

Amaryllis



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Amaryllis, a newsletter for the Penn South community, was conceived, and has been researched and written by Jane Hogg since 1996.



Bits & Pieces

Bike helmets giveaway. Thanks to Corey Johnson who arranged to distribute them at the DeWitt Clinton Park for several hours on a late September Saturday. Nice to know someone is looking out for our youngest riders.




Seducing Buyers. Trader Joe's remains the least expensive place in Chelsea to purchase milk. \$1.29 a quart when its lone competitor slides up twenty cents. Any savvy merchant knows the more people who browse the aisles, the greater the number of sales.

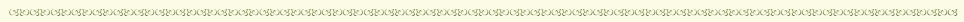
Wander away. Ideal Supermarket carries a surprising number of items, many well priced and others not found elsewhere. Plastic boxed cat Temptations is a sure shot, and, for me, their unique variety of imported jams and jellies is a winner. Time on your hands? Travel the aisles because they have confusing ways of sorting out their categories. Comparing prices? They charge much more for quarts of Chobani yogurt. Whole Foods beats that by almost \$2.00.

Dollar Pizza. Oh... how about this! Dollar Pizza remains a dollar at the 6th Avenue and 26th Street spot. Order just the plain with no extra toppings... fine with me because it's the crust that's great.

Popeyes. The latest new name in the area on the east side of 8th, just below 23rd (can't remember what was there before but don't think it was food). Their menu reminds me of Boston Market before it disappeared.




Consulado General de Honduras. Really wide storefront on south side of 23rd Street. Before 10:00 AM on a weekday morning, tail end of September—what made me notice was the crowd of people lining up awaiting entry. .

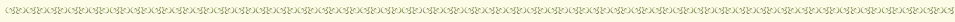


Mirthful Mutterings

Wish they'd be specific. Case in point: Dial-a-Bug from Pest Control, Inc. posted this on all our compactor doors.


*Caution: Compactor Dusting in Process. 9/29/2021.
Do not enter until after 6:00 PM.*

Dusting? Was there someone in there, duster in hand, working away? No wonder it took from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. That's a lot of wall space to dust. And no one enters—just a hand or two pushing trash inside. .



Blick Art

Blick is creating new windows regularly. David Dailay, the current artist, envisions a buyer choosing to purchase a sizable piece which, when hung at home, complements the contents of the room rather than detracts from them.

Not shy about his work, he often wanders into the 23rd Street location and will gladly make himself available should a viewer become a buyer. Still life, a floral arrangement, maybe a human figure... his work includes an interesting range of possibilities. .





Walking About

Wandering west on 26th Street is one that mystifies me. Blue Sky, a jewelry shop, clearly marked:

NO RETAIL STRICTLY WHOLESALE

To make purchases, you'll need to provide your Sales Tax ID and Business License. No photos or videos are allowed.

I passed it heading to KDM Hardware at 147. Besides all the materials needed to stock a store, you'll find a person there who sharpens not only knives but also scissors (a home sewers delight). I called 212-242-3799 to be sure he was still available. The person who answered the phone said he wasn't, but hope springs eternal. Near the north end of Whole Foods, it's worth a retry.

Same block, close by, dating back to 1916, is the Swedish Institute College of Health Sciences. Here they train massage therapists, medical assistants, nurses, and surgical technologists. Enjoyed by many Chelsea-ites, it's their Massage Therapy Clinic. Contact 212-924-5900 for details.

Across the street is Buffalo Trading, a large location stocking just about anything wearable for all sexes—and a place to sell what you no longer want. (And all such sales require picture IDs.) If accepted, your choice: store credit (a bit more expensive) or cash. I took \$6 for a rarely worn fashionable denim jacket, far too impractical for me.

Clear proof that combing Chelsea for Amaryllis article ideas puts a profit in my pocket. ☺



Seen From My Window

Last of the warm summer days, and one young guy was all set to make the most of it. He carried what appeared to be a large dark plastic bag and headed out to the big lawn. Unfolded it and began to wave it about... maybe use it as ground cover once he had it straightened out? Wrong again. He was blowing it up. Amply inflated, it was a comfortable lounge. Removed his shirt, laid back, and twenty minutes later, was still tanning away ☺





Agent Orange of the Canine World

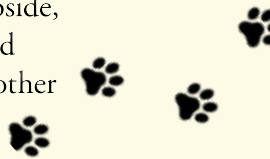
On a newly painted grated fence, surrounding a scrawny tree with withering plants and dying buds—at its base a well-words plea. Please curb your dog. Beneath this the explanation:

*When your dog uses us as a public bathroom,
it could kill us.*

Thanks, Mr. Tree and Ms. Flowers.

By way of explanation... **Dog urine is poisonous.** That's for all dogs, whether they be pets or free roamers. They search for protein (notice their disinterest in jelly donuts while they gobble up pitched peanuts). One vet called their liquid waste "Agent Orange of the canine world." When secreted, it converts to pure nitrogen, a substance poisonous to all green things growing... be it tiny blades of grass or bushy hedges as size doesn't matter.

If walkers curbed their dogs to have them pee curbside, our city sanitation trucks (which routinely hose and sweep our streets twice a week) would have yet another reason for doing what they do. 🐾



Price Patrol

Depending on who's reporting it, tomorrow is sure to cost more than yesterday: big-ticket items... refrigerators, cars, washing machines..

I tend to notice what's in my world. Dollar pizza awning says \$1.00, but cashier rings up \$1.50. Both bags of my 16 oz. Trader Joe's Medium and Dark Roast coffee just jumped from \$3.99 a pound to \$4.69 and then to \$4.99. I didn't call that "sliding up" as "jump" is more accurate.

Today at Ideal, the usual \$1.29 qt. of whole milk cost \$1.49 at the register. Jasmine Rice costs \$1.96 a pound (if it's five-pound bag) or \$1.60 a pound if it's ten-pounds. At Trader Joe's a three-pound bag is \$3.49. 🐾



Fresh Food for Seniors

Fresh Food for Seniors is happening again. Thanks to Corey Johnson and Gale Brewer, the lengthy shut-down due to COVID-19 has finally ended. Chelsea seniors can again enjoy a range of locally grown seasonal fruits and vegetables.

Never done it before? Easy. Three neighborhood senior centers are involved in the program. Select the one most convenient for you: Sage Senior Center at 305 7th Avenue; Hudson Guild Eliot Center at 441 West 26th Street; Visions at Selis Manor at 135 West 23rd. For \$9, cash only, you'll receive a large bag of mixed seasonal fruits and vegetables.

November sign-up dates are the 1st and 2nd for delivery on November 9; November 15 and 16 for delivery on the 23rd. Smaller households might prefer partnering with a neighbor.

Hopefully, more Chelsea kitchens will have fresh new scents swirling about with these programs. 🍎

