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June 2007





Prospect Lefferts Gardens
37th Annual House & Garden Tour
Sunday, June 3, 2007 from 12 pm to 5 pm





A Preview of Homes Featured on the PROSPECT LEFFERTS GARDENS 2007 HOUSE & GARDEN TOUR

* A former rooming house boasts a painstaking restoration by its ingenious "do-it-yourself" owners returning it to the serene family residence it was built

* Cooking their way through a recipe book with friends inspired owners to create a fabulous kitchen with cherry wood and granite center work island/dining area in a 1909 home replete with Arts & Crafts details. A narrow deck with stairs, illuminated through a slatted wooden wall, transitions entertaining to the landscaped back garden below.

A lovingly restored three-story 1904 brownstone where harmony and balance are achieved through the skillful mix of elementswood, stone, metal, plaster, paint, along with 19th and 20th century Asian and English antiques. Family friendly adult and child spaces include a light-filled greenhouse, kitchen, two spa-like baths, a large playroom and landscaped front and rear gardens.

* An elegant 1898 neo-Renaissance limestone and brick townhouse with landscaped garden, two-Continued on p. 3

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Announcements: Graduations and More

Congratulations to our Graduates

Isaac Green of Rutland Rd. Graduated from Xavier High School in Manhattan.

Isaiah Green of Rutland Rd. Graduated from Bishop Ford Central Catholic High School in Brooklyn.

Both will be attending Claflin University in Orangeburg, South Carolina in the fall.



Congratulations are also in order for long time Manor resident Robert Marvin. Not only is Bob a Lefferts Manor Association board member and The Echo's editor, he has just been appointed to Community Board 9 which represents our district. It will be great to have a voice at this forum. Good luck Bob.

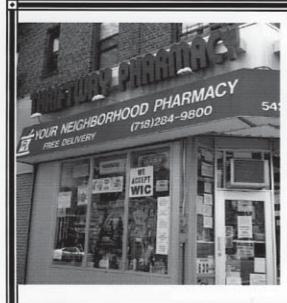
Wonder why most of the announcements are for Rutland Road? Because those were the only ones submitted. Please submit your announcements to Imaecho@earthlink.net. We want to run them.

Hero Cocker Spaniel Saves the Day

On Sunday night, March 4th at about 11 pm, a homeowner parked her car near the corner of Rutland Road and Bedford Ave. As the driver got out of the car, a man approached her and demanded her car keys. As she was very close to her home, the would-be victim attempted to run to her house. The man followed. At the front door a struggle ensued. The woman cried for help. Two neighbors, Dolores Ray and Margaret Gainey opened their front door to see what the commotion was about. Rusty, their eight year old cocker spaniel, took that opportunity to bound out after the bad guy, who was last seen running with the dog at his heels.

Unfortunately, the woman hurt her knee in the scuffle and was taken to the hospital. While the perp got away with the car keys, he did not get the car, thanks, in part, to the intrepid canine.

Rusty, right



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gratefully thank **Thriftway Pharmacy**, 542 Flatbush
Avenue (at Lincoln Road) for
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(Continued from p. 1) story glass atrium and marble bath. Eclectic and vintage furnishings blend with over-the-top Victorian inspired accents. Antique picture frames, early photo albums, period lamps and art pottery abound.

* Having much of the ornate 1906 interior destroyed by fire in the 1970s left a "blank slate" for the creation of a tasteful, contemporary, urban home within a grand, historic structure. The result is outfitted with an elegant slate bath suite boasting cascading water and skylight, a stainless-steel kitchen/entertaining area and a gracious music room.

* A ninety-eight year-old carefully restored and modernized limestone home boasts original decorative plaster ceilings and moldings, parquet floors with

intricate borders, creative use of salvaged details from Manhattan landmarks, a literally home-made kitchen, and surprising use of space on all three floors.

* A 1910 two-story limestone with stunning top-to-bottom restoration is the perfect setting for a remarkable collection of art, furnishings and memorabilia acquired during extensive international travel. The multi-level back deck is enlivened with plantings and shaded by a motorized awning, and a white weeping birch tree.

* The English basement of a two-story 1909 brownstone has been totally transformed into a "loft-like" space creatively housing a new bedroom, bath, family room and much needed storage. Access is convenient to both front and back gardens with deck and play area.

* The front garden of a local landscape gardener.

* Prospect Park Audubon Center at the Boathouse: Tour goers are welcome to self-explore the Center between the hours of 12 Noon and 5 PM. A Guided Tour of the Prospect Park Boathouse, led by the architect Ralph Carmosino who designed and managed the building's renovation, is available at 3:00 PM.

* Restoration/Renovation Allies-Interested in rejuvenating your own living space? Gather ideas and resources by meeting the homeowners, designers, landscape gardeners, contractors, and artisans responsible for the restoration/renovation of some of these tour homes.

TICKET LOCATIONS: \$20 Advance tickets may be purchased at these Locations through close of business Saturday, June 2nd. Advance tickets may also be purchased online at the Lefferts Manor Association website [www.leffertsmanor.org]. Tickets cost \$25 on tour day.

Prospect Lefferts Gardens:

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Boerum Hill

STERLING PLACE, Robert Wilson, 363 Atlantic Avenue(between Hoyt and Bond Streets)

Grand Army Plaza Farmers ' Market

Saturday May 26 & June 2 only, weather permitting

ON TOUR DAY ONLY Tickets (\$25) will be sold at MIKE'S INTERNATIONAL RESTAURANT, 552 Flatbush Avenue (at Maple Street)

For more information: Call 718-462-0024 or 718-284-6210

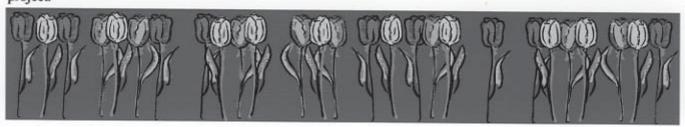
It Was Barrels of Fun!

by Mary Miller



Saturday, May 5 was a glorious day for planting over 350 sidewalk barrels with red, pink, and white impatiens. There were new barrels in the neighborhood for lucky winners of the barrel raffle held at the Spring LMA General Meeting. We thank Tim and Margaret Emerson and Hugh Jones for hosting the flower depot in their mutual driveway, and Sarah Emerson for her help in planting.

We had a number of stalwart volunteers (THANK YOU!) who helped get the plants to their new homes, but we can always use more volunteers, especially on Midwood Street. So watch for the flyers next spring and give an hour to make this neighborhood-enhancing project move even more smoothly. Please water and weed your barrel as needed, and we will have a wonderful display for the House Tour on June 3. Our flower barrels have become one of the notable features of our neighborhood. Remember, it is your dues that help support this project.



The Lefferts Manor Association

was founded in 1919 to maintain and improve our historic neighborhood, enforce the restrictive one-family dwelling covenant, and bring together residents for their better acquaintance and mutual benefit.

If you're not a member join now.

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Minutes of the Lefferts Manor Association Spring Membership Meeting April 21, 2007

Location: Church of the Evangel

Began approx: 10:21 am, Adjourned approx: 12:10 pm 1.President's Welcome: Ben Edwards encourages residents to join and become active. He introduces board members.

2.Membership: 128 Members as of this morning, with about 20 new members this morning. Today is the last day to join at last year's fee: \$15/residents, \$10/seniors.
3.Raffle: Buy tickets at \$5 each to win one of 5 flower barrels or terra cotta pots with plants. Drawing will

happen at the end of the meeting.

4.Safety: Dan Shickler speaks about our relationship with police and encourages people to join the yahoo list groups. He also mentions the 100 residents initiative. Graffiti clean up occurred in March along with help of police.

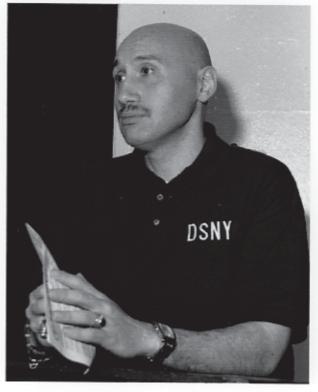
5. Website: Board met with Laurel O'Donnell to discuss ways to make the website more useable. We hope to add a more active calendar, photos, tips on home repair,

gardening, etc.

We also plan to get a PayPal account to facilitate

house tour ticket sales, membership fees, etc.

Would love to have volunteers help with the website.



Iggy Terranova

6.Echo: Bob Marvin trying to increase distribution in PLG - could spread to every block with a volunteer to distribute. Would like to have news/births/awards/deaths to include - please contact Bob with info:lmaecho@earthlink.net.

7.PLG Arts: Fundraising art auction at K-Dog - Art will be hung on Monday and the auction will be on Sunday,

April 29.

8.Flower Barrels: Scheduled for May 5, 10 am. Please prepare your barrels or get a new one. Only barrels on the sidewalk will be planted. Please volunteer - we will be using the driveway at 83 Midwood, the Emersons.

9. House and Garden Tour: 37th tour on Sunday, June 3. We have 8-9 houses; now we need 140 tour guides and ticket sellers. We have 2 tour buses coming to our neighborhood, and the architect/restorer of the Audubon Center will give a special tour of the Boathouse building for tour-goers that afternoon. We are also encouraging homeowners to have their contractors, architects, etc. to be at the house to chat with tour-goers. We also need donations for the refreshment area. Tickets \$20 in advance/\$25 on tour day.

Special Events: Roberta Woelfling acknowledged for setting up this meeting.

11. Sanitation: Starting in June the Second Saturday Litter Pick-Up will resume. Flyers have info about where to meet each month. We have also finally been working with GreenStreets (Prospect Parks Alliance, Parks Dept. and Sanitation Dept.) to work on the triangle at Flatbush/Lincoln/Washington. There are new trashcans and the space is now full of blooming bulbs and a new tree. a. Paul Morin working on a pictorial book about the

neighborhood. Looking for stories and photos.

12: Sanitation Dept Speaker: Iggy Terranova: Citywide community affairs officer for Dept of Sanitation. Not recycling enough in New York City. People only recycle 60% of garbage - hope to change that to 25%. Only pick up to 8-9000 tons of recycling a day. Costs \$100/ton to dispose of garbage, as apposed to \$40/ton of recycling. Used for books/paper, rubber and plastic for slides, chairs, park benches, etc. What the city does not use we sell to companies like Pepsi. We make money back on recycling. New law about rechargeable batteries. Cannot throw out rechargeable batteries - bring back to the store. If this is a problem, get in touch with Mr. Terranova. New law about graffiti - a business establishment or 6 family home or larger must remove graffiti. Must remove on your own or have removed for free by Dept. of Sanitation - otherwise a summons. If you are in a private home you can also have graffiti removed for free by power washing or painting. Must sign a waver through 311.

Meeting, continued

Litter baskets - belong to Dept of Sanitation. Cannot be used for residential or commercial garbage. If this is being regularly violated the Dept of Sanitation will post an undercover Sanitation Police Officer. Dumped twice everyday but Sunday.

Trees: Sanitation cannot pick up organic tree parts due to the Asian Longhorn beetle infestation - must contact Parks Dept. Clippings of bushes should be picked up by Parks Dept. Also, landscapers must remove their garbage or both residents and landscapers get fined. Pilot program in Staten Island - yard waste pick up during warm months. This may extend to other boroughs.

Residential routing times - 18 inches into the street must be clean 8-9 in morning. 12-1 in afternoon. Not great hours - City Council enacted the law and they are under consideration - changing to 6-7 in afternoon. Reduced fines for 1st time offenders and senior citizens. Summons will be written at \$100 and then you must prove that you are a senior or 1st time offender. Officers do not always used discretion and common sense. Resident can demand to see superior officer or follow up with 311 or Paul 1860 Bedford - Sanitation says it is a Dept of Health issue. Landmarks says it does not rise to the level of dilapidation to qualify as a nuisance. LMA is looking into what we can do.

Questions: How to get rid of flyers. Answer: Protected by first amendment rights.

13. Ben Edwards recognizes several community members: Art Schaffer, Vi Gourdet, Mrs. Martin, Reena, Joan Kelly.

14.Presentation of Plaques to 71st Precinct Officers: Officers Kern and Walsh. In February armed gunmen (silver handgun) robbed stores, food delivery guys and individuals. 11:50 am, gunmen went into store on Rogers and robbed lady. Kern and Walsh spotted the robbers apprehended both of them. Loaded 357 handgun was recovered on the scene. No injuries, no shots fired, two kids were 18. Both currently in jail - they were part of the robbery spree. Kern and Walsh were cops of the month. LMA presented them with two plaques Commanding Officer Vega Presentation:a. Recognizes other officers for over 20 years of commitment to NYPD.

b. Virginia Tech tragedy has generated talk at Medgar Evars College about how police would manage such an issue. Also concern at Downstate Teaching Hospital.

c.LeffertsWatch Yahoo Group is read by Vinny Martinos and Insp. Vega as often as possible.

d.In October Vega went to an international police officers convention. Lots of seminars and also equipment. Venders selling the SkyWatch tower. SkyWAtch tower is a motorized tower with cameras and can videotape. In the fall they had it at Troy Ave. where there were lots of robberies. People have mixed reactions to the one recently placed at Lincoln and Flatbush. There are permanent cameras down south that may be pushing business further north towards this neighborhood. There was not community notification because of mechanical difficulties and Vega apologizes. No intentions to appear like a "police state." Just another tool. Police Dept has 3 to use throughout the city. Vega thinks it caused a shift in crime patterns.

e.Crime: Increase of robberies and burglaries. Used to have an Impact Zone here, but now we have additional officers and a sergeant every night, on top of regular officers. Academy graduation in early June will give the 71st an unknown number of officers. We need

more presence in the summer months. Quality of Life Enforcement.

f.Conditions team (6pm-2am) Fri-Sat night - give out summonses for Quality of Life issues. Reach out to identify problem areas.

g.Use website, 311 has been out recently but the precinct is working on it. Response time must be better to help.

h.911 response time is a little over 6 minutes - a little better than citywide average. It should be better. 866-GUN-STOP - way too many people getting shot - report handguns. Reward if this leads to an arrest.

j. Working with confidential informants - person paid to go buy narcotics, guns, illegal drinks. After two successful purchases the police get a search warrant. Beekman, Midwood, Flatbush successful - trying to use lots of different tactics to try to get the bad guys off the

k. Crime Prevention Survey: Officer Joe Johnson will come to do a free survey on your house. VIN car, bicycles, cell phones, etc. Can make general recommendations

Vinny Martinos doing a community affairs database - 100 residents program.

m. Prospect Park Showcase at 11 am - 5pm. Each precinct is represented showing what is unique about each precinct.

n. Rutland II car jacking - Insp. Vega will follow up.

o. Plate-readers - can read license plates and identify stolen cars in seconds.

16. PLG Arts Jazz night at the Inkwell. Every second Tuesday evening (408 Rogers between Sterling and Lefferts) 8-10:30. Except this Month it is on a Wednesday, May 9)12-15 people raised hands saying they would support the return of the Sky Watch tower. No survey taken to count those who disapprove.718-334-9341 Sanitation will provide all the tools to do the clean up. If you want to help with corner baskets...Dan Canale moving away.Marjorie Landers moving away. Seth, who is moving into her house, will take over Planet PLG RaffleFlower-Barrel Winners: Harold Cook, Andre Tirenin, Frank Gourdet, Mary Miller, Joan Kelly, Pots: Ben Edwards, Mary O'Conner .



P.O.s Kern and Walsh receiving award from Inspector Vega, and LMA's Jerry Bennett, Dan Shickler, and President Ben Edwards

A Greener Lincoln Road

On Sunday May 20th a truck load of dirt, dozens of flowers and shrubs, and over 30 neighborhood volunteers converged on Lincoln Road to "Get Down and Dirty," a community greening project sponsored by Prospect Lefferts United for Services (PLUS). The project included the cleaning out and mulching of 11 tree pits, the planting of 5 flower barrels and the planting of 3 large flower beds.

All the work was done on Lincoln Road between Flatbush and Ocean Avenue. During the Winter, PLUS was awarded a \$500 grant from Citizens for NYC to coordinate the greening project on Lincoln Rd. PLUS then worked with the owner of 40 Lincoln Rd. to get a commitment to purchase over \$1,300 worth of shrubs, flowers and dirt

needed to plant the three flower beds if PLUS provided the manpower.

May 20th was the culmination of weeks of organizing and in less than three hours, the block was transformed into a luscious green oasis filled with flowers and the pleasing smell of cedar wood chips. "It was great to see people from all over PLG, youth and adults, working together to make a difference in their neighborhood," says project coordinator and fellow 40 Lincoln Rd. resident Andy Ace.

After the project was completed, about a dozen or so volunteers cleaned up and headed over to The Meytex Lounge for some well deserved cold refreshments and a delicious lunch served by the owner, Mercy Arhin. For more

information about PLUS, contact Mark Dicus at mdicus99@yahoo.com or 347-244-2763.





Strong Block Association Gets Great Tree Guards by Roberta Woefling

How did the first block of Rutland Road get those great tree guards, you ask? Many residents have inquired about these tree guards so here is the story. At the Lefferts Manor Association's fall general meeting in 2004 n Borough president Marty Markowitz invited our neighborhood to apply for these tree guards. It was past the program deadline but he made an exception if our applications were received quickly. The submission had to be issued by a Block Association and it needed to include permission slips signed by the residents who had tree pits in front of their houses.

The Rutland One Block Association has a Street Tree & Garden Committee who took it upon themselves to quickly mobilize and get as many signatures as they could in the very short amount of time allowed. Rutland One was put to the bottom of the list but finally got most of their tree guards in early 2007. Unfortunately, the program will not be continued. It is out of money and the Parks



department is just trying to fulfill the obligations already promised.

So in summary...Rutland One got the tree guards by being at the right place at the right time AND by having a block association in place to be able to react quickly to opportunities like. Food for thought for other blocks.

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meets on the third Thursday of each month, except for July and August, at the 71st Precinct, 421 Emptre Blvd, at New York Avenue. All concerned residents of our neighborhood are urged to attend.

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Thursday, June 21, 2007 Thursday, September 20, 2007 Thursday, October, 18, 2007 Thursday November 15, 2007 Thursday December 20, 2007

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Artbid 11225: An Art Auction for PLG Arts

On April 23-April 29 K-Dog and Dunebuggy hosted an exhibition and silent auction to benefit PLG ArtsWorks were donated by artists living in Prospect Lefferts and elsewhere. Artists who donated their work included Robert Wilson, David Finkelstein, Joanne Greenbaum, Janet Bohman, Richard Lubell, Robert Marvin, Paul Pagk, John Morris, Marcia Lloyd, Wesley Gunn, Sheryl Foster, Empress Modupe Olufunmi and many others. Crowds at the closing reception franticly bid on many of the works, resulting in an event that was both artistically and financially successful.







ArtBid Photographs by William Harmon

SPEND YOUR SUMMER WITH PLG ARTS!

Summer Theater Project - 2007 "Daydream"- a short version of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, Daydream is adapted for children of all ages. When a group of construction workers come to rehearse a play in the Imagination Playground in Prospect Park they stumble into a battle between the King and Queen of the Fairies. Magic, puppets, hard hats and safety vests-what more could any New York kid want?!

Location: Imagination Playground in Prospect Park, enter between Lincoln Road and Parkside Avenue.

Dates: Saturdays and Sundays at 11a.m. July 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29.

There will also be post-show craft activities. FREE

Volunteers are welcome to help with sewing the costumes, the children's craft activity, and to set up and break down the show each day. Donations of craft supplies and fabric welcome. Please contact Rohana at Rohana@plgarts.orgfor more information.

PLG Arts Jazz at the Inkwell provides a local performance opportunity for neighborhood musicians and also offers the neighborhood a local venue to hear their musician neighbors perform. It fosters a sense of community as people in the arts—performers and audience—get to know one another, and presents music as an active force for neighborhood spirit.

Upcoming dates: June 12-Steve Bernstein Group, July 10-George Mel Group

Location: Inkwell Cafe, 408 Rogers Avenue (between Lefferts & Sterling)www.inkwellcafe.com

Contact Details: 888.8INK-WELL/ 718.675.6145

Admission: \$5; all proceeds support the performers and PLG Arts.

For more information: email rina@plgarts.org

PLG Arts Poetry Night is a free poetry/open-mic night held once a month to give the community a chance to exhibit their poetic streak. Following the open-mic, three poets read their own work to the group; each month features a new set of poets. Free event!

Dates: 4th Wednesday of each month

Location: K-Dog and Dunebuggy Caf, 43 Lincoln Road between Ocean and Flatbush Avenues.

ArtMart 11225 ArtMart 11225 is an annual outdoor arts and crafts market on Lincoln Road sponsored by PLG Arts, PLUS and local vendors. Each artist registers for a space to sell his or her work. Look for this popular event in September!