

32 GRAMERCY PARK SOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

October 2010

BOARD NEWS

- A possible 10 percent maintenance reduction is being considered by the Board, subject to finalizing the 2011 budget.
- A proposal that the side garden be used as a dog run was rejected. The Board has requested bids for a new fence and some plantings for the side garden to improve security and make the area more attractive.
- The Board has raised the move-in/move-out fee to \$750. A portion of the increase will help to defray the cost of posting a guard by the basement side door for security during moves in and out.
- Approval was given for the purchase of a new Holiday tree to replace the old one, which has become brittle with age.
- Apartment 7D has been sold and — if you're interested in upgrading — the following apartments are currently on the market: 3F, 3J, 7A/B, 4A, 8D, 10H and 13F.

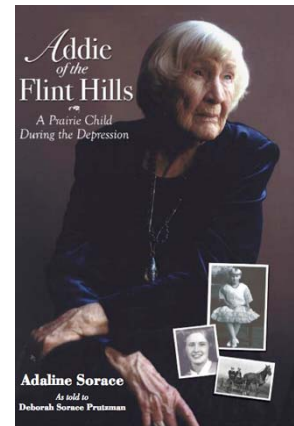
FYI

- Apartments at the 101-year-old building at 36 Gramercy Park East were originally advertised for sale at \$8,900 to \$12,000. Some were rented at \$2,350 to \$3,168 a year. How times have changed! The Gothic-style building is now undergoing a condo conversion, with one-bedroom units available at \$1.16 million and up and a three-bedroom with park views priced at \$5.75 million.
- **Did you know that...?** So far this year, more than 130,000 New Yorkers have complained to 311 about noise from their neighbors. That makes domestic noise pollution the #1 quality-of-life grievance ... ahead of street, bar and restaurant noise! According to *The New York Times*, kids and pets have begun to supplant TVs/stereos as the biggest noise — and complaint — generators. While there are ways to reduce complaints (e.g., soundproofing, covering the floors with rugs, training the dog not to bark and alerting the neighbors before parties or construction), some noise is inevitable when we live in such close proximity to our neighbors.

If you have a problem, your first recourse should be a casual chat with your neighbor. We all want a quiet, peaceful place to live ... but we also have the right to live normal lives, without feeling persecuted in our own homes. As the House Rules clearly state, “No lessee shall make or permit any disturbing noises in the building or do or permit anything to be done therein which will interfere with *the rights, comfort or convenience* of other Lessees.”

- The Gramercy Park Medical Group, the methadone clinic on Third Avenue between 20th and 21st Streets (above the Subway restaurant), will be relocating uptown. Arlene Harrison and the Gramercy Park Block Association have been working with the medical group for years to curtail a number of quality-of-life problems generated by clients of the clinic.

- Our neighbor, Addie Sorace, has been honored with a 2010 Kansas Notable Books Award for *Addie of the Flint Hills: A Prairie Child During the Depression*, co-authored with her daughter, Deborah Prutzman. Available at Amazon.com, Addie’s hauntingly beautiful memoir tells the story of her life in Kansas and Utah from 1915 to 1935, bringing history to life and sharing powerful lessons about family relationships, thrift and personal empowerment that are particularly apt during the current economic times. For more information, visit www.adalinesorace.com.



IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Sat, Oct 9 at 3:00pm	Mad. Sq. Music: The Refugees	Oval Lawn Madison Square Park
Sat, Oct 16	Fall Kids Fest 2010	Madison Square Park
Sun, Oct 17	The Great Third Ave Street Fair	Third Ave (from 23 rd to 34 th St)
Tues, Oct 19 at 6:30pm	13 th Precinct Community Council	230 East 21 st Street (between Second and Third Aves)
Sat, Oct 23	Union Square Fall Street Fair	Park Ave South (from 17 th to 23 rd St)
Sat, Oct 23, noon to 3pm RAINDATE: Sun, Oct 24	20 th Annual Tompkins Square Halloween Dog Parade	Tompkins Square Dog Run East 8 th St (between Ave A and B)
Every Sat at 2:00pm	Free Union Square Walking Tour	16 th Street transverse by Lincoln statue at Union Square Park
Every Sun at 11am	Free Flatiron Walking Tour	SW corner of Madison Square Park at 23 rd Street and Broadway
Every Sun at 2:30pm	Free Children’s Storytime	Barnes & Noble 33 East 17 th Street Call (212) 253-0810 to confirm
Every Mon at 10:00am & Every Wed at 6:30pm	Free East River Fitness Walk	Asser Levy Recreation Center East 23 rd Street & FDR Drive

Q&A CORNER

Q. *Am I obliged to carry homeowners insurance? In any specific amount?*

A. Yes. You are required to have comprehensive homeowner’s policy, with at least \$300,000 in public liability coverage and \$250,000 to cover damage to property, and an umbrella policy that kicks in when the liability on other current policies has been exhausted.

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