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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 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.

GET READY FOR THE ELECTION

East River is holding its Annual Meeting and election on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. at P.S. 134, 293 E. Broadway. It is crucial that you vote, either in person or by proxy, since we lacked a quorum at our last election. You will be receiving a package from Management in the near future which will include detailed proxy instructions as well as biographies of the candidates. If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, please remember to send in your completed proxy. There are several positions available both on the Board and the House Committee. While the Board's focus is primarily financial, the House Committee concentrates on quality-of-life issues. If you are interested in running, contact the management office by Tuesday, October 6. Serving on the Board or the House Committee is a great way to get involved, have your voice heard and make a difference. Mark your calendar for November 18 and remember to vote!

COME TO THE FLEA BOUTIQUE

East River's NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) is holding its annual **Flea Boutique** on Sunday,

November 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Community Room at 477 FDR Drive. The event will feature a collection of hand-knitted children's items including baby blankets, sweaters and hats as well as books, toys and quality handbags. You might also find handcrafted jewelry, pottery, picture frames and paintings. This is a fundraiser for NORC and a great opportunity to pick up some beautiful pieces at bargain prices. See you there!

PAUL TAYLOR NEWS

The Paul Taylor Dance Company has finally begun the \$2.5 million renovation of its rehearsal space above Fine Fare. The architect's design will incorporate the space's mid-century elements in a contemporary, functional and appealing design. The renovation project is being funded almost entirely by donations through the **Paul Taylor Dance Foundation**. In celebration of Paul Taylor's 80th birthday, tickets are available for only \$8 for all seats for the dance company's matinee performance on Saturday, March 6. Regular ticket prices are as much as \$135 so this is a real birthday gift from Paul Taylor to us. Tickets may be purchased at ptdc.org or call (212) 431-5562.

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RESTAURANT RANTS AND RAVES

We are fortunate at East River to have Chinatown within walking distance of our homes. **Dim Sum** is the Asian combination of breakfast, lunch and brunch and is served from early in the morning until around 2 p.m. **Dim Sum** means “to touch your heart” and consists of a wide variety of dumplings, steamed and fried dishes and other small hors d’oeuvres-like offerings. Dishes are wheeled about on rolling carts and you say yes or no when the server approaches. **Dim sum** desserts are great too – egg custard tarts and sesame or bean paste rice balls are typical offerings. **Oriental Garden** is rated one of the best **dim sum** restaurants by Zagat’s and is located at 14 Elizabeth Street near Canal (212) 619-0085. Seafood is the specialty here. **The Golden Unicorn** is a huge **dim sum** palace located on two floors of an office building. You will be given a number by the receptionist in the lobby and you will wait. It is very popular so get there early. 18 E. Broadway, (212) 941-0911. **Ping’s** at 22 Mott Street (212) 602-9988 is considered by many to serve New York’s best **dim sum**. **Mandarin Court** at 61 Mott Street has a loyal following and a seemingly endless variety of **dim sum** items, (212) 608-6838. **Jing Fong** at 20 Elizabeth Street gets

rave reviews for serving some of the best **dim sum** in the city, (212) 964-5266. **Dim Sum GoGo** at 5 East Broadway doesn’t use the cart system, but you can order excellent **dim sum** any time of the day off the menu. All these restaurants are very reasonably priced and worth a try. See which is your favorite!

AN AMENITY FOR KIDS

Our newly renovated **East River Playroom** is ready for use – and it is fantastic! The new space has created a safe and engaging environment where children can have fun, participate in a variety of activities and enjoy themselves. The playroom features several different areas including arts and crafts, reading center, general play, and adult seating and storytelling. The playroom is designed for children up to age 6. Membership is open to all East River residents and the fee is just \$150 per year. To find out about open houses or to join go to <http://group/east-river-playroom> or contact Playroom Membership at erplayroom@gmail.com. The playroom is located in Building 2.

CULTURE CORNER

Long time East River resident **Carl Ambrose** has a very unusual and interesting photography exhibit: **The Future Beneath Us: 8 Great Projects Under New York**. This exhibit features photographs of the water tunnel construction

and water filtration plant beneath our city. The New York Public Library – Science, Industry and Business Library, 188 Madison Avenue at 34th Street (212) 492-7000, www.nypl.org, through October 9. FREE.

IT’S NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT

Hamilton-Madison House and Third Street Music School are sponsoring **The New Horizons Band** for adults 50+ with limited or no music skills. All you need is a desire to learn to play a woodwind or brass instrument. Classes meet Monday and Wednesday mornings at 50 Madison Street. Call Thea at (212) 349-3724 X320.

THE CHASE BROCK EXPERIENCE

New York Magazine hails this dance experience as a mix of Broadway sensibility and rock-and-roll zest. **Chase Brock** is a New York City-based contemporary dance company performing a compelling and unique body of work using live music and artists from a broad range of media. October 8-11, Abrons Arts Center, 466 Grand street, (212) 598-0400, www.henrystreet.org. \$19-45.

STEAMPUNK HAUNTED HOUSE

This work by contemporary performance and installation artists utilizes churning gears, mechanical monstrosities and steam-powered cyborgs to create a terrifying and visually stunning experience perfect for Halloween. Abrons Arts Center, October 28-31. \$20-25 (\$10 students) www.henrystreet.org.

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