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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 lobby 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. We look forward to your comments and suggestions. You may contact us confidentially at glarry17@aol.com or through the Management Office, 530 Grand Street. All written suggestions or concerns will be discussed at our meetings.

ELECTION UPDATE – ONE MORE TIME

The date has been set – now all you need to do is show up. East River will be holding its elections and annual meeting on Thursday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. Our November annual meeting lacked a quorum so it had to be rescheduled. Voting is an important way to get involved and have your voice heard. If you are interested in running for a position and did not make the November deadline, this is an opportunity for you. Candidate forms are available at the Management Office. Everyone will be receiving a notice regarding the annual meeting and proxy instructions in February. There are four positions available on the Board and three on the House Committee. While the Board's focus is primarily financial, the House Committee focuses on quality-of-life issues. So mark your calendars for Thursday, March 12 and let's all get out and vote!

PAUL TAYLOR DANCE COMPANY MOVES TO EAST RIVER

Great news! The world-renowned **Paul Taylor Dance Company** is moving to the Ralph Lippman Auditorium in 2009. As announced by Harold Jacob, East River's General Manager, at the

November annual meeting, and as reported in *The New York Times* on November 21, 2008, the internationally acclaimed Paul Taylor Dance Company will set up its headquarters and rehearsal space above **Fine Fare**. According to the *The New York Times*, the lease is for 20 years and they will pay approximately \$300,000 per year, which is less than they were paying for their SoHo space of 20 years. They are losing their space in Soho due to the expansion of the **Banana Republic** below. **Paul Taylor** will renovate the auditorium at its own expense. Two rehearsal spaces with 20 foot ceilings will be created and an elevator will be installed. The dance company will also be renting the former doctor's office in Building 1 while the renovations are progressing. Having a world famous dance company in our community is certainly prestigious and adds a certain cachet to our property. The considerable income is also very attractive. Welcome, Paul Taylor and great work, Heshey.

PACKAGE SERVICE AT EAST RIVER

Address packages, including name and apartment number, to East River Maintenance Office, 568 Grand Street, New York, NY 10002 and you will be notified when they arrive. Great service!

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IS YOUR APARTMENT A SAUNA OR AN ICE BOX?

While it is difficult to regulate the heat in our buildings perfectly, there are steps you can take to improve the temperature of your home. If your apartment is too hot, don't open the windows, just turn off the heat valve in your radiators. When travelling or away from home for even a day it is a good idea to turn off the heat valve, thereby saving fuel and money as well as reducing waste. This is both financially and environmentally sound. If your valves do not work properly, just call the boiler room at (212) 677-2767 to make an appointment to repair the problem at your convenience. Similarly, if your apartment is too cold, call the boiler room and someone will come up to your apartment when you are home to rectify the problem.

RESTAURANT RANTS AND RAVES

Some of the hottest and hippest new restaurants in the city are right in our neighborhood and within walking distance of our homes. Here are just a few. **Shang**, in the super-chic LES Thompson Hotel at 190 Allen Street just opened last week. The cuisine is a fusion of Asian, South American and Mediterranean flavors. The restaurant entrance is secretly located at 187 Orchard Street with no sign or hint of what lies

within, but you can enter through the hotel on Allen Street, (212) 260-7900, shangnyc.com. **Falai** at 68 Clinton Street (between Rivington and Stanton) recently opened. The cuisine is an unusual version of Italian with dessert-like touches on traditional Italian favorites. The owner and chef was a pastry chef at LeCirque. **Sweet and Lowdown** at 123 Allen Street (between Delancey and Rivington) is a recently -opened wine and cheese restaurant featuring wines and cheeses made exclusively in the US. **Café Charbon**, while not new, is worth mentioning as an authentic French bistro. There are two rooms, one a dimly lit bar with tables for dinner and the other a square, spacious corner room with well-spaced tables and a distinctly French feel. The menu is classic French bistro including steak frites, onion soup and goat cheese tempura and the waiters are friendly, French and helpful. 170 Orchard Street, between Rivington and Stanton, (212) 420-7520.

CULTURE CORNER

We are fortunate to have such a wealth of theater and art in our neighborhood. Here is a sampling of upcoming events.

CHAOS & CANDY 7: FULL

FATHOM FIESTA Singing and dancing backed by a rock orchestra tell the wild story of

terrorists in love on a Brazilian-bound cruise ship. Friday-Saturday, December 19-20 at 8:30 p.m., Abrons Arts Center, 468 Grand Street, \$20.

UTE LEMPER: PIRATE JENNY IS

BACK A musical journey through time beginning with Yiddish songs in Berlin and travelling through the back streets of Paris and New York. Friday, January 9 at 8 pm, Abrons Arts Center, \$25.

BIG DANCE THEATER: COMME

TOUJOURS HERE I STAND This group reinvents the classic French new wave film, **Cleo**, for the stage. Friday, January 9 at 4pm and 7pm. New Museum, 235 Bowery, \$20.

KLEZ FOR KIDS

Clarinetist Greg Wall performs with his band, Klezmerfest, including an Eastern European mock marriage. Thursday, December 25 at 12 noon and 2:30pm. Museum at Eldridge Street, 12 Eldridge Street, (212) 219-0888, www.Eldridgestreet.org, \$12/\$8

CARNEGIE HALL

NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERT: THE

ZIMRO PROJECT This unique ensemble incorporates Jewish art music into chamber music programs. Sunday, January 11 at 3pm, Abrons Arts Center, **FREE**

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