

# 32 GRAMERCY PARK SOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

December 2010

## BOARD NEWS

- When it comes to the matter of capital expenditures, our goal is to balance the amenities designed to enhance quality-of-life and shareholder value with infrastructure maintenance...an investment that we hope will preempt more expensive repairs in the future.

In addition to the work mandated by the Local Law 11 inspection (which we have five years' to complete), a security fence on the northwest side of the building and upgrades to the elevator cabs—all of which are now in the works—the Board is considering a number of other capital projects, including a roof deck, improved front door access, a modest upgrade to the staff bathroom and redirecting the steam vent in the front of the building so that it's less attractive to homeless people.

- We welcome your input. **In particular, we want to know what you'd like to see in the new roof garden.** Within the next thirty (30) days, please send your recommendations to [32GPSboard@gmail.com](mailto:32GPSboard@gmail.com) or leave a note at the doorman's desk addressed to "32GPS Capital Committee."
- If you're interested in upgrading, the following apartments are currently on the market: 3J, 4A, 5C, 7AB, 8D, 10H, 12E and 13F.

## FYI

- **Did you know that..?** A plot of land purchased in 1644 by Pieter Santomee, a black freedman, was sold in 1716 by the widow and children of his son, Salomon. That land is now part of Gramercy Park.
- **Random Acts of Kindness.** The holiday season is a good time to count our blessings and open our hearts and wallets to help those less fortunate. To that end, the Gramercy Park Block Association's "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" Committee invites you to join them in supporting one—or all!—of the following holiday initiatives:
  - ♦ **Children's Holiday Book Drive.** Between 3 and 6pm on December 9, deliver new, unwrapped books children's book to 34 Gramercy Park East, marked "ATTN: Arlene Harrison." They'll be distributed to patients at the New York Foundling Hospital and Beth Israel's pediatric ward.
  - ♦ **Holiday Toy & Gift Drive.** The Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies (281 Park Avenue South) is accepting new toys, clothing and books between 9am and 5pm, until December 15. For more information, call Karen Giacalone at (212) 801-1332 or e-mail her at [kgiacalone@fpwa.org](mailto:kgiacalone@fpwa.org).
  - ♦ **Annual Coat Drive.** Throughout December, you can drop off adults' and children's coats (gently used, freshly laundered) at the 13<sup>th</sup> Precinct (230 East 21st Street). They will be given to homeless shelters and families in need.
- **The Mystery of the Laundry Carts.** They're disappearing! If you borrow a cart from the laundry room, please return it ASAP—and ask your housekeeper to do so, too. Your neighbors will appreciate it.

- If our neighbor to the right looks familiar, it's no surprise. In her long and illustrious career, Viola Harris has appeared in countless film, television and theatrical productions, including *All in the Family*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Deconstructing Harry* and, most recently, *Law & Order* (and *Law & Order SVU*), *Sex and the City-2*, *The Other Guys*, with Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg, and indie favorite, *The Secret Friend*. (Check out the trailer at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Clv1ATbYKRA>.) Viola has also done dozens of commercials, both on-camera and off, and is currently the radio spokesperson for Frank's RedHot sauce.



### IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Wed, Dec 1 at 5:30pm	Chanukah Menorah Lighting	Gramercy Park
Fri, Dec 24 at 6:00pm	Caroling in the Park	Gramercy Park
Sun, Dec 26 10:00am to 5:45pm	KWANZAA 2010!	American Museum of Natural History Milstein Hall of Ocean Life, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Daily Come at dusk or later	Mad. Sq. Art Jim Campbell's <i>Scattered Light</i>	Oval Lawn Madison Square Park
Daily 8:00am to 10:00pm	Ice skating The Pond in Bryant Park	Bryant Park Between 40th and 42nd Streets and Fifth and Sixth Avenues
Every Sat & Mon 8:00am to 6:00pm	Textile Recycling (accepts all clean, dry clothing, towels, sheets, blankets, even paired shoes)	Union Square Greenmarket
Every Sat at 2:00pm	Free Union Square Walking Tour	At the statue of Abraham Lincoln by the 16 <sup>th</sup> St transverse in Union Square Park
Every Sun at 2:30pm	Free Children's Storytime	Barnes & Noble 33 East 17th Street
Every Sun at 11:00am	Free Flatiron Walking Tour	SW corner of Madison Square Park at 23rd Street and Broadway

### A SPECIAL MESSAGE

Season's Greetings to all our neighbors from the members of the 32GPS Board.  
We hope 2011 is your best year ever...a year filled with love, peace, health and laughter.  
We look forward to sharing it with you!

