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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Goodgold, Sally
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<b>Physical Description:</b>	9 linear feet 9 record cartons
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Sally Goodgold Papers document the participation of a prominent citizen activist in Manhattan development and growth during the mid to late 20th century. The papers cover land use, environmental impact, law enforcement, women in politics, and New York history, particularly on the Upper West Side. The collection includes organizational records and reports, meeting notes and minutes, audio and videotapes, correspondence, speech drafts, personal notebooks, and commendations from elected officials.

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Sally Goodgold Papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Historical Note

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Known as the "Ethel Merman of land use," Sally Gottfried Goodgold was born in 1929 in New York. She grew up in the Plymouth Hotel on West 49th Street, which her father, J. Samuel Gottfried, managed. She received a bachelor's degree from Bucknell University in 1949 and volunteered at Beth Israel Hospital, where she met cardiologist Murray Goodgold, whom

she married. They had two children. She was co-founder with urban planner Martin Gallent of G&G Partnerships, a consultancy focused on environmentally conscious development. Beginning in the 1970s, she held a number of positions on Community Board 7/Manhattan. In 1984, she became first woman president of the City Club, a good-government group founded in 1892. A regular attendee at City Planning Commission meetings, she was professor of urban planning at Queens College. She served on the board of the New York City Police Foundation and was a member of the Settlement Housing Fund, Jewish Community Relations Council, Park Avenue Synagogue, Civitas, and Citizens Union. Goodgold was known for her non-confrontational negotiating style, which she called "bagel diplomacy." She would have key players to her apartment on West 79th Street for breakfast to, as she said, "keep them talking for as long as it takes to chew through a whole bagel." To maintain her political independence, she never ran for office. Goodgold received numerous awards, including an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the City University of New York and an Outstanding Citizen Award from New York City. She died August 18, 2011, at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan at age 82. She received a rare honor at her funeral where the casket was draped with New York City's flag.

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Sources:

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[Dovere, Maxine. "Sally Goodgold, A Spirit of the City, Dead at 82." \(New York: the algemeiner, August 22, 2011\).](#)

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## Historical Note

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[Dunlap, David W. "Sally Goodgold, Civic Advocate Who Practiced 'Bagel Diplomacy,' Dies at 82." \(New York: The New York Times, August 28, 2011\).](#)

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## Historical Note

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[Leon, Masha. "The Unsinkable Sally Goodgold," \(New York: The Jewish Daily Forward, September 2011\).](#)

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## Scope and Content

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The Sally Goodgold Papers document citizen action and impact on several significant events in New York City development in the mid to late 20th century. The papers cover urban development, land use, environmental impact, law enforcement, women in politics, and New York history, particularly the Upper West Side. The collection consists of organizational records and reports, meeting notes and minutes, audio and videotapes, correspondence, speech drafts, personal notebooks, and commendations from notable officials such as President Bill Clinton, New York Governor Hugh Carey, Congressman Charles Rangel, Mayor Ed Koch, Police Commissioner Ray Kelly, and others.

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## Scope and Content

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Goodgold kept copies of reports from many of the City Planning Commission meetings she attended. These have been discarded, but are accessible at the [Department of City Planning, City of New York website](#). Goodgold's reports were from 1978-2004.

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## Arrangement

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Materials arranged into 3 Series.

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

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## **Processing Information**

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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- Civic leaders
- Community Board 7 -- New York (State) -- Manhattan (New York)
- Land use
- Urban planning and environment
- Women civic leaders
- New York (N.Y.) -- Politics and government -- 1970-2011
- United States -- Politics and government -- 1970-2011
- Addresses
- Certificates
- Reports
- Resolutions (administrative records)
- Scrapbooks
- Speeches (documents)
- Video recordings (physical artifacts)
- Sound recordings
- Cassette tapes
- Bloomberg, Michael
- Goodgold, Sally
- Kelly, Raymond W., 1941-
- Koch, Ed, 1924-2013
- City Club of New York
- New York (N.Y.). Police Department

- Police Foundation (U.S.)
- New York (N.Y.). City Council
- New York (N.Y.). City Planning Commission
- New York (N.Y.). Department of Transportation
- West Side Highway Project (N.Y.)
- WNYC (Radio station : New York, N.Y.)

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series I: Organizations, 1963-2011

#### Scope and Contents

Series I consists of Goodgold's records from her service on numerous New York City citizen organizations. The City Club monitored city government actions on zoning, landmarks, financing, housing and transportation. It held luncheon meetings with prominent speakers, and each year sponsored a "Distinguished New Yorker" Award at a gala dinner. It also published a newsletter, *The Gadfly*. In describing her work at the City Club, Goodgold said, "I try to fill the potholes in government." Goodgold was chairperson of Community Board 7/Manhattan, as well as head of the transportation and steering committees. She was instrumental in securing Federal funds in the 1970s to repair the West Side Highway between 72nd and 82nd Streets. As a member of the Police Foundation's scholarship committee, she helped then-Capt. Ray Kelly to obtain a grant to attend the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Title/Description	Instances
Air Rights Task Force, 1980-1985	box 1
Affordable Housing, 1984-1986	box 1
American Planning Association, 1987	box 1
Battery Park City, 1979-1981 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 1
Beth Israel Medical Center, 1999	box 1
Board of Elections, 2005	box 1
Business Improvement District, 2004	box 1
Charter Revision Commission, 1981-2004	box 1
Christo, 2005	box 1
Citizens Union, 1989-2011 <u>Physical Description</u> : 8 folders	box 1
City Club, 1963-2001 <u>Physical Description</u> : 16 folders	box 1
City Club, 1980-1995	box 2



<u>Physical Description</u> : 23 folders	
City Innovation, 1998	box 2
City Planning Commission, 1978-1995	box 2
<u>Physical Description</u> : 5 folders	
City Planning Commission, 1995-2005	box 3
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	
Civitas, 1994-2008	box 3
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	
Clinton Gardens, 1984	box 3
Community Board 7, 1970-1980	box 3
<u>Physical Description</u> : 20 folders	
Community Board 7, 1978-2005	box 4
<u>Physical Description</u> : 15 folders	
Council on Municipal Performance, 1977-1979	box 4
Craig Whitaker, 1994	box 4
CUNY Center for the Study of Women and Society, 1994-1997	box 4
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	
Environmental Law, 2001-2010	box 4
42nd Street Development Project, 1988	box 4
42nd Street ETC, 1984-1993	box 4
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	
G&G Urban Planning, 1990-1992	box 4
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	
Harlem River Rail Yard, 1989	box 4
Housing Commission, 2001	box 4
Housing Trust Fund, 1983	box 4
Jewish Community Relations Council, 1994-2009	box 5
<u>Physical Description</u> : 5 folders	
Jewish Leadership Advocacy Day, 2009	box 5
Jewish Women's Foundation, 2002	box 5
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 2002-2010	box 5
Koch Transportation Commission, 1977	box 5
London-New York Study, 2000	box 5

Membership Lists, 1993-2002 <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	box 5
New York City Court Facilities Partnership, 1995	box 5
New York Civil Liberties Union, 1994	box 5
New York City Parks, 1998 undated	box 5
New York City Police Department, 1972-2010 <u>Physical Description</u> : 7 folders	box 5
New York City Police Foundation, 1981-2010 <u>Physical Description</u> : 12 folders	box 5
New York Therapeutic Riding Center, 1996-1997 <u>Physical Description</u> : 4 folders	box 6
New York Women's Agenda, 1994-1999 <u>Physical Description</u> : 11 folders	box 6
Oak Point Connector, 1982	box 6
Park Avenue Synagogue, 2007 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 6
Penn Central Yards, 1976	box 6
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, 1992-2002	box 6
Queens College, 2002-2005 <u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders	box 6
Settlement Housing Fund, 2005-2011 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 6
72nd Street Subway and Verdi Park, 1977-1982	box 6
Sunshine Laws, 1994-1997 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 6
Transportation Department, 1980-1981	box 6
UOJCA, 1985	box 6
Urban Planning, 1985-1989	box 6
Waikiki Public Private Partnership, 1987-1992 <u>Physical Description</u> : 9 folders	box 7
Westchester County Office for Women and Money, 1999	box 7
Women's Bureau, National Working Women's Summit, 1997 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 7
WNYC, 1992-1996	

Physical Description: 9 folders

box 7

Zoning Handbook, 1974-1990

box 7

Physical Description: 3 folders[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)**Series II: Personal Papers, 1940-2010****Scope and Contents**

Series II consists of Goodgold's personal papers, scrapbooks, family photos, and several spiral bound notebooks filled with names and contact information of various individuals and groups in New York City. Also included are personal correspondence files, Goodgold's curriculum vitae, curriculum vitae sent to Goodgold, speech drafts, and honors.

<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Correspondence, 1977-2010 <u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders	box 8
Curriculum vitae, 1998	box 8
Curriculum vitae sent to Sally Goodgold, 1986-1999	box 8
Menorah notebook, undated	box 8
Honors, 1982-2003	box 8
Honors, 1997	box 8
Curriculum vitae, Loeb Fellows Program, 1982-1988	box 8
Katerie Residence--Spirit of the City Award, 2010	box 8
Speech notes, 1994-2008	box 8
Notebook, 1992	box 8
Address book, 1999-2002	box 8
Notebook, 1993	box 8
Notebook, 1996	box 8
Notepad, 1998	box 8
Notebook, 2000	box 8
Notebook, 2001	box 8
Pocket calendar, 2003	box 8
Weekly planner, 2010	box 8
Notebooks, undated	box 8
Notebook, undated	

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Scrapbook, 1940-1999	box 8
Scrapbook, 2007	box 8
Family photographs, 2007-2010	box 8

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### Series III: Audio and Videotapes, 1985-2004

#### Scope and Contents

Series III consists of 8-track cassette tapes, VHS videotapes, and one broadcast-quality videotape. Cassette tapes record Goodgold's appearance in the 1990s on WNYC's radio show, "NY&Co," on which she discussed local issues and events. Videotapes include Queens College productions on politics and planning, City Club of New York and the Women's City Club events, and a Manhattan Cable TV production, "The People's Podium."

Title/Description	Instances
Politics & Planning, Queens College, 5 videotapes	box 9
City Club of New York, 9 videotapes	box 9
The People's Podium, Manhattan Cable TV, 1 tape	box 9
WNYC NY&Co., 50 cassette tapes	box 9
6 assorted cassette tapes	box 9

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