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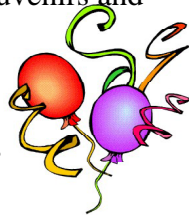
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## Join us at ESNA's 60<sup>th</sup> Street Summerfest

It's ESNA's 21st Annual Street Fair! Join us at a veritable bazaar of exotic ornaments, fashion eyewear, house wares, bric-a-brac, CDs, NYC souvenirs and food, food, food!

- **Sunday, August 21, 2016**
- Between 5th & Madison Avenues
- Noon – 5 pm
- Over 100 vendors
- **And ESNA's matchess "White Elephant" table.**



## It's Time To Burst The Bubble!



When is a public park not a public park? When it's off limits to the public for 9 months of the year. That's the current situation at the Queensboro Oval at York Avenue and E. 59<sup>th</sup> Street.

Opened as a public playground in 1909, for the past 30 years a private tennis club has had exclusive use of the 1.24 acre site from September through May. But perhaps that's about to change. Through the efforts of the Parks & Recreation Committee of Manhattan Community Board 8, the City's Department of Parks & Recreation may reconsider the club's lease when it's up for renewal in 2017.

You can make a difference. If you believe that the Queensboro Oval should be available to the entire community year round, join your friends and neighbors on Saturday, June 25 at 11 am – 1 pm at the Oval for a rally to help make it a full-time public park. There will be a live band, activities for children, raffles of sports equipment and more! It's time to burst the bubble to make way for everyone to enjoy our local park.

## Attention, Attention Must Be Finally Paid...

... to the parks in the ESNA neighborhood. And as this edition of ESNA attests, three of our treasured green open spaces are receiving much needed care from the city and state.

Next up: 24 Sycamores Park is to have a refurbished park comfort station which will have ADA accessible ladies and men's rooms. The process of procurement has started and has



about 18 months left. Construction is estimated to start end of 2017/beginning 2018. Construction will take about 18 months. The area will be regraded and, as a result, asphalt pavement removed and new pavers installed, when the regrading is complete. The base of the flagpole will have some limited repairs. New fencing will be installed around the swings. The comfort station will have the paint removed and the natural brick color will be restored. The last renovation to the park was over 20 years ago. We want to thank our former Councilmember, Jessica Lappin, for providing the funding for this much needed repair. Finally.

Save  
the Date

**Monday evening, September 26, 2016**

25  
YEARS

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## Things Are Looking at Tramway Park

Roosevelt Island Operating Corp (RIOC) is planning to start replacement of the existing elevator and wheel chair lift, which is frequently out of operation. The original devices were installed in 1976 and have often needed repair. The work is scheduled to start in October, 2016 and is estimated to take approximately one year. The two new elevators will be glass and have controllable



LED lighting. Their placement will expand southward into the park. The new design provides better access to the elevators for those in wheelchairs or with large baby strollers. Four trees will be removed but the Parks Department will be reimbursed under the parks' formula for new trees. The cost of the

entire project is approximately 2 million dollars.

When the plan was presented to the community at the May 24 Community Board Transportation/Parks Committee meeting, members of the community suggested that some mitigation was due since a great deal of the park would be off limits to the public for a year or more and that the loss of part of the park would be permanent. Some suggested that the mitigation take the form of installing the water feature that was part of the original plan when the park was redesigned more than 10 years ago but never installed. A member of the public pointed out that the underground plumbing for the water table had been installed at the time of most recent renovation.

### Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

#### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY:

(Circle One)

Individual Coop/Condo Owner	\$25.00
Senior Coop/Condo Owner (65+)	\$20.00
Renter	\$15.00
Senior Renter (65+)	\$12.00
Townhouse Owner	\$50.00
Commercial/Business/Professional	\$50.00

Membership Dues Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## ESNA Salutes These New Merchant Members

**Bedford Falls** - a neighborhood bar with an atmosphere unparalleled to any Upper East Side experience - **206 East 67<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Celestial Cleaners** - over 10 years of experience in the dry cleaning and laundry business. Eco-friendly dry cleaning solutions. Free pick up & delivery - **257 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Crunch 66<sup>th</sup> Street** - our mission is to make exercise both fun and judgment-free; Crunch is renowned for putting creative twists on traditional classes and workouts - **1131 Third Avenue**

**Daily Bagel** - a contemporary gourmet delicatessen / homemade bagels / breakfast and post-breakfast specials / premium coffee bar / fresh juice bar - **1111 First Avenue**

**Leslie J. Garfield/Francis O'Shea Senior Real Estate Adviser** - specializes exclusively in the representation of fine townhouse properties on the Upper East Side - **505 Park Avenue**

**Glade Nail & Spa** - full service / manicure / pedicure / aroma waxing / body massage / special spa packages including manicure, pedicure, back rub, foot reflexology - **1224 Second Avenue**

**Grace's Marketplace** - our local premier gourmet market offering the best in quality foods and customer service. Family owned and operated - **1299 Second Avenue**

**Gristedes** - our newly redesigned, shopper-friendly store offers fresh meat, produce, dairy products, baked goods, frozen foods, gourmet foods, and nonfood items / we strive to make every shopping experience a great shopping experience / "Your neighborhood grocer since 1888" - **1208 First Avenue**

**Le Pain Quotidien** - founded in Brussels in 1990, today it is an international chain serving bakery fare, healthful salads, handmade breads and organic drinks for breakfast, lunch and dinner - **1270 First Avenue**

**Under the Bridge** - new Greek restaurant for the Sutton Place and ESNA areas / our kitchen prepares traditional home cooked dishes with tender, loving care / our menu Features light and healthy choices - **1079 First Avenue**

- Contributed by Judy Elgart