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The end of another year is fast approaching. We know that 2023 has been a year of quite bleak economic and global news. The Board, like many other housing associations as well as private individuals, have had to deal with the new financial reality and we have had to make some tougher priority calls this year. For the Board, the long-term prosperity of our housing association is our utmost priority.

Regarding financial matters, there are a few things we can all do to reduce our common costs. Earlier this winter you received information about how you can improve your indoor climate and reduce energy consumption. We are glad to notice that many of you seem to have put such efforts into place. Another costly issue is recurring water damage due to blocked pipes – we encourage everyone to flush only toilet paper down the drain!

During 2024 we aim to reopen the recycling room, and we hope this will reduce the occurrence of rubbish discarded in our common areas. If we work together and take responsibility for discarding rubbish properly, we can reduce very costly and unnecessary cleaning and sanitation costs. Furniture and other bulky waste should always be left with the waste truck, alternatively discarded at the mobile recycling centre (arranged by the municipality). See dates and times on the digital information boards.

Throughout 2023 we have maintained a focus on upkeep, keeping our buildings in good, healthy condition: Laundry rooms have been equipped with new machines, drainpipes have been flushed out and ground tiles have been washed.

We, residents of Hagalund, were saddened with the news that our neighbourhood has been classified as a Vulnerable area by the police. Many of us are actively working against this negative development. Hopefully, this classification will further increase attention and mobilise efforts from the police. Since October, our housing association has contracted a new security firm, Rapid, and we hope you have noted their enhanced presence.

Some good news too, the municipality of Solna has proposed an initiative to develop Hagalund through a three-step project: grow local businesses, producing a new local zoning plan, and increase safety and well-being. We hope and believe that the heightened attention on this area will generate positive progress and development of our neighbourhood.

We see and appreciate all of you who contribute in different ways to looking after our common property, keeping the yard nice and tidy, and have stepped up to keep a watchful eye on what is going on to improve the safety of our neighbourhood.

Speaking of safety, please be mindful of fire hazards this time of year. Put new batteries in your fire alarm and do not leave candles unattended!

The Association Board wishes all residents of BRF Hagalunden

*Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!*

