

Hillman News - October 2011



Hillman Cooperative Submetering Vote Results

Thank you all for participating in the vote for submetering. The vote to move forward with submetering was approved 252 to 148. We would like to thank the Hillman Board and Dave Eng and the Hillman Sustainability Committee for their commitment to our community.

Over the next few months the Board will be working to put the meters and new policy and procedures in place. They will keep the cooperators apprised of the progress and will inform all cooperators when they will make changes to the maintenance bills.

The Board is confident that this move will encourage us all to conserve energy and take our place among energy efficient buildings in New York City.

From the Boardroom

1. The project to convert from No. 6 oil to natural gas is progressing on schedule. Con Ed has begun work on the external lines, and East River will be awarding the project to a contractor soon. February is the target date to switch to cheaper, cleaner burning natural gas. Initial savings will pay for our share of the cost of the conversion and Hillman will realize substantial cost savings in the production of heat and hot water in the second year.

2. No sales or subleases were up for approval. Hopefully sales will pick up in October.

3. You will notice that there are message bars in the outer lobbies and near the elevators. These will accommodate community notices and announcements from Management without unsightly and difficult-to-remove tape. Commercial real estate ads on Sunday are only allowed in the outer lobbies.

4. Re-pointing of the brickwork has begun on the northeast facade of the J building. The northwest will also be re-pointed. We expect the work to be completed before the cold weather sets in. This should resolve the leaks that have plagued some J building shareholders.

5. Waiting lists for bike storage are now available online at <http://coopvillage.coop/hillmanHC/hillmanNewsDocs/>.

6. Also, please note that there will be an open Financial Meeting for cooperators on December 7th at 7:30. This will be an opportunity to discuss the state of our COOP.

Save the Date!

Join Friends of Gulick Park on Sunday October 16, from Noon to 3pm. There will be bulb planting for the spring, face-painting, pumpkin painting and take-home scavenger hunts by the New Museum. This will also be the 2nd Annual Gulick Park Ping Pong Tournament, with some great prizes, to be announced on their Web site! This year will feature an additional 2 or 3 tables for general, non-competition play! To register for the tournament please visit <http://gulickpark.org>.

Also on Sunday from 2pm to 4pm is Henry Street Settlement's second annual Community Day, an afternoon of free festivities — live music, a barbecue, raffles and more — in the Abrons Arts Center Amphitheater. <http://support.henrystreet.org/site/Calendar?id=29101&view=Detail>

Coming soon! Look for a recycling workshop to be set up in November. Details will be forthcoming.



Good Neighbor Corner

- Slamming doors are noisy. As you enter and leave the stairwell or your apartment, please close the door gently behind you.
- Common areas such as hallways and stairwells are not for private use. Please keep your children and belongings in your apartment, including bicycles.
- Please keep garbage chutes clean and be considerate and wipe up spills.
- Also, in the park please remember to close the doors after you enter and leave as it represents a security risk. More on Park rules next month!

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. Also, now you can report non-emergency maintenance issues online at <http://coopvillage.coop/maintenance/index.php?coop=hillman>. We welcome your feedback on this new system. Please send any comments or suggestions to contact@coopvillage.coop.

We'd like to hear from you as well as this is your newsletter. Send your announcements, questions and concerns to hillmanhousecommittee@gmail.com or leave a note in the Management Office. Also, we have two open spots on the House Committee so if anyone is interested please contact us!

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