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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 email address, erhousecommittee@gmail.com or through the Management Office, located at 530 Grand Street. All written suggestions or concerns will be discussed at our meetings.

COMING TO A LOBBY NEAR YOU

The East River House Committee is excited to present its 2010-2011 Lobby Get-Together Schedule. Building 1 (453-455-457 FDR Drive) will hold its get-together on Wednesday, October 27 at 6:30 pm and Building 2 (573-575-577 Grand Street) is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10 at 6:30 pm. Building 3 (568-570-572 Grand Street) and Building 4 (473-475-477 FDR Drive) will hold their events in January and February. Everyone is welcome to any of the get-togethers and we especially invite new residents to come on down. Meet your neighbors, make new friends and find out more about our community. Light refreshments will be served.

BETTER BUS BONANZA

Amidst all the transit cutbacks, our neighborhood lucked out with a fantastic new bus - the M21. This convenient bus starts directly in front of the main entrance of Building 4 and will take you to **Whole Foods** door-to-door and to the Number 6 train in minutes. It is a true crosstown bus, going across Houston Street all the way from the LES to the Far West Village, running Monday-Friday only. However, in order to keep this bus, we need to support it. Ridership is low and it is in our best interest to change that. Use it or lose it!

IT'S ELECTION TIME

East River is holding its Annual Meeting and Elections on Tuesday evening, December 14. This year there are several positions available on both the Board of Directors and the House Committee. While the Board's focus is primarily financial, the House Committee concentrates on quality-of-life issues. You will be receiving a package of information from the Management Office within the next few weeks with details about the event. Think about getting involved. It's a great way to have your voice heard and make a difference. See you at the election!

SMALL PACKAGE SERVICE AT EAST RIVER

Like to shop online? Are you expecting something from Fedex? East River can help. In the "ship to" section of your order, just have your package addressed to you c/o East River Maintenance Office, 568 Grand Street, New York, NY 10002. Make sure you include your name and your apartment number next to your name. An East River staff member will put a notice under your door when the package arrives and you can pick up your package any time before 10 pm, seven days a week. Remember, this is only for small packages, not furniture or appliances. Now that's service!

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A NEW RESTAURANT IN AN OLD LOCATION

La Flaca recently opened on Grand Street in the former Two Boots location. The menu is Mexican, reasonably priced and offers lots of vegetarian choices. The owners are enthusiastic, experienced and accommodating. **East River News** has arranged with **La Flaca** for a 15% discount as well as a free Frozen Marguerita for East River residents. Just say you read about the restaurant in the **East River News**. Let's support our new neighbors and stop in for dinner one night. Buen apetito!

A PIZZA SCHOOL ON GRAND STREET?

Pizza A Casa bills itself as a "pizza self-sufficiency center" and recently opened at 371 Grand Street. They hold weekly pizza making workshops on Thursdays from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. and weekends from 12 to 4pm. They also have a small shop which sells all the tools necessary for the art of pizza making. Soon they will be offering pasta making classes as well. East River residents will receive a special discount - just say you read about it in **The East River News**. Visit their website at www.pizzaacasa.com or call Mark Bello at (800) 979-3370. Learn to make perfect pizza at home!

AEROBICS, ANYONE?

Stay firm, fit and fabulous with East River's twice weekly aerobics classes. Great for beginners and experienced exercisers as well. Just show up any Tuesday or Thursday at 7pm and the experienced instructor will fill you in on all the details. Classes are held in the Women's Club, located at 477 FDR Drive through the Community

Room door. Sorry, guys, this is for women only. Try it, you'll love the way you look and feel.

A SCARY HALLOWEEN IN THE HOOD

Our neighborhood is going all out this year with a **Halloween Parade** on Sunday, October 31 from 2 – 3 pm starting at the Emigrant Savings Bank at 465 Grand Street, followed by a **Carnival** from 3 – 7 pm. Tickets are available at the Seward Park Management Office at 513 Grand Street. In addition, East River will have a trick-or-treat list available at the Security Desk in each lobby, showing trick-or-treaters which apartments have treats and when they will be offered. If you want a visit from a little ghost or goblin, sign-up sheets will be available at Lobby Security Desks one week prior to Halloween.

CULTURE CORNER

Our neighborhood has an abundance of exciting and interesting theatrical and artistic events. Here are just a few.

Steampunk Haunted House. "...so fashionable, it's scary" according to **The Village Voice**. This interactive celebration of Halloween is like no other. **Abrons Arts Center**, through October 31, \$20-25 (not for children under 8).

Uptown Downtown. The Great American Songbook is interpreted by cabaret performers KT Sullivan and Mark Nadler. **Abrons Arts Center**, Sunday, November 7 at 3pm, \$20.

Nutcracker in the Lower. Returning for its 9th season, the **Urban Ballet Theater** performs its magical, daring and soleful version of **The Nutcracker**, November 27 - December 5, \$20.

The Museum at Eldridge Street proudly presents its newly designed and installed circular stained glass window. It was designed by artist Kiki Smith and architect Deborah Gans. The design employs ancient stained-glass techniques as well as modern laminated technologies. The Museum offers **Art and Architecture Tours** daily at 11:30 am, 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm. \$10. 12 Eldridge Street, (212) 219-0302, www.eldridgestreet.org. **Tenement Talks** at the **Tenement Museum** presents an evening with Ed Koch's biographer, Jonathan Soffer. **How Am I Doing?** October 26 at 6:30 pm. **Bowery: Past, Present Future.** David Mulkins will discuss the most infamous street in a most infamous city on November 16 at 6:30 pm. **Chinatown Noir.** Master storytellers and authors Henry Chang and Ed Lin talk about Chinatown's darkest, deepest secrets and mysteries. October 27 at 6:30 pm, **Tenement Talks** are presented in the **Museum Shop** at 108 Orchard Street and are **FREE**.

THE HESTER STREET MARKET COMES TO LIFE

Wow! **The Hester Street Market** has become a major destination and is packed with stalls presenting upscale, imaginative food as well as vintage items and crafts. **The Grub Street Food Festival** recently teamed up with **The Hester Street Market** to present a plethora of culinary delights. Open every Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 6 pm on Essex and Hester Streets.

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