

32 GRAMERCY PARK SOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

December 2011

BOARD NEWS

- The building's new mechanical engineer will be reviewing and documenting the building's mechanical systems and consulting on future installations, upgrades and modifications.
- The Board confirmed that homeowners' insurance—with minimum liability coverage of \$300,000 and \$250,000 for damage to property—is required of all shareholders. Approval of purchases, sublets and refis are conditional upon proof of coverage. In the case of a sublet, insurance is the responsibility of the shareholder/overtenant, who should require the subtenant to have renter's insurance.
- The building staff has been asked to remove dead plants and clean and mulch the tree pits on both the Gramercy Park South and Third Avenue sides of the building.
- The building will renew its membership in the Gramercy Park Block Association for 2012.
- The Board has authorized the purchase of an additional luggage cart.
- If you have an apartment on the market and are interested in listing it in this newsletter, please leave a note with the doorman or contact the editor of *Highlights* at 32GPSboard@gmail.com.)

FYI

- **UPDATE: The Stand.** Thanks to everyone who wrote a letter or trekked to Community Board 6's BASA Committee meeting last month regarding the application for a liquor license for The Stand, a comedy club being proposed for 239 Third Avenue (in the space formerly occupied by Proof and, subsequently, Truffle).
At the BASA meeting, the community voiced its concern about noise, smoking, litter, congestion and other crowd-related issues. However, following the applicants' very professional presentation and repeated assurances that they were planning a high-end restaurant/comedy club, not a bar, the attendees seemed willing to compromise. So BASA approved the application. The comedy club must still pass muster with the Full Board of CB6 on December 14 and, ultimately, the State Liquor Authority. To receive updates, please leave a note at the front desk addressed to the "32GPS Quality-of-Life Committee" or send an email to ronniebbs@gmail.com.
- **Serving Our Troops.** If you're looking for a way to give a little back this holiday season, you may want to become part of the "Holiday Mail for Heroes" program, jointly sponsored by The American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes. Send as many cards as you like—postmarked no later than Friday, December 9—to Holiday Mail for Heroes, P.O. Box 5456, Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456. The cards will be removed from their envelopes and delivered to service members, veterans and their families. If you'd like to do more, check out the list of much-needed gift items (e.g., phone cards and "comfort kits") at <https://american.redcross.org/site/Ecommerce>.

- **Did You Know...?** From 1876 to 1882, the Statue of Liberty’s torch and arm of were exhibited in Madison Square Park as part of a fundraising effort to underwrite the completion of the statue and its pedestal. The cost to climb to the balcony of the torch: 50 cents (or about \$1.64 in today’s currency).



Q&A CORNER

Q. Has the Board considered replacing our windows?

A. We have...and we’ve determined that it’s not necessary. If you’re having trouble raising or lowering your windows, they’re probably in need of rebalancing. The resident manager can arrange to have your windows rebalanced at no cost to you. Simply leave a request at the front desk or send the super an email at 32gpsrm@nyc.rr.com.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

| WHEN | WHAT | WHERE |
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| Tues, Dec 6, at 4:30pm | Madison Square Park Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony | Northern Plaza of Madison Square Park |
| Wed, Dec 7, at 7:00pm | Stephen Sondheim in Conversation with Anna Quindlen | Barnes & Noble Union Square 33 East 17th Street |
| Wed, Dec 14, at 7:00pm | Full Board Meeting Community Board 6 | Baruch College 55 Lexington Ave., E. 25th St. Engelman Recital Hall, lower level |
| Tues, Dec 20, 5:30pm to 6:00pm | Chanukah Menorah Lighting Ceremony | Gramercy Park |
| Thur, Dec 22, at 7:00pm | BASA Committee Meeting Community Board 6 | Hospital for Joint Diseases 301 East 17th Street Loeb Auditorium |
| Sat, Dec 24, 6:00pm to 7:00pm | Annual Caroling in the Park | Gramercy Park |
| Every Sat, 2:00pm to 3:30pm | “Union Square: Crossroads of New York” Walking Tour | Union Square Park (by the statue of Abraham Lincoln) |
| Every Sun at 11:00am | Free Flatiron Walking Tour | Madison Square Park (at 23 rd Street and Broadway, by the statue of Seward) |

A SPECIAL MESSAGE

Season’s Greetings to all our neighbors from the members of the 32GPS Board.
 We hope 2012 is your best year ever...a year filled with love, peace, health and laughter.
 We look forward to sharing it with you!

