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Sorry, young man, but not this year.

We regret to announce that the Annual ESNA Winter Clothing Drive will not be held this year.



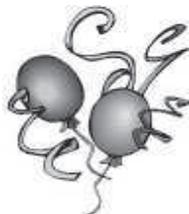
We have been informed that due to space limitations, staffing and other constraints, the charities to whom we donated have been finding it increasingly difficult, if not impossible, to accept the volume of clothing that ESNA generates during its one-day Saturday winter clothing drive. Recently, another one of our major charities notified us that they could no longer participate in our annual drive. Since there are still individual needs, ESNA has to adjust and rethink how best it can meet those needs in the future. But for this fall, we will not be conducting the annual Saturday clothing drive that so many of our members, friends and neighbors have participated in over the years. Recognizing that you may want to donate clothing, we have asked the charities that have previously accepted our clothing if they will accept clothing donations on a walk in basis. Here are two charities that are happy to accept your clothing donations:

- ◆ Housing Works Thrift Shop, 202 East 77th Street
212-772-8461
Mon-Fri: 11 AM- 7 PM, Sat: 10 AM-6 PM,
Sun: 12 PM-5 PM
- ◆ Jan Hus Church, 351 East 74th Street
212-288-6743 church@janhus.org
Mon-Sat: 8 AM- 8:30 PM

Join us at ESNA's 60th Street Summerfest

It's our 18th 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!

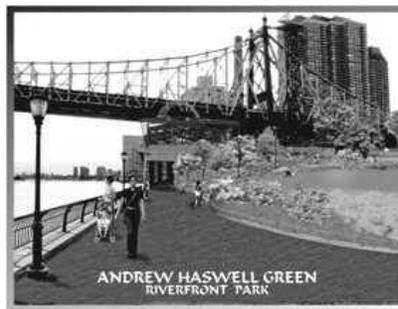
- Sunday, August 4, 2013
- Between 5th & Madison Avenues
- Noon – 5 pm
- Over 100 vendors
- And ESNA's incomparable "White Elephant" table.



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One step closer...

The city's Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) moves in mysterious ways! What began in October 2012 at a public hearing by the CUNY-MSK Task Force Com-



mittee of Community Board 8 at Lenox Hill Hospital will wind up in September 2013 with a vote by the City Council at City Hall.

Yet in the meantime, at its May 8 Land Use Committee meeting, the members of Community

Board 8 voted in favor of the entire ULURP application including the Zone Text Amendment that provided funding for the completion of the Andrew Haswell Green riverfront park at E. 60th Street!

The next step is the public hearing by the City Planning Commission. The date is Wednesday, July 10 at 10:00 AM at 22 Reade Street, just steps from the Municipal Building on Centre Street. We urge all members and friends of ESNA to attend the meeting and speak out in support of the funding for Andrew Haswell Green Park! For further information, email ESNA at info@esna-nyc.com or phone us at 212 713-6826.

Once again, the birthplace of ESNA to be razed

It began in 1991, when the MTA lot at the southeast corner of Second Avenue and E. 63rd Street was slated to become a public parking lot. That's when – and where – ESNA was born. The nascent neighborhood group prevailed upon the MTA to abandon their plans for a noxious neighbor and to consider a benign tenant – the Elizabeth Street Sculpture Garden!



And now the space will change yet again. With the East Side Access project ramping up, the MTA needs to configure the space to meet the needs of the next construction contract. After that contract is awarded in September, a portion of the site will be excavated to accommodate work about 30 feet below street level. And so the iconic glass house, alas, will be demolished. The entire project should last about 36 months.

Our Fall newsletter will flesh out the details of the project.

Goings-on in the neighborhood

- The **Clearview Cinemas'** multi-screen movie theatre on East 62nd Street has closed. According to the landlord, Clearview opted not to renew its lease when its current lease expired. The landlord is seeking a new tenant. (Editorial Comment: While you may not be going to the movies on E. 62nd



Street, don't forgo a wonderful dining experience just across the street at **Anatolia Mediterranean Cuisine.**)

- The building that for decades was home to **Hertz Car Rental** on E. 64th Street has been sold and Hertz has moved its operation to the multi-story garage relocated just one door to the east at 337 East 64th Street. The new owner,

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, will be demolishing the existing structure later this summer. The Laboratory Medicine Building will consolidate laboratory services for all MSK patients. It will be 75 ft. tall, with an additional 20 ft. for mechanicals. The building is expected to be completed in 2016.



- You'll notice some new activity at the **Con Ed** substation on E. 63rd/E. 64th Streets between First and Second Avenue. This summer they'll be painting the tree beds and planting them with Vinca major and Vinca minor, flowering evergreen ornamental plants.



Later this year they will be replacing some equipment within the station; our fall newsletter will have more specific information about hours of work and the duration of the project.

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- Watch your USPS mail box just after Labor Day for **ESNA's annual raffle tickets!** This year there are a total of 12 prizes topped by the Grand Prize of a fabulous New York Weekend Getaway. You'll enjoy a weekend stay in a five-star Times Square hotel, receive a \$100 dining gift certificate and two tickets to a Broadway show! Good luck to all!

Beautification Committee needs your help!

Spend a couple of delightful hours on Sunday mornings assisting our Citizen Pruners as they trim our street trees and paint over graffiti on city property – mail storage boxes, fire call boxes and the like. Phone the ESNA Hotline—212 713-5826—and your call will be promptly returned telling you of date, time and place to meet up with our green team...helping to make our neighborhood a better place to live and work.

About the Marine Transfer Station

The NYC Department of Sanitation proposal to convert the Marine Transfer Station at E. 91st Street and the East River is proceeding, albeit at a snail's pace. The plan was originally approved by the City Council and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in 2006. And yet despite numerous law suits and community groups' efforts to halt the project, the City's Solid Waste Management Plan is still alive. Although when the E. 91st Street site will open is uncertain, the impact on the ESNA community is expected to be an increase in the number of garbage trucks traversing our streets and avenues. As the plan becomes more of a reality, ESNA will post notices in the newsletter and on the bulletin board on E. 64th Street.

Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____ Apt. _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Day _____ Evening _____

Email _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY:

(Circle One)

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| 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 \$ _____

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(Circle those you want to join.)

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