

# WEST MIDWOOD NEWS

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### Seven O'Clock Shout Out!!

At seven every evening, the residents of Argyle Road between Avenue H and Glenwood rock! Both to show our appreciation for essential workers and healthcare professionals and to lift all our spirits, this block really turns up to make a racket!

Tambourines, drums, bells, pots and pans, whistles and good old fashioned yells fill the air for about five minutes. It's also a chance to quickly check in with our neighbors, remind ourselves that there is a community out there, and feel just a little better about the world.



Photos by Marilyn Cuff

**Is your block also making noise every evening?  
Send us pictures.  
Your neighbors would love to see you!**

# Eulogy for Little Richard

By Argyle Art Rhine

For those of us conceived just after World War II ended, we weren't really born until we first heard Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly, and Little Richard (born Richard Penneman), who died May 9th at the age of 87.



There were others; I don't mean to belittle Jerry Lee Lewis, the Everly Brothers, Elvis, the Platters, or the Drifters, but nobody got to the roots like Chuck, Buddy, and Richard. Yet even among these three,

there was a difference. Chuck and Buddy spoke to us about things we kind of knew: school days and sweet sixteen and rock & roll and budding romance. But Little Richard spoke to us about some things with which we weren't familiar. Long Tall Sally, she built for speed she got, everything that Uncle John need. Ooh baby. Saw Uncle John with Bald Headed Sally; he saw Aunt Mary comin', better duck back in the alley. Woo baby. Good Golly Miss Molly, sure like to ball. What did that mean? Liked to play baseball? Liked to go to a ball and dance? A whop bop a loo ma a bop bam boom! He was introducing us to a new world. And we sure wanted to jump right into it. Our search was on. He came from Macon, Georgia and he brought the music of Huddie Ledbetter (Leadbelly) and the deepest Delta. And so many jumped in. Not just the Beatles and the Stones, but James Brown and Otis Redding (also from Macon) and Stevie Wonder and Dave Van Ronk and the Boss. It's probably easier to list those who weren't the offspring of Little Richard. And so we in P.S. 193 and Andries Hudde J.H.S. jumped. And we were transformed. We heard him with segregated all white audiences, but our world was no longer the world we physically inhabited. He brought the word. So we say goodbye to the Architect of Rock & Roll. He made a joyful noise unto the Lord and we thank him from the bottom of our souls.

## PUZZLE

In texting, zzzzzz means sleep, sleeping, or boring; zzz is an onomatopoeic representation of snoring, is used in comic books to indicate that someone is sleeping or dreaming, and is a valid Scrabble word.



If you are someone who is not getting enough z's because of anxiety over COVID-19, perhaps working on this puzzle will help you regain the lost z's. Below is a list of words containing a double-z with the z sound. The non-z consonants have been replaced by dashes. How many of the words can you identify? Note that when a combination of dashes and letters appears more than once in the list, it is because there is more than one word that has that combination.

Rating: 10=good; 20=excellent; 30=genius

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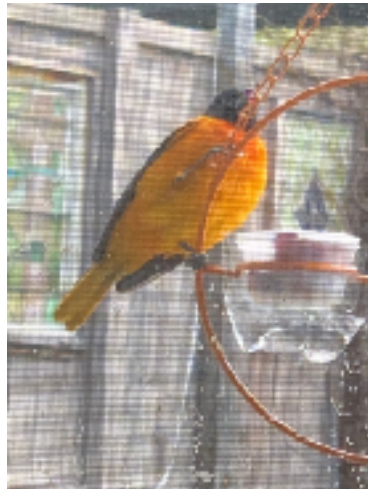
# The Mad Gardener *by Robert Brennan*

There are some political issues these days to discuss, but I have a few nature photos to share. Since the weather out here has mostly been bad, I have been watching the little birds that visit. This is a rose-breasted grosbeak.



As the magnolias finish their season, the bush peonies are about to explode in bloom. This is Joseph Rock, with a long and interesting history. It comes from a Buddhist temple in Mongolia, and was saved from extinction by a visiting British gardener, who collected seeds.

This Baltimore oriole comes by several times a day, to eat oranges and grape jelly.



Kerris Japonica is a nice little flowering tree, with white blossoms that hang like little bells.



I am also seeing the final bloom of magnolias. The yellow varieties are always the last to bloom. Two new ones that I am trying are Golden Gift and Daphne, which is a nice, deeper yellow.



Let us know what's happening in your garden!

Take some pictures and share them here with your neighbors.

Send them to [editor.WestMidwoodNews@gmail.com](mailto:editor.WestMidwoodNews@gmail.com)



## West Midwood Cooks (and Bakes!) *by Allidah Muller*

### Andrew Chertoff's

#### **"More or Less Healthy Breakfast Pancakes"**

*I haven't used measuring cups or measuring spoons for years, so here goes: In a bowl, mix two eggs or four egg whites, add a little canola oil and some unsweetened apple sauce. Also add a handful of Quaker Oats (Quick or Old Fashioned) soaked for a while in a little boiled water. Add any brand of whole grain (I like Kodiak) or Aunt Jemima whole wheat blend pancake mix to this mixture until the batter is the way you like it. If you want, you can add chopped walnuts or blueberries or anything else you can think of.*

#### **"Porridge" (or as we like to call it, "Salty Oatmeal")**

*This recipe might be more befitting a cold morning, but I feel like we still have some cool mornings in store for us. This recipe comes from April Bloomfield's cookbook, *A Girl and Her Pig*. Though she is perhaps better known for her adventurous meat recipes (there is a recipe for a lamb's head in this cookbook), she does vegetables equally well. And her breakfast foods are scrumptious! When we still lived in Manhattan, we used to love sneaking into the Spotted Pig when it first opened for brunch before it got too scene-y.*

1½ cups whole milk, plus a few generous splashes  
 1½ tsp Maldon or another flaky sea salt (I would not use table salt here... it would make the oatmeal too salty)  
 ½ cup steel-cut oats  
 ½ cup rolled oats (not "quick cooking" or "instant")  
 About 2 Tbsp sugar (maple, brown, or white—we like using brown) or maple syrup

Combine the milk, water and salt in a medium pot (a 2-quart pot should do it) and set over high heat. As soon as the liquid comes to a gentle simmer (and watch it - it WILL boil over because of the milk), add both kinds of oats and lower the heat to medium. Cook the oats at a steady simmer. After about 20 minutes at the simmer, the rolled oats will have turned a bit mushy, while the steel cut oats will be just tender and pop when you bite them. Turn off the heat.

Have a taste. It's good and salty, isn't it? Now you want to add the sugar or syrup to your taste. I like my porridge to taste a little salty at first, then fade into sweet. Spoon the porridge into warm bowls and let it sit for a minute. Then carefully pour a little cold milk around the edges of each bowl, so it pools all the way round. Sprinkle a five-fingered pinch of sugar or drizzle of the syrup in the center of each and let it melt, then serve right away.

(We also like to add a sprinkle of cinnamon and some toasted sliced almonds. Also, Bloomfield says this serves 4, but Nate and I usually split the recipe between just the two of us.)

### Olive Oil & Maple Granola

*This is what I like to call our "house" granola. Now you might be asking yourself, "Allidah, why do you MAKE granola when you can easily buy it?" Trust me. This granola is super easy (and fun for kids to help with because none of the measurements need to be precise) and so much better than anything you could buy at the store. This recipe is from Nekisia Davis, of *Early Bird Foods* via the *Food 52 Genius Recipes* cookbook. I often will make a double batch. It makes great gifts for people, travels well, and you can make it gluten-free by using gluten-free oats.*

3 cups rolled oats  
 1 cup hulled raw pumpkin seeds  
 1 cup hulled raw sunflower seeds  
 1 cup unsweetened coconut chips  
 1¼ cups raw pecans, left whole or coarsely chopped  
 ¾ cup maple syrup  
 ½ cup olive oil  
 ½ cup packed light brown sugar (I often don't add this, but you definitely can)  
 Coarse salt or flaky sea salt, like Maldon  
 (I also like to do a healthy sprinkle of cinnamon and a dash or two of cardamom)

1. Preheat the oven to 300°F.
2. Put the oats, pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, coconut, pecans, maple syrup, olive oil, and 1 tsp salt in a large bowl and mix until well combined. Spread the granola mixture in an even layer on a rimmed baking sheet lined with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat. Bake, stirring every 10 to 15 minutes until the granola is toasted, about 45 minutes.
3. Remove the granola from the oven and season it with more salt to taste. Let cool completely before serving or storing in an airtight container for up to 1 month.

Genius Tip: This recipe lends itself to variation. Experiment with different kinds of nuts and seeds or infused olive oils. Stir in chocolate or dried cherries at the end. Add spices. Reduce the sugar or maple, if you like. But whatever you do, don't forget the salt.



## Brooklyn Sports

## Extra Innings for Another “Rainy” Day

By Argyle Art Rhine

Since we are all still confined indoors, except for gardening, jogging around the block, and cheering our health care workers at 7:00 PM, when you’ve finished this issue of *West Midwood News*, grab a book and relax. In the April 2nd *West Midwood News Special Edition*, eleven of the greatest sports stories of all time (novels and non-fiction) were listed and briefly reviewed. Undoubtedly, all have now been devoured. Here follow ten more classics for your rainy-day delectation:

**A Sense of Where You Are**, by John McPhee: This biography of Princeton basketball legend Bill Bradley was McPhee’s first published work. Since that time, he has written some of the finest descriptions of the real world ever to appear in print, and herein is a stunning example. Bradley and McPhee make a team greater than the sum of their very great parts.

**The Hustler**, by Walter Tevis: The Paul Newman movie was one of Brooklyn Sports’ top 20 sports movies of all-time [see March 25th *West Midwood News Special Edition*] but I’ll bet you haven’t read the novel on which it was based. My remarkable friend Resy told me the novel was better than the movie and, fifty years later, I hereby reply, “I agree!”

**The Boys in the Boat**, by Daniel Brown: The members of the Washington University rowing (crew) team overcome hard-scrabble working class origins and deepest Depression poverty to challenge the Germans in the 1936 Olympics. If inspiration during hard times is what you seek, look no further.

**Indian Horse**, by Richard Wagamese: Argyle Road’s Bill Schlansky loves hockey. In our decades of friendship and bowling together, it is the one and only subject on which we disagree. So, Bill, this novel is for you! Saul Indian Horse, the title character, encounters prejudice against “Indian Residential School” hockey players in Canadian leagues, and fights (hey, it’s hockey) to achieve recognition and greatness. The descriptions of the way he sees the patterns and anticipates the action are beautiful and revelatory.

**Seabiscuit**, by Laura Hillenbrand: A biography of the great thoroughbred. This is the elegant almost musical

journey of a horse and his human team through rough and tumble races and equally difficult times.

**The Sal Maglie Story**, by Milton Shapiro: One of the first books I ever voluntarily read. I was riveted back then when I was eleven years old, even though the “Barber” had spent most of his Major League career as a Dodger killer. But then he became a Bum! I wonder if I would like this book now but I sure loved it in 1957.

**The Art of Fielding**, by Chad Harbach: College shortstop fields his position like a gazelle. He galvanizes his team but an errant throw injures a team-mate and changes everything—including his relationships with his coach, team-mates and friends. Quite a provocative and far-reaching novel.

**Season Ticket**, by Roger Angell: Angell writes for the *New Yorker*. He has written scores of the greatest short stories in sports history. It’s hard to pick only one of his compilations, but I’ll go with this one, primarily because it contains “Not So, Boston” (a palindrome), a lyrical

America’s Pastime pastoral on the greatest baseball game ever played.

**Days of Grace**, by Arthur Ashe and Arnold Rampersad: This is one of those “important” books which you are sure is gonna disappoint you, but it turns out to be quite inspirational. It tells the story of Arthur Ashe, who battled racism to become the first African American Wimbledon champion and then battled AIDS and the prejudice against its Haitian and gay victims.

**The Duke of Flatbush**, by Duke Snider and Bill Gilbert, with an introduction by Carl “Oisk” Erskine: In my formative years, we had no hero like the Duke. This book really tells how he achieved such success—as a kid, he took 400 swings a day at a tennis ball hanging from his ceiling—yet does not ignore his petulance and his failings.

Arghh. Still haven’t gotten to Malamud, Halberstam, Hammerin’ Hank and other Hall of Famers. It’s a seven game series! Hopefully, we’ll be back on the bowling alleys and the ball fields by the time reading season resumes. Stay strong!



## How to Use Your Time at Home

There are lots of suggestions, lists, websites making the rounds with great ideas for how to stay connected, engaged, entertained or simply distracted. There's almost too much information! So in each issue of the *Special Viral Edition of West Midwood News*, we'll suggest just a few of them. If you have good additions to these, let us know, and we'll include them in the next issue.

### Learn Something New

**The Whitney Museum has a whole array of online classes.**

<https://whitney.org/whitney-from-home>

### Attend a Concert

**More great concerts this week with "Stay the Folk Home"**

Bringing live performances streamed from a responsible distance from your favorite Jalopy Theatre regulars. We will have donate links in the description and all proceeds will be split between Jalopy and the artists, to help keep us afloat in this new era.

This Wednesday, May 20th - join us for Roots n' Ruckus with Nathan Rivera at 8:00pm, and Isto at 9:00pm!

Friday, May 22nd - join us for a concert with the wonderful Annie Keating!

**Just go to our facebook page [facebook.com/jalopytheatre/live](https://www.facebook.com/jalopytheatre/live) at 8:00pm EST on Wednesday and Friday for the stream!**

### See a Play

Theatre For a New Audience and Fisher Center at Bard Present Bard's Production of Caryl Churchill's MAD FOREST,  
Directed by Ashley Tata.

FREE LIVE BROADCAST PERFORMANCES:  
May 22 at 7pm, May 24 at 5pm EDT, and May 27 at 3pm

<https://www.tfana.org/current->

### Go to the Library!

The New York Public Library has lots of online programs. Check them out!  
<http://view.email.nypl.org/?qs=e42ad15cb596402bcecb07c459bf6foa8de541e33f574a519ec09f17f3c9a79cc15414e705c78a68c19d54569b3bc451768>

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Let us know! Send an email to:  
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## Take a Workshop at The Whitney Museum

### ARTMAKING FROM HOME FAMILY PICTURES

Saturday, May 23

3 pm

Online, via Zoom

**Inspired by the artist Njideka Akunyili Crosby, this workshop, led by artist and educator Jaqueline Cedar, invites participants to use collage and photo transfer techniques to create images of their families. How might you represent your family's story in a way that feels monumental to viewers outside of your immediate circle?**

**Free with registration.**

**REGISTER**

[https://whitney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_91KVKFriSayYSkSmKLJ6Mw](https://whitney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_91KVKFriSayYSkSmKLJ6Mw)

Have an idea for this newsletter? Let us know! Email us at [Editor.WestMidwoodNews@gmail.com](mailto:Editor.WestMidwoodNews@gmail.com)

## What's Happening in Your Yard?



### **It's clearly yellow and purple season in West Midwood!**

Clockwise from top left, Melanie Oser's irises putting on quite a show; Ellen Bilofsky's clematis; the Rosens' yellow iris and yellow roses; irises on Westminster.

What do you see in your yard? Send your pictures, poems, essays and descriptions to editor. [WestMidwoodNews@gmail.com](mailto:WestMidwoodNews@gmail.com) and we'll publish them in future issues.

**Florence Manglani — May Flowers**



**West Midwood  
Scavenger Hunt!**

West Midwood neighbor Laura Givner sent us this great idea, spotted by her daughter in Toronto.

Need something new to keep you entertained?

Looking for something fun to do on your daily walks through our neighborhood?

Have you seen some things you haven't noticed before?

This scavenger hunt is for you!

Here's how it will work:

Send an email to:

[editor.WestMidwoodNews@gmail.com](mailto:editor.WestMidwoodNews@gmail.com)

by Friday, June 5, with a description of something unique or interesting outside your home, and the location of the object.

It must be visible from the sidewalk or the street. (It can be in a window, but must be visible from the street. If you can, attach a picture of the item. We will make a list of all the items, and on Sunday June 7, will send out an email with the list. You'll have two weeks to find as many items as you can. Winners will get a lifetime subscription to *West Midwood News*, plus the eternal gratitude of the editor!

**COVID One-Liners**

\*New monthly budget: Gas \$0 Entertainment \$0 Clothes \$0 Groceries \$2,799

\*Not to brag, but I haven't been late to anything in two months.

\*I wanted zombies and anarchy. Instead we got working from home and toilet paper shortages. Worst-Apocalypse-Ever!

\*You know those car commercials where there's only one vehicle on the road—doesn't seem so unrealistic these days.

\*They can open things up next month, but I'm staying in until July to see what happens to you all first.

\*Day 47: The garbage man placed an AA flyer on my recycling bin.

\*The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner.



## A Financial Planner's Perspective

By Jeff Ewing

## Investing in Solar Panels

Last June we had solar panels installed on our house, both to go “off the grid” and reduce our “carbon footprint” (to a modest extent,) and hopefully take an action that would also make financial sense. So I thought that after a year it was time to take a look at the results. We have one of the two-family houses on Westminster, and our solar panels generate enough electric power to meet the power needs for our half of the house (the owner-occupied unit.) That’s because the various tax incentives for installing solar panels are mostly only available for owner-occupied units. You have a choice of either leasing panels or owning them outright, and although ownership involves a significant financial outlay, since the maximum tax benefits come from ownership, we decided to own them.

We used an installer called Venture Solar, which is one of a number of companies on the approved list of the New York State Energy Research and Development Administration (NYSERDA). Venture Solar’s study of our house concluded that our electric power needs could be covered by installing ten panels, and that there was sufficient room on our roof for the panels.

So did the project make financial sense? Well, here are some numbers:

The total cost of our panels, including installation and wiring, was \$21,960. Pretty hefty. But that’s before the tax benefits, which include Federal and State tax credits and a New York City real estate tax abatement. After all of the tax benefits for our system are applied, the net cost to us will be only \$5,564. (The New York City abatement is spread out over four years, so it takes four years to obtain the full tax benefit.) I want to emphasize that these numbers are for our house. No guarantee, of course, that yours would be the same.

And a sad note. The Federal tax credit in 2019 was 30% of eligible costs. This year it drops to 26%, in 2021 to 22%, and in 2022 to 10%. I hope that the solar power industry will be lobbying to renew the credit, and at its original level, but I would guess that it’s not easy these days to get members of Congress to focus on it!

And how did the solar panels affect our electric costs? Well, prior to the solar panels taking over part of the job of generating electricity for our house, we were paying about \$1,100 per year for our unit, or roughly an average of about \$90 per month. Now we seem to be averaging payments to Con Edison of about \$30 per month, or a saving of about \$60 per month. Note that

while we are now enjoying free sunlight as an energy source, we haven’t severed our connection to Con Edison. Even in the months when the solar panels are covering our consumption, Con Ed still imposes a basic charge of about \$18 for its role in the process. In months when we under-produce, Con Ed charges for the difference. In months when we overproduce, the excess goes to Con Ed and we get a credit that is applied to the lean months. A pretty good synergy. While some months are up and some are down, depending on sunlight and demand, over the course of the year our panels have been generating enough power to pretty much cover most of our annual consumption.

The \$60 monthly saving (or \$720 annually) compares to our ultimate investment (after the full four years of the real estate tax abatement) of \$5,564. This is an annual return of close to 13%, certainly better than most annuities and better than the long-term return of the stock market. And let’s not even talk about what savings accounts pay these days.

Just to repeat, these numbers are for OUR house. Yours undoubtedly will be different.

I should note that the process at least as designed by Venture Solar was relatively painless. It took about 6 months from our first inquiry to the completion of installation and powering on of the system. We had to provide about \$9,800 up front, and Venture Solar arranged for the remainder, which they estimated would be covered by the Federal and State tax credits, to be provided as a zero interest loan, due when we received our Federal and State tax refunds. And we have a web-site we can go to any time we wish to see how the panels are functioning.

If anyone wants more information, you are welcome to reach out to me at [j.r.ewing@verizon.net](mailto:j.r.ewing@verizon.net).

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### How are you doing, West Midwood? What are you doing, West Midwood?

Send us your drawings, pictures, doodles, ideas, stories or poems. Let us know about new babies, great recipes you’ve tried, good video games, bad jokes, naughty puppies, or goldfish that jumped out of their bowl — whatever is happening at your house while we are waiting out this awful pandemic.

## Who You Gonna Call?

When you need help, it's important to call the right number. Here's a list of useful phone numbers with an explanation of when to call which number. It's not a bad idea to cut out this list and stick in on your refrigerator or by your phone.

**911**— The number to call for emergencies, such as fire, medical emergencies, accidents of any type, a crime in progress, violent behavior, or a person in trouble. Remember to stay on the line until the operator tells you it is okay to hang up. The operator will also ask you your location, so note the nearest house number and street address.

**311**—Call this number for non-emergencies such as noise complaints, animal control, air quality, blocked driveway, dangerous tree situation, or to find out where to get other information. For a complete list, see [www.nyc.gov/311](http://www.nyc.gov/311).

If you're unsure, call 911. The operator will either take your information or redirect you to 311. Remember to get a complaint number and write it down.

### Our Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs):

P.O. Konstantin Rakmonov, **929-294-5260** Email is: [konstantin.rakhmanov@nypd.org](mailto:konstantin.rakhmanov@nypd.org)

P.O. David Yegros, **929-284-0625** Email is: [david.yegros@nypd.org](mailto:david.yegros@nypd.org)

The NCOs are usually on duty Tuesdays to Saturdays from noon to 6:30 p.m. (Sometimes they are unavailable because they have been pulled for training or special duty.) Former West Midwood president Linda Howell reports that she relies on the NCOs for quality-of-life issues, especially situations "where I do not have complete details, only secondhand reports of events. I feel comfortable giving them as much information as I can and asking them to check into the potential problem." Examples include gatherings at the dead ends, abandoned cars, chronic parking violations, and patterns of package theft from porches. You can also contact them if you feel a 911 or 311 call was not handled correctly. Note that while they will make every effort to assist, they may also be handling other more time-critical issues.

### Community Board 14 (CB14), 718-859-6357

This office and its staff are a valuable resource that can be contacted for a myriad of situations. Call them to find out the status of a 311 complaint, why your recycling wasn't picked up, how you can get a tree planted in front of your home or a dead one removed, or what's going on with construction (or lack of it) at a specific location. They can also help you get in touch with the local representative for a specific city agency. This is by no means a complete list. If you're unsure of how to handle an issue, call them and ask. They are there to help.

### Coronavirus Symptoms

Here are the CDC recommendations for what to do if you are experiencing symptoms of Covid-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

Call your doctor first, who will advise you as to what to do next. Most cases are mild, and can be treated at home. Do not go into your doctor's office without calling first, so that they can assure you get appropriate care without putting yourself or others at risk. If your symptoms are severe or you have difficulty breathing, call 911.

**West Midwood Trivia**     *By Joe Enright*  
**Anglophilia Necropsy,**  
**Continued**



On February 15, 1910, Dr. Frederick M. Higgins rose to vigorously oppose renaming Avenues H through Z. Higgins owned a house on Avenue J. Perhaps he favored the status quo because he had just ordered expensive stationery with his pre-printed address? Or perhaps he was just a pompous ass? History is full of such interesting unanswered questions. Anyway, he urged the assembled multitude of Midwood homeowners to resist such a monstrous idea, exclaiming that the proposed names were too...too... English-y! “This is America and I’m sure we have enough American patriots and eminent citizens” to use.

Alas, there are none so blind as those who will not see, because among the “American patriots” in the proposed names were President Roosevelt, his son, Quentin, and Presidents McKinley and Harrison (actually his nickname, per “Tippecanoe Road”). Higgins also insisted Dutch names would be more proper given the history of Brooklyn, overlooking that Wilhelmina Road would be named after the reigning Queen of the Netherlands. No, many in attendance were not swayed by Higgins’ ignorant appeal, although it appears there was some resistance to the whacky “Zundel Road” (for a little-known deceased German organist at Plymouth Church in Brooklyn Heights).

Well. The Association’s President, Herbert G. Andrews, must have surmised this would surely end in chaos, with new names being bandied about and debated for weeks. To shut this all down he called upon...The Law! Andrews said he was sick and tired of the lawless neighboring renegades who had taken it upon themselves to change perfectly usable numbers and letters! He declared that many had been changed without the proper authority and that it was a (GASP!) misdemeanor to place the wrong name on a street sign!

The progressives thus cowed, a vote was taken, and the proposal lost. A motion was then made to ban the prevalent use of Hiawatha Road for Avenue H and to get rid of all the other high-falutin’ Flatbush names because they were illegal too BY GAWD!     *To be continued.*

**What Is West Midwood Online?**

Want to ask folks in the neighborhood whether they have any recommendations for a plumber or roofer or such? Or maybe what local eateries or merchants they like? Perhaps you’d like to be in the know about issues affecting our area? Then join the West Midwood Online email discussion group, aka the listserv.

Send an email to [joe@enright.com](mailto:joe@enright.com) with your street address, name, and the email address that you want to use to post and receive messages. He will add you to the group and send you the simple instructions. There are presently over 200 email subscribers representing about 125 households.

To join you must be a permanent resident of West Midwood and agree not to post messages of a religious, political, or spam nature. Insulting or crude language can also lead to revocation of the ability to post. Finally, new and existing members can also request a daily recap containing all of the activity within the previous 24 hours,

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