85 LIVINGSTON

News and Information



HOLIDAY PARTY & TREE DECORATING

Mix and mingle with neighbors and help decorate the holiday tree!

- When: Sunday, December 10, 11AM - 2PM
- Where: 85 Livingston Lobby
- Light bites and beverages will be provided and ornaments will be provided for decoration!

2024 MAINTENANCE

The Board has carefully reviewed the Corporation's projected 2024 operating expenses with AKAM Associates, Inc. The net result of this financial review is the Board's financially prudent decision to implement a 8% maintenance increase. This increase is necessary in order to cover the anticipated increase in real estate taxes, which are projected to increase by $347,612 in 2024 along with the mortgage payment which has now moved from interest only to principal and interest which will increase by $94,123 in 2024. The 8% maintenance increase will go into effect starting January 1, 2024. Read more here.

CAPITAL ASSESSMENT UPDATE

The board will share a complete Capital Assessment update in early 2024 with upcoming projects, updated timelines, etc. Please keep an eye out for those details.

Board Members

Richard Shelala
Richard Currie
Lindsey Elias
Matt Kaplan
Corey Klar
Cary Shapiro
PaulaMarie Susi

HOLIDAY TIPPING

- Holiday tipping is a great way to say 'thank you' to staff that have worked hard all-year long
- Cash or personal checks are an appropriate way of providing tips, usually passed to the staff in envelopes labeled by name
- At 85 Livingston, you will receive a holiday greeting under your door with a list of the staff to make things a little easier
- Additional guidelines for appropriate amounts for tipping can be found here



LOCAL CONSTRUCTION

Board members recently met with DCAS (Department of Citywide Services) and their contractor to discuss the noise and other disruptions coming from the municipal construction project. We were joined by board members from 75 Livingston, who have also filed a number of complaints with the city, and Lincoln Restler, our local City Council member.

Here are some highlights of the discussion:

- **Clarity on projects** - the project in the building behind 85 Liv is run by DCAS however, the construction in front of the Department of Education building is handled by the DOE and thus DCAS was not able to discuss those issues in detail but will be putting us in touch with the appropriate contacts.
- **Noise Levels** - we have been assured that steps have been taken to mitigate noise levels and they have agreed to reach out to their sound engineer again to see if there is anything they can do to further dampen noise coming from their boilers and condenser units.
- **Upcoming projects** - the MTA has begun a project to install elevators at Borough Hall which will be a multi-year project in which we can expect to experience some disruptions.

Unfortunately, the best we can hope for is that the city will listen to our complaints and take steps where they can. We will keep residents updated but please continue to share your concerns with the board so that we can pass them along to the city.



Meet Mateo Zapata!

Role: Porter

Mateo started part-time in March 2023 and is now a full-time porter as of October!

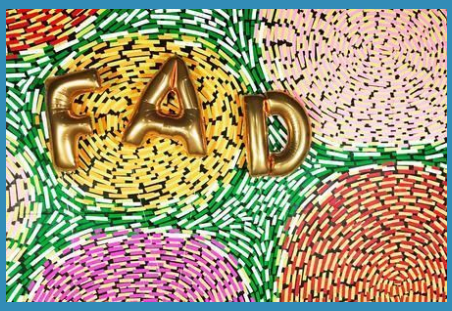
At 33 years old, Mateo has two passions: cars and art! Currently, he is rebuilding a 1983 VW Rabbit and loves older cars. He also really enjoys modern and abstract art and tries to attend art exhibits and museum shows when he has the time.

Mateo loves working at our building, enjoys the camaraderie of his co-workers and said the residents are very friendly and cordial. He also believes we are a very community-oriented building and he respects that. Please join us in congratulating Mateo in becoming a full-time member of our community!

In the Neighborhood: Holiday Markets

Don't miss the Danish Christmas fair, a bigger than ever Holiday market and free Holiday Hub for families at CityPoint and a holiday market with Brooklyn made-gifts and free Brooklyn Bridge Parents Family Corner at the Bklyn Navy Yard.
Click here to learn more.

FAD Market



FAD Market is a roving Fashion, Art and Design pop-up market that travels seasonally to unique venues in the vibrant New York City. We aim to create a thoughtfully curated platform for artists, designers and members of the public to meet, interact and together, discover the art and culture within our community.

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