

PWVTA Archives Annual Update - Draft

January, 2011

1. Additional boxes of PWVTA files were packed and picked up by NYU's Tamiment Library this past year. The contents have yet to be indexed but the Park West Village Tenants Association is briefly described and the boxes listed by number and contents on the website of Tamiment Library. (Google Tamiment Library and go to Collections List/Finding Aids.) A copy of that file will be passed around at the 1/18/11 meeting and included in the Minutes.

2. Tamiment will in 2011 sort and index the papers, and consult with us as needed. Their purpose is sort out the stories the archives tell and to "preserve the past for the future." The files are open to scholars and anyone interested: best to make an appointment in advance however as some files may be stored outside the Library.

3. In late spring, Tamiment Library would like to organize an exhibit and an evening program based on the archives of the three tenant organizations it holds: PWVTA, Westgate Tenants, and the Met Council. Tentative title: *"The Role of Tenant Organizations in Shaping New York's Housing Policy."*

Tamiment presents many such programs, drawing on their archives and relating the past to the present. All three tenant groups will work closely with them in planning this program, and have met with the Library's Director to begin planning. PWVTA suggestions welcome.

4. More than 20 PWV residents have so far contributed papers to the PWVTA Collection. Thanks! and there are more outstanding.

5.. PWVTA's website ([www.pwvta.org](http://www.pwvta.org)) includes past newsletters sent to the archives and "The Park West Village Tenants' Association: A Partial List of Accomplishments 1975-2007." Win Armstrong (archives) and Chuck Tice (website) are collaborating to assure that material sent to the archives is referenced on the website as appropriate.

Tamiment Library is on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor of the main NYU Bobst Library, at 70 Washington Square South.