

esna EXTRA

A Not-for-Profit Corporation

The Bulletin of the East Sixties Neighborhood Association

[Volume 46]

www.esna-nyc.net

[Summer 2011]

ESNA Salutes These New Merchant Members

HomBom Toys - a wide variety of brand-name toys, arts & crafts & educational items **1217 First Ave**

Ciel Bicycles NYC - city bikes and accessories for commuters and urban cyclists **360 E. 65th St**

Eastside Art Gallery - expert rapid framing. Posters, lithographs, paintings **1st Ave & E. 67th St**

Just Bulbs - since 1980, Just Bulbs has been THE light bulb store **220 E. 60th St**

Melange - for all your gourmet groceries - pickles, cold cuts, dessert delights & more **1188 First Ave**

Olivia - formerly East River Cafe, now features an Italian menu **1111 First Ave**



Southpoint Parks Opens on Roosevelt Island

On an incredibly brilliant morning in early August, Southpoint Park formally opened on Roosevelt Island. The 7.5 acre waterfront park offers stunning sight lines, luxuriant gardens and the landmarked Strecker Memorial Laboratory. And the visual focal point of the park is the Renwick Smallpox Hospital, designed by one of New York's most prominent 19th century architects, that long served as the only center for the treatment of smallpox in the City. Today it is a romantic and picturesque ruin, evoking memories of the past.



Councilwoman Jessica Lappin and son Lucas.

The park came about thanks to the unflagging efforts of City Councilwoman Jessica Lappin, who helped secure \$4.5 million for the project. At the opening ceremony, she said, "For years this space was literally fenced-off and only open one day a year. Now we have reclaimed it and given it back to the public."

And it's yours to enjoy year round. Southpoint Park is just a spectacular three-minute ride away, via the Roosevelt Island Tram at 2nd Avenue and 60th Street. Enjoy!

Some views of the Second Avenue Subway Construction – from 1982 to the Present

The plans for a 2nd Avenue subway were first drawn up in 1929. There have been fits and starts ever since. In the 1980s tunnels were dug in the East 60s, the East 90s and low 100s. Work began in earnest on the latest project in April 2007.

With a little bit of help from our friends in Congress, the State Capital and City Hall, and with the blessing of the Supreme Being, Phase 1 of the Second Avenue Subway will open for service, with 200,000 daily riders, in December 2016.



Recently uncovered stairway originally constructed in the 1980s and the structure now in place atop it to allow access by workmen and their equipment.



(Left) ESNA member Charles Truehold, in subway tunnel below E. 63rd Street & Third Avenue – Nov. 2, 1982. (Center) Barry Schneider, with Tunnel Boring Machine, E. 92nd Street & Second Avenue – May 5, 2010. (Right) Charles & Barry – above ground, July 27, 2011 (Charlie holds the distinction of being the most geographically challenged of all ESNA members. He currently resides in Maui, Hawaii, slightly outside the association's boundaries.)

Note: For up-to-the-minute information about the Second Avenue Subway project, visit the MTA's website at: <http://mta.info/capital/future/avenue-subway.php>.



Become an ESNA Volunteer.

The rewards are inestimable!

Call 212 713-5826 / email: info@esna-nyc.net

A Day in the Life of Four ESNA Tree Pruners – Sunday, June 6, 2011

9:05 AM Four ESNA pruners (Phil, Kathleen, Liz and Judy) arrive on the scene - east side of Third Ave between E.68 & E. 69 to assess pruning needs for trees in block.

9:09 AM Man walking past stops to ask what the pruners are doing. Thinks they are there to remove the long strip of plastic wrapped in the branches of one of the trees. Pruners explain their intended purpose – pruning the trees – and offer to remove the plastic with their tallest pole pruner.



9:10 AM Conversation follows on work of the ESNA tree pruner group and tree course taught by Trees NY. Business cards are exchanged, as well as literature on ESNA and a Trees NY Tree Tips leaflet. Man goes on his way.

9:18 AM Truck with cherry picker pulls up to curb and proceeds to put up banner on utility pole. Tree pruner Judy engages men in truck in conversation. The outcome: the driver and his son agree to remove strip of plastic, 5-6 feet long, that had wrapped itself around many branches beyond the pruners' ability to remove safely. The son carefully unlaces the plastic from above standing in the well-placed bucket. When the truckers left, Judy points to banner they had installed: "Stay active. Volunteer in your community."

9:20 AM – 11:00 ESNA tree pruners continue on their appointed rounds. Mission accomplished.

- Liz McCracken

Win a Manhattan Magic Weekend or One of Ten Other Prizes!

As the summer winds down, the ESNA Raffle 2011 excitement is beginning to heat up! Here's your chance to win a magical weekend in the Big Apple, airline tickets to anywhere in the U.S. and more!

Each ticket is only \$1 and all proceeds benefit the community projects sponsored by the East Sixties Neighborhood Association. They include pruning our street trees, beautifying the tree beds, keeping our sidewalks clean and litter-free and painting over graffiti and in general enhancing the quality of life throughout the neighborhood.

To get your ESNA Raffle tickets, call us at 212 713-5826. Or e-mail your request to info@esna-nyc.net. As they say, you've got to be in it to win it!



Your Community Needs You - Join the NYPD Auxiliary Police

The NYPD is conducting open enrollment for the position of Auxiliary Police Officer Classes begin February 2012. The NYPD is looking for civic minded individuals who want to give back to their communities by volunteering as Auxiliary Police Officers.



Benefits: Experience, College Credits, Resume, Self-Esteem, Networking, Public Service, Benefits in Law Enforcement Careers.

If you are interested in joining, please attend on the following date and time:

Dates: Thursday, September 8, 2011

Times: 6:00pm- 7:00pm or 7:00pm- 8:00pm

Location: NYPD Auxiliary Police Section (Queens Borough Hall Building), 120-55 Queens Boulevard, Kew Gardens, NY 11424 **By Train:** Take the E or F train to the Kew Gardens Union Turnpike Station. If you are going to attend, please RSVP PO Eric Nass at the following website: Eric.Nass@NYPD.org.

For further information, please visit the website at www.nypdaux.com.

Watch this space...

in the next edition of ESNA Extra – for news of the exciting developments taking place at **Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital**, our neighbor and member.

Membership Application

Name _____

E-mail Address _____

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 \$ _____

Please mail your payment to:

ESNA, Inc.

1173A Second Avenue-#110

New York, NY 10065