

### **Quarter 2 – 2018**

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de Blasio finally shuts down vehicular traffic on Center Drive, Terrace Drive, East Drive and West Drive. Story on page 5.



### Important Dates & Local Events this Quarter

#### **Hampshire House Board Meetings:**

May 15 – Annual Meeting

July 11 – Finance Committee Meeting (next quarter)

July 25 – Board of Directors Meeting (next quarter)



### Celebrate Israel Parade – 70 & Sababa (Awesome) – June 3, 2018.

57<sup>th</sup> – 74<sup>th</sup> Streets on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., 11:00am – 4:00 pm. In 1965, thousands walked down Riverside Drive in support of the young State of Israel. This impromptu walk evolved into the annual Salute to Israel Parade on Fifth Avenue.



### An early heads Up: The NYC Triathlon is July 1<sup>st</sup>!

For course information, visit http://www.nyctri.com/raceinfo/cours e-information/ or to register, visit nyctri.com – registration is filling up!



### **Employee Recognition**

Here is this quarter's Hampshire House staff anniversary!

#### MAY:

Robert Carabello ~ 13 years Constantin Costello ~ 17 years Jose Ramos ~ 11 years



#### JUNE:

Omar Canario ~ 10 years Joseph Mosca ~ 2 years Omar Virani ~ 18 years Yolanda Maldonado ~ 14 years

#### Famous Past Residents



Bob Hope stayed at the Hampshire House during the promotion of his film, "Boy, Did I Get A Wrong Number!" Ostensibly in interest in the production and release of the film, the New York Post interviewed him in his suite – but revealed that they were more interested in his controversial remarks on and support of the Vietnam War, and his tour to entertain the troops – seen above.

Evidently during his stay at the Hampshire House, a party was also thrown for him before his departure to Moscow where he would film another TV show.

With an 80 year career spanning almost every medium, no one needs to be educated on who Bob Hope is or his achievements – or controversial political views. But, it's interesting to

know that even for just a few days, he was our neighbor.

#### Hedda Hopper Says:

### **Bob Hope Show** Set For April 5

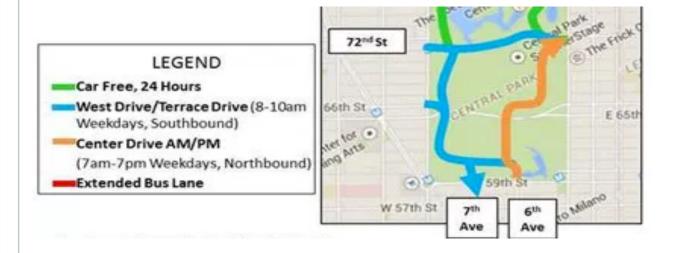
HOLLYWOOD—Bob Hope paused long enough in New York City to be given a party at Hampshire House, then on to film a TV show in Moscow. A crew of three from London joins him there; the rest of the crew will be Russians. He expects to be in Moscow six days. He'll put on a show at our American Embassy and top brass from the Kremlin have been invited.

They're still talking about him in Washington. D. C., where he was taken to the second floor of the Russian Embassy by their new ambassador. Even movie cameras were let in.

From the Pittsburgh Gazette, March 20, 1958

Neighborhood News...

### de Blasio Decision Will Return Park to its Original Purpose as a Recreational Space



Mayor Bill de Blasio has finally made Central Park entirely car-free! On June 27, 2018, the last sections of the park's loop that remained open to cars were permanently closed to them, returning the park to its original use as an urban refuge and recreation space. This decision will reduce air pollution in the park and improve safety, and signals New York City's commitment to prioritizing people over cars. With this decision, Mayor de Blasio did what 20 previous mayors didn't.

Transverse roadways at 97th, 86th, 79th and 65th Streets were built into the park's original design as fully-separated, below-grade streets to accommodate thru-traffic, and will not be affected by the change, but to help during the transition, NYPD will make additional Traffic Enforcement Agents available at local intersections, and DOT will closely monitor conditions to better accommodate traffic changes, as well as implement additional changes if necessary.

Neighborhood News, Continued...

### West 58<sup>th</sup> Street Coalition Continues its Efforts to Block Shelter

W58 continues to address the Park Savoy issue and are making headway on all fronts. We have been working with a new lobbyist/strategist whose energy, knowledge, and dedication to the Coalition's efforts are making a big impact.

We have proposed the idea of our community supporting a family shelter, women with young children. However, we continue to emphasize that the Park Savoy is not a suitable location for any shelter. We have also proposed that if an alternate location opportunity presented itself, we could do even more for the families sheltered there, with more space, etc. The proposal included our community providing the shelter with a new, onsite children's library, a playroom and tutoring opportunities.

The stop work order is still in place at the Park Savoy and has been since it was issued on February 8th. We continue to watch city records for permits filed for work at the Savoy and continue to inquire as to whether or not the contract between the city and Westhab has been filed with the Comptroller's office. Our understanding is that it has still not been filed, and this is good news. It buys us more time for the work we are currently doing.

There are many ways that you can help if you'd like. Please sign our petition if you have not already, and follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or donate to the cause. It takes tremendous funding (and time/effort) to do what we are doing, and it "takes a village", not just a small group of people, for us to succeed. Donations can be made at our

website <u>www.W58Coalition.com</u> through PayPal, or checks can be mailed to our address at the bottom, made out to West 58th Street Coalition, Inc.



### Off-market Apartment for Sale – Offered Only to Existing Residents

A majestic three-bedroom, 3.5 bath, high-floor apartment with dynamic city views and partial park view from a master suite is offered for sale to Hampshire House Residents only.



High ceilings and ample space offer the perfect setting for a significant art collection while the purposefully designed floor plan optimizes entertaining.

Offered for sale to residents of The Hampshire House at \$3,250,000. 50% Owner financing available.

For additional information or to request a viewing, please call Patrick at (212) 333-6001.

The Met Gala, then and now!



These 1950 Met Gala Models were stunning and stylish in Charles James gowns.



Flash forward 68 years and you have what I generously refer to as "Warrior Chic" – Yuk! What happened there?



These girls have it though....



...And the lovely Blake Lively looks like she could have attended the 1950 Gala. Your thoughts?