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THE HOUSE COMMITTEE is a group of your East River Co-op 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 our new email address, erhousecommittee@gmail.com or through the Management Office, 530 Grand Street. All written suggestions or concerns will be discussed at our meetings.

THE ELECTION IS COMING - AGAIN!

Don't forget – East River's election and annual meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. The reason for this new date is that we lacked a quorum at our annual meeting in November and it had to be rescheduled. It is crucial that you attend the meeting or at least submit a proxy. You will be receiving a package from Management in the near future with proxy and voting instructions. Also, if you have been thinking about doing service, this is your opportunity. Candidate forms are available in the Management Office; you will be asked submit a one page biography and photo. While the Board focuses on financial issues, the House Committee is concerned with quality-of-life issues. Remember – voting is an important way to have your voice heard, so mark your calendars for March 12 at 7:30 p.m.

PAUL TAYLOR UPDATE

As you probably know by now, the **Paul Taylor Dance Company** has moved its world headquarters and rehearsal space to East River. This world-renowned dance company sets the global standard for contemporary dance excellence. Since the company's founding in 1954, Mr. Taylor has

choreographed 129 dances, many of which have attained iconic status, and have been celebrated throughout the world. The Company has performed in more than 520 cities and 62 countries. Martin Kagan, Executive Director of the Paul Taylor Dance Company says, "After a very long search, we are thrilled to have found a perfect space in Manhattan for Mr. Taylor and his companies...we're happy to say that we've found a gem that meets and exceeds our expectations." He went on to say that when Mr. Taylor saw the space he instantly fell in love with it, noting the extraordinary number of windows, light and vibrant neighborhood. The new space will be used to choreograph two new dances each year and as rehearsal space when not touring nationally or internationally. The documentary film, **Dancemaker**, about the **Paul Taylor Dance Company**, was nominated for an Academy Award in 1999. Mr. Kagan was initially approached by Harold Jacob, East River's General Manager, following a **New York Times** article in October about the dance company's search for a new location. James Dart of D Architects is designing the space and the dance company has signed a 20 year lease. Welcome, **Paul Taylor Dance Company**.

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RESTAURANT RANTS AND RAVES

Great news! **Sonia Rose**, a superb new restaurant on Orchard and Grand, is offering a special promotion for East River residents only. On Tuesday nights, for a limited time, **Sonia Rose** will waive its \$27 per person prix fixe charge for East River residents and you will be responsible for alcohol, tax and tips only. You must make a reservation, say you live in East River Co-op and read about the promotion in the **East River News**. Space is limited, so make your reservation early. **Sonia Rose** offers creative four-course dinners including an amuse bouche, appetizers such as ginger salmon cakes, warm vegetable terrine and baby greens with roasted grapes. Entrees include free range hen with portobello truffle sauce, steamed atlantic salmon with green curry paste, saffron and champagne beurre blanc as well as braised angus short ribs with roasted cauliflower. The owners of **Sonia Rose** are very proud of their cuisine and would like us to spread the word. Beginning this weekend they now offer a brunch menu too, which promises to be excellent. **Sonia Rose** is a wonderful restaurant and this is an outstanding promotion. 74 Orchard Street (between Grand and Broome Streets) (212) 260-5317.

SNOWSCRAPERS – WINTER JAM 09

This is another example of how our neighborhood has become the new, hot destination. **Winter Jam**, an exciting Parks Department event, is moving from Central Park to our own East River Park! Held at the ball field at Houston Street, the city will create one of the largest snow playgrounds in the world in our own neighborhood. Festivities will be held the afternoon and early evening of Thursday, February 5, and will include professional snowboarders and live music, and all day on Saturday, February 7. Free activities include sleigh rides, arts and crafts and a warming hut with free food and drinks from local vendors. Paid activities include snowshoe and cross country ski rentals provided by the Olympic Regional Development Authority. There will also be snow flumes and a three lane sledding hill with tubes, provided by Gore Mountain. This is an amazing winter event not to be missed!

CULTURE CORNER CARNEGIE HALL

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERT: MUSIC UNLOCKED This is a free concert performed by a collective of musicians to convey the beauty and relevance of chamber music in new ways. Abrons Arts

Center, Sunday, January 25 at 3pm. **FREE**

CLARE & THE REASONS Clare Muldaur Manchon performs soulful and dreamy renditions of 1920's Parisian café music. Abrons Arts Center, Saturday, January 31 at 8:30 pm, \$10.

THE GREEN SCENE CABARET This is an exciting event sponsored by the **Theater of the New City** to finance its ecological new green roof and solar element. Talented musicians, actors and comedians will perform for free and all proceeds will benefit the green cause. Theater for the New City, 155 First Avenue, Monday, January 26 at 8 pm, \$7.50.

THEATRE IS DEAD AND SO ARE YOU A song and dance, melodramatic, and very funny funeral for the stage. Now until January 31, Connelly Theater, 220 East 4th Street, (212) 868-4444, \$18.

FROM BOTTOM TO TOP

ARCHITECTURE TOUR A behind-the-scenes tour of this 1887 national historic landmark, Eldridge Street Synagogue, 12 Eldridge Street, Sunday, January 25 at 2 pm, \$10/\$8

NEW MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART Admission is free to this exciting new museum, Thursday nights only from 7 – 9 pm, 235 Bowery

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