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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.

ELECTION UPDATE

It's that time of year again! East River is holding its annual elections for the Board of Directors and the House Committee. There are several openings on each and now is the time to submit your bio. While the Board's focus is primarily financial, the House Committee concentrates on quality-of-life issues. If you are interested, submit a bio and a photo on an 8 ½ x 11 page to the management office by **Tuesday, October 7**. Your bio and photo will be included in the election package which will be distributed to all shareholders. The elections will be held on Tuesday, November 18. Serving on the board or house committee is a great way to make a difference, get involved, contribute to your community and have your voice heard.

CALLING ALL GRAPHIC ARTISTS

The House Committee is currently working on designing new signs for the entrances to our buildings. While our beloved black and gold signs have served us well for over 50 years, it is time to look forward to the next 50 years. Our hope is to create signage that accurately reflects the current and future nature of our co-op. The new signs will improve the aesthetic appeal of

our buildings as well as protect and increase the value of our property. If you are a graphic designer and would like to contribute your talent to this important project, please email us at glarry17@aol.com.

THE GOLDEN RULE

East River's outdoor spaces, beautiful flowers and lush grass are among our most valuable amenities. In warm or moderate weather, East River's gardens and play areas provide great spaces for recreation and socializing for children and grownups alike. Since we all share these areas, please follow a few simple rules to keep them clean and safe so that they can be enjoyed by everyone. Do not leave papers, plastic items, or food wrappers on the benches or grass. If you find any of these items, place them in the trash bin. Although our maintenance staff does a great job, it is helpful if everyone makes a contribution. Plastic bags, in particular, have a way of finding their way into our trees. Make sure that you (or your nanny or babysitter) keep watch on your children, ensuring their safety and that of others and preventing them from using the park as a bathroom. Do not feed pigeons or squirrels, ride bikes or bring dogs into the parks. Let's all work together to keep our outdoor spaces beautiful.

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TIMEBANK SUCCESS

The recent TimeBank presentation and orientation was a huge success. It was attended by more than 50 people, the food was great and many people signed up to join the TimeBank. The TimeBank is a free program whereby you trade time for services. If you were unable to attend the event and are interested in joining or getting more information, please contact Mashi Blech at (212) 609-7811 or at Mashi.Blech@vnsny.org.

ECOLOGY DESK

Electronic Recycling Days

Do you have an old cell phone or computer that you don't know what to do with? **The Lower East Side Ecology Center** is sponsoring several electronic recycling days when you can drop off unwanted cell phones, computers, monitors, printers, stereos and TVs. They welcome just about all electronic devices whether they are working or not and will make sure that they are properly recycled. The dates are Saturday and Sunday, October 11 and 12 from 10am to 4pm and Monday, October 13 from 4pm to 7pm. The location is First Avenue between 67th and 68th Streets on the west side of the street. Donations are tax deductible.

East River Park Volunteer

Days Community Hooked on East River Park (CHERP) is having two **Fall volunteer days** on Saturday, October 25 from 10am – 2pm and Sunday, November 2 from 10am – 2pm. Meet at the East River Park boat house at the foot of Grand Street to prune, weed, plant and

compost. It's your chance to help beautify the park by cultivating planting beds and adding compost and mulch to garden areas. Gloves and tools will be provided. Everyone is welcome, regardless of age or skill.

MORE LES RESTAURANT REVIEWS

There are so many new and exciting restaurants in our neighborhood, it would be impossible to cover them all. The **Noodle Bar** at 172 Orchard Street (212-228-9833) is a real find. It is inexpensive, open and very high quality. You will be amazed at the freshness and creativity of the salads and other dishes, such as Asian-tinged fish and chips. It's no secret that **Essex** at 120 Essex Street (212-533-9616) is packed for weekend brunch but the trick is to go there for a weeknight dinner. The food is imaginatively prepared with Latin-Jewish accents, the prices are moderate and the space on the north side of the Essex Street Market is soaring. **Schiller's** at 131 Rivington Street (212-260-4455), while not new, is lots of fun and worth a visit for reliable Paris bistro fare with an upscale twist. Be sure to check out the unusual unisex restrooms! **Inoteca** at 98 Rivington Street (212-614-0473) is a grazer's paradise, serving wine and small plates of excellent Italian cheeses, meats and paninis.

CULTURE CORNER

Here are just a few of the upcoming events that our increasingly fascinating neighborhood has to offer.

The Society Dance, live music and language are mixed together by

the internationally acclaimed **Jo Stromgren Kompani**. Abrons Arts Center, 468 Grand Street, Wednesday-Sunday, October 15-19 at 8:30 pm \$25

Citizen's Band Performing an original show, this spirited and sexy cabaret group tackles such issues as war, poverty, fear and xenophobia. Abrons Arts Center, 468 Grand Street, Thursday-Saturday, October 23-25 at 8 pm \$25

Dracula The **Urban Youth Theater's** performance of *Dracula* is just in time for Halloween. Come in costume and get in for half price! Abrons Arts Center, 468 Grand Street, October 30-November 2, \$10/\$5 seniors and students

Peter Quinn on *Banished Children of Eve* The author of this New York civil war era novel talks to historian Robert Scally about stock market crashes, gangs, racism and other period issues. Tenement Museum, 108 Orchard Street, Thursday, October 16 at 6:30 pm FREE

A Living Lens Alana Newhouse presents historic photographs of Jewish life from the early pages of *The Forward*, Tenement Museum, 108 Orchard Street, Tuesday, October 28 at 6:30 pm FREE

The New Museum of Contemporary Art FREE admission Thursdays from 7-10 pm. 235 Bowery (212) 609-7811. Come and see NYC's newest museum!

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