I know that I do not only speak for myself but everyone who has had the privilege of crossing your path over the years. We wish you well and *will* see you on the field again.” The game was organized by Marco Depero, Alexandru Sinclair, and Craig Ellis.



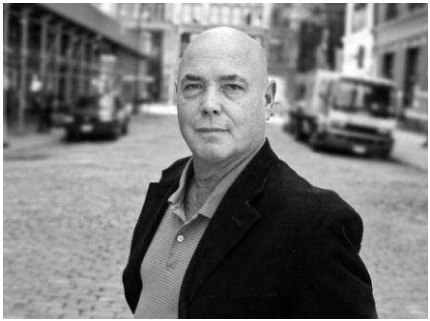


JOHN SHEEHAN
Representative
Licensed Associate
Real Estate Broker
C: (917) 657-5899

E: jsheehan@townrealestate.com

If you are interested in purchasing
an apartment or selling your home
in Rivercross, call your

TOWN RESIDENTIAL PROFESSIONALS



JIMMY BRETT
Representative
Licensed Associate
Real Estate Broker
C: (917) 687-4614

E: jbrett@townrealestate.com

John Sheehan is a Roosevelt Island pioneer, a past president of RIRA, and has lived in Rivercross since 1978. During John's 30 year career he has been involved in at least 20 Rivercross transactions and is thoroughly familiar with the building. Jimmy Brett, John's business partner, also has a 30 year career in real estate successfully marketing, renting and selling in New York City, including on Roosevelt Island. Together John and Jimmy bring more than 60 years of knowledge and experience to every transaction they are involved in and are backed by one of the best real estate companies in the city. Contact John or Jimmy for a free private consultation.

Their service is just a phone call or email away.

TOWN ASTOR PLACE

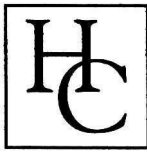
Town Astor Place, 26 Astor Place, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10003



455 Main Street
7 days, 11am-11pm
212-583-1688
Free delivery
for orders \$15 and
over.
All major credit
cards accepted (\$15

609 Main Street
11am-11pm Sun-Thur
11am-midnight Fri-Sat
212-588-0663
Free delivery \$6 & over

CHINA 1 KITCHEN



Hynes
&
Chu, LLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

You need a will.
Let's get it done.



Store Hours

Monday – Thursday: 11 a.m. to 9p.m.
Friday – Saturday: 11 a.m. to 10p.m.
Sunday: 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- **Free Delivery to Roosevelt Island
from Wednesday to Sundays!**

718-706-WINE (9463)
BlueStreakWine.com

**4720 Center Boulevard, Long Island City, NY
11109**

Contact Douglas J. Chu, Esq.

212-643-1112

djchu@ElderLawNY.net
www.ElderLawNY
475 Park Avenue South, 26th floor

FDR Park, from page 1

Roosevelt’s bold vision and Louis Kahn’s bold design,” Chaban explained, but the children added a spirit of fun and exploration that no mission statement could hope to describe. In spite of the cold, they were quickly engaged in every activity Greenberg presented. Some parts of the workshops had to be shortened to decrease exposure to the elements.

But soon, Greenberg led her charges up the broad steps that introduce park visitors to its tapering green space. She asked them what shapes they recognized from what they had drawn. She encouraged them to kneel down with her and feel the irregular surfaces that Kahn used in his design.

Then, as a warming sun eased the chilly wind sweeping off the river, the group marched down the lawn to the dramatic stage where a bust of Franklin Delano Roosevelt is flanked by monolithic blocks representing the foundations of the Four Freedoms.

“Drawing the head” came next. Later, Leela Ramakrishnan confided that it was her favorite part of the workshop.

Greenberg encouraged all the children to search for a deeper meaning in what they were observing, and to draw with that inspiration. “What do you see in his face?” Greenberg asked, gesturing to show them where to look for lines of concern etched in FDR’s expression.

Perhaps seeing art in a new way, the children settled on the bricks in front of the sculpture and began creating their own impressions on pads each carried.

“What does freedom mean to you?” the children were asked as Greenberg coaxed them gently to absorb the broader meaning of the Four Freedoms.

Next, she led her charges around to the room, open to the sky and the river, where monumental stone walls house and protect the Four Freedoms, represented by excerpts from Roosevelt’s legendary United Nations speech. She balanced their attention between the seriousness of the setting and a lighter creativity that went into the structures.

Standing beside one of the panels, Greenberg slid her fingers into a groove. “You can feel that it’s smooth inside. Louis Kahn wanted the surfaces to be rough out here, but you can feel how different it is.” She wanted them to experience art up close, as participants.

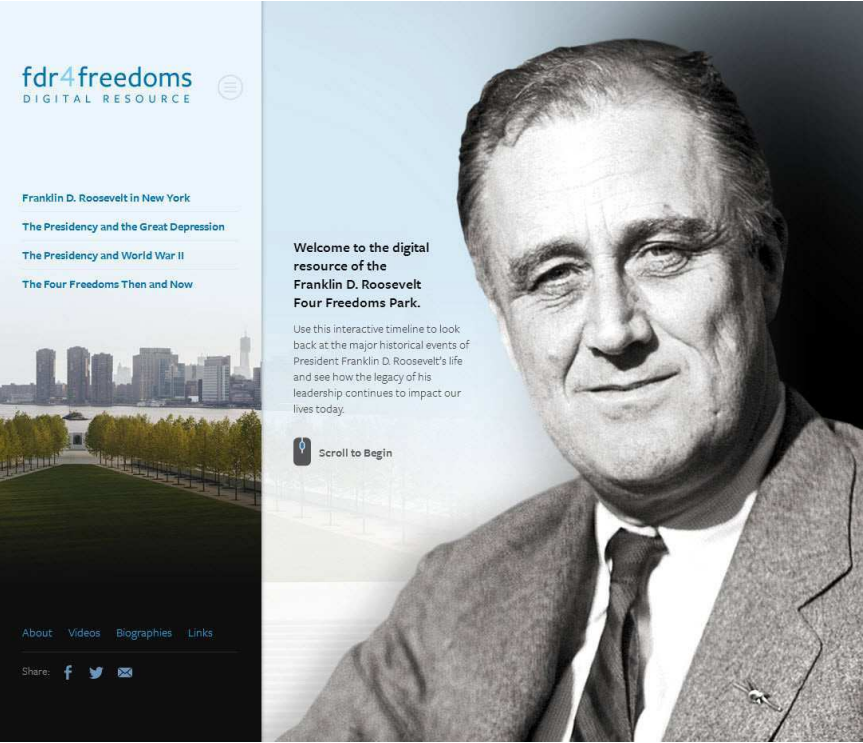
The group now had the most interactive fun of the workshop, when they were encouraged to place their drawing paper against the rough surfaces of the walls and run their pencils across them to reproduce the textures. Several of the children took it a step further, tracing the letters etched in the wall to spell out their names.

Clouds began obscuring the sun as the group started back toward cover, pausing with Greenberg for one more learning experience from the park. This lesson was about color; she helped them understand how color complemented shape and texture to support the message and mission of the park.

In the end, uncooperative weather meant little. Through the workshop, the children absorbed a broader appreciation of the park, its message, and its art, and Nellie Chaban rated it “a great success. A number of local families from the Island came out, including a few who have just moved here.

“The Family Arts Workshops are part of the larger Education and Public Programs that Four Freedoms Park is pursuing,” Chaban explained as the workshop wrapped up. “We are developing a number of diverse programs, including hands-on workshops for school groups and families, readings and lectures, performances, art installations, yoga, curricula for teachers to use in the classroom, and more.”

The park is issuing a newsletter to keep target audiences aware of its offerings. Visit the website, fdrfourfreedomspark.org, to sign up.



Online, the park offers the **FDR4freedoms Digital Resource**, an information-packed website that tells the story of *Franklin Delano Roosevelt in New York State*, *The Presidency and the Great Depression*, and *The Presidency and World War II*, and has a section on the *Four Freedoms Then and Now*. The site includes an extensive collection of videos and biographies, and links to other sites. It’s all at **FDR4freedoms.org**.



Nina Cassian

Islander Nina Cassian died last week.

On Roosevelt Island, she led the quiet life of a poet and translator with her husband, Maurice Edwards, who survives her.

But in the 1950s, she was a celebrated contributor to the literature of Romania and a central figure in that country’s arts scene. She published some 50 books, and translated others. She wrote lieder and chamber music. Best known for her poetry, she also wrote prose, including many books for children.

By age 60, she had migrated to the United States, and her poetry in English began to appear in the *New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, and *The American Poetry Review*. She performed readings at international poetry festivals across Europe and the United States, including the Library of Congress. A few years ago, she read to a Roosevelt Island audience at Gallery RIVAA.

Early in this century, her multivolume autobiography was published in Romania.

Ms. Cassian’s broad interests led her to courses in acting, painting, and philology (a combination of literary criticism, history, and linguistics). Her translations included the works of Moliere and Heinrich Heine. She wrote for puppet theatre. In 2009, W.W. Norton Publishers issued a new book of her poems, *Continuum*.

She sometimes described herself as disappointed in the “illusions of communism,” and the system that brought Ceaucescu to power was an impetus in her departure from her native land. She returned for a visit in 2008, accompanied by Edwards, former musical director of the Brooklyn Philharmonic.

Cassian was awarded the Literary Lion for 1994 by the New York Public Library.



Promises

*I wrote a promissory note
intending to pay off my debts.
However, all I had left
was my dead childhood
in its tiny coffin.*

*Though not a demagogue,
in my adolescence,
I promised humanity
a harmonious existence,
like a majestic chord and accord
– but I couldn’t keep my word
because the rules of this earth
are all tone deaf ...*

*Now, finally, I promise myself
– since the remaining rags of my life
continue to deteriorate –
to die in style,
peacefully,
with a smile ...*

Epilogue

*Between the sun and me
there is a veil of quietude
which protects my eyes
from the scratch of light
wich spares my being
from the blister of knowledge
which allows my self
to breathe undisturbed.*

*So now the war is over
and now the love is over.
How beautiful the death
well prepared in advance.*

The Island’s trees are in flower, and the Roosevelt Island Historical Society is sponsoring a Cherry Tree Walk today (Saturday). See *ComingUp*, page 3).



Not Just Tomatoes, but *Oh! Those Tomatoes!*
– a new crop of locally grown tomatoes –

Saturday
**FARMER’S
MARKET**

Your source for the best foods
for the best nutrition...

Every Saturday morning to mid-afternoon,
under the ramp at Motorgate

CREDIT CARD & EBT WELCOME

unClassifieds

50¢ a word • 212-751-8214

unClassified deadline for May 10 issue: Tuesday, May 6

unClassified deadline for May 24 issue: Tuesday, May 20

Please see *ComingUp*, page 3, for other advertising deadlines

PLAY BRIDGE NOW – Learn, or im-
prove your game on R.I. Enjoy. Fran
212-877-8046.

MATH TUTORING by experienced
teacher living on the Island. Call
212-829-1406.

MASSAGE THERAPY – Island resident
Marc Atkins. Swedish, Deep Tissue,
Shiatsu, Sports, Post-Surgery, Injury
Recovery. Home visits **646-248-9639**

CLASSICAL PIANO with Irene. Read
music. It’s logical fun! **917-655-0028**

thru May 2014

to May 1



seeks volunteer
delivery help in many
of the Island’s build-
ings, on a stick-to-it or
standby basis. Call
Sherie Helstien at
212-935-7534.

Senior Center

Monday
10:00 **Zumba**
11:00 **Computers**
5:00 **Brain & Body Stretch**

Tuesday
10:20 **Shoppers’ Bus**
10:30 **Building Strength**
11:00 **Blood Pressure**
1:00 **Paint & Sculpt**
6:00 **Nutrition Workshop**

Wednesday
9:00-1:00 **Tax Help**
9:30 **Yoga Stretch**
10:20 **Shoppers’ Bus**
10:30 **Salsa**
10:45 **Spanish**
12:00 **Bridge**
1:30 **Scrabble**
6:00-8:00 **Computer Lab**

Thursday
9:15 **Pilates with Ivette**
10:30 **Zumba**
10:45 **Ping Pong**
12:00 **Movie**
1:00-2:30 **Theatre tickets** at discount
prices; see Rema or Annie

Friday
9:00 **Building Strength**
10:30 **Computers**
10:30 **ESL**
10:30 **Tai Chi**
12:00 **Korean Exercise**
1:00 **Korean Games**
2:00 **Art with John**
2:00 **Pokeno with Dolores**
7:00 **Games (RISA)**

Special Events
New RISA Membership Cards now avail-
able – \$12. See Rema.
Cornell Nutrition Class continues, Tue
6-8pm through Jun 3. Free. Register with
Barbara Parker at 917-951-4137.
Atlantic City Trip, Sat May 3 – Showboat
Casino. See Bubu or Pilar; pay \$35, re-
ceive \$20. Reservation with payment; bus
leaves 9:30 a.m.
City Councilmember Ben Kallos, Wed May
7 (and 1st Wed monthly), 4-7pm, 546 Main
St.
**21st Annual National Senior Health &
Fitness Day**, Wed May 28, 1-5pm. Watch
for details.

CHESS INSTRUCTOR – Island resi-
dent, 10 years experience. Children &
adults, beginners & intermediate. Free
consultation. Moderate rates: 2-hour
lesson \$30. **212-750-9087**

FRENCH LESSONS for adults and chil-
dren – conversation - travel - homework
help. Experienced tutor. \$40 one hour
private lesson. Contact 917-658-2408.
Email cahiers33@gmail.com

EXPERIENCED MATH TUTOR – All
levels. I.B. Program, S.A.T. Exams.
Email lucreciasimonutti@hotmail.com
or phone **917-280-4909**. Roosevelt
Island.

NOTARY 212-317-0736 Tami

COLLECTION CALLS stopped ASAP.
StopCollectionCallsASAP@gmail.com.

LICENSED MASSAGE THERAPIST /
Certified Reflexologist – Island resident
Diana Brill. Gift certificates available.
212-759-9042.

EDITING for resumes and essays.
Experienced editor, Columbia graduate.
AlexWriteStyle@gmail.com.

LICENSED ACUPUNCTURIST – Ex-
perienced in pain management, chronic
conditions, depression. Please call
Anne Kanninen L.Ac. **917-282-7328.**

Get back in the swing with morning and
lunchtime **TENNIS LESSONS** and play.
Private, semi-private and small groups
for adults. Highly qualified instructor,
Joyce Short, **917-517-8572** or short.jm@
aol.com.

CATCH YOUR CAT – efficient help
with your feline escape artist. Vet-
recommended, Island references.
917-355-1867 / catchyourcat@gmail.com.

BANKRUPTCY help by Columbia-
trained attorney. StopCollectionCallsASAP@
gmail.com

NOTARY PUBLIC – 212-935-7534.

MAIN STREET THEATRE & DANCE
ALLIANCE – Ongoing registration for
dance and theatre classes. **212-371-
4449**. Unique or period clothing &
furniture gladly accepted.

ERRANDS: Organizing, special proj-
ects, personal assistance. You run your
life, I'll run your errands. Call Vicki Fein-
mel, **212-223-1108** vfeinmel@verizon.net.

EXPERIENCED CAT SITTER –
212-751-8214. Island resident. Will
also check mail, etc.

GRAND PIANO with MIDI & silent
headphones practice switch. Like new.
\$6,250. Call Dick at **212-826-9056.**

ADVERTISE HERE for Results!

Real Estate, from page 1
A seller unsure about how to prepare an
apartment can hire a “stager” to direct the
preparation of the apartment. This is an in-
stance in which the experience of a broker can
be of great assistance. An experienced broker
will be able to recommend a capable stager.

One difference of opinion arises over the
question of remodeling. Suzanne says that
an older apartment should be remodeled, if
possible, and that the cost will be recovered
in a higher price that a buyer is willing to pay.
Joyce disagrees, saying, “An apartment that
has been remodeled may be done in a way that
repels buyers, who usually want to do their
own remodeling. You should renovate only
if the kitchen and bathrooms are so bad that
they overshadow the rest of the apartment.”
John agrees with Joyce, and adds, “Instead of
renovation, repainting an older apartment in
neutral colors will add to its value.”

All agree the windows should be washed, and all mirrors and glass surfaces made to
sparkle. Joyce has some specific tasks that any apartment owner can do. “If the bathroom
is old, the tiles may still be presentable but the grouting may be discolored. Skim grout can
be applied that will restore its original appearance. Use baskets on the closet shelves. Place
books in a vertical line, not leaning against one another. Fold things neatly in the closets.



Joyce Short

low price makes sense. If there’s no time pressure, there is little to be lost by setting a high
price. As *The WIRE* goes to press, there are two Rivercross apartments listed for sale. One
is a high-floor studio with a fine view of Manhattan, listed at \$540,000. The other is a high-
floor two-bedroom unit with a spectacular view of Manhattan, listed at \$1.2 million. Right
now, there is no way of knowing whether those prices are high, low, or in the middle. Only the eventual sales will tell what the real
market will bear. As more apartments go on the market and more sales are concluded,
“comps” (comparables) will be available to provide guidelines for sellers and brokers.

All three brokers agree that it is best not
to have the owner present when a broker
shows an apartment. The presence of the
apartment’s owner will inhibit discussion or
negotiation between the broker and the buyer.
Joyce makes the point that brokers will almost
always work by appointment when showing
an apartment, but there are instances when a
prospective buyer needs to see an apartment
immediately. In that instance, the broker
will telephone ahead. Ideally, the seller will
be able to go elsewhere during the showing.

Reports say the market for coops and con-
dos in Manhattan is getting stronger, and
prices are gradually increasing. It appears
that this is a good time for sellers, but there
is no way of knowing whether these conditions will continue to show improvement or the
market will turn down. There are always uncertainties when it comes to selling residential
real estate. The brokers agree that it’s their responsibility to reduce those uncertainties to
an acceptable minimum.



Suzanne Wolf

Clean the appliances.”
Suzanne adds, “Refinish the floors. Increase
the lighting. Dim, dark apartments are hard
to sell. Cover a balcony floor with tiles or
wood slats.”

John agrees with all the steps to improve
the appearance of an apartment and adds,
“A seller also needs to know what to expect
from a broker and from the lawyer who will
be needed to draw up the contract of sale. A
seller should not hesitate to ask questions of a
broker or a lawyer to make sure there is a full
understanding between them.”

When asked about pricing an apartment,
John said, “This is an unusual situation. There
are no comparable sales to serve as a guide-
line. We are making the market as we go.”

Suzanne, who was involved in selling the
condos at Riverwalk, says, “Initially, there
was not a lot of interest. To most New York-
ers, Roosevelt Island was still not seen as a
first choice, but when the Cornell project was
announced, everything changed. Roosevelt
Island was now on the map, and there were
more and more buyers willing to take the Tram
and give the Island a chance.”

Setting a price is a difficult balancing act.
If a seller needs to make an immediate sale, a
low price makes sense. If there’s no time pressure, there is little to be lost by setting a high
price. As *The WIRE* goes to press, there are two Rivercross apartments listed for sale. One
is a high-floor studio with a fine view of Manhattan, listed at \$540,000. The other is a high-
floor two-bedroom unit with a spectacular view of Manhattan, listed at \$1.2 million. Right

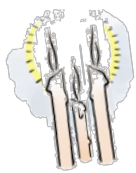


John Sheehan

There’s more,
including 17 years of back issues,
at MainStreet**WIRE**.com.
Join the dialogue. Comment on articles & editorials.

SHABBAT CANDLE LIGHTING

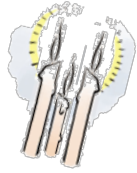
B"H



Friday, April 25 at 7:27 pm

Friday, May 2 at 7:34 pm

Friday, May 9 at 7:41 pm



Blessing: Boruch A-toh Ado-noi E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ho-olom A-sheer Ki-de-sha-nu Be-mitz-vo-sov Ve-tzi-vo-nu Le-had-lik Ner Shel Sha-bos Ko-desh.

Translation: Blessed are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the light of the holy Shabbat.

www.RIJewish.org

☺ Judaism with a smile ☺

Zalman & Nechama Duchman 425 Main St. #6B Roosevelt Island, NY 10044
212-652-5660 * Nechama@RIJewish.org

Eco-Friendly Drycleaning

- Exceptional Quality Dry Cleaning
- Shirts Laundered
- Expert European Tailoring
- Convenient Monthly Billing



MINERVA Cleaners & Tailors

Established 1969

*Proudly Serving Roosevelt Island
For Over 20 Years*

Free Daily Pickup & Delivery

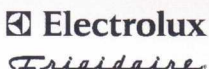
29-09 Broadway / Astoria, New York 11106 Tel / Fax: 718.726.2336

AID APPLIANCE SERVICE



LG

Life's Good



Frigidaire

179-03 Union Turnpike
Flushing, New York 11366
Phone: 718-969-2211
Fax: 718-969-2222



JAY SHAPIRO COMPUTERS

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| SETUP & INSTALLATION | WIRELESS NETWORKS |
| VIRUS & SPYWARE REMOVAL | HARDWARE REPAIR |
| PHONE DATA RECOVERY | SOCIAL MEDIA |
| WEB DESIGN | DATA BACKUP |
| TUTORING | WINDOWS & MAC |

**SERVING ROOSEVELT ISLAND
WITH A NEW LOCATION IN WE ARE ONE
(599 MAIN STREET)**

**WWW.JAYSHAPIROCOMPUTERS.COM
917.318.5659**



Form and Function

We build websites that are easy to use and easy to look at



**Big City
Softworks**

www.bigcitysoftworks.com

Pilates

with Karen

**for flexibility, strength, and balance – and for you
because you deserve the best**

Karen Mann, Certified Pilates Instructor

**Group classes Tuesday-Saturday
Private sessions to suit your schedule**

212-750-6223

Ask about your free introductory class

Jack Resnick, MD

Specialist in Adult Medicine

501 Main Street – 212-832-2310

office practice and housecalls for the homebound

Visit our Website

therooseveltdoctor.com

- check lab results
- make appointments
- take a survey
- internet health resources
- get help finding insurance
- read opinions



The Roosevelt Doctor
Jack Resnick, M.D.

DASH

Disabled Association
Support for the Homebound
DO YOU NEED...?

- Help with shopping
- Medications to be picked up
- Someone to talk to

Call DASH and one of our volunteers will come to your apartment.

917-558-0534

Katherine Teets Grimm, M.D., FAAP

Board-Certified Pediatrician and Pediatric Allergist

Deborah Saltzberg, M.D., FAAP

Board-Certified Pediatrician

*We accept Oxford, Cigna, Blue Cross, HIP, Aetna,
United Health Care, GHI, Health Net, Multiplan*
501 Main Street • Roosevelt Island • **212-753-5505**

Office Hours

By appointment

Coverage provided at all times, when office is closed,
by Uptown Pediatrics

We provide comprehensive health care to children and adolescents.

GRISTEDES of ROOSEVELT ISLAND

HOURS: MONDAY–SATURDAY 7AM–12 MIDNIGHT; SUNDAY 7AM–11PM

Fresh

Ground Chuck



Big Buy

\$4⁹⁹ lb.

Fresh • Center Cut Boneless

Pork Chops



Big Buy

\$4⁹⁹ lb.

California 4 lb. Bag

Navel Oranges



\$4⁹⁹ Ea.

Southern

Yams



99¢ lb.

3 Pack • 9 oz.

Bumble Bee Solid White Tuna In Water



\$3⁹⁹ lb.

Assorted Var. • 1 Liter

Poland Spring Sparkling Water



99¢ Ea.

Regular or Lite • 8 oz.

ShopRite Cream Cheese Bars



\$1⁵⁹ Ea.

Assorted Var. • 48 oz.

Turkey Hill Ice Cream



\$4⁹⁹ Ea.

Store Baked

Turkey Breast



\$7⁹⁹ lb.

Yellow or White

ShopRite American Cheese



\$5⁹⁹ lb.

GRISTEDES APPRECIATION COUPON

\$5⁰⁰ OFF

Spend \$25 or more in one shopping visit and receive \$5 off. Coupon must be presented at time of purchase and is not valid on prior purchases. \$25 total before beer, milk, tax, gift cards and manufacturers coupons. Limit one coupon per shopping family. Valid ONLY at Gristedes on Roosevelt Island. Reproductions not be accepted. Expires 5/9/14

#8031

GRISTEDES PHARMACY COUPON

PHARMACY HOURS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 9AM–9PM; SATURDAY 9AM–6PM; SUNDAY 9AM–3PM

NEW OR TRANSFERRED PRESCRIPTION

\$20⁰⁰ OFF

Up To

Waiving Of Fee Of A Co-Payment Or Reduction Of Out-Of-Pocket Expense On Any Prescription Without Coverage

Limit 1 coupon per prescription. Limit 1 per shopping family. Not valid on third party insurance co-pay. Void where prohibited by law or contract. Not valid on mail order. Cannot be used with IGT Card. Valid ONLY at Gristedes on Roosevelt Island. Exp. 5/9/14

#8034

PICK UP OUR IN-STORE CIRCULAR FOR MORE SAVINGS • PRICES EFFECTIVE TO 5/9/14