

Spring LTTA.Info

from your London Terrace Tenants Association

We hope the worst of COVID is behind us, but let's keep each other safe until we're certain. We are grateful that Spring has come once again!

LTTA WILL HOST AN ONLINE CANDIDATE FORUM FOR OUR NY STATE ASSEMBLY SEAT

SAVE THE DATE:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13th
6:30 pm

Our Assembly member, Dick Gottfried, is retiring at the end of this session after 52 years! His successor in our 75th Assembly District (Chelsea, Hell's Kitchen, Murray Hill, Midtown, and part of the Lincoln Center area) will be chosen through a Democratic primary on June 28 and a general election among all party nominees this fall. Tenants' rights, public safety, healthcare, parks, transportation, and education are all on the line.

- *Dick Gottfried will be speaking at our forum*
- *Please sign up for our email list (if you are not on it already) to receive the link to the forum. TENANTS@LTTA.INFO*
- The Zoom link will be emailed a week before the event.

Email YOUR questions for the candidates. We will present as many as possible.

JOCELYNE TORD (1934-2022)

Jocelyne Tord was a longtime resident of the 440 building, a board member of the LTTA since the early 1980s, and **one of the key founders of the annual London Terrace Street Fair**. Jocelyne was a retired teacher/principal for the NYC Department of Education in Chelsea. She was an avid folk dancer, swimmer, and world traveler. Among the many countries she toured were China, Egypt, Italy, Greece, and Thailand. In 2017, Public Advocate Tish James awarded her a commendation for her pioneering work on the LTTA Street Fair 25 years before, a community event that helps knit the people of the neighborhood together. She is deeply missed.

IMPORTANT TENANT ISSUES

RENT STABILIZATION LAWS RENEWED

The NYC Council just renewed the rent stabilization laws that were strengthened in Albany a few years ago. While the laws are surviving a well-funded challenge from landlords in the lower federal courts, no one knows what to expect from the current Supreme Court, which is overturning some longstanding precedents. (If the court were to take the case, it wouldn't be decided until June of 2023.)

We are also concerned about what our new mayor will do to raise rents at Rent Guidelines Board this June. (Mayor de Blasio held the line on rents more than any previous mayor.) The LTTA is making \$500 contributions to each of the three major tenant groups: Met Council on Housing, Tenants & Neighbors, and Tenants PAC, as we have in the past. We will keep you posted on how to get involved.

CURBSIDE COMPOSTING CANCELLED

We have been working together with the Department of Sanitation, Council Member Erik Bottcher's office, and our building's management to bring composting to London Terrace Gardens and the Towers.

We are sad to report that, after numerous meetings and all agreeing to participate, **Mayor Adams has canceled the funding for this program!**

TRASH SERVICE WILL BE IMPROVED

On a positive note: Council member Erik Bottcher and Department of Sanitation announced \$54,100 in increased funding for corner litter-basket service in Community Boards 2 and 4. The \$54,100 in additional funding comes from the City Council's NYC Cleanup Initiative, which will provide two additional eight-hour litter-basket truck routes, plus one additional 4-hour basket truck route per week.

Join us online & learn more at
www.LTTA.info

STREET SWEEPING

We need to work on street sweeping! West 24th street between 9th and 10th Avenue is one of the worst. Please! We need everyone to move their parked cars on the days the sweeper comes!

NEED A CAT SITTER?

Try "Alan's Alleycat Sitter" run by longtime neighbor Alan Sklar of Alan's Alley Video, with the cat mascot that greeted us all for so many years. Alan loves cats and already takes care of some of your neighbor's cats when they are away. Please reach out directly to Alan at Alansalleyvideo@gmail.com

30th Annual LTТА Street Fair Saturday, September 24, 2022

Find the application at www.LTTA.info

Also check out our LTТА Street Fair Facebook page for the application and updates:
www.Facebook.com/london.fair

LTТА MEMBER LOCAL BUSINESS DISCOUNT PROGRAM IS COMING BACK!

We are starting to visit the local businesses that participated in the past and supported us. We want to support them, and now that everything is reopening, we will be renewing and updating these partnerships with those business that survived. And perhaps add new ones that have come to our neighborhood. We will post the discounts that come with your LTТА membership on our website at www.LTTA.info

VISIT US at www.LTTA.info

LTТА: WHY JOIN (OR RENEW) IN 2022

Are you new to the building? A lapsed member of the LTТА? There is still time to join or renew for 2022! Your annual membership supports our work protecting your rights as a tenant of London Terrace Gardens. We maintain a legal fund so that if we must go to court to protect our collective rights, we can. That's how we won a \$165/month rent reduction from our landlord when we lost access to the pool and sundeck in the Towers, and how we were able to mitigate some of the last MCI for the exterior brickwork. With things reopening, we hope to soon resume our in-person building-wide meetings and occasional social gatherings in the lounge, with food and drink provided by the LTТА. Join and you will receive an LTТА gift and a membership card for discounts at area merchants. www.LTTA.info

BECOME AN LTТА BOARD MEMBER!

If you are interested, please send us an email. You are welcome to sit in on a board meeting via Zoom to see how we operate. We need your involvement to make our building and neighborhood better places to live. Board members are needed for 435 & 455!

GOT NEWS, QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Visit our website or send us an email.

On behalf of the LTТА Board, thank you stay safe as we help improve life for at London Terrace.

Inge Ivchenko, president
London Terrace Tenants Association

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ARE YOU A MEMBER OF YOUR TENANTS ASSOCIATION? WE DO SO MUCH FOR SO LITTLE.

There are so many ways to pay this year's \$35 dues.

- 1) Pay online at www.LTTA.info (\$40 if paying online, due to Paypal fees)
- 2) Leave your building captain a check (If your building isn't listed, see #3. Please join us and pitch in!)
415/9C 420/10E 425/6A 430/17E 440/9B 450/12A 460/8A 445/4F
- 3) Leave it at the package room for **Inge Ivchenko, LTТА President, 415/9C.**
- 4) Mail your form to LTТА, PO Box 20063, London Terrace Station, New York, NY 10011-0063.

Writing a check? Please make it payable to "LTТА"

BUILDING _____ APT. # _____

TENANT 1 _____ Email _____ Tenant 1 phone _____

TENANT 2 _____ Email _____ Tenant 2 phone _____

Annual dues of \$35: \$ _____ Donation to legal fund: \$ _____ Total Donation \$ _____