

Memo for Members – April 8, 2021

Stay At Home Order

With the government issuing another stay-at-home order effective today, for the next 4 weeks, staff are required to work from home unless it is absolutely necessary to come into the office. E-mail and voice mail messages will be checked throughout the day. Please be patient, your messages will be returned.

Our co-op is located in one of the high-risk areas of Hamilton. It is important that everyone, especially the children continue to adhere to the safety measures of staying socially distant, wearing a mask when you cannot be distant and washing or sanitizing your hands regularly.

Maintenance

The maintenance position has just been filled and we are working on getting everything in order. A start date has not been determined. Please continue to submit any work order requests to the office via email (winkleighcoop@gmail.com) or by phone so that they can be addressed.

Service Calls

For hot water tank related issues please call Reliance at 1-866-735-4262
For furnace/air conditioner related issues please call Reliance at 1-888-837-1451



Fences

Work should begin next week on the remaining blocks. Please make sure your backyard is prepared.

Roger Bulk Cable/Internet Package

The membership has voted to accept the new Rogers Ignite cable/internet package. Details on installation, start dates etc. will follow shortly.



Online General Members Meeting

A virtual General Members Meeting will be held later this month to approve the 2021-22 budget. Packages and details will be sent out shortly.

Bulk Garbage

If you have bulk items to be picked up by the city, you must arrange for pick up **before** putting the items outside. Call 905-546-2489 at least one week before you want your bulk garbage picked up.

- Pick ups are scheduled for the same day as your regular waste collection day.
- A maximum of four items will be picked up each time you call in.
- Make sure each item does not weigh more than 90 kg (200 lb) and is not longer than 1.2 m (4 ft).
- Do not put them out to curb until 7pm the evening before pick-up.
- Batteries must be taken out before putting items at the curb.
- Sofa beds and recliners must be tied so they do not unfold.
- Items with visible signs of bedbugs must be wrapped and sealed in plastic or they will not be collected.

Spring Clean Up Bins

The co-op will try the bins again this year for members to use to get rid of household items.



However, if they are misused again (overfilled, improper items put in, stuff left outside etc.) or if there are issues with parking and blocking access to the bins, the co-op will put a stop to getting them in the future. The full co-operation from the membership is necessary for this perk to continue.

Date and guidelines of use will be given out next month.

In the meantime, please make use the City's Bulk pick-up option for your items.

A few friendly reminders

The nicer weather means that more of our kids are outside playing. Members, please be vigilant when driving in and out of the co-op and backing out of driveways. The walkway to the park hall has become a popular place for kids to rollerblade, bike and use their scooters. However, because there is a slope, they tend to pick up speed, do not stop safely and end up going out on to the road. Parents, please encourage your kids to play safe, watch for cars and to play in grass areas instead of the laneway. A small group of kids were seen prying the doors open and going into the landscape shed near the park hall. Please remind your kids that the shed is off limits.

Pet messes are to be picked up immediately in the common areas and regularly picked up in your backyard.

The space behind your units is common area and is not meant for storage, garbage or for dumping our pet waste bags.

Parking in laneways in front of your unit is prohibited as it is a fire lane.

Useful Info

With the impacts of social isolation on mental health and well-being, co-ops are encouraged to direct members to the province's [COVID-19: Support for People](#) website, which has information about many free mental health services and supports



The [Ontario COVID-19 covid 19 Child Benefit](#) provides financial support to families with young learners to help with additional costs during the COVID-19 covid 19 pandemic.

Starting on April 26, we will begin issuing payments of:

- \$400 for each child or youth up to Grade 12
- \$500 for each child or youth up to age 21 with special needs

If you received a payment through the Support for Learners program, you do not need to apply for this additional payment.

If you missed applying for the Support for Learners program, you will have the opportunity to apply. Applications will open from May 3, 2021 to May 17, 2021.

This new round of payment through the Ontario COVID-19 covid 19 Child Benefit is in addition to payments provided by Support for Families and the Support for Learners programs.