

High Meadow Cooperative, Inc.

Newsletter

July/August 2023 Edition

Welcome Back Jenna!

We welcome back Jenna Giuliano from her recent leave.
You can reach Jenna at:

914-813-1913

jguiliano@stillmanmanagement.com

HMC also wants to thank Meagan and Elizabeth for their continued support over the last few months.

Too Hot for Summer

This summer has been something else! June felt like spring, July has been relentless, and now we wait to see what August will be. If you are trying to beat the heat, we wanted to share some resources. Thanks to Claudia Mausner for the information!

Ossining Recreation and Parks: There are several programs for adults and youths. Ossining has an indoor pool, aquatic programs and even spray parks!

Westchester Department of Park: Westchester has a variety of beaches that are open to Westchester residents.

*if reading this newsletter online click on the blue links above to be taken to the website.

Water Usage

Water in HMC is something we pay for as part of our monthly maintenance fees. Only we, on an individual basis can control how much or how little is used. There is an upward trend in the water usage in Westchester that has significantly increased over the last several years. HMC was not immune to that. Depending on where you may have lived prior to here, water may have been “free”, but unfortunately it is not free here. We all pay for it one way or another.

Please be considerate of your neighbors. Use the local car wash for your vehicles, and use a broom to clean your patios. We all need to be considerate in this regard to control our expenses.

Updates and Reminders

Ball Field/Green Space: Over the last many years, we have been discussing plans for the ball field / green space located on our property. In the last few months, we have done some serious clean up in that area and removed the unsafe items that were laying around. In July, we began installing a new fence. There have been many asking if our children will be able to use that space as a ball field / play area, and once the fence is installed and we can ensure the safety of the property, the intention is to allow use of that space while we continue to provide updates to the area.

We will continue to update you on the status of this space as work progresses.

Concrete Work: Many of you should have seen the concrete work that was happening on some of the sidewalks. We are happy to say that work is complete. Each year, our Facilities team evaluates the concrete around the community to see where we can make some improvements. We have quite the space here, so we span these projects out while prioritizing emergency areas. However, if you ever run into an unsafe area, please let us know immediately, so we can address it.

Boilers: We will be scheduling our annual boiler maintenance. Our Facilities team works round the clock to ensure that our boilers are working properly and part of the process includes an annual cleaning and overhauling.

Unmarked Parking Spaces: Please remember that you are not permitted to occupy an unmarked space if your assigned parking space is empty. We know that the number of unmarked spaces are limited, but in the interest of cooperative living, please park in your assigned space first and then park in the unmarked space. Unmarked spaces are first come, first serve, but it is unfair to each other to “hold” them.

Street parking is available, although please take note of the street parking rules, and you can apply for an Ossining Village Overnight Parking Sticker by visiting their website, downloading and completing the Hardship Parking Application form. ([English Form](#), [Spanish Form](#)) and paying the fee.

Parking: All cars should be parked head first into their spaces. To protect our plants and greenery, please do not back your cars into their spaces.

Lithium Batteries: When storing a lithium battery, it must be detached and stored outside in a lithium safe box. As a reminder, charging lithium batteries may not take place indoors and must take place outside of any HMC apartments, storage rooms, garages, laundry rooms, etc.

Garbage: The changes to the garbage in Parking Lot I has been a success. We have seen less overflow of garbage being blown about by weather, and we have noticed a reduction in the raccoon parties that were taking place well into the midnight hours. We appreciate everyone taking the time to break down their cardboard boxes prior to dumping them. If we all take a moment to break them down, we will have more space in the dumpster, making it easier for everyone. We still have one more additional recycling dumpster coming, pending delivery, to help with the overflow of refuse in this area.

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High Meadow Facebook Page

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 and residents of High Meadow Coop 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 encourage all shareholders to join and connect with each other. Our Facebook page is not open to the public; members who are not shareholders or residents of High Meadow will be removed. Please feel free to direct any questions or concerns to Dawn Marie Hilkin (hmmaintslip@gmail.com).

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. We encourage all shareholders to attend these meetings, especially if you have any questions. The meeting schedule is being updated for the upcoming year and we intend to have a mixture of in-person and virtual meetings, when appropriate.

2023 Meeting Schedule:

August 8th 2023, 7pm - in person
September 19th, 7pm - virtual
October 17th, 7pm - in-person
November 21st, 7pm - virtual
December - no meeting

*Please note the meeting date and location is subject to change.

Submitting Content for the Newsletter

Have something interesting you want to share with the community? How about photos of our beautiful grounds? Is there something specific you would like to see added? We are making some changes to our newsletter moving forward and would like to have your voice represented here as well.

Please feel free to submit an idea for content or your own content in the next HMC newsletter! If you are interested in adding content, please send an email to C. Gardella @ cghighmeadow@gmail.com. All information should be submitted in writing and should include your name, address, and preferred contact info. The Board reserves the right to accept/deny or edit for length and/or content.

Special Announcements

One more! If you would like to include an announcement, (e.g., birth, graduation, promotion) we encourage you to submit a Newsletter Announcement Request by either emailing C. Gardella @ cghighmeadow@gmail.com or through our website: under the Welcome Shareholders! tab, there is an option there to make your life easier: highmeadowcoop.com

After Hours Emergencies

After hours emergencies should be directed to Management's Emergency Number: 800-705-3707. Emergency calls are sent to the staff member on duty. **Please do not contact or visit a staff member's home at any time.**

Unfortunately, anyone who approaches a staff member's home 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