FLEA BOUTIQUE
East River’s NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) is holding its annual Flea Boutique. This NORC fundraiser will be held on Sunday, November 16 in the Community Room at 477 FDR Drive from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be lots of great items for sale, including hand-knitted sweaters, hats and baby blankets, leather goods, books, jewelry, household items and much, much more. Come on down on Sunday afternoon to pick up a bargain and help our seniors at the same time.

ELECTIONS – AGAIN?
Just when we were breathing a collective sigh of relief at the end of our presidential election, it’s time to focus on our own co-op elections. East River is holding its Annual Meeting and elections on Tuesday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ralph Lippman Auditorium at 551 Grand Street. Four positions are available on the Board of Directors and three positions on the House Committee. Biographies and pictures of the candidates are included in the package you recently received in the mail. If you can’t make the meeting in person, detailed proxy instructions are in the package as well. Hope to see everyone at the elections!

DIGITAL IS COMING – ARE YOU READY?
February 17 is the day when the entire country will switch to digital television. If you subscribe to a cable service, you’re all set. But if you use the Master Antenna, you must get a DTV converter box in order for your TV to work. Here’s what you need to do. You are entitled to up to two coupons (one for each TV), each worth $40, that will roughly cover the cost of the converter box. You can get the coupons by calling 888-DTV-2009 or at www.dtv2009.gov. Take the coupons to an electronics store and ask for the DTV converter box. The electronics store will explain how to connect the box but if you have difficulty, call 888-DTV-2009. The good news is that after February 17 your picture quality will be crisper, clearer and brighter.

FIOS IS COMING TO TOWN
You may have noticed that workmen are busy installing new cable and molding in our hallways. Building 4 is already complete and by the end of January, all buildings will have the new cable. The advantage here is choice and Fios will offer bundled packages, including high-speed internet, home phone, cable TV and wireless. Look for a mailing from Verizon explaining the new service.
RESTAURANT RANTS AND RAVES
Sonia Rose just opened a few weeks ago, conveniently located in our own Restaurant Row at 74 Orchard Street, between Grand and Broome Streets (212-260-5317). It offers a prix fixe dinner menu with limited but excellent and creative choices. Appetizer, entrée, desert and amuse bouche are included for $27. The soaring space is warm, inviting and has lots of art. Until they get their liquor license, BYOB. Panade is a most unusual find. It is located in a tiny space at 129 Eldridge Street, between Delancey and Broome (212-219-3297, www.panade.com). They make delicious, hand-filled cream puffs. The pastry puffs are filled with vanilla or chocolate custard and fruit. They also make puffs filled with ham and cheese, herbs or cheese. They’re inexpensive at $1.25 each for the lunch puffs and $2.00 each for the desert puffs. They also serve cappuccino at a small counter.

CALLING ALL TUTORS
Since we have so many excellent teachers living at East River, we thought we would hook up teachers willing to do tutoring with students looking for a tutor. If you teach math, science or foreign languages, and would like to do tutoring, send us an email at glarry17@aol.com or contact us through the management office. Similarly, if you have a child who needs tutoring, contact us and let us know the subject. We will put students or their parents in touch with tutors and they will coordinate the details.

CULTURE CORNER
These are just a few great events taking place in our fascinating neighborhood in November.

From Eve to Dawn: A History of Women in the World of Marilyn French. The author of The Women’s Room discusses her latest work with Jessica Valenti, a leading young feminist and editor of Feministing.com. Wednesday, November 19 at 6:30 pm at the Tenement Museum, 108 Orchard Street. FREE

Nutcracker in the Lower
The Urban Ballet Theater performs its version of this classic Tchaikovsky ballet using flamenco, Asian and hip-hop-hop. November 29-30 at 3 and 7:30 pm at Abrons Arts Center. 468 Grand Street. $15

Underground at the Abrons: Jesse Harris
Grammy award winning composer, Jesse Harris performs an evening of romantic, intimate and wistful songs, including Don’t Know Why, which helped launch Norah Jones’s career. Friday, November 21 at the Abrons Arts Center, 468 Grand Street. $10

The New Museum of Contemporary Art
FREE admission Thursdays from 7-10 pm. 235 Bowery (212) 609-7811.

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Sabrina Locks leads a discussion about the concept of artistic research and current art educational trends. Thursday, November 20 at the New Museum, 235 Bowery (212) 219-1222

The Pages In Between
Author, Erin Einhorn will tell her story about her family and the Holocaust and read from her book, The Pages In Between. Monday, November 17 at the Tenement Museum, 108 Orchard Street. FREE

Get Weird: Luchens and Sahra Motalebi
Rob Lowe (from 90-Day Men) makes unusual, haunting, soulful music using wordless voice and primitive acoustic guitar along with throbbing synthetic sounds. Thursday, November 20 at 7:30 pm at the New Museum, 235 Bowery (212) 219-1222. $10

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