

# EAST RIVER NEWS

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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](mailto:erhousecommittee@gmail.com) or through the Management Office, 530 Grand Street. All written suggestions or concerns will be discussed at our meetings.

## **DON'T FORGET THE ELECTION – WE NEED YOUR HELP**

East River's election and annual meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. at P.S. 134, 293 East Broadway. As you may know, 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 have received a package from Management with detailed proxy and voting instructions as well as biographies and photos of the candidates for the Board and House Committee. If you can make the meeting, it is best that you vote in person, but if you cannot make the meeting, please make sure you follow the instructions to vote by proxy. Remember – voting is an important way to have your voice heard, so mark your calendars for March 12 at 7:30 p.m.

## **STAY FIT, FIRM AND FABULOUS AT EAST RIVER**

Our beautiful, state-of-the-art **fitness center** is one of East River's greatest amenities and it is accepting new members. The equipment is continually being updated and the space is attractive, bright, centrally air conditioned and pleasant. The gym is open 24 hours a day and has all the equipment you could possibly want. The monthly

membership fee is a fraction of outside gyms – call the Management Office to get started. East River also has **aerobics classes** twice a week to help keep you in shape. The classes are held Mondays from 7 pm to 8 pm and Thursdays from 6:45 pm to 7:45 pm and are for women only (sorry, guys). Come on down 10 minutes before the class and the experienced instructor will get you started. A nominal membership fee in the women's club is required.

## **BRIDGE BLACKOUT BLUNDER**

If you are lucky enough to have a view of the graceful and majestic expanse of the Williamsburg Bridge, you have probably noticed that the necklace lighting has been coming on irregularly and on some nights not at all. The head engineer of bridges has assured **East River News** that the system that turns on the bridge necklace lighting will be adjusted and should be operating properly within the next few days.

## **COMMUNITY ROOM FACELIFT**

Our spacious community room has been given a well-deserved facelift complete with new window treatments and fresh paint. The community room is available for parties and events through the Management Office.

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## EXTREME MAKEOVER:

### CORLEARS HOOK PARK

Community Board 3 is planning to renovate and upgrade *Corlears Hook Park* and they are asking us as well as other members of the community for input. The community board wants to know what we would like to see in the restored park. *Corlears Hook Park* is on the FDR Drive and Cherry Street adjacent to Building 1, so East River residents have a vested interest in the future of the park. If you have any ideas or would like to attend a planning session, call (212) 533-5300 or go to [www.nyc.gov/html/mancb3](http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb3) to find the date and location of the next meeting. The community board also holds grass roots sessions for East River Park waterfront development. If you get involved, you can expect to see your input in the final product.

## DISCOUNTS FOR PAUL TAYLOR PERFORMANCES

Our new neighbor, *Paul Taylor Dance Company*, is performing at New York's *City Center* from February 25 through March 15. They are performing 19 different dances by Paul Taylor, including the New York premier of *Changes*, which features nostalgic songs of the 1960s by The Mamas & The Papas. A *New York Times* dance critic has called another premier, *Beloved Renegade*, "the best new

choreography." The *City Center* is located at 130 W. 56<sup>th</sup> Street and tickets start at \$10, (212) 247-7430 [www.nycitycenter.org](http://www.nycitycenter.org). For the ER resident 25% discount, use promo code NYRB (telephone) or 4458 (website).

## RESTAURANT RANTS AND RAVES

If you haven't taken advantage of *Sonia Rose's* promotion for East River residents, you're missing a great night out. *Sonia Rose* is continuing its generous promotion through the end of February. Just call for a reservation on any Tuesday night, say you live in East River Co-op and read about the promotion in *The East River News*. Dinner will be on the house with the exception of drinks, supplements and tips. *Sonia Rose* is a wonderful restaurant and deserves our support. Another new, local restaurant worth trying is *Café Petisco* at 189 East Broadway (212) 387-0366. The cuisine is Middle Eastern/Mediterranean and they serve interesting, unusual and reasonably priced dishes in a cozy, casual and offbeat setting.

## CULTURE CORNER

The Lower East Side continues to be at the epicenter of the arts world. Here are just a few of our area's upcoming events.

**WHO MURDERED LOVE?** Is a musical comedy set in 1924 New

York and in a Paris dreamscape. Theater for the New City, 155 First Avenue (212) 254-1109, March 5 – 22, \$12

## THE GRAND STREET FOLLIES

**2009.** This is a benefit for *God's Love We Deliver* featuring some big names in live theater, Abrons Arts Center, 468 Grand Street (212) 598-0400, [www.henrystreet.org](http://www.henrystreet.org), February 27-28 at 8pm

**SOMETHING STOLEN...WELL, BORROWED,** a comedy using dance, live music and theater about a wedding gone awry, Abrons Arts Center, March 6-7 at 8pm, [www.henrystreet.org](http://www.henrystreet.org)

**GREAT WHITE AMERICAN TEETH,** comedian Fiona Walsh performs a one-woman comedy show about a small town young woman from Ireland who will do anything to come to America. The Museum at Eldridge Street, 12 Eldridge Street, March 18 at 7pm \$15/\$12 seniors, [www.eldridgestreet.org](http://www.eldridgestreet.org)

## LES STORIES: LOVE IN NEW

**YORK,** H.R. Britton and a group of storytellers pay a post holiday tribute to Valentine's Day, Tenement Museum, 108 Orchard Street, (212) 431-0233, [www.tenement.org](http://www.tenement.org)

## NEW MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

Admission is free on Thursday nights from 7-9pm, 235 Bowery

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