

Garbage and Recycling

Along with a reminder to properly separate your garbage, we wanted to let you know that starting January 1, 2015, ALL ELECTRONIC WASTE MUST BE RECYCLED or the building will be fined.

There will be a box in the laundry room, between the clothing bin and books, for all ewaste. If the item is too bulky, shareholders may leave ewaste items on the floor near the paper recycling bins for the staff to collect.

EWASTE includes:

- all computer parts including mice, keyboards and storage devices
- monitors, TVs, laptops
- surround sound, stereos and speakers
- Printers, copiers and scanners
- DVD, CD, VCR
- gaming systems and accessories
- tablets, ereaders
- cable boxes
- fax machines and phones
- cell phones

HEATING SAFETY TIPS

As many might be aware, there was a fire in the penthouse at 12 West 96th St last week. What you might not be aware of is, that the fire was caused by a simple space heater. We just want to remind everyone that Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Here are some simple steps that can prevent most heating-related fires from happening:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.
- Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen and another general use extinguisher somewhere else in the apt.

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PRESIDENT'S POTPOURRI

Dear 336 CPW Friends and Neighbors,

The 336 Holiday party may have been the best attended, most successful of any in recent memory. It certainly was a good one. Everything about the party broadcast an insistent, irrefutable message: "We are a community, indeed, we are a family." Heartfelt thanks to all.

There was a generational theme. Among the attendees were Steve and Patti Kaplan, residents of 336 since 1964. I enjoyed greeting Phyllis Sternau briefly making her way out to an evening lecture. Phyllis and her late husband Tom moved to 336 in 1954. Kathy and I, as 30-year residents, and many of our contemporaries of similar duration should feel like newcomers. Indeed, many of us who raised children here from birth now find them in graduate school or beginning careers of one sort or another. But, no, in some ways the children dominated the evening. I didn't count, but I would guess there were at least 20 or 30 if not more, ranging in age from maybe two to middle or late teens. They included a few of the staff's children in addition to those of residents, and maybe even a couple of kids off the street - who knows. They were entertained by Naty the magician (El Show de Naty), Scooby Doo, and Jack Frost (I think that was Jack Frost or maybe he was just a snowman) and thrilled by an end-of-evening visit from our own Santa Claus (a/k/a John Ivezaj).

There was the potluck theme, or what I like to think of as the old American barn raising tradition. Everybody brings something. When the day - or for us the evening - is done, you have a barn - or for us a feast of snacks and hors d'oeuvres and delectable holiday specialties. Special honorable mention goes to Claudia Ochoa (Sergio's wife) for her wonderful empanadas we all love, to Peter Brown for his selected beef, chicken and rice dishes presented in traditional Jamaican fashion and to Emma Figueroa (Orlando's wife) who was the evening's maître d'. And thanks to all our 336 residents who contributed so generously.

There was a diverse community theme, which reminded me of the very old television show called "The Naked City." The show opened and closed with the signature line "There are 8 million stories in the Naked City." No surprise, the Naked City was New York, although for me as a kid growing up in northern Illinois, it might as well have been Babylon or Abu Dhabi or Timbuktu. In any event, I heard a lot of different stories last night, all of which blended into the mosaic that is often invisible to us in our daily lives, but is the essence of 336 CPW. In no particular order of significance, I heard these stories and probably several more I am forgetting.

We have many parents of school age children. Several attend our neighbor school to the west - CGPS. Others attend Ethical Culture and Fieldston, Collegiate, Chapin, Trinity and

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others. Some were studying for exams and couldn't attend the party. One parent came late to the party because of an emergency school meeting concerning protests generated by the recent deaths of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and Eric Garner in Staten Island, New York. Another somewhat older daughter is beginning a PhD program in education. Still another wants to go to law school to expand her abilities to do community service work in which she is now engaged as a social worker.

And who are we, this group of neighbors that gathered for an evening of conversation and holiday festivities? There was a lawyer who has lived in this building since the 1960s, who still goes to the office regularly and still periodically sends me notes of interest concerning real estate law and building governance – for our collective benefit. There was a law school professor who is writing a book. There was a small business entrepreneur who is building his own media empire – show by show, script by script, piece by piece. And another entrepreneur who has recently started his own communications and internet and web design, construction and advisory business. There was a journalist/editor who works for one of the major newspaper publications in America and an executive in the music publishing business who left the party to attend late night performances by artists in his company portfolio. We have a bond trader who is a veteran of some of the best known, most formidable bond desks on Wall Street. And I should also mention our art dealer and art historian couple who have been in and around the art world and art business for many years. Another couple is comprised of an editor and an architect. Oh, yes, and a bunch of retired folks – at least a couple of whom are lawyers – who are doing all sorts of interesting things in the second acts of their lives Scott Fitzgerald said were not possible. And, finally, I'll just mention in a shameless act of name dropping, that we missed our two best known celebrities – Frank and Twyla – but they have certainly added considerable spice and sparkle to our 336 mix over the years. Forgive me, Frank, but if you can drop names, I will avail myself of a similar privilege.

Perhaps the photographs elsewhere in this Newsletter do a better job of painting the picture I am seeking to convey. I hope so. Moreover, there are of course scores of other stories in this building I have overlooked. But I wanted to share with you my own perspective on the party and what a success it was and what a delightful collection of friends and neighbors we enjoy here at 336. I hope you think so, too.

Let me digress to one pedestrian business note before closing. There are several rooms in the back on the first floor presently denominated as “storage” rooms. Four of these rooms are licensed to current residents and used for storage, etc. Two other adjoining rooms have been renovated and painted and are vacant. We are looking at options for utilization of this space – in whole or in part. One option is to continue licensing the space and look for a licensee for the vacant space. A second option is to sell and co-op the space. We are investigating what may be possible, consistent with applicable law and regulations. Change may be in the wind, so please feel free to contact me or any other board member or John Devall or Sergio if you would like to learn more.

Let me close with as broad and diverse and ecumenical a set of greetings as possible. I wish all our wonderful 336 community family the happiest, healthiest, most joyous and most peaceful of holidays and an especially prosperous and satisfying new year 2015. God Bless and warm regards.

Mike Schell

336 CPW 2014 HOLIDAY PARTY PICS

Good friends, good neighbors, good food, and good times. World-class empanadas not shown.

