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Fall Electronic Waste Recycling Day

Looking to safely get rid or your old and unused electronics?

The Ecology Center will be accepting electronic waste ("e-waste") from residents and small businesses (under 50 employees) at various locations around the City.

Saturday October 09, 2010 10:00am - 4:00pm Tekserve

119 West 23rd Street New York, NY 10011

The Ecology Center will accept the following working and non-working equipment:

- Computers (laptops & desktops, servers, mainframes)
- Monitors
- Printers, scanners, fax-machines, copiers
- · Network devices (routers, hubs, modems, etc.)
- Peripherals (keyboards, mice, cables, etc.)
- Components (hard drives, CD-ROMs, circuit boards, power supplies, etc.)
- TVs, VCRs, & DVD Players
- · Audio-visual equipment
- Cell phones, pagers, PDAs
- Telecommunication (phones, answering machines, etc.)



PRESIDENT'S POTPOURRI

Dear 336 CPW Friends and Neighbors,

We've now passed another summer with what I suspect we all feel is becoming our "perpetual bridge" – waiting for the end of the work necessitated by our discovery of flaws and failures in the Local Law 11 project completed back in 2008. Despite the frustration I know we all feel, I can report that there is progress since we last reported to you at our informational meeting on July 14 and with our follow-up memorandum on July 20, 2010. All work on the cornice has been completed, save the installation of three new stones that had to be ordered in the late Spring. We have been assured those should be arriving and installed shortly.

Meanwhile, however, you will recall we reported in July that:

Walter B. Melvin Architects, our engineering consultant, had recommended that the northeast corner pier be reconstructed to the window jambs and all the structural steel be waterproofed in this area from the ground up to and including floor 12. They had further recommended an assessment be made of the condition of the steel at the upper floors to determine whether it would be advisable to take the reconstruction to the top of the building (floor 17). This work required new specifications, a contract with DNA for the work and new permits from the City's DOB.

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AROUND THE BUILDING...

Zina Steinberg and David
Rudenstine (2A) are pleased
to announce the marriage of
their son Aaron to Olivia Greer
on September 25, in New York
City. Olivia is now a Cardozo law
student and Aaron is wrapping
up his duties as a post-graduate
Harvard Business School public
service fellow.

Sergio and Claudia Ochoa proudly welcomed their second grandchild, Anthony Michael, born May 31 in Belleville, New Jersey.

336 APARTMENTS FOR SALE

2C 2 BR listed by Corcoran

8C 2 BR listed by Halmstead

14A 3 BR listed by Prudential Douglas Elliman

STAFF PROFILE

Leroy Parsons

On August 13, 336 staff member, Leroy Parsons celebrated his 68th birthday and 2010 marks his 15th year working at 336 CPW.

Born the 7th of eight children to a Jamaican-born merchant marine father and Virginia-born mother, Leroy grew up in Harlem on Lenox Avenue. "I had a great childhood," Leroy says. The parks and streets of New York were his playground and he recalls the special kindness and friendship of one of his neighbors, Dunlevy Milbank, after whom is named the Dunlevy Milbank Center, located on West 118th Street, and which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2009. Leroy still lives in the area where he grew up, sharing his life with his wife of 39 years, 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 7



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We have now completed the work specifications, permitting and contracting for this additional work on the northeast corner of the building. The contract was approved by the Board and signed this month, and the work should commence promptly. The contractor has estimated 60 calendar days for completion of that work – subject to the usual vicissitudes of weather, material availability, deliveries and discovery of additional work needed – particularly in the condition of the steel. This may be an ambitious estimate. Nevertheless, I am always the optimist and am therefore hoping we can see the end of all of this as we bid adieu to 2010 and welcome the new year 2011.

Undoubtedly you will surmise that the work we have had to commission to fix what we have discovered about the Local Law 11 project work has required us to draw upon our reserves. This has been offset somewhat by apartment sale transfer fees that exceed \$100,000 for 2010, which has helped. The bottom line here, however, is that we cannot assess exactly where all this will leave us financially until we settle with both the contractor and the engineer for work that has been done and for responsibility for work that either was not done or was done poorly the first time around. I can say at the present time that the contractor has generally been responsible in this area to date. The board is continuing to manage carefully the cost of the additional repairs and is attempting to pursue any and all legal remedies for the defective work that was originally done in an effort to shift that cost back to the contractors who we believe are responsible. Moreover, it remains our ambition - barring further unforeseen developments - to handle funding of those costs (whether ultimately reimbursed or not) without an additional assessment to shareholders. At the same time, we are beginning to go into our budgeting cycle for 2011, and I think it would be prudent for shareholders to expect that there will be an increase in the monthly maintenance fees for 2011. I hope we can hold it to the same as last year - or perhaps somewhat less - but it is simply too early to say.

There are two apartments in the building subject to purchase and sale contracts and one other that is on the market. It would appear the market in the building remains reasonably healthy, if not completely robust, and the indications are that it recovered somewhat in August in comparable New York City apartments.

On a personal note, I will be somewhat less visible than usual in the month of October. I will be undergoing abdominal surgery on October 4, and have been advised the full recovery period will consume the month, although I hope to be up and around as quickly as possible. I doubt this should have any effect on your usual reliance on the staff, David Commender and the Board for matters that routinely arise.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and some vacation break time and wish you a beautiful, extended Indian summer and autumn.

Very best regards.

Mike Schell

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NEW TENANTS

David Greenwald and Tatyana Trakht



336 CPW is pleased to welcome **David Greenwald and Tatyana Trakht,** who moved into 3A in late July. David and "Tanya" have 2 children, Isaac (4) who is in pre-K at Metropolitan Montessori and Miriam (11 months). Tanya will be returning from maternity leave to her work as a litigator at Debevoise & Plimpton next month. She received degrees at Yale University and University of Michigan Law School. Tanya immigrated from Russia with her family in 1990 and settled in Trumbull, CT, before meeting David while working in NYC.

David has been a commercial litigator at Cravath, Swaine & Moore since 1994. He grew up in Brooklyn Heights, went to Hunter College High School and studied at Harvard University and University of Chicago Law School. David plays the Oboe in his free time and presently serves as President and Trustee of the French-American School of Music.

While David and Tanya lived in the Columbus Circle area for a number of years, they say they are "thrilled to have moved to such a beautiful building in such a beautiful neighborhood."

Leroy Parsons (CONT'D)

great-grandchildren, the youngest of whom is 4-years-old! During their annual reunions, usually located in Virginia Beach, there are close to 60 family members in attendance. Leroy is a cat lover and has always had cats. Right now, an 18-month-old cat named Smokey Parsons rounds out Leroy and his wife's home.

Leroy started at 336 CPW in 1995, with jobs throughout the building – portering, manning the front door, operating the front and back elevators, and doing the late night shift. The only positions he hasn't filled in the building are that of handyman and superintendant, but he fills those roles on his days off and during the weekends when he helps maintain and manage his 2-family house as well as some rental properties overseen by his sister. As a young man, Leroy worked in his sister and brother-in-law's real estate firm, which is where he learned all sorts of home improvement and maintenance skills.

Prior to joining the staff of 336, Leroy worked for many years at various marinas in the tri-state area, including marinas in Weehawken and on Long Island. For a time, Leroy held the position of Dock Master for the "Spirit of New York" cruise ship down on Pier 11 in Lower Manhattan. He has a great knowledge of and love for boats and the water, and one of his favorite hobbies is fishing. As a kid, he fished in the Central Park lakes and ponds as well as off the NYC piers, using everything from bobby pins to safety pins as hooks. He still enjoys fishing very much.

Leroy also knows a lot about agriculture and enjoys gardening—he perfected his green thumb when he began to re-pot plants for his mother, whose family came from a long line of Virginia farmers. Leroy enjoys cooking—finding a new recipe and trying it out (even if that does mean he's had to throw out his "experiments" from time to time!). He loves preparing special meals once in a while, and his favorite meal of all time? Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, carrots and peas, with cornbread on the side. Anyone who knows Leroy knows he loves to read—he's rarely without a book, which he dips into every chance he can get. His favorite authors include James Patterson and Nelson deMille and he is partial to thrillers and mysteries. It's certainly no mystery to us that Leroy Parsons is one of the most respected members of the staff at 336.