

336 CPW NEWSLETTER

September-October 2005

Scaffold Has Been Put Up For Repairs to Building Exterior

Work is underway to repair existing leaks and prevent further leaks from the outside of our building, as well as to meet requirements to file the Local Law 10/11 report for 2006.

Early in September DNA Contracting and Waterproofing, LLC, set up an alarmed sidewalk bridge on the Central Park West and 94th Street sides of our building. The contractors are giving priority to known leaks in walls and terraces, including roof terraces. In order to accomplish as much as possible before winter weather sets in, as many as five crews may be working simultaneously at different parts of the building. They may work from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and possibly on Saturdays, in the hope that problem areas will be fixed before winter. Let us hope for some good weather in the coming weeks, as exterior work is always dependent on that uncontrollable variable—the weather.

As each scaffold is dropped at a section of the building, work will progress from the upper floors to the lower floors. Brickwork will be pointed and leaking lintels will be repaired.

Memorial Tree to be Replaced this Fall; Bushes Removed during Construction

As you may have noticed, the tree that was planted in memory of Andrea Gerstle did not survive the summer. However, the tree was “under warranty,” and the City will be replacing it during a favorable planting time this fall. The tree will occupy the same space, on the north side of 94th Street, where it can be seen from many windows as well as by passersby.

The bushes in front of 336 will be replaced when work on the Central Park West façade is complete, as they will not survive under the sidewalk bridge.

AROUND THE BUILDING:

Emergency exit signs have been mounted beside all our elevators to comply with a New York City law. In an effort to have the signs blend as much as possible with the hallways, they have been printed on clear plastic, using silver type in the lobby and gold type on the upper floors.

Rainy Day Rugs: During the recent rainy weather you must have noticed the new runners in the lobby. Taupe carpeting that echoes some of the terrazzo flooring was chosen to replace the former dark gray and black runners.

Leaks: Despite frequent repairs and replacement of old plumbing, leaks continue to be a problem. Sometimes it is a matter of age, and unavoidable. Early this summer a flushometer broke off the wall in the basement, spewing four inches of water into the basement. For a while it was necessary to cut power to the service elevator. Repairs were made as quickly as possible.

Sometimes, however, leaks are caused by carelessness or worsened by neglect. Leaks are a major expense in our building and cause hardship to shareholders. Please report any wet spots or smell of dampness to Sergio Ochoa or Vincent Gardiner, and *ask your household help to do the same.*

Newly painted: the walls and floor of back door stairwell in the A-B line and the floors of the C-F stairwell, were painted by two summer employees.

New carpet has been installed in the playroom. It is a practical but pretty multicolor tweed that complements the soft purple flooring under the climbing toys.

STAFF NEWS:

Rafael Alvarado has been out on disability. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Zef Gojcevic, Frank DiMaio and Vlodymyr Gayovyy continue to be relief workers in the building, filling in for absent elevator operators and porters.

NEIGHBORS:

Pamela Shelinsky moved into apartment **7C** this month. She graduated from Cornell Law School in June, and has begun working as an associate at Carter, Ledyard and Milburn, where she will float in different departments to help decide on a specialty. Pamela grew up in New Jersey. Here in the City she enjoys going to art galleries and museums. Nowadays she has fewer opportunities to pursue her avocation as a scuba diver. That skill enabled her to give scuba diving lessons as an undergraduate at Northwestern University as well as to dive in various tropical spots.

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