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ESNA-CERT Reaches Out

With the publication and distribution of its brochure, *Emergency Preparedness and You!*, the ESNA-CERT team is now bringing its message of emergency preparedness and response to the ESNA community.



During the course of the year, the 33 members of the ESNA-CERT team, who received 13 weeks of intensive disaster training from the FDNY, NYPD and the Office of Emergency Management, have participated in simulations, drills and supplemental training.

As part of the preparedness component of their mission, ESNA-CERT members are performing critical data-gathering to identify people at risk in the event of an emergency. Working with building superintendents and building managers, the ESNA-CERT team is compiling information that will help save lives

If you would like to learn more about ESNA-CERT and its goals, write ESNA-CERT at P. O. Box 917, Lenox Hill Station, NY, NY 10021 or phone 212 486-9546.

Helping the Victims of Hurricane Katrina in Our Community

While it has been months since Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, it probably still seems like yesterday to the victims who sought refuge here in Manhattan. Some of them are students whose college careers were disrupted by the floods of August and who "came north" in the hope of continuing their education. Many were accepted at Hunter College which has established a fund to assist those students. Despite the passage of time, their need continues. If you would like to assist the young scholars who were forced from their homes and who are continuing their college education on the Upper East Side, here's the information you need: Make your check payable to Hunter College and the memo line should be marked: Dean's Emergency Fund. Mail it to Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021, Attn: Eija Ayravainen.

Candidates Forum

In a lively ESNA co-sponsored event, candidates for New York City Council squared off in a debate on Saturday, October 29 at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House. Dan Garodnick (Dem/Working Families) and Patrick Murphy (Rep/Independent), candidates for the Council's 4th District agreed on most of the issues facing the Upper East Side but disagreed on how to resolve the issues. They debated such diverse topics as the immediate transportation needs and the Second Avenue Subway, development of the Con Edison site south of the UN, health issues, need for schools and services for seniors. Jessica Lappin (Dem/ Working Families) and Dr. Joel Zinberg (Rep/Independent) candidates for the 5th District took the stage and covered the proposed marine transfer station at 91st Street, opposing approaches for creating affordable housing, how to attack noise, one of the Upper East side's major constituent complaints, the proliferation of street vendors and the ever-present bicycle problems. ESNA thanks all of the candidates for helping the community to make informed decisions and Lenox Hill Neighborhood House for providing the venue for this important debate.

Clothing Drive

Teams of ESNA volunteers came out in force on Saturday October 22 and collected warm winter clothing for the needy. Nine participating buildings and the Commerce



Bank were collection locations for the generous donations of clothing by our neighbors. Over 3,500 pounds of warm clothing were collected, sorted, bagged and transported in vans provided by Hertz and Avis and distributed to six charities serving the less fortunate in our neighborhood.

Our thanks to the participating buildings, 401 East 60th, 440 East 62nd, 350 East 62nd, 205 East 63rd, 301 East 63rd, 425 East 63rd, 420 East 64th, 340 East 64th and 1175 York, and to our volunteers of sorters, baggers and vanmen. We also thank Avis and Hertz for providing their vans and drivers.

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY:

(Circle One)

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Senior Coop/Condo Owner (65+)	\$20.00
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Senior Renter (65+)	\$12.00
Townhouse Owner	\$50.00
Commercial/Business/Professional	\$50.00

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St. Catherine's Park, Renovations Complete, Gets Better and Better

With months of carefully planned renovations now completed, St. Catherine's Park is busier than ever. The newly re-surfaced Julia Richman School all-weather playground surface features six basketball practice courts, a four-lane children's running track and five types of exercise equipment, including 2 climbing walls, 2 hoop swings and 2 exercise benches. The playground is a constant scene of all-age activity as children race around the lap track, students practice basketball, handball and tennis and families exercise together on the climbing apparatus and other equipment.

Security has been improved with replacement of the damaged playground fencing and permanent wrought iron fencing along the E. 67th Street playground beds. New decorative steel fencing has been installed along the west side beds to protect the bushes and plantings.

The Friends of St. Catherine's Park, an all-volunteer neighborhood organization, cooperates with the Parks Dept. in maintaining the park, pruning bushes, planting and transplanting, watering trees, supervising a rodent control program and conducting the popular Children's Summer Book Reading Program, with face painting, balloon sculpture and clowns for all younger children.

And, of course, at any hour St. Catherine's Park offers hospital employees, patients and neighbors of all ages a peaceful, green oasis in our busy East Side community.

ESNA Acts to Help Save Our Neighborhood Street Trees

After a summer of record drought and high temperatures, ESNA is acting to preserve our stressed neighborhood street trees.

Letters and tree-care literature will be sent to all ESNA member building owners, managers and supers stressing the importance of caring for their sidewalk street trees. A daily 3 gallon per day watering program is recommended, in addition to tree bed maintenance and damage prevention from bicycles and vehicles.

For many years ESNA has conducted the biannual Dead and Missing Tree Survey. The current survey lists 17 dead and 20 missing trees in the ESNA area. The trees are replaced as part of the New York Trees twice-yearly planting program. This year ESNA will remind building owners and managers when new trees are planted and stress their responsibility for frequent watering and tree care.

From June to October, ESNA's qualified citizen tree pruners can be seen pruning and maintaining neighborhood trees on the streets and avenues. This two-part program reflects ESNA's on-going concern with preserving our valuable street trees.



...your key to the east 60s.

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ESNA Salutes These New Commercial and Professional Members

Alexander & Sons Upholstery
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Bistro 61
Canaletto Restaurant
Cherry's Pharmacy
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Howard Kaplan Designs
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Natalie and Friends
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Drs. Parisi & Patel
Pesca Boutique
Pizza Mia
Guy Regal Ltd.
Richland Equity Resources
Nancy Sepe Real Estate Agent
Tramway Diner

Rejoining Member

Drs. Fishman, Roth & Chase



Note: All ESNA Commercial, Professional and Institutional members are listed in the ESNA DIRECTORY. The 2006 edition will be published by the end of year.

All's Fair...

Number 6 was a great success - not a Mega Millions ticket, but ESNA's 6th annual Street Fair, which attracted



ESNA members and friends to E. 60th Street off Fifth Avenue on a sultry August afternoon.

Visitors wandered by the vendors's tables all the while noshing goodies while purchasing a variety of items offered by the vendors. Of special interest

was ESNA's popular White Elephant table which displayed bargains in jewelry, bric-a-brac, CDs and household items, all donated by ESNA members.

It was a great day for ESNA and its friends greeting neighbors, and financially a plus for the many community projects the organizations undertakes and supports

Carol Sing Set for Thursday, December 15

Join us at 6:30 in the evening at the northeast corner of



Third Avenue and E. 64th Street for an old-fashioned holiday sing! Everyone is welcome! Your gift of an unwrapped toy or game for boys and girls up to 11 years of age will be donated the next day by ESNA to the Ambulatory Pediatrics of NY Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Thanks and Happy Holidays!