

# HILLMAN NEWS

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## FROM THE BOARDROOM

### **The newly formed Hillman board is working hard to meet the needs of our cooperators. Here are the highlights from the October meeting.**

The Board is planning to institute new Board Committees. Names were presented to the Board by the president and discussed. They will be formed by the November meeting. We are hoping to have the following committees: Election, Finance, Technology and Public Relations, Building and Grounds.

The space behind Hillman, the Broome Street corridor, is being re-envisioned by members of our community who are professional architects, landscape architects, and xeriscapers. (Xeriscaping and xerogardening utilize techniques that significantly reduce the need for excessive watering and/or sprinkler systems.)

The Board received the monthly notes from the House Committee. This month, we approved a pilot plan to install one collection box from Wearable Collections, "According to a recent study, 386 million pounds of textiles enter the NYC waste stream annually, representing close to 6% of total waste. Wearable Collections provides a no cost, turn-key solution to recycling clothing within residential buildings in NYC. We handle all the logistics from placement of bins and promotion

within the buildings to scheduling weekly pick-ups." You can read more about them at <http://www.wearablecollections.com/>.

**Note: Please recycle your textiles by placing them in the Wearable Collections bin in the 530F building. Many thanks to the Hillman Sustainability Committee for initiating this effort.**

We discussed the bedbug epidemic in New York City. It is important that we all work together to eliminate and avoid infestations in Hillman. If you suspect that you have a problem, please contact Management immediately to schedule an inspection. If it is determined that you have bedbugs, Management will hire an exterminator at no cost to you. Until the problem is resolved, please be considerate of your fellow cooperators. Do not leave items in hallways or in the basements that may be infected. Have infected items properly encapsulated before removing. Please be vigilant and responsible with regard to this issue. The Center for Disease Control website has good information and additional links regarding bedbugs.

[http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/publications/bedbugs\\_cdc-epa\\_statement.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/publications/bedbugs_cdc-epa_statement.htm)

Note: If you hire an exterminator on your own, it is not a reimbursable expense.

- Hillman Board of Directors

## GOOD NEIGHBOR CORNER

- Please push your garbage down the chute and remember to clean up any spills.
- In order to avoid attracting rodents and other pests, please do not leave garbage in the recycling area.
- If you notice any problems in the common areas, do not hesitate to contact Maintenance.
- Be kind to your porter, please break up large boxes and pile them neatly in the recycle area.

Thank you for your help and cooperation!

## IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

### SEWARD PARK URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT

The Seward Park Urban Renewal Area (SPURA) consists of several empty and underutilized lots between Essex & Clinton Streets and Rivington & Grand Streets that have remained undeveloped for over 40 years. S.H.A.R.E. (Sustainable Housing And Retail Expansion) is a community-based organization that supports residential and commercial diversity on the SPURA sites. To find out more about the history of SPURA and recent progress towards a resolution, visit [www.shareonspura.org](http://www.shareonspura.org).

### LOWER EAST SIDE FOOD COOP

A group of L.E.S. residents is organizing a food coop--a grocery store owned and run by members. The LES Food Coop will be a source for affordable, healthful foods and will strive to encourage social justice, environmental responsibility and nutritional education in the community. The group welcomes anyone who wants to help organize. They are currently in the process of incorporation and of developing a buying club for dry goods. If you are looking for fresher produce, lower prices, and to get to know your neighbors, visit [www.lesfoodcoop.org](http://www.lesfoodcoop.org) or e-mail [lesfoodcoop@gmail.com](mailto:lesfoodcoop@gmail.com).

### HILLMAN HELPS THE ELDERLY

Hillman House Committee is still looking for volunteers willing to be available to our seniors for a variety of tasks or activities such as changing a light bulb, picking up a prescription at the local pharmacy during bad weather, going for a walk around the block, assisting with fitness training in the gym, or playing a game of chess. If you are interested in participating in this program please email your contact information to [hillmanhousecommittee@gmail.com](mailto:hillmanhousecommittee@gmail.com) or leave a note for the House Committee in the Management Office.

#### ORGANIZE YOUR OWN COMMUNITY EVENT

*The Hillman House Committee is happy to help share information about events in our neighborhood. If you are organizing a community activity, we will gladly include the details and contact information in the newsletter so that residents can participate in the planning. For example, for Halloween next year we can announce that Hillman residents are posting sign-up sheets in the lobbies for participation in Trick or Treating.*

*Your community needs your leadership to make it active and thrive, so get involved!*

### LET'S HEAR FROM YOU!

This is your newsletter. Please send your stories, announcements, questions and concerns to [hillmanhousecommittee@gmail.com](mailto:hillmanhousecommittee@gmail.com) or leave a note in the Management Office

**Wishing you and your family a very Happy  
Thanksgiving!**