

Autumn LTTA Info

from your London Terrace Tenants Association

WE ARE YOUR INDEPENDENT TENANTS ASSOCIATION

Your London Terrace Tenants Association (LTTA) hopes everyone is enjoying the fall season.

We are all tenants, like you, and *not* affiliated with Rose, the building's management. Your tenants association works on behalf you & your neighbors to help protect the quality of life at London Terrace.

STAFF PHOTOS ONLINE & ON THE POSTER

We are all tremendously grateful for the dedication and help given by the 70+ London Terrace staff members. That may be a lot of names for you to remember... but try to imagine *their* challenge of remembering the names and addresses of people in nearly 1000 apartments!

At every holiday time, we want to say thanks to those individuals who made our year easier and better. For that reason, your LTTA posts a colorful poster helping you match faces and names to all the London Terrace staff.

Those photos are always online at LTTA.info. Beginning in November, new photos will be taken that will reflect the current roster of employees. Look for the poster in the concierge area beginning just after Thanksgiving.

Please remember to give generously to the staff fund, in an envelope near the poster, as well as individual gratuities for those who've been most helpful to you throughout the year.

CHELSEA NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

CHELSEA VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY ON MON., NOV. 11 at 10 AM

Frank Meade of our building is once again inviting us all—especially veterans and their families—to this annual marking of Veteran's Day. It's a 15-minute ceremony at Ninth Avenue & 27th St. at the monument of the doughboy, dedicated to all the soldiers and sailors of Chelsea in World War I. It brings together community members, those from the City's uniformed services, and our elected officials to honor the service of veterans. Join us.

RENT-CONTROLLED TENANTS' VICTORY

To be rent-controlled (and not to rent stabilized), a lease must date before 1975. There are only about 20 rent-controlled tenants here at London Terrace—while about half of us are under the broader rent-stabilization laws. Rent increases for these older tenants in recent decades have been larger than those imposed on rent-stabilized tenants (7.5% each year plus fuel pass-along charges). But our landlord failed to file the paperwork properly for their annual rent increase last year and the DHCR ruled that increases can't be imposed—a break after years of onerous increases.

New rent laws just passed by the New York State legislature—and supported by the LTTA—mean future increases for rent-controlled tenants will be more modest. All stabilized tenants gained more protections as well! The LTTA, Council Speaker Johnson's office, and tenants such as Frank Meade aided on behalf of the tenants. The landlord can appeal the ruling of the DHCR to the courts. But for now, victory.

CALLE DAO DENIED SIDEWALK CAFÉ

Calle Dao restaurant at 465 W. 23rd got its liquor license approval from the Community Board by pledging *not* to apply for a sidewalk cafe unless we, the LTTA and the Towers, supported one. And we do not support it—though we know some in the building disagree. Calle Dao applied anyway—in defiance of stipulations they agreed to—and the City Council denied the permit. Calle Dao has been in court working to get the Council's decision overturned. Erik Bottcher, Corey Johnson's chief of staff, reported that “the judge rejected Calle Dao's request to lift the stay, so the sidewalk cafe still cannot operate. Our appeal papers are due in early November and we are actively working on them with the Law Dept.” Calle Dao can appeal. We do appreciate the efforts of Erik and Speaker Johnson on our behalf. We are working with our friends from the Towers to rezone the block to prohibit sidewalk cafés—in line with most all of 23rd Street, east and west—given the increased foot traffic on our block due to development and the High Line.

Visit us online & learn more at

www.LTTA.info

LT TA STREET FAIR IS ANOTHER SUCCESS

The 27th Annual London Terrace Street Fair started early with vendors setting up colorful displays. There were dealers of antiques, furniture, jewelry, clothing, records, DVDs, housewares and tchotchkes at every price point. Neighbors from Chelsea, and other parts of the city spent the day chatting, shopping and enjoying a sunny day together. Autumn weather can be a worrisome variable, but we were lucky once again!

Many of our public officials stopped by to visit and lend their support. Among those attending were Scott Stringer (NYC Comptroller); Jerry Nadler (U.S. Representative for the 10th district and Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee); Gale Brewer (Manhattan Borough President); and Chelsea's Dick Gottfried (NYS Assembly Member) and Corey Johnson (NYC Council Member and Speaker).

Proceeds from the event were divided between the Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen, which helps feed the neighborhood's homeless, and the London Terrace Tenants Association. We use our money to best serve the tenants of London Terrace. We are also active in trying to make west Chelsea a wonderful place for all to live. Please feel free to reach out if there is anything we can do to assist you.

This is "The Best Little Street Fair" in New York, if not the best in the whole country. This year's Street Fair was a success, and it was a wonderful day had by all. If there is anything you think we can do better, we are always open to constructive criticism and helpful ideas. Let's hear from you!

Next year's Street Fair will be Sat, Sept. 12, 2020

Contact StreetFair@LT TA.info for the info!

RECRUITING TEMPORARY CENSUS WORKERS

Hundreds of thousands of temporary workers for the 2020 Census are being recruited – often described as the nation's largest civilian mobilization. The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting 2.7 million people across the country to assist with the Census count. The week of October 21, 2019, the Census Bureau hosted 2,020 recruiting informational events around the country. Learn more about the jobs *and* earn some extra income *and* help your community. The Census Bureau is opening 248 offices. Find out more at 2020census.gov/jobs/pay-and-locations. Applying for one of these jobs is simple. Just visit www.2020census.gov/jobs or call 855-JOB-2020 and select option 3 for more information.

LT TA MEMBERS GET GREAT REWARDS

Receive a discount at local businesses! Please check our website at www.LT TA.info for the most current discounts. Membership helps everyone, so **support local businesses while they support us!** Let us know if you want an application. Join us and stay informed via our newsletters, and email notices, or just ask questions. We are here to help.

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More at www.LT TA.info

2019 Retailer Discounts for LT TA Members

Your \$35 LT TA membership pays for itself @ www.LT TA.info

- > Support your Tenants Association.
- > Improve life in your building and community.

- > Protect tenants' rights at home and citywide.
- > AND keep your money in your neighborhood!

Show your 2019 membership card at these local businesses

Calle Dao - 461 W 23 15% discount
Cambridge Gallery - 239 9th Ave 15% discount
Chelsea Frames - 197 9th Ave 10% discount
Chelsea Square Diner - 368 W 23 Free wine with dinner
Chris Chase Salon - 182 9th Ave 10% discount
Don Giovanni - 214 10th Ave 12% eat in, 10% delivery
Eco Highline Cleaners - 405 W 23 10% discount
Garber Hardware - 207 9th Ave 10% discount off \$20+
Health Food & Vitamin City - 400 W 23 10% discount
Jake's Saloon - 209 9th Ave 10% off regular menu
Le Pif - 465 W 23 10% discount
Meatball Shop - 200 9th Free dessert w/\$9+ purchase

Nest - 127 9th Ave 10% discount
Pepe Giallo - 195 10th Ave 10% discount Sun/Mon
Pet Central - 231 9th Ave 10% discount
Prime Barber Shop - 201 9th Ave \$5 off haircut
Rail Line Diner - 400 W 23 10% off dining in
Studio 9C - 50% off first guitar/bass/piano lesson 917.331.5195
Sullivan Street Bakery - 236 9th Ave 10% discount
Tequila Chitos - 358 W 23 10% discount
The Barking Zoo - 172 9th Ave Inquire when shopping
The Drunken Horse - 225 10th Ave 10% discount
Txikito - 240 9th Ave 10% discount