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On the eve of Halloween, performance artist William Pope L dressed as the Abominable Snowman, occupied the Lighthouse, and penned *Moby Dick* from memory. From time to time he emerged to release goldfish for immediate consumption by seagulls. Go figure.

Island Voters Urge RIOC to Give Space for Youth Center

In Referenda, Residents Say Legislature Should Not Amend Open Spaces Law for Octagon Apartments Project, and Voice Dissatisfaction with Both Public Safety and RIOC Maintenance

Nine out of ten Islanders who voted in the RIRA election Tuesday want the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation to give the Roosevelt Island Youth Program a long-term lease on the former Lilies School space. The vote was 1,054 to 116.

Residents also rejected the idea of amending State law to clear the way for the Octagon Apartments project, voting 83% to keep the Open Spaces statute as it is and, by extension, to keep the Octagon Park area open. It seems unlikely RIOC and its Board will heed the vote, which is only advisory. The Board has approved a steady series of resolutions that firm up a commitment to the project. Early this week, in fact, a Board meeting was scheduled for Thursday to ratify the lease for the space, but on Wednesday the session was canceled without explanation.

In other referenda, Islanders panned the Public Safety Department (PSD), voting 73% "no" to 27% "yes" on the question, "Are you satisfied with the current level of service provided by Public Safety?" RIOC's maintenance of the Island also took a hit - 71% tipping the lever to "no" in response to a question about that. (For its pre-election issue last week, *The WIRE* had asked RIOC to provide its views on both the PSD and maintenance questions, but RIOC declined.)

Votes on the referendum questions are tallied in charts on page 2.

Youth Center

The impetus for the ballot question on space for the Youth Center was availability of nearly \$2 million to renovate a permanent home for the Youth Program, including \$1.65 million in City funding that depends on the space being held under a long-term lease. The space in question, on Main Street at the south end of Eastwood, is vacant. RIOC is attempting to market the space to a commercial renter, but none has stepped forward and RIOC had delays in firming up a

working marketing relationship with a real-estate broker.

The Youth Center has laid claim to the space at 504 Main Street based on a RIOC promise, over a decade old, that the space would be made available in exchange for the Youth Program's relinquishing the space that now houses the Main Street Theatre and Dance Alliance and the worship space of the Roosevelt Island Jewish Congregation.

The Lilies Christian School had used the space on a month-to-

month basis, but vacated just over a year ago after the RIOC Board voted not to extend the lease any further. Since then, the space has been vacant, the subject of repeated requests from the Youth Program and continued delay on the part of RIOC.

Octagon Apartments

Assemblymember Pete Grannis, who was re-elected Tuesday with an 88% vote on the Island and 77% district-wide, has said the State's 2002 Roosevelt Island Open Spaces Law is the source of contention over whether the Octagon Apartments project can be built (see lead story, above). See **Referenda**, page 2

Condo Prices Up at Southtown's Riverwalk

Prices are up at Riverwalk, and about a third of the available condominium apartments have been sold, according to residents who have bought or are considering a purchase. The "from" price of a studio apartment has advanced to \$285,000 from the original \$220,000, and three-bedroom units now start at \$900,000, up from \$695,000.

David Kramer of the Hudson Companies told *The WIRE*, "We're slowly making our way through the list of prospective buyers who left messages with us, and there's a limit to the number of appointments we can accommodate each day. There have been a few price amendments since we started."

One buyer told *The WIRE* that the sellers are giving shoppers about five days to make a decision, and are requiring a ten percent deposit, which is subject to forfeit if the buyer is unable to arrange financing when it's time for occupancy. He said the 800-page offering plan specifies that the building has a 20-year tax abatement, which is apparently helping to keep monthly charges low.

Details are available on the website dedicated to the building, www.riverwalknyc.com. For an appointment or information by telephone, the number is 212-754-0455.

Schumer, Maloney, and Grannis All Win Big Here

Democratic incumbents representing Roosevelt Island all scored election victories Tuesday and, on Roosevelt Island, all pulled 87 percent of Roosevelt Island's vote on Tuesday. Senator Charles Schumer, Representative Carolyn Maloney, and Assemblymember Pete Grannis were all returned to office. Presidential candidate John Kerry also topped 80 percent here, and won New York State's electoral votes.

Vote tabulations appear on page 2.

Islanders who subscribe to *The WIRE's* e-mail bulletin service received tallies about 90 minutes after the close of balloting. To subscribe to the service, send an "AddMe" message to editor@MainStreetWIRE.com.



State Senator Olga Mendez spoke to her staff and supporters Tuesday night; José Serrano is pictured as he campaigned here in September.

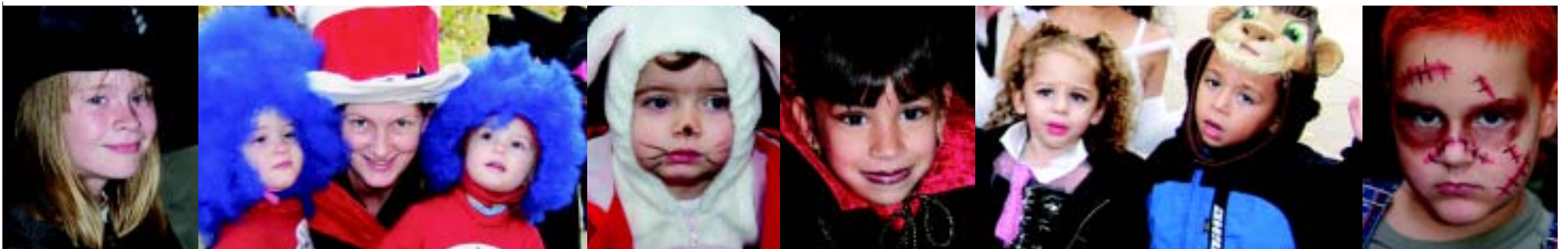
Serrano Unseats Mendez

Roosevelt Island got a new State Senator in Tuesday's election. Long-time Senator Olga Mendez was targeted by Democrats after she switched political parties.

Her victorious rival, City Councilmember José Serrano, campaigned vigorously with the support of the City's leading Democratic lights. In appearances on the Island, Serrano was accompanied once by Rep. Carolyn Maloney, and another time by Assemblymember Pete Grannis, who made little secret of his distaste for working with Mendez, even when she was a fellow Democrat.

With Grannis, Mendez came to support an Island movement for an elected Board of Directors for the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation, once telling Governor George Pataki, "It's an idea whose time has come." Instead, in 2002, Pataki staff altered the Grannis-Mendez proposal to put a majority of appointed Island residents on the Board, and rechristened it the Roosevelt Island Open Spaces bill. A key provision of that law is the source of contention over whether the Octagon Apartments project can be built (see lead story, above).

See **Serrano**, page 2



More Halloween photos on pages 4 and 5. *The WIRE's* color coverage is made possible by Roosevelt Island Housing Management.

General Election Island Votes

	Votes	%
President		
Kerry	1973	83.1
Bush	380	16.0
Nader	20	0.8
US Senate		
Schumer	1907	87.0
Mills	226	10.3
O'Grady	29	1.3
Koppel	10	0.5
Silberger	9	0.4
McReynolds	9	0.4
Hirschfeld	1	0.0
US House of Representatives		
Maloney	1751	87.3
Srdanovic	254	12.7
State Senate		
Serrano	1615	77.7
Mendez	447	21.5
Estrada	16	0.8
State Assembly		
Grannis	1591	87.6
Leslie	226	12.4

RIRA Advisory Referendum Votes

	10-40	2-4RR								
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Should the Legislature refuse to amend Open Spaces law for Octagon Apartments?										
Yes	223	149	134	66	250	151	973	82.7	Yes*	
No	39	27	47	11	58	22	204	17.3	No	
Should RIOC grant the Youth Center space in former Lilies School?										
Yes	219	161	161	70	277	166	1054	90.1	Yes*	
No	41	16	21	4	27	7	116	9.9	No	
Should Southpoint Park be protected from commercial development?										
Yes	223	166	138	59	265	152	1003	85.5	Yes*	
No	36	15	43	11	43	22	170	14.5	No	
Are you satisfied with the services of the Public Safety Department?										
Yes	73	40	82	33	54	33	315	26.9	Yes	
No	184	140	99	41	250	143	857	73.1	No*	
Are you satisfied with RIOC's maintenance of the Island?										
Yes	98	38	75	44	60	32	347	29.4	Yes	
No	162	144	108	29	245	144	832	70.6	No*	

Changing of the Guard "Class photo" taken at Wednesday night's transitional RIRA Common Council meeting shows new (n), departing (d), and continuing (c) members of the Council, as well as those returning (r) to the Council after an absence. Seated, left to right: Joyce Mincheff (r), Sherie Helstien, Secretary (c), outgoing President Matthew Katz (d), newly elected President Steve Marcus (c), James Whalen (c). Second row: Diana Armenakis (n), Frank Farance (c), Lilly Picchione (n), Kaisa Edelman (c), Nurit Marcus (d), Lynn Chambers, Treasurer (c), Mark Chipman (c), Erin Feely-Nahem (c), Natalia Chin (n), Anita Bonita (n), Russ DiBello (c), Ron Schuppert (r), Petra Kaizer (n). Back row, behind Farance and Picchione: L. Mason Lesure (n), John Hafner (c). Insets, left to right: Margie Smith (c), newly elected Vice President, was at another meeting when the group photo was taken, as was Howard Polivy (n); Jim Luce (c) and Dolores Green (c) arrived later, as well. Others on the outgoing and incoming Councils were missing, as well, for various reasons. See voting chart, right, for the buildings they represent.



RIRA Tally

President	
Steve Marcus	898
James Whalen	278
Vice President	
Margie Smith	961
Common Council Delegates	
2 River Road (1 seat)	
James Whalen	12
4 River Road (1)	
<i>no nominations</i>	
10-40 River Road (8)	
Anita Bonita	119
Lynn Chambers	118
George Reither	112
Russell DiBello	111
Lilly Picchione	110
Mark Chipman	109
L. Mason Lesure	109
Eastwood (7)	
Joyce Mincheff	130
James Luce	110
546 Main Street (2)	
Dolores Green	56
Island House (3)	
Kasia Edelman	128
Frank Farance	122
John Hafner	122
Rivercross (3)	
Ron Schuppert	217
Diana Armenakis	134
Ethel Romm	106
Joseph Cristiano	103
Ellen Polivy	103
Howard Polivy	45
Westview (3)	
Erin Feely-Nahem	125
Natalia Chin	117
Sherie Helstien	117
Petra Kaizer	80
Southtown (3)	
<i>no nominations</i>	

Serrano from page 1

Serrano, the son of Rep. José E. Serrano, who represents Congressional District 16 in the Bronx, is a two-term member of the City Council. During his appearances on Roosevelt Island, Serrano and his supporters criticized Mendez for leaving the Democratic Party to become an even closer ally of her friend, the Governor. Serrano said that Senate Republicans in Albany, along with the Governor, are responsible for denying much of the support needed by New York City.

His victory is part of a push by Democrats to take over the Senate. When he announced, a dozen prominent Democrats appeared with him. With other victories in Tuesday's balloting, Democrats are now within three or four seats of controlling the Senate, likely to be the subject of an intense effort in two years when the governor's office is also up for grabs.

Serrano chairs the City Council Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries, and International Intergroup Relations. He received his B.A. in government from Manhattan College, and worked for the New York Shakespeare Festival.

Letters Policy

The WIRE welcomes letters to the editor, to the community, and to/from officials. Publication on a *Name Withheld* basis will be considered, but the writer's name, address, and phone number **must** be provided for verification and for our records; *letters submitted anonymously are not considered for publication.*

Preferred form of submission: E-mail to Letters@MainStreetWIRE.com (plaintext e-mail format preferred, or attach a file created using any common wordprocessing software, but no MSWord files containing macros), or on a PC-standard 3.5" disk left at the desk at 531 Main Street, addressed to **The WIRE**. **Alternatives:** Typed copy left at 531 Main Street. Clearly handwritten letters will be considered if brief, but we are not able to take telephone dictation of letters. **Letters are subject to acceptance and to possible editing for length and clarity.** Recommended maximum length, 300 words; longer letters will be considered if their content merits the required space.

**Letters deadline for November 20 issue:
Tuesday, November 16**

After deadline, letters will be considered on a space available basis.

The **Public Safety Blotter** for the last half of October is now available on *Website NYC10044* at nyc10044.com/wire/2505/blot2505.html.

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Spaces Law prohibits use of the Octagon Park land for an apartment building. RIOC has claimed there is no prohibition.

On Thursday, Grannis told *The WIRE*, "With residents overwhelmingly voting in support of the referenda to preserve the open spaces at both Southpoint Park and Octagon Park for park-related activities, RIOC and its Board were given a clear message that demonstrates the necessity to uphold the Roosevelt Island Open Spaces Law. I look forward to working with RIOC and the community to add both these areas to the City's limited but vitally important inventory of parkland."

Public Safety

Roosevelt Island's Public Safety Department has only rarely been out of residents' line of fire, taking criticism for alleged ineffectiveness against drug use and drug deals, anti-social activities in residential buildings where residents complain that patrols are infrequent or nonexistent, and for various missteps. Last week, for example, a judge tossed out a disorderly conduct summons in the case of a resident who refused to identify himself to officers responding to a complaint call over his taking photographs. The judge ruled that PSD's paperwork cited no facts to support the charge.

In the referendum vote, residents seemed to be expressing, once again, a general dissatisfaction with Public Safety's ability to provide an environment they consider safe, secure, and free of a range of unwanted activities.

Over the past year, RIOC Board member Patrick Stewart, a resident, has chaired a RIOC Public Safety Committee in what appeared to be a RIOC Board effort to address the dissatisfaction, but he announced abandonment of the committee at the last Board meeting. No detailed reasons were given, but Stewart once expressed unhappiness over the contentiousness of some committee members. One, Damon LaScot, criticized Stewart for allegedly making it his mission to see that the committee would accomplish nothing.

Maintenance

The current administration at RIOC has responded to a listing of maintenance problems presented by the newly-elected President of the Residents Association, Steve Marcus, while he was the organization's Vice President. But 71% of residents voting said they were unsatisfied with RIOC maintenance efforts. Long-time residents have complained of a general deterioration over the years, complaining RIOC's payroll is administratively top-heavy and maintenance is slighted.

COMING UP

— This Weekend —

Historical Society Tour – the Tram, Sun., Nov. 7, 11:00 a.m., guided by Judith Berdy. Reservations: **212-688-4836**, or e-mail RooseveltIslandHistory@USA.com. Free.

— The Coming Week —

An Introduction to the Talmud, presented by the Roosevelt Island Jewish Congregation, **Mon., Nov. 8, 7:45**, Cultural Center. (Second and last session, Nov. 15). Information: JorelJr@msn.com.

Toastmasters Public Speaking Group, Mon., Nov. 8, 8:00 p.m. Visitors welcome. For location call Doris at **212-751-9577**.

La Leche League meeting for pregnant and breastfeeding women, **Tue., Nov. 9, 1:00 p.m.**, 20 River Road #5P. Free. Information: **212-832-1188**.

Historical Society Tour – Water Tunnel, Sat., Nov. 13, 11:00 a.m., guided by Nancy Cruikshank, former geologist on the project. Reservations: **212-688-4836**, or e-mail RooseveltIslandHistory@USA.com. Free.

— Future Events —

Orphans International Third Annual Benefit, Mon., Nov. 15, 6-9 p.m., Yale Club, Manhattan. Tickets \$100 and up; child sponsorship \$600/year. Reservations/information: **212-755-7285**.

An Introduction to the Talmud, presented by the Roosevelt Island Jewish Congregation (second of two sessions), **Mon., Nov. 15, 7:45**, Cultural Center. Information: JorelJr@msn.com.

Book Discussion Group at the Library, **Thur., Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m.**, *The Stranger* by Camus. Copies of book available at the branch.

The Main Street WIRE – Thanksgiving issue in two weeks: **Sat., Nov. 20**. (To receive e-mail bulletins between issues, send an “Add Me” message to Bulletins@MainStreetWIRE.com.) **Deadlines:** Advertising in the paper, Friday, Nov. 12; decision on fliers for *The Bag*, Mon., Nov. 15; inserts due Thur., Nov. 18. **Future issues:** Dec. 4, 18 (two December holiday issues). **In 2005:** Jan. 8, 22; Feb. 5, 19; Mar. 5, 19; Apr. 2, 16, 30; May 14; June 4, 18; July 2, 30; Aug. 27; Sept. 10, 24; Oct. 8, 22; Nov. 5, 19; Dec. 3, 17. **Phone/fax** for news, **212-826-9055/755-2540**; urgent matters **917-617-0449**. **Phone/fax** for display and classified advertising placement and information, **212-751-8214/755-2540**. **To list your organization’s Island-related event in this column**, please e-mail information to ComingUp@MainStreetWIRE.com, or leave it, addressed to *The WIRE*, at the desk at 531 Main Street; provide a telephone number for follow-up questions. There is no charge for such listings.

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Toastmasters Public Speaking Group, Mon., Nov. 22, 8:00 p.m. Visitors welcome. For location, call Doris at **212-751-9577**.

Residents Association Common Council Meeting, Wed., Dec. 1, 8:00 p.m., Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Open. An opportunity for members of the public to speak is available early near the start of the meeting.

Toastmasters Public Speaking Group, Mon., Dec. 13, 8:00 p.m. Visitors welcome. For location call Doris at **212-751-9577**.

Book Discussion Group at the Library, **Thur., Dec. 23, 6:30 p.m.**, *Hunger*, by Chang. Copies of book available at the branch.

Book Discussion Group at the Library, **Thur., Jan. 20, 6:30 p.m.**, *Don't Erase Me*, by Ferrall. Copies of book available at the branch.

Book Discussion Group at the Library, **Thur., Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m.**, *Who's Irish*, by Jen. Copies of book available at the branch.

Book Discussion Group at the Library, **Thur., Mar. 18, 6:30 p.m.**, *At Home With the Glynn's*, by Kraft. Copies of book available at the branch.

Book Discussion Group at the Library, **Thur., Apr. 21, 6:30 p.m.**, *Passing*, by Larsen. Copies of book available at the branch.

Book Discussion Group at the Library, **Thur., May. 19, 6:30 p.m.**, *A Prayer for the Dying*, by O'Nan. Copies of book available at the branch.

Book Discussion Group at the Library, **Thur., June 23, 6:30 p.m.**, *Seven Guitars*, by Wilson. Copies of book available at the branch.

Senior Center

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| Monday | 10:30, Creative Arts |
| 10-11, Latchhook Class | 12:30, Movie |
| 10-11:30, English as 2nd Language | 1:00, Drawing with Pastels |
| 10:30, Blood Pressure Screening | 7:00, Dance |
| 12:30, “Oldies” Movies | Friday |
| 1:00, Tai Chi | 9:30, Yoga |
| 7:00, Dance Class (Beginners) | 10:30, Computers |
| Tuesday | 1:00, Bridge |
| 10:00, Computers | 6:00, Dance & Relax |
| 10-11, Dance & Relax | 7:00, Games (RISA) |
| 1:00, Bingo | Saturday |
| 6:00, Yoga Class | 7:30, Bingo (RISA) |
| 7:30, Games (RISA) | Special Events |
| Wednesday | Mon., Nov. 8, 11:00 , MetroCard Bus |
| 9:15, Stay Well | Mon., Nov. 8 , RISA Cotton Club trip |
| 10:00, Spanish Class | Wed., Nov. 17 , Atlantic City trip |
| 10:30, Shoppers' Bus | Sun., Nov. 20, 6:00 , RISA Annual Dinner |
| 12:30, Sculpting | Tue., Nov. 30 , RISA Las Vegas trip |
| 7:00, Pokeno (RISA) | |
| Thursday | |
| 10:00, Tai Chi | |

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This is my last column as RIRA president. Technically, as you read this page, I have assumed my new title as past-president, a post of comparable importance to a steering wheel on a billy goat. The Common Council now belongs to the Class of 2004 under the leadership of Steve Marcus and Margie Smith, and I hope you will support them. However, as I write this, I do so with the authority you gave me two years ago by electing me your president.

I wrote my first column for the November 17, 2000 issue and, at that time, said, “In future columns...I

The RIRA Column

will use this ‘bully pulpit’ to report on meetings of the Common Council as well as my interactions with the Island, City and State officials, and organizations that affect our lives. Will my writing be biased, opinionated and subjective? Y’betcha!” I think that I may safely say that I satisfied these self-imposed requirements. While the communication between RIOC and the community has certainly improved during the past year, I believe that my successor would be remiss not to use this avenue of communication, the RIRA Column in *The Main Street WIRE*, especially in an environment of tight-lipped landlords and developers. However, I would urge caution; printer’s ink is highly additive!

I would be negligent if I did not thank my editor and my friend, Dick Lutz, for the opportunity to fill this rag with my blather over the last four years. He and his crack crew of proofreaders have repaired my spelling mistakes and gently steered my tenuous grasp of grammar, and without ever attempting to impact the ideas expressed here. What you have read has been mine and mine alone, and I’ll happily take the bravos and brickbats. By providing and maintaining a high-quality newspaper on Roosevelt Island, Dick has underscored and justified our claim that we are a discrete small town within the heart of the Metropolis, entitled to and capable of a say in our administration and our future. I know full well the sacrifices Dick has made to sustain this newspaper and my respect knows no bounds. Nor should yours.

While I’m in a thankful mood, I must thank George Reither and Mark Chipman, Election Committee and Nominations Committee chairs respectively, for producing a world-class and irrefutable election. And a big bravo! to Joyce Mincheff and the volunteers who worked for weeks prior to Election Day, as well as sixteen hours at the school on November 2, to mount this Herculean effort.

I want to congratulate all of the candidates who ran for office last Tuesday. All of them, from the candidates for President of the United States to New York State Assembly to president of the Roosevelt Island Residents Association, have a dedication to public service that should be recognized by all of us. They all deserve our thanks and our respect. And now it is time for those who won to prepare to govern.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Steve Marcus on becoming the newly elected president of RIRA. I am sure that we will be working together on various issues in the coming years. There is already a history of Steve bringing information and requests to my attention. It is because of him that we now have the hotline for transportation issues and Island events (212-308-6608). That suggestion made good sense and was easily implemented.

Fall is a time for other changes on the Island as well. I want to welcome Blackwell Management to Roosevelt Island. They are the new management company for Westview and Island House. The phone number for their office is 212-755-3012 and it is located in the space formerly occupied by the Roosevelt Island Day Nursery in Island House.

I heard that the Halloween parade was once again a resounding success. The pictures of the event are amazing. It looks like wall-to-wall costumes and fun on Main Street. This is definitely one of the best places to be for Halloween. I want to thank Doryne Isley for all of her work on this event. She really is able to reach all ages between those who participate and those who spectate. I also want to thank all of the mer-

A RIOC Director asked me if I thought the *sturm und drang* of two terms as president and eight years on the Common Council was worth it. I told him that the work was unremitting, the confrontations often unpleasant, the successes few and far between, and the failures frustrating, and that I wouldn’t trade the last four years for anything. Had I not ruffled some feathers and possibly made some enemies, I wouldn’t have been doing my job. During the first RIRA debate in 2000, a prescient questioner asked me how much time I would devote to the task. Ruffled, I answered, “As much time as it takes.” Little did I know how many hours every week that would entail!

I’ve been privileged to work with a group of smart, selfless, energetic, innovative, imaginative, and dedicated people on the Common Council and in the community who have transformed the Residents Association and the quality of life on Roosevelt Island. You know who you are. I’ve always felt that RIRA wasn’t about the Council meetings, the constitution, or the motions and resolutions – it was always about the work. Some people were always available to roll up their sleeves and get their hands dirty; others never volunteered their time, and they know who they are.

Finally I want to thank you for your kind words, your feedback on Island issues and on my column, and for caring about Roosevelt Island. I still don’t understand how a planned community, so carefully designed for social equality, economic diversity, and architectural excellence could be so screwed up politically, but it is. If this Roosevelt Island community is to survive without being gentrified into oblivion, we will all have to do a great deal of caring, paying attention, and working to make a difference.

I’ve given my *Bartlett’s Familiar Quotations* a workout over the last four years, but I’ll end with a quote from another source, Ron Chernow’s excellent biography of Alexander Hamilton. Upon leaving the office of Secretary of the Treasury in 1795, Hamilton said:

“Congratulate me, my good friends, for I am now longer a public man.”

chants who let children trick-or-treat in their establishments. I also want to thank all of the people who took time out of their busy Halloween fun to attend the naming of the Grandpa Al Lewis Playground. I just wish that more children were able to visit our offices to trick or treat this year. Also, let us thank our elected officials who shared the day with us.

In keeping with the tradition of wonderful holiday traditions on Roosevelt Island, we are going to hold the second annual holiday tree lighting. More details will follow as they become available, but we invite everybody to join us at this fun event. There will be refreshments and entertainment. Last year, the tree in front of Blackwell House served as the Island tree. The event will take place there and please watch this column and the kiosks for more information.

As winter approaches we also are continuing to make street repairs. As many of you may have noticed, repair work was done by the curb at the bottom of the ramp. We will continue to try to work with DEP’s schedule to make sure that everything gets done. I wish that we could give you the exact time and date of each repair beforehand, but again, we are tied to DEP’s availability and schedule. We will continue to update you on the progress.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to pause and honor our veterans. I ask everyone to reflect for just a minute this Veterans Day on the sacrifices that our servicemen and women have made over the generations and continue to make today.



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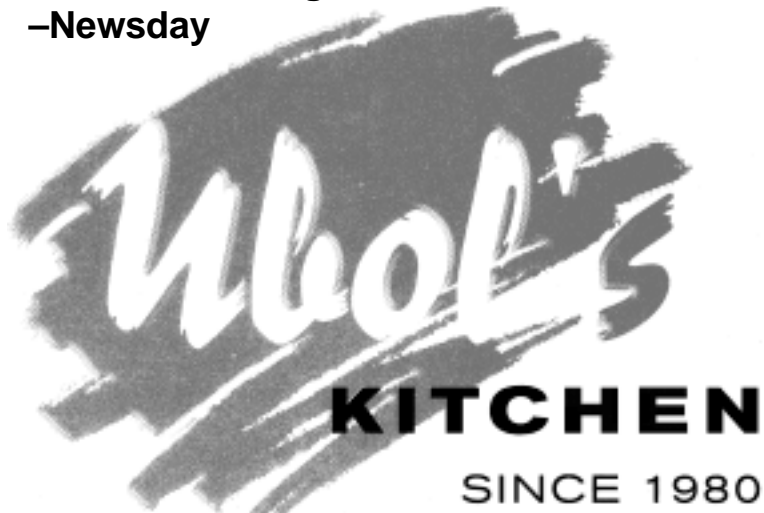
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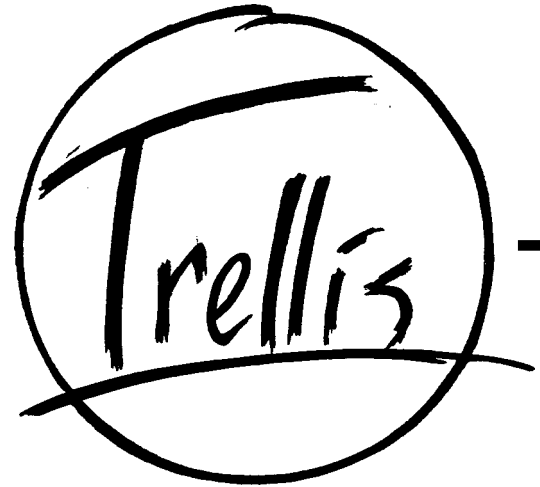
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