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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

# PIER CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

## In Greenwich Village Segment of the Park



We are in the process of removing the old piers and constructing new piers.

Pile driving operations are underway. Pile driving is just what it sounds like – long concrete columns reinforced with interior steel cables are driven into the ground – in this case the Hudson River bed. These columns, or piles, will

serve as the foundation for the new piers. After the columns are in place work can begin on laying the pier surface. The piers will be topped with a light brown colored granite that you may have already seen along some of the walkways in this area. When these piers are complete in the fall of 2002, you will be able to stroll out

into the Hudson River, lounge on the pier and catch a glimpse of the many historic vessels that call the piers along the Hudson River home.

At Pier 57, we are painting the building that houses municipal buses. The freshly painted building will be a green color similar to the Statue of Liberty. Pier 57 has an interesting

history. Constructed upstate in 1954, and decorated in an art deco style, it was floated down the Hudson to its present location and then sunk! It now rests on concrete caissons that remain watertight to this day. The new coat of paint should help Pier 57 adapt to its new parkland surroundings.

# Hudson River Park Happenings

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President's Letter:  
**SUMMER EXCITEMENT**

There is no more exciting time in the Hudson River Park than the summer. It's possible to spend every day at the park and never do the same thing twice. From fishing to dancing to watching a movie underneath the stars, there is no better place to spend a summer day or evening than the Hudson River Park. It's not all fun and games at the park though – there are also opportunities to learn something new, be it a new dance step or the marine biology of the Hudson River. Our showcase event is coming up soon – the Hudson River Park Day on June 17th. Celebrate Father's Day with your dad with a free boat ride – read more about this exciting event inside this newsletter.

Every day we move closer to realizing our vision of a finished Hudson River Park. We are in the process of selecting teams for the design and construction management of the segments of the park between Battery Place and just north of Chambers Street, Harrison



Robert Balachandran (right) describes Hudson River Park Day events to a park visitor

Street to Pier 40 and Gansevoort Peninsula to 25th Street. We are rebuilding the piers in the Greenwich Village section of the park. The divers you may have seen in the water are inspecting the piles and bulkhead to evaluate their condition. We will be painting the building on Pier 57 and we are constantly planting and landscaping to bring more green to the park.

While all this work continues, so does our full summer events schedule. Be sure to save your copy so you know what's going on all summer.

I look forward to seeing you all in the park.

*Sincerely,*

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