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A newsletter
for the tenants of
Federal Reserve Plaza

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Looking forward to 2009 at Federal Reserve Plaza



Dear Friends,
2008 was a historic election year, and it's interesting to note that our building projects last year totaled the size of the White House – twice. We are pleased at achieving our goal of freshening up our common areas and creating an updated look and feel in some of our older spaces. Perhaps most notable among the many upgrades was the opening of Café Six Hundred, with its fresh contemporary look in both the servery and dining areas, as well as the new ceilings and carpeting in our 4th floor public space.

In 2009, further enhancements in our shared space will come to fruition. We will begin the main lobby renovation this quarter, including the redesign of the seating area and new furnishings, as well as some security enhancements, and additional security lanes which should increase traffic flow for building employees and visitors.

A major commitment in the coming year will be our efforts toward LEED certification, the “green building” benchmark. Last year’s innovations, such

as high efficiency lighting and low-flow aerators, will be augmented in the coming months with automatic and hands-free rest room fixtures and other eco-friendly tools. We take seriously the stewardship of our environment – and our working environment – and our role as a socially responsible building management team. Our LEED certification process will put us on the cutting edge of sustainability among Boston’s Class A buildings, and we invite you to join us in this commitment, in your own practices and processes. For more details on our recent and upcoming eco-friendly innovations, take a look inside this newsletter. We are always interested in your ideas and feedback, and we look forward to another great year together. Happy new year, and warm wishes for all that 2009 will bring.

Paul Gusmini
Paul Gusmini
Director of Facilities

Please Welcome...

Dana Warren, Jr., who has joined the Federal Reserve Plaza family. As the Vice President of the Property Management Department Dana’s responsibilities include all aspects of Tenant Services and Leasing.



Dana Warren, Jr.

Dana most recently served as VP and GM at CBRichard Ellis/New England, where he managed a multi-tenant office tower similar to our own building. He is president-elect of the Boston Chapter of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), which provides networking, education and information programs for building and real estate professionals. He has a keen interest in all aspects of the eco-friendly environment, and his expertise is a valuable component in our LEED certification process.



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What is Sustainability and why does it matter?

Sustainability is a “green” term which means renewing resources at a rate equal to or greater than the rate at which they are consumed. All of our energy reduction efforts, all waste conversion efforts, and all our improvements in operating efficiency help us to increase our overall sustainability at the Federal Reserve Plaza.



Department and desk-side paper recycling.

Free, reusable mugs for all building staff, with a 10¢ beverage discount.

Rest rooms will be equipped with dual-flush automatic toilets with sensor flushometers, themselves made from recycled materials and recyclable.

We compost the Bank's shredded cash. In 2008, approximately 300 tons of composted currency was provided to local area hay farmers. In \$1 bills, 300 tons of currency equates to nearly \$272.5 million – that's a lot of hay!

Metal, glass and plastic recycling

Federal Reserve Plaza participated in the Lights Out Boston pilot. Office building managers agree to turn off or dim all architectural and internal lighting between 11pm and 5am.

We collect landscaping waste for composting.

LEED certification

Perhaps our most important ongoing initiative moving into 2009 is our pursuit of LEED certification. LEED, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the United States Green Building Council's Green Building Rating System, the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings.

We have already begun the evaluation of our existing processes, systems and materials in order to ensure that Federal Reserve Plaza is environmentally responsible and a healthy place for our employees, our tenants, and our visitors.

Much new construction is built to the LEED standard. Those in the "Existing Buildings" category have the challenge of converting legacy systems and renovating to create new efficiencies. We are working diligently to become one of only a handful of Boston buildings in this category, and as ever, are

committed to being the best building in the city. We will also be the first building in the entire Federal Reserve System across the nation to have this distinction.

LEED-certified buildings reduce waste sent to landfills, conserve energy and water, reduce harmful greenhouse gases and emissions, and provide a healthier and safer environment for occupants.

Not least, LEED-certified buildings demonstrate commitment to environmental stewardship and social responsibility, an attitude that is part of our DNA at Federal Reserve Plaza.

Energy consumption in the pumps and motors in the building's operating systems has been reduced by the installation of variable speed drives.

Low-flow aerators in our kitchen and rest room sinks save almost 600,000 gallons of water per year.

Window film is renewed on a rolling basis, and helps to create a "white roof" effect on the windows, and blocks color-fading UV rays.

We use high efficiency lighting.

The Roof Garden is a "green roof", a bio-organism that processes CO₂ and keeps the roof cool, reducing the temps in surrounding areas. And our "white roof" blocks UV rays and reflects sunlight, further reducing energy costs and consumption.

Most carpets and fabrics used at Federal Reserve Plaza are made from recycled content and purchased from eco-friendly vendors.

Our retro-commissioning project resulted in an upgrade to the building's HVAC automated control system and the installation of more than 2000 environmental control sensors for improved monitoring, decreasing energy consumption.

Café Six Hundred uses only biodegradable products made from recycled paper fiber and renewable energy sources such as corn, reed plants, and sugar cane.

Solar-powered Big Belly trash compactor on the Roof Garden.

Rest rooms will be outfitted with automatic sensor, hands-free faucets and soap dispensers.

We are exploring green power generation and evaluating the feasibility of alternative power sources such as solar, wind, and geo-thermal energy.

Tenant Spotlight

Did you know that the 14th floor of Federal Reserve Plaza is considered sovereign Japanese soil? In the spotlight: the Japanese Consulate, one of our international tenants.

Since 1993, the Consul General of Japan has made his home here at Federal Reserve Plaza. The Consulate staff of 24, including the Deputy Consul General, 5 Consuls, 3 Vice Consuls and research and operations staff have been assisting American and Japanese constituents from the New England states with everything from establishing companies in Japan, to the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program and Monbusho (Ministry of Education) scholarships, to visa applications. Their efforts support the economic, cultural and educational links between our two countries.



Honored guests at the Emperor's Birthday celebration are greeted by the Consul General and his wife, who is garbed in a traditional silk kimono.

“Café Six Hundred’s sushi is very good. Every time I have it, I miss Japan.”



**Consulate General of Japan
Boston**

We are happy to report that Café Six Hundred's sushi gets the thumbs-up from the experts. “Every time I have it, I miss Japan,” says a member of the Consul staff.

Every December, the Consulate hosts an elegant evening reception in the Harborview Dining Room in honor of the Emperor's Birthday, a national holiday in Japan. We thought you would enjoy some pictures from their most recent event.



This year, the celebration featured a drummer from Odaiko New England (ONE). ONE is a performing group that weaves the traditional elements of taiko (Japanese drums) with contemporary influences to create a constantly evolving and dynamic art form.

For more on the Japanese Consulate, link to their website at www.federalreserveplaza.com

“What’s in a name?”



Shakespeare said, “What’s in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.”

Would you be different if you had been given a different name? What name would you pick for yourself?

Does any name really make a difference? We think so! So we’re setting out to name this newsletter and we want your ideas. The Newsletter Name Contest will run between now and Valentine’s Day, so submit your ideas by Friday, February 13, 2009 to Tenant Liaison, Janice Kimsey via email at janice.kimsey@bos.frb.org.

Name the Newsletter