

THE ABINGDON COURT OCCASIONAL

SPONSORED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT 75 BANK STREET

SPRING 2009



Happy 20th Anniversary

June 29, 2009 makes the 20th anniversary of the sale of shares in our building to Abingdon Court Corp. How many of you were in the building back then? Plenty! After all these years, the sponsor owns 8 apartments, or about 10% of the shares.

Spring Renewal: Painting

Gurkan (“your-khan”) Kirgezmis and his professional team at Ergul Construction are in the midst of painting the building interiors from top (literally, they started with the bulkheads) to bottom. It’s been eight years since 75 Bank was last painted and — though we are keeping the same 1930s color scheme — the men are making significant repairs: re-plastering and re-coating the walls where needed. Please forgive the mess! The project will take about a month, continuing two floors at a time, with scraping, plastering and

painting of the ceiling and walls, followed by metal work and doors.

Ergul will try to give you a day or two’s notice before they will be painting the doors on your floor, so that you can arrange to be home, or give the Super access. The doors will be treated with Wil-Bond (a kind of chemical sandpaper) and painted with an environmentally friendly oil-based and durable paint.

It’s extra effort, but to do a proper job, they’d like to paint the full door, which needs to be left ajar for a couple of hours until dry. Also, the men will remove all but city-approved stickers and door decorations. Note: Wil-Bond contains organic solvents, including Toluene (also in paint thinner), and you may want to leave your windows open to increase ventilation.



Bike Rack Fee Instituted

Please haul out your old bike and go for a spin. Bike riding in New York City is up but so is demand for bike storage in our building (Thank you those of you who got rid of old and unwanted bicycles to free up space). Ross, our managing agent, will send letters but the board voted at the last meeting to levy a modest annual fee of \$75 per bike slot as an added incentive not to warehouse old bikes. We’re also looking into additional bike racks, which are expensive. Please let Ross know if you’d like to give-up a slot — or add your name to the wait list. The good folks at recycle-a-bicycle (recycleabicycle.org) would be happy for a donation!

Save the Date

We hope to see many and more of you at the Annual Shareholders Meeting Wed., September 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Our Urban Gardener

We owe the stunning, well-orchestrated display in the front garden to talented garden designer and resident Cindy Brome, who generously donates her time to the project. The camellia is looking particularly fetching at the moment. It's a work of art, much appreciated both by residents and passersby.



Bulb List

Front Garden, 75 Bank St.

Tulip 'Daydream'

Big orange tulip facing sidewalk

Muscari 'Valerie Finnis'

Little light blue grape hyacinths

Tulip kauffmaniani 'Ancilla'

Little red and white tulip on sides

Hyacinth 'Delft Blue'

On sides with Tulip Ancilla

Narcissus. 'Pinza'

Big orange and yellow daffodil

Narcissus. 'Ambegate'

Big orangey daffodil under lilac

Ipheon 'Rolf Fiedler'

Light blue drifts of small flowers

Iris reticulata danfordiae

Little yellow mini iris

Scilla mischtschenkoana

The drifts of little white flowers

Allium unifolium (lavender)

Ornamental onion, late flowering

Allium 'Firmament'

Ornamental onion, late flowering

Allium 'moly' (yellow)

Little ornamental onion, late

Lilium 'Red Hot'

Red and white lily, late flowering

Lilium 'Grand Cru'

Yellow & red lily, late flowering

Lilium 'Mona Lisa'

Red & white lily, late flowering

Lilium 'Pink Perfection'

Very tall lily, late flowering

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The Urban Gardener

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Traveling?

Please let the staff if you will be out of town and, if you plan to have anyone using your apartment while you're gone, don't forget the house sitting application, available from our trusty managing agent (or download it at abingdoncourt.com).

Shareholder's Guide

Look soon for the revised Shareholder's Guide, which like many other useful documents is available online at abingdoncourt.com. The guide includes a fee schedule, the revised House Rules, which address the hours that work can be done in the building, as well as such other vexing issues as noise. As is the norm in New York City, carpeting or other noise-reducing material must cover at least 80% of apartment floors of each room. Nice thick rug pads will make you a better neighbor. So will a little forbearance! If you've got a complaint, put it in writing to the Managing Agent to make it count.

Get Involved!

We are blessed by a remarkably congenial building, not a small thing, and the board works hard to keep it that way. If you'd like to join a work group or committee or propose a project, please let us know.

Have a marvelous summer.

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