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A Word From the Board of Managers...

Dear Fellow Residents,

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the sudden passing of our neighbor, member of the Board of Managers and Head of the Board's Legal Committee, Joseph Handros.

Joe served our Board for almost twenty years and made many invaluable contributions to the building. He was always concerned about the quality of life of the residents and staff alike. We will dearly miss Joe. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Nancy and daughter Libby.

Your Board has been very active in securing the most appropriate architect/designer to finally start the renovation of our lobby, corridors and elevator cabs. As soon as a design concept has been selected by your Board, we will communicate further with you.

A lot has happened since our May 2006 newsletter. Window washing has resumed with the installation of the new rig. We completed a heavy-duty cleaning cycle and a second regular cleaning cycle. A third cleaning cycle will commence later this month and the following cycle will occur in the spring.

We completed, on time and on budget, the re-piping project. You will find more on this project on Page 2 of this newsletter.

As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions in order to further improve our building.

Sincerely,

Fred G. Peelen

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President, Board of Managers

Upcoming Street Closures...

Saturday, 11/11 - Veteran's Day Parade - Fifth Ave. will be closed from 23rd St. to 57th St.
Sunday, 11/12 - St. Patrick's Youth Festival - Madison Ave. will be closed from 42nd St to 57th St for, but the NYPD should permit access across Madison along 51st Street.

A Tribute to Joseph Handros 1932 - 2006...

We were all saddened by the sudden loss of Mr. Joseph Handros, a wonderful man and distinguished Board member, who passed away in August after a brief illness.

I met Mr. Handros as a member of the Board of Managers, but I grew to know him as a man who embraced life and I saw him as someone I wanted to emulate.

As a man who embraced life he made time for all of the things that were important to him – which were people – from those he loved to those who depended on him.

Saying he treated people special is an understatement. It didn't matter if it was a neighbor on some upper floor who caused a leak into his apartment or a staff member who made a serious mistake, Mr. Handros always saw the good in a person. Without anger and with the utmost of respect and sensitivity for the other person he worked to arrive at a solution.

We worked well together. He brought joy to each day. I remember reviewing a contract with him:

“Good find Gene” (If I discovered a term or condition that needed his finesse). “No, Gene don't worry about that, I've provided for that over here – Do you see how I'm doing that?” (He'd explain as if my mentor).

I have a lot of other great memories of him.

He will be missed, but definitely not forgotten.

Joseph Handros, rest in peace.

Sincerely,

Eugene P. Bellon

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Main Lobby, Elevator Cabs & Corridors...

We know all of you are anxiously awaiting news on this project.

In July, the Board of Managers reviewed four design concept presentations from two designers, but the Board felt compelled to seek out other design options after the third design firm withdrew its name from consideration.

Since then, the Board has sought out other top design firms and we are pleased to report that both Sills Huniford and Gabellini Sheppard & Associates have agreed to make presentations.

It is expected that these presentations will take place during the third week of October.

If the Board accepts any of the design concepts from either of these firms, final plans could be ready as early as year end; in which case construction could commence at the beginning of 2007. We will keep you informed.

Re-piping Project Finishes Ahead Of Schedule...

We were pleased to report that we completed our piping project one day *ahead* of schedule, but as you know, the glory was short lived, as we discovered a new leak (in an area where no work was performed) during the re-filling of the system.

After consulting with professionals and attempting to repair the leak (even if on a temporary basis), we were forced to initiate an emergency shutdown.

Our Chief Engineer, Tony Castiglia, stayed in the City throughout the ordeal from 6AM Thursday morning to Sunday morning and was able to get the system restored 14 hours ahead of schedule.

We want to extend a very big thank you to those unit owners who graciously endured the uncomfortable conditions. Your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

We realize that there is never a good time to shutdown both heat and air conditioning systems and no matter when it is done, we face the predicament that due to the exposure to the sun, there are great temperature differentials between the north and south elevations/sides of the building.

Nevertheless, we have upgraded the system design in order to greatly reduce the necessity of such extensive shutdowns.

Ultimately, the continued improvements to the building will result in a higher quality of life and will preserve your investment.

Olympic Tower Postage Stamps...

Back by popular demand, just in time for the holidays! Residents purchased our initial supply of 1000 stamps so we've re-ordered.

The 39 cent face value stamps can be used for your outgoing *domestic* mail and they are available at the Concierge for \$16/sheet of 20 stamps.

Show-off the Tower!



Actual Size: 1.9" W x 1.4" H Photo: 1.1" Sq

The Brasserie Ruhlmann Welcomes Olympic Tower Residents With An Exclusive Offer...

A meticulously – crafted restaurant that pays homage to the great Art Deco designer Emile-Jacques, Brasserie Ruhlman is elegant in every detail with a warm and inviting ambiance. Executive Chief Laurent Tourondel lends his signature touch to produce a modern take on French brasserie food that is both authentic and high quality. Steps away at Rockefeller Plaza and 50th Street, the Brasserie Ruhlmann provides a delightful setting for an excellent dinner with fine service Monday thru Saturday nights 5:30PM – 11PM. If reservations are made through the Concierge at Olympic Tower, the owners of Brasserie Ruhlmann are extending a special welcome by offering 10% off the food ordered at dinner. Call the Concierge at 212 486 9400 or in house at 659 or 759 to make your reservations.

