

# The Park West Tenant

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

### PWVTA MEMBERSHIP MEETING WITH ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MONDAY, MAY 19, 7:30 pm, Ryan Health Center – 110 West 97 St. This annual meeting was postponed from the March 17 Membership Meeting and rescheduled for May 19. More info call PWVTA Hotline: 212-662-2610 or write us at info@pwvta.org.

### ALL RENTAL TENANTS INVITED TO MEET ON ACTIVITIES AND NEEDS

*TUESDAY, JUNE 3 MEETING TO FEATURE  
PWVTA REPORTS AND DISCUSSION*

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 7:30 pm, Ryan Health Center, 110 West 97 St. **ALL WELCOME!**

This meeting is to orient current and potential PWVTA members, discuss our history and accomplishments, rent stabilization laws, subletting, and related matters. Committee chairs will discuss their activities and needs.

Your ideas are welcome on ways to strengthen our organization, help create a stronger sense of community, and effectively deal with the difficult times we face together in our neighborhood.

### *Park West Village Tree Committee Reports*

Due to construction, twenty-one “street trees” along the east side of Columbus Avenue between 97-100th Street were transplanted to other parts of the City starting April 26.

At the request of the Park West Village Tree Committee, three of the Linden trees were moved around the corner to empty tree pits on 97th Street, where within hours birds had settled in. When construction is complete (at the end of 2009?), the Parks Department will require the developers to plant new trees along the Columbus Avenue strip.

Watch for pictures in the next edition of **The Park West Tenant**.



808 Columbus Avenue - April 23, 2008 8:10 pm  
Photo by Danny Raphael

## Adverse Developments

According to Park West Village residents, development here has a very adverse affect on their health and quality of life. Tenants on the west side of Columbus Avenue suffered so far for more than a year and a half. Bulldozers. Mud everywhere. Excessive dirt in apartments. Open spaces, unobstructed views, grass, trees, benches and sunlight are gone. The noise from excavation, demolition and blasting made it hard to concentrate or hear.

Those in 784 and 792, whose windows are on the edge of the 808 construction site, complain of many ailments, such as respiratory infections, dry eyes, digestive problems, worsening asthma. People on the east side of Columbus are now going through similar experiences.

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## Westiders for Public Participation Grows!

The new organization's first court date is May 7. We will further report what happens, and in the PWVTA website: [www.pwvta.org](http://www.pwvta.org).

A new FAQ there states “...improvement of the community is our highest objective,... accomplished in a lawful manner that includes public participation.” For more info write: [westiders@earthlink.net](mailto:westiders@earthlink.net).

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## RGB Season Begins

There are five seasons in the majority of rent regulated tenants' lives: spring, summer, autumn, winter... and RGB season!

This Rent Guidelines Board season starts earlier this year than in recent years. The preliminary vote is on May 5 at 5:30 pm at Cooper Union, and the final vote is on June 19. The evening public hearing will be in Brooklyn at New York City Technical College, Kiltgord Auditorium, on June 11 from 4:00 to 10:00 pm.

The final public testimony is on June 16 at the Cooper Union from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. For more information contact Andres at 212-608-4320 ext. 316, or [andres@tandn.org](mailto:andres@tandn.org). Visit: [www.tandn.org](http://www.tandn.org).



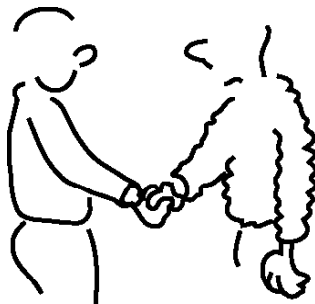
### JUST A FEW SPOTS OPEN FOR PWVTA JUNE CRUISE AROUND MANHATTAN!

The *Bateaux New York* boat launches Saturday, June 7, at 11:30AM with friends and neighbors. You can still enjoy lunch and glorious sightseeing on the glass-enclosed boat by writing now to [cruise@pwvta.org](mailto:cruise@pwvta.org). You can also find info and photos on the PWVTA website: [www.pwvta.org](http://www.pwvta.org).

### WELCOME ASSOCIATE MEMBERS!

The PWVTA welcomes the support and participation of the condo owners of Park West Village who have already joined us!

Let others know we can cooperate on the common issues that concern all of us in Park West Village.



The PWVTA Executive Board usually meets on the third Monday of the month. Any member of the Association is welcome to attend the meeting. If you have something to contribute, call the PWVTA Hotline at 212-662-2610 in advance to be put on the agenda under new business, or write: [info@pwvta.org](mailto:info@pwvta.org).

The next meeting of the Executive Board is Monday, June 16, 7:30 pm.

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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.