

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Neighbors,

The weather is changing and autumn is moving towards winter, bringing us into the holiday season. It is the time for celebrations.

As president of the Residence Park Neighborhood and Civic Association, I would like to acknowledge and celebrate some of the accomplishments from the last few months. Our neighborhood Tag and Craft Sale was a great success. Twenty five neighbors and craft vendors hosted tables for a large crowd of eager buyers. It was the first time we partnered with the Hugh Doyle Senior Center and something we will expand upon in the future. In our fall General Meeting, Jim Maisano, County Legislator, Principal Cynthia Slotkin from Jefferson School, City Council members, Al Tarantino and Lou Trangucci, and representatives from the New Rochelle Fire Department shared their candid comments and ideas affecting our neighborhood. We commend Mrs. Slotkin for the progress being made at Jefferson School, readily evident in the improving test scores of our students.

The rest of the newsletter will highlight opportunities to celebrate. Join us for Breakfast with Santa or for the adults, our annual Dinner Dance in January. If you have a graduating senior in high school, nominate them for our Residence Park Scholarship. Take part in the many activities within the Association and across New Rochelle. Or just try out our recipe of the month. Ideas and suggestions for the Association are always welcome; let us know how we can help.

- Lisa Davis

Halloween in Residence Park. Photos Courtesy of Lisa Davis.



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INTERVIEW CORNER: 1990 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

With the generous help of the Residence Park Neighborhood Association, I headed South after graduating from The Ursuline School to the University of Virginia. I loved UVa and thoroughly enjoyed my time in Charlottesville. I graduated with High Distinction in 1994 with a degree in History. After college, I won a fellowship to teach at Uppingham, a private school in England. I spent a year there teaching English and European history to students age 14-18. After returning to the US, I entered law school at the University of Chicago. While I admit that law school wasn't my favorite experience, there were some bright spots: my course in Constitutional Law was taught by a then little known State Senator from Chicago named Barack Obama.

Since 1998, I have been a practicing lawyer in New York City. I am a partner at the law firm of Hogan & Hartson LLP, where I am a litigator practicing First Amendment/Media Law. Most of the time I love my job because I get to defend something that is important to me, freedom of speech, but like all jobs, it is hard work. I visit my parents on Meadow Lane often, accompanied by my husband, John Browne, and we are both usually trying to keep up with our daughter, Alice, who turns 2 in January. She is my greatest accomplishment since that day all those years ago when the Neighborhood Association was good enough to award me its scholarship. I remain grateful and proud to be its first recipient.

(Note: See RPNA scholarship application information for 2010 on page 2)



Kate Bolger & daughter Alice

ON THE STREETS—A MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCILMAN



Louis Trangucci
District #1

I would like to thank Residence Park for this opportunity to touch base with my many constituents. The Residence Park Association is an excellent group of involved residents with the purpose of maintaining and improving the quality of life for their residents. I support their efforts, and as an elected official, I try to do all that I can to help them in their mission, and for the City as a whole.

I have been your Councilman now for almost two years, and during this time, the City has encountered one of the most difficult times financially (due to the economy) that it has seen in a very long time. It has put a burden on our City and residents, and I have been committed to maintaining your quality of life by preserving the essential services that our residents expect and enjoy here in New Rochelle. I am committed to being fiscally conservative, and will do all that I can not to disrupt those important services.

The development that has taken place in New Rochelle for the last 3 to 5 years in the downtown has created a substantial burden on the residents due to tax abatements (which go on until the year 2034) which were given out. We are going to have to bear the burden of supporting these tax breaks. I requested of Avalon, with full Council support, that they contribute \$1 million dollars to the City annually for 5 years to help the city so we do not have to make any cuts in personnel for these services. If no tax abatements were given to Avalon, they would have had to pay \$12 million dollars in property tax for both buildings. As it stands now they are only paying \$650,000 because of the abatements. I feel since they are saving so much, it would not hurt them to show their "good will" to the community by helping the City out and adhering to our request.

I made a commitment when I ran for office to expose these tax breaks, and to try to the best of my ability to stop them going forward, and I will keep to that commitment.

New Rochelle is a great city, that has a lot to offer its residents. I am committed to working with our staff and fellow Council Members to take our City's assets and improve them for all residents to enjoy. My wife and I have spearheaded a project to revitalize Hudson Park, and although funds are limited, with volunteers and donations we are trying to enhance the park and bring it back to the jewel that it once was.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday season, and if there are any issues that I may be able to help you with, please feel free to contact me by phone 235-0193 or by e-mail at Louistrangucci@aol.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

2009 Leaf Collection Season Begins: Fall leaf collection began in the City of New Rochelle on Monday, October 19 and will continue until on or about December 31. Leaves must be either raked to the curb and stacked in long windrows; or bagged using open containers or biodegradable 30-40 gallon paper bags. Bagging of leaves is the preferred method for disposal as the collection process is much more expeditious. Leaves should be placed in biodegradable bags or open containers weighing no more than 75 pounds for collection citywide on the following six Saturdays: November 7, 14, and 28 and December 5, 12, and 19. Leaves placed in plastic bags WILL NOT be collected. Leaves raked to the curb should not block storm water catch basins, which when restricted can cause flooding; or block fire hydrants, which can impede fire suppression efforts. The collection schedule will be updated weekly on the City website, www.newrochelleny.com, and cable channels. For further information contact the Leaf Removal Hotline at 654-6510. For inquiries or concerns please call 235-4029, Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 3:30pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Leaves placed on the islands are collected after residential collection. Homeowners and gardening companies should not place leaves on the islands so they will be picked up sooner.

2010 RPNA SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the Association awards a scholarship to a deserving neighborhood high school senior whose family is a member in good standing with the Residence Park Neighborhood Association. To apply for the scholarship, students must submit their college essay, an official transcript of their high school grades and activities, and one letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor. The eligible students may also include a description of civic and community activities in which they have participated. If they know the college they will be attending in the fall, we would like that information as well. *The nomination and information must be received no later than March 12, 2010 and should be sent to the address noted on this newsletter, attention: Scholarship Committee.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1 to December 20, 2009, BID "Shop Downtown and Win a Chance to Fly"

November 28, 2009, NR Public Library: "How to Talk to Teens about Money"

December 5, 2009, NR Public Library: BID Family Saturday: Make a Gift Fair.

December 8 to February 21, 2010, Castle Gallery Exhibition, Mapping Memories.

December 13, 2009, NR Public Library: BID Family Sunday: Family Concert for Hanukah and Holidays Around the World.



December 19, 2009, Saturdays through April, BID: Metropolitan Opera series at Regal Cinemas.

Saturday, December 19, 2009 / 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., [RPNA Breakfast with Santa](#). Friends and family are welcome to join us for a fun filled morning. It includes a buffet breakfast, craft making, and pictures with Santa. RSVP no later than Friday, December 11th (For more info www.ResidencePark.org or 914-576-4913).

Thursday, December 31, 2009, First Night celebration throughout New Rochelle.

Saturday, January 23, 2010 / 7:30 p.m.—midnight, [RPNA Dinner Dance](#). Join us for an elegant dinner, dancing, and raffle prizes!

Saturday, March 12, 2010, [RPNA Scholarship](#) applications due.

April 2010, [RPNA Spring General Meeting](#), come and hear the latest news about Residence Park and New Rochelle.



SAVE YOURSELF FROM CARRYING LEAVES TO THE CURB

We can help our environment, and help save money for ourselves, and the city, if we begin to compost our yard wastes and leaves. Composting is an easy way to recycle; and it gives us back rich, loamy dirt for our gardens and flowerpots.

Composting is very easy, and takes almost no time. We only have to set up a small area for our bin, or pile. You can put it near the garage, behind bushes, or in a corner of the yard. You only dump your clippings and leaves there, instead of hauling them out to the street and making piles or filling bags.

Follow the directions on the flier available at the web-site just below, and you will be in business quicker than you can say "Earthworm." And, you would say "earthworm," because they will do all the work for you, and all you have to do is keep giving them your clean refuse. What a deal!

COMPOSTING LINKS: <http://www.composting101.com/>
http://www.westchestergov.com/pdfs/ENVFACIL_Composting_leaves.pdf
http://www.nybg.org/hgc_online/howtos.php Then click on "Compost Made Easy"

2010 ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

All homeowners within Residence Park are invited to join the Association. **Annual dues are \$20 per household and \$15 for seniors.** Please use the enclosed card to send in your dues and remember to identify areas where you would like to get more involved or need help.

Membership Benefits: Your dues share in the Association's efforts to support our neighborhood. Additional benefits include: (1) Access to the library at The College of New Rochelle (200,000 volumes, 1,200 periodicals; Internet, Academic databases, Word processing stations); (2) Ability to join the Wellness Center (brand new fitness equipment) at The College of New Rochelle; (3) Use of the Post Office at The College of New Rochelle; (4) Reduced rate for all RPNA events; (5) e-mail notification of important news related to RPNA.



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Submit information topics, announcements, recipes, or feedback by e-mail to Secretary@ResidencePark.org or by mail to the address noted on this newsletter, Attention: Newsletter Article.

*Note: Submissions only accepted from RPNA members for the RPNA Newsletter.

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best in New Rochelle!*



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Mark your calendars,
Breakfast with Santa coming soon!
Happy Holidays!

RECIPE CORNER

A recipe from Addie Doria — Magic Cookie Bars

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1 (14 ounce) can of sweetened condensed milk
(NOT evaporated milk)
- 1 (6 ounce) package of semi-sweet chocolate morsels
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 1 cup chopped walnuts



Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees (325 degrees for a glass dish). In a 13x9-inch pan, melt butter in oven. Sprinkle cracker crumbs over butter; mix together and press into pan. Pour condensed milk evenly over crumbs. Top with remaining ingredients; press down firmly. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool before cutting. Store loosely covered at room temperature.

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