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Please see the final page of this newsletter. It contains important information on improving the service from our managing agent Wavecrest and requires action on the part of shareholders.

ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

The 2017 Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 9th at 8:00 PM in the community room in the basement of 35-25 77th Street. A limited number of volunteers (**we still need volunteers**) will be available to begin registering shares at 5:30PM. Full registration will begin at 7:00PM. The south and north service entrances of the 'B' wing of the 77th Street building will be open for all residents to enter via the garden. Please consider registering on your return from business. You then need not return until the meeting starts at 8:00PM.

Three of the seven board positions will end their terms in May and thus will require election. The corporation is seeking candidates to fill these positions. As of this writing, Anne Eckhardt, Michael Hoffman, Edward Leahy, Pia Prevost and Roy Sirengo are candidates.

Shareholders who wish to run for the board may submit their resumes or letters of intent either by e-mail to **rysanecone@msn.com** or by post to Terrence Dineen 77-12 35th Avenue, Apt. B42, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. The final deadline for submission is Friday, April 21st.

Responsibilities include regular attendance at the monthly board meetings and volunteering to act as liaison to at least one of the board sponsored committees.

We cannot lightly dismiss the time required. The work involves dealing with current issues as well as planning for the future of the corporation. This will demand a certain portion of one's free time but with the help of the volunteer committees, this can be kept to a minimum.

Last year we did not attain a quorum. **This means that an election of Board officers could not take place. It also means that the Board is not required to discuss business with nor answer the questions of shareholders.**

In order to facilitate the achievement of a quorum, the Proxy form functions in two ways. Besides the standard form wherein one may appoint another attending shareholder to register shares and vote in one's stead, there is an additional section wherein a shareholder may simply register their shares in advance of the meeting. **This action does not give 'power of attorney' to anyone else.** It merely pre-registers your shares with the intent of achieving a quorum. Your election ballot will be given to you at the meeting. Should you not attend **no one will vote in your stead** but your shares will have been registered for quorum purposes. Shareholders will receive the Proxy forms along with the other meeting materials in mid-April. All the materials are available now on the Berkeley website (**www.theberkeleycoop.com**). They are easily downloaded. Proxy forms will also be available at the mailboxes. They are simple to fill

out and can be given to a neighbor; any board member; the committee chair, Mr. Dineen or to Milton Rivera, Superintendent.

Volunteers are needed to help with shareholder registration the evening of the event. Past volunteers have said they found it a good way to meet their fellow shareholders. If you wish to volunteer or should you have any questions about the meeting or the election, please contact Mr. Dineen at either of the above addresses.

FOOD CONTAINERS IN TRASH ROOMS

Boxes and containers in which food had been stored **MUST NOT** be placed in the recycling bins of the trash rooms on each floor. They must be put in a plastic trash bag and either thrown down the chute or brought to the basement. Given the increase in takeout food delivery, more residents have been leaving containers in said trash rooms. This has caused an uptick in the roach, mice and rat population. We thank you for your cooperation.

NEW SECRETARY APPOINTED TO BERKELEY BOARD

With the resignation of Richard Carter from the Board (as mentioned in the February newsletter) the Board has appointed Bertine Lafayette to take over as Secretary. She may be contacted by email at the Board address: **berkboard@gmail.com**. For those without email access you may post her at: Bertine Lafayette, 77-12 35th Avenue, Apartment B22, Jackson Heights, NY 11372.

SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 18th. There will be no Board meeting in May as that will be replaced by the Annual Shareholders meeting on Tuesday, May 9th. When the new Board convenes the dates of future meetings will be decided. As soon as they become available we will post them on the bulletin boards and the Google group. Between 6:00–6:30 PM, all shareholders/tenants may come to the Boardroom in the basement of the 77th Street building to discuss issues with a Board member. The Board asks that you send an email in advance (**berkboard@gmail.com**) to let it know the nature of your issue and that you be succinct in your presentation. If you are not a resident of 77th Street, you may contact the Board at the above email address to gain entrance.

WAVECREST

Because we were concerned about the lack of response and communication from Wavecrest, a small committee of board members met with Wavecrest management on Friday morning, February 10th, to discuss several issues, with communication with our residents being the top priority. In the future, when you email Wavecrest, please email both Jay and Yolanda using the following email addresses: jyablonsky@twmt.net; ycuadrado@twmt.net. If you do not receive a response within **one business day**, please forward your email to Susan Camerata, Chief Financial Officer of Wavecrest, at scamerata@twmt.net.

Susan Camerata informed us that they have recently implemented a pilot program for an email and text “blast” method of communication with residents of their managed properties. We would like to jump on board with this new communication program. In order to do that, Wavecrest needs your email address and cell phone number. Please complete the form below and slip it under the door of one of these apartments:

Ann Eckhardt	35th Avenue	Apt. B12	B Side
Bertine Lafayette	35th Avenue	Apt. B22	B Side
Allen Sabot	35th Avenue	Apt. A52	A Side
Milton (Super)	78th Street	Basement Office	
Pia Prevost	77th Street	B51	B Side

You may equally well fill out the form online by accessing this URL: it online: <https://goo.gl/u8XZO5>

CONTACT DATA FOR WAVECREST COMMUNICATION

Resident name(s): _____

Address: ☐ 35th Avenue ☐ 77th Street ☐ 78th Street Apt.: _____

Email address(es): _____

Cell phone #(s): _____

Contributors to this issue were Terrence Dineen, Anne Eckhardt and Bertine Lafayette. Anyone wishing to contribute an article/notice to the Berkeley Grapevine should contact the Berkeley Cooperative Newsletter at berkeleynewsletter@msn.com

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