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The House Committee is a group of your East River House neighbors who are elected by Cooperators to advise and to report to the Board and Management on issues of importance to tenants. The Committee meets monthly and focuses on several areas, including Physical Plant, Transportation, Newsletter, and Lobby Get Togethers. The newsletter has long been an important way to communicate with the overall community on these matters. We hope you'll find it useful, and look forward to your comments and suggestions to better serve you. You may contact the House Committee through the Management Office: 530 Grand Street, New York, NY 10002.

Coop Election Results

As a result of the November 2005 elections, the Board of Directors and the House Committee consist of the following members:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Leonard Greher, *President*

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Awilda Field

Thea Goodman

Mary Goot

James Haley

Robert Hess

Barbara Kontolefa

You're Invited ...

Got a question about ERH? Or an idea to help improve things? Come to your building's upcoming Lobby Get-Together to meet your House Committee Members and your neighbors. Four Lobby Get-Togethers are planned over the next few weeks, one in each building:

THURSDAY, MAY 11

Building 1 (Sections A, B, C)

THURSDAY, MAY 18

Building 2 (Sections, D, E, F)

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

Building 3 (Sections G, H, J)

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Building 4 (Sections K, L, M)

Each meeting is scheduled from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. See you there!

Moving Large Items

By now you know that at a Cooperator's suggestion at the 2004 annual meeting, Management furnished new carts – two in each building – to help tenants transport luggage, groceries, or other bulky items to or from their apartments. You can use a cart by presenting a driver's license to the security at your building front desk; you get your license back upon returning the cart.

Community Planning for East River Park

The park is currently undergoing a major renovation that is slated for completion in 2007. The Lower East Side Ecology Center is holding three planning meetings, community members from are invited to attend and get involved in planning the future of their waterfront.

GENERAL PUBLIC

May 8th, 6pm to 8pm
Henry St Settlement House
466 Grand Street

May 15th, 6pm to 8pm
Two Bridges Community Center
286 South Street

YOUTH

May 10th, 3:30 to 5pm
Hamilton Fish Recreation Center
128 Pitt Street

Please RSVP if you plan to attend, 212-477-4022 or info@lesecolgycenter.org

Community Board No. 3

The next Full Board meeting is Tuesday, May 23, 2006 – 6:30 pm
Public School 20 – 166 Essex Street
(East Houston & Stanton Streets) For more information, see the website at www.cb3manhattan.org.

Building Fire

Several months ago, a fire gutted an 8th floor apartment in 570 Grand Street (H section of Building 3). The occupant was injured, and neighboring apartments were damaged. Management reports that new windows will be installed to replace damaged units and that the hallway has been repainted and rewallpapered.

Electronic Payment of Carrying Charges

In 2005 a convenient new service was started for cooperators to more easily pay their monthly carrying charges. You can have the charges deducted from your bank account automatically each month. You'll continue to receive in advance your monthly statement detailing all line items so you'll know how much to set aside in the account to cover the bill and the date when the transfer will happen. You won't have to write checks any more and you'll save on postage. The service is free and secure. Contact the Management Office for details and to make arrangements for this great service.

Going Digital...

And speaking of cyberspace, the address for Coop Village's website is www.coopvillage.coop. Here you'll find important and useful information for both the East River and Hillman coops regarding contacting staff, bylaws, house rules, and much more. In addition, you'll be able to sign up for the Email Notification Service to keep updated with important communiqués from management concerning security, maintenance, and general points of interest. The site should not be used maintenance requests or notifying management of emergencies. Another website of interest is the Co-op Village Online Community www.lesonline.org/cv. Though not officially connected with Cooperative Village or the East River, Hillman, Amalgamated, or Seward Park cooperatives, the site provides an additional way to stay in contact with the Lower East Side community.

Community Service Medical Supplies

We have a large assortment of medical equipment, such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes, etc. that are available to Cooperators at no cost. Though there is no charge for use of the equipment, it must be returned clean. This can be very helpful if you need temporary help while recovering from an injury or operation. It is a volunteer service run by Awilda and Warren Field. If anyone in our community needs or would like to donate such equipment, call the Management Office 212 677-5858.

The Golden Rule...

Because we share many areas of our buildings and grounds, we must remember to be considerate and respectful of our neighbors. This issue focuses on the laundry rooms:

- Don't use laundry carts for anything except removing clean clothes from machines.
- Don't use laundry carts to hold or sort dirty laundry.
- Don't remove carts from the laundry room.
- Don't use the carts to transport items from your car or apartment (we've got luggage carts for that!).
- Don't put newspapers or packages or sit on the tables in the laundry room because it soils the surface used for folding clean clothes.
- And last – but not least – don't leave clothing unattended in machines. Promptly remove clothes from washers and dryers when your cycles are done.