

High Meadow Cooperative, Inc.

Newsletter

September/October 2022 Edition

Schools Back in Session

The new school year has started and the school buses are back to pick up our young ones. Bus drivers are tasked with transporting our young ones back and forth safely, but the responsibility does not just lie with them; it lies with us too!

- Be aware of students, flashing school bus lights, and school buses;
- Slow down and obey all traffic laws;
- Watch for and obey signals from bus drivers and crossing guards;
- Be alert and watch for children near bus stops;
- Do not pass the bus;
- STOP for school buses that are loading and unloading children;

Fall/Winter Weather

I know we are all excited for that crisp fall weather, but in anticipation, we wanted to share some reminders about seasonal furniture. By November 15, 2021, you should move your seasonal furniture inside or place it in storage. By moving these items, you keep them protected from the changes in weather conditions, and it makes it easier for staff to shovel and clear the snow.

Wondering what to do with your cooking equipment and other year-round items? You can keep them out during the fall/winter season but please keep them in your immediate stoop area or placed to the side of your patio.

Holidays

Time is flying by this year and wouldn't you know it: the holiday season is fast approaching! Please see some helpful tips for the upcoming season:

Halloween is right around the corner and for anyone who has been here in years past, we often have lots of trick or treaters walking around in their costumes. Please take extra care when driving around the neighborhood; remember that not all children are being escorted by their parents while trick or treating.

Maintenance Increase

We recently notified all shareholders, in an August 22, 2022 notice, of a four and a half percent (4 ½%) increase in our maintenance charges effective on October 1, 2022 with the beginning of our 2022-2023 fiscal year. In addition, due to the high fuel prices, we are instituting a Fuel Surcharge of \$3

per share over 12 months. This will be in effect from October 1, 2022, thru March 2023 maintenance payment, at which time we will reassess whether we will need to continue for the rest of the year.

Bulk Trash Fees

We are excited to announce a reevaluation in our bulk trash fees. The following changes in fees are effective immediately: tv's, computers, monitors and large appliances (refrigerators, ranges/stoves, dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, air conditioners) have been reduced to \$40 each. We strongly encourage you, as you purchase new appliances, mattresses, or other large items, to arrange with your vendor to remove the old one during delivery. You will need to notify the Maintenance Staff that you will be disposing of bulk trash, so that they can arrange to meet you and unlock the shed.

Quick Updates!

Planting: High Meadow only permits planting of items that are native to North America and non-invasive. Please refer back to our previous newsletter for more information on these types of plants and where you can find more information.

Laundry Room Servicing: If you need to request service on the laundry machines, please complete a maintenance slip and include the serial number, machine number and what condition the machine is in.

Bike Riding: Bikes should not be ridden on the lawns or on the internal walkways. Please take care when riding them in the parking lots or on the street.

Water Conservation: We had a little bit of rain recently but it certainly is not enough. We encourage you to do your part and continue conserving your water usage.

Parking Stickers: Just move in and need a parking sticker? Need to update your current parking sticker? Visit the website for an application. New shareholders have a 60 grace period to obtain their parking sticker and must be registered to your High Meadow address. In the meantime, you should notify the maintenance office of the make and model of your vehicle as well as the plate number. Vehicles without a parking sticker are subject to being towed at their owners expense.

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Upcoming Board Meetings

Board meetings take place on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

If you are interested in addressing the Board, please contact Marilyn Szatkowski, at (914) 762-0284, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting, so that you can be placed on the agenda and be sent the link for the virtual meeting. Meetings are still currently being held via Zoom.

All Shareholders are welcome and encouraged to attend Board meetings and observe. Our next meeting, in which shareholders are permitted, will take place on Tuesday, October 18th, 2022.

Don't Forget: High Meadow is on Facebook

High Meadow is on Facebook! Look for the group "Residents of High Meadow Coop" on Facebook and follow the prompts to join. This group is meant for shareholders of High Meadow Co-op and their immediate family members to meet, connect and strengthen our community of neighbors. Please feel free to share your interests, items for sale, notify others of positive experiences with local businesses, etc.

We hope this new way to communicate will enhance how we already interact as neighbors. Please feel free to direct any questions or concerns to Dawn Marie Hilkin (hmmaintslip@gmail.com).

Submitting Information to the Newsletter

If you wish to place information in the HMC Newsletter, please drop a note off to C. Gardella at 173 Charter Circle or send an email through the HMC website using the "General Questions" tab. All information should be submitted in writing and should include your name, address, and telephone number. The Board reserves the right to accept or edit for length and/or content.

Special Announcements

In newsletters of the past, HMC has typically included a section for announcements of new shareholders, congratulations, and sympathies. In efforts to protect the privacy of our shareholders, moving forward, we will happily include that information but only at the shareholder's request. If you would like to include an announcement, please submit a Newsletter Announcement Request by either dropping it off at the Maintenance Office (behind 98CC) or through our website: under the Welcome Shareholders! tab, there is a new feature that will allow you to do this: highmeadowcoop.com

Community Room

As a reminder, the Community Room is currently not available for rent at this time. We will notify you once this has been lifted.

After Hours Emergencies

After hour's emergencies must be directed to Management's Emergency Number published in the newsletter. Emergency calls are quickly sent to the staff member on duty through the Property Manager and the Account Executive for the property. It is prohibited to contact or go to a staff member's home at any time for High Meadow issues.

Anyone who approaches a member of the staff after hours for co-op issues will be assessed a Processing Fee of \$100 plus overtime.

Important Contact Information

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With Gratitude,
The Board of Directors