

# Park West Village Tenants' Association

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## April 2010: EMERGENCY ALERT from the Dog Run Committee ***THE PROPOSED DOG RUN BEING BUILT UNDER OUR WINDOWS!***

Dear Fellow Park West Village Tenant,

The past few years have seen the obliteration of Park West Village as initially envisioned more than fifty years ago — beautiful trees, walkways with benches, and spacious views within a quiet, diverse residential community. *Today more than fifty trees are gone, along with the walkways, benches and airy views!*

Tenants in 784, 788 and 792 Columbus Avenue who once enjoyed privacy now exist in a crowded fish bowl. PWV views have been obstructed by the new luxury tower at 808 Columbus Avenue. Because of the building's glass façade, our new neighbors can see directly into our apartments, and we must see them in their gym — hardly ideal for any of them or us. PWV residents seeking privacy must hide from sun and light behind shutters and blinds.

***The latest threat to our quality of life by the developers is the proposed dog run behind 792 Columbus Avenue, already being built on the east side of the building – just a mere 26 feet from tenant apartment windows!***

They call it a “dog run” — but in actuality it is a *dog toilet* with water sprinklers to wash away the urine. Who will pick up the dog poop? Will staff be assigned to do that, or will the dog owners?

A second dog run in a similar location behind 784 Columbus Avenue is under consideration. Throughout the day, tenants will be subjected to loud barking, associated smells, and the congregated dog owners talking. ***These nearby dog runs will negatively impact our entire community — noise and odors travel!***

### **WHAT DO DOG RUNS ON OUR PROPERTY MEAN FOR US?**

Most simply, that our Park West Village quality of life has deteriorated significantly, with no apparent end to this destructive trend. Quality of life refers to an individual's emotional, social and physical well-being, including the ability to enjoy the regular functions of our lives here.

According to the NYC Parks Department, a “dog run” must include:

- An ongoing volunteer committee for maintenance of the dog run
- Lights
- Gates, a “vestibule” area and seating
- Trash cans
- Boxes for clean-up bag disposal
- Proof that all dogs are vaccinated
- Accessible water supply for dogs
- Owners using the dog run will be held responsible for medical bills if their dog injures another.

Is this even feasible? Who will maintain the dog runs? To whom does the dog owner submit proof of vaccination? Will there be security to ensure that only PWV tenants will use it? Who is held responsible if a dog injures a tenant or another dog?

### ***YOU CAN HELP!***

If you cannot accept the infringements on our quality of life, please sign your name here, and return it to the **PWVTA DOG RUN COMMITTEE**, 792 Columbus Avenue Apt. 16A or 1C; or to 788 Columbus Avenue Apt. 10A; or to 784 Columbus Avenue Apt. 6-0. We plan to meet with Park West Village Management to discuss our concerns with the owners, and report back to you.

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