

336 CPW NEWSLETTER

August-September-October 2006

Vincent Gardiner Leaves 336

On Friday, October 6, ***Vincent Gardiner***, our superintendent for the past four years, left 336. He accepted an offer in building management from a former employer. In his absence, ***Sergio Ochoa*** is serving as acting superintendent. During Mr. Gardiner's tenure many important projects were completed, including lobby air conditioning and installation of new front doors. He oversaw those projects as well as the current exterior renovation. He leaves the building in much better shape than it was in when he arrived. We wish him the best in his latest endeavor.

Recycling the wrong things costs the building money! Please don't recycle Chinese restaurant containers, etc.

Did you know that city inspectors check the clear plastic recycling bags outside our building to be sure that they contain only those recyclable items allowed by the city? The building has recently been fined because Chinese restaurant containers, yogurt containers and other excluded items have been found in these bags. If you are not sure what is permitted, ask Sergio for an 8 ½"x11" recycling rules sheet to post in your apartment. *It is very important that you alert household help to the recycling rules.*

You May NOT Recycle:

Plastic: caps and lids, styrofoam, plastic wrap, deli and salad bar containers, plastic bags, yogurt containers, toys, plastic rings from six-packs

Paper: soiled paper cups and plates, paper towels and napkins, paper Chinese takeout containers.

If you are in doubt whether something is recyclable, please check the handout. If still in doubt, place object in the regular garbage. The building has been fined \$25 several times, and the fine can go up to \$100 for repeated violations.

Our staff tries to make sure that no non-recyclables get placed in recycle bags, but they cannot check everything. Please cooperate! and be sure to have your household help cooperate too!

Exterior Building Repairs Continue

The ongoing repairs are apparently the first thorough renovation since our building was built 78 years ago. During those years the fabric of the building has aged in many ways. Despite patches and various repairs over the years, our current engineers discovered that there was much unseen structural damage that needed repair. In many cases, water had entered through gaps in the brickwork, causing steel beams to deteriorate. At each stage of the renovation, photographs have been taken to document the damage and illustrate some of the repairs. Work on our beautiful Egyptian-style terra cotta cornice has been done with particular care, to preserve as much of the original cornice as possible when it was removed to repair damage to beams below. Pieces that could not be salvaged are now being replicated.

The renovation—which is a major effort both in time and cost—was essential. It is not only a matter of conforming to Local Laws 10 and 11, but to insure that our landmarked art deco building is structurally sound for all of us now and in the future.

AROUND THE BUILDING:

Holidays: Halloween is just around the corner...a signup sheet for trick-or-treating has been posted in the elevator, as usual. The year end holiday tree-trimming party has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 13.

Maintenance: During the summer the basement walls and floors were painted, and the floors of all four stairwells were also painted.

Horticultural notes: Decorative cabbages have been planted in our 94 Street tree pits and bright yellow chrysanthemums now fill the planters at the front door, creating a cheery autumnal greeting for us, our guests and neighbors.

NEIGHBORS:

Eileen Maraldo (4C) and **Dave Tosi** were married on June 18. They are living in her apartment. Because the couple had been dating for three years and were engaged for a year, Dave's face is familiar to many in the building.

Dave's three grown children also visit, as their busy schedules allow.

Cindy and Lee Michel (12C) are the proud parents of **Margot Jane**, born Sept.12.

Mira Wang, the violinist, is performing in the second annual chamber music series at the New York Yacht Club, 37 West 44 St. on two Sundays: Oct. 22 and Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. and two Mondays: Jan. 29 and March 12, 2007 at 7 p.m. In March, Mira performs with her husband, the cellist Jan Vogler. Offerings include music by Bach, Dvorak, and Vivaldi. Mira and Jan, former residents of 336, now live nearby. For further information contact Valerie Zondorak, vzondorak@nyc.rr.com or 212 362 4513 (9am to 5pm).

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