



## Annual Spring Fling

We are targeting Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup> as the date for the Hillman Spring Fling and we need your help! The Hillman House Committee needs volunteers to help organize the event from planning family fun activities to entertainment for all!!! Come share your ideas to make Hillman Spring Fling festive.

If you are interested please email us with your contact information at [hillmanhousecommittee@gmail.com](mailto:hillmanhousecommittee@gmail.com).

## Community Room

Join the Hillman Community Room for a wine tasting on Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Enjoy music and mingling and taste award winning Israeli Kosher wines. Admission is \$3 and the Community Room is located in the basement of the 550J Grand St. Follow the signs!

## Have a Maintenance Issue?

Maintenance phone lines are open seven days a week, 8am to 12am at 212-677-5744. You can report non-emergency maintenance issues at: [www.coopvillage.coop](http://www.coopvillage.coop)

Send question and concerns to: [hillmanhousecommittee@gmail.com](mailto:hillmanhousecommittee@gmail.com) or leave a note in the Office.

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## Finance Meeting Notes

The Annual Shareholder Finance Meeting was Monday March 10<sup>th</sup>. Below is a brief recap:

- Flip tax revenue in 2013 was nearly double the projection due to the amount of inventory and a bump up in real estate prices.
- We collected assessment funds for façade pointing, generators, and elevator upgrade. The cost of the generators and elevator upgrade was less than expected, however pointing costs exceeded projections due to a large number of apartments with leaks.
- Our fuel costs went down by 50% from 2011 mostly due to the efficiencies of the new boiler and the switch to natural gas.
- Sub metering statistics show that electricity usage from May 13 - January 14 decreased by 13% from the same time last year
- With the surplus funds, the Board is considering paying down our mortgage.
- 2014 projects include sidewalk repair and an intercom upgrade.

If you have specific questions, please email them to the House Committee.



## Composting Coming to Hillman!

In advance of the April 7<sup>th</sup> launch of Hillman's composting program, the House Committee will be in lobbies with growNYC to share information about the program and recycling practices overall. We will need volunteers to assist in educating fellow cooperators and monitoring the process in each building. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please email [hillmancomposting@gmail.com](mailto:hillmancomposting@gmail.com).

### Why compost?

Organics comprise about 29% of NYC's waste stream. When this material is sent to a landfill it contributes to disposal costs and can create greenhouse gas emissions. When composted, food scraps and other organic waste become a useful product that adds nutrients and improves the quality of soil for street trees, gardens and more.

### How will the program work?

1. A 32-gallon organics bin will be added to the recycling area in each building.
2. Biodegradable bags (bio bags) will be available in the recycling areas. **ONLY** these bags can be used for organic materials.
3. Cooperators collect food scraps in the bio bags that can be placed in a counter-top bucket or stored in the refrigerator or freezer until the material is discarded into the organics bin.
4. NYC Department of Sanitation picks up the organic waste three times each week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

### What can be composted?

- Food Scraps: Fruit, vegetable, rice, beans, bread, meat, fish, chicken and eggshells
- Soiled Paper: Paper based materials such as paper towels, napkins, coffee filters and tea bags

### What cannot be composted?

- No Recyclable Items: Metal, glass, cartons, rigid plastics, mixed paper and cardboard should be placed in the appropriate blue or green recycling bin.
- No Landfill Items: Plastic bags, Styrofoam, squeeze tubes, litter, and diapers should be thrown in the trash.

It is important that we work to make this pilot program successful. We hope that all cooperators will participate and act responsibly.

Thank you.

Hillman House Committee, Hillman Board of Directors, and Management