

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Dialogue Continues

COMMUNITY BOARD ONE MEMBERS CONVEYED THEIR PRIORITIES AND ALL AGREED THAT THE PARK WILL REFLECT THE SPIRIT OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND WILL RECONNECT THEM TO THE WATER.

The Hudson River Park Trust presented the design team, led by Sasaki Associates and DMJM Harris, that will design the Park from north of Battery Park City up to, but not including Pier 40 at West Houston Street, to Community Board One. It was noted that, at this juncture, the long-term effect of the World Trade Center disaster on the design and future use of Hudson River Park in the downtown area are unknown.

The design team expressed their aspiration to

develop relationships between the City and the Hudson River, to connect the river, which was separated for over a hundred years by manufacturing uses, to the fabric of the City. The 1997 Master Plan, the Community Board One resolutions listing community priorities, and Permitting Documents will serve as the starting point for the design. Continued dialogue with the community will help define the Park design, the design philosophy and specific Park features. The design process

will take approximately eighteen months from confirming the program through creating design documents that will be used to construct the Park. Community Board One members conveyed their priorities and all agreed that the Park will reflect the spirit of the local communities and will reconnect them to the water.

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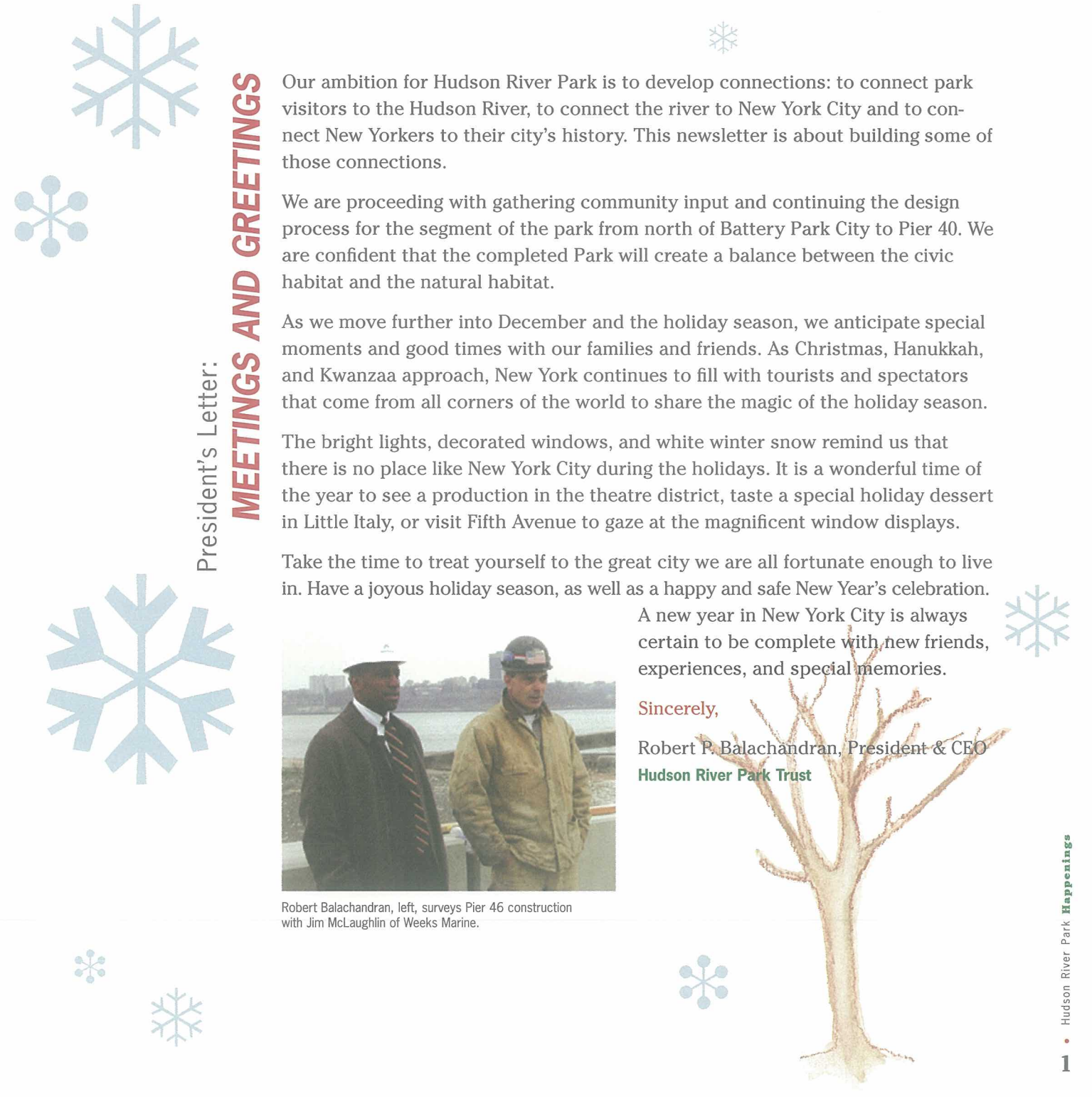
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Hudson River Park Happenings

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President's Letter:
MEETINGS AND GREETINGS

Our ambition for Hudson River Park is to develop connections: to connect park visitors to the Hudson River, to connect the river to New York City and to connect New Yorkers to their city's history. This newsletter is about building some of those connections.

We are proceeding with gathering community input and continuing the design process for the segment of the park from north of Battery Park City to Pier 40. We are confident that the completed Park will create a balance between the civic habitat and the natural habitat.

As we move further into December and the holiday season, we anticipate special moments and good times with our families and friends. As Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa approach, New York continues to fill with tourists and spectators that come from all corners of the world to share the magic of the holiday season.

The bright lights, decorated windows, and white winter snow remind us that there is no place like New York City during the holidays. It is a wonderful time of the year to see a production in the theatre district, taste a special holiday dessert in Little Italy, or visit Fifth Avenue to gaze at the magnificent window displays.

Take the time to treat yourself to the great city we are all fortunate enough to live in. Have a joyous holiday season, as well as a happy and safe New Year's celebration.

A new year in New York City is always certain to be complete with new friends, experiences, and special memories.

Sincerely,
Robert P. Balachandran, President & CEO
Hudson River Park Trust



Robert Balachandran, left, surveys Pier 46 construction with Jim McLaughlin of Weeks Marine.

