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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 glarry17@aol.com or through the Management Office, 530 Grand Street. All written suggestions or concerns will be discussed at our meetings.

CUTE AND FURRY?

Please don't feed the

Squirrels While you may think they are cute, furry and harmless, squirrels cause many problems for East River Co-op. There have been reports that squirrels have eaten through the wiring of some cars parked in the lots and recently they have begun scaling our buildings and entering apartments. The more comfortable squirrels are with people, the more serious our problems with them become. We ask you not to feed them – it is in everyone's best interest to keep our wildlife dependent on their natural environment and outside our buildings. Management is looking at ways of capturing the squirrels without harming them and deporting them across the river.

CULTURE CORNER

DanceBrazil comes to East

River Park Eye-popping, colorful and exuberant, DanceBrazil will be performing a free concert at the East River Amphitheater on Saturday August 2 at 3:00 p.m. This exciting and dynamic dance group performs variations on Capoeira, which is the martial arts-inspired dance form. The history is that Brazilian slaves were not permitted to practice martial arts for fear of an uprising,

but they were permitted to dance. So Capoeira incorporates martial-arts moves in a sensual and exotic dance form. Don't miss it!

Ellen Cornfield Dance

Abrons Arts Center is presenting *Dance for a Small Room*, which explores the process of inhabiting a shrinking world, both physically and psychologically, using a mix of choreography and music. June 19-21 at 7:30 pm, June 21 at 3 pm, \$20.

Justin Bond: Lustre Tony-nominated performance artist Justin Bond performs his critically acclaimed and glittering *Lustre* at the Abrons Arts Center on June 26 at 8:00 p.m. and June 27-28 at 7:30 and 10:00 p.m. \$20.

Get Weird The New Museum of Contemporary Art is presenting a monthly series of experimental and unconventional musical performances. June 26 at 7:30 p.m., \$10, 253 Bowery (212) 219-1222

LES Stories: Subway

Stories Drama below the city's streets as told by professional storytellers. June 25, Tenement Museum, 108 Orchard Street, FREE

Egg Rolls and Egg Creams NY's best annual block party, says the Village Voice. Chinese opera, Klezmer music, acrobatics and more. Sunday, June 15, 12-4 p.m., 12 Eldridge Street (212) 219-0888, FREE

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WILL IT FIT?

For those of you moving in or out, or simply getting some new furniture or appliances, please be aware of our elevators' dimensions. The door width is 36 inches. Inside the cab, side to side (big side) is 6 feet. From the back wall to the front wall is 46 inches and the height of the elevator is 90 inches. Apartment door openings are 28.75" x 78.5" and 30.5" wide if the door is removed.

MORE RESTAURANTS SOUTH OF DELANCEY?

It's hard to believe but our side of the LES has even more exciting restaurants than reported in our May issue. **THE TEN BELLS** is a recently-opened and extraordinarily popular tapas bar, serving a variety of interesting and unusual appetizer-sized plates. It is located right next to **BARRIO CHINO** at 247 Broome Street, between Orchard and Ludlow Streets (212) 228-4450. **BROADWAY EAST** is a fantastic, newly-opened, mostly vegetarian restaurant next to the Forward Building in an inviting, architecturally attractive space. 171 East Broadway. (212) 228-3100. They serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. **LES ENFANTS TERRIBLES** is listed in Zagat's and serves excellent French-African cuisine in a hip and trendy setting. It has a great sidewalk café outside and cool (if loud) music inside. 37 Canal Street (at Ludlow Street) (212) 777-7518.

NOISES OFF

The House Committee has recently received several complaints about door-slamming and other disturbing noises.

While wind and air flow can sometimes make the apartment doors slam unintentionally, please be aware that because of the echo factor the sound is intensified. If your door does not close properly, please call the Maintenance Office and they will be happy to repair it for you. Similarly, garbage chute doors should be shut quietly. Please keep your television and music at a reasonable volume, and make sure they are lowered after 11pm. You'd be surprised what your neighbors can hear!

SUPPORT YOUR NORC

NORC - What 's that? Naturally Occurring Retirement Community - and we're all going in that direction. NORC is an organization in our co-op for people over 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. First prize is a hand-made afghan created by a member of the House Committee! For more information, call (212) 358-8489.

FULL FRONTAL FACELIFT

You may have noticed that the green canopies at the front and side entrances of our buildings have been removed and replaced with beautiful new ones. These canopies help give our buildings an upscale look and their replacement is part of an ongoing program to improve the aesthetic appeal of our property. Watch for the planting of our gorgeous flowers - they will be coming soon!

ECOLOGY DESK

Have you every thought about how much energy it takes to produce those metal hangers from the dry cleaners that are accumulating in your closets? Consider recycling those hangers by bringing them back to the store. Your local cleaner will be delighted, your closets will be roomier, your cleaning bills will be stabilized and the environment will benefit!

IT WAS MY PARK DAY

CHERP (Community Hooked on East River Park) hosted **IT'S MY PARK DAY** in the East River Park on Saturday, May 17th. The group, with a majority of members living in East River and Hillman, participated in weeding, pruning, planting, and games for children. Brief lessons on composting, recycling, and park care were taught and Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe stopped by to see the work and show his support. The group presented him with their newly created logo tee-shirt, which he wore while surveying the work in the park. Commissioner Benepe pledged to find an intern to help CHERP with administrative matters. If you want to get involved, come to the next CHERP meeting on Tuesday, June 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Seal Park Boathouse at the foot of Grand Street. For more information, go to www.cherpnyc.org or call the Lower East Side Ecology Center at (212) 477-4022.

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