

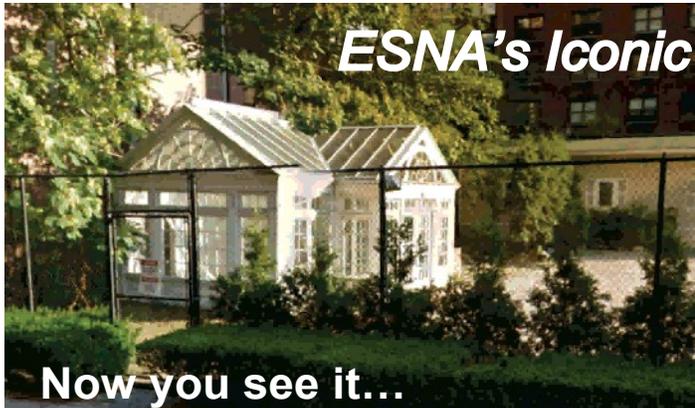
# esna EXTRA

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East Side Access lives! And so the Glass House must go! After years of the occasional comings and goings of trucks at the lot at 2nd Avenue and E. 63rd Street, more frequent activity and construction will be getting underway shortly for the East Side Access project. East Side Access (ESA) is the multi-year MTA project to bring the Long Island Railroad to Grand Central Terminal.

Earlier this month, members of the ESA construction team met with officers of ESNA and nearby building representatives to discuss the scope of the project and the mitigation efforts to be undertaken. During the meeting, members of the MTA the Community Outreach team pledged to keep the community informed through every step of the construction process.

The good news is there will be no blasting or significant rock excavation necessary at this site. For the next four to five months, ESA contractors will be working to prepare the lot for the next phase of construction. Once the site preparation work is completed, activity for the next two to three years at this location will include some minor excavation for and construction of an underground mechanical equipment room, as well as regular deliveries of materials, equipment and access by personnel. Work during both site preparation and ongoing activities will be weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Here's what to expect: trucks will enter and exit the site for deliveries and pickups, never more than a few at a time; equipment may be temporarily staged on the sidewalk or the street as allowed by DOT permits; a vehicle or two may be parked within the lot overnight and on weekends. In general, noise should be minimal most of the time.

Additional activities will include repairs to specific areas of the sidewalk; installation of a decorative fence screen to reduce any negative visual impact and sound attenuating blankets to reduce noise from the lot. Landscaping in the lot will be removed while the hedges surrounding lot will be kept neat and trimmed and missing hedges will be replaced. Site perimeter clean-up and fence screen inspection will take place regularly and informational signage and contact information will be posted

For additional information, contact ESNA at [info@esna-nyc.net](mailto:info@esna-nyc.net) or 212 713-5826.

## Save the Date – Tuesday, December 2 – for ESNA's 22nd Annual Carol Sing

Join us as the renowned *Goode Time Carolers* lead us in song as we celebrate the holiday season!

Note the new location: **TD Bank, southeast corner of First Avenue & E. 67th Street at 6 PM.** Your gift of



an unwrapped toy or game for youngsters newborn to 11 years will be delivered to the Ambulatory Pediatrics of NY-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

## **If you entered the ESNA Raffle today, you could be enjoying a Magical Manhattan Weekend in no time!**

Or enjoying a flight on Southwest Airlines to anywhere in the US. Or a year's membership to NY Sports Clubs. Or any one of ten other wonderful prizes! To get your ESNA Raffle tickets, call us at 212 713-5826. Or e-mail your request to [info@esna-nyc.net](mailto:info@esna-nyc.net). As they say of another game of chance, you've got to be in it to win it! All proceeds benefit the community projects sponsored by the East Sixties Neighborhood Association – pruning our street trees, keeping our sidewalks clean and litter-free and painting over graffiti and in general enhancing the quality of life throughout the neighborhood.

## **All's Fair ...**

Despite an ominous early forecast, August 4 turned out to be weather wonderful for ESNA 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Street Fair! This popular event showcased a wide selection of goods offered by vendors; exotic jewelry, fashion eyewear, house wares, bric-a-brac, CDs, books, scarves and food, food, food! Everyone had a good time browsing through the Fair making purchases while noshing many of the goodies offered. Highlight of the Fair was ESNA's White Elephant table where contributions from ESNA members were plentiful. Everyone loves a bargain!



## **A Tip of the Hat to Nostalgia...**

Following an extensive cosmetic remake of its store at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 66<sup>th</sup> Street, Dunkin Donuts delighted neighbors by retaining the iconic tiled entrance to the legendary neighborhood ice cream shop, Peppermint Park! Bravo!



## **Become an ESNA Volunteer!**

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## **NYPD Block Watcher Program**

### **Did You Know...?**

The New York City Police Department has a community-participation program called the "Block Watcher Program." This program is open to all members of the community and is free of charge.

### **Why do we need Block Watchers?**

The safety and security of our city depends on citizen involvement. No Police Department can effectively protect life and property without the support and cooperation of the citizens it serves. The Block Watcher Program establishes an informal network for concerned citizens to report emergencies and non-emergencies to the New York Police Department and other agencies.



### **What is a Block Watcher?**

A Block Watcher is a concerned citizen-someone who wants to make sure their block and neighborhood is safe. A Block Watcher's objective is to watch their block, and if they observe any criminal activities, to report it – no further action or involvement is necessary.

### **How do I become a Block Watcher?**

If you wish to join the Block Watcher program, contact ESNA at 212 713-5826 or [info@esna-nyc.com](mailto:info@esna-nyc.com).

## **MSK Construction Update**

The demolition of the former Hertz building by Memorial Sloan Kettering on E. 64<sup>th</sup> Street has been completed and excavation of the site continues. The foundation will be laid in early 2015 with occupancy targeted for 2017.

Laboratory services performed at the facility will include specialized testing in hematology/hemostasis, clinical chemistry, microbiology/ infectious disease, and flow cytometry (a technique used to examine microscopic particles such as cells and chromosomes). A full-service blood bank and stem cell therapy laboratory will be used to

prepare blood and cell products for transfusion at the point of care. In addition, the new facility will support a training program for the next generation of laboratory medicine professionals. For additional information, contact ESNA at 212 713-5826 or email us at [info@esna-nyc.com](mailto:info@esna-nyc.com).

