

FALL 2011

# News

## East River

### **OUR TREES**

Fear not. Hurricane Irene may have knocked some trees down, but they won't be missing for long. We are happy to report that the trees will be replaced with mature trees that will provide plenty of beauty, fresh air, and shade.

### **TRICK OR TREAT**

Speaking of fear, Seward Park Coop is hosting a Halloween Bash on Monday, Oct. 31 from 4-8. There will be a costume parade (at 4pm), face painting, music, games, food, and trick-or-treating (from 6-8).

### **THE WHEELS ON THE BUS....**

It is important that we continue to support the M-21 bus. The House Committee convinced the City to move the first stop on the M-21 route from the FDR Drive Service Road to a more accessible location on the north side of Grand Street opposite Building 4 and the M-14 and M-22 stop. The M-21's weekday buses provide quick access to most subway lines, including the 6, B, D, F and M at Broadway / Lafayette Street (about 15 minutes), the 1 at Varick Street and the C and E at Sixth Avenue (about 20 minutes). The M-21 runs from 6:35 am and 11:38 pm every 12 to 15 minutes during the morning rush hours, every 20 minutes during the evening rush, and every half hour at most

other times. The M-21 also stops at Lewis and Grand Streets in front of Building 3. And if more passengers begin to use the M-21, we will lobby for additional service, possibly including weekends.

Would you like a bike share in the community? New York City has created a bike share program and is seeking input from residents on where to place the 600 bike racks. You can go to [www.nyc.gov/bike-share.com](http://www.nyc.gov/bike-share.com) to recommend that a rack be installed in our community.

### **EXPLORE YOUR ARTISTIC SIDE**

Our very own Andrea DiFiore has recently sold 10 prints from her "Drowned Flowers" series to the United Nations FCU. The prints will be on display as part of the UN's permanent collection. She also completed her children's book, which is available online at [www.soniasfavoriteplaces.com](http://www.soniasfavoriteplaces.com). Ms. DiFiore is also currently looking for a publisher.

If you want to be scared, the Steampunk Haunted House returns to the Abrams Art Center from Oct. 22-21. Back by popular demand for a third season, the visually stunning, lushly designed Steampunk Haunted House returns and takes audiences into the darker, more terrifying aspects of Lewis Carroll's classic sto-

ries. In this immersive experience, audience members are admitted in small groups, suddenly separated, and thrust into a beautiful and terrifying dreamscape of neo-Victorian elegance and phantasmagoric clockwork horrors. The experience sprawls throughout the three floors of Abrons' majestic century-old playhouse, its innumerable twisting hallways, looming balconies, and labyrinthine cellars. For more information visit [www.steampunkhauntedhouse.com](http://www.steampunkhauntedhouse.com).

For a seemingly-endless calendar of Lower East Side activities for children of all ages, be sure to visit [www.thelodownny.com/calendar/events/](http://www.thelodownny.com/calendar/events/)

### **LOWER EATS SIDE**

Sunday, Oct. 30 is the last day of the Hester Street Fair in 2011. These fun, food-filled fairs are on Sundays from 10-6 at the corner of Essex and Hester and feature many local merchants who could use our appetites and support.

The Lower East Side Youthmarket wraps up its season on Thursday, Oct. 27 from 3-7pm on Grand near Pitt. Modeled after Greenmarket, Youthmarket is a unique solution to food access in New York City. GrowNYC purchases produce from Greenmarket farmers and trains young people from underserved areas of the city to operate a farm

stand in their neighborhood as their own small business. For more information visit [www.grownyc.org/youthmarket](http://www.grownyc.org/youthmarket)

For a sweet treat for Halloween, or any time for that matter, try a delicious cupcake at Sugar Sweet Sunshine Bakery at 126 Rivington Street between Essex & Norfolk. The red velvet is your author's favorite, and while it may be impossible to try all of the flavors, we sure plan to try.

## **PARENTHOOD**

Parents exploring educational opportunities outside of public schools can take advantage of the many resources available through The Parents League ([www.parentsleague.org](http://www.parentsleague.org)). The Parents League is a not-for-profit membership organization of families and private schools, including New York City preschools, K-12 day schools and boarding schools. The Parents League's advisory service offers an unbiased review of private schools to help families in the at-times arduous journey through the admissions process.

For more basic support, our community's own Kira Wizner offers parent coaching for families with children up to age 8 or those who are expecting. Kira's coaching can help your family navigate many of the toughest issues facing new and growing families in a thoughtful and supportive manner. You can reach Kira at [www.askyourfriendkira.com](http://www.askyourfriendkira.com)

## **IT'S ELECTION TIME**

East River is holding its Annual Meeting and Elections on Nov. 29. 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 meeting and election, and a "Meet the Candidates" night has been scheduled for Nov. 21 at 7:00 pm in the Building 4 Community Room. Please be sure to vote!

## **SHOP TIL YOU DROP**

NORC is hosting its annual Flea Market in the Building 4 Community Room on Nov. 20 from 11-3pm. Jewelry, books, and toys will be among the many items for sale.

## **AROUND THE WEB**

The Maintenance Department is available for service 7 days a week from 8 AM until midnight, with Emergency Service through the overnight from midnight until 8 AM. You can call 212-677-5744 (24 hours a day) or you can make a maintenance request by sending an e-mail to [coopmaint@yahoo.com](mailto:coopmaint@yahoo.com) or online at [www.coopvillage.coop/eastRiverHC/erMaintenance.html](http://www.coopvillage.coop/eastRiverHC/erMaintenance.html)

## **EAST RIVER HOUSE COMMITTEE**

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Other Members: Carmen Avelo, Judi Aronowitz, Mary Jo Burke, Judy Capel, Zemka Carra, Fran Plotnik, Sara Shikhman. George Kleiner (Emeritus). Larry Goldman is the Board representative.

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.

This 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 [erhousecommittee@gmail.com](mailto:erhousecommittee@gmail.com) or through the Management Office. All written suggestions or concerns will be discussed at our meetings. Prior versions of East River News are available at <http://www.coopvillage.coop/eastRiverHC/erNewsDocs/>