

## NEXT MEETING

► Tuesday, March 25 at 7:30 PM ◀  
at Housing Works, 320 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street (far west door—ring bell)

**We Hope to Have as Our Special Guests  
Representatives from the 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct,  
Who Will Report the Latest Crime Statistics  
and Answer Your Questions\***

*\*Availability will depend upon late-breaking emergencies*

## PIER 40—THE NEVER-ENDING STORY

The future of Pier 40, at West and Houston Streets, has been debated for more than a decade. While our community has spoken out for years, saying emphatically that we want a park on it, the Hudson River Park Trust (HRPT) demands that the pier must be income-producing for the rest of the park.

Right now there are two official proposals. The first one, from Related Developers, would transform Pier 40 into a major destination as a home for Cirque de Soleil and other entertainments. If you feel that Pier 40 is too far away for you to care about, think again; such a destination point would mean a huge upsurge in traffic on our narrow Village streets, with accompanying increases in noise and air pollution. The second proposal calls for a day camp and after-school programs, but HRPT appears to be nervous about its finances. A third—and unofficial—proposal presented by a group of local parents known as the Pier 40 Partnership calls for keeping the present youth athletic fields in the center of the pier, keeping the (much-needed) parking, and making the rest of the pier a park with some to-be-determined commercial uses.

The Pier 40 Working Group (a combination of local elected officials, Community Boards 1, 2 and 4, and community groups such as the Federation to Preserve the Greenwich Village Waterfront and the West Village Houses Tenants) has submitted a report to HRPT recommending that both official proposals be rejected and that work begin to look at ways to make the pier a park other than turning it over to a private developer. However, since it is an Authority, HRPT does not have to listen to the Working Group or to the elected officials.

If you are concerned that Pier 40 can become a heavily trafficked destination point, let HRPT know your feelings. Write to: Diana Taylor, Chair, Hudson River Park Trust, Pier 40—2<sup>nd</sup> floor, West Street at West Houston Street, New York NY 10014. (*Thanks to Carol Feinman for this article.*)

## THE JANE STREET SALE

The annual Jane Street Sale is one of the most popular in Greenwich Village. There are no commercial vendors—just neighbors selling their unwanted stuff or the products of their creativity.

This year's sale—our 10<sup>th</sup>—will be held on Saturday, June 7 (rain date June 8).

We always have more applicants than space, so if you want to participate, please send the application on the reverse side, along with your check, to Miriam Sarzin, 61 Jane Street, Apt. 19F, without delay. The deadline is April 30.

Another reason our sale is so successful is that we have had wonderful assistance from a number of Jane Streeters, and we certainly hope those people will continue to be able to help. But we can always use more people, for as you know, the more helpers there are, the easier it will be for all. So, if you'd like to lend a hand, please call Paula Feddersen at 212-741-0840 or Miriam Sarzin at 212-255-8203, or send in the application form, marked appropriately.

## REMEMBERING A JANE STREET FRIEND

A group of Jane Streeters and others gathered recently at the home of Arthur Stoliar to remember their friend and neighbor Leo Ruzewski, who died on November 29. A native of the coal-mining region of Pennsylvania, Leo enlisted in the Merchant Marine in World War II, and remained in that service after the war, working passenger and cruise ships. He loved traveling, and loved to tell stories of the places he saw and the people he met, including President Harry Truman.

In 1959 Leo retired from the Merchant Marine to live in a small basement-floor studio on Jane Street. He worked the New York Harbor docks, and served as superintendent for several small Jane Street buildings. Spending a lot of time gardening in containers outside his windows, Leo always had a friendly word for passers-by, greeting almost everyone—and their dogs—by name.

Leo will be missed. His passing has left many of us yearning for the kind of easy neighborliness he represented. (*Thanks to Patricia Fieldsteel for facts about Leo's life.*)

**JANE JOTTINGS**

⇒ Congratulations to **David and Robin Key**, proud grandparents of a baby girl. She and her parents live in Brooklyn, close enough for the Keys to be called upon for babysitting duty.

⇒ Spring is here! Time to think about planting some flowers in the tree pit outside your house. If you live in an apartment, ask your landlord’s permission, then get together with some neighbors and help to beautify our street.

⇒ *Did you know?* It is illegal to park motorcycles or motorscooters on the sidewalk. So please don’t do it. And if you see one of these vehicles illegally parked, please call 311 to report it.

⇒ JSA welcomes the following new members: **Amy Bauer, Ronald J. Charles, David Duncan, Donna Gould, Michael and Morgan Hoydich, Andre Pontual, Kara Raynaud, Malynnda Vigliotti**, New memberships received since the last issue are listed here. Thanks also to all old members who renewed.

⇒ Grateful thanks to the following for donations to the tree fund and for other expenses: **Daniel Applebaum, John Carlucci, Ronald Charles, Sandra Davidson, Vito and Rachel DeSario, Bill O’Donnell and the Corner Bistro, Thorne and Virginia Shipley, Mary Vaccaro and Christine Ianuzzi**

**Better Late Than Never**

Newcomers: If you live on Jane Street, or anywhere between West 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Horatio Street, you are eligible for membership in JSA. The JSA membership year is October 1 thru September 30.

It’s never too late to pay your JSA dues. Your dues and contributions help pay for the care of our street trees and the publication of this newsletter. Your dues also help us support vital neighborhood services and charities. So please use the coupon below and send in your checks now. (By the way, we have never increased our dues in the 10 years we have been collecting them.)

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**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**Please be sure to include your email address; important notices and information are sent by email between newsletters.**

TO: Miriam Sarzin, Treasurer, 61 Jane St, NYC 10014 *Please make checks payable to Jane Street Block Association, Inc.*

\_\_\_ Enclosed is my/our dues of \$10.00 per person for membership thru 9/30/08.

\_\_\_ New Membership                      \_\_\_ Renewal

Name (**please print**) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

In addition, enclosed is my contribution of \$ \_\_\_ for the tree fund; \$ \_\_\_ for general expenses

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**STREET SALE APPLICATION FORM**

To: Miriam Sarzin, Treasurer, 61 Jane St, Apt 19F, New York NY 10014  
**Make checks payable to Jane Street Block Association, Inc. Deadline is April 30.**

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for space at the JSA Street Sale on June 7.

Name (*please print*) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

What do you plan to sell? \_\_\_\_\_

I have nothing to sell, but I’d like to help: \_\_\_\_\_ prior to sale

\_\_\_\_\_ day of sale, morning  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of sale, evening