The Hidden Ridge GEM

August 2014



The President's Message



Dear Fellow Hidden Ridgers,

On August 3, 2014 we had our Annual Meeting and Elections. While there was an uncontested election of four candidates for four positions, there were two rule changes that needed to be voted on by the members of the community. For those of you who were there or who sent in absentee ballots or proxy designation, thank you for doing your civic duty. A special mailing, emails as well as notices on the bulletin boards were reminders that we were having a meeting. Those of you who were there knew that we had to have people drive around the community, knocking on doors, practically "dragging people out of bed" to attend so that we could make a guorum of 51% of the homeowners. Later that day at the pool as I was walking around I asked several sunbathers why they did not attend the meeting. Some of the responses included, "I was tired and sleeping," "I forgot," and "There were only four candidates and you didn't need my vote." Electing a board of peers to voluntarily manage the community and plan events, does not excuse the apathy and disgruntled demands without consideration. There is not a day that goes by that one of us does not hear a complaint from someone in the community. However, even when you had the opportunity to change the board, some members for whom you have nothing but disdain according to the comments we hear, NO ONE stepped forward, not even the squeakiest of wheels.

Included in the July issue of the GEM was a form titled "Your Opinion Counts" that we asked the residents (homeowners and renters) to complete. Would you believe that there were less than 25 forms returned? Did you forget to respond to this too? This shows that the majority of the residents have no interest in voicing their opinion, presenting us with fresh ideas so that we can make this community a better one. For those who responded, thank you, your opinions will be considered in our planning. As for the rest of you who did not respond- it shows us a lack of interest in our community.

Over the last two years a total of 86 out of 150 homeowners filed to have the assessed value of their homes reduced. Should I assume that the rest of you have no desire to save a few dollars on your property taxes? Information on this topic was in the GEM starting in September 2013. Assistance in completing the form was available - it took a five minute phone call and you could have been walked through the form! For next year, there will be a lawyer representing those homeowners who sign up with him and pay him directly, as it is felt that one voice representing several will ensure better results for us. I hope the number will be closer to 150 this time.

The same small group of people can be counted on to support the Board members in their work. We thank you for your assistance for all you do. The rest of you either have nothing to say or you can be heard dissecting every little thing that is

From the Editor

Dear Fellow Hidden Ridgers,



No good turn goes unpunished. Last month I was criticized for my column because I thanked people who did not live in Hidden Ridge. It so happens that the

employers of the people I thanked happen to be our vendors and "thank you" was more than appropriate. That being said, it doesn't seem to matter whether I write something positive or negative, I will still be called on it. And since I, as the founder, writer, layout person and editor-in-chief of this newsletter to use my column to say my piece, that is exactly what I will continue to do. If you enjoy what I write, and you feel like telling me so, I will be happy to hear your comments. However, if you don't like my columns, it is your option not to read them. But, don't call me or Bonnie to say I'm "inappropriate" or you don't like my personalizing my column. If your criticism is constructive, I would entertain it. Yet, after 7 years of doing this, I feel entitled to use this space to say whatever I choose. Usually I try to speak my mind in a positive manner. If you think you can do a better job, come and try it for a couple of months!

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I am continuously asking for people to contribute to the newsletter. Some people have taken me up on this. Most have stayed. I give special thanks to the people who do contribute once or maybe more often. But I am most truly grateful to those who have developed columns and continued throughout the years providing enjoyable and interesting things to read.

A newsletter should not have one voice. So it is the sharing of the stories that has made this newsletter a staple in the community. Even our vendors, including the ones whose employees I thanked have told me they love to read what we all have to say.

So, I will continue to speak my mind in the column so designated as "From the Editor." And the rest of you can share whatever positive stories and thoughts you may have. This is the most negative editorial and the last of its kind I plan to write!

Now, to add a positive spin to the end of this column, I am loving my mornings in the great sunshine and our pool! It has been a great summer of weather for just that and those of you who never put on a bathing suit and get into that pool are missing a great pleasure. The temperature in the pool is perfect and thank you to the Maintenance crew, the pool this year is the cleanest it has ever been. Linda

done or decided upon without your attending a meeting or volunteering to help on a committee. Perhaps it is time for a change! As has been printed previously - do not be part of the problem, become part of the solution.

I hope I have given you all something to think about - Hidden Ridge needs you! Get involved!

Bonnie

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Upcoming Events



Next Board Meeting: August 24, 10 AM

Please see the bulletin boards for updates.

Want to announce something to our community? Call Linda and place an ad in the GEM.

Please call 917-747-8660 or email: bonsdiva@aol.com

DEADLINE for SEPTEMBER ISSUE - August 20th

Important Reminder



President Bonnie Siegel reminds all homeowners that a current copy of your insurance certification is required to be on file with the HOA. This form should include the unit number as well as the effective dates of coverage. A copy of the Declarations page is acceptable and preferred. Handwritten details on these documents as well as premium notices are not acceptable. Send your certification forms directly to the Hidden Ridge Office, PO Box 976, Monticello, NY 12701.

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Wanted: Ads to defray costs of printing the *GEM*, such as, business cards, etc.

Prices for ad space in newsletter:

- full page \$25/issue \$125/year
 1/2 page \$15/issue \$75/year
 1/4 page \$10/issue \$50/year
 - business card \$ 5/issue \$ 25/year

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If you would like to contribute to the August issue or consider writing a regular byline, please notify the Editor-in-Chief. Please send your information to: Linda Solomon at bonsdiva@aol.com

A copy of the revised A-Z Book will be disseminated with the September issue of the GEM.



Dining and Entertainment

Robbie's Recipes



submitted by Robbie Schecter

Perhaps these two recipes were inspired by our recent weekend to Detroit when we stayed in the Greektown Casino Hotel.

IT'S GREEK TO ME!!

Ingredients:

Extra-virgin olive oil

1/2 tsp crushed red pepper flakes

- 3 large shallots, diced; about 1 cup
- $1 \frac{1}{2}$ lbs large shrimp, peeled & deveined
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 4 oz Greek feta cheese
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 2 lbs large ripe tomatoes
- Salt & pepper

Directions:

 Put 4 T olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add shallots and garlic, and season with salt and pepper and cook, stirring until softened, about 5 - 8 minutes. Lower heat to keep mixture from browning. Remove from heat while preparing tomatoes.
 Fill a saucepan with water and bring to boil. Add whole tomatoes and cook for about 2 minutes, until

skins loosen. Immediately plunge tomatoes in bowl of cold water to cool, then drain. With a paring knife, core tomatoes and remove skins. Cut tomatoes into thick wedges.

3. Heat oven to 400[°]. Return skillet to stove over med -high heat. Add tomato wedges and season with salt & pepper (optional). Add red pepper flakes. Cook, stirring, until mixture is juicy and tomatoes have softened, about 10 minutes. Transfer mixture to shallow, ovenproof baking dish.

4. Put shrimp in a mixing bowl. Add 1 T olive oil, season with salt & pepper and stir to coat. Arrange shrimp over tomato mixture in one layer. Crumble cheese over the shrimp and sprinkle with oregano.
5. Bake for 10 - 12 minutes until tomatoes are bubbling and cheese has browned slightly. Remove from oven and let dish rest for 5 minutes. Serves 4.

HIDDEN RIDGE POLO SHIRT

The cost will be \$16 for sizes small-extra large (\$18 for sizes 2x and up). (See photo of shirt below) Shirts can be ordered through Bonnie Siegel. Payment will be expected on delivery of the shirts. Thank you for your cooperation.



Hidden Ridge Polo Shirt Order Form:

Name:

Phone Number:_____

I would like to order: _____Hidden Ridge Polo Shirt(s)

____ Small _____Medium _____ Large

____X Large ____XX Large ____XXX Large

Robbie's Recipes, continued

GREEK TOMATO SALAD

Ingredients:

3 - 4 lbs ripe tomatoes

1 small red onion, sliced thinly

2 small, sweet red peppers, sliced into thin rings

Flakey sea salt

4 oz Greek feta cheese

2 Tbs roughly chopped mint

Extra-virgin olive oil, for drizzling

Directions:

1. Wash, core and slice tomatoes, 1/2" thick. Arrange slices on platter.

2. Scatter onion & red pepper slices over the tomatoes; season with sea salt. Let sit 10 minutes to draw out juices.

3. Break feta into rough chunks and scatter over salad. Sprinkle mint & oregano over top. Drizzle generously with olive oil.

Cul-de-Sac Liaisons			
<u>Cul-de-Sac</u>	Numbers	Liaison	
Azaleas	15-23D	Karen Seltzer	
Birch	29-43D	Helen Klein	
Camellias	59-73D	Betty Fuchs	
Daffodils	89-103D	Fran Zatz	
Elms	107-125D	Julia Glaz	
Firs	149-171D	Lenny Kirschenbaum	
Gardenias	173-187D	Jerry Bassik	
Hemlocks	193-205D	Lenny Keusch	
Iris	196-214D	Harriet Kopelman	
Juniper	126-148D	Jeff Lynn	
Kerrias	74-96D	Rhoda Hertz	
Laurels	44-58D	Ellen Burzichelli	
Magnolias	29-43T	Sheila Cole	
Narcissus	45-58T	Joe Gluck	
Oaks	28-46T	Jill Friedman	
Petunias	6-26T	Bonnie Siegel	
Roses	8-14D	Helene Schulman	

Monday/Wednesday Night **Canasta Tournament Weekly Winners**

July 14 Karen Seltzer Shari List Espi Turetsky Gloria Plotsky

July 23

Mervl Miles Helene Schulman Joe Schoenfeld Gloria Plotsky Helen Klein

Aug. 4

Karen Seltzer Mitzi Schoenfeld Larry Miles Helene Schulman Arnie Plotsky Joe Schoenfeld

July 16 Warren Streisand Mitzi Schonfeld Warren Streisand Helene Schulman Lee Simon Helene Schulman Bea Freedlander

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Aug. 11

July 21

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Helen Badain

Sheila Bruck

Larry Miles

Helene Schulman

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July 30

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50-50 Winners

Gloria Plotsky

Isabel Streisand

07/12 Blossom Cohen 07/19 Corinne Needleman 07/26 Lee Simon 08/02 Larry Strickler 08/09 Bea Freedlander

The Poet's Corner



Inward Travelers

We stand together on the terrace, Minds cluttered with accumulation of detail Shoulder to shoulder, holding wine glasses...

Dark warren of streets below Traffic sounds, fumes swirling from street Gazing at open sky, stars peeking from haze Counting planes in distance, Clouds rippling silently above...

Two travelers dismounting, Distant breeze caressing us ... My head resting in silence, Nestled in your arms... Moment furrowed in time.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The Jewish High Holy Days are coming at the end of September and beginning of October. If you haven't yet given Linda Solomon your \$3 for participation in the 2014 holiday greetings column, now is the time to do so. Many of your neighbors are sending their holiday greetings through the GEM and you can, too! The list will be posted in September, October and December.

We now have 38 Hidden Ridge families listed. Join them in saying, "Hi, Neighbor, and Happy Holidav!"

Go to the form on page AD 4, complete the form and submit with your \$3 to the address provided. Thank you.

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

There have been several occurrences (deaths and funerals, illnesses, etc.) over the winter in which those in charge of disseminating information to the community were not notified in a timely fashion. If you are aware of something that should be disseminated to all of Hidden Ridge, and you have not seen a timely email go out, please make it your business to notify Bonnie Siegel or Eddie Erlich as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sheila Bruck Aug. 6 Helen Klein Linda Solomon

Laura and John – Part II

By Peter Morello

Recap of Part 1: Laura had been constantly bullied by the Pinks for the last two years of her attendance at Yonkers High School. They mocked her physique and complexion and took every opportunity to make her life miserable and aware of their perceived superiority. They did this because they could.

During one of her lunch periods she was introduced to John Fent by one of her girlfriends. He was a gentle giant of a young man who seemingly took everything in stride and whose heart was as broad as his shoulders. John took a liking to Laura and asked for her phone number which Laura provided with little hesitation.

uring dinner Laura was engrossed in thought as to how nice it would be if she and John could be a couple and living their lives as though they were part of a Ricky Nelson song. She picked at the meatloaf her mother had prepared and moved the mashed potatoes around from side to side in her plate never seeming to really be eating much of anything.

"Laura, you're not eating your food. Are you okay?" asked Laura's mother, Marian.

"I'm fine mom – I'm just not hungry. Can I be excused?"

"Why do I even bother cooking?" Marian wondered out loud. "Okay, you're excused."

Laura quickly left the table leaving her mother perplexed as to what was bothering her.

"Do you believe your daughter?" Marian asked her husband John.

"Sweetheart, she's just a kid – a teenager; who knows what's going through her head?" John responded.

"Teenager or not, the least she could do is eat her mother's food that I worked hard to prepare. If she turns sideways, she disappears. She needs to fill out her frame."

"I see you've spent time filling out yours." John dryly said.

"That's not funny – we're talking about Laura, our daughter, our only child, or did you forget that?"

"Look – I'm sorry, but she's just a kid who is sowing her wild oats. Let her be and I'm sure everything will work out as it usually does."

"Says you," Marian said unconvinced.

Laura was anxiously waiting by the phone after she left the dinner table. She wondered if it was possible that the first boy who ever showed any interest in her would follow through and actually have the temerity to call her. She had never gotten so far with any member of the male species and the mere fact that John was willing to talk to her made her heart skip a beat with eager anticipation. Laura sat by the phone drumming her fingers on the phone stand. It was 7:15 PM; what was John waiting for? After several more minutes of speculating and just as she was about to give up hope, the phone rang. Before the first ring was finished she picked up the receiver and said, "Hello, John." She closed her eyes realizing she had been overly aggressive but instantly felt better upon hearing John's baritone voice.

"Gee, you must have ESP or something. How did you know it's me?"

"Oh, I just assumed you would call right after dinner," Laura sheepishly replied.

"You're right about that," John replied, feeling confident that Laura was eager.

Both began speaking at the same time and nervously laughed realizing just how nervous the other sounded. They both excused themselves and insisted the other speak first. After several fits and starts John finally suggested that ladies should speak first.

"John, I just wanted to ask you why you wanted my number. It's not like we met across a crowded room at a party or something."

"I told you that I saw you previously in the hallway at school and I became interested in you after I heard nice things about you and when Joan introduced us, I knew that was my opportunity."

"I guess you weren't speaking to any of the Gents or Pinks. They're really rotten to me and always give me a heard time. You said they didn't bother you. I really admire you, John."

"Laura, I sorta lied about that. I mean – just between us the Gents have given me some trouble in the past. You see, about a year ago Fred Badman invited me to a party at his house. He said he would love to have me there and that I was a cool guy and all and he even asked me to join the Gents. Well, he gave me his address and when I got there I discovered it was a dog kennel. The next day at school, Fred and three other Gents were waiting for me by my locker and began barking at me. I tell you Laura, I was furious and I really let Fred have it but good."

"Oh wow, you must have busted his skull, right, John."

"Well - not exactly, I'm always afraid I'll hurt someone and I don't like pugilism. Instead, I looked him right in the eye and I said, 'Okay for you Fred Badman; have it your way.' And I never spoke to him again."

"That's it?" Laura asked incredulously.

"Yup, that's what I did." John responded with pride. "I taught him a lesson but good."

Laura started laughing uncontrollably. This gentle bear of a guy couldn't muster up anything more than a little anger at an otherwise humiliating situation.

"Oh, John, I really lo' – I mean I like you and I think you're neat. Didn't you feel hurt by any of this?"

"Of course I did," John responded while lowering his voice. I was humiliated and it really took a lot for me not *(continued on page 7)*

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to want to stay home and hide. I was deeply hurt and it didn't help that the Pinks took a few shots at me, too. That Francine Fink kept asking me if I liked Alpo for a whole week. I - I have to admit I was really hurt and felt like a pariah in my own school. Both the Pinks and Gents laughed at me at every opportunity they got. I guess they knew I wouldn't do anything so they did what they do best."

"So I guess we have some things in common even if it's not good stuff," Laura observed while nervously giggling.

"Yeah, I guess you right," John said, sounding dejected.

Laura could sense that John was just as vulnerable as she was and had gone through many of the same difficult circumstances as she did. This seemingly confident, muscular boy couldn't hide his feelings and she felt his interest in her may have had to do with the similarities they shared.

"You know what, let's not talk about others. Let's talk about each other – that's why I called you - deal?" John suggested.

"Deal," Laura eagerly replied while smiling.

Feeling more confident than ever Laura decided to enquire about John. Who's your favorite actor, John?"

"Well, I've always been partial to Bridget Bardot – hubba hubba."

Laura again burst out laughing. Never before had she heard such an expression used buy a seventeen year old. Although he sounded square she knew they shared much in common emotionally and she felt her interest in him growing by the minute.

"Did I say something funny," John asked, totally unaware of the humor in the expression he used.

"John, I'm not making fun of you or anything – it's just that I didn't expect to hear such a reaction from such a young guy. I understand your interest in Bridget Bardot but you have to admit I can't exactly compete against her. I myself have always admired Ricky Nelson – I have all his records and posters all over my bedroom. But that doesn't mean I don't like you. I know he's a star and has his own circle of friends. It's just a hobby I have I guess."

"Well, I'm not exactly Ricky Nelson just like you're not Bridget Bardot so that means we have stuff in common, right?"

"Right," Laura said while feeling more comfortable than ever talking to John

By this time John was sweating profusely. Every time he became nervous there would be a cascade of events that would follow. Not only would he sweat from his brow to his toes but he would stutter – sometimes uncontrollably until his nervousness would subside. He would also pace the floor up and down, down and up. He felt the usual symptoms coming on as he began to formulate the question that he wanted to ask Laura. Just how would he word it? Would she agree to his offer? What if she said no; how embarrassed would he feel? He considered ending the conversation right there and then; but, also was trying to muster the courage to somehow get the words out. He knew he had only one chance and one chance only.

While sweat poured from every pore of his body and nervously pacing the foyer in his apartment he decided to give it a try.

"Ah, Laura, you know, the reason I-I I called is thathaaa, I was won- won..." John felt like giving up and slamming down the phone. His stuttering was ruining everything and he felt humiliated and began thinking of the trick Fred had played on him and how he felt afterwards. He decided to persevere and give it one more try as he banged his right clenched fist against his leg. "Laura, I was wondering if you would accompany me to the upcoming prom. You don't have to if you're busy. I would understand perfectly if you already had a date and..."

"I'd love to go with you, John," Laura calmly interjected.

"Really? Holy cow, that's great. Look, I-I-I'll make all the arrangements and all you have to do is get a dress. I promise it'll be great."

John hung up the phone totally forgetting to say goodbye and not even realizing his mistake. He was on top of the world and was so excited that even his thoughts seemed to stutter.

The next day Laura returned to school and seemed to everyone to be slightly different. She no longer was slouching and didn't hang her head down. The appearance of her complexion didn't seem to bother her and there was a slight but apparent smile on her face. As she walked the halls of Yonkers High she ebulliently greeted everyone she knew. The stares and giggles that used to bother her bounced off her like pebbles hitting sheet metal. Her thoughts were transfixed on John and not Ricky Nelson for a change. Even her parents noticed the change in her and wondered what was going on in their only child's life.

As she rounded the corner where her locker was located she spied three members of the Gents. Fred was talking to the other two and she hid just beyond their vision and listened intently to what Fred was saying.

"Look guys, I got me an idea. The prom is coming up next week. Whaddya say we have ourselves a little contest? Let's each put two bucks into a pot and the guy who asks the ugliest broad to the prom gets all the dough. Whaddya think of that? I got first dibs on Laura McKenzie, guys."

The other two Gents, Martin and Robert, began *Continued on page 8, column 2)*

The Treasurer's Report



Submitted by Ed Hertz

Current Financial Status as of August 1, 2014:

Operating:	\$ 37,058.96
Money Market	60,023.98
Reserve	<u>150,156.31</u>
Total	\$ 247,239.25

Expenses over income thus far this fiscal year:

\$ 36, 376.19

As has been previously reported, the major portion of our budget is for maintenance of our grounds and repairs of the roofs.

Please keep in mind this figure is always higher "in season" and becomes lower during our winter months.

We are within our budget in all areas.

Election Results 2014

The following members of our community were reelected to serve two more years on the Board of Directors:

> Jerry Bassik Charles "Chuck' Greenberg Ed Hertz **Bonnie Siegel**

There were two proposed rule changes that passed:

- Sales Rules: The transfer fee will be increased from \$500 to a sum equal to three months monthly maintenance fee. This will be collected at closing from the new owner of the unit.
- Rental Rules: The rental fee paid by the owner for a seasonal rental has increased from \$350 to \$500. This will be collected from the owner upon submission of the rental form and the lease

Slow Down and STOP

As more owners, tenants and guests come **SPEED** to enjoy our community, it is time to remind everyone that:



The speed limit on Hidden Ridge Drive and Terrace is 15 miles per hour.

Stop at all Stop signs.

Let us ensure that everyone at Hidden Ridge is safe and has a wonderful summer.

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to laugh. "You probably got us beat," said Martin. I don't think there's an uglier broad in all of Yonkers let alone Yonkers High."

"That will be a tough one to beat," said Robert.

Laura's eyes began to well up with tears as she cast her eves downward. She decided not to allow these boys to let their insults bother her. She brushed away her tears and walked around the corner with her head held high and a confident look on her face.

"Hi, Fred," said Laura grinning.

"Hey, Laura. You're just the person I wanted to see. I was telling Martin and Robert that I was going to ask you to be my date for the prom. How about...'

"I already have a date," Laura quickly responded.

"You have a date?" You must be kidding. Who you goin' with?"

"John Fent, that's who."

"That dopey looking skyscraper? I should have known the two of you would hook up."

"Seems to me you don't have a date, Fred. Too bad -Ihear it's going to be a lot of fun," Laura said while Fred was looking at her while appearing to be in a state of shock.

Laura walked briskly away leaving Fred to wonder what had just happened.

"Well, I'll be. That ugly totem pole got herself a date," Fred incredulously said while Martin and Robert looked on without uttering a word.

Laura and John's story will be completed in our Septemher issue

ATTENTION PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS:

While we love seeing your children and grandchildren visit us at Hidden Ridge, you must be aware of the following to ensure a safe and healthy visit:

According to our rules, all children under the age of 16 must be supervised by an adult at all times while on the common grounds in Hidden Ridge, especially in the Clubhouse and the Pool Pavilion.

All parents/grandparents must be "rescue ready" at the pool. We had an incident a few weeks ago where a mother was not in a bathing suit and was on her cell phone while her 3 year old was in deep water in the pool and one of our senior citizens had to jump into the pool to rescue the young boy.

Thank you for your cooperation.

For Your Information

Terry's Fitness & Health Corner



Tips to Get Enough zzzz's

The emphasis of a healthy diet, a committed and daily exercise regimen is always stressed by fitness professionals, doctors and wellness experts for optimal health for all of us! But the catalyst for these routines is a good nights sleep. And yes, a good night's sleep is now getting attention from all... Depending on your body' needs, strive for 6-8 hours a nite. Seems impossible? Try these tips and give yourself at least 1 month of trying to get the zzzz's '

1. You will feel more refreshed and renewed! (And your skin and healthier hair will thank you!) Limit caffeine and alcohol in late afternoon and evening.

2. Absolutely no smoking.(QUIT if you are still one of those people who are still smoking)

Limit television watching before bed. Watch in living room, no bedroom TV habit,

Lower the temperature in house/bedroom before and during sleep. Sleep doctors concur that the body likes cooler temperatures.

5. Take a hot, relaxing bath 90 minutes before bedtime.

6. Nap only for 15-20 minutes in early afternoon, if you really need to.

7. Eat 3-4 hours before bedtime and avoid heavy meals at all times, but especially for dinner!

Meditate, listen to soothing music or create a relaxing ritual that signals your brain and body that it is sleepy time.

9. Use blackout curtains, blindfolds (there are fun pairs for sleeping!) to keep out bright lights.

10. Invest in a comfortable, cozy pillow and mattress.

Pleasant dreams!

Social Committee



submitted by Karen Seltzer

Our social activities are more than halfway done. The time is going by so quickly; however, we still have lots of events to look forward to. The first Hidden Ridge Cafe is on August 17th at 12:00 PM. Come join your friends and neighbors for a frankfurter lunch in the Clubhouse.

August 23rd is our Pot Luck dinner. The Board will prepare a salad, and all of you will bring the appetizers, entrees, and side dishes. Let me know, so we don't have too many of the same dishes. Also let me know if your dish needs to be kept hot. Our pot luck dessert was a huge success; let's try for an even better dinner.

We have a sub-committee checking out alternatives for Frankie and Johnnie. As of this writing, I haven't heard any results. If they cannot find another restaurant to cater Labor Day, we will again be using Frankie and Johnnie.

I want to thank these Hidden Ridgers for sponsoring the cakes for Saturday night: Lee Rosenthal, Max and Lena Rubin, Lorraine and Ben Hack. We all thank you for your generosity. Everyone stay well and I'll be seeing you at these events.

A Note Regarding Monthly Maintenance Payments

Maintenance payments are due on the 1st of each month. If your payment is received with a postmark after the 15th of the month it is late and a late fee will be added to you account. With the rare exception, no one will receive a waiver for these additional charges.

Here are a few ways to avoid late charges:

- 1. Set up through your bank for them to automatically send a check from your bank account each month so that it reaches us prior to the 15th. Indicate your unit number in the memo section of the check so that there will not be a need to include the coupon from the maintenance voucher booklet.
- 2. Prepay for several months at a time. Some of homeowners actually pay the entire year's maintenance charges in January.
- 3. Prepay by postdating your check. You can also postdate several months at a time. These will be kept in our office and each month, the correct check will be pulled.

Please remember, we are running a business. We have bills that must be paid each month as well! When you are late in paying any other bill, for example a credit card, late fees are imposed!

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sewer Charges

We have received several inquiries regarding the bill that has been sent to all homeowners recently for sewer charges. The new company that has taken over for the Old Liberty Road Sewerage Company is the Sullivan Infra West. This is not a scam – please make sure to pay this bill.

Thank you

Have you noticed the beautiful benches that are on Hidden Ridge Drive and Hidden Ridge Terrace? They add a wonderful touch to our landscape and provide Hidden Ridgers a place to stop along the way and rest or chat. These were donated by Eddie Erlich Kudler and Brian Kudler, Jack and Joyce Bragin, Dr. Maria and Robert Fuchs, Mindy and Fred Hirsh and Steven Friedenthal and Jim Seliya, Sharlene Perez and Mel Perlman. Thank you to Eddie and Tatiana Shorten for strategically placing them around the community.

Further thanks to Fred Hirsch for chairing the Long Range Planning Committee and the committee members. We are awaiting their report.

Another member of the community has stepped up to the plate and needs to be recognized. Warren Berkowitz, thank you for getting involved in our tax grievance issues. We will all be especially happy when we see a reduction in our tax assessments.

Thanks to Eddie Erlich Kudler and Brian Kudler for purchasing flowers and solar lighting to beautify our community.

Yetta Lynch "Lifeguard of the Year!"

Submitted by "Eyewitness" Fran Katz

Many kudos to Yetta Lynch for her quick thinking and excellent reflexes at the pool. When hearing the

screams of a young boy struggling in water over his head, she raced into the pool within seconds and carried him to safety.



She is truly a hero!

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board is made up of a group of dedicated volunteers who have agreed to serve our community. Some of us live here full time, while others of us are seasonal residents. We like to enjoy our community and lives just the way everyone else does. We are requesting that we receive phone calls *during normal business hours only* unless you have a true emergency. Calls after 6 PM to get someone's phone number or to ask a question can usually wait for the next day. Think about how you would feel if you were out to dinner or having a night out and received calls like these.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Do you have the right insurance coverage for your home?

Article X Section 2 Homes of the Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions, Easements, Charges and Liens, states the following:

"Each homeowner shall be required to obtain and maintain adequate insurance of his home which shall insure the property for its full replacement value with no deductions for depreciation against loss by fire or other hazards. Such insurance shall be sufficient to cover the full replacement value, or for necessary repair or reconstruction work,"

Hidden Ridge is a Homeowner's Association and therefore each unit should be covered with a Homeowner's Policy (HO3 or HO5). Condominium insurance is not the correct type of insurance that you should have for your unit.

The components of an HO3/HO5 policy are the following:

>Dwelling – Covers the physical building structure.

>Personal Property – The contents of your unit. This is usu ally a percentage of the dwelling unit.

- >Loss of Use- This protects your exposure to increased cost of living due to your inability to use your home due to an insured loss.
- >Personal Liability- Protects actions for negligence due to your alleged wrong doing, causing bodily injury o r property damage.
- >Medical Payments- Payments to others for medical expenses, regardless of fault not to exceed a specific limit.

We will be reviewing the insurance certifications on file and notify you if you need to contact your insurance broker because you do not have the homeowner's insurance. Please continue to send the declaration page(s) of your policy to the office.

If you have any questions, contact Jerry Bassik.

Maintenance Update: Preventing Ice damming

Due to the damages incurred by ice damming this past winter, we will be removing the small drains that are at the bottom of the valleys on several of our units. We will be retro fitting flashing that should prevent any further ice damming. Please do not request that these gutters and drain pipes be replaced/fixed.



Liberty Pest Control will be on site on Thursday, August 26, 2014 to treat all exteriors.

If you have any interior problems, they will address them, too, but you must be home.

Words to Live By



"Don't find fault. Find a remedy!" ~ Henry Ford ~

"A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others have thrown at him." ~ David Brinkley ~

UPDATE ON TAX REDUCTION ASSISTANCE

Submitted by Warren Berkowitz, Esq.

Pursuant to a request by the Board of Directors, I have researched the possibility of legal representation for the homeowners. Here are my finding and suggestions:

Most important to understand is that each owner of a unit must file his or her own application with the Town to seek an assessment reduction for their property. This application must be filed by the last Tuesday in May (unless there is a change in policy). It is suggested you confirm the date yourself. The application can be filed by the individual themselves or by an attorney whom the homeowner authorizes to represent him or her. It can NOT be filed by the Homeowners Association, as the community has no standing to represent the individual homeowners. The Board of Directors can merely suggest an attorney.

After research and interviews with a number of local attorneys in Sullivan County, it is the decision of the Board of Directors that Garigilano Law Offices, LLP, with offices at 449 Broadway, P.O. Drawer 1069, Monticello, New York 12701, be the suggested attorneys to represent any of the homeowners who wish to join together in such an action for tax reduction. We have negotiated a contingent fee arrangement with their office. You will be responsible to pay 1/3 of any tax savings obtained in the vear of their representation by you. Each homeowner will be responsible for their own payment based on their tax savings. Further details will be explained to you, if you chose to retain them to represent you. They will provide a retainer agreement for your review and execution. Should an appeal be filed, additional disbursements may be incurred and shared by the group.

The fee arrangement was negotiated based on an aggregate number of at least 100 members participating. If the total is less than 100 members the fee may be a contingent amount of 50% of the years' savings. More details will be available when the total number of participating members is determined. It is important to note that you are not obligated to hire them. You may chose to retain a different attorney or chose to represent yourself. It is also important to note that unless you are represented by this firm, any reduction they obtain will not apply to you.

In the coming weeks, the board will give more details as to what procedure the law firm suggests with regard to their representation. This will be done solely as an accommodation to the homeowners. The Board bares no responsibility in the event an individual homeowner, for any reason, does not join in this group representation or does not receive communication regarding this matter.

If you have any questions regarding the above you may contact Warren Berkowitz by email at warrenb107@gmail.com. If you do not have access to email please give your telephone number to the board and they will forward the info to him.

ALLAN'S ALLEY

submitted by Allan Meyers



BROTHER CAN YOU SPARE A DIME?

It was the night before my last final exam before I graduated from NYU and two weeks before I would be in the army. The library was eerily quiet, as usual. Exhaustion and hunger was over coming, but all I had in my pocket was a quarter.

Ten cents was needed to take the subway home and fifteen cents would not bring on a substantial dinner. There was at least two or three more hours of studying to do. My only hope was that my brother Marvin would be attending his P.H.D. classes.

Marvin was seven years older than I was. He was a World War II war hero, winning more medals than can be printed in this paper. This was the second time we both attended the same school at the same time. The first time when I was in Kinder Garden and my brother was in 9^{th} grade at P.S.128 in Bensonhurst.

As I waited outside of the School of Education, my brother spotted me and began running towards me. He was shouting, "Allie! Allie! Boy am I glad to see you. I left my wallet home."

. Between us we had eighty cents. Marvin calculated our assets as follows: two subway fares, twenty cents, two NY Posts, ten cents. That left fifty cents for supper. My brother being a spend thrift; he opted for us to eat at Horn and Hardart.

For the sum of thirty cents we each had a fish cake and a small bowl of baked beans. Coffee for two was ten cents and we split a piece of blue berry pie for ten cents.

When I told Marvin that we could have had heroes sandwiches and two sodas at the Italian Grocery for forty cents, or we could have gone to Chock Full of Nuts and have two nutted cheese sandwiches, two coffees and two pieces of pie for forty cents. My brother said," Hey! We are going to be professionals so we should have only the finest of gourmet dining.

IMPORTANT OSTER PETTING ZOO AND FAMILY FUN PARK

The Oster Petting Zoo and Family Fun Park at 65 Friedman Road opened for business in July.

They received a conditional permit from the Town of Thompson that will be reviewed in September.

A meeting was held with the attorney for the Planning Board regarding the complaints that some of you have voiced regarding the Family Fun Farm. At the meeting we discussed the following:

1 – Cars and busses entering our property looking for the Family Fun Farm. We explained that our roads are private roads and therefore these "lost" vehicles are considered trespassing. A sign is needed to be erected by Mr. Oster to direct his clients to his property - not ours. Of course this sign will not be on our property.

2 - There are large groups of visitors marching on the bridle path that is very close to our boundary. These groups are very noisy.

3 - The level of noise coming from the property at times when the Family Fun Farm should be closed. The operating hours as posted on the website is 10:00 AM - 6 PM. Complaints have come in that the noise has been after 7:30 PM or later at times.

4 - The concern that according to the information we had received at Planning Board meetings last year that the concession would only be serving convenience snacks- chips and soda. We pointed out that the website prohibits food to be brought onto the grounds. The website also suggests that you should have lunch or dinner at the Fun Farm.

It is important that we stay diligent in logging our complaints. There will be a planning board meeting in September when the Family Fun Farm will be up for review.

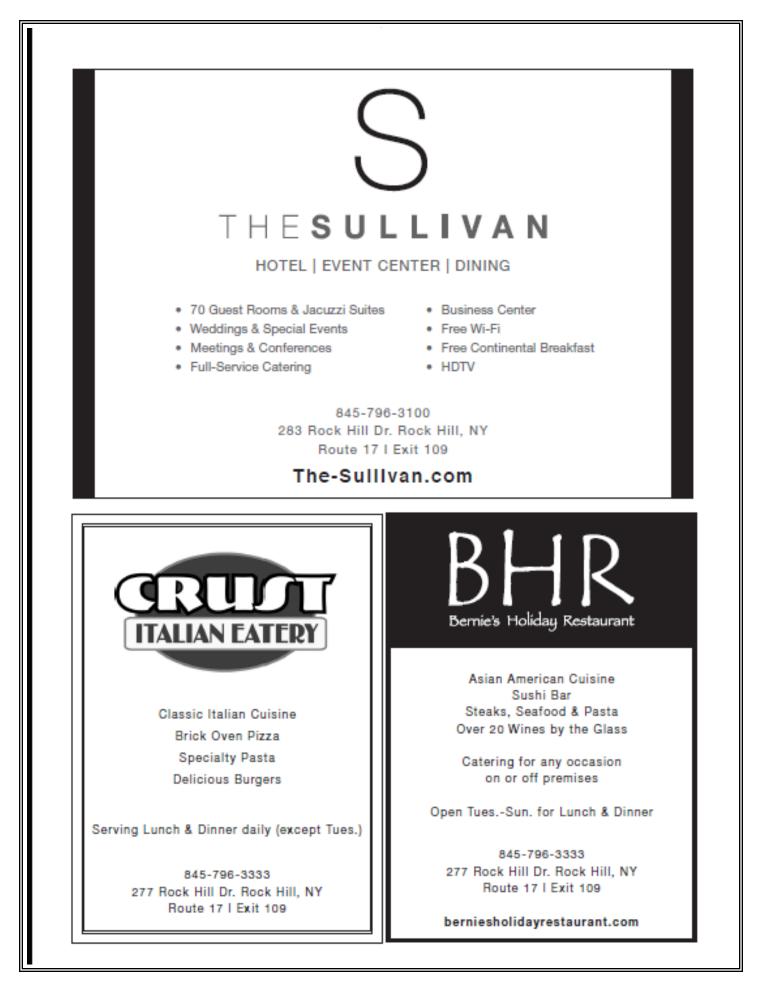
If you have any complaint (i.e. - excessive noise, wandering children or animals on Hidden Ridge property, etc.) please continue to do the following:

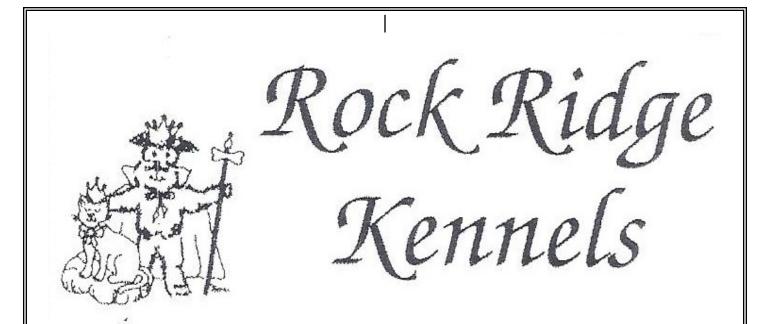
Contact:

- Eric Horton, Code Enforcement Officer, Town of Thompson
 4052 State Route 42
 Monticello, NY 12701
 845 794-2500 Extension 321
 Fax: 845-794-8600
 Email: ehorton@townofthompson.com\
- 2 Send a note to Bonnie Siegel to let her know that you registered a complaint and the nature of the complaint.

We will keep a log of your complaints.





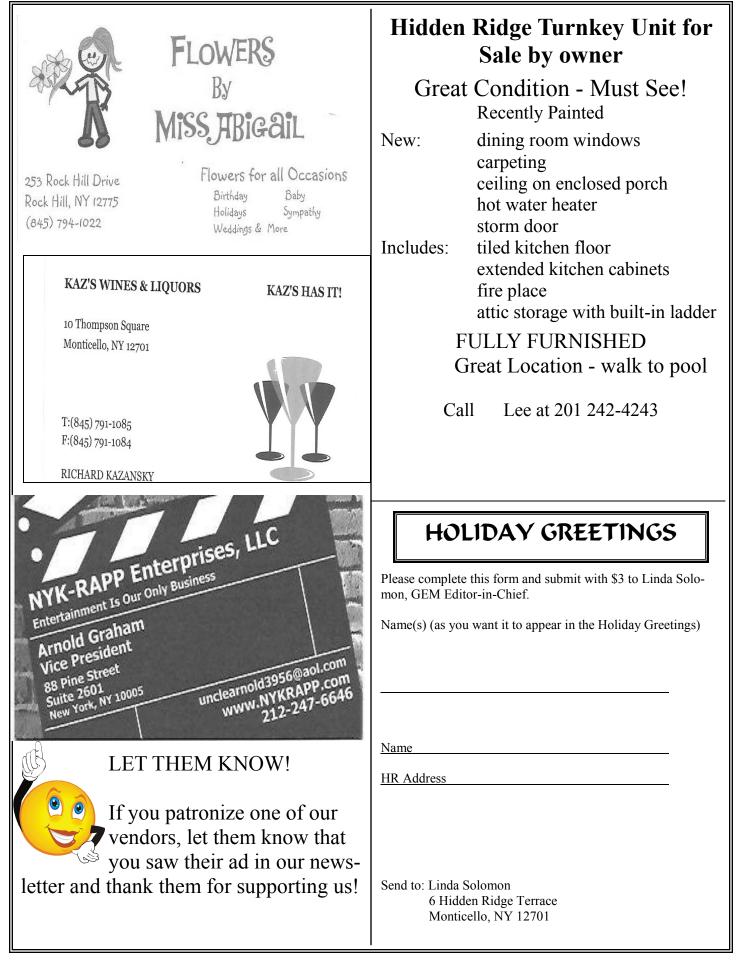


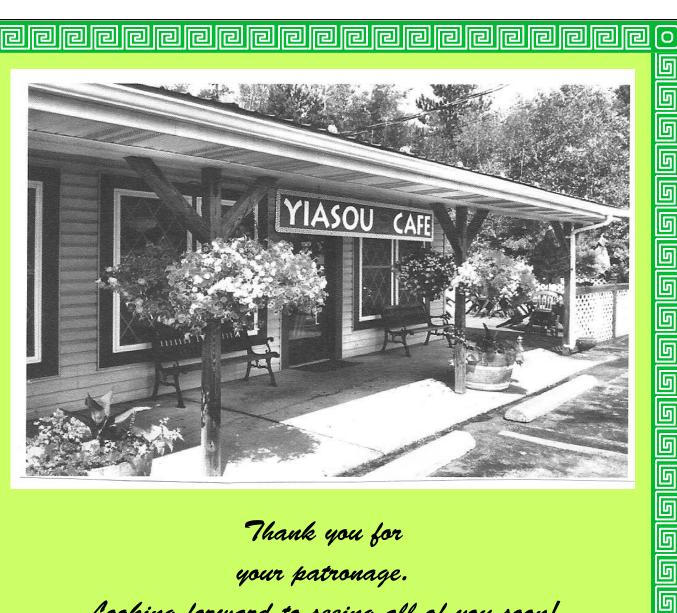
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Looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

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Hidden Ridge Directory Information Sheet

Please complete the following form and return it with your maintenance payment. Return this form if there are any recent changes.

Name: _____
 Hidden Ridge Address:
 Phone:

The following information will be kept confidential.

However, it will be included in the Hidden Ridge Directory if you check the appropriate line(s). Please indicate below.

I want my alternate address/es and phone numbers included in the Hidden Ridge Directory.

Alternate Address #1:

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Phone: _____ I want my cell phone number/s included in the Hidden Ridge Directory. Cell Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ I want my email address/es included in the Hidden Ridge Directory.
 Email Address #1:

 I want my birthday/s (list name/date for more than one) and anniversary listed in the GEM

Birthdays _____ Anniversary _____