

Turtle Bay News

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Real Estate Development Picks Up in Turtle Bay and City

BY BRUCE SILBERBLATT

Construction projects halted in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis are humming again in Turtle Bay. Here's an update on projects in process and some that we might see under current or future rezoning plans.

- **Zeckendorf's 10 UN Plaza.** The enclosure is topping out and two penthouses have been combined into one for sale at \$100 million.
- **Halcyon.** Work at the crane-accident site, at 303-305 East 51st Street, is moving ahead. Demolition of the tower's eastern side is complete, as is building of the base's superstructure. The tower's western extension has been framed up to the 12th floor.
- **145 East 47th Street.** The lot, formerly home to a small building between Lexington and Third, is being excavated.
- **969 First Avenue.** The foundation has been partially completed at the site, still an open lot just south of Parnell's, between 52nd and 53rd.

• Construction Pending.

- 315 East 45th Street (Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations)
- 229 East 49th Street (Permanent Mission of the Republic of Senegal to the United Nations)
- 405 East 51st Street (northeast corner of First)
- 219 East 44th Street (north side between Second and Third)
- 305 East 50th Street: awaiting DOB approval of permits.

Extell Amasses Holdings on East 49th and 50th

Extell Development has bought the seven-story garage at 138 East 50th for \$61 million and applied to the DOB for demolition. The company has also acquired two smaller properties, Nos. 143 and 151 East 49th Street. Adjoined with No. 138 at mid-block, this total grouping of sites would enable the aggregation of 148,000 square feet of air rights. When combined with No. 138's 100-foot frontage on 50th Street, the

construction of a new hotel or condominium of, say, 30-40 floors would be possible.

Building Ever Taller

The radius of East 49th and 50th Streets, from Park to Third Avenues, holds potential for building high and mighty once the East Midtown Rezoning proposal is taken up again. Under the Bloomberg rezoning proposal,



Rendering of Halcyon, 303-305 E. 51st Street at Second.

most of this block was designated as "Site 17" and will probably figure as a target for demolition in any future rezoning plan. Considering this, the Extell property assemblage on 49th and 50th Streets could be folded into Site 17 and combined with the taking of three adjoining large hotels to create a nearly one-million-square-foot monster and allow a 70-story building. Although the rezoning project is temporarily moribund, the future opportunity to build tall in this area is not.

Might rezoning of the East 49th/50th Street area enable the next One57, Extell's 75-floor tower at 157 West 57th, currently the tallest residential building in the Western Hemisphere? Or another 432 Park Avenue? This super-tall residential tower

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Jessica Lappin Honored at TBA's 2013 Annual Meeting

The TBA's Annual Meeting, on Nov. 12, 2013, was a jam-packed event where members heard news from a slate of community leaders and TBA directors, and had the chance to learn more about the com-

munity, with special interest shown in the latest report from Bruce Silberblatt, the TBA's Zoning, Land Use and Transportation Committee Chair.

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Jessica Lappin receives honor from Bill Curtis; Dan Quart looks on.



Directors Pat McDougald, Bruce Silberblatt, Dick Irwin and Grace Perry. A TBA member appears in the back.

In Memoriam

Chico Hamilton, "Cool Jazz" Great, Dies at 92

Chico Hamilton, a towering artist whose quiet and melodic style helped define California's "Cool Jazz" movement in the 1950s, died in Manhattan on Nov. 25, 2013 at the age of 92.

Following a career of pioneering work as a drummer, bandleader, composer, teacher and talent scout, Mr. Hamilton continued to perform and record even beyond his 90th birthday.



Photo: Jack Vartoogian/
FrontRowPhotos

The Chico Hamilton Quintet was one of the most popular jazz bands at nightclubs and jazz festivals during the 1950s and '60s, and appeared in the 1957 movie, "Sweet Smell of Success," with Burt Lancaster and Tony Curtis, and in "Jazz on a Summer's Day," Bert Stern's acclaimed documentary about the 1958 Newport Jazz Festival.

Mr. Hamilton was born Foreststorn Hamilton in Los Angeles on Sept. 21, 1921. His father, Jesse, worked at the University Club of Southern California, and his mother, Pearl Lee Gonzales Cooley Hamilton, was a school dietitian.

Mr. Hamilton is survived by a brother, Don; a daughter, Denise Hamilton, a TBA Director; a granddaughter; and two great-granddaughters. His brother the actor Bernie Hamilton, and his wife, Helen Hamilton, both died in 2008.

He was a longtime neighbor in Turtle Bay and a member of the TBA.

(Quoted and adapted from an article by Peter Keepnews, The New York Times, published November 26, 2013)

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The NYPD Block Watcher Program to Start Up Soon

"Block Watcher" is a community-participation program run by the NYPD and open to all. As a block watcher you become part of an informal network of citizens who report incidents – emergency and non-emergency – to the NYPD and other city agencies. Your objective is to watch your block and, if you observe any criminal activity, report it. No further action or involvement on your part is required.

As a citizen and resident of Turtle Bay, your participation can provide a valuable assist to the police officers of the 17th Precinct and help actively ensure the safety and security of our neighborhood.

The program has not yet launched; however, you can sign up now, and you will be notified when it starts up. Contact:

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Welcome, New Merchant Members

Animal Care

The Cat Nanny
Cat Care In the Home
212-758-6691
Otway@nyc.rr.com

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Not-for Profit Associations

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1457 Lexington Avenue
212-996-0745
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TBA Who's Who

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East side of Second Avenue
between 48th and 49th Streets,
outside wall of supermarket.

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Community Calendar

17th Precinct Community Council

Open Meeting
Last Tuesday every month, 6 pm
Sutton Place Synagogue
225 East 51st Street
212-826-3228

(No meetings July, August, December)

Community Board 6

Full Board Meeting
Second Wednesday every
month, 7 pm
NYU Medical Center
550 First Avenue
212-319-3750

Now live online at
<http://wp.cbsix.org/live/>

Turtle Bay's Elected Officials, 2014 - Contact Information

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Reminder on Rules Governing Parks and Playgrounds

A recent bulletin from the NYPD's Community Awareness department drew attention to city regulations governing parks and playgrounds that help foster a safe environment for all visitors by deterring certain criminal elements, such as child predators, drug dealers, and prostitutes.

- A "Park" is a general open area designated for recreational use by anyone.
- A "Playground" is a place with recreational equipment such as swings, seesaws, monkey bars, and slides, for children to use.
- An adult is permitted on a playground only when accompanied by a child under the age of 12.
- Any adult entering a playground unaccompanied by a child is subject to a summons.
- Many city parks and playgrounds close at dusk, defined as, "the time when the sun no longer illuminates the sky."
- Signs with information about closing times are posted at the entrance of each park or playground. Anyone present within a playground or park past its designated closing time is subject to a summons or arrest.

For further information, please refer to the New York City Parks and Recreation website at www.nycgovparks.org/rules.

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being built on a small footprint by Macklowe Properties, will rise to 89 stories (taller than 1 World Trade Center without the spire) upon its completion in 2015. They are being built either "as of right" or with the imprimatur of the Department of City Planning. We need to keep a close eye on these properties!

Two More Nearby Megaliths

At the stalled redevelopment of the former Con Ed site, Solow has filed plans for an enormous (approximately 360,000 square feet) garage on the northern portion of the lot at 700 First Avenue. If the entire floor space is used for parking, it will accommodate some 1,200 cars. Wow! Imagine the traffic mess at rush hour. This comes along with two taller-than-40-story skewed towers being built between 35th and 36th Streets, two blocks farther south on First Avenue. Solow sold this property to another developer.

Construction at 252 East 57th Street, running from 56th to 57th on Second Avenue, is part of the rebuilding of the public school that once stood there and still operates. When complete, the building will have 57 stories and 270 condominium units, along with commercial space on its first two floors. Bid "Goodbye!" to the little bit of open sky we still have, as this building will rise to be about 250 feet lower than the Trump World Tower, although about half as tall as 432 Park Avenue.

R.I.P. East Midtown Rezoning proposal, withdrawn by Bloomberg when he realized that the City Council would vote it down. Mayor DeBlasio has hinted that he will have a new plan approved by year-end, 2014.

As always, watch where you're going as you walk, but don't forget to keep an eye on the skyline as the new year goes on.



Spotlight on Local Merchants

Spa Martier

1014 Second Avenue (53rd/54th)
646-781-9758
spamartier.com
Mon. - Sat., 11 am to 8 pm

A Hidden Haven in the Neighborhood

BY CANDI OBRENTZ

It's a pleasure to report on the discovery of Spa Martier, a subterranean sanctuary where patrons, both men and women, can enjoy an extensive range of spa services.



Lounge and refreshment bar.

At first, it isn't easy to find Spa Martier, hidden as it is beneath Martier Boutique and Caffé Martier, both at street level, on Second Avenue between 53rd and 54th Streets, half a block above Turtle Bay's

official northern border. Simply walk into the boutique, and someone will guide you to stairs leading to the elegant spa below, nestled away from the hustle and bustle of midtown.



Refreshment bar.

treatments and massage. A spa party can be arranged for any type of event, with the added enjoyment of beverages and entrees delivered from the adjacent Caffé above.

My visit to the spa was an excellent experience. Kenneth, a skilled hair and editorial stylist, explained the ins-and-outs of the Spa to me over a delicious espresso from the Caffé. Afterwards, I received a top-notch manicure and relaxing "Rolling Rock" massage from Karina, who is the

Spa Martier offers haircuts, hair treatments, make-up applications, manicures, pedicures, nail art, facials, spray tanning, body



Beauty and treatment salon.

message therapists, nail technicians, and hair stylists who use high-end skin and hair-care products and nail polishes. Dr. Amir Farzad Shebanie is the Spa Director and Skin Consultant.

The warmly decorated facility is plush, comfortable and very clean. The space is large, allowing each service to have its own well-appointed area, including a private sauna and private showers in the massage rooms. A lovely touch is the wine (and water) bar that patrons can enjoy while relaxing in the lounge.

Spa Martier, Caffé Martier and the Martier Boutique are family-owned and operated.

La Méditerranée

947 Second Avenue (50th/51st)
212-755-4155
www.lamediterraneeny.com

Open 7 days a week, 11:30 am to 10:30 pm
Piano Bar nightly; Tues. eves., Vocal Master Class; Thurs. eves., Jazz Combo

With TBA membership card: 10% discount at lunch/brunch

Wine, Dine and Relax

By Lois Avery Gaeta

When my husband, David, and I moved to Turtle Bay in 2005, friends enthusiastically recommended La Méditerranée, a favorite destination ever since.



The entrance beckons.

The restaurant's Provençal origins show in its gleaming wine bar, rustic wooden beams, and white stucco walls hung with paintings of the South of France. The entryway features a shelf lined with books by famed authors



Toy model of French streetcar.

and diners. Also on display is a charming toy model of a 19th Century French street car, treasured by owner Ernesto Morel's father as a boy.

Recently, we visited again, noting that the pianist was playing Gershwin with a touch so light, we could easily converse. As we turned to the task of choosing from the enticing array of Provençal and contemporary specialties, we enjoyed warm French baguettes and also studied the extensive wine list. Ernesto graciously helped us choose a wine, recommending which would be best with our choice of dishes.

La Méditerranée has three menus: a three-course prix-fixe; a "classic" French prix-fixe dinner, and an à la carte selection.



Warm, inviting dining room.

They also serve lunch and brunch.

"Many of our dishes are seasonal," Ernesto explained. "In winter we serve venison medallions, and we will soon be offering our sell-out cassoulet with garlic sausage, duck confit, lamb, and beans.

We enjoyed our meal and the friendly service of the young and responsive international waitstaff. We resolved in the new year to stop by for a bite again soon, when we can also listen to the variety of music performed on different evenings at the restaurant.

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Annual TBA Toy Drive Brings in Generous Donations

Each December before Christmas, the Turtle Bay Association holds its Annual Toy Drive in support of The Single Parent Resource Center, Inc. The tradition continued in 2013 when TBA members came together, on Dec. 8th, at Ashton's Alley, to celebrate the season, bringing with them toys and warm winter wear for children of all ages in need.

As always, several of our elected represen-

tatives were there and spoke to the gathering, including Representative Carolyn Maloney, State Assemblymember Dan Quart, new Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, and City Councilmember Dan Gardnick.

The energy was high as was the table of gifts, which continued to grow as members arrived to enjoy drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and lively conversation.

To everyone who was there, "Thank you for your generosity. We'll see you again next December."



Bill Curtis, Carolyn Maloney and Millie Margiotta.



CB6 District Manager Dan Miner.



Dan Gardnick and family.



Dan Quart and Gale Brewer.



Art & Culture

Japan Society

313 East 47th Street
212-832-1155 japansociety.org

Box Office Hours: Mon. - Fri., 11 am - 6 pm,
Weekends during exhibitions, 11 am - 5 pm

Gallery Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 11 am - 6 pm,
Fri., 11 am - 9 pm, Sat. and Sun., 11 am - 5 pm
Closed on Mondays and major holidays.

Gallery Admission: \$12; students and seniors
\$10; members and children under 16 free. Free to
all on Fri. nights., 6 pm - 9 pm.

Film

Wed., Feb. 19, 7 pm

"After Life." Hirokazu Kore-eda's second feature film is a moving and reflective fantasy in which the recently deceased arrive at a way station before going onto the next world, having to determine the one memory to take with them. Presented on the first anniversary of Japanese film critic Donald Richie's death. Tickets \$12/\$9 Japan Society members, seniors and students. Buy online or call box office.

Corporate Program

Tues., Feb. 25, 6 pm

"Where is the Global Market Heading to Now?" Nouriel Roubini, Professor at NYU Stern School of Business and Chairman of Roubini Global Economics, discusses his outlook for the world economy with special attention to the international impact of Abenomics and Federal Reserve policy. Keiko Tashiro, Chairperson and CEO, Daiwa Capital Markets America Holdings Inc.; Member of the Board of Directors of Japan Society, will preside.

Agenda: Registration 6 - 6:30 pm; Lecture and Q&A 6:30 - 7:30; Reception 7:30 - 8. Admission: Non-members: \$15. Corporate Members: Free, up to designated number of tickets; additional tickets \$10. Individual Members at Patron Circle level and above: \$10. Academic and government: \$10.

Prepayment must be made with a credit card. All registrations and cancellations must be made at least 48 hours prior to the event. Substitutions are welcome.

Lecture

Thurs., Feb. 27, 6:30 pm

"Shojin Ryori: Zen Cuisine for Body and Mind." Toshio Tanahashi, founder of Zecoow Culinary Institute, explores the philosophy, history and delights of *Shojin Ryori*, vegetarian Buddhist cuisine. Post-event tasting reception follows. Tickets \$25/\$20 Japan Society members, seniors and students.

Price includes tasting reception. Buy online or call the box office.

Music

Thurs., March 6, 7:30 pm

Shomyo: Buddhist Ritual Chant. The critically acclaimed group "Shomyo no Kai-Voices of a Thousand Years" comprises priests from the *Shingon* and *Tendai* sects whose mission is to showcase the beauty of *shomyo* as an art form. The group performs the contemporary *shomyo* work "Life in an Autumn," written in the aftermath of 9/11 by New York/Tokyo-based composer Ushio Torikai. This is an off-site event of St. Bartholomew's Church. Tickets: \$30 General Admission, \$24 all Friends of Great Music and Parishioners of St. Bartholomew's and Japan Society members. Walk-in tickets on the evening of the concert available through St. Bart's box office, based on availability.



Buddhist priests perform "Life in an Autumn."

Exhibition

Fri., March 7 through Sun., June 8

Points of Departure: Treasures of Japan from the Brooklyn Museum. More than two thousand years of Japan's art-making history are detailed in more than 70 paintings, prints, sculptures, and decorative objects drawn from the museum's renowned collection of Japanese art. See gallery hours and admission prices above.



"Cherry Blossom Viewing Picnic" (detail), Japan, Edo period, Kan'ei era, circa 1624-44.

Theater World Premiere

Mon., March 31, 7:30 pm

"Getting Lost." A young Tokyo woman

feels unsettled and lost. As she confronts the many discomfiting thoughts of love, friends and family in her muddled life, her past, present and future begin to collide. Acclaimed theater director Dan Safer leads a cast of American actors in this absurd yet serious tale written by Shiro Maeda. Tickets \$12/\$9 Japan Society members. Tickets online or call the box office.

Corporate Program

Wed., March 12, 6 - 8 pm

America's Rebalance Towards Japan and China. Harvard Professor Joseph Nye examines the progress being made in America's policy "rebalance" towards Asia, with special attention to China and Japan. Mark Halperin, Editor-at-Large, Time Magazine, presides.

Agenda: Registration 6 - 6:30 pm; Lecture and Q&A 6:30 - 7:30; Reception 7:30 - 8.

Admission: Non-members: \$15. Corporate Members: Free, up to designated number of tickets; additional tickets \$10. Individual Members at Patron Circle level and above: \$10. Academic and government: \$10.

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Turtle Bay Music School

244 East 52nd Street
212-753-8811 tbms.org

Artist Series

Friday nights, 7 - 9 pm, Em Lee Concert Hall

February 21

Seth Paris. Faculty member Seth Paris and the No Small Money Jazz Trio perform a mixture of West African and Caribbean folk songs as well as original compositions for jazz trio. Free and open to the public; a reception will follow.

March 7

Paula Biedma. Piano faculty member Paula Biedma, with soprano Amanda Kohl, presents a program of works by various composers from different nationalities all featuring a "gypsy" influence. Free and open to the public; a reception will follow.

March 11

Allison McNeal. Joined by pianist Ling Leng, strings faculty member Allison McNeal presents a program of sonatas by Bach,

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Beethoven and Franck. Free and open to the public; a reception will follow.

March 28

Laura Kay. In honor of Womens' History Month, voice faculty member Laura Kay performs a series of operatic roles bringing a different point of view on women who have been misrepresented throughout history. Free and open to the public; a reception will follow.

Sunday, April 11, 8 am - 5 pm

Matthew Graybil. Praised by The Southampton Press as "hypnotic and compelling," piano faculty member Matthew Graybil presents a program of virtuoso piano works.

St. Bart's

325 Park Ave., <http://mmpaf.org>

Classical Music Concerts

Sun., March 23, 2:30 pm in the Chapel

The Apple Hill Chamber Players. Joined by the Dorian Wind Quintet, the internationally praised artists of New Hampshire's Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music will perform a program including Beethoven's String Quartet, Opus 18, #6 and Brahms's Serenade in the Nonet version. Tickets: General Admission, \$28 (\$25 plus \$3 handling fee). Students/Seniors, \$18 (\$15 plus \$3 handling fee). Buy online or call the box office.

Sun., April 27, 2:30 pm

Paul Brantley and The Flux Quartet: "In Celebration of Franz Alt." "Estherházy Book I," a new string quartet by New York composer Paul Brantley, will receive its premiere performance in a program also including John Cage's "String Quartet in Four Parts," Gyorgy Kurtag's "Six Moments Musicaux," and selected string quartet movements of Franz Joseph Haydn. Tickets: General Admission, \$28 (\$25 plus \$3 handling fee). Students and Seniors, \$18 (\$15 plus \$3 handling fee). Buy online or call the box office.

St. Peter's Church

619 Lexington Avenue at 54th Street
saintpeters.org

Classical Concerts

Tuesday at 8 pm

(Suggested donation \$10)

Feb. 11

Antara Ensemble.

Feb. 25

Talujon Concert Series.

March 4

The Handel Festival Orchestra, Annual Concert.

March 11

Recital. Soprano Catherine Forbes and pianist Eric Malson perform "Quatorze Airs Espagnols Anciens" by Joaquín Nin, "Cinq Chansons" by Reynaldo Hahn, "4 Canciones Populares" by Carlos Guastavino, "Four Songs: Opus 13" by Samuel Barber, and "Vier Letzte Lieder" by Richard Strauss.

March 18

Chamber16: All-Bach Concert. Violinist Sharon Gunderson, pianist Mary Bopp, and Friends (12-15 string players, one pianist) play Bach's Piano Concerto in D minor and Solo Sonata No. 2 for violin in A minor. (Suggested donation, \$15.)

April 1

Alacorde Piano Trio. Featuring Jacqueline Schiller-Audi, piano; Jee Sun Lee, violin; and Suji Kim, cello.

Grand Central Library

135 East 46th Street (Lexington/Third)
212-621-0670
nysl.org/locations/grand-central
Fully accessible to wheelchairs.
All programs are free unless noted.

Thursdays through March 27, 11 - 11:30 am

Toddler Time

Children from 18 months to 4 years old and their parents/caregivers can enjoy interactive stories, action songs, and fingerplays, and spend time with other toddlers from the neighborhood. Program is limited to 20 toddlers and 20 adults.

Fridays, through March 28, 4 pm

Crafts and Stories

Fun crafts and stories for ages four to twelve.

Lenox Hill Senior Center

At St. Peter's Church

619 Lex. Ave., 54th St., saintpeters.org
Contact: Fabian Arias, 646-244-5404
neuquenedu@aol.com

Mon., Wed. Thurs. and Fri., 9 am - 4 pm in the Living Room, (Closed President's Day, Feb. 13.)

In partnership with Lenox Hill Neighborhood House and United Neighbors of East Midtown, the church hosts a robust program, five days a week. An onsite social worker provides services and direction. Lunch is

always served in community, and there is a wide range of programs is offered..

Sundays. 10:30 - 11:30 am,

Plaza Room | Studio

Theater and Movie Discussion

Contact: Vineeta Chopra
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Annual Meeting *continued from page 1*

Special Ops Lieutenant Fred Martinez represented the 17th Precinct, reporting a recent uptick in car break-ins and thefts of electronics left in plain sight on car seats, and the quick-grab of cell phones from unsuspecting pedestrians by thieves on bicycles. Officer Martinez reminded the gathering to stay aware in these situations.

Dan Miner, recently-arrived District Manager of Community Board 6, introduced himself and invited citizens to visit the CB6 website and become involved in the board's efforts on behalf of the community.

Members also heard updates from TBA Treasurer Dick Irwin, Grants Committee Chair Patricia McDougald, and Co-Chair of the Membership Committee, Ethel Bendove.

The TBA honored outgoing City Council Member Jessica Lappin, who dedicated herself to the interests of Turtle Bay since 2006, when she first began representing District 5 on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

N.Y. State Assemblymember Dan Quart emphasized his commitment to improving air quality in the city, referencing a program of tax offsets and credits which has attracted a growing number of businesses and other participants.

Dan Garodnick, City Councilmember for District 4, wound up the meeting with the pre-publication news that Bloomberg had withdrawn his East Midtown Rezoning proposal in light of the City Council's certain rejection.



Dan Garodnick

Following the meeting, members enjoyed refreshments and conversation.

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Parnells

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parnellsnyc.com

With TBA membership card: 10% discount

Beloved Local Pub Open for Drinks Following Fire

BY LOIS AVERY GAETA

No matter that Parnell's kitchen is temporarily closed for renovations due to fire. This lively neighborhood Irish pub is still serving up some of the best drinks locally to grateful regulars who, along with many other loyal fans from the TBA, are cheering owner Brian Porter on to a rapid full re-opening.



The question is: Who's standing the next round? Parnell's owner, Brian Porter, plans to reopen the kitchen as soon as possible.

Newsworthy Notes

TBA Board Member Paints over Graffiti

We always report on our "Board at Work." Recently, TBA director Bill Huxley took citizen action. Tired of the graffiti on the north wall of Mee Noodle Shop, at 49th and Second, Bill bought some paint, went out, and repainted the wall: a true contribution to the quality of life in Turtle Bay. Thank you, Bill.



The wall, before and after, above.

Metrocard Van Schedule in Turtle Bay

Vans sell Unlimited Ride MetroCards and Pay-Per-Ride MetroCards, and they refill MetroCards and Reduced-Fare MetroCards.

Van in Turtle Bay: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 8:30 - 11 am, 47th and Second.

Board At Work

- Tracking development plans and construction at building sites in Turtle Bay and in nearby Manhattan.
- Maintaining connections with the federal, state and city elected officials who represent us.
- Collaborating with local representative agencies, such as Community Board 6, to support community initiatives.
- Working with the 17th Precinct and 17th Precinct Community Council on safety and quality-of-life issues.
- Keeping an eye on parks and playgrounds to assure safety, security and cleanliness.
- Raising funds for nonprofits that serve the neighborhood.
- Bringing neighbors together at events, like our "Love Thy Neighborhood" Valentine Party, throughout each year.



TBA MEMBERSHIP COUPON

Yes, I want to join the Turtle Bay Association to help support our community's quality of life.

Annual Membership Dues

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