

The Park West Tenant

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, November 11 7:30PM

RYAN HEALTH CENTER 110 W. 97th St.

AGENDA: Membership business, set dues for 2009, new business.

★ Helen Rosenthal, Chairperson, Community Board 7

“Your Community Board: How it works for Park West Village”

★ Marjorie Cohen, Executive Director, Westside Crime Prevention Program

“Security for the Park West Village neighborhood and you”

BRING YOUR CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS!

ALL PWV RESIDENTS WELCOME, BUT ONLY PWVTA MEMBERS CAN VOTE.

YOU CAN JOIN OR RENEW AT THE DOOR!

Door opens 7pm — come early, meet neighbors, enjoy hospitality & cookies!

WATER MAIN BREAK HALLOWEEN EVE

On Thursday evening, October 30, a sudden and severe water main break at Columbus Avenue and 97th Street caused a disruption in water supply to 784 Columbus Avenue.

Once the roof tank reserve was tapped out, residents were without water until full service was restored the following afternoon.

In addition, telephone service in 788 Columbus Avenue was briefly disrupted, then restored on Friday. Sidewalks buckled outside the 808 Columbus Avenue construction site.

On Saturday, Tischman Construction workers removed the resulting mud and water from their building sites east of Columbus Avenue.

RALLY TUESDAY DECEMBER 9 REPEAL VACANCY DECONTROL

NEW YORK IS OUR HOME!

New York City tenant advocacy groups are organizing a rally on December 9 to call for the repeal of vacancy decontrol.

Tenants groups across the city are mobilizing and hope to have thousands of participants at the rally. Mark the date and plan to come and bring your neighbors.

Rally plans are still being formulated, so please get current info at www.PWVTA.org or write andres@tandn.org.

REPEAL THE URSTADT LAW!

PROTECTING RIGHTS, HELPING NEIGHBORS, BUILDING COMMUNITY! www.PWVTA.org

ARE YOU BEING OVERCHARGED?

If you have moved into an apartment in 784, 788 or 792 Columbus Avenue, there is a strong possibility that you are being overcharged.

These buildings are covered by the New York State Rent Stabilization Law which requires landlords to follow a specific formula when setting new rents following an apartment vacancy. The owners of Park West Village have a history of overcharging new tenants by inflating the costs of apartment renovations

What should you do? Call the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) at 718-739-6400 and request the rent history on your apartment.

Upon receiving the rent history, call the PWVTA Hotline at 212-662-2610 to set up an appointment with a member of the Overcharge Committee who will help you through the process.

For more information go to www.pwvta.org and click on homepage link "PAST PWVTA NEWSLETTERS." There you'll find details on PWV's history of rent overcharges in the March 2008 newsletter.

The PWVTA Executive Board usually meets on the third Tuesday of the month. PWVTA members are welcome to attend. Next meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 7:30 pm, at the Ryan Health Center, 110 W. 97th Street, downstairs.

Westiders for Public Participation PWVTA CONTRIBUTES


The PWVTA Executive Board voted to make a contribution to the Westiders for Public Participation, and to urge PWVTA members to join with other members of the community to support WPP's legal action with individual contributions. Your checks should go to: Westiders for Public Participation, Inc., P.O. Box 20093, Park West Station, New York, NY 10025, or online: <http://snipurl.com/westsiders>.

WPP President Paul Bunten, an Associate Member of the PWVTA, said: "We're grateful for this message from the heart of our community. You've really helped us plan for something bigger than we've been."

COMMUNITY CONCERT Saturday, November 8, 8pm
Marta Felcman, pianist, at Second Presbyterian Church, 6 W. 96 St. Suggested contribution, \$10.

The remarkable Argentine pianist Marta Felcman will offer works of Brahms, Debussy, Rorem, and Schumann. Ms. Felcman has received critical acclaim for her sensitive musicianship and interpretive genius. Audiences appreciate her warm engagement and imaginative performances. See www.martafelcman.com. This first benefit concert for the WPP is really meant for all of us to join together as neighbors in an evening of celebration and renewal!

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 **JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS – RENEW NOW!**

PLEASE RETURN THIS MEMBERSHIP / ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP COUPON TO YOUR BUILDING REPRESENTATIVE OR MAIL TO:

Park West Village Tenants' Association
P.O. Box 20339, Park West Finance Station, New York, NY 10025-0339

Name: Building: Apt.: Phone:

Rent-stabilized tenant Market-rate tenant Renting from private owner Owner Email:

Check for 2008 membership dues enclosed, **payable to PWVTA** \$40 Other*: \$.....

Check for 2008 associate membership dues enclosed, **payable to PWVTA** \$35.....

Check includes additional contribution to Legal fund. Amount:

★ If you cannot make full \$40 payment of your annual dues, please pay what you can.
Your membership card will be delivered to you.