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Block Association  
46 Barrow Street • New York, NY 10014

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### BBC NEWS AND VIEWS JUNE 2017 MEETING

The next BBC Meeting is Monday, June 5, at Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow St.) at 7:00 PM. **Maury Schott**, former co-chair of the Traffic and Transportation Committee of CB#2, will make a presentation on the 7th Ave South complete streets proposal. We will soon have historic lights on Seventh Avenue South from Christopher to Bleecker! Councilman Corey Johnson will fund this project as a result of its popularity in the Participatory Budgeting process and its importance to the Greenwich Village historic district. Thank you to all who voted and who helped get out the vote!

On May 12, Representatives from the Block Association attended a site visit with representatives from the NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC) on Bedford Street and Commerce Street. The visit was arranged by the office of NYC **Council Member Corey Johnson**. Representatives from the office of other officials also attended. The DDC expects the project to last two more months. They are working to identify ways to lessen the number of storage areas we need on the neighborhood's narrow streets by consolidating materials and shifting locations as work continues. They are also working with the Council Member's office on more community outreach and will hold a public meeting at Community Board 2's Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting on Thursday, June 8. The meeting will include a presentation by the NYC DDC with input by Con Edison and Verizon and will provide an overview of current work in the CB2 district, including projects at various locations in the West Village, such as water main replacements, complex pedestrian ramps, utilities and telecommunications.

The DDC work on this corner is part of a project involving replacement of complex pedestrian ramps

around Manhattan to ensure that street corners are ADA compliant and safety measures included. Once the DDC contractor opens up the street and before the pedestrian ramp is replaced, the work often includes water main and sewer pipe replacement in order to avoid returning to the same location in the near future to dig up the street again. There is coordination with various utilities, who must move their lines out of the way, so work can proceed. The DDC realizes the inconvenience that their projects cause, but the City's infrastructure needs continuous upgrades.

BBCer **Anne Marie Paolucci**, New York: Chemo Comfort challenged bakeries to help celebrate the sweet victory of cancer survivorship for one week, beginning National Cancer Survivor Day, Sunday June 4. Bakeries are participating in "Confections for Comfort" with sweet treats, which will be on sale June 4-11, 2017. Establishments in New York City, Long Island, Westchester and New Jersey will participate in this fifth annual event, by creating signature confections. Proceeds will be donated to Chemo Comfort. Participating local vendors: Manhattan Melt Bakery 132 Orchard St. 646-535-6358 [meltbakery.com](http://meltbakery.com), Milk & Cookies Bakery, 19 Commerce St 212-243-1640. [milkandcookiesbakery.com](http://milkandcookiesbakery.com), Tonnie's Minis, 4734 Broadway 212-831-5292 [tonniesminis.com](http://tonniesminis.com), Tu-Lu's Gluten-Free Bakery 338 E. 11<sup>th</sup> St 212-777-2227 [tulusbakery.com](http://tulusbakery.com), Brooklyn Buttermilk Bakeshop, 260 Fifth Avenue 347-987-3941, [buttermilk-bakeshop.com](http://buttermilk-bakeshop.com),

From BBCer **Richard Eric Weigle**, Grove Street President —It started with a dream that the trees of Grove Street were abundant with colorful birdhouses. I decided to make the dream a reality. With the help of my husband, **Michael Anastasio**, we started with our own collection of six. Soon, more were donated. Friends from Amsterdam brought us two more, and we continued to look for more. We now have twenty in the trees stretching from Hudson Street to Seventh



Avenue. We do not want birdhouses in every tree because we want people to be surprised. From one that resembles a church, appropriately placed across from St. Luke's Church, to one shaped like a barn, they add color, beauty and, hopefully, some affordable housing in the Village for our 2 legged, feathered friends. People enjoy the surprise and photograph them. They add a homey, personal touch that delights tourists, reminding them how wonderful Greenwich Village is. Can you find all of them?

Eric also announces the 2017 Greenwich Village Film Festival on October 25-28 at the Renee Weiler Concert Hall at The Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow Street). Please tell any filmmakers you know that submissions for films of 20 minutes or less, are open. He asks each group and/or resident to consider contributing. The money raised will help pay for the venue, awards, advertising, and insurance. You can visit the website [www.greenwichvillagefilmfestival.com](http://www.greenwichvillagefilmfestival.com). and donation using PayPal. The PayPal account is [info@greenwichvillagefilmfestival.com](mailto:info@greenwichvillagefilmfestival.com). For further questions email [richardericweigle@icloud.com](mailto:richardericweigle@icloud.com)

Big Apple Beautifiers next meeting is June 18 from 9:00 AM at Hakata Tonton. Through this cleaning activity, you can:

1. Raise your awareness of the environment by practicing 4 Rs (Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) so that you can be a Green Consumer!
2. Learn a Japanese traditional value.
3. Get serenity of minds and contribute to reducing crime rate.

At our November BBC meeting (Wednesday, November 1) we will host our 3<sup>rd</sup> BBC Literary Soiree

at 7:00 PM, at the Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow St.). We ask any interested writer to register, via email ([KathrynDonaldson@aol.com](mailto:KathrynDonaldson@aol.com)) WE HAVE A TIME LIMIT OF FIVE MINUTES. If you are interesting, register and include a brief bio which will be used to introduce you to the audience.

#### NABE NOTES

Cherry Lane Theatre — Tuesday June 13 at 7:00PM Special Benefit Performance of *THE TRAVELING LADY*, \$300 (\$225 tax-deductible) premium performance seating, souvenir signed poster, dinner and cocktail reception with the artists, opportunity to participate in our raffle of high-end services and luxury items

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To purchase tickets or make a donation [www.CherryLaneTheatre.org/support](http://www.CherryLaneTheatre.org/support) or 212.989.2020 x25 All proceeds support Cherry Lane Theatre's mission: To cultivate an urban artist colony, honor our groundbreaking history and engage audiences as partners in creating theater that illuminates contemporary issues, and at its best, transforms the spirit

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Health Forum:** "Learn to Manage Stress" Wednesday, June 7 :11:00 - 2:00 pm NYU Kimmel Center Rosenthal Pavilion 60 Washington Square South rsvp 212-992-7323.

**The West Village Chorale** presents Summer Sings Mondays June 12-August 21: 7:30 PM, Judson Memorial Church, 55 Washington Square South at Thompson St. Tickets: \$15; \$ \$10 Students; For more info, visit [www.westvillagechorale.org](http://www.westvillagechorale.org), or call 212.517.1776.

**Washington Square Music Festival** presents its 59<sup>th</sup> season of FREE concerts every Tuesday in June. For information, call 212.252.3621, or go to [www.washingtonsquaremusicfestival.org](http://www.washingtonsquaremusicfestival.org)

**The Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation** presents its Annual Meeting and Village Awards on Tuesday, June 6, 6:30-8:00 PM. Tishman Auditorium, The New School, 66 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Reception to follow. Free and open to the public (wheelchair accessible) RSVP to [rsvp@gvshp.org](mailto:rsvp@gvshp.org) or call 212-475-9585 x35.

**A HAPPY AND SAFE SUMMER TO YOU ALL,  
FROM YOUR BBC! SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!**