

336 CPW NEWSLETTER

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Sergio Ochoa Named 336 Superintendent

On March 1, Sergio Ochoa became Superintendent of our building. He had been Handyman since March 1993, and Acting Superintendent since last fall. Before long, he will move into the building with his wife, Claudia, and their 16 year old son, Martin. Their grown daughters Jennifer, 21, and Maria, 23, will remain at the Ochoa home in New Jersey, along with Sergio's mother.

Sergio has brought an interesting and varied background to his work here. He was born Mendoza, Argentina and married there in 1979. In 1980 the couple came to New York. For seven years he worked in the Department of Culture and Tourism at the Argentine Consulate. (If you're planning a trip to Argentina, ask Sergio's advice.) From 1980 to 1987, he operated a franchise of Beefsteak Charlie's in Miami Springs, Florida. In 1990, Sergio and his family returned to New York. On the advice of his brother, who is superintendent of a building here, Sergio began to work in building maintenance. Drawing on his education in electricity and electronics and his skill in fixing things Sergio became a handyman at 965 Fifth Ave before coming to 336. Recently, he said that he was pleased to become a handyman—and now a super—because it gives him the opportunity to “work with things” and to do what he enjoys doing.

What's Happening Around the Building

Exterior work continues on the building. The replacement terra cotta pieces for the cornice have arrived, and they are being installed along with the undamaged original pieces. Repairs are also being made to the balcony above our front entrance and to the roof of the basement in the courtyard that is surrounded by the A,B,F and C apartments.

When the exterior work is completed a new canopy will be installed. Plans are also being made to refurbish the lobby in the coming months. Chairs and benches will be reupholstered. When necessary, furniture will be repaired. The aim is to put the lobby back in pristine condition when the exterior work is completed.

Because of dissatisfaction with the freshness and arrangements from the florist who had been providing flowers for the lobby last year, the building has been trying out other vendors. At present we have arrangements of dried flowers from a vendor who has done arrangements for The Four Seasons as well as other apartment lobbies. The Board welcomes comments on choice of floral decorations for the lobby.

The bicycle room has become crowded again. To control clutter and keep bikes in their proper places, residents are reminded that all adult bikes need to be tagged and assigned a spot. There is a one time fee of \$100. for a new “parking spot.”

Daylight savings time has come early this year, so it's time to change the battery in your smoke alarm. Please don't throw your batteries in the garbage. They can be recycled. Either take them to Radio Shack on Broadway (between 93 & 94 Streets) or leave them outside your door, separate from your garbage. They will be collected; Mark Maas (16C-D) has volunteered to take them to Radio Shack

Former residents, the violinist Mira Wang and the cellist Jan Vogler (who now live in a neighboring CPW building), will perform a duet on Monday March 12 at 7 p.m. in the Model Room of the New York Yacht Club, 37 West 44 Street. The concert will include works by Bach, Paganini and Kodaly. For reservations please contact Valerie Zonderak at 917 647 0075 or vzonderak@nyc.rr.com.