

WVTF *Newsletter*

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➤ **PRIVATIZATION UPDATE**

Aside from the recent letter summarized below sent by the Task Force lawyer to DHCR there has been no progress to report on negotiations towards a reasonable agreement with the Westview owner/sponsors as we are informed that their attention has been focused on resolving the thorny issues raised by the New York State Attorney General's office regarding the "red herring" to be presented to Island House tenants. This processes is lengthy but hopefully by the end of the year it will come to fruition.

Meanwhile, the letter authored by Westview Attorney, Percy L Mintz, was sent to Mr. Richmond McCurnin, Assistant Commissioner, New York State Homes and Community Renewal on June 30,2014.

The major points made in the letter were:

1.Citing that the proposed terms for Westview as being unequal with those proposed for Island House as follows:

- a. The initial rent increase for Westview would be 26-37% vs 9-12.5% for Island House.
- b. The cost of apartment purchase would be 34% higher for Westview than Island House.
- c. The apartment maintenance cost would be 14% higher for Westview than Island House.

Commissioner McCurnin was asked to intervene to facilitate a quick resolution of all remaining issues.

The full text of the letter is available [here](#)

➤ **FREE USE OF POOL EXTENSION**

We are happy to report that complimentary usage of the Westview pool has been extended till the end of August.

If you do not have the temporary ID yet, you should get one from RY office and start enjoying the facility.

➤ **OTHER MATTERS**

As many of us have seen on many occasions recently, there is a shortage of shopping cart in the 625 Lobby. It appears that many tenants are not returning the carts timely after using them leaving them in the lobby and in a few instances in the lobby of 575 and even outside of the building. Please, be considerate of your neighbors cause next time you will need a cart to carry your groceries from the car - you will not find one.

➤ ***WTI MEETINGS IN AUGUST***

Due to summer vacation and members being out of the city, WTI by-weekly meetings have been canceled in August.

The regular [schedule](#) will be resumed in September.

Have a great summer everyone!!!!