

HILLMAN NEWS

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ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER MEETING

Become involved, stay involved – please come to the annual shareholder meeting on Monday, June 20, 2011 at 7:30 pm in P.S. 134, East Broadway.

Nine candidates are running for four spots on the Hillman Board of Directors. If you did not receive the voter information packet including instructions, general proxy, directed proxy, and candidate biographies, stop by the Management office or contact the Hillman House Committee.

The incumbents running for re-election are Kira Wizner, David Weinberger, and Joan

Rosenberg. Arlene Soberman and Chaim Lazar have served on the Board for many years and are running again this year. First-time candidates are Ken Volkman, Mathew Quezada (Hillman House Committee), Ted Greenberg, and Elizabeth DeGaetano (Hillman House Committee).

Aside from the election, the Board Chair will discuss the 2010 financial report and shareholders will have the opportunity to comment on and ask questions about the report and any other issues.

The Board will also name the new Hillman House Committee members.

MESSAGE BOARD

LET'S TALK ABOUT...SUBMETERING

What are the benefits of electrical submetering?

- **It's fair** – pay only for the amount of electricity you use. You control this cost, and won't be paying for someone else's electrical use.
- **It reduces costs**– submetering can lead to lower and more stable carrying charges. NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research Development Authority) has found that buildings that submeter reduce their electrical costs by 15% or more.
- **It's common** – all of the neighboring co-ops (Seward Park, East River, Amalgamated) take advantage of submetering, except for Hillman.
- **It's funded** – New York State has created a new program that could pay up to 50% of the cost to install submetering.

For more information about submetering, visit <http://tinyurl.com/67m6w23>.

Information provided by the Hillman Sustainability Committee (HSC)

REMEMBER CONNECT BY HERTZ.

Take the kids to the beach, stock up on goodies from Fairway in Redhook, or get out of town for the weekend. A Connect by Hertz car is steps away from your front door at the Hillman parking garage on Columbia and Delancey. For more information visit www.connectbyhertz.com and type in our promotion code - HILLMAN.

FROM THE BOARDROOM

- The conversion to a dual fuel system is proceeding with the majority of the work to be completed by February 2012. This work will make our power plant more energy efficient, much cleaner environmentally, and will save us money in the long run.
- We have hired a consultant to assist us in evaluating and possibly implementing submetering.
- As water and electricity prices continue to increase it is essential that all of us conserve water and electricity: 1) Have leaking faucets, shower fixtures, and toilets fixed. 2) Turn off air conditioners if you will not be home for an extended period of time.
- There are new dollies by the security guards for use by the cooperators. Just ask the guard to unlock it for you. You will have to give him some form of ID.
- The middle buildings B, E, and H have mail drop-off boxes. You can now leave your mail in them and the postal worker will pick it up on regular mail days.
- We are continuing to evaluate and look into ways to create additional revenue.
- We are working on adding more indoor storage space for bikes.

Board of Directors Committees

Elections

Briendel Lehon, Pavel Lempert, Judy Mitrani, Gale 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

HY MEADOWS IS RETIRING THIS MONTH AFTER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO HILLMAN HOUSING.

On behalf of Hillman shareholders we would like to express our deepest appreciation to Hy Medows for his many years of service on the Board of Directors. Your commitment to the community is an inspiration to all of us.

- Hillman House Committee and the Board of Directors

House Committee Members

Alexander Campos □ Elizabeth DeGaetano □ Maria Gualdoni □ Christine Ortolano □ Stuart Portner □ Mathew Quezada