



THREE PARKS INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATS

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MARCH MEETING

March 12, 2014

FEATURED TOPIC: CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM
SPEAKERS: Richard Aborn, Esq: President, Citizens Crime Commission
Stephanie Gendell, Esq: Associate Executive Director for Policy
& Government Relations, Citizens Committee for Children
DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014
TIME: 8:00 PM
PLACE: The Youth Hostel
891 Amsterdam Avenue at 103rd Street
ROOM: Chapel/Ballroom

AGENDA

7:45 pm Sign In
8:00 pm Call to Order

1. President's Report & Announcements
2. District Leader Reports
3. Introduction of Judicial Delegate Candidates
4. **CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM**
Speakers: Richard Aborn & Stephanie Gendell

Ballot box Open for Judicial Delegate Voting
from 8:45pm-9:30pm

CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 4 – Thursday, April 10, 2014
Petitioning for Congressional Primary

Wednesday, March 26, 2014
Three Parks Board Meeting, 8 pm, Youth Hostel
891 Amsterdam Avenue at 103rd Street

Wednesday, April 9, 2014
Three Parks Membership Meeting, 8pm,
Youth Hostel Ballroom

Wednesday, April 23, 2014
Three Parks Board Meeting, 8 pm, Youth Hostel

Sunday, May 4, 2014
THREE PARKS 39th ANNUAL BENEFIT
Sunday Afternoon, Café Frida
768 Amsterdam Avenue at 97th Street

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

In February we elected several new Three Parks Board members, endorsed Congressional candidates in the 10th and 13th Districts, and nominated Delegates to 2014 New York County Judicial Nominating Convention who will be voted on at the March 12 meeting. We even went to a second ballot in the 13th CD contest where there was a tight race between Rangel and No Endorsement. Rangel ultimately cleared the required 50% to win on the second ballot, but ten fewer votes were cast in total, which proves once again the importance of attendance and sticking around to the bitter end. While the field is far from closed with petitioning set to start March 4, Rep. Charles Rangel, State Sen. Adriano Espaillat, and Rev. Michael Walrond all should be on the ballot for the June 24 federal primary.

Rep Jerry Nadler secured an easy and overwhelming first ballot victory at Three Parks in the endorsement vote for the 10th CD, and so far no news of a primary challenge for him. About two thirds of Three Parks election districts are in the 10th CD, and one third in the 13th CD.

We were fortunate to have Jaron Benjamin, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Council on Housing, speak to us about Preserving and Creating Affordable Housing. Tenant lawyer, Met Council Board member and neighbor Ken Schaeffer also helped out. The effort to secure "home rule" for NYC on rent regulation as well as a host of other issues was noted, as were the prospects for construction of affordable housing, rehabilitation of NYCHA projects, possible shifts in development and zoning policy, prospects for a rent freeze and strengthened tenant protection efforts with the new Mayor and City Council.

The timeliness of Three Parks selection of this topic was underscored by recent press reports about landlords who deliberately destroy their own property in an effort to drive out tenants, the pros and cons of gentrification and landmarking, and a landlord association's lawsuit challenging the creation of the Tenant Protection Unit at the state level. All of these articles noted the loss of literally hundreds of thousand of affordable apartments over the last few years. Closer to home we had the shocking "tale of two cities" where the management of Stonehenge Village on West 97th St. determined that the 60% of the tenants who are rent stabilized should not have access to the new gym which is to be reserved exclusively for the use of the market rate tenants.

On February 25, several elected officials (Public Advocate Letitia James, Borough President Gale Brewer, State Senator Bill Perkins and Councilman Mark Levine) rallied with the tenants at the building to protest this egregious insult and vow legal action.

Momentum and activism on housing issues is building, and Three Parks Board has established a Housing Committee, co-chaired by Steve and Lynn Max, to ensure that we have grassroots leadership on these issues affecting all New Yorkers, not just renters. We hope to be out on the streets informing and mobilizing our neighbors once this winter's deep freeze is over. In the meantime, please join us at the March 6, 11 am, City Hall rally for the launch of the Campaign for Rent Regulation and Home Rule. Three Parks' website has additional information about this as well as other housing events of interest.

THREE PARKS ENDORSEMENT VOTE WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2014

UNITED STATES CONGRESS – 10TH CD

Nadler 47
No Endorsement 2
NO VOTE 2

UNITED STATES CONGRESS – 13TH CD

First Ballot

Espaillat 3
Rangel 25
Waldron 0
No Endorsement 23

Second Ballot

Rangel 24
No Endorsement 17

CANDIDATES FOR JUDICIAL DELEGATES

Alan Flacks is an experience delegate to the Judicial Nominating Convention, having served many times. He is committed to the merit screening process, which he helped to establish. He is a longtime Club member and serves on the Country Committee as well.

Theresa Canter is a long time member of Three Parks and is currently serving as 2nd VP. In addition to serving previously as a Judicial Delegate, she has been privileged to serve the club in the past as President and as Treasurer. Having a keen interest in our Judiciary and a commitment to choosing judges with the necessary experience, temperament and integrity, she would be honored to again represent the club as a seasoned Judicial Delegate. .

Merle McEldowney found Three Parks during the 2006 John Hall Campaign. She loves Three Parks because in addition to the important work that a political club does in the neighborhood, there are people in the club who are passionate about preserving Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid; getting a reasonable energy policy that closes Indian Point, prevents fracking in New York State, and moves our country to renewable fuels.

Bruce Markens has served three years on the Board, including one year as recording secretary. He worked at the 2012 storefront at various tasks and was particularly involved in organizing phonebanking for Elizabeth Warren's campaign. He has served as co-chair of the Club's education committee and is very concerned about combating charter schools and other attempts at privatizing public education. He also has been involved in Three Parks' tabling and protest activities on such issues as fracking, protecting Social Security and closing down Indian Point as well as serving as an alternate judicial delegate the last two years.

Corine Pettey, former district leader of Riverside Democrats, long time member, and served as a District 3 Elementary School Principal for 24 years. She is opposed to gas companies drilling for gas in our watershed, insists that Government create more jobs by helping to establish more "green" companies and public work projects to improve our infrastructure. She opposes Columbia University's use of eminent domain in the West Harlem area. She volunteered regularly at the 2012 Obama/Biden storefront.

Stephanie Tegnazian is a longtime Three Parks member and is interested in the judicial system. She has attended panel selection meetings. She has read decisions, and asked questions, and she wants to serve.

David Kogelman is a judge at the Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board, and a member of the steering committee of the New York Democratic Lawyers Council (NYDLC), a voting rights organization that monitors elections and protects the right to vote statewide. He has previously served as a member of the Three Parks Board, and would be honored to represent it as a judicial delegate.

Audrey Isaacs very active Judicial Delegate/Alternate for past two years. Each year did chart for myself and for fellow Judicial Delegates comparing qualifications of candidates for elevation to Supreme Court Justice. Practiced law in NYC since 1975, specializing in litigation; appeared for clients in state and federal courts, and city, state and federal agencies. Attorney in private practice between 1975 and 2000. Administrative Law Judge between 1996 and 2008. Promoted in 2008 to supervise an administrative courthouse with 4 – 5 Administrative Judges.

Sam Bartos has lived in the neighborhood since 1990. A freelance editor, concert pianist and piano teacher (and Steinway artist) before switching to the law in 1999, Sam is an alumnus of Amherst College, Yale School of Music and the Cardozo Law School. His current solo litigation practice focusses on intellectual property and commercial contract law. While an intern in federal court, he played a concert for the EDNY judges and a photo appeared in the New York Law Journal. Since joining Three Parks, he has been active in the Jaffe, Landis and district leader campaigns.

Voting for Judicial Delegates will take place at the meeting on March 12, 2014. The ballot box will open at 8:45 pm and close at 9:30 pm.

REFORMING THE CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY GROUP FUNDING

The City Council is contemplating changing the way it operates. Under the current rules (inherited from past Councils), some Council Members have millions of more dollars to allocate to community groups and infrastructure (such as improving libraries in his/her District) than his/her peers. Many of the Council Members would like to equalize the amount of money allocated to each Council Member or would like specific criteria developed to justify these disparities. Park West Policy Forum is presenting a forum on proposed changes to City Council rules on Wednesday, March 19 from 7 pm - 9 pm in the Community Room at 400 Central Park West (corner of West 100th Street). So far Council Members Mark Levine and Helen Rosenthal have agreed to be on the panel, and Borough President Gale Brewer has personally indicated her intention to participate

REFORMING HOW THE CITY COUNCIL FUNDS COMMUNITY GROUPS IMPROVING FAIRNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

Sponsored by
Park West Policy Forum

Panelists
Manhattan Borough President
Gale Brewer

City Council Members
Helen Rosenthal
Mark Levine.

Wednesday, March 19, 7-9 pm
400 Central Park West (at 100th St.)
Community Room

NEW YORK CITY RENT REGULATIONS

will expire next year. Labor unions, community based organizations, tenant associations, and other housing advocates are gathering on the steps of City Hall on Thursday, March 6 at 11am to formally launch the campaign to solve our city's worst housing crisis.

**CAMPAIGN to
PRESERVE and
STRENGTHEN

RENT LAWS
and
HOME RULE
for
NEW YORK CITY

LAUNCH RALLY
AT CITY HALL

THURSDAY,
MARCH 6, 2014
11 AM

CITY HALL PARK**

Three Parks Independent Democrats Eligible Voters List

Eligible Voters List for March 12, 2014 Endorsement Vote

Susan	Andrews
Susan J.	Baldwin
William	Baldwin
Emily	Baldwin
Patricia	Barrera
Samuel	Bartos
Margret	Beels
Shoshannah	Benmosche
Bob	Botfeld
Vincent	Brancato
Theresa	Canter
Daniel Marks	Cohen
Mimi	Daitz
Wendy	Dannett
John	Davenport
Betty Jean	Dixon
Cynthia	Doty
Gerry Ann	Fifer
Alan	Flacks
Ellen	Flax
Ernestine	Gallagher
Mary J.	Geissman
Daniele	Gerard
Louisa	Gilbert
Robert	Ginsberg
Thomas	Goggin
Pilar	Gomez
Timothy	Greene
Robert	Gumbs
Marnie	Hall
Janet	Harvilchuck
Jacqueline	Huey
Ruth	Jamison-Howard
Elizabeth Krob	Kellner
Erlend	Kimmich
David	Lazarus
Barbara	Lee
Thomas	Lopez-Pierre
Marie	Lunn
Bruce	Markens
Mary Ann	Marks
Stephen	Max
Lynn Bender	Max

Merle	McEldowney
Abigail	McGloster
George	McGuinness
Alex	Medwedew
Minda	Meister
Gail	Meyers
Rabban	Miriam
Brenda	Morgan
Forrest C.	Murphy
Joan	Ogden
Josh	Pepper
Hank	Perlin
Corine	Pettey
Nicole	Polier
Miriam	Rabban
Carol	Reisner
Suzanne	Samelson
Milvoy	Samurovich
Carl Joseph	Scalise
Doris	Schreiber
Gerald	Schultz
Ray	Schwartz
Carol	Sharpe
Mildred	Speiser
Debbie	Spitz
Allan	Spitz
Roschel Holland	Stearns
Stephanie	Tegnazian
Ruth	Tepper
Deborah	Thomas
Lynn	Thomas
Ken	Tulloch
Lauren A.	Williams
Judy	Wood
Lorraine	Zamora
Ariel	Zucker-Brull

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**Voters Eligible if Paid
For March 12, 2014
Endorsement Vote**

Mollie	Bailey
Robert	Bardin
Marla	Brunker
David	Camacho
Margaret	Collins
Maxine	DeSeta
Wendy	Diller
Renna	Draynel
Martina	Garcia
Shashi	Janardhan
Emma	Jenkins
David C.	Kaplan
Rita	Kardeman
David	Kogelman
Kenneth	Laufer
Gail	Leinwall
Joan	Levinson
Betsy	Malcolm
Arlene	Mehlman
Christopher	Mooney
Martin	Morand
John	Newell
Jared	Odessky
Wilhelmina	Perry
Annie	Petrus
Geraldine	Phillips
Alfred	Placeres
Florence	Puccetti-Hepner
Rama	Rodvien
Katherine	Samuels
Christopher P.	Scott
Jacob	Sher
Irene	Shrier
Rachel	Smit
Clara	Taylor
Jane	Thompson
Arlene	Tyrkko
Franz	Vila
George	Voorhis
Yvonne	Vullemoz
Rosetta	Williams
Gloria	Zeche

payment of 2014 dues. New memberships become effective thirty days after dues are paid. To be eligible to vote, a new member must attend at least one meeting after the thirty day period and within the six months prior to the election. Memberships that have lapsed due to nonpayment of annual dues are considered new.

Reminder: Members may not vote at Three Parks if they also vote at other Democratic clubs.

**THREE PARKS
INDEPENDENT
DEMOCRATS**

**39TH ANNUAL
BENEFIT**

Honoring

New York City Public Advocate

Letitia James

&

Bloomington Aging in Place

Sunday Afternoon

May 4, 2014

Café Frida

768 Amsterdam Avenue

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In order to vote in club elections, a member must have paid dues for 2014 and have attended at least one meeting in the last six months. Members who were paid for 2013 and who meet the attendance requirement may become eligible upon



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Please pay your 2013 dues by filling out the form below and bringing it to the next meeting or by mailing it with your check to:

Three Parks Independent Democrats
Cathedral Station P.O. Box 1316
New York, N.Y. 10025
Attn: Treasurer

2014 MEMBERSHIP FORM

New Member _____

Renewal _____

Membership Category -- Check One

Individual (\$25) _____

Family -- two adults in the same household (\$40) _____

Low Income (\$15) _____

Low Income Family (\$20) _____

Sponsor (\$50) _____ Patron (\$100) _____

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Apt. # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Email _____

☐ Check here if you prefer to receive the newsletter **solely** by email.

****Please pay your dues with a check or via PayPal – cash and money orders are far more difficult to process. Thanks in advance for your cooperation! Please make out all checks to “Three Parks Independent Democrats - Dues 2014”****

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Next Meeting
Wednesday, March 12, 2014
PANEL ON CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE
JUSTICE REFORM