

The Recycling Cycle

The rules for recycling are serious in New York; the building faces fines if we breach them. They are pretty easy to follow, but the staff has noticed cases in which it has been left up to them to separate items--not their job. So here it is in plain text:

In the trash cans with clear plastic bags go metal, glass, plastic and cartons: soda cans, food cans, plastic bottles, glass bottles and jars; milk, juice, and other liquid cartons; wire or plastic hangers; plastic cutlery, toys, and hampers; tinfoil, spray paint bottles, pots and pans. **Please rinse containers out but you can leave lids on.**

In the bins go paper and mixed cardboard: newspapers, receipts, wrapping paper, envelopes, paperback books, cardboard boxes, egg carton, paper towel rolls, but not food-contaminated paper, hardcover books, bubble wrap, photographs, tissues, napkins, paper towels, waxed or plastic-coated paper.

Everything else goes in the garbage cans with black plastic bags, including household alkaline batteries. Rechargeable batteries must be brought back to the retailers.

Please remember that the building has arranged a **SHREDDING DAY on April 29** from 9:00 a.m. to about 1:00 p.m., when a truck will be parked outside the building.



In Memoriam: Allan Goodridge

All residents and staff of 336 CPW are invited by the Goodridge family to a memorial service celebrating the life of Allan Goodridge, who passed away at age 80 on December 17, 2016. Allan was a resident of this building since before it was converted to a coop in 1971 and 1972.

The memorial will take place on June 5, 2017, at 7 p.m., at Merkin Concert Hall, 129 West 67th Street. Music will be performed by members of the American Classical Orchestra and pianist Andrew Goodridge.

Please RSVP to Andrew Goodridge at apg75@aol.com or 617-233-3191.

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you all!

The Goodridge family (Andrew, Jeremy, Lora and Ralph)



CO-PRESIDENTS' POTPOURRI

Dear 336 CPW Friends and Neighbors,

As spring arrives, we're again relishing warm weather, blooming flowers in our beautiful new tree pits and many projects ahead of us. The 336 Board is continuing to work on our very busy agenda. Details on upcoming projects and updates on current projects, such as the Window Program, will be topics of discussion at our **annual shareholders' meeting**, which will take place **at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3rd at the Alexander Robertson School, 3 West 95th Street**. Meeting materials have been distributed and we hope to see you all there. Please remember to deposit your completed proxy in one of the white ballot boxes in the lobby, whether or not you plan on attending.

All nine of the current members of the Board are standing for re-election and one additional nomination, Marty Propper, will be on the slate to fill the ten mandated seats. Michael Gordon was appointed to the Board when Mike Schell resigned, as you may recall, and has been getting involved in financial aspects of the building as he has an extensive finance background. Marty Propper, who is running to fill the vacancy left by Jason Kaplan's resignation, has long helped the Board with website maintenance and the newsletter. Both have generously agreed to serve.

Last quarter, two apartments at 336 went into contract—a sign that the real estate market remains relatively healthy. We can't be certain this will last, of course, but the building's reserves are strong.

Please remember to separate your recycling, along the lines described in a reminder in this newsletter. Good practice in this regard not only avoids city fines for the building, but is also good for the environment. If you want to go the extra mile, the city accepts compost at local farmers' markets on a scheduled weekly basis. See www.grownyc.org for more information.

On that note, please remember to consult the building's website, www.336cpw.org, for documents and updates. The board is looking at ways to cut back on the amount of paper we generate, and will be coming forward with some concrete proposals on that front soon. In the meantime, the more we move online, particularly for longer documents, the better off we all are.

As the season shifts, keep your eyes on the many things that are happening in our neighborhood. Every time we walk along Columbus or Amsterdam, there seems to be a new restaurant or store closing and others opening. Trader Joe's has confirmed its plans for a store at 670 Columbus Avenue at 93rd Street, and according to the company website, the estimated opening will be in late 2017. Sweetgreen, the fast-casual restaurant chain serving healthy fare, will open this summer on Broadway between 91st and 92nd streets.

The Duane Reade at 94th and Columbus now displays the name of its Chicago-based owner, Walgreens. The chain has closed three other locations on the Upper West Side but we still have three within blocks of the building--and Walgreens is trying to buy Rite-Aid. Stay tuned, as this is clearly a sector in shake-up mode.

Those are just a couple of highlights. We welcome noteworthy items for publication in these newsletters. Please e-mail James Graff or any of the board members with news you would like to share with the 336 community.

Cindy Michel (Apt. 12C) and Seth Segel (Apt. 9E)

Bike Room: Purge or Be Purged

There are more bikes at 336 CPW than there are berths for them in the bike room, and many of them appear to be seldom, if ever, ridden. If you have a bike down there that you never use--or one that belonged to a child who has outgrown it--please consider yielding your place to a shareholder who doesn't have one and needs one. You might consider using your personal storage area for unused bikes you don't want to part with. You can save on the annual fee and avoid an unwanted purging of your ride if you somehow avoided paying it.



Sergio says unregistered bikes found in the bike room will soon be relegated to the boiler room, which is said to be just on the edge of the outer circle of hell.

Fire Extinguishers: Two Are Better Than One

Catching up on a little undone business, the Board last month finally appended to the House Rules a provision that was actually approved in 2010: "A minimum of two (2) fire extinguishers per unit are required, one of which is to be in the kitchen."

Fire extinguishers can make a vital difference. A recent study of more than 2,000 fire incidents found that portable fire extinguishers successfully extinguished more than 80% of them, minimizing damage and risk to human life. In a community like ours where people live in close proximity, it is really a dictate of neighborliness that each shareholder abide by this rule.

Many of us have one fire extinguisher in the kitchen, where most fires start. The rationale for having a second one elsewhere in the apartment is that you would have an extinguisher at hand if fire blocks you from getting at the one in the kitchen.

If you need to buy extinguishers to comply with this rule, look for 5-pound models with metal or aluminum parts rather than plastic ones. Suggested model: Amerex B402T, 5lb Dry Chemical Class A B C Fire Extinguisher, which can be purchased for \$50 at Amazon.com, or at most hardware stores.

Make sure any extinguishers you do have are charged and functional. Take a look and make sure the pressure gauge registers pressure in the operable or green zone. If it doesn't, you need to have it recharged, which can be done at any of the FDNY-certified providers listed here:

<http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/fdny/downloads/pdf/business/approved-companies-full-service-portable-fire-extinguisher.pdf>

Approved Manhattan-based providers include:

MANHATTAN FIRE & SAFETY CORP.

242 W 30 Street, 212-563-7500

SIMPLEXGRINNELL

519 8th Avenue, 212-372-4200

ABLE FIRE PREVENTION CORP.

241 W 26 Street, 212-675-7777



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Silly Season

We can't say it was a long, hard winter; more a weirdly off-kilter one. New York City had its warmest February on record, with an average temperature five degrees above normal, luring many plants in Central Park into sensing the onset of spring and starting to bud. March cruelly slammed those hopes with a nor'easter that may not have been the epic Armageddon the television stations predicted, but nonetheless brought a good four or five inches of snow to the Upper West Side, where many of us had given up on that prospect for the foreseeable future.

Luckily, the staff of 336 CPW was as ready as ever. They had the sidewalks cleared in record time and kept them that way--in marked contrast to many of the frontages between here and the 96th Street subway station, as anyone who walked that stretch was bound to notice.

"That was our three days of winter," said Jon Gottschalck, chief forecaster at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. As soon as the worst was over and there was nothing left of that snow but gray-black slabs of gunk in the gutters, the good folks at John Mini Distinctive Landscapes came in and replaced the valiant but finally bedraggled ornamental cabbages in the five treepits on 94th Street with an array of pansies and other flowers. We'll have those to enjoy until they set in the new plants once it gets really hot.

However dire the long-term effects of climate change, Central Park appears to be taking this year's weird weather in stride. A guide from the Central Park Conservancy said that while a few beds of daffodils weren't flourishing as they otherwise might, the spring seems on course in the park. The test in our immediate vicinity will come in early May, when the Kwanzan cherry trees west of the Reservoir and just south of us are supposed to start blooming.

Spring Party

Residents and staff of 336 CPW are invited to our Spring Party
Thursday, May 18 - Starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Lobby

Come meet your neighbors - a congenial set of people with whom you have at least one thing in common. Of course, Claudia Ochoa's signature empanadas will be on hand and culinary contributions from residents will be especially welcome.