

High Meadow Cooperative, Inc. Newsletter

“...for High Meadow...about High Meadow”

The School Buses are Back!

School is back in session, a fact you've probably already picked up on. And along with school come big yellow buses – lots of them, taking our youngest residents back and forth to school. So just to review:

- > Drive slowly through the complex during pick-up and drop-off times.
- > Be alert and watch for children (and their parents) near the bus stops.
- > Be aware of the lights and the Stop sign on the bus and NEVER pass a school bus with its red lights flashing.
- > Be patient as the bus driver loads or unloads children; honking honestly doesn't help.

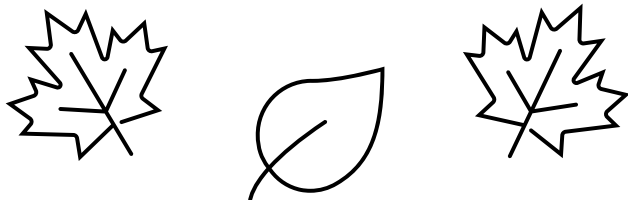
And parents, please be aware of the drivers waiting and do all you can to safely load or unload your children as quickly as possible.

Moving into Fall

The nights are getting cooler and the morning air is somewhat crisp, so Fall must be on its way! Before you pull out the Fall decorations, remember to prepare your outdoor space for the coming season by moving all your seasonal furniture indoors or putting in it storage by November 15, 2024.

You may leave your cooking equipment out during the Fall/Winter seasons, but be sure to keep it either on your immediate stoop area or to the side of your patio. For both leaf blowing and snow removal, having a minimum of objects to work around will result in a better, more complete job.

And with fall comes Halloween! For those of you who have lived here for a while, you know that Halloween in years past has seen lots of trick-or-treaters going from door-to-door to show off their costumes and get some treats. Please exercise extra care when driving around the complex on October 31. We want to be sure that everyone stays safe so they can enjoy their treats!



Help! I'm locked out!

From time to time, we hear stories of one of our neighbors getting locked out of their unit after hours, either late at night or on a weekend, and of the trouble they had gaining access to their home. It's an awful, helpless feeling, and our hearts go out to anyone who has experienced it.

If you get locked out, there are a few options. You may call Stillman Management's after-hours emergency number (914-813-1900; option 8) and report that you are locked out. They will advise you to get in touch with a locksmith, which, to be honest, is less than helpful when it's 11:00 at night or a Sunday afternoon.

If you prefer, you could try to get in touch with a locksmith directly. Two local locksmiths are Beasley's Lock Shop in Ossining (914-762-4704) and Fleetwood Locks in Yonkers (914-237-1073).

Asking a member of our maintenance crew to help you may be tempting but be aware that approaching them after hours will result in your being assessed a \$100 Processing Fee plus overtime.

Amazon offers several kinds of key-hiders which can be placed in the area outside your unit. Most are under \$20 and a quick glance showed options of a turtle, rock, frog, and even a hedgehog.

But perhaps the best thing to do is give a key to your unit to a neighbor or friend to keep, just in case. Be sure to choose someone who lives relatively close, as you don't want to have to wait outside while your keyholder drives down from Danbury or up from Queens. If we're all willing to be key holders for one other resident, hopefully even if we get locked out, there will be someone close by to let us back in again.

Playground Resurfacing

High Meadow's mortgage lender, NCB, conducted an inspection of the High Meadow property on August 15, 2024, and noted that the playgrounds currently lack a protective surface. To rectify this issue, the Board has authorized an external contractor to handle the resurfacing of the playgrounds, with work to be completed as soon as possible. This will not only meet the inspection requirements but will also ensure that the playgrounds remain in good condition for several years to come.

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The Dumpsters – What Goes Where?

Every so often, it's good to review the rules as to what goes where, dumpster-wise.

The BLACK/GREEN dumpsters are for regular trash items which cannot be recycled. Please be sure to securely bag up your garbage to keep the dumpsters as “clean” and odor-free as possible.

The RED dumpsters are for plastics (#1-7), tin cans, and glass jars. Please clean your recyclable items before disposing of them. Plastic bags are NOT recyclable, so please dump your recycle items directly into the dumpster.

The BLUE dumpster, which is located in Parking Lot I near the trash garage, is the ONLY place at High Meadow to dispose of paper recycling. This includes cardboard boxes, junk mail, and magazines and newspapers. Please flatten your cardboard boxes before depositing them in the dumpster.

Sometimes newer residents aren't aware of these rules, and sometimes we get lazy and don't want to walk/drive all the way over to Parking Lot I to get rid of our paper recycling, but please make the extra effort, so we're not in violation of the county and village recycling laws.

Fall HMC Board Meetings

HMC Board meetings are scheduled for September 17 (virtual), October 17 (in person), and November 19 (virtual) for the remainder of 2024. No meeting is scheduled for December. If a meeting is needed, the Board will notify shareholders of the date as soon as it is determined. All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. If a meeting date needs to be changed, the Board will let shareholders know as soon as possible.

If there is a topic that someone would like added to the agenda, shareholders are encouraged to let the Board know as soon as possible. The agenda is finalized one week before the meeting date, so the Board would need to know prior to that, to ensure that time is allocated to go over the topic. But shareholders are always welcome to raise items during the open session Q&A portion of each meeting. Shareholders can submit agenda topics at highmeadowcooperative@gmail.com.



High Meadow's Facebook Page

High Meadow is on Facebook! Look for the group “Residents of High Meadow Coop” and follow the prompts to join. The page is a place for shareholders and residents of High Meadow to meet, connect, and strengthen our community of neighbors. Share your interests, let people know of items you'd like to sell, tell your neighbors about community events they might enjoy, or recommend local businesses with which you've had a positive experience.

All shareholders are encouraged to join and connect with each other. High Meadow's Facebook page is not open to the public; members who are not shareholders or residents of High Meadow Cooperative will be removed. Please feel free to direct any questions or concerns to our Facebook page administrators Carolyn Funke and Ursula Winter at hmmaintslip@gmail.com.

Street Access

Throughout High Meadow's property, there are paved paths leading from the sidewalk to the street which allow sure footing for anyone needing to access the street from the sidewalk. We ask that when you're parking on the street, please make every effort to avoid blocking these paths. We know it's difficult, since lots of us need to park on the street as more and more residents have multiple vehicles per household, and sometimes there just doesn't seem to be enough curbside parking to go around. But if you can avoid blocking the access paths, your neighbors will appreciate it!

A Caution

Recently a couple of our residents have been approached by a man who stopped in front of their units and asked them for money, saying he was hungry and that it was his birthday. He appeared to be in his 50s and was riding a bicycle. The residents declined to give the man any money and he left. They report that at no time did he become aggressive, but they wanted to share their experience with the residents of High Meadow, in case this man, or someone else, approaches you.

For the safety of the whole community, please do not give money or food to strangers who approach you on the street or come to your door. Soliciting for money is, in fact, against the law, according to the Ossining Police Department. If a resident feels threatened by someone approaching them, they can call the OPD, who will respond. The OPD's non-emergency number is 914-941-4099.