

EAST RIVER

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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, Sustainability, 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 or e-mail us at erhc2@earthlink.net.

With this issue the East River News begins the inclusion of regular updates from the board of directors.

From the Board

UNIT MEETINGS

Finance Town Hall will be held soon to give cooperators a forum to get information as to the state of our finances. Format will be like previous sessions: presentation of budget by Board of Directors, presentation of current cash flow by Management, followed by question and answer session.

ELEVATOR IMPROVEMENTS

Granite flooring has been purchased and will be installed on every elevator. Cost: \$150 per elevator. The costs are low and the benefits are high.

BIKE ROOM

More space for bike rooms is being looked into. These rooms help reduce wear and tear on the upgraded elevators. It may not be possible to create one room in each building. The Board is looking at spaces to see what is feasible to increase amenities for cooperators.

FINE FARE

The market has just renewed its lease. As part of the negotiations, the market management has agreed to remove tip jars, to upgrade their product lines and to continue renovating the market's interior.

FLOOR POLISHER

The maintenance office has purchased a floor polisher to polish the terrazzo floors in the lobbies instead of paying an outside service. The floors will be polished on a more regular basis than when it was outsourced.

East River Housing Emergency Numbers

BUILDING 1 SECURITY

212 253-6767

BUILDING 2 SECURITY

212 253-6996

BUILDING 3 SECURITY

212 253-6866

BUILDING 4 SECURITY

212 253-6966

N.Y. POLICE 7TH PRECINCT

212 477-7311

FIRE, POLICE EMERGENCIES

911

MANAGEMENT OFFICE

212 677-5858

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The Golden Rule

There are many ways to enjoy the summer months. Watch the Fireworks display courtesy of Macy's. Consult your local newspaper for details about other 4th of July celebrations. Enjoy our parks and grounds, but remember:

- > Don't shoot fireworks in the park or from balconies. Fireworks are illegal and dangerous.
- > Speaking of balconies: City ordinance prohibits barbecuing on balconies and terraces. Don't paint the bricks on your balconies. If you move, you will have to restore them to their previous condition. Remember to hang all flower boxes on the inside of balconies.
- > Don't let children use roller blades, skateboards, scooters and bicycles in the lobbies – they ruin our polished floors and can cause accidents. Don't ride your bikes through the park. Walk them in order to avoid injuring your neighbors.
- > Don't remove or install your own air conditioners. Call maintenance.
- > Remember to recycle properly, vermin enjoy the warm weather too. Please bag all your garbage and send it down the chutes. Don't leave it in the hallways.

Green markets

The Orchard Street green market has closed but the Council on the Environment is looking for a new Lower East Side location to open in July. Meanwhile, you can still buy fresh produce at the other two local green markets. Both are easily reachable by the 14A bus.

TOMPKINS SQUARE PARK

Avenue A & 8th Street, Sunday only

UNION SQUARE

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

Summer Energy-Saving Tips

- > Avoid running your appliances during peak hours – from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. – or anytime an electricity emergency is declared.
- > Turn off appliances, lights and equipment when not in use.
- > Unplug electronic devices and chargers when they aren't in use – most use electricity even when switched off. Turn computers and printers off at the power strip.
- > Do your laundry efficiently by using the warm or cold water setting for washing your clothes.
- > Do only full loads when using the dishwasher and clothes washer and dryer. Run your appliances during off-peak hours or after the sun goes down.

- > Use the microwave rather than the oven to cook or heat your meals.
- > Replace air conditioner filters regularly.
- > Put your air conditioner on a timer.
- > Run your dishwasher only when it is fully loaded, and turn off the dry cycle and air dry dishes instead.
- > Keep your blinds and draperies closed on hot, sunny days.
- > Choose Energy Star® appliances and electronics. For example, a new Energy Star® refrigerator uses about 20% less energy than a standard new refrigerator.