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Fire Safety Seminar

Recently there was a small, contained fire in one of the apartments. Thanks to a smoke/carbon detector, the family was alerted in the nick of time and, with a great deal of luck, was able to extinguish the fire without harm to anyone or major damage to their or neighboring apartments.

Orsid Management is arranging an hour-long Fire Safety Seminar for any and all interested. Details forthcoming.

SMOKE/CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS:

Smoke Detectors save lives! But, only if you have batteries in them. Please make sure that the smoke detectors are still located, as required by law, outside and within 15 feet of bedrooms as well as near the kitchen.

If your detectors are still battery-operated, please test the units and change the batteries twice a year at Daylight Savings time.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:

Please locate extinguishers near bedrooms as well as in the kitchen and check the expiration dates or gauges on your canisters.

CANDLES, CIGARETTES, ETC:

Be sure that candles and cigarettes are fully extinguished before going to bed or leaving the apartment. Even candles that you believe to be out can burn slowly and ignite tablecloths – especially cloth with anti-stain treatments, which are flammable.

The safest practice is to douse them.

FIREPLACES:

Use fire screens. An ember can go unnoticed in a carpet for a long time before igniting. Have your flues cleaned regularly.

Recycling Rules

Recycling remains a critical issue at 336. Please be considerate of our staff (and help the building avoid steep fines) by properly separating your recyclables.

- Batteries, old cell phones, PDAs and printing cartridges can be recycled. Just put them separately with the trash, and our staff will recycle. We suggest you put them on the upside-down cover of the trash barrel. Also, metal coat hangers, with paper, can be placed separately in the trash and our staff will take them to the dry cleaners, or you can take them when you go to the cleaners.
- Kitty litter should be deposited in the trashcans in sealed bags (not flushed down toilets).
- Garbage consisting of food and other non-recyclables should be placed in the household can on each floor.

ITEMS FOR RECYCLING

Styrofoam

Glass

Metal

Phone books

Plastic milk/juice jugs

Newspapers/magazines

For more information about recycling please vist the Council on the Environment of New York City web site at http://www.cenyc.org



Dear 336 CPW Friends and Neighbors,

Spring is on the way and with it heavy rains and March winds in the past couple of weeks. Unfortunately, that has also occasioned massive leaks on the northeast corner of the building - principally in the A line of apartments. Sergio and the building staff have responded pro actively to address the interior problems caused. We are also expanding our engineering analysis of work done by DNA in the Local Law 11 project to determine whether this results from yet another feature of their defective performance.

The remedial work on the cornice has progressed, albeit more slowly than we would like. I will simply say we are getting to the end of the analytical work and the patching that could be done. Without predicting an exact time of completion I am hopeful we are closer to the end than the beginning.

We have seen two apartment sales close in the early part of 2010, which are classic good news/bad news events. We will miss Lucy Brown and the Bednars, who were wonderful neighbors in the building community. On the other hand, it tells us the real estate market is not completely dead – a good fact – and it also brings needed capital project revenue into our coffers through the receipt of the transfer taxes. I am also informed there are two or three other apartments on the market in the building.

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ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Sunday, March 21, 2010 - 10am-3pm RECYCLING with Per Scholas at the District Office of Council Member Gale A. Brewer, 563 Columbus Avenue at 87 Street, NY NY. Bring your electronics (no TVs) to recycle for schools and other non-profits. \$5 donation (or whatever you wish) to Per Scholas, whose staff does the refurbishing.

336 APARTMENTS FOR SALE

14D 1 BR listed by Corcoran

2C 2 BR listed by Corcoran

5F Classic 6 listed by Fox Residential

336 Connect

Been to great new restaurant? Looking for a tennis partner? Go to **336cpw.org/connect** to post and browse listings on a variety of topics.

STAFF PROFILE

Jeremy Colon

Officially, Monday, March 15, 2010 marked Jeremy Colon's first day on the job as the newest full-time staff member of 336 CPW. What most people don't know, however, is that Jeremy has been affiliated with 336 for his entire life. His father was Felix Colon, who worked at 336 CPW for 35 years before retiring in 2002, and Jeremy remembers coming to work with his dad when he was a little boy, running around the basement and admiring his father in his doorman's uniform. After high school, Jeremy worked as summer relief at 336 while continuing his schooling. He even drove a yellow taxi for a while before returning to 336, as his father had always hoped he would.





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The board continues its work on updating the renovation procedures and the alteration agreement for use when a resident wishes to renovate his or her apartment. This is badly needed. The old procedures were out-of-date and failed to address many contingencies that frequently arise. Moreover, there is a need for more rigorous attention to a number of concerns that can cause problems for both the buildings and surrounding residents. We will keep you apprised.

Many of us in the building have had the very enjoyable opportunity to attend a preview performance of Twyla Tharp's new Broadway show "Come Fly Away." My own experience was truly superlative. The show is an exhilarating mix of Frank Sinatra pop music nostalgia, powerful energy and excitement generated by the dance performance and all manner of subtle and witty non-verbal expressions from the dancers. It is truly a memorable experience which I recommend to everyone. And congratulations to Twyla for yet another virtuoso accomplishment – of which she has had so many.

We have scheduled the annual meeting for the building. It will be on the evening of April 29. Please mark your calendars and plan to be there. We will be circulating materials shortly for that purpose. I am also pleased to say that Steve Kaplan (Apt. 7-E) has agreed to stand for election at the meeting to fill the vacancy we have had since David Bednar moved. Steve and his wife Pat have lived here at 336 CPW for 45 years – as long as nearly anyone here I would guess. We are pleased and looking forward to his experienced input.

The transition from Greenthal to Orsid as the managing agent continues, mostly with few or no hiccups. They have settled in well in cooperation with the Board and the building staff. The building staff, led by Sergio Ochoa as superintendent, continues their tireless service and attention to all manner of minor (and unfortunately some larger) problems experienced by residents. Thanks to all.

We are looking forward to more moderate and dryer spring weather soon.

Very best regards.

Mike Schell

SAVE THE DATE! Annual Shareholders Meeting

April 29 at 7:00 pm

Alexander Robertson School at 95th St. & CPW

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NEW TENANTS

John Siffert and Goldie Alfasi-Siffert



336 CPW is pleased to welcome **John Siffert and Goldie Alfasi-Siffert** to #7-B. Goldie, a psychologist, has her own practice and is the Director of Behavioral Science in the Department of Family Medicine at Beth Israel Medical Center. John is a partner at Lankler, Siffert & Wohl, LLP, and when he's not practicing law, he enjoys photography and painting. Long time New Yorkers, they have two grown sons: David, 26, who attended Horace Mann, the University of Chicago, and NYU Law School, and is currently associated with Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, is to be a law clerk to the Honorable Barbara Jones in the fall; and Matthew, 23, who attended Horace Mann and Carnegie Mellon University, is a musician/composer employed at EMI Records.

The Sifferts lived in an apartment on Riverside Drive for 40 years before moving to 336 because "we love the park, the building, and the apartment." Their son, Matt, lives in the Riverside Drive apartment now and the Sifferts say, "We feel we are home at 336. Between our neighbors and the building staff, we have been welcomed and warmly treated. We look forward to meeting all of you."

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Monday, March 29, 2010 from 6 pm to 8 pm YWCA-NYC

Community Workshop: Entrepreneurship 101; Learn How To Start a Business From Women Who Have Been There.

Featuring: Elise James De-Cruise, Founder of Athletes-Work and Robin Cohn, President, Robin Cohn & Company at YWCA-NYC Family Resource Center Community Room,500 West 56th Street (btw 10-11 past the blue John Jay College Awning). This workshop is free and open to the public. RSVP by March 28th to Sara Raassi at sraassi@ywcanyc.org or 212 735 9708.

Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22

Taste of the Upper West Side sponsored by the Columbus Avenue Business Improvement District.

All net proceeds from the event go into the BID's Neighborhood Beautification Account, which is currently saving to build a new and green fence around the schoolyard, West 77th Street and Columbus Avenue, where the event is held. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, all ticket purchases are deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Get tickets now as all events sell out.

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www.newtasteuws.com

Jeremy Colon (CONT'D)

Jeremy is currently single and lives with his mother not too far from 336; so close, in fact, he walks to work every day, as did his father before him. When he's not working one of the many rotations in the building, Jeremy loves the outdoors and to spin records as a DJ. His favorite music: soul, funk, old-school house, and, really "a little bit of everything." Jeremy doesn't follow any particular sports team, but he

loves playing basketball – "it's my number one game" – and he's learned how to play darts. He has a secret talent for cooking, and his specialty is roasted beef.

Jeremy wears his new uniform with pride. "I'm happy," he says, "to be part of the 336 staff; it's about time. And, it's a pleasure."