



DAHILL GARDENS

a residential cooperative in Brooklyn

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, Dahill Neighbors!

Over the past several months, the Board has been planning for a new capital project – ensuring the integrity of our fire escapes. Last painted almost twenty years ago, our fire escapes are due for rust removal and repainting. We have selected Jenkins Architecture as our engineering consultant to oversee the project and expect to select a contractor later this year. Once we have a contractor and start date, we will work with New Bedford to keep residents informed and up to date on progress.

In April, we repaired the 12th Avenue sidewalk to address trip hazards earning thanks from neighbors down the block. We took another step toward a more sustainable Dahill Gardens by hiring the Horticultural Society of New York, aka The Hort,

as our new landscaper. The Hort uses eco-friendly products and electric equipment, reducing run-off, emissions and noise pollution.

The Board also successfully closed on the sale of unit 1L in April, the co-op owned studio apartment. The net revenue from the sale will bolster our reserve fund enabling the co-op to better plan for major capital expenses such as the upcoming fire escapes work.

We look forward to discussing these projects as well as answer any questions you may have at our annual Dahill Gardens shareholders meeting next month on June 20th. We hope you are able to join us!

welcome

NEW NEIGHBORS!

Michael Lee & Ryu Kim, Apt 3A

Katrina Damkoehler, Apt 1L

Doug & Dorothy's new son, Roy, Apt 6K

Christine & Tom's new son, Michael, Apt 1K

>>> GARDENING COMMITTEE >>>

The Gardening Committee has been enjoying the fruits, or rather blossoms, of last fall's bulb planting and are awaiting the sprouting of a wildflower patch on the 12th Avenue side of the lawn. Members of our working group removed some of the grass and seeded the earth with a mix of native wildflowers. This experiment in expanding our pollinator impact is something to look forward to with the warmer temperatures and longer days of summer. Meanwhile, the transition from late spring into summer has been an unfolding delight with previously planted perennials blooming in the tree beds and on the grounds. Among the myriad benefits of plants is their ability to evoke memory and speak to history, so a big shout out to the community of gardeners that preceded our current group especially Jole Carliner, who recently passed away, for her addition to the beautiful tree pits in front of 36 and 58 Dahill Road.

The committee will be gathering again in June to carry the garden forward sustainably, making new memories and contributing to our outdoor beauty with a concentration on the tree beds along the 12th Ave side. Everyone is welcome to join, if not to get your hands dirty, then for the fresh air and community vibes. Be on the lookout for further details!



IN MEMORIAM



We are saddened by the loss of our neighbor, Jole Carliner, 1E, who passed away in hospice on April 9th, 2024. A tireless community organizer and activist, Jole was integral to the creation of the public green spaces at the Kensington and Avenue C Plazas. Jole was an active member of the East 4th Street Community Garden and organized free concerts of the Singing Winds at Kensington Plaza

and PS 230. In addition to volunteering for our neighborhood at large, Jole was an active member of our co-op gardening committee and generously dedicated time, energy, care and creativity to the grounds of Dahill Gardens. **A celebration of Jole's life is scheduled for 3pm on June 1st, 2024 at Kensington Plaza.**

»»» FIRE ESCAPES REPAINTING

The Board will be undertaking a fire escape repainting project this year in order to remain in good standing with the co-op's underlying mortgage holder, whose field inspector recently flagged painting of the rusting assemblies as a necessary action item. We've hired an architectural consultant to survey the fire escapes and develop specifications and have solicited competitive bids, which are due in the next several weeks. Keep an eye out for updates regarding scheduling of the fire escapes work and other pertinent details.

Please note: the fire escapes are structurally sound and still safe for their intended use. Being proactive now will help prevent safety issues for our co-op in the future.

12TH AVE SIDEWALK REPAIR »»»

Say hello to our new sidewalk! The sidewalk along the 12th Avenue side of the building was recently repaired to address longstanding liability and quality of life concerns. Our contractor replaced twelve heaving sections of concrete to create a level walking surface eliminating trip hazards for residents and neighbors.



Join the **Dahill Neighbors Google Group** to continue the conversation with your Dahill neighbors and learn more about our great neighborhood! All are welcome: <https://groups.google.com/g/dahillneighbors>

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