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The 3-1-1 Citizen Service Initiative is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week. The system has been set up for all New Yorkers to lodge complaints by dialing 3-1-1. Remember to get a reference number for your complaint. If you have any problems with this system please contact the board office as we continue to work with the Mayor's office regarding this service.

The East 79th Street Neighborhood Association will meet on **Thursday, October 20, 2005 at 6:45 PM, at City University of New York (CUNY), 535 East 80th Street, (corner of East End Avenue), First Floor Board Room. Agenda: TLC/ Police Updates; Guest Speaker, Charlotte Eichna, Managing Editor of *Our Town*; Elected Officials' Updates. **All meetings are free and open to the public.****

The NYC Department of Sanitation will hold an Electronic Recycling Event for Manhattan on **Sunday, October 16, 2005, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM, at Union Square, North Plaza, Southeast corner of 17th Street and Broadway. They will accept all makes and models of computer equipment, TVs, and cell phones and the drop off is free. Events open to NYC residents only; each resident can recycle five pieces of equipment. All items will be recycled through contracted vendors. For more information contact 311 or visit www.nyc.gov/sanitation or www.nyc.gov/nycwasteless.**

The NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development offers a course for small residential property owners. The eight-session course teaches first time homebuyers or individuals that own/manage residential properties of 1-6 units about the fundamentals of managing and maintaining their properties. For more information contact Ben Oberstein at 1-212-863-5322.

The Manhattan Legal Aid for Senior Project provides a variety of free high quality civil legal services to seniors, prioritizing those at risk of losing their housing and independence. For seniors living below 110th Street call (212) 417-3880 and for seniors living above 110th Street call (212) 822-8300.

Material for the Arts, a program of the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, collects donated materials and distributes them to over 3,000 organizations for reuse. Check the website to see if your organization is already registered, if not you may start the application process while online. For more information call 718-729-3001 or visit www.mfta.org

The Lighthouse International offers a free booklet entitled "*Vision Loss is Not a Normal Part of Aging-Open Your Eyes to the Facts!*" The booklet gives information for recognizing the signs of the most common vision impairments among older adults as well as information on vision loss and how to locate vision rehabilitation services and other professional referrals in your area. For more information call 1-212-821-9200 or visit www.visionconnection.org.

MetroCard Bus: Add value to or purchase any MetroCard at this mobile unit. If you have questions about the MetroCard or the MetroCard Bus call (212) 638-7622 or visit www.mta.info.

Manhattan Community Board 8 strongly encourages you to contact us with your concerns or questions about issues affecting you and your neighbors. If you know of anyone who would like to receive our monthly mailing via standard mail or electronically, please encourage him or her to contact the board office at 212-758-4340 or info@cb8m.com.