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MESSAGE from MARTY

Another gorgeous Brooklyn autumn begins! Don't miss the 9/11 Remembrance Concert at Borough Hall and the Clinton Hill Giant Sidewalk Sale on Clinton Avenue Sept. 13-14; The Third Annual Brooklyn Book Festival returns to Borough Hall Sept. 14 (see cover story and schedule inside); the Flatbush Frolic is "a country fair with Cortelyou flair" on Cortelyou Road between Coney Island Ave. and Flatbush Ave., on Sept. 16; Check out the Realabilities NY Disabilities Film Festival at select locations throughout NYC including Borough Hall, Sept. 21-23 (www.realabilities.org); Hot things are in store at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Annual Chile Pepper Fiesta Sept. 27; Atlantic Antic, Brooklyn's largest street festival, runs from Hicks St. to Fourth Avenue Oct. 5, and Rachel Ray hosts a "Burger Bash" in DUMBO Oct. 10, part of the Food Network NYC Wine & Food Festival; Take Your Man to the Doctor kickoff features free medical screenings at Borough Hall Oct. 16; Brooklyn Parent Academy classes at Borough Hall Oct. 16 and 23; Nov. 5; Ft. Greene Park Centennial Nov. 14-16; And don't forget Borough Hall's annual Heritage Festivals, including: our Iftar Dinner Sept. 24, Italian Heritage Oct. 15, Latino Heritage Oct. 22, Polish Heritage Oct. 29, and Lebanese Heritage Nov. 20. Send your story ideas for *Brooklyn!* to askmarty@brooklynbp.nyc.gov or call 718-802-3700.

The Hon. Marty Markowitz, President of the Borough of Brooklyn

READ ALL ABOUT IT! BROOKLYN'S MR. FIX-ITS

The airwaves are filled with home improvement advice, but the real deal comes from Brooklyn's own "Gurus of How To," Al and Larry Ubell, of Accurate Building Inspectors in **Bath Beach**. For 40 years, founder Alvin Ubell—along with his wife Estelle and, later, son Larry—have been encouraging residents to "go forth and fix, save energy, but do it safely," through both the family business—a home and building inspection firm—and on the air, when Al and Larry answer home repair questions live on WNYC Radio's Leonard Lopate Show.



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◆ The Gurus of How-To, Al (right) and Larry Ubell.

From squeaky floor boards and leaky roofs to termite swarms and banging radiators, the Ubells have been there, done that, and can help even the most befuddled homeowner find a solution. Al's not only a jack of all trades, he's a master of many. He was an architecture student at Pratt, learned the trade of cabinet-making and even had his hand in the construction of some of the city's iconic structures, like the TWA building at JFK. Attorneys seek him out as an expert witness in the building industry, especially regarding accidents on stairs, his specialty.

Accurate Building Inspectors makes more than 1,000 house inspections annually, helping to ensure that home buyers get what they pay for. If that weren't enough, Al's a best-selling author, and the infinitely knowledgeable, and funny, voice of home repair on the airwaves. The secret of his success? Loving what he does. As does Larry, who—finding the job opportunities lacking as an aspiring orchestra conductor and bassoonist—saw how much fun his dad was having and decided to join him. For this Brooklyn family, home is definitely where the heart is.

Accurate Building Inspectors can be reached at 800-640-8285 or www.ubell.com or catch Al and Larry Ubell on WNYC 93.9 FM/820 AM the second Wednesday of every month on the Leonard Lopate Show from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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