
Eastwood Beats Rent Hike; Rivercross Gets 4% Boost

DHCR has denied a rent increase for Eastwood residents, and approved a maintenance increase for Rivercross.

Eastwood

The Eastwood Building Committee (EBC) beat back a management request for a rent increase from \$191.93 per room to \$211.59/room at a hearing February 11. Ron Vass of the Committee credited "the finest oral presentation in years" by EBC's accountant, Jeff Resnick, and the skills of Doryne Isley and Thelma MacIntosh, who head the management team for Eastwood, Westview, and Island House.

In an announcement to residents, EBC called on residents to attend its next meeting (Thursday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.) to vote for officers and join a campaign to improve Public Safety performance in the building.

Rivercross

Rivercross, meanwhile, was granted a 4.09% maintenance increase after DHCR reviewed a Board request for 5.5%.

The increase had been opposed by a group asking for higher surcharges on residents whose income exceeds DHCR guidelines. DHCR responded by giving the Board six months to come up with a recommendation on a change in the surcharge schedule. The cooperative imposes a maximum of 10%.

The group is reportedly planning legal action to force DHCR to bring Rivercross in line with other Mitchell-Lama buildings of the Rivercross type, all of which impose legal-maximum 50% surcharges on all residents who opt not to provide proof of income. (**Related letter, page 2.**)