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LOOKING TO DO SOME SPRING CLEANING?

Do you have stuff in your apartment that you no longer use taking up valuable space? Rather than deal with the hassle of trying to sell these items, why not donate them for a tax deduction. Below is a list of places that accept donations (some will even come and pick up). We've noted some restrictions below but make sure to check their websites or give them a call for details on what they will and won't accept, plus current hours of operation:

AIDS Service Center of Lower Manhattan
64 W 35th Street, 3rd Floor
212 645-0875
<http://www.ascnyc.org/>
Accepts clothing, toiletries and gifts cards only

Angel Street Thrift Shop
118 West 17th Street
212 229-0546 ext. 2
<http://angelstreetthrift.org>
Free pick-up available for large items only

Bowery Mission
227 Bowery
<https://www.bowery.org/>
Contact Blair Nordby at 646-362-3130 or email donate-goods@bowery.org to inquire about a pickup

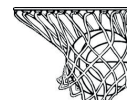
Goodwill Greenwich Village Store
44 West 8th Street
212 477-7024
www.goodwillnynj.org

Housing Works SoHo Thrift Shop
130 Crosby Street
646 786-1200
www.housingworks.org
Free pick-up available for large items only
Also note the existence of a Housing Works drop-box for smaller items valued at less than \$250 located in the basement of Hillman.

Salvation Army
220 East 23rd Street
<https://satruck.org/>
Free pick-up available
Housing Works SoHo Thrift Shop
130 Crosby Street
646 786-1200

UPDATE ON LOCAL PARKS

At a recent Community Board Parks & Recreation meeting an update was given on the progress of the renovations of two area parks. Jackson Playground renovations are 90% complete and the playground is slated to re-open by the end of August. Sol Laim Playground renovations are 70% complete and the playground is slated to re-open by the end of October. In the meantime, people are encouraged to keep using playgrounds and courts available at nearby Corlears Hook and Luther Gulick Parks shown in the map below, and of course East River residents also have access to our private playgrounds and basketball courts.



COMMUNITY BOARD 3

Jamie Rogers, the newly elected Chair of Community Board 3 (CB3), attended a recent meeting of East River's House Committee. Jamie, a former member of our House Committee, discussed the history, structure and role of CB3 and how quality-of-life issues affecting East River can be brought to CB3's attention.

Community Board 3 covers the Lower East Side and part of Chinatown. It has an important advisory role in dealing with land use and zoning matters, the City budget, municipal service delivery and many other matters relating to our community's welfare. The Board, which is made up of volunteer/non-salaried members, is supported by a District Manager (Susan Stetzer) and a 3-person staff who serve as advocates and service coordinators for the community and its residents. Community Boards are local representative bodies. Board members are appointed by the Borough President, with half of them nominated by the City Council members representing the district. Members must reside, work or have some significant interest in the community. In addition there are Non- Board members, known as Public Members, who may apply to join or work on the various Board committees.

CB3 conducts much of its activities through a wide range of committees which focus on specific areas of interest. These include Economic Development; Health, Seniors & Human Services; Transportation & Public Safety/Environment; and Parks, Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Waterfront.

The House Committee monitors the published agendas of CB3 and the various committees to become informed of current issues, and when appropriate

attend and speak at the monthly public meetings. In the past, this has included issues concerning traffic, pedestrian safety and Citi-Bikes. As always, we encourage East River residents to contact us at ERHouseCommittee@aol.com with any concerns about the services affecting our community. This will enable us to elevate these concerns through CB3 to the appropriate City agency. Further information about the Community Board can be found on the NYC website at: www.nyc.gov

MEET THE STAFF



Name: Dineen Casiano
Your position/job at East River Co-op:

Assistant to the General Manager

How long have you worked here:

Almost 6 years

What do like most about working at East River:

What I love about working for East River's management office is each day is never the same as the last. There is always something new to learn and/or someone to help.

What's one thing that the residents of East River would be surprised to learn about you? (for example – do you have any special talents, hobbies, speak other languages, etc.)

My special talent is treating people with respect: life can be hard and sometimes you just don't realize-what a smile on your face can do for someone's day!

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RECEIVE EAST RIVER MANAGEMENT EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS!

Get the info you need wherever you are by signing up for East River's Email Notification System. By providing Management with your email address, you will receive convenient alerts regarding important maintenance issues, emergency or inclement weather situations and other major developments of concern to the coop community. Your email address will be kept private, and personal information will be safeguarded in a conscientious manner. Please visit our web site at www.EastRiverHousing.com and sign-up on the "Contact Us" page.

EAST RIVER HOUSE COMMITTEE

The East River News is brought to you by the House Committee, a group of your East River neighbors, who are elected to advise the Board and Management on quality-of-life issues of importance to shareholders. The committee meets on a regular basis and focuses on the maintenance of our buildings and grounds, security, transportation and sustainability. We welcome your input, questions and suggestions. You may contact us at our email address; ERHouseCommittee@aol.com or in writing through the Management Office at 530 Grand Street. All written requests and suggestions will be discussed at our meetings.

