

# 32 GRAMERCY PARK SOUTH HIGHLIGHTS

September 2010

## BOARD NEWS

- Make your calendar for our first-ever “**Meet the Board Night**” on **Tuesday, September 28**. (Rain date: Wednesday, September 29.) Please join us for an informal meet-and-greet, to put faces to the names of the Directors. It’s also a terrific opportunity — especially for new shareholders — to meet your neighbors in the building. Bring your own bottle and meet us on the roof at 7:00pm.
- Good news regarding the Local Law 11/98 7th Cycle Facade Inspection! While we do have some issues that need to be addressed, our building has been judged “Safe with a Repair and Maintenance Program” and we’ll have five years to correct any problems with the facade.
- To avoid inconveniencing the residents, the Board has decided to postpone the mailroom facelift. (If we close the mailroom, because the USPS refuses to deliver our mail to the front desk, residents would be required to pick up their mail at the post office ... for up to 10 days.)
- Apartment 8D has been sold and — if you’re interested in upgrading — the following apartments are currently on the market: 3F, 3J, 8F, 4A and 13F.

## FYI

- Accidental falls are a leading cause of injury-related hospitalizations in New York ... and many are preventable. Vigilance — and paper towels — can help prevent some slip and fall accidents. If your dog has piddled in the lobby, please wipe it up immediately. If for some reason you can’t, let the doorman know.
- At an August 17 “500-Foot Hearing,” officials of the New York State Liquor Authority heard co-owner Paul Garey and his lawyer reconfirm that Truffle, the new venue at 239 Third Avenue, will be a restaurant, not a bar. Unlike Proof Bar & Lounge (the former occupant of the site), which was open till 4:00am on the weekend, Truffle will stop serving alcohol at 12:00 midnight, every day.
- Parkside Evangeline at 18 Gramercy Park South — formerly a women’s residential hotel — was sold last month for \$60 million. Current plans call for 15 full-floor residences and two duplexes, with units expected to sell for over \$10 million, according to the *New York Post*.
- **Did you know that...?** When Peter Stuyvesant bought the large tract of land that included Gramercy Park from the Dutch West India Company in 1651, the area was a swampy marsh. The neighborhood’s current name is an Anglicized version of *krom mesje*, Dutch for the “little crooked knife” brook which meandered from Madison Square to the East River near 18th Street.



STUYVESANT’S HOUSE.

## IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
Sat, Sept 11 at 3:00pm	Mad. Sq. Music: Catie Curtis	Oval Lawn Madison Square Park
Sun, Sept 12 at noon-ish	GNA Canine Comedy Parade	Gramercy Park West
Sat, Sept 18 at 3:00pm	Mad. Sq. Music: Anais Mitchell & the Hadestown Orchestra	Oval Lawn Madison Square Park
Tues, Sept 21 at 6:30pm	13 <sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council	230 East 21 <sup>st</sup> Street (between Second and Third Aves)
Sat, Sept 25 at 3:00pm	Mad. Sq. Music: Guy Davis & the High Flying Rockets	Oval Lawn Madison Square Park
Sat, Sept 25, 11am-7pm	Mad. Sq. Market Opens	Madison Square Park
Wed, Sept 29 at 10:00am	New Green City/GrowNYC (NYC's largest annual green event)	South Plaza Union Square park
Every Sun at 2:30pm	Free Children's Storytime	Barnes & Noble 33 East 17 <sup>th</sup> Street Call (212) 253-0810 to confirm
Every Sun at 3:00pm	Free Magic Show for For kids age 5 and older	Abracadabra 19 West 21 <sup>st</sup> Street (between Fifth and Sixth Aves)

### Q&A CORNER

**Q. *Can anything be done about the garbage smell outside the compactor room?***

**A.** Some residents were unhappy with the deodorizer we've used in the past, so we're exploring other options. In the meantime, it would help if we could all make a special effort to ensure that bags of refuse are tied up tightly before being put down the garbage chute. Any items too large for the chute should be taken down to the basement. Recyclable waste — like cans, bottles and beverage cartons — should be rinsed before being discarded.

**Q. *Can I take my dog up to the roof?***

**A.** No. Sorry. No pets are allowed on the roof. Also, unless accompanied by an adult, children under the age of 16 are not permitted on the roof.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** To submit a story idea, email the Editor at [32gpsboard@gmail.com](mailto:32gpsboard@gmail.com) or leave a note addressed to *Highlights* Editor, 32GPS Board at the front desk.

