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WHAT IS THE HOUSE COMMITTEE?

The House Committee is a group of your East River Coop neighbors who are elected to advise and to report to the Board and Management on issues of importance to shareholders. The committee meets monthly and focuses on several areas, including grounds and maintenance, security, transportation and sustainability. We also arrange lobby get-togethers so that you can meet your neighbors and discuss your concerns. A Physical Plant subcommittee conducts monthly walk-throughs noting maintenance issues and making suggestions for improvement. The committee also resolves disputes between owners. The newsletter is a means of communicating with residents and we hope that you will find it useful and interesting. We look forward to your comments and suggestions. You may contact us confidentially at erhc2@earthlink.net or through the Management Office, 530 Grand Street. All written suggestions or concerns will be discussed at our meetings.

Fresh Local Organic Produce Comes to Grand Street

The newly created Grand Street CSA is starting up. A CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) is a way for the public to create a relationship with a farm and to receive a weekly basket of produce. By making a financial commitment to a farm, people become "members" of the CSA. The Grand Street CSA has a relationship with Woodbridge Farm of Salem, CT (woodbridgefarmonline.com). All of their produce is certified organic and biodynamic. The season runs from June through November. The shares will be distributed once a week at the Roots and Vines outdoor terrace.

Details are still being worked out regarding pricing and the availability of eggs, meats, flowers and fruits.

If you are interested, please e-mail info@grandstreetcsa.org or call 347 673-1664 soon, there are only 40-50 shares available.

Thank you to Meghan Joye, our neighbor at Hillman, and to Roots and Vines for making this possible.

The Golden Rule

This issue focuses on cell phones. Everyone wants to be in touch these days, but let's use our cell phones responsibly and with consideration for our neighbors.

LAUNDRY ROOM Please refrain from loud cell phone conversations when other people are in the laundry room.

GYM We all tend to talk louder when on our cell phones, especially over the sound of gym equipment. It is best to use your cell phone for emergencies or brief messages only.

LOBBIES Because of the echo in the lobbies, cell phone conversations are enhanced and you lose privacy as well as disturb others.

Aerobics Anyone?

Shape up, slim down, get fit! It's fun and it's healthy! East River has a low impact aerobics class, complete with stimulating music, for women only (sorry, guys). The classes are offered through the Women's Club (\$10 annual fee) and are given Mondays 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Thursdays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Women's Club room, 477 FDR Drive. So put on your workout gear and come on down. The experienced instructor will sign you up and get you started.

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A Stroll Along The River

Although our section of the East River Promenade is not scheduled for completion until sometime next year, the part above Houston Street is already completed and open. Wait 'til you see it! It rivals major cities' riverwalks around the world. There is beautiful stone work, attractive wood and steel benches, artistically-designed railings and dramatic lighting. The space is designed with an undulating theme, rather than strictly following the line of the river, thereby creating spaces for plantings and sitting areas for eating, games and talking. The new promenade will not only provide a beautiful place to walk along the river but it will also enhance the quality of our neighborhood and the value of our property. We will keep you posted on the progress.

Online Shopping is Easy at East River

Did you know that East River Coop has a package service? Here's how it works. Just put the following information in the "ship to" section:

Your name and apartment number
c/o East River Maintenance Office
568 Grand Street
New York, NY 10002

When the package arrives, a notification will be put under your door and you can pick up the package at the maintenance office any time until 10:00 p.m. This is a great amenity and it works for telephone shopping as well.

Help Us Get More Trees on Grand Street

As part of the MillionTreesNYC, it has never been easier to request a tree to be planted in our neighborhood. If you have a specific spot in mind, just go to www.milliontreesnyc.org, click on "I want a tree on my street!" and fill out the form (make sure you know the address and cross street for the tree). While it can take up to a year to have the tree put in, think of the long-term benefits for Grand Street!

Culture Corner

We all know that the Lower East Side has become a great museum destination, with the Tenement Museum, the New Museum and the Eldridge Street Museum all within walking distance. But did you know that they offer talks, concerts and special events?

THE TENEMENT MUSEUM is offering the following FREE events at the Museum Shop at 108 Orchard Street (www.lestm@tenement.org, 212-431-0233):

Monday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m.

JOSEPH O'CONNOR TALKS IRISH HISTORY AND LITERATURE. He will read from his new novella about an immigrant family who actually lived in the Tenement Museum building in 1869.

Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m.

RICHARD PRICE will read from his novel, *Lush Life*, a story about two urban worlds in collision.

Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

THE IMMIGRANT'S TABLE:

A DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE

Performer and writer Mary Lou Sanelli reflects on cultural adjustment, immigration and Italian-American food.

Tuesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m.

JENNIFER S LEE, author of *The Fortune Cookie Chronicles* solves enduring mysteries of Chinese cuisine.

In addition, **THE MUSEUM AT ELDRIDGE STREET** is offering a performance by **METROPOLITAN KLEZMER** on Sunday, April 13 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., entitled Music from Yiddish Celluloid. Imaginative arrangements of elements from Yiddish movie soundtracks will be performed and a talk will be given by drummer and film historian, Eva Sicular about the interchange between Yiddish and mainstream popular culture. \$15 adults, \$12 seniors/students. 12 Eldridge Street, www.eldridgestreet.org, 212-219-0888.

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