

Making the most of fall

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Stay-at-home New Yorkers might miss out on witnessing the fall foliage in all its glory, but **Amy Casey** of **Barak Realty** just gets in her car and drives upstate to make sure she doesn't miss seeing the landscape transformed into a blanket of autumn hues.

The chill in the air and early escape of daylight let us know that fall is here and *Brokers Weekly* wanted to know what else brokers enjoy most about this season.

David Schlamm of **City Connections Realty** also ventures out of the city to see the leaves change.

Schlamm loves to take his boat out on the Hudson River to look at the foliage near Bear Mountain.

Tom Holmes of **Barak Realty** says his favorite thing about fall is being able to attend international and local rugby football games with fellow

rugby enthusiasts. According to Holmes, some rugby enthusiasts

have been his best source of real estate referrals.

"Rugby players enjoy a high level of camaraderie and naturally trust one another to help each other as you would a close family member. Trust and commitment, dedication to winning and achievement are an integral part of the international rugby fraternity. It is truly a joy to produce significant value for a fellow rugby associate, and it reaches its highest level in the fall," said Holmes.

One of the world's great road races, the ING New York City Marathon, is also recognized as a favorite fall activity.

Douglas Booth of **Barak Realty** said it's this time of year that he decides to run in next year's New York City Marathon. "I feel really heroic throughout the fall and winter — and it's only around mid-spring that I return to earth," said Booth on preparing for the marathon.

Some brokers reminisce about fun fall activities as a child, like **Melissa Leifer** of **Best Apartments** who used to go apple picking in New England and then go home to make apple cider.

Viktoria Doma of **Mark David & Co.** also thinks apple picking is "awesome," but really enjoys going to the farmer's market "with all the fruits and vegetables that come out at this time."

Wayne Nalty of **Barak Realty** said jumping in big piles of leaves that his older brother and cousin spent hours raking and bagging gave him tons of joy as a child.

"Now, as a hopefully much more mature adult and a parent of a six-year-old daughter, watching her gaze at the trees with her amazement of at the how they fall off only to grow back in another season, her amazement and realization of the world around her has become my new favorite fall activity," said Nalty.

Despite the lack of trees on city blocks, New York City has a lot of lovely parks for one to have a fall experience. **Anne Buckley** of **Filmore Real Estate** said she enjoys walking through Prospect and Fort Green

parks during the fall.

"I love the tranquility, the smell of the leaves and seeing children jumping into a pile of leaves is great fun," said Buckley.

Claudia Saez of **Mark David & Co.** also said walks through the city's parks are her favorite fall activity.

"We (she and her two children) start our mornings at Clarkson Park on 10th Avenue and 22nd Street where the trees overlook the park and a ton of Chelsea toddlers laughing and running around is pure parent bliss. We enjoy long walks in the city from park to park, Bleeker to Madison and back to Clarkson, meeting other parents at kid friendly places like Good Stuff Diner," said Saez.



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