

HILLMAN NEWS



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Hillman Nights and Spring Fling

- **Hillman Spring Fling!** We are targeting Sunday June 7th as the date for our annual Spring Fling event in the 500 park. We'll have lots of games, arts and crafts for the kids, Ermin from Grow NYC will be on hand to share Recycling tips and the entertainment will be decided soon!
- **Hillman Nights:** Let's all get together for a summer beer in late June! We are heading back to Eastwood (East Bway/Clinton). Folks will be responsible for their own drinks but we'll provide Kosher items and some of Sivan's fantastic menu including her amazing hummus, pita and Israeli salad. We'll finalize the date in early June.

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- The Hillman Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, June 10th at 7:30pm at P.S. 134 at East Broadway and Grand Street.
- Calling for Volunteers! For those who are interested in volunteering to help with the upkeep of the Broome Street Beautification Garden, please email either Nicolas Jenkins or Valerie Barnes at broome.street.beautification@gmail.com.
- There are currently 19 available bicycle spots between the 530-E and 530-F bicycle rooms. These spots are available to any shareholder interested. Please contact Galina Palis at 212-677-5858 or galina.palis@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

May is Lower East Side History Month!

Lower East Side History Month is an annual celebration of the rich and diverse history of the Lower East Side. Taking place during the month of May, LES History month is an umbrella for a variety of public events, exhibits, tours, and learning opportunities taking place in the historical definition of the Lower East Side—which includes the East Village, Chinatown, Little Italy, and Alphabet City. Conceived and launched by LES-based cultural and community groups, LES History Month aims to connect our present to our past, exploring how our history can inform and inspire our future.

A calendar of events, upcoming news, and a list of participating groups will be available at the Lower East Side History Month website: www.leshistorymonth.org.

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It's My Park Day, May 17!

Join Friends of Gulick Park for another fun-filled It's My Park Day. Enjoy family-friendly activities, face painting, snacks, and help with park cleanup and planting. Sunday, May 17 from 1pm to 4pm in Luther Gulick Playground (Sheriff Park).

Financial News from the Board

On March 9th, the Hillman Housing Board Finance Committee hosted its annual Finance Meeting for cooperators. Thank you to all the cooperators who attended, for those who were unable to join us, the highlights included:

In 2014

- Hillman paid down \$500,000 of its mortgage principal balance.
- We saw another year of “healthy” flip tax revenue from total sales of 34 units of which 18 were first time sales and 16 were second sales.
- The savings in fuel costs once again helped Hillman stay on budget.

Currently

- Hillman is in the process of refinancing/modifying its mortgage with our current lender. We’re refinancing to take advantage of low-interest rates. Our rate will be reduced and the fixed rate portion of the term will be extended by approximately two years to a total of eight years from the closing date, which we expect will be in the early part of the summer.
- The Management office is currently upgrading its computer system. The new system is a cloud-based with the eventual possibility of having a resident portal.
- There has not been an increase in Hillman’s carrying charges in over four years.

The Hillman Garden Club

- The Hillman Garden Club (HGC), run by and for Hillman residents, kicked off the new growing season with an annual meeting to discuss and adopt club guidelines. The new guidelines and other relevant documents have been posted to the "Hillman Co-op Residents" Facebook group. Additionally, information can also be requested with an email to hillmangardenclub@gmail.com. Finally, look for updates posted on the garden gate on Broome Street near Willet Street.
- While the chance to use an individual garden plot is a rare and enormous benefit in this city, the club is a positive and fun space in which Hillman residents have opportunities, in the words of one of our members, to interact, garden and be happy.