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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 co-op 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.

TIME FOR A NEW AIR CONDITIONER?

It's summer – time to start thinking about a new energy-efficient air conditioner. There are some great prices on models that will both reduce your electric bill and efficiently cool your apartment. If you would like to install or remove an air conditioner, call the **Maintenance Office** at (212) 677-5744 and make an appointment to have your air conditioner professionally installed or removed. The fee is \$35 for installation and \$15 for removal. Stay cool!

GRAND STREET GREENMARKET IS HERE

The Grand Street Greenmarket has finally opened. The market's season began on July 5 and will be open every Sunday through November 22. The hours are 8am-4pm, and it is located on Grand Street between Norfolk and Essex Streets. Shopping at your local greenmarket promotes regional agriculture and ensures a continuing supply of fresh, local fruits and vegetables for New Yorkers. Quality baked goods are also available at the market. For more information and for the location of other local greenmarkets, visit the **Council on the Environment of New York City's** website, www.cenyc.org. See you at the market!

TEXTILE AND CLOTHING RECYCLING

Did you know that almost 6% of New York City's waste is textiles? Yet they are 100% recyclable. You can donate your unwanted clothing and textiles at Tompkins Square Park, Avenue A and East 7th Street. Acceptable donations include used clothing, towels, sheets, shoes, hats and anything else made of fabric. Textiles are collected every Sunday from 8am to 4pm and receipts will be provided for tax purposes. While we're on the topic of recycling, why not take down your collection of wire hangers to your local dry cleaners? They will be glad to have them and you will welcome the space in your closets. You will be helping the environment and increasing your closet space at the same time.

GARDENING DAY AT EAST RIVER PARK

CHERP (Community Hooked on East River Park) is holding a **Gardening Day** on Saturday, July 25 from 10am to 2pm. Meet at the boathouse behind the seals at the foot of Grand Street. The park is looking beautiful and our neighbors have done the work. There will be weeding as well as applying woodchips and compost. Light refreshments, tools and gloves will be provided.

TENNIS ANYONE?

This is one of New York's best kept secrets – tennis with river views! There are twelve regulation tennis courts in East River Park just north of the Williamsburg Bridge. Permits are available and cost as little as \$7 per session. Season permits are also available. Visit www.nycgovparks.org for more information. In addition, East River Park offers FREE tennis lessons throughout the summer. Registration is on-site, Mondays/Wednesdays 1-4pm at the tennis courts.

CULTURE CORNER

This summer the **River to River Festival** is presenting a wide variety of events in the *East River Park Bandshell* just steps from our homes. The program will span genres from opera to Shakespeare to contemporary drama and modern dance. Here are just a few performances.

Metropolitan Opera Summer Recital The Met's annual concerts in the parks are among the most beloved summer traditions in the city. Joyce El-Khoury, soprano, Keith Miller, bass and Vlad Iftinca, pianist will perform. The host will be actor Francois Battiste. Friday, July 31 at 7pm FREE

www.metropera.org/parks

Theater in a Box: Essential Shakespeare – I Dream a Little Dream Based on Shakespeare's classic comedy **A Midsummer Night's Dream** and presented by NYU Tisch School of the Arts. Tuesday, August 4 at 8pm FREE

Dirt Rich by Chisa Hutchinson. A play about a group of urban pre-teens that find money buried beneath their playground. Wednesday, August 5 at 8 pm FREE

Tania Isaac Dance, Ballet Noir, Master Class Instructor: Calvin Wiley Tania Isaac Dance fuses choreography with social commentary mixing modern and Caribbean aesthetics. **Ballet Noir**, by integrating various modes of artistic expression, makes ballet more accessible to the general public. **Calvin Wiley** blends distinctive forms of dance with twenty-six equally distinctive personalities, Saturday, August 15 at 4 pm FREE

Morphoses/The Wheeldon Company. An exciting and interactive program that includes an educational component, a session of dance instruction, and a short performance. The performance demonstrates the relevancy of ballet to our everyday existence. Sunday, August 16 at 4 pm FREE

Arlo Guthrie – Four Nights of Peace, Love & Music: A Tribute to Woodstock. Arlo showcases his own mixture of folk, rock, country and blues. This performance is at the Castle Clinton Monument in Battery Park, Thursday, July 30 at 7pm FREE

RESTAURANT RANTS AND RAVES

Here are a few interesting and exciting restaurants right in our neighborhood. **Antibes Bistro** is new to our area and is part art gallery and part restaurant. Try the roquefort and poached pear

salad or king crab ravioli. 112 Suffolk Street near Delancey (212) 533-6088, www.antibesbistro.com. Try **Cocoa Bar** for their signature drink – chocolate (espresso, steamed milk and pure melted chocolate). They also serve wine and breakfast treats such as chocolate-chip challah. 21 Clinton Street, (212) 677-7417. **Fat Hippo** recently opened in the former space of 71 Clinton, the original Clinton Street restaurant pioneer. **Fat Hippo** serves a funky take on American comfort food. Try the chili-and-chocolate glazed spare ribs. 71 Clinton Street, (212) 228-0994. **Café Katja's** Austrian cuisine continues to be very popular and is owned by an East River resident. Try the red cabbage salad with lingonberry, apple and walnuts, 79 Orchard Street, (212) 219-9545. **Allen & Delancey** is a delightful and upscale eatery serving unusual dishes in an alluring and intimate space filled with candles, mirrors, velvet, books and bricks. 115 Allen Street, (212) 253-5400 (expensive). **1492 Food** is a Spanish tapas restaurant serving such dishes as salty-sweet bacon-wrapped, almond-stuffed dates. 60 Clinton Street, (646) 654-1114. **Brown Café** uses the highest quality ingredients in their extraordinary salads and baked egg dishes. Open for brunch and dinner daily. 61 Hester Street, (212) 477-2427

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