



ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY!

Pot Luck Buffet (bring a dish to share!)

When: Thursday, December 10, 6:45 – 9:00 P.M.

Where: 240 West 75th Street, #6A (buzz #31)

TIS THE SEASON for our annual holiday celebration — this year on Thursday, December 10. The address: 240 West 75th Street, #6A (buzz #31).

Neighbors with performing talent are invited to step up and entertain us! Play guitar? Bring it! We'll have a piano, and we'll sing in the holidays

W75BA will provide beverages; we ask you to bring your favorite crowd-pleasing dish for the pot luck buffet table.

In keeping with our new tradition, please also bring a nonperishable food item for the Westside Campaign Against Hunger! It is a very worthy and much needed cause.

See you there!

A Thank You Social

Many of you have already received invitations to my First Annual Community Wine/Cheese Social. It is my way of saying thank you for the time you give to make our neighborhood a better place to live!

- When: Sunday, December 6
- Time: 7:30–9 P.M.
- Where: Pour Wines

321 Amsterdam Ave. (at 75th St.)
I do hope you'll stop by and say hello!

—Dee Rieber

Kill The Drill

Scott Stringer Calls for Public Action

Hundreds of people came out on November 10th to rally before the State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) hearing to send a clear message that we must ban natural gas drilling in the New

York City watershed. Even more people attended the hearing afterwards, where I testified before the DEC.

Hydraulic fracturing has been linked to dozens of leaks, spills, contaminations, and explosions in several different states.

The entire west of Hudson portion of NYC Watershed, which supplies 90 percent of drinking water to 50 percent of the state's population, sits on top of the Marcellus Shale, a large mineral reserve deposit 6,000–10,000 feet beneath the earth's surface that oil and gas companies want to drill into.

If NYC's watershed, which supplies unfiltered drinking water to more than 9 million New Yorkers, becomes polluted from the hydro-fracking process, NYC would have to build a filtration plant that would cost taxpayers more than 10 billion dollars.

Drilling companies have already leased tens of thousands of acres. Fortuna Energy and Chesapeake Energy offered at least \$5,500/acre, plus 20 percent royalties, to a group of 600 property owners—a total of 35,000 acres on the NY/PA sides of the Marcellus Shale.

Recently due to public opposition, Chesapeake Energy Corp., the largest leaseholder in the Marcellus Shale, announced that it “will not drill for natural gas within the NY watershed.” (*NY Times*: October 28, 2009)

On October 1st I launched the “Kill the Drill” campaign to protect



Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer at November 10 Kill the Drill rally. W75BA Dee Rieber was there representing our Block Association



PHOTOS: DEE RIEBER

New York City's drinking water from the dangers of natural gas drilling in the Delaware/Catskill watershed.

Since then, a powerful coalition of elected officials, community leaders, and environmental advocates has been forming to stand up and say NO to this dangerous threat and demand that our drinking water be protected. Our city's unfiltered drinking water supplies 9 million New Yorkers, but without a ban on a natural gas drilling in our watershed we run the risk of contamination.

At stake is the quality of the water we drink, our public health,



PHOTO: DEE RIEBER

Three hard-working W75BA building superintendents in a collegial moment: Paul Collacio of 240 West 75th, Orlando of 250 West 75th, Lemny of 315 West End Avenue

It's Time to Select Community Board #7 Members

The Manhattan Borough President's office has begun its annual community Board application process, and is asking for our help.

Each of Manhattan's twelve Community Boards is comprised of 50 volunteer community members with a significant interest in the district they serve. Every year the Borough President's office works towards ensuring that community members across the borough are aware of the opportunity to be a part of their local Community Boards; it is for this reason that we are being asked to help by spreading the word.

All of this information and more can be found on the Web at www.mbpo.org under the "Community Boards" heading.

City Challenges New Yorkers To Help With HOPE

On Monday, January 25, 2010, the Department of Homeless Services will conduct its annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE). With only two months to go until HOPE 2010, DHS is launching a volunteer recruitment campaign.

Thousands of volunteers are needed to canvass parks, subways and other public spaces to survey the number of people living unsheltered in the city. Just one night of your time will help DHS collect vital information

that is used by outreach teams to help homeless people leave the streets for a better life.

Dan and I participated in HOPE last year. In this season of giving, consider wonderful service project for individuals and groups. Go to www.nyc.gov/dhs for more info or to register to volunteer.

—Dee Rieber

Kill the Drill

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and billions of taxpayer dollars that would be needed to build and operate a filtration system if this decision is mishandled.

—Scott Stringer
Manhattan Borough President

Here's What You Can Do

We have only until December 31st to publicly comment on the draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS), and we must send the clearest message possible to the DEC: **ban drilling in the NYC watershed!**

We urge each and every one of you to send formal comments on the SGEIS. This statement may help you to focus your thoughts: <http://www.libertycontrol.net/uploads/mbp/preliminarysuggestionsforcomments102509.pdf>

E-mail your written protest to dmnsgeis@gw.dec.state.ny.us. Or write to DSGEIS Comments, Bureau of Oil & Gas Regulation, NYSDEC Division of Mineral Resources, 625 Broadway, Third Floor, Albany, NY 12233-6500.

Also, print out and sign this letter to Governor Paterson (www.libertycontrol.net/uploads/mbp/killthedrillformletterfinal.pdf). Then mail or fax it to Borough President Scott Stringer, 1 Centre Street, 19th Floor South, New York, NY 10007 / 212-669-3380, for delivery to the governor. In addition to signing the letter yourself, ask ten of your family members or friends to do the same.

And visit this website regularly for updates. (http://mbpo.org/release_details.asp?id=1386&page=)

Together, we can and will make a difference!

WEST 75TH STREET BLOCK ASSOCIATION
CENTRAL PARK WEST TO RIVERSIDE DRIVE
www.w75ba.org / info@w75ba.org
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____
E-mail _____
Date _____

DUES: INDIVIDUAL, \$15/YR; FAMILY, \$25/YR; MERCHANT, \$50/YR

Mail application with check to
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For more information: info@w75ba.org

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