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LAMARTINE PLACE HISTORIC DISTRICT APPROVED!!

On February 3, the New York City Council voted to approve the Lamartine Place Historic District. The thirteen row houses on West 29th Street are historically remarkable for their association with several well-known abolitionist families, and as a station of the Underground Railroad. As a result of the leadership of CB4 and the work of countless others, the architecturally valuable and historically exceptional buildings within the historic district are now protected and officially designated!

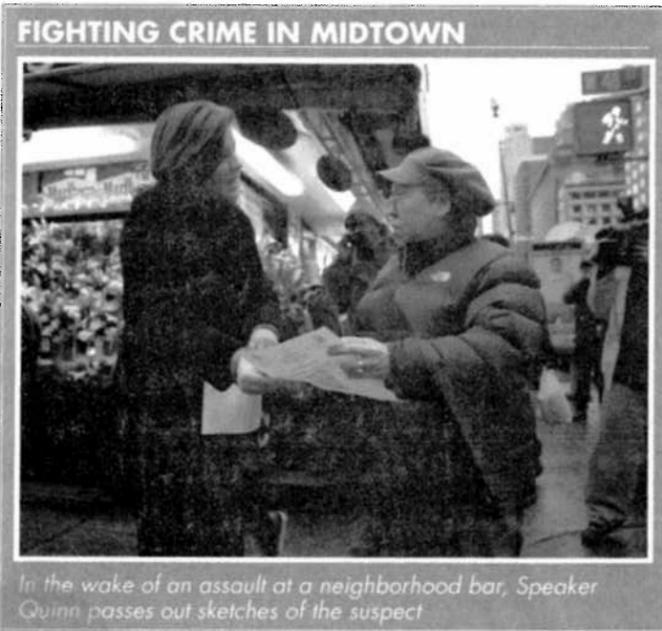
GRAFFITI CLEANUP

On August 31st, I was joined by a group of community members in restoring a vandalized building in Chelsea at 245 10th Avenue, where graffiti has long plagued the façade. The Council worked to pass the "Graffiti Free" bill, which further enables Graffiti Free NYC to remove graffiti from buildings. This common sense legislation will help preserve our neighborhoods and help to further expand the City's free graffiti removal program.

CLUB DUVET CLOSES!

After a number of meetings and a letter to the State Liquor Authority from my office urging owner accountability for the safety of patrons and the full revocation of its liquor license, Club Duvet was finally closed! In fact, the SLA accepted an offer from Club Duvet to cancel its own liquor license.

I would like to thank Community Board 5, the Flatiron Neighborhood Alliance and local neighbors. Without their work we would not have been able to shut down this longtime neighborhood nuisance.



In the wake of an assault at a neighborhood bar, Speaker Quinn passes out sketches of the suspect

FORMER YALE CLUB LANDMARKED!

On May 4, the Council approved the landmark designation of the former Yale Club, located at 30-32 West 44th Street. Constructed in 1900-1901 and designed by Yale University graduates Evarts Tracy and Egerton Swartwout, this 11-story building was the first high-rise clubhouse in New York. The Club boasts a rich Beaux Arts style with exterior architectural elements, such as a double-story limestone base and ornate balconies. I am happy to have approved the landmarking of the former Yale Club, an aesthetic gem.

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PS 3 RIBBON CUTTING



Speaker Quinn celebrates the opening of the new rooftop playground with the students of PS 3

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WITH THE 6TH PRECINCT



Speaker Quinn enjoys a night with the community and 6th Precinct officers

BUS TOWN HALL

On November 12th I hosted an Idling and Tour/Charter Bus Town Hall Meeting, which was co-sponsored by our local elected officials. This meeting gave the community an opportunity to discuss, in a collaborative manner, the health, safety, environmental and quality of life concerns regarding idling buses and tour/charter buses in the neighborhood.

JANE JACOBS STREET CO-NAMING

Last Summer, the Village community decided to honor the life and work of an amazing West Villager by officially co-naming the section of Hudson Street between Perry and West 11th Streets "Jane Jacobs Way." Jacobs championed new, community based approaches to city planning for over 40 years, and inspired generations of urban activists. Her legacy lives on today in the work of Doris Diether, and all those who fight to preserve the quality of life for their fellow New Yorkers.

YANKEES VISIT THE GREENWICH VILLAGE LITTLE LEAGUE



Speaker Quinn, Alex Rodriguez, Andy Pettitte, Joba Chamberlain, and Assembly Member Kellner

PENN SOUTH ANNUAL MEETING

It was such a joy to have once again attended Penn South's October Annual Meeting and see so many familiar faces. Penn South stands for something important in our city. It's more than just a place to live – it's a real home for the middle-class to grow and prosper and realize the American Dream. I am proud to represent such a wonderful place.

SUNDAY SUPPER AT CHELSEA MARKET

On March 28, Sunday Supper at Chelsea Market invited me to attend the benefit for the James Beard Foundation and Robert Fulton Houses' culinary scholarships. Each year, when the Fulton Houses student-tenants are on their school break, Chelsea Market hires them for various summer jobs, offering them a glimpse into a new world of occupational opportunities.

WORKING FOR YOUR NEEDS

RALLYING FOR OUR SENIOR CENTERS



Speaker Quinn joins advocates and Council Members to fight for our senior centers

PIER 64 COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



Speaker Quinn kicks off the community celebration of the opening of Pier 64

SAVING OUR POST OFFICES

On August 20, local elected officials and I were present in front of the West Village Post Office to protest its possible closure. The West Village Post Office, located at 527 Hudson Street, serves the needs of a growing residential and business community that lives and works in our neighborhood. To see this post office close would have been a terrible loss. Luckily, by working together, we were able to stop this ill planned closure from happening.

OPENING DAY



Speaker Quinn throws out the first pitch to start the season for the Greenwich Village Little League

SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS



Speaker Quinn speaks to the Greenwich Village Chelsea Chamber of Commerce regarding her small business initiatives

MTA PETITION DELIVERY



Speaker Quinn delivers more than 40,000 signed petitions opposing the MTA's cut backs

TOUR BUS NOISE LEGISLATION

On April 29th, the Council passed legislation that will require all tour buses with open, roof-top seating to install a headphone-based system, so that the sound and audio cannot be heard by residents. A phase-in period will begin in July 2011 and all open-air sightseeing buses will be required to have headphone systems installed by July 2015. Tourists are as integral to the City as the Statue of Liberty and Times Square, but while encouraging the tourism industry, we must not forget that people live here as well.

WORKING TO IMPROVE AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS

RESPECT FOR ALL

On March 12th, to help promote the major expansion of Respect for All Week, an anti-bias program that combats bullying and harassment in New York City public schools, I attended the Legacy School for Integrated Studies on West 14th Street. This newly expanded initiative will extend training programs to all elementary school teachers and counselors, provide principals with additional guidance in creating anti-bullying plans, and make the creation of a safe and supportive learning environment factor into school evaluations. The newly expanded program builds on a 2007 initiative I helped to create in conjunction with my colleagues in the Council and the Mayor's Office.

PS 41 GREENROOF LAUNCH

On March 2, I attended the design unveiling of P.S. 41's Greenroof Environmental Literacy Laboratory (GELL). Once completed, GELL will be one of the largest greenroofs at a New York City public school. It will be an exciting new learning space for P.S. 41 students, and will provide important tools to a new generation of environmental stewards. I am thrilled that we have found a brilliant way to transform unused space into an educational facility and am proud to have supported this project along with State Senator Thomas Duane and Borough President Scott Stringer.

HOUSING

CHALLENGING THE RENT GUIDELINES BOARD ON THE 'POOR TAX'

One of my highest priorities is to ensure that New Yorkers at all levels of income have access to housing that they can afford. After the Rent Guidelines Board instituted the "poor tax," we at the Council filed an amicus brief in a case brought by the Legal Aid Society and South Brooklyn Legal Services challenging this increase. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of the tenants! I look forward to continuing to fight against this regressive tax and we will once again file an amicus brief to defend against the RGB's appeal of this decision.

TENANT FAIR CHANCE ACT

In a effort to safeguard millions of New York City residents, the Council passed the Tenant Fair Chance Act on February 11, which gives tenants a greater level of protection when applying for housing. By streamlining the process for tenants and giving them easier access to screening reports they are entitled to view, we can ensure that all New Yorkers are given a fair chance to find a new home.

A tenant screening report is a type of consumer report listing a person's housing court history. Often landlords use these reports to determine whether to rent to a potential tenant. Federal law permits tenants to receive one free copy per year of their tenant screening report, yet many people are unaware of their existence and how to access them.

STANDING STRONG FOR SCHOOLS



Speaker Quinn joins Senator Duane calling for more school seats for our neighborhood

RIBBON CUTTING FOR MIDTOWN WEST'S NEW LIBRARY

The P.S. 212 Midtown West Library Ribbon Cutting on October 27th provided as opportunity to marvel at the wonderful changes. The library, which used to be dark and windowless, is now full of natural sunlight to help encourage our kids to love to read. I am a huge supporter of libraries for the undeniable value they have. Our children deserve the best libraries available and Midtown West's newest addition fits that bill perfectly!

FIFTH ANNUAL WEST SIDE TENANTS' CONFERENCE

I was honored to speak at the Fifth Annual West Side Tenants' Conference. The Conference was sponsored by affordable housing organizations, my fellow elected officials and myself. Over 300 tenants participated in the day's workshops which included sessions on stopping illegal hotels, how to get repairs and finding affordable housing.

CHALLENGING THE RENT GUIDELINES BOARD



Speaker Quinn leads tenant advocates and fellow elected officials in denouncing the poor tax.