

SUMMER 2012

# News

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## **THE WHEELS ON THE BUS**

After two years of pressure from the House Committee and local elected public officials, MTA/New York City Transit has announced the following bus improvements and restorations in our community effective January 2013.

The M-9 (Avenue C and East Broadway) route will be restored north from 23rd Street to 29th St via 1st/2nd Avenues and extended west from Park Row to Battery Park City via Warren/Murray Streets and West Street. But there will be no restoration of service from our community to Wall Street and South Ferry via Water Street.

Weekend M-21 (Houston Street) service will be restored from FDR Drive and Grand Street to Washington Street.

The B-39 (Williamsburg Bridge) route from Williamsburg Bridge Plaza in Williamsburg, Brooklyn to Delancey and Allen Streets will be restored.

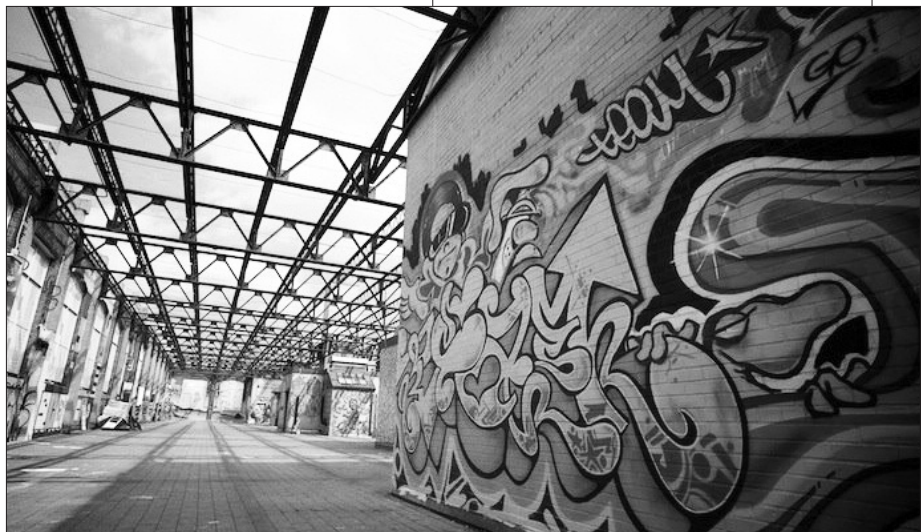
## **MOVIES ON THE ROOF**

Two upcoming movie nights, at 8pm on Friday August 10 (Only the Young) and Friday August 17 (Love

Story), offer a truly unique opportunity to see a film in an extraordinary space. Rooftop Films will offer film screenings in one of New York's great undiscovered rooftop spaces, the Open Road Roof at 350 Grand (Ludlow). The building, which once housed Seward Park High School, is now home to several smaller schools, including Rooftop's partners at New Design High School. The students and staff at New Design have partnered with street artist legends to decorate this magnificent space with dozens of extraordinary graffiti murals that make Open Road Roof a truly unforgettable place to watch films. The rooftop area is being revitalized through the efforts of Open Road of New York, a group founded in 1990 to work with children, teenagers, and adults on outdoor environmental projects. For more information: [rooftopfilms.com](http://rooftopfilms.com).

## **KEEPING HER CHIN UP**

New York City Councilwoman Margaret Chin attended the June 16 meeting of the House Committee and answered a number of questions on a wide range of issues and city services that impact our community. Topics included needed improvements to bus service and transportation generally, the limited public elementary and middle school options in Department of Education District 1 (which includes East River Cooperative), the cleanliness of local streets, the plans for the Seward Park Urban Renewal Area, and the many ways that East River residents can become involved in improving their community, such as volunteering with the Community Education Council. The House Committee is grateful that Councilwoman Margaret Chin engaged this important discussion of the unique needs



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of our community, and the Committee looks forward to a similar upcoming meeting with U.S. Representative for New York's 12th District, Nydia M. Velázquez, and City Councilwoman Rosie Mendez.

7-8, followed by performances by WHITE WAVE Young Soon Kim Dance Company, which just returned from a triumphant tour of Korea and China, and DoubleTake Dance, a New York City-based con-

tended and many stayed to sit on the chairs and benches to talk with new and long-time neighbors. The weather was beautiful, the ice cream was devoured, and the House Committee is considering a repeat event in the fall. Please join us then.



## **ESPLENDID**

A beautiful new section of the East River Esplanade opened in late June and further extends the incredible riverfront just steps from our front doors. The new section, which extends South from the East River Park Fire Boat House to just North of Montgomery Street, allows views of The Statue of Liberty, which can be seen peeking out from under the Manhattan and Brooklyn Bridges.

## **SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARKING LOT**

The name is both clever and accurate. Shakespeare in the Parking Lot features both The Bard and rows of painted lines at the local corner of Ludlow and Broome. Performances include "Coriolanus" August 2 to 18. Both shows play Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 8pm. For more info call 212-873-9050.

## **SUMMERSTAGE**

The annual City Parks Foundation's Summer Stage returns to East River Park's band shell with twelve events beginning with a night of dance performances on August 17 at 7pm, featuring a master dance class from

temporary dance company that strives to connect with a wide range of audiences. Other performances include The Upright Citizens Brigade Presents the All-Stars of Improv (August 19), dueling hip-hop legends DJ Premier and Pete Rock (August 22), and performances of Jason and the Argonauts (August 25-27). Be sure to check <http://www.cityparksfoundation.org/summerstage/> for a complete schedule of shows in East River Park and around the city.

## **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

On June 27th, the House Committee held a wonderfully-attended Ice Cream Social on the lawn between Buildings 1 and 2. More than 200 people are estimated to have at-

## **VERY VALUABLE VARIANCE**

The Board of Directors has announced that East River's management has successfully secured a variance from the New York City Department of Buildings for the park between Buildings 3 and 4 to be reopened on weekends. The variance will be from Friday at 8:00pm until Sunday at midnight every weekend until the Local Law 11 contract is completed. Management also reports that the work is running on schedule.

## **EAST RIVER HOUSE COMMITTEE**

The East River News is brought to you by the House Committee, a group of your East River Cooperative neighbors who are elected to advise the Board and Management Office on issues of importance to shareholders. The committee meets monthly and focuses on several issues, including our grounds, landscaping, maintenance, security, transportation, shareholder communications, community relations, and sustainability. We look forward to your comments and suggestions. You may contact us through the Management Office or confidentially at [erhousecommittee@gmail.com](mailto:erhousecommittee@gmail.com).

