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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.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

East River's next **Lobby Get-Together** will be held on Wednesday, February 23 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm in Building 4. This is an opportunity to meet new people and see old friends. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**THE ELECTION IS COMING -
AGAIN**

East River's December 14 Annual Meeting was just a few votes short of a quorum, so we are going to try it again – this time in warmer weather! Our Annual Meeting and Election will now be held on Monday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. at P.S 134 at 293 East Broadway at the corner of Grand Street. There are several positions open 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 and advises and makes recommendations to the Board. You will soon receive a package of information from the Management Office with details about the event, including bios of the candidates and proxy information. Remember, there are three ways to vote. You can either come to the meeting and vote in person, you can mail in a proxy or you can sign a general proxy and allow someone else to vote for you. However you do it, it's really important to have your voice heard and vote. So mark your calendar and let's have an enthusiastic turnout. See you at the election!

USE IT OR LOSE IT

The M21 bus, that is. Just think how lucky we are to have four ways of getting to the F Train. We can either

walk, take the 14A to Essex Street, the M22 to East Broadway or the new M21 to 1st Avenue and Houston or to Broadway/Lafayette to connect to the F, B, D, M or 6. The M21 also takes you to Soho, the West Village and, of course, Whole Foods. During rush hour you can catch the M21 every 12 to 15 minutes in front of Building 4 or 3. At other times it runs every 20 to 30 minutes, so it's good to know the schedule, which you can find at www.mta.info or by calling (212) 949-6288. To get you started, you can catch the M21 in the mornings in front of Building 4 at 6:35, 6:55, 7:12, 7:24, 7:36, 7:48, 8:03, 8:18 and 8:38 am. Ridership is low and it is in our best interest to change that. See you on the bus!

SIZE MATTERS

At East River, that is. If you're planning a major renovation or simply getting some new furniture, appliances or window treatments, you will need to know the dimensions of our elevators and apartment doors. The elevator door width is 36 inches. The inside of the elevator 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. Remember to keep these dimensions in mind when shopping for new furniture or appliances to avoid any unpleasant surprises when your new items are delivered.

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STARBUCKS ON STEROIDS

Berkli Parc is a brand new coffee house on the southwest corner of Delancey and Allen Streets, diagonally across from **Starbucks**. It's both rustic and upscale, with all its delicious and unusual baked goods made fresh on the premises. They will soon have a complete California-inspired sandwich menu as well. The space is thoughtfully designed with interesting lighting and a creative use of distressed wood. There is a large communal table as well as private seating areas, all juxtaposed against expansive views of the neighborhood. The amiable and forward-looking owner-couple have arranged with **East River News** to offer a special discount to East River residents, once the menu is complete. Watch for details. See you at the Parc!

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 gladly 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!

RESTAURANT RANTS AND RAVES

To be filed under **Cheap Eats in the Hood**, here are some great, local

bargains. **Jin**, the Japanese restaurant on Broome Street between Orchard and Ludlow has a Happy Hour featuring \$3 sushi rolls and drinks weekdays from 3:30 – 7pm and weekends from 12:30 – 7pm. **Jin** is located around the corner from a sushi supplier and has some of the freshest sushi in town. It's no wonder that **Vanessa's Dumplings** on Eldridge Street, between Grand and Broome is always crowded, Delicious fried dumplings filled with cabbage, chive and pork are available for \$1 for four and a large serving of assorted meat, seafood and vegetable steamed dumplings is \$5 and enough for two people. Or try the tuna sesame pancake with kimchi for \$2 or sweet and savory chicken and corn soup for \$1.50. Another dumpling bargain is the newly re-opened **Fried Dumpling** at 99 Allen Street, a few doors from the new **Berkli Parc** coffee house. This mom and pop establishment offers most home made, delicious Chinese street food delicacies for \$1. For an unusual taco experience head over to the well-reviewed **Fonda Nolita** at 267 Elizabeth Street, south of Houston. Here Mexican street food is served in a cavernous garage from a vintage Volkswagon bus, making for a flavorful, inexpensive and unusual Mexican experience. **Cheeky**, at 35 Orchard Street (south of Hester) is a newly-opened, inexpensive New Orleans sandwich shop, getting great reviews for its home-made beignets and excellent oyster po-boys. All ingredients, including their distinctive bread, are shipped in from New Orleans and the décor evokes a dream-like vision of the Big Easy in a starving artist sort of way. Happy eating!

CULTURE CORNER

LES is overflowing with theatrical and artistic choices. Here are just a few. **Dolores and North of Providence** at Teatro Latea, 107 Suffolk Street (212-529-1948, www.teatrolatea.com) through February 12. Two searing one-act plays by Edward Allan Baker, reviewed favorably by **The New York Times** and **Backstage**. \$18. **Thunderbird American Indian Dance** at the Theater for the New City (155 First Avenue, (212- 254-1109, www.theaterforthenewcity.net) is an annual dance concert and pow-wow now in its 36th year, featuring traditional Native American music and dancing. Proceeds go to Native American college funds. \$10 (\$1 for kids at matinees), through February 6. **Two Gentlemen of Verona**, an updated version of Shakespeare's play is "lightening caught in a bottle, done in a flash" according to **The New York Times**. Abrons Arts Center, February 3-6, www.henrysteret.org, \$20 (\$15 for seniors). **Get Weird: Colin Stetson and Jon Mueller** is a horn and percussion musical performance by two avant- garde musicians. **New Museum**, 235 Bowery, www.newmuseum.org, (212) 219-1222, \$12. Have you been to the **New Museum** yet? It's free on Thursday nights. **Heart of the City: Nine Stories of Love and Serendipity on the Streets of New York**. Just in time for Valentine's Day, Ariel Sabar tells the true stories of couples whose matchmaker was the City of New York. Tenement Museum, February 15 at 6:30 pm. 108 Orchard St. FREE.

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