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"The Daily Show," with
his one-year-old son, Theo.*

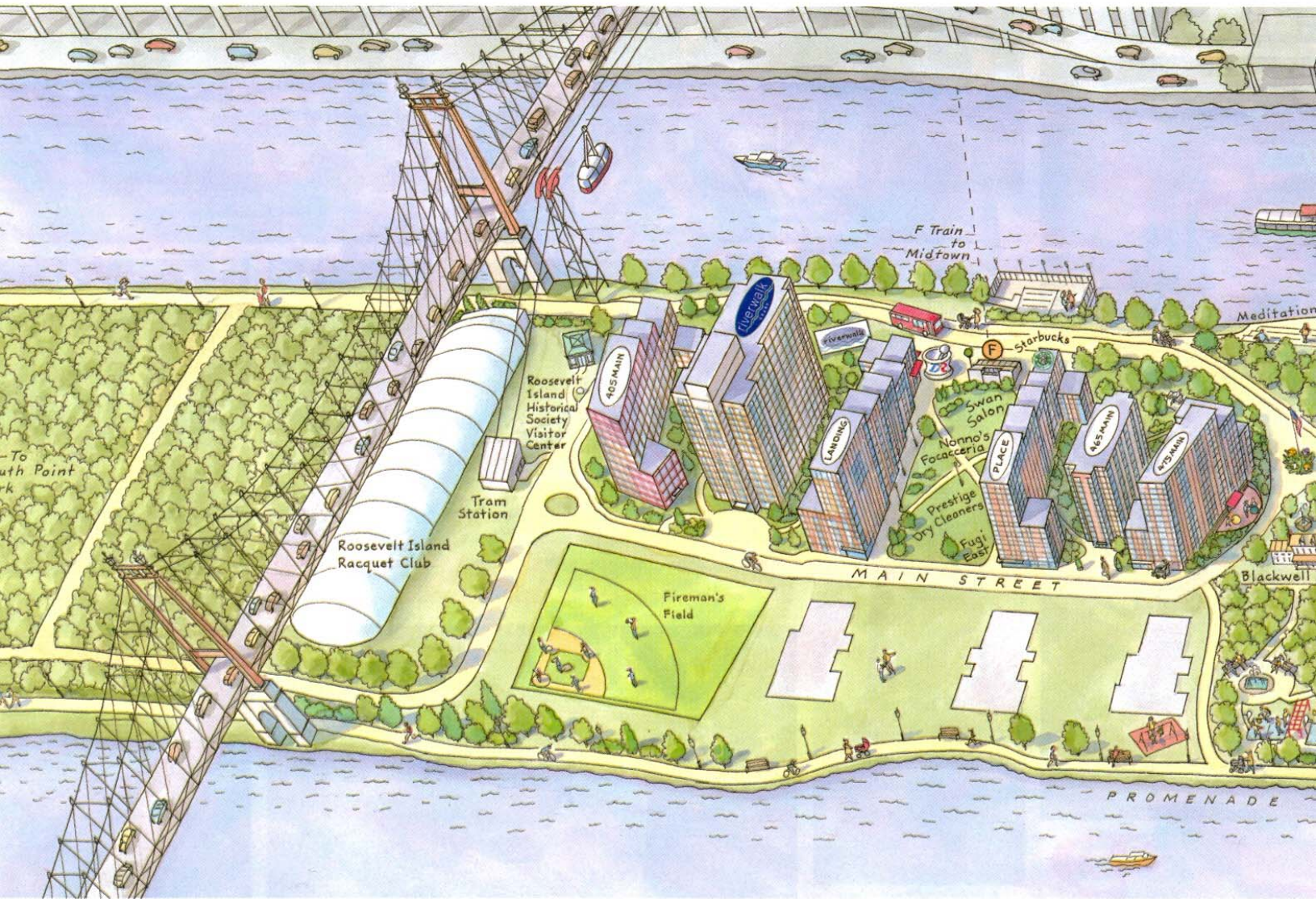


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ROOSEVELT ISLAND

This beautiful and neighborly sliver of the city—just a bird’s eye view from Manhattan’s East Side—is experiencing an influx of upscale housing and more varied goods and services. **For parents, it’s paradise found.**

Why Roosevelt Island?



For parents, the answers are as obvious and compelling as the mosaic of images on our introductory page (pg 85), and the highlights of the map above. Even in this great city, there's nothing like the Island's special mix of family-friendliness, convenience, natural charms, recreation, and range of housing options. **Are you ready to go for a run on the promenade?**

Family Vibe:

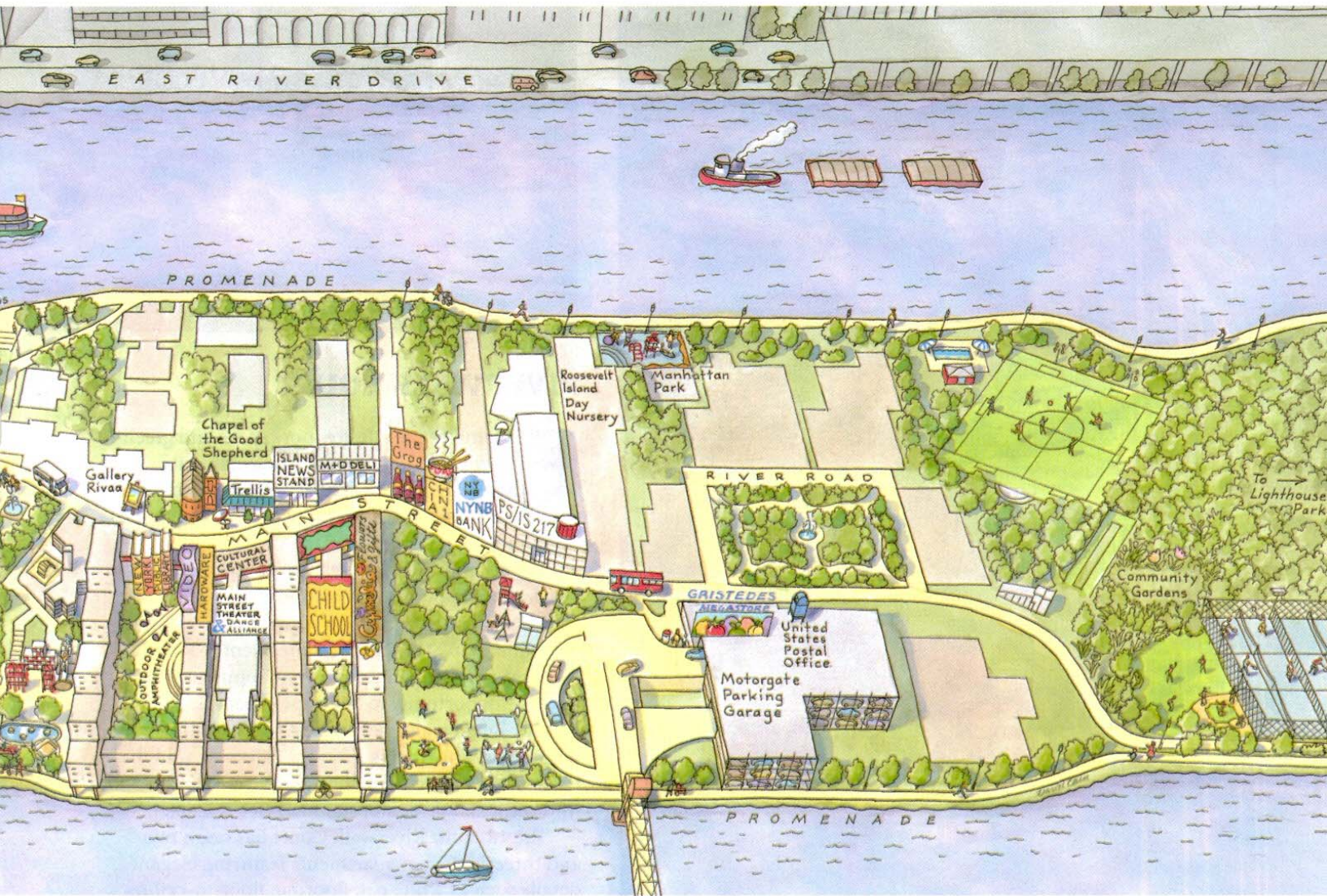
Roosevelt Island might as well be renamed Family Island. From the playgrounds to the promenades, from the schools to the library, children are everywhere. And whether it's the Island's annual Health and Fitness Day, or its summer movie series, the needs and interests of families are always taken into account.

Manhattan Factor:

Not surprisingly, one of key things Island residents appreciate about their home is its nearness to Manhattan for work and for everything else Manhattan offers—including a spectacular view of itself. To get back and forth, there's the tram as well as the F train.

Nature's Nurture:

Unlike Manhattan, Roosevelt Island really feels like an island. The East River, with its breezes and mists and boats and barges, is all around, and there probably isn't a neighborhood in the whole city with a higher percentage of green spaces (not to mention all the ball fields).



Keeping It Local:

Whether it's day care or enrichment classes for young children, the Island has the goods and services families need, along all the other staples of city neighborhoods, including a video store, a diner, and some newer, more upscale eateries. Starbucks has arrived too.

The Active Life!

Maybe it's the prominence of Fireman's Field but it sure feels like residents of the Island take full advantage of its playing fields, tennis and volleyball courts, community gardens, and parks. And what better place for a stroll, a run, or a bike ride than the riverside promenades?

Home Sweet Home:

Over the years, the Island has benefited from several waves of residential development. Most of its apartments are still rentals, but the big trend these days is toward ownership, as some buildings convert from rentals to co-ops, and new luxury condos like Riverwalk Court (see page 88) enter the market.

A DREAM BUILDING

Our monthly profile of family friendly buildings in the city



RIVERWALK COURT

For families who desire more space and greenery but really don't want to leave the city, there's now a very special option to consider: Riverwalk Court, the new luxury waterfront condominium on Roosevelt Island, co-developed by The Hudson Companies and Related Companies (the development powerhouse behind the Time Warner Center). "You get the best of both worlds," says Kimberly Sherman Stamler, a vice president at Related. "You get city living in a serene environment. You have the opportunity to have open space. It's quiet. It's safe. But you also have access to Manhattan within minutes. The tram is a four-minute ride, and the F train is one stop to 63rd and Lexington, two stops to Midtown, and three stops to Rockefeller Center."

The 18-story Riverwalk Court has one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments featuring elegant details such as white oak flooring, floor-to-ceiling windows (offering views of the Manhattan skyline, 59th Street Bridge and East River), beautiful stone bathrooms, and contemporary kitchens with black granite counters and stainless steel appliances. "The layouts work well for families," says Sherman Stamler, herself a mom with an infant son. "They are spacious, and you are afforded views from every unit. No matter where you are in the building, you have a sense of openness and grandeur."

Building amenities include a lobby with 24-hour concierge/doorman; a children's playroom stocked with board games and computers; an entertainment lounge



Artist renderings by A. J. Silverman

(with an adjoining rooftop sundeck) where you can watch movies, play pool, or host birthday parties; a fitness center and yoga studio; and rooftop cabanas. Plus, a variety of shops and restaurants are located just steps away at Riverwalk Commons, including a Duane Reade, Starbucks, a hair and nail salon, a dry cleaner's, and Japanese and Italian restaurants.

Then, there's the added fact that Roosevelt Island itself offers up a bevy of family-friendly spaces and activities. "Roosevelt Island is 47 acres—two-thirds of which are devoted to public parks, promenades, and open spaces," says Stamler. Heading beyond Riverwalk Commons, "You walk right out onto a large soccer field. A few steps north, you have a dog run. A few steps north of that, you have a playground. And all this is surrounded by a jogging path that goes around the entire island." The Island also has an indoor racquet club where families can take lessons or practice their game.

"There are all these things [on Roosevelt Island] that are literally at your back door," sums up Stamler. "Coming home to Roosevelt Island, and to Riverwalk Court specifically, is like coming back to an oasis."

—Jennifer Lehner

Address: 415 Main Street | **Prices:** Starting at \$595K for one bedrooms; \$750K for two bedrooms; \$1.255 million for three bedrooms | **Developers:** Related Companies and The Hudson Companies, Inc. | **Architect:** Costas Kondylis & Partners, LLP
Designer: Kondylis Design | **Sales & Design Center:** 212-754-0455 | **Website:** www.riverwalknyc.com

