

The Park West Tenant

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784, 788, 792 Columbus Ave buildings:

Security Guards, Lobby Staff

This past summer because of the annual summer shift of 784's and 788's part-time lobby staff to 792 to cover vacation schedules, an ad hoc committee of the PWVTA was formed to meet with management and to discuss reopening their offer to place 24-hour lobby staff in the three buildings.

At the meeting the committee presented

RACCOON RABIES ADVISORY



Rabid raccoons were recently found in Central Park and Morningside Park. The NYC Dept of Health and Mental Hygiene requests that you get your cat or dog vaccinated for rabies, see if your pet is up to date on its shots, and keep your dog on a leash.

Also, stay away from wild or stray animals, and keep children and pets away from them too. If you are bitten by an animal, wash the wound, consult a doctor, and call 311 to report the bite. Visit www.nyc.gov/health/rabies for more information and updated facts.

DOG RUN DOESN'T BELONG

President Maggi Peyton appointed an ad hoc Dog Run Committee on January 19 to focus attention on the need to prevent the establishment of a dog run for the area behind 808 Columbus Ave adjacent to 792 Columbus. The PWVTA Executive Board concurred unanimously.

Lucille Michelle Donte serves as committee chairperson, joined by Hank Perrine, Mary Livingston, and Lois Hoffmann. Petition signatures are sought to register the protest to Management and the developers.

You can download a petition on the website: PWVTA.org.

Comments and questions can be sent to dogrun@PWVTA.org.
More info: call 212-662-0723.

their proposal which included 24-hour lobby staff, retaining current lobby staff, security in the booth and on the grounds, and the possibility at some point of each building receiving their own packages.

Management was to get back to the committee with a written agreement which would be presented to the TA's Executive Board for approval. Management did not provide us with an agreement, and on or about January 1st 24-hour service began in all three buildings.

The security booth is being moved inside the park area so that service will continue. We believe there is a roving outside security guard, but have not been able to confirm that. The security phone is now in 792, and building staff have walkie talkies to contact each other.

We plan to meet with Management on these matters, but await a new date.

Free Legal Clinic for Tenants with Landlord/Tenant Issues

Assembly Member Daniel O'Donnell hosts a monthly evening clinic for his constituents with landlord/tenant issues to meet for a private consultation with a volunteer attorney.

To make an appointment for the February 25th or March 25th clinic, call his Community Office at (212) 866-3970. Clinics are normally the last Thursday of each month unless those dates conflict with holidays.

Councilmember Gale Brewer reports:

SRO Law Project and Urban Justice Center Housing Clinics & Workshops

February 3 – Preferential rents

March 3 – Citywide housing related campaigns

April 7 – DHCR Overview, including MCIs and 1/40ths

May 5 – Owner's use

June 2 – Succession Rights

Each clinic and workshop is held at Goddard Riverside Community Center, 647 Columbus Ave (92 St.) at 6PM-8PM.

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400 CPW 'ReGifts'

Residents in 400 Central Park West set up a 'ReGifting Table' in the basement after the recent holidays.

Staff and residents were invited to leave presents they had received — but didn't want to keep — and take anything they liked.

Many items, large and small, useful and frivolous, personal and utilitarian, were exchanged, to everyone's pleasure. Recyclers were also delighted!



BE FIRST THIS YEAR!

Be among the first to join or renew your Park West Village Tenants' Association membership for our new year 2010!

Annual membership is per calendar year. Our PWVTA is *your organization!* The work is done entirely by volunteers, with occasional (and costly!) legal help. The more members we have, the more strength and impact we have.

Please take part by paying your dues and getting involved. Members can attend our Executive Board meetings, join our committees, help with mutual pursuits, meet their neighbors and connect with others in the community!

Please complete & submit the coupon now!

GOTHAM AND ITS GARBAGE - Part II A History of Public Waste, Public Health and the NYC Department of Sanitation

Thursday, January 28 6 pm

Bloomingdale Library, 150 W. 100 St.

ROBIN NAGLE, Anthropologist-in-Residence for NY Dept. of Sanitation

With **BEN MILLER**, Former Director of Policy Planning, DSNY

All Welcome – Free Slide Lecture!

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More info: **212-666-9774**

The PWVTA Executive Board regularly meets on the third Tuesday of the month, except July and August (see PWVTA.org for info).

The next Executive Board meeting will be held Tuesday, February 16, 7:30pm, at the Ryan Health Center downstairs.

PWVTA members and associate members are welcome to attend.

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JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS – RENEW NOW!

**PLEASE RETURN THIS MEMBERSHIP / ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP COUPON
TO YOUR BUILDING REPRESENTATIVE OR MAIL TO:**

Park West Village Tenants' Association
P.O. Box 20339, Park West Finance Station, New York, NY 10025-0339

Name: Building: Apt: Phone:

Rent-stabilized tenant Market-rate tenant Renting from private owner Owner Email:

Check for **2010 membership dues** enclosed, payable to PWVTA \$40 Other*: \$

[Condo owner] Check for **2010 associate membership dues** enclosed, payable to PWVTA \$35

Check includes additional contribution to Legal fund. Amount: Check for MCI Legal Fund only:

☆ If you cannot make full \$40 payment of your annual dues, please pay what you can.

Your membership card will be delivered to you.