# High Meadow Cooperative, Inc. Newsletter

March/April 2024 Edition

#### **HMC Special Meeting**

A big thank you to everyone who joined us at the Special Meeting! Your presence truly made a difference, and it was fantastic to have everyone's valuable input. A huge thank you to all who attended the subsequent meeting on March 19th and kept the conversation going. Following a productive discussion, we're excited to announce an initial step toward effecting change in our community.

Our first action will be to establish a committee comprising three (3) shareholders and two (2) board members to evaluate our By-Laws and Rules and Regulations. Stay tuned for further details, which will be shared at the upcoming Annual Meeting, along with a follow-up communication outlining how to volunteer and the meeting mechanics.

As a new board assembles following the annual meeting, we're eager for a revitalized dedication to enhancing our community!

### **HMC Annual Meeting**

In a few short days, we will all gather (in-person) for our annual meeting. Don't forget - this year's meeting will occur on Thursday, April 4th, 2024, at 7:00 PM in the Community Room. Looking forward to seeing you then!

## **Updates and Reminders**

<u>Laundry Rooms</u>: Friendly reminder: Please do not wash anything that may contain pet fur, hair or excrements in the machines.

<u>Parking</u>: Each of our units comes with an assigned parking spot and the ability to use an unmarked spot when our assigned spot is occupied. Vehicles remaining parked in an unassigned spot for more than 7 days will be towed at the owner's expense. Parking in High Meadow lots are for shareholders only. Unauthorized vehicles will be towed.

<u>Street Access</u>: A friendly reminder, for the safety of all our neighbors and friends, please try to avoid blocking access from the sidewalk to the street when parking.

<u>Carpeting</u>: In case you didn't know: any apartments located above another apartment must have floor coverings, rugs, or carpeting and cover at least 80% of the entire floor space except for the kitchen and bathroom. Please refer to the Rules and Regulations for further information on carpeting.

# **TidBits**

<u>Landscapers</u>: We were recently informed of a change with our landscaping company, Ultimate Care. Brian, the owner of Ultimate Care, sold the business to Riverview. We should expect to see the same crew, trucks and uniforms. Moving forward, our bills will be invoiced to us through Riverview.

#### **Upcoming Board Meetings**

Board meetings are scheduled to take place on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm, utilizing a hybrid meeting format. We extend a warm invitation to all shareholders to attend these meetings. If you have a private matter you wish to discuss, please reach out to Marilyn Szatkowski at <a href="https://mmaintslip@gmail.com">hmmaintslip@gmail.com</a> at least seven (7) days before the meeting date. Prior to each meeting, virtual meeting links will be distributed via email, and agendas will be posted and shared in advance of the scheduled meeting date.

#### 2024 Meeting Schedule:

April - 4th, Annual Meeting - in person May - 21st, virtual meeting
June - 18th, in-person meeting
July - no meeting
August - 20th, virtual meeting
September - 17th, in-person meeting
October - 15th, virtual meeting
November - 19th, in-person meeting
December - no meeting

\*Please note that the meeting date and location are subject to change. Notification will be provided if a change occurs.

#### With Sympathy

Longtime shareholder, Michael Buitekant, age 86, passed away October 23, 2023. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Sheila, daughter Lisa Izbicki and son Scott. They have two grandchildren. They moved into High Meadow in 1969.

Mike served on the High Meadow Board of Directors for many years, most of which he held the position of President. He was well versed in all the governing documents of High Meadow. During his tenure, the Board of Directors took actions which vastly improved the financial position of the Co-op. Mike put his personal interests aside and always voted for what was in the best interest of High Meadow and its shareholders.

# **Submitting Content for the Newsletter**

Have something fascinating you'd like to share with the community? How about showcasing our stunning grounds through captivating photos? We're always looking for fresh and engaging content to feature in our newsletter, and we want your voice to be heard!

If you have an idea for content or would like to contribute your own, we'd love to hear from you. Please consider submitting your ideas or content for inclusion in the next edition of the HMC newsletter.

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To submit your content or ideas, please email C. Gardella at <a href="mailto:cghighmeadow@gmail.com">cghighmeadow@gmail.com</a>. All submissions should be in writing and include your name, unit, and preferred contact information. Please note that the Board reserves the right to accept, deny, or edit submissions 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**

For after-hours emergencies, please contact Management's Emergency Number at 800-705-3707. Emergency calls will be promptly attended to by the on-duty staff member. We kindly request that you refrain from contacting or visiting a staff member's home outside of regular business hours.

Please note that approaching a staff member's home after hours for co-op-related issues will incur a processing fee of \$100, in addition to overtime charges.

Emergencies may include, but are not limited to: power outages, lack of heating or hot water, fire, or flooding. In the event of such emergencies, please dial 911 immediately.

#### **Important Contact Information**

Facilities Manager, High Meadow Joe Giampietro 914-941-6208

Property Manager
Jenna Guiliano, Stillman Management
914-813-1913
jguiliano@stillmanmanagement.com

Emergency After-Hours Number 800-705-3707

With Gratitude,

The Board of Directors