

# 32 GRAMERCY PARK SOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

March 2011

## BOARD NEWS

- We appreciate all of the terrific suggestions you've sent us regarding features for our prospective new roof garden. As you'll see in the attached drawings, we've incorporated as many as we could ... without exceeding legal or budgetary constraints. (One nifty idea: a screen and DVD player that will enable us to show family-friendly movies during warm summer evenings.)

There will also be shady and sunny areas for relaxing and spots for reading, listening to music or entertaining friends and family or just enjoying the magnificent city views. We expect the new space to be an amenity that will enhance both our quality-of-life and the value of our apartments.

- The security fencing around the side garden to the west of our building is well underway (though inclement weather caused a significant delay). Concrete has been poured and pillars built for our gas lamps. Hopefully it's a matter of a few short weeks till completion.
- Our new virtual bulletin board is up and running. Check it out at [32gps.com/bb](http://32gps.com/bb). Everyone is able to view the postings, but only registered users may leave messages.
- If you're interested in upgrading, the following apartments are currently on the market: 3J, 7AB, 8D, 10H, 12E, 13F and 18CE.

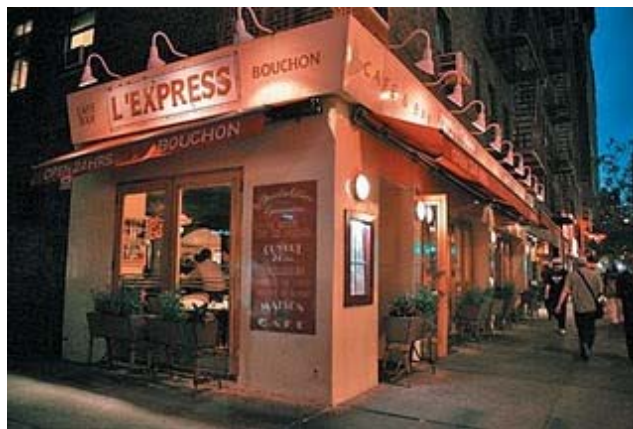
## **FYI**

- **A moratorium on renovations.** While move-ins, move-outs and deliveries will continue to be permitted, during the overhaul of the elevators (which is slated to begin in June and is expected to last approximately four months), no renovations will be allowed, so please plan accordingly.
- **Noisy nights?** As the weather gets warmer, rowdy patrons seem to spend more time loitering outside neighborhood bars including, unfortunately, Truffle, at 239 Third Avenue. This is especially disturbing because Truffle was granted a liquor license based on 1) the owners' assertions that it would be a restaurant, not a bar, and 2) their agreement—in writing—not to serve liquor after midnight.

"Disorderly bars seriously diminish our quality of life and erode the value of our investment in our homes," says Ronnie Ebenstein, co-chair of 32GPS's Quality-of-Life Community. "With your assistance, we helped close Proof [the bar that formerly occupied the site] and we worked with the Business Affairs & Street Activities (BASA) Committee of Community Board 6 to forestall other shady enterprises from opening on that spot. We need your help again. If you are disturbed by loud music or noisy, drunken people, please call 311 to report the problem and write down the complaint number."

If you're interested in receiving regular updates from—or joining—the Quality-of-Life Committee, please leave your name, e-mail address and/or apartment number at the Doormen's Desk or contact Ronnie Ebenstein at [ronnieebbs@gmail.com](mailto:ronnieebbs@gmail.com).

- **Then ... and now.** Built in 1855 on the southeast corner of East 20<sup>th</sup> and Fourth Avenue (now Park Avenue South), All Souls Church (*on the left*) was one of the first attempts at a Byzantine-style building in the U.S. It was not universally appreciated. Nicknamed the Church of the Holy Zebra, All Souls was pronounced by one prominent architectural critic to be “the most unfortunate ecclesiastical edifice ever to be erected not only in New York, but anywhere else in the world for that matter.” Today, the site is occupied by L’Express.



### IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Tues, Mar 1 11:00am to 12:30pm	Mardi Gras Mask Making – Part I	Asser Levy Recreation Center East 23 <sup>rd</sup> St & FDR Drive
Tues, Mar 8 11:00am to 12:30pm	Mardi Gras Mask Making – Part II	Asser Levy Recreation Center East 23 <sup>rd</sup> St & FDR Drive
Tues, Mar 15 at 6:30pm	13 <sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council	230 East 21 <sup>st</sup> Street (between Second and Third Aves)
Thurs, Mar 31 at 7:00pm	Community Board 6 Business Affairs & Street Activities (BASA) Committee Meeting	Hospital for Joint Diseases Loeb Auditorium 301 East 17 <sup>th</sup> Street
Every Sat at 2:00pm	Free Union Square Walking Tour	At the statue of Abraham Lincoln (16 <sup>th</sup> St transverse, Union Square)
Every Sun at 2:30pm	Free Children’s Storytime	Barnes & Noble 33 East 17 <sup>th</sup> Street
Every Sun at 11:00am	Free Flatiron Walking Tour	SW corner of Madison Square Park

### Q&A CORNER

**Q.** *How can I get to see the full minutes of the building’s Board of Director Meetings? Are they available on the website?*

**A.** Only sitting directors can view the full minutes of the Board meetings on the 32gps.com website. However, you can view the full minutes at the offices of our management company, Charles H. Greenthal, at 4 Park Avenue. Send an email to Barbara Berrisford ([bberrisford@greenthal.com](mailto:bberrisford@greenthal.com)) to set up an appointment.

