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WELCOME TO HILLMAN HOUSING CORP. NEWSLETTER!

The Renaissance of the Lower East Side

The Lower East Side has experienced a renaissance in recent years with the increased demand for housing spurring on new construction and restoration projects. Not since the turn of the century, when the area was teeming with immigrants, has so much attention been paid to this modest area of Manhattan. New businesses and trendy restaurants have opened up side-by-side with traditional discount clothing stores and kosher bakeries. The

Lower East Side has become an attractive and desirable destination for young families and single professionals who are looking for value and quality. Affordable, comfortable and conveniently located to parks, shopping and transportation, this area is the talk of the town. Nowhere in New York can a family live more reasonably and securely in an environment and community which continues to nurture growth.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Did you know that when you call the Maintenance Department to report a problem, you can get a ticket number? This will ensure that your request is recorded and is track-able. Remember to ask for this important detail when reporting any problems in your apartment or the public spaces. Don't hang up without it! Maintenance phone lines are open **7 days a week, 8am – 12am at 212-677-5744.**
- What was that.....you are not going to be home to sign for your UPS, Fedex, or USPS packages? Have no fear, the Maintenance Department is here! Your packages can be delivered to the Maintenance Department's address, c/o East River Housing Maintenance Department, 568 Grand Street, New York, NY 10002. Once the package is received, the Maintenance Department will place a letter on your door step advising you that a package has been delivered. All you have to do is bring identification to pick up your package.

SAVE THE DATE

Twice a year New Yorkers gather in local parks to celebrate *It's My Park Day*.

- Join Friends of Gulick Park (aka Sheriff Park) on October 23, 2010 for bulb planting, pumpkin painting, ping pong, raffle prizes and more. Learn how to get involved: visit www.gulickpark.org. Remember, Gulick Park has free WiFi service. Just search for FriendsOfGulickPark, log on, and enjoy!
- For more details about citywide events for *It's My Park Day*, visit www.partnershipforparks.org.
- Lower East Side Ecology Center is having another electronic waste recycling day on Sunday, October 3, 2010 from 10 am until 4 pm. The location is on Delancey Street between Chrystie and Forsyth Streets.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

- Hillman Garden Club assigns plots in August. For more information and to place your name on the waiting list for a plot, email your name, address, and telephone number to ajmay99@gmail.com.
- For more information on "green" initiatives, join Hillman's Sustainability Committee. You can contact HSC at sustainablehillman@googlegroups.com.
- Help make East River Park beautiful. Join Lower East Side Ecology Center every second Saturday and the last Sunday of the month from May thru October, 10:00am-2:00pm. Tools and gloves are provided and no prior gardening experience necessary. To register call 212- 477-4022 or visit www.lesecologycenter.org.

HILLMAN HOUSE COMMITTEE

- We meet approximately one week prior to the Board meeting so that we can effectively communicate with the Board.
- At least one Board member attends our meetings.
- You can contact us by leaving a note in the Management office or by emailing us at [**hillmanhousecommittee@gmail.com**](mailto:hillmanhousecommittee@gmail.com). We will respond as soon as possible.
- We have divided into teams to inspect the public areas of each building block. You will see us roaming the halls, stairwells, and basements. Don't hesitate to stop and chat.
- We are working on issues that cooperators have mentioned to us: more storage space, more bicycle storage, cleanliness of the public areas, safety, and access from the buildings to their adjacent parks.
- For October's Newsletter, if you would like to share birth announcements, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. please email the House Committee no later than Friday, October 8, 2010.
- This is our first Newsletter. Please be patient as we refine the layout and provide the content that would be most helpful to cooperators.

LET'S HEAR FROM YOU

This is your newsletter too. Send your story ideas, questions, and concerns to hillmanhousecommittee@gmail.com.