

# President's Report

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It's 2022. Thank goodness 2021 is over.

Last year started with an insurrection on the U.S. Capitol. Today, over 700 people have been charged with a connection to the riot. The coronavirus pandemic continued to impact nearly every aspect of our lives, and has left us under the cloud of the omicron variant. The climate crisis took a catastrophic toll across the entire globe. And some 19 states passed 34 laws that will make it harder to vote in future elections.

Many days in 2021 were worrisome and endless, but somehow the year went by quickly. I counted my blessings: family, friends, good health—and Three Parks! More than ever, Three Parks sustained me in its efforts to make the Upper West Side a more welcoming, inclusive and equitable place to live.

The Upper West Side is a remarkably diverse but close-knit community of people who persist in electing candidates with the highest ideals to public office. Three Parks exists to bring those people together who believe in a

more progressive way of life and help elect candidates who support their values.

I thank Three Parks members for all they have done, and continue to do. I especially thank the Board of Directors for their passionate commitment to lead the club; each year has its distinct challenges, and each year the Board rises to the occasion.

My New Year's wish is for 2022 to start and end better than 2021, but my fear is that we're a long way from it. However, I keep reminding myself that if we focus too much on what's wrong, we may miss out on the things that are right. It's always a teetering balance. Above all, it helps to have a sense of humor. I end my report with a recent Facebook quip:

“Now that I've lived through an actual plague, I totally understand why Italian Renaissance paintings are full of fat, naked people laying on couches.”

I wish all of you a happy, healthy and progressive new year.