

# Hillman News - August 2011



## Hillman Annual Shareholder Meeting Election Results

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Hillman Board of Directors and the new members of the Hillman House Committee. Welcome to Kira Wizner who was re-elected to the board and to new-comers Ted Greenberg, Mathew Quezada and Elizabeth DeGaetano. The list of Board and House Committee members are listed below. We wish you all the best of luck and success!

### ***Board of Directors***

Elizabeth DeGaetano  
Morris Fajtelewicz  
Aaron From  
Ted Greenberg  
Briendel Lehon  
Pavel Lempert  
Judy Mitrani  
Howard Stern  
Mathew Quezada  
Gale Weintraub  
Kira Wizner

### ***Board Officers***

Aaron From, Chair  
Judy Mitrani, Vice Chair  
Pavel Lempert, Treasurer  
Ted Greenberg, Asst. Treasurer  
Kira Wizner, Secretary  
Elizabeth DeGaetano,  
Asst. Secretary

### ***House Committee***

Alexander Campos  
Doug Easdon  
Alexandra Gimson  
Maria Gualdoni  
Ronald Lieber  
Christine Ortolano  
Ellen Owens  
Stuart Portner  
Emily Russell  
Dana Stutman

### ***House Committee Officers***

Christine Ortolano, Chair  
Stuart Portner, Vice Chair  
Alexander Campos,  
Treasurer  
Alexandra Gimson,  
Secretary

## Good Neighbor Corner

- The official moving hours are Monday through Friday 9am to 9pm. All items must be taken through the basement even if your apartment is on street level. Also, construction hours are 10am to 5pm, (M-F except Holidays). Thanks!
- Please note that dogs are not allowed in Hillman parks. Management will be posting new signs shortly.
- Please remember during these extreme days of high heat and humidity to check on your neighbors and utilize the cooling room at 477 FDR Drive. Be sure to drinks lots of water to stay hydrated.

## Contact Information

If you have an issue that requires the Maintenance Department please note that Maintenance phones lines are open 7 days a week, 8am to 12am at 212-677-5744.

We'd like to hear from you as well as this is your newsletter. Send your stories, announcements, questions and concerns to [hillmanhousecommittee@gmail.com](mailto:hillmanhousecommittee@gmail.com) or leave a note in the Management Office.

Check out our Facebook page "I Live in Hillman" and also sign up for Hillman email alerts at [www.hillmanhousing.com](http://www.hillmanhousing.com).

## News from the Boardroom

- New committees were formed during the Board meeting July 20th, 2011.
  - Finance - Pavel Lempert, Ted Greenberg, Judy Mitrani, Aaron From, Kira Wizner
  - Building and Grounds - Morris Fajtelewicz, Howard Stern, Mathew Quezada
  - Technology and Publicity - Gail Weintraub, Howard Stern, Elizabeth DeGaetano, Kira Wizner
  - Elections - Pavel Lempert, Briendel Lehon, Judy Mitrani
  - Interviews - Judy Mitrani, Gail Weintraub, Elizabeth DeGaetano, Howard Stern
- Notes from the Board meeting:
  - The sale of four apartments were approved as were two subleases.
  - Management presented an on-line maintenance request form. An announcement will be sent to shareholders soon. Management will be able to adapt this form to suit the needs of shareholders so let us know what you think.
  - All ground-floor entrance doors and frames are being sanded, scraped and stained. The 500 block is done, work on the 550 block has begun and the 530 block will next. Completion timing is Oct 15th.
  - Information regarding submetering will be sent to shareholders in the coming weeks and the Board will be setting up question and answer meetings. Timing TBA.
  - The boiler conversion is an ongoing project; management will continue to update shareholders as the project proceeds.
  - Management will be distributing detailed information about services available to seniors. In the meantime, you can contact Martha Pollack at [212-358-8489](tel:212-358-8489) or visit the NORC office at 465 Grand Street, #4.
  - The Board is committed to including the "From the Boardroom" feature in every HHC newsletter.

## Air Conditioning Tricks and Tips

It's HOT out there. Proper maintenance of your air conditioner will also save energy:

**Right Now**  
Updated: 7/22/11 12:05 PM EDT

The Weather Channel

**103°F**

**Fair**

Feels Like	115°F
Wind	WSW at 9 mph
Humidity	40%
UV Index	8 Very High
Dew Point	74°F
Visibility	9.0 mi
Sunrise	5:43 AM
Sunset	8:21 PM

Share

- Check your unit's air filter once a month and clean or replace filters as necessary. A dusty filter reduces air flow so keeping the filter clean can lower your air conditioner's energy consumption by 5% to 15%.
- Close all unnecessary openings such as doors and windows and if your AC has a timer you should use it! When leaving home, you can set the timer so that the unit turns on a half hour before you return. This should be enough time to cool the room.
- Try setting your thermostat between 72°F and 78°F. Each degree setting below 78°F will increase your energy consumption by approximately 8%. As you can see, that can

add up to a lot of money over a year.

- Do not set the thermostat lower than the desired temperature when you first turn it on. It will not cool faster; it will only cool to a lower temperature than necessary and waste energy.
- Set the fan speed on high except in very humid weather. When it's humid, set the speed on low; you will get less cooling but more from the air which will make it feel cooler.
- Fans can also help cool your home. While fans cannot replace air conditioners, they can provide supplemental cooling, especially on mild summer days. Substituting fans for air conditioners can save 60% or more in energy.