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## Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars. This year's annual meeting of shareholders in 201 West 16 Owners Corp. will be held on **June 5, 2018** at **6.30pm** at First Presbyterian Church, 12th Street at Fifth Avenue, in the parish hall, 2nd floor assembly room. We look forward to seeing our neighbors there.

## Façade

Final punch list items are being completed on the successful 2017 façade maintenance and restoration project. All of the remaining work is on the ground floor of the building and none of it will require scaffolding. We are now ready for our official NYC LL 11 inspection of our façade, which is due later this year or early next.

## Congratulations, Again

Well known television screenwriter and long time 201 shareholder Ron Carlivati has once again won an Emmy Award for his outstanding work as a writer for "Days of Our Lives". We all extend our congratulations and say thanks for all the drama!

## "Eycling"

At the end of last year, NYC stopped taking *any* electronics as part of routine garbage or recycling pickups. The decision seemed both abrupt and not well communicated. The only option we found at first was to pay for a hauler to take our electronics, but this was not inexpensive. Through the dogged effort of Christine Ang our building manager and Cristian Covaci our omnipresent superintendent, we found a small NYC program that hauls electronics away for *free* if you agree to certain training requirements. Cristian arranged to get himself trained by the city agency and get our building registered. We are now certified as eligible for "Eycling." We will collect electronic items in the basement and about once a month NYC and its vendor will come to the building and pick up the old discarded electronics, all at no charge. **Please don't dump any electronics down the garbage chute.** Leave them in the recycling area and our building team will store them in the basement for collection.

## Strike/No Strike

Of course everyone has noticed that there was no strike by the union representing residential cooperative and condominium workers. One interesting note is that they reached agreement four days before the deadline – a record almost unheard of in past negotiations. We did make careful preparations to make certain our building would be safe and secure if there was a strike. Thankfully we never had to execute on them.

## Departures

Since the first of the year we have lost two very longtime shareholders in our building.

Florence Segal, a centenarian, first moved into the building in the 1960s or early 70s along with her husband Clement, who was one of the very early presidents of the 201 Cooperative in the 1980s. Florence was a retired NYC school teacher.

Wendle Castle, an octogenarian, was an award winning sculptor and furniture designer along with being Artist in Residence and Professor at Rochester Institute of Technology. His work is in the collections of the Met, MoMA and the Smithsonian.

## Clean Windows

Following completion of our façade work, we have engaged with a window washing company to wash exterior windows on the east and south sides of our building. This project will be completed in late May or early June and will be done from the exterior of the building. Washers will not need to enter any apartments. There is no need to sign up or reserve a time, this will all happen automatically.

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## Spring on the Roof Top Terrace

Our spectacular rooftop aerie has opened for the spring 2018 season. Following completion of the mammoth façade project during a large part of 2017, during which the plants were moved from place to place, we have found three trees that seemingly did not make it through the moves and impossibly long winter. These trees and planters have been replaced by our terrace garden contractor. Our automatic irrigation system has been activated to give all the plants their source of life. Thank you all for your cooperation while we had to close the roof to complete last year's necessary project to keep our façade in tip top shape.

As you enjoy the roof top, please be conscious of any actions that can disturb any residents, especially those who live right below. Remember no dragging of furniture, no loud voices or other noises, and absolutely no smoking of any type whatsoever. A more detailed review of the rooftop rules is below. Please always keep these rules in mind as you enjoy the roof top garden.

Rooftop Rules, as a reminder...

- The roof deck garden is open from 7:00am to 11:00pm. Monitored by CCTV.
- All guests to the roof deck must be accompanied by a resident.
- Minors must be accompanied by an adult resident.
- Voices and other noise must be kept to a minimum in consideration of those living around and below the roof deck.
- Leave the deck as clean, if not cleaner, than you found it.
- Absolutely **NO**: SMOKING

Music (unless via headphones)

Storing of personal property

Dragging of chairs or furniture

Parties without prior authorization

Throwing, tossing, letting fall any items from the deck

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