

HILLMAN NEWS



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Hillman Community Events

Thanks to everyone who joined us for **Hillman Nights** at Eastwood two weeks ago! In late January, we'll kick off the **New Year** in the Community Room by recognizing the artists among us. Stay tuned for more details in the next issue.

Hillman Nights will be back in Feb/March at a TBD local establishment owned by a Hillman resident!

The **Annual Finance Meeting** will also take place in either February or March.

The Gym Needs You!

The House Committee is looking for volunteers to host an open house in our gym in January to boost gym membership. Only a few hours of your time is needed. Please email us if you are interested.

News from the Boardroom

As 2014 comes to an end we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year. Among them were the renovation of the gym, the intercom system upgrade, the improvements and standardization of the recycling areas, and the introduction of organics recycling. Additional bike storage was added and a system was developed to keep bike rooms free of debris and "illegal" bikes. Emergency generators were purchased and extensive sidewalk repairs were completed.

Shareholders have been busy too. A group researched and developed a landscape plan for the space next to the garage. They spent many hours cleaning, planting, and caring for the area. The playroom group has worked hard to provide programming and a clean and safe place for the young children in our community. The garden club improved their space and kept it looking great throughout the season. And the Hillman House Committee organized social events and assisted with Board initiatives.

We would like to thank Management, the porters and maintenance staff, the security team, and all the volunteer Hillman cooperators for their efforts to keep our community safe and looking good. We wish everyone in the Hillman community a joyful holiday season and a healthy and happy new year.

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Bike Room Expansion

Hillman will open a new bike room in the E building in mid-January. There will be 68 spots available to all shareholders across the nine buildings.

Everyone on the wait list can be accommodated and there will be spots left over so get in line and sign up today at the Management office!

Recycling Update: Electronic Waste and Composting

Electronic Waste: As of January 2015, it will be illegal to discard electronics in the trash or at the curb. The electronics covered by this New York State law include computers and their peripherals, televisions, fax machines, VCRs, DVD players, printers/scanners, video game consoles, MP3 players, tablets, and small servers. See www.nyc.gov/electronics for more information. Make sure you utilize Hillman's electronic recycling stations located in the basement of the B, E and H buildings!

Composting Update: News outlets reported that organic material from the City's pilot program was being sent to landfills due to the shutdown of a facility in Delaware. The media failed to distinguish the residential from the school composting program. Indeed, the school organic material is contaminated with non-organics and currently goes to landfills. The Department of Sanitation assured us that the organic material from all residential buildings is collected separately and is processed at local and regional composting facilities.

Good Neighbor Corner: Laundry Room Etiquette!

Having a laundry room in your building is an undeniable perk. If you've ever had to drag your dirty clothes six blocks to a laundromat in the rain, your basement laundry room can feel like a real luxury.

Of course, it isn't just your laundry room. You've got to share it with everyone else in the building.

Here are a few tips to keep the space efficient and friendly:



- **Collect your clothes.** Be mindful of others using the room and collect your clothes when they are done. No one likes to come down to find their clothes in a bin and contrary to what you might believe, no one really wants to take your clothes out of the machines.
- **Toss dryer sheets.** Please keep the area clean and put your used dryer sheets in the trash receptacles provided.
- **Respect the carts.** Please don't use the carts to sort your dirty laundry and the carts must stay in the laundry room so please don't take them home with you!
- **Check for change and don't go losing your socks!** Be sure to check your pockets for loose change before putting your laundry in; it can damage the machines. Also check the washers and dryers thoroughly for stray socks. It'll save you money and frustration!