MURRAY HILL GIVES FRENCH
June 3rd Block Party
Recreates 'la rive gauche'

Bon jour, mesdames et messieurs, join in with your friends and neighbors at the Murray Hill Committee’s 6th Annual Block Party—"Murray Hill Goes French." It’s scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd (rain date, Sunday June 4th) on 35th Street between Lexington and Madison Avenues from 12 noon to 6 p.m. This year the block party will feature a French fashion show by the House of Courreges, live entertainment in a "French" style, a silent auction, the many tastes of French food, the flea market, Great Heads Hair Stylists "en plein air," an authentic French carriage ride for the children, and other exciting things to buy, eat and enjoy.

The raffle for this year’s affair will have a grand prize of a one week holiday for two at Paradise Island in the Bahamas compliments of "Club Med." The trip includes air fare, hotel, and many extras. Second prize is a color television set and third prize is a week-end for two at the Doral Hotel, donated by the Doral Park Avenue. Some other prizes include dinner for two at the Sprinkle Top restaurant, jewelry, baskets of cheer, silk flower arrangement and on and on. The big event of the raffle drawing will be hosted by Kenneth Waisman, producer of the Broadway Show, "Grease" along with many members of the cast. All proceeds from the raffle will go toward furthering the beautification of Murray Hill and other worthwhile endeavors of the Murray Hill Committee. Raffles are now being circulated in the neighborhood and will be for sale at the block party, but if you would like your tickets now, contact Marcy Katz at 725-4869 who will gladly send you some. Price is $1.00 each or six for $5.00—a true bargain.

Our popular events from past years will again be returning by popular demand—the book bench, baked goods, a senior citizens area, penny candy, yard goods, the toy store, our exciting children's area, and much more. So drop in on Saturday June 3rd, and visit Murray Hill's own rive gauche.

For those of you who haven't found the time to volunteer yet, Diane Hochberg is again the chairman. This year's event and is always on the lookout for people willing to help us the day of the block party. People are needed for set-up, to man the various booths during the day and to help also with clean-up. If you can find the time, please send you name to Diane at 111 E. 55th St., N.Y. 10016 or call at 889-3288.

HISTORIC TRAIN RIDE FROM GRAND CENTRAL
by Stephen Weingrad

Several weeks ago, our committee participated in supporting the Municipal Arts Society in their efforts to maintain the landmark status of Grand Central Terminal. My wife and I, Irna Worrell and Bob Fisher traveled to Washington on the Landmark Train along with several hundred members of various societies who have been working to preserve Grande Central Station. Many notable celebrities, including Jacqueline Onassis, Mrs. Mondale, Mayor Ed Koch, and various City commissioners and officials, were on hand to generate a very festive atmosphere as the train sped toward Washington, D.C. The cake cutting aboard the train and the various speeches given in Washington with press photographers all over the place added to the excitement. On the short lay over in Washington, D.C., we took a short cab ride from Union Station to tour the cherry blossoms and see the sights.

On the Grand Central Train. From left to right, Irna Worrell, Dr. Robert Fisher, Jacqueline Onassis, Stephen Weingrad, Romi Weingrad.

A unique contribution of Murray Hill on the Landmark Train was the inclusion of Historic Car Number 120 which had been formerly been the private coach of the past New York Central president. This car is currently owned by George and Anita Pins, residents of Murray Hill and active members of our Committee, who generously provided it for this auspicious occasion. Everyone on board took a tour of this famous car, which has great historic value representing a bygone era when travel to and from Grand Central Station was an event to remember.

As a result of the Historic Train Ride, the Murray Hill Committee now has a meeting scheduled with the New York City Landmarks Commissioner relating to our proposal to create an Historic District in Murray Hill covering our core residential area. With a little help from our friends, we may yet see an Historic Designation for Murray Hill.
This newsletter is a bimonthly publication of the Murray Hill Committee, Inc., 136 East 36th St., New York, New York 10016. President: Stephen A. Weingrad; Vice Presidents: Jane Breachard, Eyalynne Ravine, Mark V. Trachtenberg, Irma Worrell; Treasurer: Dr. Patricia Jackson; Corresponding Secretary: Terri Schiffman; Recording Secretary: Francena Bals; Trustees: Minor Bishop, Jettia Brenner, Muriel Ehan, Dr. Robert Fisher, Marcy Katz, Elyane Kieiman, Marie Lapolla, Bobbie Low, Dr. Michael Mills, Don Murphy, Jeanne Pateman, Anita Pians, Elaine Plati, Penny Purpura, Noni Rock, Dorothy Shames, Richard Simpson, Mary Leah Weiss, Dorothy Zises, David Zeller; Honorary Trustees: Edward Bernard, Richard Lang, Edwin Hochberg; Pioneer Trustee: Pauline Baren, Leg of Counsel: Adolph Azrael; Controller: Frederick J. Mackenthun.

Announcements and information of interest to the community, as well as comments, are welcome for publication. Advertising rates are also available, a personal tour for you and perhaps you would do us the honor of having dinner or tea in one of our beautiful homes.

Irma V. Worrell
Vice President

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

Spring is in the air. With our Ivy Program starting and our tree planting well on the way for this season, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who have participated by contributing to our Greening Program. The response to our mailing was very substantial and as a result we are able to complete our tree replacement program for the Spring and are planning a Fall planting of the few vacant tree pits from our Adopt-A-Tree Program. Special commendation goes to Dick Simpson and Irma Worrell who did an outstanding job in bringing this project to a fine conclusion. I would also like to thank all those who volunteered to stuff envelopes, lick stamps, type thank you letters, etc., etc. Everything done at every step of the way is a necessary element in helping our committee reach its goal.

Stephen A. Weingrad
President

(Ed. note: Because our President did such an excellent job of submitting material to us for this issue of the newsletter, we have incorporated his Notes into an article (see Historical Train Ride).

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

W.I.C.A. PARTY. The 65th Annual Washington Irving Community Association Block Party will be held on Saturday, June 17th on 17th St. and Irving Place. Block Parties where ever they take place are fun, and W.I.C.A.’s is one of the best.

WINE & CHEESE PARTY. The East Midtown Community Council, sponsor of the Murray Hill Single Room Occupancy Project for Senior Citizens is having a fund raising Wine & Cheese Party on Monday, June 19th at the Purple Foot, 717 1st Ave. at 41st St from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information call 889-1620.
HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT

The Murray Hill Committee's Historic Photographic Exhibit will be on show at Manhattan Savings Bank on May 23rd through June 2nd. The Bank is located at Park Avenue and 40th Street and open 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Viewing this collection of over one-hundred black and white photographs, dating from the 1800's right through today, is a very exciting remembrance of Murray Hill's rich past and what we are today. The Exhibit is being held in conjunction with the active pursuit of Historic Designation for Murray Hill by the Historic District sub-Committee.

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W.I.C.A. CHALLENGES M.H.C.
A SOFTBALL GAME

Larry Garthe, president of the Washington Irving Community Association (located around Irving Place and 17th Street) has put forth a challenge to the Murray Hill Committee to meet on a baseball diamond to decide eastside's best community softball team. Naturally, we have accepted the challenge and are now planning the organization of our softball team.

We have chosen the date of July 22nd for the event which will take place at St. Gabriel's park, 2nd Avenue at 35th Street. So as not to make the day too much of an embarrassment for W.I.C.A., we are also planning an outdoor barbecue and cake sale, and all W.I.C.A. participants will be offered free eats and drinks as a consolation prize.

To make sure that we DO come away with victory, please add your name to the growing list of participants by sending in the coupon below. Naturally the game is open to women and men, and if any guys out there want to do some cheer leading, don't hesitate to sign up.

Mail Form to: Mark Tracten, 136 E. 36th St., N.Y.C. 10016
Yes, I will participate in the WICA/MHC Softball game. I will by:
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TRASH BASH V

In our continuing endeavors to keep our neighborhood clean and green, some fifty Murray Hill Committee members assembled in front of the Hotel Kitano on the morning of Saturday, April 29.

Marie Lapolla made delicious coffee which was available for all along with doughnuts supplied at cost by the Doughnut Shop on Third Avenue. Julie Clapper helped out by making sure all the equipment and setup was correct. Bob Fisher gave out block cleaning assignments and lively instructions which kept the volunteer traffic moving smoothly from the Kitano to the streets then to the Murray Hill Mews and then to the Brickworks Cafe afterwards for the traditional "bloody mary bash" compliments of the Brickworks owners.

Dick Simpson, assisted by Liz Pierce, placed MHC plaques on neighborhood trees that have been adopted and Mary Leah Weiss distributed literature regarding the new dog litter law which goes into effect August 1st.

In addition to the above, special thanks go to our newest non-member Jeff Lewisohn who volunteered to pick up our 24 brooms promised us by the Sanitation Department and finally gotten from the Citizens Committee and Mort Berkowitz; Vivian Rogers and Romi Weinberg for putting up Trash Bash notices along 2nd and 3rd Avenues, and the management of the Murray Hill Mews for storing our street vats and brooms for us. Special thanks also go to "I Love a Clean New York, Inc." who supplied us with buttons, plastic bags and their own press photographer. Thanks too, to Mr. Demihan, manager of the Hotel Shelbourne for donating a large supply of plastic bags.

Trash is, of course, constantly present so we hope the many new members who came to the Trash Bash will continue to show their interest in a clean Murray Hill.

Call Muriel Elhan at 686-8845 or 949-4510 for further information.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

These notices are placed as a service to community residents. Any advertisement of general interest can be placed here for a fee of $8.00 for M.H.C. members and $6.00 for non-members. Send your listing, along with your check made payable to the Murray Hill Committee to: Mark Tracten, Editor, 136 E. 36th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10016.

APARTMENTS WANTED IN MURRAY HILL
Single Male-professional-age 36 interested in a studio or 1 bedroom apartment. Call Larry evening or weekends at 532-8460.

POSITIONS OPEN

ITEMS FOR SALE
Used KLH AM/FM stereo receiver and KLH model 41 tape deck. $35.00 each or both for $60.00. Both need light repair. Call Mark evens. 532-5574.

SPACE WANTED
Murray Hill Committee is seeking basement storage space for various permanent items. Can use brownstone or apt. space. Will rent if necessary. Call Steve, 594-2944, days.
The following is an abridged edition of the walking tour taken from the Murray Hill Committee’s “Historic Booklet of Murray Hill.” Copies of the complete booklet will be on sale for $2.50 at the Murray Hill Block Party on June 3rd. By mail, send 25¢ plus a stamped return envelope to Irma Worrell, 30 Park Ave., N. Y. 10016.

The tour begins on the south side of the Intersection of Park Avenue and 35th Street.
Murray Hill's Changing Scene

Historic Landmarks
MURRAY HILL
in New York City
drawn by Dean Avery

Murray Hill's Changing Scene — a series of pictures of Murray Hill's rich past, which warrants the recognition of the N.Y.C. Landmarks Preservation Commission. Historic District designation for Murray Hill is being actively pursued by the Historic Sub-Committee, Anita Pins, Chairperson.
**Murray Hill Bouquets to...**

Marie LaPolla and Francena Balsh, "two loyal ladies," for attending many of the hearings at the Board of Estimates on zoning issues concerning Murray Hill.

Minor Bishop, resident architect, for redesigning the Eiffel Tower for our block party.

Kitano Hotel for hosting the kick-off of our Trash Bash on April 29th.

Brickworks Cafe for hosting our Bloody Mary Bash after our Trash Bash day on April 29th.

Elaine Platt for preparing the legal brief and presenting it to the Board of Estimate which turned the tide in our favor on the zoning issue involving Uncle Charles South.

Jeff Lewisohn for providing transportation and helping to procure our own permanent brooms for our Saturday Sweepers.

Diane Hochberg for chairing once again this year our June 3rd Block Party—a very big job!

Paul Hoffman, Foreign Correspondent for the N.Y. Times for highlighting Murray Hill in an article and calling New York, "the most stimulating city in the world."

Mary Stumpf and Mort Berkowitz for helping us obtain current information on block party regulations.

Michael Primiano and Manufacturer's Hanover Trust for the lucite fishbowl and stand for the block party raffle and the Independent Savings Bank for hundreds of shopping bags used to distribute the raffles.

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**EARLY ALERT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

The EARLY ALERT Program is a cooperative effort of the City Department for the Aging, the U.S. Postal Service and public and voluntary social service agencies to provide older New Yorkers with a greater measure of security. In the program, letter carriers report to the Dept. of the Aging cases where older persons are not picking up their mail and may be in some kind of trouble.

**HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:** If you register in Early Alert and your letter carrier, who is usually familiar with long time residents, notices that mail is not being picked up for "a few days or so," he will call the Dept. for the Aging. The Department will then immediately refer to your registration form and will first try to call you if you have a phone. If you cannot be reached, they will then call the contact person you indicated on your registration form. This contact person is someone you trust with a key to your home—a neighbor, relative, or your superintendent. If the contact person is unsuccessful, then the Department will notify an agency in your neighborhood to send a personal inspector. If you do not answer, and the contact person feels you may be in trouble, the local police precinct will be called to determine whether or not you need assistance.

**HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM:** Any New York City resident 65 years or older is eligible for this program and enrollment is entirely voluntary. By registering in the program, the Dept. of Aging will be given permission to take whatever action is necessary in an emergency situation. To obtain a registration form write or call the New York City Dept. of Aging, 280 Broadway, New York, N.Y., 10007, phone 577-0374.

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**CRIME WATCH**

It has been brought to our attention by several Murray Hill residents that a person has been going up and down residential side streets in Murray Hill and trying each and every door as he passed the buildings. Needless to say, security starts at home by locking the front door, but it would be nice to have a conscientious resident dial 911 the next time this fellow is seen making his rounds. Anything of such a suspicious nature should be immediately reported to the police.

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**VOLUNTEER HOSTESS/ASSISTANT FOR SENIORS NEEDED**

The director of the East Midtown Services to Older People, Ms. Leona Feyer, is looking for a volunteer hostess/assistant to give one day a week from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. to help with their free sandwich and beverage luncheon they serve to their regular clients and others who stop by the lounge to take advantage of the program.

Mrs. Feyer, who is concerned with seniors who are shut in having a nutritious meal, sees to the provision of cheese, peanut butter and the like. The volunteer is needed to help cut the sandwiches, serve the beverage and oversee the lunch program for the day.

If you can help, please contact Mrs. Feyer at 68-1620, East Midtown Services to Older People, 11 East 29th Street.

Membership in the Murray Hill Committee is open to all residents and businessmen interested in maintaining the quality of our community. If you are interested in joining with us in our fight to preserve our beautiful neighborhood, please fill in the application form on p. 8, col. 1.
UNCLE CHARLIE'S SOUTH ZONING VARIANCE DENIED

Recently, to the great surprise of many observers, the Murray Hill Committee along with other civic groups was successful in overriding a zoning request by this restaurant for a cabaret licence. Not in recent memory can one remember the last time the Board of Estimate, decided against a decision already made by the Board of Standards and Appeals.

Our volunteer task force was spearheaded by Jane Adler and Eleanor Clark French and Elaine Platt who wrote our legal brief in opposition. Everyone did a fabulous job in turning out local residents—Michael Milts, Marie LaPolla and Pauline Battschinger were at the Board of Estimate, Louis Seopersky was present at the Board of Standards and Appeals, John McKean of Tudor City added his support, Clara Reese, JoAnn Battaglia and Phillip Howard of Community Board 6 contributed as did Frances O'Brien, our District Manager, and even our local politicians lend their support including Congressman William Green, Carter Burden, Henry Stern, Carol Grietzer, Robert F. Wagner, Jr. and Sidney Glazer of Vincent Albano's office.

Stephen Weingrad, President of the Murray Hill Committee, who has present at the final hearing before the Board of Estimate said "this reversal of the Board of Standards and Appeals decision represents a clear victory for community action and reaffirms my faith in our political system." Jane Adler, who truly spearheaded the community action said that "victory was due to the fact that responsible elected officials read the record, listened to the people and decided this case on the merits and not on red herrings thrown in to confuse. It is the work of responsible, intelligent people who don't ask for recognition... that has reaffirmed my faith in the political process. Thank you my community and my elected officials."

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"ACTION SOCIAL COMMITTEE" ON THE MOVE

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1. SOFTBALL & BARBECUE—July 22 (see article this newsletter).
2. GOURMET CLUB—By joining we hope to get together restaurants in Murray Hill who will give members a discount.
3. NIGHT AT THE RACES—A bus trip to Roosevelt, Yonkers or Meadowlands.
4. THEATRE PARTY—at our own Theatre Off Park.
5. APPLE PICKING—a trip in the Fall up north.
6. SWIM PARTY—tentatively set for June 20th at the Murray Hill Mews.
7. SENIOR CITIZENS TEA—a delightful afternoon for our senior residents.
8. HALLOWEEN PARTY—at Halloween, naturally.
9. CULTURAL TRIPS—the Barnes Museum or Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, for example.
10. DARTS, BACKGAMMON & BEER—an afternoon of fun at a local pub.
11. SQUARE DANCE—a fine Fall event, perhaps some corn husking also.
12. BOAT TRIP—around Manhattan or up the Hudson.

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