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## Town Meeting Set on Expanded Octagon Park Apartments Plan

Revised plans for apartments at the Island's Octagon site will be the subject of a Town Meeting 8:00 p.m. Tuesday in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

The project has grown and changed since it was originally proposed in 1999. At that time, Becker and Becker Associates, the Connecticut architectural firm that holds site control and has a history

in adaptive restoration of historic landmarks, put forward a plan for two six-story wings radiating south and west from a restored Octagon Tower.

In the latest reconception, the wings have more than doubled in height, to 13 stories, and the north-south wing has been reshaped so that the entire project is now shaped like a letter **J** with an exaggerated top. Inside the **J**, the current Octagon Park would be landscaped as Octagon Ecological Park, called for in the Island's General Development Plan (part of the Lease under which New York State is developing Roosevelt Island, which is owned by New York City).

The wings now stand farther away from the Octagon Tower. The five-story connectors have been doubled in length "to give the Octagon more prominence," according to Kirsten Springer of Becker and Becker, who pointed out that the change also allows the project to qualify for federal tax credits.

The latest mix provides for 500 apartments, of which 100 are to be affordable for families at 50% or below median income, with 15 go-

ing to families at 40% or below the median. In size, the overall mix is 147 studios (29%), 182 one-bedroom apartments (36%), 77 two-bedroom (15%), and 94 three-bedrooms (19%).

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### Briefly...

**The subway is closed** all this weekend, and the Tramway will run on a 24-hour schedule.

**The new Southtown playing field** will be dedicated Saturday, October 26, at 11:00 a.m. A plaque will remember Island residents and firefighters killed 9/11/01.

**How did death come to Merriwether Lewis** (of Lewis and Clark)? That question is explored in a play to be read Sunday, October 27, by professional actors directed by Sofia Geier, at the Main Street Theatre at 7:00. It's free – donations requested.

**The Child School** will occupy all the Island's deserted minischools by sometime next year, according to plans approved last week by the RIOC Board. Exception – the Blackwell minischool, occupied by the Lilies Christian School.

**The New Year's Eve Dance Party** is in planning stages, and the PTA is wondering about musical preferences. Last year, the 18-piece Ray Abrams Big Band, playing jazz reminiscent of the Basie Orchestra, was well received, but planners want to know if Islanders likely to attend have other ideas about what they'd like to hear.

**Proper disposal of hypodermic needles** and other "sharps" is the objective of a new program at Coler-Goldwater Memorial Hospital, aimed at keeping syringes and other home-used items of the kind from getting into waste. A brochure on the program is available by mail by calling the hospital's safety director at **318-8000**.

**The Historical Society** plans a "fun-filled evening" at 7:30 Monday, November 4, sharing readings about the Island from *The New York Times* of up to 150 years ago. "It's a revealing and captivating history lesson," says Judy Berdy, RIHS President. Location – the Island House community room.

### Islanders

## After Seven Years, Selina Ng Bids Seniors Goodbye

by Linda Heimer and Dick Lutz  
"My grandmother was my idol. She was very religious. She said the best gift in the world is to be able to give."

Selina Ng is leaving the Senior Center this month for a new post with VNS, the Visiting Nurse Ser-



vice. But as she goes, she will leave Roosevelt Island seniors with memories of her personal philosophy, learned from her late grandmother.

"I think senior citizens are just wonderful," she said this week, looking back over seven years as the Director of the Island's Senior Center. She says that being the Director of a center like the one here was always her dream – a dream fulfilled when RISA, the Roosevelt Island Seniors Association, hired her to put her philosophy and skills to work in the facility at 546 Main Street. "I want to make them happy – whatever it takes."

Ng had just completed her graduate degree in social work at Fordham, with a very relevant minor in gerontology, when she came to Roosevelt Island. In addition to the MSW, she also carries the CSW (Certified Social Worker) credential. Social services are deeply rooted in her life. As a teenager,

## RIRA Presidential Debate Set Thursday

RIRA's Presidential candidates will debate Thursday night at 8:00 in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

Incumbent Matthew Katz and challenger Byron Gaspard will be joined by candidates running for the First Vice President job. As of Wednesday afternoon, an additional candidate, James Whalen, had filed papers as a candidate for the Presidency.

Candidates have until October 25 to file.

The planned debate format allows for opening and closing statements of three minutes by each candidate, with a Q&A period following the opening statements. Alternating, candidates will give 90-second answers to questions submitted by the audience. Opponents will give a one-minute response and rebuttal to each question.

The following Wednesday (October 30), the Residents Association will present its traditional Candidates Night, also at Good Shepherd, as an opportunity for residents to meet candidates for all RIRA offices, including building representatives.

The deadline for nominations to the RIRA posts is Friday (October 25). Nomination forms are available at Trellis, the Island House

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### Candidates So Far at press time Thursday evening

#### President

Byron Gaspard  
Matthew Katz  
James Whalen

#### First Vice President

Franz Aliquo  
Joseph Cristiano  
Abraham Hassan

#### Building Delegates

**2 River Road** (1)  
James Whalen

**4 River Road** (1)

**10-40 River Road** (8)  
Lynn Chambers  
Mark Chipman  
Doris Speer

#### Eastwood

(7)  
Byron Gaspard  
Abraham Hassan  
Edward O'Flynn  
Jim Tendean-Luce

#### 546 Seniors

(2)

#### Island House

(3)  
Judith Berdy  
Frank Farance  
Vicki Feinmel

#### Rivercross

(3)  
Joseph Cristiano  
Jeffrey Hochman  
Margie Smith

#### Westview

(3)  
Franz Aliquo  
Sherie Helstien

(Numbers in parents are delegate seats assigned to each building/district.)

## RIOC Board Considers: How Much Oversight Is Just Right?

by Dick Lutz

Last week's RIOC Board meeting produced a discussion of just how far the RIOC Board should go in supervising RIOC President Robert H. Ryan and his staff. It came about when the newest resident Board member, Mark Ponton, circulated a proposal for regular updates on Island projects, and when another member of the Board, Leo Kayser, moved for renewal of a real-estate marketing contract with Grubb & Ellis.

The conversation illustrated the divergent views, on the Board, on how close the Board should oversee RIOC staff. Terms like "micromanage" and "resentful as hell" were peppered through the discussion.

"My understanding is that Grubb & Ellis has not been able to do as much as they would have liked to do because they've been instructed, without the advice of the Board, not to proceed in areas in which I think the Board wanted them to proceed," said Kayser.

"I do think we need to have better control, as a Board, over projects and how they are moving forward, and have it done in some logical manner." (Quotes in this article are drawn from a full transcript of the discussion, available on *Website NYC10044* at [www.nyc10044.com/wire/2304/rioctran.html](http://www.nyc10044.com/wire/2304/rioctran.html).)

Board Chair Marybeth Labate expressed some reservation about the form of report that Ponton was proposing, but agreed on the basic need: "I certainly agree... that we need a more deliberate way of insuring that things are moving forward [and] that the RIOC staff is getting the support they need to move things forward."

When Kayser proposed a Board subcommittee to work with RIOC staff – and presumably help keep their focus on key projects – Labate suggested handing the responsibility to the Board's Operations Ad-

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she worked as a nurse's aide.

Activity at the Senior Center has grown during Ng's time here. She remembers that there were something like five classes a week when she came; now there are 80 or 90 a month, including computer classes that help the Island's elderly youngsters get on line for e-mail correspondence with far-flung children and grandchildren.

"My grandfather tells me, 'Just be happy, just enjoy life,'" she says, and her smile when she talks about him shows that she's learned the lesson well. Ng says that upon occasion, she's called her grandfather, who is 99 and the husband of that grandmother she so admired, for a little help with Cantonese – a dialect of Chinese that she speaks as a product of her heritage.

Friday, October 25 is Selina Ng's last day here. It will be marked with a party featuring an Elvis impersonator. Her replacement, hired by RISA with City

funds, will be present.

"He will have very big shoes to fill," says Dolores Green, RISA President. "Losing Selina is quite difficult for all of us. For a young woman, she really cares and understands and has the patience for the seniors. She has meant so much to us all."

Over the years, Selina Ng has had contact with many Islanders in her capacity as a Notary – something she took on "just to help out" which, at times, became something of a major distraction as residents brought income certification papers to her for her signature. She points out that her successor, Tom Duncan, is not a Notary, hoping to spare him the need to turn down the annual flood of requests. She says, however, that she has worked with Duncan over the years, and she's pleased that he will be her replacement among the seniors she's loved through the years she's served at the Senior Center here on Roosevelt Island.

## We All Need a Strong Residents Association

If there were no RIRA, residents would be well-advised to band together and create one. *Why?*

Uniquely in the democratized world, we live in a place where citizens lack the ballot-box power to change local government.

The physical distance from here to Albany is far less than from colonial Boston to the Court of St. James, but the nature of decision-making for local affairs is the spitting image of pre-Revolutionary America. Our colonial Governors, the RIOC Board, largely visit only once a month, and even those who live here seem disposed to defer to the local colonial governor (a/k/a the RIOC President) in setting local priorities.

Want Island streets repaired? If you ask your closest local elected official, City Council Speaker Gifford Miller, and he speaks for you, you'll find he is generally ignored.

Want your MetroCard to work on the Tramway? Ask Assemblymember Pete Grannis, another directly-elected representative of the Island, and you'll find that even his requests for simple information are often ignored.

Gripe to the Mayor about parking enforcement, and he'll pass the buck down the line to RIOC's local constabulary, Public Safety, and little will be done.

Want a crackdown on drug-dealing in Eastwood halls? Where do you take the complaint? Whom can you vote out of office to express your displeasure when nothing is done? Nobody – nobody, at least, who has any direct control of the matter.

*Why? That's why.*

**Roosevelt Island needs a strong Residents Association** that can raise these issues (and so many others) and make enough *noise* to get something done. We all need a strong RIRA to cry out noticeably. We need a strong resident voice to demand all those things which, in democratically-run communities, are taken for granted because officials *know* they'll lose the next election if they don't provide them.

**RIRA, in short, needs you.** It needs *you* as a member of the Common Council, representing your building, if you can spare a half-dozen hours a month to stand up for the place you call home. The Residents Association needs *you*, at the least, to support its initiatives, as 92% did in the 1998 election when asked if they backed the idea of legislation for an elected RIOC Board. It needs *you* to help with blood drives, for fund-raising for families who've suffered disaster, to demand better policing, to stand up against wrong-headed cash-for-cash's-sake development... RIRA needs *you* to help make this Island a better community for children and young people.

Becoming a Common Council candidate is easy. Pick up a form at Trellis. Complete it. Put it in the box. You have until Friday (October 25), but don't put it off. Instead...

Make the positive community-minded decision to join your neighbors on the RIRA Common Council, where *you*, personally, can make a real difference.

**Roosevelt Island needs a strong Residents Association, and it needs you to make a difference.**

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## Letters

### To the Editor:

Having lived on Roosevelt Island for close to ten years, I have come to appreciate the vital role Trellis plays in our community. I also realize that the restaurant's tradition of hosting live music on Friday and Saturday evenings during the summer is one valued by many Island residents. As someone who loves music, as well as the opportunity to dine al fresco in the courtyard of The Chapel of the Good Shepherd, I have enjoyed many such evenings.

Yet this past summer most of the bands heard at Trellis weren't playing dinner music – they were putting on rock concerts. One exception, our neighbor Tex Allen, played music that was engaging yet not overbearing; he and his band both enrich and respect the community. If only the same could be said of the rest of the musicians. The volume of much of the music at Trellis this summer was noticeably loud – certainly louder than in past years and the number of dance bands increased substantially.

As someone who lives in an apartment facing the courtyard, I found the music to be invasive. It was difficult to spend a Friday or Saturday night at home relaxing – particularly with cries of "Party on Roosevelt Island!" blaring through my window. Closing the windows and running the air conditioners didn't help. Friends complained that their children couldn't sleep when the music was playing. There were evenings when the music continued past 10:00 p.m., the curfew set for Trellis' weekend entertainment.

The management at Trellis listened to our concerns, but did little about them. Public Safety exerted a similar lack of effort in dealing with this issue. When confronted with complaints about the volume of the music, the officers answered with a brusque "We know! We know!" and left it at that.

The Island House Resident Handbook states that children "are not permitted to play music loudly." Shouldn't we expect the same from the adults in Island House? Perhaps Mayor Bloomberg's recent efforts in reducing noise will prompt Trellis to turn down the volume next summer. Surely there is a compromise that can be reached between the commercial interests of Trellis and the right of Roosevelt Islanders to enjoy the quiet of their homes.

Mario Naves

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### Octagon from page 1

In addition, the plan calls for a below-grade parking garage at the site of the Octagon Park tennis courts, with the courts restored to the top of the garage, about one foot above current ground level. According to Bruce Becker, President of Becker and Becker Associates, the area will be gently graded so that the courts will be surrounded by viewing and waiting areas at a new ground level. Becker also said there are plans in the works to keep the courts, or replacement courts, active during construction. While one alternative

would involve loss of trees at the courts, another would provide for added courts in the Water Tunnel area, adjacent to the Octagon soccer field. In the finished design, Becker said, lighting for nighttime play will be preserved at the courts.

Saying she's looking forward to Tuesday's session on the Island, Springer said, "We've tried to balance the concerns of the community and historic preservation agencies while remaining economically viable. In some ways, you have to compromise to meet everybody's needs as much as possible."

### Election from page 1

doorstation, the Rivercross doorstation, and at Accountable Financial, at 599 Main Street.

All Island residents 18 and over – including those who are not U.S. citizens – are eligible to vote in the RIRA election November 5.

Sy Williams of the RIRA Election Committee has issued proof-of-residency guidelines for residents planning to vote in the RIRA election. They call for a photo-ID with the voter's Island address, or a photo-ID plus a utility bill or other documentation of an Island

address. Absentee ballots will be available at the 599 Main Street location.

Voters without the specified proofs of residency are asked to make special arrangements by calling Williams at **644-8231** during business hours.

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visory Committee, chaired by resident Board member H. Patrick Stewart. But Stewart seemed to want no part of increased supervision of Ryan: "Both philosophically and practically... we've had this discussion before about managing and micromanaging... I do not believe that it is our job [as a Board] to manage RIOC. It is RIOC's job to manage RIOC. I don't want to be in a position, quite frankly, to tell Rob Ryan how to do his job... If I were Rob Ryan I would be resentful as hell of this conversation... We should not be telling him how to do his job."

Kayser responded, "We need more information as a Board... We're not trying to micromanage... The idea is to have some degree – *some degree* – of oversight... There's a reason why this stuff needs to be reported on... things languish. Good management requires that we, as a Board, keep ourselves informed."

Resident Board member David Kraut discussed "a distinction between the level of oversight and involvement in the day-to-day operation[s]," indicating general agreement with Stewart that the latter should be avoided. But he added, "There are things which this organization has been doing which are in response to Board initiatives," and cited both the Grubb & Ellis work and an initiative by Mark Ponton to open Southpoint as a park as soon as possible. "When the Board has developed an initiative and a Board member has brought something that then becomes part of what we do next... then that Board member certainly should expect to be informed of progress on that Board initiative."

Board member John Mannix cautioned, "It's very dangerous to create a gray area between Directors' responsibilities, technically and legally, and

management's responsibilities... Making it up as you go gets very dangerous." Mannix sympathized with the position of the RIOC staff: "It's hurry up and stop on some of these issues, and then the Board meetings become a forum for using Rob [Ryan] as a punching bag, and I think that's the wrong way to conduct the business of the Board. On the other hand, I think there is an undercurrent of frustration on the Board that this long list of projects that Rob's small staff is trying to manage is not moving."

Defending his request for a monthly update, Ponton said, "This is a checklist... I can't agree with what I don't understand... I see this as a time-saver."

Defending Grubb & Ellis, Mannix said, "There's been a hurry up and stop from various constituencies who oversee the Island, so I think they got off to a fast start, and then they were told to pull off a bit, then to get back on it, and I think they're as confused as anybody else."

Ryan offered his explanation for a lack of movement on marketing Island properties by Grubb & Ellis: "The wrench that got in the gears was Southpoint becoming a park. All of a sudden, they were marketing one piece of property, and that piece of property changed drastically. The legislation was signed 35-40 days ago, and that changed the whole process of what they were doing on Southpoint."

The Board discussion continued with a digest of what's happening on various projects, including privatization of Motorgate, a plan to generate electrical power using currents in the east channel, and another to site a transformer that would convert power imported from Canada via undersea cable. The Board moved discussion of the Octagon Apartments and parking project to closed executive session.

## Holiday Lights for Main Street

Main Street will have holiday lights again this year under a plan advanced by the Roosevelt Island Chamber of Commerce.

Julie Palermo, Chamber President, says the goal this year is to light all 22 poles on Main Street, and to string lights across the street from as many poles as possible.

Donations to sponsor poles are \$250, with strings costing \$500-700. Palermo points out that smaller amounts will be accepted as donations toward a pole or string. The hope is to have all funding in place by November 12.

More information on the plan and making donations is available from Palermo at (212) **935-8779**.

## Letters Policy

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## Gloria Chapin



Gloria Mae Buis Chapin died Tuesday in Evergreen Park, Illinois, at age 71. She was the wife of the Reverend Oliver T. Chapin, Vicar of Roosevelt Island's Good Shepherd Church and Island historian for over 30 years. He died October 31, 1999.

The Chapins married January 1, 1954. In the early '60s, they served as missionaries to Liberia. In 1965, they took up residence on Welfare Island (now Roosevelt Island). For three decades, Gloria volunteered at Coler Hospital. Last year, she moved to Morton, Illinois, with her daughter, Margaret Hope. She was known for her cooking talents, serving the Good Shepherd Church community as hostess of its many banquets, food fairs, and various social functions. She was a horticulturalist and a lover of cats. She will be remembered for her great devotion to the church, to her husband's work, and for her service to the community.

She is survived by her son, Oliver Paul Chapin, of Germantown, Maryland; by her daughters Joy Turpin of Eagle River, Wisconsin, and Margaret Chapin of Morton, Illinois; by a brother; and by six grandchildren. Services will be held in Eagle River, Wisconsin, in the spring.

Memorials can be sent to The Church of the Good Shepherd, c/o Emma Felix, 510 Main Street #425, Roosevelt Island, NY 10044.

The RIRA campaign has been joined in earnest now, and I'll report on that by and by. But Island business continues, and I'll start with some important information.

As you know, Becker & Becker Associates has had initial site control of the Octagon area for several years now. They propose to build a new apartment complex there and to restore the Octagon landmark as part of the project. The apartments would extend as east-west and north-south wings off the Octagon and would include some landscaping to comply with the General Development Plan's requirement for an ecological park on the site. The details of this development have changed drastically over the years from six-story fair-market apartments to 13-story apartments split 80/20 between fair-market and subsidized units. We've seen the footprints and architects' renderings change over time to include a new tennis complex built over underground parking facilities.

BBA has contacted me with a request to present their newest plan for this area to the residents. I've arranged for a Town Meeting to be held in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd on Tuesday, October 22, at 8:00 p.m. This is our opportunity to assess the new plan and to ask probing questions about the details and the impact of the project on our lives. If you can attend, you really should. A large, involved, well-informed turnout will give our opinions impact and authority. Octagon Park Apartments, if they are built, will change our lives. Our participation now can help determine if those changes are for the better or not. See you there.

My opponent in the presidential race and I have begun our campaigns with separate meetings in the 546 Main Street Senior Building. I intend to hold meetings in every residential building, to greet you at the Farmers Market on Saturdays to talk over Island issues, to hand out literature at the subway and the Tram, and use every device the election rules allow to get your attention. The worst enemy the electoral process has is apathy. The RIRA Common Council's only claim to the notice of our elected officials and the media is our status as the elected representatives of this Island community's residents. When you run for office from your building and vote in RIRA elections, you truly fulfill the Council's mandate to be the voice of Roosevelt Island.

We will continue the Island traditions of grass-roots campaigning by conducting a debate between the presidential candidates and by offering all building candidates an opportunity to address the community on Candidates' Night. The debate will be held in the Chapel on Thursday, October 24, and will start with opening remarks at 8:00 p.m. *sharp*. Please be on time. Nominations close on October 25, and Candidates Night will take place in the Chapel on Wednesday, October 30, at 8:00 p.m.

Someone asked me if I am upset that my running mate of two years ago, Byron Gaspard, is challenging me for the presidency. I said that I'm not, and explained that an uncontested election would provide no forum for the airing of issues and that the debate would then be moot. My hope is that every building will field enough candidates so that every Council Member must justify a place in RIRA's leadership to his or her neighbors.

I'll touch briefly on my opponent's public comments. He has found fault with the current Council for failing to carry out the work of the committees or volunteer for programs approved by the group. I agree that there is ample room for improvement. However,

Byron has forgotten the wonderful social events and RIRA responses to 9/11 that were made possible by putting the human and financial resources in place from the start. The explanation is that he simply didn't participate in many of these worthy RIRA programs.

Byron has criticized my efforts to change the RIRA constitution from a moribund document that has not changed with the times to one that makes our work easier. I promised to attempt this when I ran two years ago, and you elected me on the basis of those campaign promises. He criticized my efforts to keep then Secretary of the Council, Sherie Helstien, on the Council, but she was removed for the crime of moving (along with me, her spouse) from Manhattan Park to Westview. We were unable to change this silly rule, but I'm pleased to note that Sherie will be running from Westview for a Council seat. Despite her peremptory removal from a position of authority, she has continued to show her capacity for leadership and hard

work by producing an International Cook Book, the sales of which will enhance the coffers of both the RIRA Legal Committee and the PTA. Way to go, sweetie!

I chose to run with Byron two years ago because I thought we complemented each other's key issues. I thought (and still think) that changing the governance of the RIOC Board of Directors from off-Islanders to a majority of Island residents is the most significant success since RIOC was created in 1984, and I'm proud to have been a part of that five-year effort. When it is fully implemented, this law will give the community a real voice in development, public safety, repair and maintenance, and all questions of Island administration. While Byron has, on occasion, expressed lukewarm support for the idea, he has not chosen to do the hard work that made this victory possible.

We've seen drug use, shoot-outs, and even an abortive bank heist on the Island during the past two years. I've heartily endorsed Byron's disparagement of public safety and used my influence with the Chair of the RIOC Board to have him included in the RIOC Public Safety advisory committee. Unfortunately, little that he has done to affect the policing of Roosevelt Island has had much effect. My focus on highfalutin' issues like governance will have more impact on improving the performance of the Public Safety Department than Byron's piecemeal approach.

I've never done this before, but I'm going to repeat a paragraph from my last column verbatim: 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've 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 is 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.

## The RIRA Column



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## Catherine Brady

A long-time resident, Catherine Brady, died this week. She is survived by her daughter, resident Joan Christianson, and other family. *The WIRE* hopes to have a photo and obituary for the November 2 issue.

# COMING UP

**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**.

**Tue., Oct. 22, 8:00 p.m., Octagon Plan Presentation** by Becker and Becker, the architectural firm that has site control of the Octagon area, Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

**Thur., Oct. 24, 8:00 p.m., RIRA Presidential Campaign Debate**, Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

**Fri., Oct. 25 (and every Friday), 11:00 a.m., Parent and Baby Class** at Island Kids, 536 Main Street community room. \$8 per class. Information: **317-0216**.

**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, 11:00 a.m., Southtown Playing Field Dedication.**

**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, 2:00 a.m., Daylight Saving 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 Manhattan Park, RISA, RIDA, RIVAA, the Hispanic Society, and the Island-based Special Ops unit of FDNY.

**Sun., Oct. 27, 7:00 p.m., Play Reading, Grinder's Stand** by Oakley Hall, first in a series, *Under Surveillance - The Main Street Theatre Takes a Look at American Plays and Playwrights*. Free; donations gratefully accepted.

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

**Wed., Oct. 30, 8:00 p.m., RIRA Candidates Night**, Chapel of the Good Shepherd.

**Sat., Nov. 2, pre-election issue of The Main Street WIRE. Deadlines:** Advertising in the paper, Fri., Oct. 25; decision on staffers for *The Bag*, Mon., Oct. 28; materials due Thur., Oct. 31. **Future issues** include a post-election issue November 9, then issues November 23 (Thanksgiving issue) and December 14 (Christmas issue); then at two-week intervals starting in January, 2003: January 11, 25; February 8, 22; March 8, 22; April 12, 26; May 17, 31; June 14, 28; July 26; August 23; September 6, 20; October 11, 25; November 8, 22 (Thanksgiving issue); December 13 (Christmas issue 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](mailto:ComingUp@MainStreetWIRE.com).

**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: Karina Freudenthal, multilingual international ambassador of peace.

**Mon., Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m., Roosevelt Island Historical Society** meeting, Island House community room, 555 Main Street. *All the News 'Twas Fit to Print*, shared readings of reports about the Island from *The New York Times* of a century ago.

**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.

**Sat., Nov. 16, 8:00 p.m. (doors open 7:15), Seniors Association Fashion Show**, Manhattan Park Theatre Club. \$5 advance sale, \$7 at the door.



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## 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, **Movie**  
7:00, **Dance Class** (Advanced)

**Friday**  
10:00, **English as Second Language**

10:15, **Yoga Stretch**  
1:00, **Bridge Class**  
7:30, **Lotto**

**Saturday**  
7:30, **Bingo** (RISA)

### Special Events

**Thur., Oct. 24, 9:30-11:30, Flu Shots** - walk-in

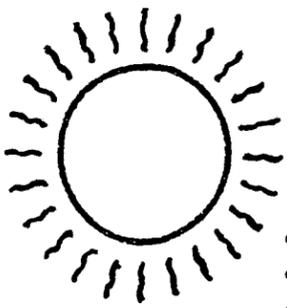
**Fri., Oct. 25, 12:30, Birthday Party** (Elvis impersonator)

**Thur., Oct. 31, 7:00, Halloween Party**

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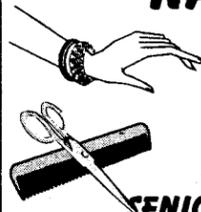


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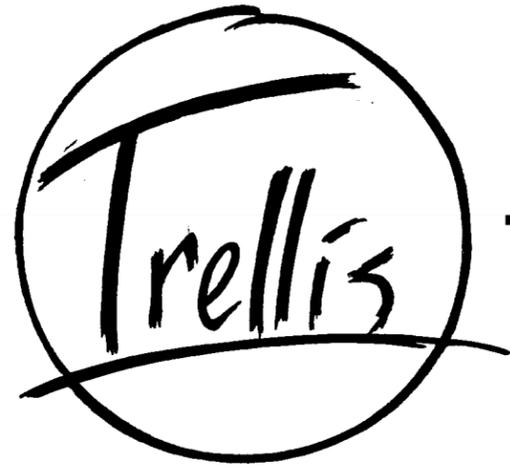
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# SPORTSWIRE

by Seth Kaufman

**Soccer** The weather got the better of the play last weekend, forcing the cancellation of all of the games scheduled for October 11 and 12. The standings in the Youth Program's Fall Soccer League following the games played on October 5 are:

Minors (7-8)		Juniors (9-10)		Seniors (11-14)	
Blue	1-0-0 (3 points)	Gold	3-1-0 (9 points)	Gold	1-0-2 (5 points)
Gold	0-0-1 (1 point)	Red	2-1-0 (6 points)	Blue	1-0-2 (5 points)
Red	0-0-1 (1 point)	Silver	1-1-1 (4 points)	Red	0-0-3 (3 points)
Silver	0-1-0 (0 points)	Blue	0-3-1 (1 point)	Silver	0-2-1 (1 point)

**Minors:** In the opening week of the season, the games were extremely competitive. Blue held on to defeat Silver 3-2, with Daniel Bowman, Mavin Hartung, and Leo Folla each scoring a goal for Blue. Gold and Red played to a 1-1 tie. Assane Dessables scored for Gold and Marko Cibic scored for Red.

**Juniors:** In third-week action, Gold defeated Blue 3-2 under the lights on Friday night. On Saturday, Silver defeated Gold 3-1 and Red beat Blue 2-0. For Gold, Alexander Pinks had two goals in the victory over Blue and scored their lone goal in the loss to Silver. Oussama Boutaleb added a goal for Gold in their victory. Alberto Marzan had two goals for Silver and Ryan Chono de Abreu added another as Silver recorded its first victory of the season over previously-undefeated Gold. Ahmed Aboulez had both goals for Red in their victory over Blue.

**Seniors:** Games in week three could not have been any closer, with both ending in ties. Blue and Gold went 2-2, while Red vs. Silver were scoreless. Thomas Herlihy had both goals for Blue, and Anatole Oubida and Kwaime Phillips scored for Gold.

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