

# 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 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. All our newsletter issues will soon be available online.*

## **AND THE WINNERS ARE ...**

East River finally had a quorum at the Annual Meeting in November and the results are in. **Board** members with three year terms are Ellen Gentilviso, John Sotomayor, Lee Berman and Richard Kenny. **Board** members with two year terms are Leonard Greher, Richard Valchich, James Keenan and James Miller. **House Committee** members with three year terms are Judy Aronowitz, Leo Hoenig and Judy Capel and **House Committee** members with two year terms are Fran Plotnick, Jeffrey Super and Kerry Prendergast. Andrea DeFiore and Steve Phillips will be non-voting members of the **House Committee**. Congratulations to all!

## **NEW SIGNS AT EAST RIVER**

The House Committee is very proud of our beautiful new signs. In true cooperative spirit, an article in the **East River News** entitled "Calling All Graphic Artists" asked for talented residents to donate their skills and work together to design new signage. The response was overwhelming and after months of discussion and exchanging of

ideas, a consensus was finally reached. The group decided to go with the design of East River resident and award winning graphic artist Steve Phillips. Steve is President of **Phillips Design** ([sphillips6@nyc.rr.com](mailto:sphillips6@nyc.rr.com), 917-865-9239), which is well known for its work in signage, advertising, branding, marketing, logos, promotion and publication design. Other graphic artists who worked on the committee were Andrea DiFiore, David Flaherty, Shifra Rosenbaum and Cem Turer. House Committee Vice Chair and Newsletter Editor Larry Goldman, with the help of House Committee member Bill Nodine, then presented the concept to the Board of Directors who voted to proceed with the project. The new signs have a contemporary, stylish, sleek and upscale look that will help to improve the appearance as well as the value of our property.



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## MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS!

Ring in the new year at our next **Meet Your Neighbors Night**, which will be held on January 14, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Room, 477 FDR Drive. Join us for a dessert celebration and camaraderie. If you're a new owner, this is a great opportunity to meet others. If you're a long-time resident or anything in-between, this is a wonderful chance to renew old friendships and meet new people. Look for the signs in your buildings and be sure to mark your calendars. See you there!

## AND NOW A WORD FROM MANAGEMENT...

Just a few items to keep in mind for your safety and everyone's well-being:

- Laundry baskets should not be taken out of the laundry room
- Do not sort dirty clothes in laundry baskets – only for clean clothes please
- Secure loose objects on balconies now that windy winter weather is here
- Make sure all Christmas tree lights are in good condition, turn them off when not at home and do not leave open flames unattended

## PROMENADE PROMISE PROGRESS

It won't be long before we have a beautiful new promenade along the river. Workers are busy every day installing pilings, railings and stonework and the project is really

beginning to take shape. The nautically-inspired railings and lamp posts are in all the way down to the Williamsburg Bridge and the undulating theme of the design is apparent all the way down to Grand street. The entrances to the promenade at Grand Street and from the existing renovated park are particularly attractive. The new promenade will be a welcome addition to our community that should improve our quality of life and property values as well.

## SIZE MATTERS

If you're planning a major renovation or simply getting some new furniture or appliances, you will need to know the dimensions of our elevators and apartment doors. The elevator door width is 36 inches. The inside of the cab is 72" x 46" and the height is 90 inches. The apartment door openings are 28.75" by 78.5" and 30.5" wide if the door is removed.

## PUT YOUR SKILLS TO GOOD USE!

Are you a retired or semi-retired professional age 50 or above looking to put lifetime skills and passion to good use? Consider joining **ReServe**. **ReServe** seeks to enhance the lives of retired professionals by connecting them with stipend-paid, part-time opportunities in local non profits and public agencies. Go to **ReServe's** website [www.reserveinc.org](http://www.reserveinc.org) to learn more and to get started. Imagine volunteering and getting paid too!

## RESTAURANT RANTS & RAVES

An unusual and interesting new place has opened at 74 Orchard Street (between Grand and Broome Streets) in the former **Sonia Rose** space. **Bunny Chow** presents South African cuisine. **Zagat** describes it as "festive" with a "meat heavy menu at moderate rates." And while we're on the African continent visit **Les Enfants Terribles** for North African cuisine at 37 Canal Street near Seward Park. Zagat describes it as "lively, flavorful, low-cost French African...in a turning-trendy neighborhood."

## CULTURE CORNER

The **Paul Taylor Dance Company**, now located at East River, is offering our residents 25% off all tickets at all performances. Just use Code **LES** at the box office or through Citytix (212-581-1212). To purchase tickets online, go to [www.nycitycenter.org](http://www.nycitycenter.org) or [www.ptdc.org/nyc](http://www.ptdc.org/nyc) and use Code **5538**. The season runs through March 14 at **City Center**. Thank you Paul Taylor!

Check out **The Map as Art**, an exhibit of creative uses of maps and globes. It's at the **Christopher Henry Gallery** at 127 Elizabeth Street, through January 10.

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