

Caroling in Gramercy Park



Reverend Dr. Thomas F. Pike, Rector of The Parish of Calvary/St. George's leading caroling in Gramercy Park on Christmas Eve, while Arlene Harrison, Trustee of Gramercy Park, looks on.

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A huge crowd of Gramercy Park residents gathered around the Christmas tree in the Park on Christmas Eve for caroling sponsored by the Trustees of Gramercy Park.

The caroling was led by the Reverend Dr. Thomas F. Pike, the Rector of the Parish of Calvary/St. George's Church, with Musical Director John Lambert's Gramercy Park Brass accompanying the singers.

The weather was bitter cold but to everyone's delight refreshments provided by the new owners of the Gramercy Park hotel, including hot coffee, hot chocolate and hot cider with various confections, warmed their hearts.

The crowd was welcomed to the Park by Dr. Pike and by the event organizer, Trustee Arlene Harrison. Both spoke of their pleasure at the participation of the new owners of the Hotel in the life of the Gramercy Park community. Harrison, who has been meeting regularly with the Hotel General Manager Ed Maynard, gave special thanks to him for the Hotel's generous contribution of refreshments to the event. Dr. Pike and Harrison also paid tribute to our armed forces serving in Afghanistan and Iraq and asked for everyone present to remember them in their thoughts and prayers this holiday season.

When the caroling was over, Harrison, her son Nicholas, and the Arno family who live on the Park, took the refreshments that remained to

the police officers of the 13th Precinct, the 13th Precinct Detective Squad, and Emergency Service Truck #1 who were on duty that night.