

32 GRAMERCY PARK SOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

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BOARD NEWS

- In order to reduce the noise and inconvenience associated with construction and renovations, the Board asked the managing agent to more vigorously enforce the schedule provisions of the proprietary lease.
- The managing agent will work to ensure that all forms in use by Greenthal and available at 32GPS.com are up-to-date.
- Greenthal recently sent another stern letter to all 32GPS dog owners because of a small number of dogs in the building whose owners permit them to be off-leash, bark excessively or relieve themselves where they shouldn't. Please know that the failure of a very small minority of dog owners to play by the rules is threatening everyone's right to four-legged companions.
- A proposed ban on smoking was tabled. However, smoking remains prohibited in the building's internal public areas, such as stairs, hallways, lobby and elevator.

FYI

- **Did You Know That...?** In the 1820s and '30s, Samuel Ruggles was the chief landowner and developer of the area that would later become Gramercy Park. In addition to founding Gramercy Park, Ruggles was responsible for naming Irving Place (for Washington Irving) and Lexington Avenue (after the first engagement of the Revolutionary War). Both roads ran through lands he owned.

According to Stephen Garmey, author of *Gramercy Park: An Illustrated History of a New York Neighborhood*, Ruggles was no mere speculator: "he concerned himself with the problems of traffic flow, standards of residential building construction and...the preservation of open spaces." In the early 1830s, he helped develop a collection of vacant lots into Union Square; and in 1845, was one of the community leaders who petitioned the city to complete Madison Square Park. Ruggles later encouraged his son to handle part of the legal work necessary to create Central Park.

- **Making a Difference.** Interested in learning more about—or joining—a Community Board? Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer will be holding a Community Board Informational Session on January 5 from 6:30 to 8:00pm at the Municipal Building (One Centre Street). To register or for more information please call (212) 669-4465 or email conference@manhattanbp.org.



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Peace & Good Cheer
in the New Year!**

