

Gramercy Park Block Association

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Dear Friend,

Many of you have inquired about the Muni-meters that are appearing on our sidewalks. I have spoken with Community Board 6 District Manager Toni Carlina and Department of Transportation Commissioner Margaret Forgione and received the following information:

- These meters are being placed from 60th Street down to the tip of Battery Park.
- They accept quarters, dollar coins, credit cards, and Parking Cards.
- They provide the benefits of allowing more vehicles to park at the curbside; cleaner, more open sidewalks for pedestrians; and accurate time keeping and proof of payment for drivers.
- No approval from the Art Commission or Landmarks Preservation Commission is required for these or other traffic devices.
- Many Muni-meters have been placed in front of historic buildings or on distinctive sidewalks i.e. bluestone. Great care is taken when doing so.
- No large holes or cracks in the sidewalks are made when installing the Muni meters. Instead, they are surface-mounted which means they are bolted into the sidewalk.
- When a Muni-meter is removed the concrete or bluestone is tinted to match the existing sidewalk. In addition, when single-spaced meters are removed the area is tinted to match as closely as possible.
- This program is meant to remove the clutter of many single-spaced meters by replacing them with one device. This is useful particularly in Landmark areas.

I hope that this information is helpful, and please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Warm Regards,
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