

# News

**MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS NIGHT!**

The House Committee hosted another successful Meet Your Neighbors Night on Jan 15th in Building 1. Cooperators and their families came together to enjoy wine, soda, snacks, and sweets with good cheer and conversation. Save the date! Our next Meet Your Neighbors Night will occur on Feb. 26th from 7-8:30 P.M. in Building 2 (573/575/577 Grand). Beat the Winter blues with this fun community event. We look forward to seeing you.

**COOPERATOR'S CORNER**

We want to get to know you! The East River House Committee is looking for fellow cooperators to profile in future newsletters. Share your stories, why you chose to live in East River, your renovations, and/or your favorite neighborhood spots. Email ERHouseCommittee@aol.com if you want to participate – all cooperators welcome, from newbies to lifelong residents.

**CUT YOUR LATE NIGHT BUS WAIT!**

Does it sometime feel that you are Waiting for Godot while waiting on a M14-A bus to bring you home? There are generally two M14-D buses between the M14-A buses, but no doubt you will watch 3 or 4 'D's go by before an 'A' finally arrives. Stop waiting and try tak-



ing the M14-D, especially late at night when after 10 P.M. you can ask the driver to stop at the traffic light at Lewis Street, and easily walk under the bridge to the East River Cooperatives. After 10 P.M. bus drivers are authorized to stop wherever passengers request, as long as it is a safe location to stop. So don't wait out in the cold, take the M14-D.

**HELP MAKE CORLEARS HOOK PARK BEAUTIFUL**

Friends of Corlears Hook Park was founded by East River resident Michael Marino in October of 2014. The all-volunteer group

works to bring the community together in support of the maintenance and revitalization of the park, promote the park as a vital resource to the community, and provide a space for relaxation, play and programs.

Since the Fall, Friends of Corlears Hook Park have organized two park clean-up days, worked with the DOT to replace damaged and non-working lampposts to make it safer at night, and has partnered with a non-profit called NYC Bark Club on two clean-up projects and funding for fencing for the dog runs. Additionally, they have successfully advocated for the replacement of trees destroyed by Hurricane Sandy, and recently testified in front of the CB3 Transportation Committee about the need for better traffic controls around the park.

Future goals of the group include spring planting days to add color splashes throughout the park, reopening of the comfort station, refurbishing both dog runs, repairing the batting cage, continued clean-up events, and the addition of community programming into the park (yoga, movie nights, performances, etc.).

If you are interested in getting involved with the group or would like more information you can email friendsofcorlears@gmail.com, find the group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Friends-of-CHP or call 646 489-5520.

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## **CULTURAL OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS OVER THE AGE OF 55**

Pace's PARC program kicks off their 2015 program with their Coffee and Culture lecture on February 17th. Dr. David Caputo, former Pace University President, will lead a lecture focused on the Mid-Term Elections. Dr. Caputo is a nationally recognized expert in political science. He teaches a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) specifically on the midterm elections. A MOOC is just what it sounds like: a course of study made available over the Internet without charge to a very large number of people.

The February lecture should be of interest and relevance to us all, as a new Congress, one with a distinctly different makeup, was sworn in this month. Mark your calendars to attend this outstanding presentation on February 17th. The lecture and refreshments will be \$15 per person for non PARC members. Yearly members of PARC, a \$100 membership, will be eligible for all four spring semester lectures as well as other PARC privileges such as access to the library and computer instruction.

## **SEE SOMETHING? SAY SOMETHING!**

Did you know it's easy to report topics of concern to the City via their 311 information line? Recently the House Committee has heard about noise from trucks under the bridge at all hours of the night. If you are affected, please call 311 and make a "noise complaint". The city tracks these and the more people who speak up, the better the chance we can achieve results. You can also report other quality of life topics for the City to address such as public safety, street repair, and transportation

complaints either by 311 or via the online reporting at [www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov).

Please email a copy of your complaint to [ERHouseCommittee@aol.com](mailto:ERHouseCommittee@aol.com). This will enable us to exercise our collective voice when we pursue these issues with elected representatives, Community Board 3 or appropriate City agencies.

Within East River Cooperative, your observations and comments are also helpful to Management regarding things that are in need of attention. Please also say something if you see something of significance on our property that could use repair and may have been overlooked. To easily report this, please use the online reporting tool on the East River Website: <http://coopvillage.coop/maintenance/> and forward the confirmation to the House Committee [ERHouseCommittee@aol.com](mailto:ERHouseCommittee@aol.com) so that we can follow up with our Buildings and Grounds monthly report. As cooperators, we all must work together to keep our Buildings beautiful.

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