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The Main Street **WIRE**

Roosevelt Island's Community Newspaper

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Briefly...

The **City Comptroller's office** has had auditors at Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) offices for the last several weeks, looking at the State's compliance with the Lease under which the State controls Roosevelt Island, according to Assemblymember Pete Grannis's office. "That's never been done," said Tony Morenzi, adding that the audit is being conducted at Grannis's request. Morenzi, who usually represents Grannis at Island meetings, didn't care to speculate on what the City might do if RIOC is found to be deviating from the terms of the lease.

A **Tree Walk** is an informative way to experience the bracing fall air. Maury Bleifeld of the Tree Board has another one scheduled this (Saturday) morning at 10:00, starting at Blackwell House. It's free, and a new route this time.

Flu shots will soon be available on Roosevelt Island and at other convenient Manhattan locations. The Island date is Friday, October 18, and an appointment is required (see *ComingUp*, page 3).

Depression may afflict many Islanders who just aren't aware of what they're dealing with. Monday, October 14, brings a chance to be screened for the condition by the professionals from Coler-Goldwater (*ComingUp*, page 3).

This year's **Halloween Parade** is set for noon, Saturday, October 26, according to Charlie De Fino of the Youth Program.

The next day, the PTA and other Island organizations will mount a **Halloween Fun House and Masquerade Party** at PS/IS 217, with the Fire Department getting involved by cooking up firehouse chili, sausage and peppers. Kids will be able to climb over and sit in a real FDNY fire truck, and there's even a rumor of a hayride. More details in the October 19 *WIRE*. More information, meantime, at (212) 980-0394, extension 2159.

Residents Association Begins Bi-Annual Search for Common Council Candidates Katz Announces Re-Election Bid; Gaspard Also to Try for Presidency



Byron Gaspard, as he announced his candidacy Tuesday night.

Byron Gaspard Attempting to Unseat His 2000 Running Mate

Residents Association First Vice President Byron Gaspard started a bid to move up to the organization's presidency with a formal announcement Tuesday night.

"I see Roosevelt Island as a beautiful red apple representing the City of New York," Gaspard told an audience of 35 in an Eastwood conference room. "But this apple has a lot of worms in it. The responsibility of every resident of Roosevelt Island is to be steadfast in working hard to improve the quality-of-life issues in this community."

He found fault with the current RIRA Common Council, calling for residents to elect residents who will "really do the work." He said that over the past two years, "There were a handful of people who worked, and the rest did absolutely nothing. Irregardless of who you vote for, don't pick your friends... or vote for any other reason than a person who is going to work very

RIRA has started the election-year process of gathering nominations for delegates to its Common Council. The chair of the nominations committee, Joe Cristiano, expressed concern at Wednesday night's monthly Council meeting, telling the current members, "I am worried that we will not have sufficient candidates, so talk it up."

While two candidates have announced for RIRA Presidency, no names have yet been put forward for the post of First Vice President.

Each Island building has at least one Council representative, with numbers based on population. In the past, some buildings – particularly 10-40 River Road – have failed to field enough candidates to fill their seats. But where there are enough candidates, even those who fail to win seats serve as alternates and can take an active role in Residents Association affairs. There's a **related editorial** on page 2.

Nomination forms, with information about the election process and the duties of the posts, are available at the Library, Trellis, the Island House and Rivercross doorstations, and Accountable Financial Planning at 599 Main Street (a Westview storefront). A form also appears in this issue of *The WIRE*, on page 2.



Incumbent RIRA President Matthew Katz, speaking at a resident gathering.

Matthew Katz Seeking Another Two-Year Term as RIRA Leader

Residents Association President Matthew Katz made a low-key announcement Wednesday night at the monthly meeting of the RIRA Common Council.

"I will be running for a second term as RIRA president," he said in concluding his President's report. He then noted, "I understand that Byron Gaspard will be running for the same office, which will make the campaign, including any debates, and candidates' night, more interesting and more fun."

Katz later turned to Gaspard, seated next to him, to say, "I'd like to do a debate. I hope whoever runs for First Vice President would want to participate, too. I thought it was useful two years ago, and if you're up for it, let's do it again." Gaspard nodded assent, and said, "Yes."

Katz's regular column, as RIRA President, appears on page 3 of this issue of *The WIRE*. It is a statement of his candidacy parallel to

that made Tuesday evening by Gaspard (companion article, this page).

Katz went on to tell his fellow Common Council members, "If you feel that you will have time and energy to continue working for this community during the next two years, I would urge you to consider running again for the Council seat. Please do your utmost to insure that all the seats allocated to your building are filled."

Former RIRA President and current RIOC Board member Patrick Stewart subsequently asked Katz, "Did I understand you to say that you're asking the people who are currently on the Common Council to run again?"

Katz responded, "I'm asking the people who feel they have the time and energy and inclination to put in another two-year term, to do so, by all means. But this is a working organization, it's not honorary, and..."

Katz was interrupted at length by Council Secretary Jim Whalen, in one of a dozen loud objections to the proceedings he made during the meeting, but Stewart added, once Whalen had finished, "Well, the reason I ask that is that this Common Council is notable for doing nada, nothing... All I have to say is that half the people in this room aren't worth a damn and I would not encourage them to run again."

Stewart and Katz, like earlier Common Council presidents, have had to cope with the presence of delegates who appear once a month or less often for Council meetings, fail to attend committee meetings (each delegate is required to serve on a committee), and otherwise do little to advance the activities of the Residents Association or serve the community. In the past and at Wednesday's meeting, each has emphasized the need for Council members to be consistent in attending meetings to follow the work of the Association, and to take on some of the tasks the work entails.

New Library Chief Has Background in Dance, Psychology, and More

by **Mary Camper-Titsingh**

"She is every bit as helpful as she is beautiful," exclaimed a library patron. "Not only did she find the book I was looking for in vain, in the library's computer-catalog, but she also took me to the shelf and retrieved it for me." He was referring to Petra Walk-Kolokotronis, the new head of the Roosevelt Island branch of the New York Public Library, who came on board in September.

When asked what her plans for the library are, she replied, "You



have a good selection of paperback and hard-cover books, magazines, videos, books-on-tape, large-print books, and other library materials here. And, of course, library patrons can receive additional books, as well as recorded, Braille, and large-print books from other branch libraries by placing a 'hold' on them with library cards that are available free." She added, "I want to be sure that homebound patrons know that all library materials are available to them from the Books-by-Mail Hotline" at (212) 621-0564.

"I wish there were more space for computers, but we will expand our program of computer workshops for adults and children," she said.

"I have plans for children's story hours, film, and crafts programs twice a week: a morning session for three- to six-year-olds and an afternoon session for those five to twelve. I will be working with the principals and teachers at the Island schools, as well."

She lamented budget cuts that have curtailed hours at all the City's library branches. The Island branch hours are Monday and Wednesday, 12-8; Thursday, 10-6;

Friday, 12-6; and Saturday, 1-5; closed Tuesdays.

Petra Walk-Kolokotronis' hyphenated surname is a combination of her German birth name and her Greek husband's last name. She was born in Mannheim, on the Rhine River, a city renowned as a great musical and theatrical center since the 18th Century. That may partially account for her early interest in dance, which led to a scholarship at the Academy of Music and Dance in Cologne, Germany. That, in turn, led to a 1986 invitation to study with the famous dancer and choreographer, Martha Graham, in New York. "Martha Graham was still alive then and it was a great privilege to work with such a highly-esteemed teacher of modern dance," she said.

Marriage in 1990 to Vasily Kolokotronis, a high school and college science teacher, and the birth of their son Alexander in 1993, kept her from returning to Germany. Work as a dancer in New York City was not reliable, however, and she enrolled in Marymount Manhattan College for a degree in psychology ("I prefer

Freudian theory," she said). A later stint in real-estate sales convinced her that "it's not for me, either."

A New York Public Library advertisement headed, "If You Have Love For Children," offering training as a Children's Librarian, caught her eye. She was chosen as a trainee and enrolled in Pratt Institute's Graduate School of Library Service. Not only did she achieve a 3.8 grade average but she was also awarded two certificates for excellence in librarianship.

Her professional library career began in 1998 as a trainee at the St. Agnes branch of the NYPL, 81st Street and Amsterdam Avenue, where Laura Sutherland served as Children's Librarian after she left her post here on Roosevelt Island. Then, for three years, Petra was the Senior Children's Librarian at the Aguilar branch at 110th Street & Lexington Avenue.

How did she happen to come to the Roosevelt Island Library? "I was offered a promotion as the Head Librarian here and, since I live in Astoria, it is the perfect fit. I can ride my bicycle to work and get a bit of exercise. And I like it here."

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The Editorial Page

Should You Run?

In preparation for a report that didn't make the cut for this issue, *The WIRE* talked with David Stone of Manhattan Park. The thrust of the story was to be the reasons behind that complex's meager participation in the Residents Association.

Over the past six years or so, the 10-40 River Road buildings of Manhattan Park have never filled their quota of eight delegates; at times, including now – now that Stone and his wife, Debbie Julian, have given up attending – there have been none.

We were looking for some insight. Some of it is obvious, like the large number of short-timers in Manhattan Park – people who don't sink roots because they know they'll be uprooted soon enough, either deliberately or voluntarily. Stone also said there's something of a divide between the Mitchell-Lama folks in the older part of town, and the market-rate rent-payers in 10-40.

But not everybody there is a short-term resident, and surely not all feel alienated by a sneering "wealthy newcomers" brand. So it was interesting to hear Stone's comments on why he dropped out:

I would never recommend the experience to anyone else. There is no opportunity to participate in important Island activities, although there are many opportunities to observe obsessive pettiness and vindictive score-settling. During his time on the Council, Stone said, an exceptional amount of time and effort was expended in forcing an active Council member [Matthew Katz's wife, Sherie Helstien] off the Council simply because of an address change. An eager, energetic volunteer, who participated in everything from blood drives to fund-raising events, was kicked off simply because a vindictive group was able to leverage a strict interpretation of the constitution to kick her off. That they took such glee in their achievement said a great deal about their values...

Council meetings were frequently interrupted and extended because members with nothing to say or contribute nevertheless commented, then commented again, on every issue, no matter how petty or inconsequential. Especially memorable was a 45-minute series of rants about a wedding party where the high spirits ran over into some excessive noise and some late hours. What would be considered a mere annoyance in most neighborhoods was a cataclysmic event for RIRA, highlighted by a Council officer who claimed to have been threatened with physical harm for objecting. Who has time for this?

That's the problem, then. So long as the RIRA Council is fractionalized, and some members see its meetings as opportunities to punish others, or interrupt loudly with little reason (as one member did repeatedly Wednesday night), *who, indeed, has time for this?*

You, we might hope. RIRA is the recognized voice of the Island's residents. It needs a refreshed cast of Councilors who can work together and leverage the power of resident unity to get things done. Then, we might hope, the organization's power to offset RIOC and demand better management and a better shake from government might come to the fore.

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Letters

To the Editor:

I had a very low opinion of Robert Ryan, president of RIOC, in February, when I saw that Main Street, from the Credit Union to the Deli, was littered with papers every day. RIOC never removed them; only the wind sometimes did. So I wrote to Ryan; no answer. So I wrote to Pataki. No answer until some time had passed and a staffer wrote me that it was RIOC's job to clean the streets and that it was specifically engineer Vincent Kopicki's responsibility (copy of letter to Kopicki).

Did this correspondence clean the streets? Of course not; papers can't read letters.

But the first open RIOC meeting recently, which provided us with so much information, seems to have proved me wrong about Ryan. We have it from Ryan himself, at great length, that he is superb. And, since he stressed how responsive he is to residents who come to talk to him, will someone please visit him and implore him to have Main Street cleaned for the first time this year, whether by Kopicki or another?

And please! No one vote for Pataki if Main Street remains littered. I can still remember calling this Paradise Island under Governor Mario Cuomo. But Pataki's Ryan has converted it to Trash Island.

Don't vote for Pataki. Vote for anyone else.

Frances Salten

To the Editor:

This is to thank the members of the Roosevelt Island Youth Center, whose contribution to the ceremonies memorializing the unique American tragedy of September 11 eloquently spoke to us, Americans all, regardless of our personal ethnicity or private ideology.

Thank you for uplifting our spirit –

By holding aloft photographs of Roosevelt Island's lost for us to remember;

Thank you for uplifting our spirit –

By saluting your elders who defended your past and invest in your future;

Thank you for uplifting our spirit –

By giving us confidence that as adults you too will safeguard our nation;

Thank you for uplifting our spirit –

By pledging to defend our Constitution from which our rights as citizens derive.

It is heartening to see our own young American patriots, with their leader, acknowledge, by the substance of their tribute, that we are one nation under the Constitution, which binds us all. With so much heartbreak this past year, we are grateful for your uplifting of our spirit. Thank you.

Lorraine Lasker

To the Editor:

May I applaud the efforts of both management companies who are responsible for the rental apartments on the Island?

Over the last several years, RIHMC has never overlooked an opportunity to dress up the pocket-sized areas along Main Street with planters and suitable decorations. The upkeep of the courtyards behind Main Street has been excellent as well.

Manhattan Park deserves credit for the excellent job done in maintaining the English-style park between Main Street and River Road – it is an absolute delight to sit in and walk through. In addition, Manhattan Park has dressed up the tree and shrub island in front of 2 and 4 River Road by replacing the tired wire and post fence with a sharp looking metal picket fence.

Both companies continue to make a real effort to maintain the esthetic standards of their part of the Island and I, for one, appreciate the results of that effort.

David Bauer

Informational sheets are available, with this form, at Trellis, the Island House and Rivercross doorstations, and elsewhere.

ROOSEVELT ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION Year 2002 NOMINATIONS FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE ALL THE REQUIRED INFORMATION.
CANDIDATES MAY NOMINATE THEMSELVES.

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Work _____ Home _____

I NOMINATE the ABOVE-NAMED NOMINEE for the OFFICE of:

(Check only one office on this line) President First Vice President

Common Council Representative (you may run even if you are running for offices above)

Nominated by (must be a Roosevelt Island Resident) _____

Address: _____

Phone: Work _____ Home _____

The candidates must sign below in order for this nomination to be valid!
Indicate Y for Yes or N for No in each blank.

- ___ I am the nominee and I accept the nomination.
- ___ I am aware of the responsibilities of the office for which I am nominated.
- ___ I have resided on Roosevelt Island for one year or more.
- ___ I am 18 years of age or over.
- ___ I will serve my term of office if elected.

Print Nominee's Name	Date	Nominee's Signature

Please return this form to a collection box at the following sites: Roosevelt Island Public Library, Trellis Restaurant, Island House Door Station, Accountable Financial Management. This form must be submitted by 8 p.m. October 25, 2002.

At Wednesday's Common Council meeting I announced that I am throwing my hat in the ring for a second term as President of RIRA. There are those who have commented on the psychopathology of this move and have suggested that I am a chronic masochist or possibly a candidate for a reservation at a restored Roosevelt Island Insane Asylum. There may be truth to these allegations, but I'll try to explain myself in saner terms.

I've seen the job (and it has been a full-time job) as encompassing three levels of effort: First, the contacts and negotiations with RIOC, with our elected officials and with the media that comes with the title of president. Second, the chairing of Common Council meetings with the concomitant management of the debates and votes. And finally, the encouragement of and participation in the proactive and reactive projects that directly benefit this community.

This first category has been quite useful for the agenda I set for myself when you elected me two years ago. My cordial association with Senator Mendez and Assemblymember Grannis helped to create and pass into law the legislation that will, for the first time, require a majority of Island residents on the RIOC Board of Directors. My good relations with City Council Speaker Gifford Miller have improved the odds that the inclusion of the Roosevelt Island Tram into the MetroCard system will come to pass. The easy communication I've established with RIOC Board Chair Labate and RIOC President Ryan have greased the wheels for finding avenues of mutual concern where we can work together. And my contacts at CBS, ABC, and *The New York Times*, among others, helped to apply pressure where it was needed when the Tram hours were threatened two summers ago and when the Tram's shortened haul cable caused an interminable service outage.

My association with the Common Council has often been stormy, as I've attempted to encourage their leadership and participation in the Council's committees and programs. However, this comes with the territory as the Council is the only elected forum representing the residents of Roosevelt Island, and democracy is often loud and messy. I spent over twenty years working with the volunteer sector of a venerable scientific institution. What I learned from this experience is that, whether you are a volunteer or a paid professional, when you take on a task you are expected to get it done regardless of your other commitments. All of us fit in our community activities within the context of our family, professional, religious, and social lives, but a seat on the Common Council, whether obtained through election or appointment, should imply a responsibility to do more than just show up. And you, the electorate, must send us representatives who are determined to work to improve life on Roosevelt Island.

However, this is the same Common Council that has endorsed and accomplished the fund-raising and programs in which the entire community has participated. The RIRA I inherited in November 2000 had an empty treasury and no tradition of either fund-raising or direct service to the community. Within four

months we raised several thousand dollars at a terrific dinner-dance at the Manhattan Park Theater, which was then used to subsidize the first of two Roosevelt Island Day bagel breakfasts for the volunteers and two summer dances on the Promenade. By virtue of having the resources in place, both human and financial, we were able to respond to the horror of September 11 with fund-raising efforts that put close to \$10,000 into the hands of the Roosevelt Island families who had lost loved ones. We provided Thanksgiving Dinner to the men at the Special Ops firehouse, we conducted a blood drive that helped to restore the City's reserves at a time when they were again dangerously low, and we commissioned the memorial plaque and flowering cherry tree that were dedicated last April. Not everyone on the Council chose to work on these events (or even vote in favor of them!) but there were enough energetic, innovative and dedicated folks to get the job done.

Frankly, my greatest satisfaction as RIRA president has been associated with these ventures. Whether I was pushing a broom, tending bar, collecting garbage, or buttonholing you on the street to donate money or blood, for me this is what community activism is all about. Every aching back has been accompanied by the knowledge that something good and lasting has resulted from the effort. This is the best part of small-town life and I recommend to you participation in these endeavors.

By the way, writing this column has become a joy largely because of your kind comments to me on Main Street. I thought I would dry up by my second journalistic opus. Instead, I get more verbose with each issue. Go figure.

If you return me to the presidency, I intend to build on our successes, continue the tasks "in the pipeline" and learn from our failures. But this is the season when what you do matters more than what I do. You must pay attention if RIRA is to make a difference. You must take notice of whether the building representatives you sent to the Common Council have accomplished anything of value. Do you know who they are, what issues they've espoused and what committees they have joined? Have you seen them working at RIRA events? If your representatives are phantoms, seek out more-active people to run for office or consider running yourself. Make sure that your neighbors who are not U.S. citizens know that they can participate in

RIRA and can vote in RIRA elections; many of our residents in diplomatic service are unaware of this. And, for God's sake, **come out and vote!** Roosevelt Island is in transition from a partially developed Island to one that will be fully developed. Whether this process will be in compliance with the General Development Plan, whether it will incorporate your vision for the Island and for our quality of life will depend in great measure on how attentive and verbal we all are. I fell in love with this place when Sherie and I moved here thirteen years ago. My involvement in Island affairs has increased incrementally as I've seen Island services diminish and Island aspirations ignored. If you give me another term, I promise to continue giving you my best efforts.

The RIRA Column



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tend to be, a Renaissance man, and do all the work for you. What will make me effective is how well you work with me for the benefit of this community." He then told a story of leading a group to challenge a gang of toughs terrorizing a community where he once lived. "I had all these people behind me, and we all charged into their neighborhood, and I was right there standing in front... and I walked up to their leader and said, 'We want you all to pack up and move out.' Much to my chagrin, they started laughing hysterically. I couldn't understand why, so I asked them. They said, 'Look behind you.' So when I looked behind me, all the people that came with me were gone, and I was standing there by myself." I learned an important lesson - that by ourselves we mean nothing. A president by himself means absolutely nothing... But together, we can be very effective."

Gaspard, who shares leadership

of the Eastwood Building Committee with Nellie Velez, was critical of the Island's Youth Program, which he said, "doesn't address the real needs of our youth," and of Public Safety, as "very insensitive to the security needs of this Island." Gaspard is a member of the RIOC Public Safety Advisory Committee, and has been consistently critical of what he says is Public Safety's failure to address the problem of "drugs and criminality." He said, "We intend to work with the District Attorney," in listing a range of public officials he said might help with problems here.

In outlining ways he says RIRA can be more effective, Gaspard said, "For 14 years the Roosevelt Island Residents Association has not effectively worked with the task forces [in the buildings], where the work is done... You have your Eastwood Building Committee, your Island House Task Force, and your Westview Task Force, and RIRA has failed to work with these

task force people effectively, where we could have a stranglehold on the destiny of this Island in terms of unifying this Island in terms of dealing with some of the issues." This drew applause.

"You can create change," Gaspard said, adding, "We need to take charge of our community. I believe in getting things done. Talk is cheap. Instead of talking the talk it's time to walk the walk. But I can't do it by myself. So now I have decided, with the support that I see here, that I will run for President of the Common Council, but I need your support to make it happen. If you want a RIRA for the residents, you have to come out and support a RIRA for the residents. And this is what you have to do, you have to - even before you get to me - you have to vote for delegates who are doers, who are workers, who love this community, who are willing to come out. You have to get people who are willing to do the work, not just have the title."

COMING UP

Sat., Oct. 5, 9:00-3:00, Voter Registration forms available at the Farmer's Market, under the ramp at Motorgate.

Sat., Oct. 5, 10:00 a.m., Fall Tree Walk sponsored by the Roosevelt Island Tree Board, starting at Blackwell House. Free.

Sat., Oct. 5, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Wine and Cheese Reception for *Let's Face It* exhibition at Gallery RIVAA, a simulacrum of photographs, oils, pastels, digitals, and sculptures; with Japanese singer Toshiko. Gallery open Wednesdays and Fridays, 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 11:00-5:00. Exhibition continues through Nov. 23.

Thur., Oct. 10, 9:30 a.m., RIOC Board of Directors Meeting, Chapel of the Good Shepherd; executive session will follow the open meeting.

Mon., Oct. 14, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Depression Awareness Event, sponsored by the City's Health and Hospitals Corporation as part of Family Health Month, Oval Room, Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Staff members of Coler-Goldwater's Department of Psychiatry and Psychology will screen those interested for depression. Handouts, videotape, and additional information on available resources. Information: (212) 318-4479.

Mon., Oct. 14, 8:00 p.m., Toastmasters public speaking group. Visitors welcome. Information: 751-9577 or 759-0396.

Fri., Oct. 18, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Flu and Pneumonia Shots, Senior Center, 546 Main Street (1st floor), co-sponsored by Assemblymember Pete Grannis, New York-Presbyterian Hospital, Visiting Nurse Service. *Appointment required* - call (212) 860-4906. (Alternative locations in Manhattan also available on

October 10 and 15; call for information.)

Sat., Oct. 19, next scheduled issue of *The Main Street WIRE*. **Deadlines:** Advertising in the paper, Fri., Oct. 11; decision on staffers for *The Bag*, Mon., Oct. 14; materials due Thur., Oct. 17. **Future issues** generally every two weeks through the end of 2002, with an extra post-election issue: Nov. 2 (pre-election issue), 9 (post-election), and 23 (Thanksgiving issue), Dec. 14 (holiday issue), then every two weeks starting in January, 2003. **Phone/fax** for news, 826-9055/755-2540; phone/fax for display and classified advertising placement and information, 751-8214/755-2540; to list your organization's Island events here (no charge), fax information to 755-2540, or send it by e-mail to ComingUp@MainStreetWIRE.com.

Mon., Oct. 21, 2:00-3:30 p.m., Workshop: Private School Admissions for parents of 2-4-year-old children, presented by Dr. Gina Lipton; 546 Main Street; sponsored by Island Kids. \$15 per person; space limited. Information: 754-2331.

Fri., Oct. 25, 8:00 p.m., Nomination petitions due (final deadline) for Roosevelt Island Resident's Association Common Council (building representatives) and Island-wide offices (president, first vice president).

Sat., Oct. 26, 12 noon, Halloween Parade, assembling at Blackwell House and marching up Main Street. Sponsored by Youth Program and Housing Management.

Sun., Oct. 27, Daylight Savings Time ends.

Sun., Oct. 27, 3:00-6:00 p.m., PTA Halloween Fundraiser, Manhattan Park. Fun house, masquerade party, games, prizes, costume contest, DJ, more. Kids, \$3; adults, \$5. Co-sponsors include RISA, RIDA, RIVAA, the Hispanic Society, and the Island-based Special Ops unit of FDNY.

Mon., Oct. 28, 8:00 p.m., Toastmasters public speaking group. Visitors welcome. Information: 751-9577 or 759-0396.

Sun., Nov. 3, 5:00 p.m., Our Lives - Roosevelt Islanders Reminisce, first in a series of first-person reminiscences by interesting residents, RIVAA Gallery. This session: Mary Fitzgerald, retired NYPD Detective.

Tue., Nov. 5, 6:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Election Day (both general and Residents Association elections); balloting at PS/IS 217.

Wed., Nov. 6, 8:00 p.m., RIRA Common Council Meeting, Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Mon., Nov. 11, 8:00 p.m., Toastmasters public speaking group. Visitors welcome. Information: 751-9577 or 759-0396.

Thur., Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m., RIOC Board of Directors Meeting, Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Senior Center

Monday
10:30, **Blood Pressure Screen**
12:30, "Oldies" Movies
1:00, **Tai Chi**
7:00, **Dance** (Beginners)

Tuesday
10:30, **Jazzercise**
1:30, **Games** (RISA)

Wednesday
9:00, **Stay Well**
10:00, **English as Second Language**
7:00, **Pokeno** (RISA)

Thursday
10:00, **Tai Chi**
10:30, **Creative Arts**
12:30, **Arts & Crafts** (RIDA)
12:30, **Movie**
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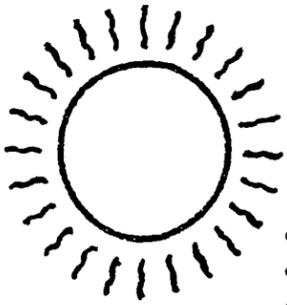
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7:30, **Lotto**

Saturday
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Wed., Oct. 9, 12:30, Traffic Safety Lecture
Mon., Oct. 14, 11-12:30, MetroCard Bus
Wed., Oct. 16, Atlantic City
Fri., Oct. 18, 1:00-4:00, Flu Shots (Call 860-4906 for appointment)
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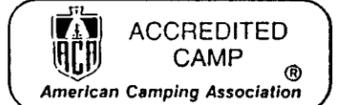
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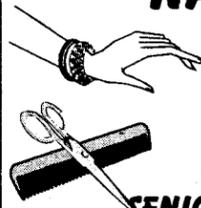


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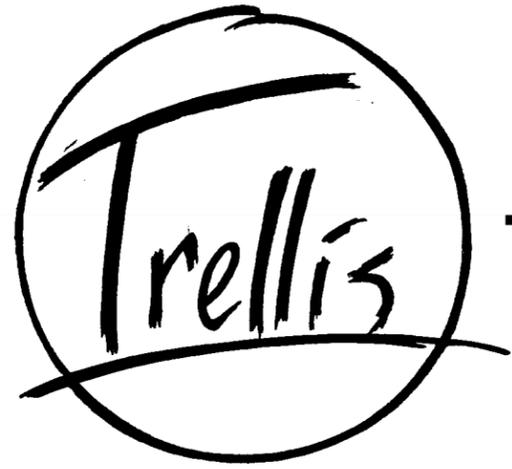
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This notice is published in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements.

SPORTSWIRE

by Seth Kaufman

SOCCKER The standings in the Youth Program's Fall Soccer League, after two weeks of the regular season, are:

Juniors (9-10)			Seniors (11-14)		
Gold	2-0-0	(6 points)	Gold	1-0-1	(4 points)
Red	1-1-0	(3 points)	Blue	1-0-1	(4 points)
Blue	0-1-1	(1 point)	Red	0-0-2	(2 points)
Silver	0-1-1	(1 point)	Silver	0-2-0	(0 points)

Juniors: In the first week of the season, Gold defeated Silver 3-1, and Red defeated Blue 5-4. Baba Kane, Daniel Ruiz, and Oussama Boutaleb scored for Gold, while Alberto Marzan scored for Silver.

In week 2 action, Gold defeated Red 3-2 to move into sole possession of first place. Oussama Boutaleb had three goals to lead Gold, while Ahmed Aboulez scored for Red. In the other Junior game, Silver and Blue tied 1-1. Alberto Marzan scored for Silver and Bertrand Oubida recorded the goal for Blue.

Seniors: In the first week of the season, Gold defeated Silver 3-1, while Red and Blue played to a 5-5 tie. Daniel Folla and Kwaime Phillips scored for Gold, and David Malary had the only goal for Silver. In addition, that game featured outstanding defensive play on the part of Richard De La Cruz of Gold in goal and Olivia Callender of Silver at fullback. In the other game, Klaud Lucas, Ilija Trojanovic, and Jose Gaigbe-Togbe scored for Red, while Dennis Perezic, Thomas Herlihy, Eyosyas Tadesse, and Anass Dorani had the goals for Blue.

In games the second week, Blue beat Silver 5-2. Dennis Perezic and Thomas Herlihy had two goals each and Anass Dorani added another for Blue, while David Malary and Sid Menon scored for Silver. In the other Senior game, Gold and Red tied 4-4. Anatole Oubida led Gold with two goals, while Daniel Folla and Kwaime Phillips each added a goal. For Red, Olivier Bucyana and Ilija Trojanovic had two goals each.

TENNIS In the Men's A division of the Roosevelt Island Tennis Association Club championships, Jan Buenner defeated Michael Kolba in straight sets 6-2, 6-1. Buenner reached the finals by defeating Alain Vanderborght 6-0, 6-1, while Kolba defeated Joseph Pereira 6-0, 6-2 in the other semifinal. In the consolation bracket, Jim Doran beat Joseph Pereira and Don Smith defeated Vladlen Stefanov to advance, with Jim Doran then winning 8-5.

In the Men's B division, Ranjit Thomas beat Dick Fitzpatrick 8-1 in one semifinal, while Ken Carlson defeated Joern Kornhuber 9-7 in the other. Thomas then clinched the championship with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Carlson.

The Women's champion was Karin Jacobson, who defeated Ozlem Koldemir 8-5. Leo Zakashansky won the Beginners Division by defeating Bafode Drame 8-4.

The Mixed Doubles champions were Atsumi and Michael Kolba, who beat Ozlem Koldemir and Joseph Pereira 9-7. Jan Buenner and Ken Carlson won the Men's Doubles championship by defeating Jim Doran and Michael Conroy 8-4.

FLAG FOOTBALL The last day for registration for the Youth Program's Flag Football League will be Saturday, October 5. Evaluations will also take place that day at the Octagon Soccer Field. Evaluations for the 12-14-year-old division will start at 2:00 p.m., while the 15-17 division will start at 3:30 p.m.

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