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
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 SOUTHWEST 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!

ECOLOGY DESK
Have you ever 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.cherpnycc.org or call the Lower East Side Ecology Center at (212) 477-4022.

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