

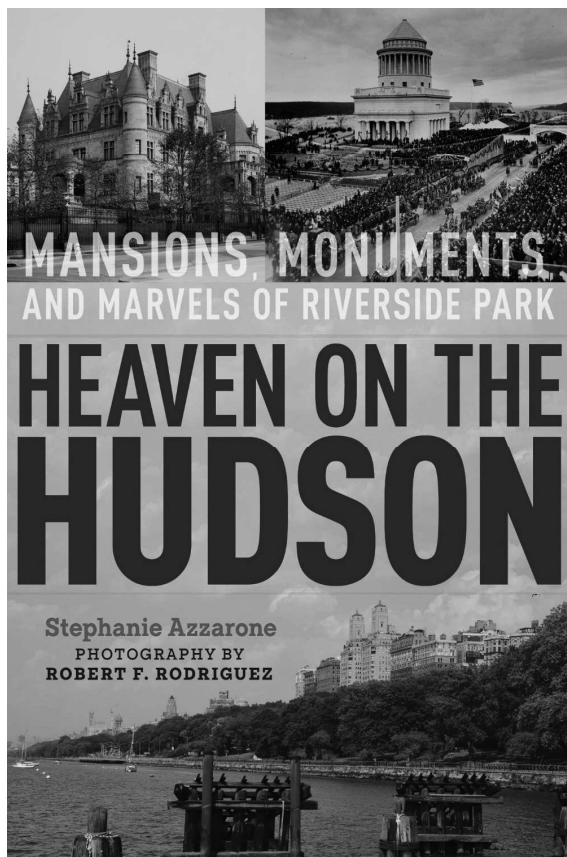
**Thursday, April 10, 2025**

**7:00pm – 8:00pm**

**Riverside Lobby**

**PRESENTATION: “Down by Riverside”**

**Stephanie Azzarone, author of “Heaven on the Hudson: Mansions, Monuments, and Marvels of Riverside Park,” winner of the Victorian Society in America Book Award, will share her encyclopedic knowledge of the history of our neighborhood in an illustrated talk.**



**Riverside Park and Riverside Drive have lived many lives. Originally Native American hunting grounds, over time the neighborhood was also the site of vast farms, elegant country estates and stunning millionaires' villas.**

**Stephanie will look at the creation and evolution of the Park and Drive through the eyes – and glorious mansions – of the individuals responsible for it: the powerful men who conceived it, promoted it and pioneered life along it.**

**Their goal: to create “the city’s preeminent residential street, expected to eclipse Fifth Avenue with ease.”**

**Stephanie Azzarone is a native New Yorker who has lived on Riverside Drive most of her life. In addition to writing this book, she leads walking tours of the neighborhood.**

**“Heaven on the Hudson” is available at local bookstores including Book Culture and the Upper West Side Barnes & Noble, as well as through Amazon.**

**Her newest book, “Fabulous Fountains of New York,” launches this Fall. For additional information on books, walking tours and more, visit [StephanieAzzarone.com](http://StephanieAzzarone.com).**

