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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 quality-of-life 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.

THE TIME BANK COMES TO EAST RIVER

Great news! The TimeBank will be giving a presentation and orientation on **Thursday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Community Room in 477 FDR Drive. The TimeBank is an innovative program administered by the Visiting Nurse Service of New York. For every hour you spend helping one TimeBank member you bank an hour you can redeem for assistance from another TimeBank member. You can use your accrued time to receive language, computer or music lessons, have someone feed your cat when you're on vacation, get help with clothing alterations or have someone escort you to a doctor's appointment. TimeBank members also receive valuable discounts at high-end local businesses, such as Saxleby Cheesemongers in the Essex Street Market. Membership is FREE and refreshments will be served. For more information, call (212) 609-7811 or email glarry17@aol.com.

LAUNDRY LIAISON

Now that the renovations are complete, we want to hear your comments, compliments and suggestions. Please email the House Committee at glarry17@aol.com or write to us c/o the Management Office. In the meantime, please be sure to remove your clothes when they are done and remember to discard used dryer sheets in the trash and empty

detergent containers in the recycling bin.

A SECRET BAR ON GRAND AND ESSEX?

File this under New York's best kept secrets! See if you can find it next to the Pickle Guys on Essex Street just south of Grand Street. It is a super-cool, speakeasy-type place with lots of cozy booths in two long, low-ceilinged, dimly-lit rooms. Unusual and elaborate drinks are made with a mortar and pestle using fresh ginger, mint, grapes and cherries. It's called East Side Company Bar but you won't find a sign. 49 Essex Street. (212) 614-7408.

SUMMERTIME SENIOR SPLASH

Hamilton Fish Pool on Houston and Pitt Streets now has a **Senior Splash** on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon through August 26. They offer free water exercises, water ballet, swimming instruction and lap swimming. And for adult swimmers of any age, there is roped-off lap swimming from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m. daily. Just bring a Master lock and don't forget your bathing suit!

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CULTURE CORNER

Our neighborhood continues to be at the epicenter of the art and theater world. Here are just a few upcoming offerings within walking distance of our homes.

Visual Slang 2008 – Modern Urban Imagination This gallery exhibit features innovative artwork and global graffiti from Tehran to Tel Aviv. Abrons Arts Center, 468 Grand Street, Tuesday-Saturday 9am-10pm, Sunday 10am-6pm through August 31. FREE

Playing the Building David Byrne of the Talking Heads created this sound and art installation at the Battery Maritime Building. The infrastructure of the building is converted into a giant musical instrument and everyone is invited to play the building using an antique organ. 10 South Street, 2nd Floor through August 24. FREE

The Mystery of Claywoman This film combines the forms of documentary screening and lecture to actualize the legend of the 500 million year old Claywoman who searches for souls to heal and planets to save. Amy Poehler (SNL) and Justin Bond (Lustre) star. Friday, August 1 at 7:30 p.m., New Museum, 235 Bowery. \$10. (212)219-1222

LES Stories: Beat the Heat Four master storytellers share tales about the sweltering NYC heat. Audience members are also asked to tell a tale of summertime in New York. Wednesday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m. Tenement Museum, 108 Orchard Street. FREE

Scenes from the City: New York and the Movies Author and architect, James Sanders leads a discussion about how famous movies have portrayed our city and influenced our perceptions. Tuesday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m. Tenement Museum, 108 Orchard Street. FREE

Afro-Semitic Experience This multicultural soul music concert merges the music of African American pianist, Warren Byrd and Jewish bassist, David Chevan. Wednesday, August 20 at 7:00 p.m. Museum at Eldridge Street, 12 Eldridge Street (212) 219-0888. \$18

FROM THE ECOLOGY DESK

Get Your Hands in Summer Soil CHERP (Community Hooked on East River Park) is hosting a summer volunteer day on Sunday, August 17 from 10am to 2pm. Everyone is welcome, including children with parents. Activities include weeding, pruning, planting and composting. Gloves and tools are provided and you are welcome to simply drop by. East River Park Boat House near the Seal Park at the foot of Grand Street. (212) 477-4022. www.cherpnyc.org.

Celebration by the East River The Lower East Side Ecology Center (LESEC) is celebrating its 21st anniversary on Saturday, September 6 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the East River Park Amphitheater. Wine, beer and hors d'oeuvres will be served, special musical guests will perform, and this year a silent auction (featuring a Mac laptop) will raise funds for this important park organization. There will also be

great raffle prizes throughout the evening. LESEC hosts weekly fishing and composting seminars in the summer and is responsible for a large composting program in Manhattan, including the collection at Union Square Market and the 24/7 drop-off site at the garden on 7th Street between Avenues B and C. Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$65 at the door. (212) 477-4022 or www.lesecologycenter.org.

MORE LES RESTAURANTS

Some of the best restaurants in the city are right in our neighborhood and within walking distance of our homes! This issue features some of our area's higher-end restaurants that are expensive and require reservations. **WD-50** at 50 Clinton Street is worth the splurge, featuring unusual and creative American-Eclectic dishes in a dramatic setting. (212) 477-2900, www.wd-50.com. **APIZZ** is a hip, upscale Italian eatery where most dishes are prepared in the rustic wood oven. 217 Eldridge Street (near Rivington) (212) 253-9199, www.apizz.com. **SUBA** at 109 Ludlow Street is an alluring, sexy and romantic Spanish restaurant with a grotto and moat! (212) 982-5714, www.subanyc.com. Try **STANTON SOCIAL** at 99 Stanton Street (near Ludlow) for inspired, globe-trotting small plates. (212) 995-0099, www.thestantonsocial.com. And **ALIAS** at 76 Clinton Street features upscale twists on bistro food. (212) 505-5011, www.aliasrestaurant.com.

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