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HOLIDAY SAFETY

Follow these simple tips from the New York City Fire Department.

"During this holiday season as well as throughout the year, our primary message, first, last and always is prevention. If you remove the fire hazards from your home you can limit the risk to yourself, your family, your neighbors and to firefighters," said Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta. "Over the last few years, candles have become more and more popular. Sales are up and unfortunately, so are the number of candle fires and candle-related fire deaths. If you must use candles, use them safely. By following a few simple safety procedures New Yorkers can stay safe and enjoy a joyous holiday season."

- Make sure you have a working smoke detector on every level of your home.
- Choose a freshly cut tree. LIVE TREES NEED WATER
- Check and refill often.
- Cut a few inches off the trunk before placing in water.
- When your tree becomes dry, discard it promptly.

- Keep your tree away from heat sources, sparks or flames.
- Do not leave Christmas tree lights on while unattended.
- Avoid accidents by using wire or cord to secure your tree to the wall or ceiling (this will prevent it from toppling over by small children or pets).
- Check all light sets prior to use. Do not use damaged light sets or extension cords.
- Avoid overloading the connections.
- Use only Underwriters Laboratories (UL) approved lights on your tree, and **NO CANDLES**.
- Promptly remove all discarded packages and wrappings from the home.
- Use only non-combustible decorations.
- If you use candles, make sure they are in stable holders on a flat stable surface and create a 1-foot circle of safety surrounding them.
- **NEVER** leave the house with candles burning.
- **NEVER** leave children or pets unattended with a lit candle (the candle can easily be knocked over).
- **NEVER** use candles near combustible materials such as curtains, drapes, bedding and or cabinets.

- from FDNY Holiday Safety Tips

GOOD NEIGHBOR CORNER

- Do clean all bottles, jugs, cans, jars, juice/milk cartons, and foil before putting them in the recycling bin.
- Do not put plastic bags in the recycling bins. Please place them either in the trash receptacle or bring them to CVS or Rite Aid for recycling.
- Remember that the recycling bins are color coded: BLUE is for bottles, jugs, cartons and cans; GREEN is for paper and cardboard; WHITE is for trash (no food please!).

Thank you for your help and cooperation!

MESSAGE BOARD

LET IT SNOW!

Maintenance is ready for the winter season with shovels, ice melt, snow blowers, and plows. Please remember that cooperators are not permitted to lock their bikes to the fence. This not only keeps the place looking neat and tidy, it keeps the path clear for the Hillman snow plow. You may not be aware that bikes locked to sign posts pose danger to the plow operator and your bike. **In order to avoid any injury and/or damage to your bicycle, please avoid locking your bike to sign posts.**

During snow removal please give the maintenance staff and the sidewalk snowplow the right of way – maintenance will be working hard to keep sidewalks and entrances snow and ice free. Your safety is their concern.

STAY INFORMED

Can't wait for the monthly issue of Hillman News to "hit the newsstand"? Get your news from Management, Maintenance, the Board of Directors, or the House Committee by e-mail before letters are distributed. Go to hillmanhousing.com and click on the "Contact Us" tab to sign up for "e-mail notifications".

FROM THE BOARDROOM

In order to better serve the cooperators of Hillman Housing, the Board has identified four key areas on which to focus. Each board member will serve on one or more committees to address specific issues and areas of improvement. The committees will report back to the full Board with recommendations.

Elections

Briendel Lehon, Pavel Lempert, Judy Mitrani, Gail Weintraub

Finance

Hy Medows, Judy Mitrani, David Weinberger, Kira Wizner

Buildings, Grounds, and Technology:

Morris Fajtelewicz, Howard Stern

Publicity:

Pavel Lempert, Joan Rosenberg, Kira Wizner

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*Happy Holidays from the
Hillman Board of Directors
and the House Committee!*