



# Murray Hill

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

To: Karen Flores, Community Construction Liaison, NYC Department of Design & Construction

Cc: Kevin O'Keefe, Chair, Environment and Parks, Community Board 6  
Katie Loeb, Deputy Chief of Staff for Carlina Rivera, Council District 2

On 3rd Ave from East 32nd St to East 36th St, wooden structures were put up around the tree-beds to protect them from damage during the construction project to replace existing water mains and sewers. The project has gone on for several years and it is long overdue to have these wooden structures removed as they have caused the tree-beds to become total garbage pits. These structures are also bulky and take up a lot of space, causing more congestion on the sidewalks. Several are broken; the garbage is not being removed by the sanitation department or any other agency. Not only is the garbage an eyesore, it is an absolute rat-trap, with food, bottles and worse sitting there day after day. Businesses are suffering because people don't want to walk on this area of 3rd Avenue.

As Chairs of the Preservation & Design Committee of the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association, our goal is to preserve Murray Hill's historic buildings and neighborhood. Unfortunately, this area has become an unsightly, unsanitary eyesore. As studies show, the more there is garbage and filth, the less interest people have in keeping an area clean because they assume the neighborhood doesn't care.

We urge you to please get this situation under control and remove the tree-guards and the mess in the tree-beds which will help to restore our neighborhood and make it a place we can live the Quality of Life Murray Hill and the city of New York deserves.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Susan Demmet, Chair, Preservation & Design Committee  
Elaine Silber, Co-Chair, Preservation & Design Committee

Diane Bartow, President, Murray Hill Neighborhood Association