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## **The Golden Rule**

Spring is the time to enjoy our parks. A few ideas that will help us all enjoy them...

- Please clean up after yourself and don't leave food wrappers, plastic bags or newspapers on the benches or grass. There are several garbage receptacles for your use.
- Please don't let toddlers use our grounds as rest room facilities.
- Keep your children in sight at all times.
- Please don't feed birds and squirrels. Doing so leads to rodent problems and leaves an unhealthy mess.
- Share these rules with your babysitter or nanny if they are new to our buildings.
- And remember, no bicycle riding or dogs are allowed in our parks.

## **Support Our NORC**

NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) is an organization in our coop for people 60+. Its many programs and activities help ensure that seniors can live independently in their own homes. Members of NORC will soon be selling raffle tickets to support the organization. Please buy a few! For information, call 212-358-8489.

## **Spring Apartment Maintenance**

All air conditioners must be removed and installed by our maintenance department. Please call 212-677-5744 to set up an appointment. If you're considering buying a new air conditioner check the Energy Star rating to make sure it's energy efficient.

If you haven't had your apartment painted in at least 3 years, you may do so and get a credit from the management office. Make an appointment with the office for an inspection beforehand to make sure you're eligible. Studio apartment credit is \$400; 1 bedroom, \$500; 2 bedroom, \$650; 3 bedroom, \$800. Make sure you keep the receipts from your professional painter and call the office again for an inspection at the completion of the paint job.

Pest control services are also available through the maintenance office (212 677-5744). You can make an appointment for the exterminator on Tuesday mornings from 8 am - 12 pm or Wednesday afternoons from 3 pm - 6 pm.

Gardeners, please remember window boxes must hang on the *inside* of balconies.

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## Summer in the City: For Children

School will be ending in June and it's time to start thinking about Day Camp. There are many local camps and you can get others by calling the American Camp Association at 212 391-5208, ask for Renee, Public Guidance Department. Local camps:

### THE EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE

197 East Broadway, 212 533-0078

### GRAND STREET SETTLEMENT

80 Pitt Street, 212 674-1740

### HAMILTON-MADISON HOUSE

50 Madison Street, 212 349-3724

### HENRY STREET SETTLEMENT

301 Henry Street, 212 766-9200

### MARINERS TEMPLE

Oliver Street, 917 348-7619 (Mr. Fulton)

### SOL GOLDMAN YM YWHA OF EDUCATIONAL ALLIANCE

344 East 14 Street 212 788-0800

### UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT AT THE AVALON

Bowery & Chrystie Street 212 674-9120

### RUTGERS COMMUNITY CENTER

212 385-9349

### IMMIGRANT SOCIAL SERVICES

137 Henry Street 212 571-1840

All of these camps are licensed by The Department of Health. This list is certainly not exhaustive. Most serve children 5-12, but some have teen programming.

## Summer in the City: For Adults

### TENNIS ANYONE?

There are 12 tennis courts in East River Park at Broome St. (park supervisor 212-529-7185) You have to have a permit to play. You can pay \$7 for a single session or get a season pass at \$100 for adults, \$20 for seniors (62 and over), and \$10 for juniors (17 and under). You can buy the pass in person at Paragon Sports, Broadway at 18th Street or at the Arsenal at 64th and Fifth Ave. Download a permit form from [www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks) or call 212 360-8131 for more information.

### SWIMMING POOLS

The Hamilton Fish Olympic size outdoor pool at Pitt and Houston Streets is free. 212 387-7687.

So is the slightly smaller Asser Levy outdoor pool at Asser Levy Place and East 23rd Street 212 447-2020. And so is the smaller yet Dry Dock outdoor pool at East 10th St. between Avenues C & D. 212 677-4481. The city offer free swimming programs for tots, children, teens and adults. Call 718 760-6969 for information.

### Project Green Light

If every American home replaced just one light bulb with a compact fluorescent bulb, we would save enough energy to light more than 2.5 million homes for a year and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of nearly 800,000 cars. East River Coop already uses these bulbs in all of our hallways. While they are initially more expensive than incandescent bulbs they save a great deal of money in the long run by using 2/3 less energy and last up to 10 times longer. So go green!

## Welcome Whole Foods

On March 29, the long-awaited Whole Foods Market opened on the corner of the Bowery and Chrystie Street. Hours are 7 days a week, 8 am - 11 pm. 212 420-1320. Bring your own bag and you'll get a 15¢ per bag discount (and it'll be one less plastic bag that ends up in our trees!).

## Timeshares

If you go away for the winter/summer and have a parking spot, you can sublet the spot for the time you won't be using it. You'll save money over the year and will do a neighbor a favor. If you would like to share your parking spot, contact the management office.

Also, if you have a large storage space and are willing to share it with someone, contact the management office.

## Package Delivery

Did you know that you can have packages delivered to the maintenance office? Just make sure your packages are clearly marked with your name and apartment number. A cell phone number would be even more helpful.

Address package delivery to:  
East River Housing Maintenance  
Department  
568 Grand Street  
New York, NY 10002