

**W**hat is 10 years in the life of a community? This month marks the 10th anniversary of The Tribeca Trib, a good time, we think, to dust off the archives and review a remarkable decade in the neighborhood's history.

Little did we know, when we launched our monthly in September 1994, that Tribeca was on the cusp of a new era. Although already largely residential, many warehouses and other industrial buildings still dotted the landscape, yet to be turned into today's palace-priced lofts.

Our first major stories chronicled the public review—and often-heated debate—that accompanied proposed new zoning that would set off a boom in condo construction and give a green light to restaurateurs and retailers drawn to the neighborhood's long-vacant storefronts.

For better or worse, Tribeca was making a name for itself. So much so that a Trib computer search in 1998 found the neighborhood described as “trendy” in more than 1,000 restaurant reviews, gossip columns and news stories.

Yet for all its presumed panache, new wealth, and glittery film fest status, Tribeca remains in many ways the same small-town-in-a-big-city kind of neighborhood that, 10 years ago, seemed like the perfect community to start a local paper.

Indeed, it was an unusual neighborhood spirit that spawned many homegrown endeavors over the past 10 years—such as the Taste of Tribeca, Tribeca Open Artist Studio Tour (TOAST) and Friends of Duane Park's annual loft tour. Through the hard work of civic-minded Tribecans, parks and other green spaces were restored or brought into

existence. Downtown baseball and soccer leagues grew and new ballfields were born.

That community spirit was never more evident than in the weeks following the Sept. 11 attack, when residents showed courage and compassion in the recovery effort and toward one another. We will never forget Eileen McColgan and her young sons Darby and Aidan, pulling a child's wagon filled with food through the hallways of Independence Plaza as they made deliveries to Meals on Wheels recipients. McColgan's family lived in a loft down the street.

This month, on the third anniversary of the attack, we also are reminded of the resilience of so many Downtowners in the face of devastation. The determination to bounce back to normalcy in the aftermath of Sept. 11 was the most inspiring story of all. Let's hope the future holds no more like it.

What does the future hold for Tribeca? As residents we hope that it will always be a friendly place that feels like home. As parents, we want it to remain a good neighborhood to raise kids. And as community journalists we look forward to watching what happens—and continuing to tell the story.

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# LOOKING BACK

## TEN YEARS IN THE LIFE OF TRIBECA



On Greenwich Street, near Washington Market Park, Kira Glassman, front, and Alice Owen hawk the first issue of The Tribeca Trib.

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