

## **The President's Message**



Dear Hidden Ridgers;

As this summer season draws to a close, there are several items of importance that I need to bring to your attention:

**REVISED MAINTENANCE FORM:** The Maintenance Request Form has been revised to include a tear-off section that will be returned to the homeowner upon completion of the work requested. This should eliminate the repeated requests even after the work has been done. A copy of the new form is included in this mailing. Additional copies will be available in the envelope by the bulletin board on Hidden Ridge Drive. **Please be reminded that all maintenance requests should be in writing and please use a separate forms for each item requested.**

**NEWLY ADOPTED POLICIES:** The Board of Directors has recently adopted and are enforcing two new policies. The first one is regarding the placement of **Satellite Dishes** on the exterior and roofs of our units, and the other is a set of guidelines for the construction of **sheds**. Copies of both policies are included as a separate insert to this mailing for homeowners. Please attach them to your *A to Z Book*. These will be incorporated in the revised *A to Z Book* of rules that will be distributed next summer.

**WINTER AT HIDDEN RIDGE:** Included in this mailing is the **Winter at Hidden Ridge** letter and form. It contains helpful hints to those of you who are closing your units for the winter as well as important information for those owners who will be here through the winter. Please read it carefully. If you will be here at Hidden Ridge anytime during the winter, please complete the form and return it in the stamped addressed envelope no later than October 7, 2017.

**HIDDEN RIDGE DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS AND/OR ADDITIONS:** A page of corrections/additions to the latest directory has been included in this publication for you to attach to the directory that you received last month. A new directory will be printed in the summer of 2018. Anyone who needs a directory should contact me.

**UPDATED INFORMATION NEEDED:** Updated information is needed on all residents. All information will be kept confidential. Please complete the **Hidden Ridge Information Sheet** that is enclosed in this mailing and return it in the enclosed envelope by October 7, 2017.

**TAX GRIEVANCE:** I have been notified by the lawyer who represented our residents that the last batch of checks was recently mailed to the remaining 19 homeowners filed through his office. Anyone who has not received their check should contact me ASAP. I have also learned that anyone who never filed a grievance with our group should contact the tax assessor for the Town of Thompson and inquire about having the assessed value of their unit reduced.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we hope that you had an enjoyable summer. Our wish for everyone in the coming year is health and prosperity. May we all return next year for an even better year at our Jewel of the Catskills.

Bonnie

## **From the Editor**



*As the Jewish New Year approaches, Jews all over the world begin to assess their accomplishments and shortcomings, their happiness and joys, their regrets and disappointments. With the last name of Solomon, I have had no choice but to make the search for "wisdom" a lifelong goal. Not that I have always been successful; but, I have tried.*

*Wisdom comes from many places, many people and most actions one takes along this life's journey. I have been blessed to be open to most of those teachings. I am learning now through a new undertaking - yoga - to seek wisdom through introspection of both my body and mind. As I grow stronger in both, I hope to continue to learn how to better interact with the world around me, to achieve a state of peace that I might then convey to those with whom I come in contact.*

*I have not forgotten the lessons I have learned from my rabbis and wonderful teachers of Judaism, however. I plan to incorporate all my life's lessons as I go forward on my journey.*

*I look forward to the season change that I will experience over the next month before returning to Florida. I know I will once again embrace the colors and cool weather and all of the joys of Autumn. That is the future. Now a last look back -*

*This has been a year of profound losses for me as well as great joys. I acknowledge the sadness it has brought to my feet. The goodbyes have not been easy. I will hold those people close to my heart and wish them the peace they deserve.*

*While I forgive any who have hurt me, I now atone for and ask forgiveness of anyone whom I have hurt knowingly or unknowingly. I wish all who observe, L'Shana Tova and to All, a healthy and happy year. As we ask to be returned to ourselves as in days of old, we start anew....*

Linda



## 2017-2018 Board of Directors

Bonnie Siegel	President	917-969-9646
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**Hidden Ridge H.O.A.**  
**PO Box 190**  
**Mongaup Valley, NY 12762**

**Property Manager**  
**Lenny Kirschenbaum 845-794-3395**

### Hidden Ridge H.O.A. Committee Liaisons

Activities	Warren, Bonnie
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Community Outreach	Bonnie, Ben
Cul-de-Sac Liaisons	Robbie
GEM/Website	Bonnie
Grievance	Fred
Insurance Certifications	Bonnie, Ben
Insurance Matters	Bonnie, Ben
Legal Matters	Fred
Long Range Planning Committee	Fred
Maintenance of Grounds /Pool	Bonnie, Robbie
Daily Pool & Pool Pavilion Op.	Shelly
Sales and Rentals	Bonnie
Sanitation and Recycling	Bonnie

## Upcoming Events



**Next Board Meeting:**  
**Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:00 AM**

**Meeting of Winter Residents:**  
**Saturday, October 7, 2017 2:00 PM**

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](mailto:bonsdiva@aol.com)

**DEADLINE for DECEMBER ISSUE - Nov. 20**



## 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 190, Mongaup Valley, NY 12762.



## Classifieds

**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

Call Linda: 845-791-6056 (May-Oct.) 561-498-9338 (Oct.-May)

## GEM Staff



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 Lenny Kirschenbaum

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: [bonsdiva@aol.com](mailto:bonsdiva@aol.com)  
 Linda Solomon at [bonsdiva@aol.com](mailto:bonsdiva@aol.com)

## Liberty Pest Control

Liberty Pest Control will address interior concerns. Please call them at the following number to make arrangements and be sure to let them know you are part of Hidden Ridge Homeowners Association.

**845-361-3100**

If you have any questions, speak to Bonnie Siegel. Thank you.

# Life Cycle Events

## SEPTEMBER



Labor Day  
September 4



Patriot's Day  
September 11



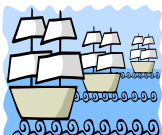
Grandparent's Day  
September 10



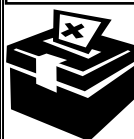
Rosh Hashanah -  
Sept. 21  
Yom Kippur -  
Sept. 30



Candy Day - October 16



Columbus Day  
October 9



Veteran's Day  
November 11

Election Day  
November 7



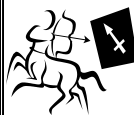
Virgo - Aug. 21 - Sept. 19)



Libra (Sept. 20 - Oct. 19)



Scorpio (Oct. 20 - Nov. 21)



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)



Thanksgiving Day  
November 23



## Happy Birthday

09-09 Robert Piersa	10-13 Angela Rein
09-10 Arnold Young	10-19 Marcia Schiffer
09-12 Buena Savellano	11-02 Alicia Scotland
09-18 Larry Miles	11-10 Sue McMahon
09-21 Rhoda Hertz	11-11 Esther Seltzer
09-24 Renee Faibish	11-14 Janet Lieberman
09-25 Eddie Erlich Kudler	11-16 Ruth Scheinfeld
Shari List	11-18 Larry Miles
09-30 Darryl Questore	11-23 Harriet Kopelman
10-2 Harvey Fuchs	11-27 Rosalio Inojosa
10-4 Mair Faibish	
10-08 Michael Mondschein	
10-09 Mariel Franco	

## Happy Anniversary

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Clocks and Watches               | 15. Watches                      |
| 2. China                            | 16. Silver Hollowware            |
| 3. Crystal and Glass                | 17. Furniture                    |
| 4. Electrical Appliances            | 18. Porcelain                    |
| 5. Silverware                       | 19. Bronze                       |
| 6. Wood                             | 20. Platinum Watches and Jewelry |
| 7. Desk Sets -Pens and Pencil Sets  | 25. Sterling Silver Jubilee      |
| 8. Linens and Laces                 | 30. Diamond Watches and Jewelry  |
| 9. Leather                          | 35. Jade                         |
| 10. Diamond Watches and Jewelry     | 40. Ruby                         |
| 11. Fashion Jewelry and Accessories | 45. Sapphire                     |
| 12. Pearl or Colored Gems           | 50. Golden Jubilee               |
| 13. Textiles or Furs                | 55. Emerald                      |



09-02 Bennie & Evangeline Moorer  
09-09-15 Shelly & Moishe Kleinberger  
09-20 Linda & Bonnie Sie-mon  
10-16 Ilana & Mark Zabloski  
10-18 Willie & Lauren Steinberg  
10-20 Shari & George List  
11-02 Renee & Mair Faibish  
11-08 Rhoda & Ed Hertz  
11-12 Meryl & Larry Miles  
11-13 Robbie & Stan Schecter  
11-15 Mindy & Fred Hirsh  
11-16 Randi & Warren Berkowitz  
11-29 Marlene & Howard Marcus

## Hold The Date!\*

- Sunday, September 24 - Board of Directors Mtg.
- Saturday, October 7 - Meeting for Winter Residents

*\*Times and locations to be announced at a later date  
- Dates are subject to change, please check the bulletin boards and web site.*

*Mazel Tov*

*We would like to  
announce the engagements  
of our two oldest grandsons,  
the sons of our daughter, Laura and her  
husband, David Seinfeld*

*Joseph Seinfeld to Erica Guzik  
Robert Seinfeld to Jamie Pinsker*

*Sylvia and Donald Singer*



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD

Please be advised that the manner in which the Board of Directors will be dealing with members who are in arrears has been modified. The following policy is in effect August 12, 2017:

1. Any member who has not paid the monthly HOA fee within 30 days of the due date (the first of every month) will receive a letter from the HOA bookkeeper advising them of their failure to pay the HOA fee when due and advising the member the member now owes the specific month's fee plus the \$25 late fee.
2. Any member who is more than two (2) months delinquent in payment of the HOA fee will receive a letter from the Board advising them of their failure to pay the HOA fee and advising them that they will be suspended as a member if the fee is not paid and the consequences of suspension.
3. The name of member who is more than three (3) months delinquent in payment of the HOA fee will be presented to the Board for action on suspension. If the Board votes to suspend, the member will receive a letter advising the member that they have been suspended and the consequences of the suspension.
4. Any member who is more than four (4) months delinquent in payment of HOA fees will be referred to the HOA attorney for immediate legal action.

### The Poet's Corner

Janet Lieberman



#### An Egret Stalks

In the marsh the egret struts  
Toe pads immersed in oozing mud,  
Spiked beak caressing tender sapling.  
Water glimmers  
Sparkling dots of sunlight  
Green to yellow to blue,  
Past gliding lily pods.  
Silvery fins leap in widening circles,  
Pandemonium of screeches, croaks,  
Splattering fish snared in quivering gullet,  
The egret struts.

## GOING PAPERLESS – GEM

The GEM is available in color online at our website [www.hiddenridgehoa.org](http://www.hiddenridgehoa.org) after it is published (September, December, April, June, July and August).

If you no longer want to receive a paper copy sent to you (or put in your door) please complete the form below and return it to Bonnie R. Siegel. If you do not submit a form you will automatically receive a paper copy.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please return this form to Bonnie Siegel (6675 Overland Drive, Delray Beach, FL 33484) or email her at [Siegelmath@aol.com](mailto:Siegelmath@aol.com):

***I do not wish to receive a paper copy of the GEM beginning with the December 2017 issue.***



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hidden Ridge Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT REMINDER Sewer Charges

Please be advised that each homeowner should have received a bill in August for \$400 from Sullivan Infra West, Inc. for sewer charges for 2017-18. If you did not receive this bill please contact Bonnie Siegel. Just a reminder- Sullivan Infra West is the company that took over the Old Liberty Road Sewerage Company. This charge is separate from the \$25 per month charge for water that is collected with your monthly maintenance charge that is sent to the HOA.



## MAINTENANCE REQUEST FORMS

**ALL** requests for exterior maintenance must be written on **Maintenance Service Request Forms**. Copies may be picked up in the **pocket envelope** on the bulletin board. All requests should be placed in the **maintenance mailbox** on the right side of the main bulletin board.



### Use one form per request.

If you have any questions regarding maintenance, please contact Lenny Kirschenbaum or Bonnie Siegel. Thank you for your cooperation.



*I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to all those who helped the night Steve found me on the driveway by the clubhouse. All who were there and pitched in to assist me are my heroes. Maxine Kopp*



## SCHOOL TAX REMINDER

All homeowners should have received a bill for the school tax for their property. If you have not received this bill, contact Monticello School District at 845-794-1515.

## WANTED! UNITS FOR RENT SUMMER 2018

If you want your unit listed for rental for the Summer of 2018, please let Bonnie know ASAP. There already are people interested in securing a place here at Hidden Ridge for next summer.

### Get Well Wishes

*Wishing a full and speedy recovery*

*Michael Mondschein*



## Cul-de-Sac Liaisons

Cul-de-Sac	Numbers	Liaison
Azaleas	15-25D	Karen Seltzer
Birch	29-43D	Michael Zwicker
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	Michael Valcin
Iris	196-214D	Debra Fanning
Juniper	126-148D	Jeff Lynn
Kerrias	74-96D	Rhoda Hertz
Laurels	44-58D	Robbie Schecter
Magnolias	29-43T	Sheila Cole
Narcissus	45-58T	Joe Gluck
Oaks	28-46T	Jill Friedman
Petunias	6-26T	Bonnie Siegel
Roses	8-14D	Karen Seltzer

## WINNERS' CIRCLE

### Monday/Wednesday Night Canasta Tournament Weekly Winners

#### August 15

Larry  
Jackie  
Meryl

#### August 21

Izzy  
Jane  
Meryl

#### August 23

Bonnie  
Jeff  
Iris

#### 50-50 Winners

August 19 - Espi Turetsky  
August 26 - Corinne Needleman  
September 2 - Corinne Needleman

## Hidden Ridge needs you!

The Board of Directors request that you as a resident of Hidden Ridge sign up for one or more of our committees. Please consider offering your expertise and experience to our community.

Please contact the following liaisons for:

- Advertising - Warren Berkowitz  
(warrenb107@aol.com) or  
Fred Hirsh (factor328@aol.com)
- Audit, Budget and Finance Committee - Chuck Greenberg (math2000@aol.com)
- Beautification - Robbie Schecter  
(rschecter0409@hotmail.com)
- Community Activities - Warren Berkowitz  
(warrenb107@aol.com)
- Long Range Planning - Fred Hirsh  
(factor328@aol.com)

We look forward to hearing from you and working with you. Thank you.



## Terry's Fitness & Health Corner



### Keep Your Brain "Happy" Habits to Boost Your Memory

by Terry Steinberg

Maintaining memory is the top aging concern for 35% of senior Americans (50 plus years) according to a survey by The National Council of Aging. Their studies show that DAILY LIFE ACTIVITIES can help prevent "mild cognitive impairment of memory." (Much of these ideas I have written about many times, but it needs reinforcement!)

**\*\*Incorporate Brain Healthy Foods:** walnuts, avocado, blueberries, very dark chocolate, broccoli, salmon and eggs (my past articles explain why, check them out) but, add these to your diet immediately.

**\*\*Believe in Yourself:** surround yourself with friends and family who are positive and uplifting to your journey of aging gracefully. Do not expose yourself to NEGATIVE STEREOTYPES about growing older. We are all going in same direction!!!!

**\*\*EXERCISE MUST BECOME A DAILY HABIT:** WALKING, STROLLING - MOVE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN EACH DAY. Research shows that in addition to your favorite sport, such as, biking, dancing, golfing, swimming, playing tennis, doing yoga, etc., that those seniors who got daily exercise light or moderate exercise through walks or strolls showed least memory loss. So, please do a FAMILY or SOCIALIZING walk (talk, laugh, debate) OR do a NATURE STROLL in Hidden Ridge (forest and woodsy walks). These benefit heart and lung functions more than city walking or do a MEDITATION WALK and use the time alone to think or philosophize. Again research shows older adults who walk 6-9 miles a week LOWERED THEIR RISK OF MEMORY PROBLEMS BY 50%

**\*\*DO WHAT YOU LOVE:** A hobby or talent or craft that keeps you thinking, creating and following directions such as, quilting, crosswords, sudokus, Scrabble, card games, chess, knitting, painting, etc. keep you happy, content and productive.

On a personal note I would like to THANK VERY MUCH, BONNIE (our president), LINDA AND LENNY KIRSCHENBAUM AND ALL The Board Members who, over the many years, have greatly contributed in keeping US happy and doing what we love each day (pool parties, luncheons, etc.) at HIDDEN RIDGE and entertained at night (CASINO NIGHTS, ENTERTAINMENT, ETC.) You guys are boosting our spirits AND OUR MEMORIES.... and are greatly appreciated!!!

## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

By Robbie Schecter

Our committee has been meeting regularly over the summer to address beautification issues in our community. Certain more urgent maintenance issues have limited our progress this season. We were able to direct our maintenance crew to a significant cleanup of our Friedman Road. Additionally, thanks to efforts of Eddie Erlich and Shelly Kleinberger, planting of shrubs was commenced at the Liberty Road entrance. Several projects have been discussed, and will likely be implemented in the spring, including replacement of some of the trees taken down for maintenance and safety issues, enhancement of the circle on Hidden Ridge Terrace, issues of concern in individual cul de sacs, among other issues.

We will be conducting a walk thru of the community to identify trees/shrubs, etc. that overhang or lean on siding, roofs or gutters, that could cause damage in the event of snow and ice buildup. In the next several weeks you may see members of our maintenance crew trimming trees/shrubs to prepare for the coming winter. We need to protect our homes from potential damage over the winter season. Thank you for your cooperation!

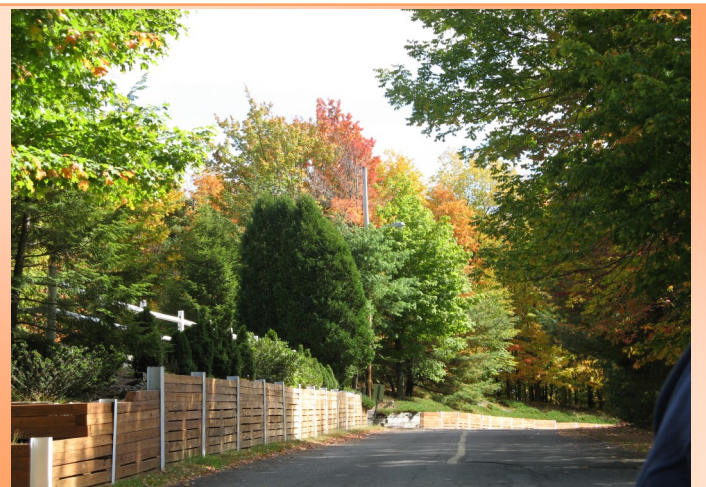
9/8/2017

Members of the committee walked our community today, cul d sac by cul d sac, home by home, to identify any tree branches/leaves, bushes/shrubs that lean over or on roofs, gutters or siding. These branches, etc. will be trimmed by our maintenance crew before the winter when they could cause damage, from the weight of snow or ice, to roofs, gutters or siding.

My sincere thanks to the following members of the committee for their Herculean efforts today: Tatiana Shorten, Marie-Pierre Pulcini, Mindy Hirsh, Eddie Erlich-Kudler, & Carol Baken. My thanks also to my husband Stan Schecter for assisting in this project.

Here's to a calm & easy winter.

Thanks, Robbie (347) 385-4373;  
rschecter0409@hotmail.com





Collection for the 2017 holiday greetings began in January. There are two more opportunities this year to share your greetings with your neighbors, September and December. If you have not already done so and would like to participate, complete the form below and send to the editor with a check for \$3.00. Thank you to all who have contributed in the past. We look forward to seeing your names listed here again for the December issue!

Please complete this form and submit with \$3 to Linda Solomon, GEM Editor-in-Chief.

Name(s) (as you want it to appear in the Holiday Greetings)

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Your Name

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HR Address

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Send to: Linda Solomon  
6675 Overland Drive, Delray Beach, FL 33484 (after Oct. 10)

## HIDDEN RIDGE ATTIRE

*Wear your Hidden Ridge wardrobe around town and show your pride in our community!*

### **Hidden Ridge T-Shirts:**

Navy blue cotton tee shirt in sizes Small - 3X  
All sizes: \$10

### **Hidden Ridge Polo Shirts:**

White piquet with HR logo in sizes Small - 3X  
S-XL \$16; 1X-3X \$18

### **Hidden Ridge Sweatshirts:**

Navy blue zippered hoodie with 2 pockets sizes S-3X  
All sizes: \$20

*Most Sizes STILL Available!*

Sale of shirts and sweatshirts will end on October 7th. So don't be caught without them! Contact Bonnie 917-969-9646.



L' Shanah Tovah  
Have a sweet year!



**Helen Badain**  
**Jerry Bassik**  
**Bruce & Carol Baken**  
**Jerry Bassik**  
**Jerry & Alice Chiappetta**  
**Michael & Eleanor Dovdavan**  
**Robert Gannon**  
**Sam Glaser**  
**Joe & Myra Gluck**  
**Chuck & Charney Greenberg**  
**Fred & Mindy Hirsh**  
**Fran Katz**  
**Jeff & Iris Lynn**  
**Lenny Kirschenbaum**  
**Eddie Erlich Kudler & Brian Kudler**  
**Janet Lieberman & David Muirhead**  
**Ben Lorick & Michael Valcin**  
**Larry & Meryl Miles**  
**Steve & Carrie Miller**  
**Sharlene Perez & Mel Perlman**  
**Robert Piersa & Lawrence Gisona**  
**Florence, Jack & Howie Sachs**  
**Norman & Erica Sadowsky**  
**The Schatten Family**  
**Robbie & Stan Schechter**  
**Sam & Sara Schleider**  
**Karen Seltzer**  
**Bonnie Siegel & Linda Solomon**  
**Donald & Sylvia Singer**  
**Leonard Stein**  
**Larry Sternfeld**  
**Rose Storch & Leonard Jacobs**  
**Stan & Myrna Want**  
**Marsha Wilkins**  
**Arnold & Myrna Young**  
**Vera Zabloski & Felix Pierson**  
**Fran Zatz**

*To all our friends and neighbors in Hidden Ridge we offer our sincere good wishes for a Happy, Healthy, and Peaceful Holiday.*



## Special Thank You:

As our summer season winds down and we all get ready for the fall and winter, it is time to recognize those individuals who contributed to our community over this past season by going above and beyond:

- The Board of Directors – Warren Berkowitz, Chuck Greenberg, Fred Hirsh, Shelly Kleinberger, Ben Lorick, Robbie Schecter, whose work never ends! These volunteers work all year round to plan and coordinate activities as well as dealing with the emergencies and day to day operations. Thank you for your support and willingness to serve. A very special thank you goes to the Board wives/ husbands/ significant others – Randi Berkowitz, Michael Valcin, Charney Greenberg, Mindy Hirsh, Moishe Kleinberger, Stan Schecter and Linda Solomon for their love, understanding and patience;
- Lenny Kirschenbaum for managing the property and dealing with all aspects of our community especially during the winter months;
- Linda Solomon and those who have contribute to the GEM by writing articles, or who assist in the delivery to our residents;
- Isabel Streisand, Meryl Miles, Carole Baken, Karen Seltzer and Jeff Lynn who coordinated and ran our week night activities (canasta tournaments, Bingo and movie night);
- Karen Seltzer and Shelly Kleinberger who coordinated the setting up, serving and cleaning up at our Saturday night functions. Thanks to the “regulars” who helped each week – Ben Lorick and Michael Valcin, Adrienne and Allan Meyers;
- Eddie Erlich-Kudler and Brian Kudler for their generosity in purchasing plants and the welcome flags that beautify our community;
- Shelly and Moishe Kleinberger for their generosity for the purchase of plants that beautify our community;
- Eddie Erlich Kudler and Brian Kudler, Bonnie Siegel, Donald Singer, Jerry Chiappetta, Jeff Lynn, Larry Miles, Eleanor Dovdavyanny, Chuck and Charney Greenberg and Leonard Keusch who contributed towards our events this summer by purchasing celebration cakes, ice cream and other refreshments for our events;
- Robbie Schecter and the members of the Beautification Committee for their ideas on how to improve the appearance of our community;
- Our maintenance crew Mike B, Mike H, Richie E., Richie S, and Wayne for all of your hard work. We constantly hear compliments about how great the community looks. All admire the work that the crew has done!

## ALLAN'S ALLEY

Submitted by Allan Meyers



### INN IN THE INN

We'd been stationed at Ft. Lee, Va. for two weeks before they gave us a 48-hour pass. The army pay was only \$50 a month, so we had to be a little frugal and careful how we spent our money. We decided to visit Washington D.C.

A latrine rumor had it that the Presbyterian Home for Soldiers only charged \$5 per day. The building was a 4 story walk up and each floor was about the size of a basketball court with cots lined up in military order.

The Home served coffee, donuts and orange juice all day long and cold cereal for breakfast. One of the soldiers asked us what time we would attend services. We told him we hadn't yet made up our minds.

When we descended the stairs, feeling a little uncomfortable and guilty, we stopped on the second floor to listen to about a dozen soldiers singing.

To this very day, I believe that their rendition of *Zoom Golly Golly* was the best that I ever heard.

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Since six of us wanted to go back to Washington, I called the Ambassador Hotel to make reservations. A suite was only \$12. We sneaked into the room so that the hotel wouldn't know how many of us were going to sleep there. We couldn't afford extra charges.

When entering the suite, there was a kitchen on the right with a small stove, refrigerator and a bar. The living room had a hanging chandelier, a couch, a sofa, assorted chairs and a table and chairs. The bedroom had a double bed and a stuffed lounge chair.

We chose up to see who sleeps where. Two slept on the bed, one on the couch, one on the sofa, one on the lounge chair and one used two of the fancy chairs.

When we signed out. I paid the clerk with 12 one dollar bills. The clerk seeing that I was in uniform said "When you registered you should have mentioned that you were in the army. We would have only charged you \$5 for the suite."

### A REQUEST FROM THE BOARD

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, emails or texts 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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## MESSAGES FROM THE BOARD

### IMPORTANT REMINDER TO MEMBERS WORK ON THE EXTERIOR OF YOUR UNIT

*By Fred Hirsh*

Over the past several months, members have performed or commenced work on the exterior of their unit that required Board approval without obtaining approval from the Board.

Any changes or modifications you are planning to make to the exterior of your unit probably needs approval of the Board. Before you do any work on the exterior of your unit such as painting a door, changing the windows or doors or basement doors, replacing a storm door, constructing a deck, patio or shed, and/or affixing anything on the exterior of the unit that requires that you place screws or nails through the roof or siding, please consult with the Board to determine if you need Board approval before the work commences. **ALL REQUESTS MUST BE IN WRITING.**

The names and telephone numbers of the Board members are on Page 2 of The Gem.

### WATER AT HIDDEN RIDGE

*By Robbie Schechter*

As many of you know, we discovered in 2009 that we had serious issues with the quality of our water. Several of us formed a Safe Water Committee. With the assistance of our local DOH, our water supply company, Crystal Water Supply, was forced to close the well and associated gravity pull from Anawana Lake, and implement a new well to supply our water.

As time went by I began to worry about our water quality, assuming that it had not been tested since 2010. I went to our local DOH and learned that our water is tested by an independent lab, monthly for some contaminants, and annually for others. However, we at Hidden Ridge, the consumers of the water, did not receive any of the testing results. All results were sent to our water supplier.

On June 16, 2017, with the assistance of our local DOH engineer, Glen Illing, I submitted a FOIL (Freedom of Information Law) request to the Albany DOH. Finally, on August 14, 2017, I received via email from the Records access officer that my request had been granted. Attached to the email were 20 pages of independent lab water quality reports from 9/16/2014 thru 4/20/2017. Hidden Ridge will also be able to access future test results.

Additionally, during one of many visits to the DOH, I saw a flier for free lead testing for homes in NYS built before 1985. I submitted the necessary paperwork, and beginning in 2018 our water will be tested periodically for lead in addition to the other possible contaminants. YAY!!! Sometimes patience and perseverance pay off!

## GETTING READY FOR WINTER AT HIDDEN RIDGE

*By Lenny Kirschenbaum, Property Manager*

As the leaves begin to turn, and the nights get chilly, and there is a certain crispness in the air, we say good-bye to Summer, and welcome Fall, to be followed by the "season of the witch", Winter. Just a few thoughts I would like to share with our Full Timers, our Winter Weekenders, and any others who choose to take advantage of spending Fall and Winter Days at Hidden Ridge.

Included in this issue of the GEM is the "Winter at Hidden Ridge Form" to all homeowners, and full-time renters. Please provide the information requested and return it to Bonnie Siegel, 6 Hidden Ridge Terrace, Monticello, NY 12701. The Board of Directors will utilize information collected to prepare, and distribute a list of those residents who will require access to their units, as well as a "Winter Telephone Directory."

Our maintenance crew will provide snow plowing, sanding and salting on all roads and cul de sacs within the confines of our development. The HOA will also provide the plowing of parking spaces for those residents who are here. Please advise me if you have to report to work or have an early appointment and require the use of your car during snow events. Our maintenance crew will make every effort to prioritize the clearing and plowing of your cul de sac so that you may leave in a timely fashion. They will also remove snow accumulation on individual walkways. Those units that are up for sale will be included on the list.

In the event that that you do not come up very often feel free to give me a call at 845 794 3395, to let me know when you will be up, this will allow me to ensure that any Snow and Ice will be removed from your walkway, and parking space.

### IMPORTANT

**Be advised that effective October 15, 2017 through May 15, 2018 all homeowners will be required to park any vehicle that will remain unused, or stored on common property for a period longer than 10 days in the parking lot by the Clubhouse. Vehicles left parked in the cul de sac for more than 10 days may be towed at the owner's expense. If you require the use of your vehicle during this time, please notify me so it can be made accessible for you.**

*I hope to see you at the meeting for Winter residents on Saturday, October 7, 2017.*

## Slow Down and STOP

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

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## VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Meeting of Winter Residents – Full Timers and Weekenders

Saturday October 7, 2017

2:00 PM

Clubhouse

Snacks will be served

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### Due Date for Winter at Hidden Ridge form and Updated Information Form: October 7, 2017

Please return them in the enclosed envelope.

**Swimming Pool** will be open until September 24,  
2017 (weather permitting)

**Clubhouse** will be open until Sunday October 15,  
2017

**Recycling Shed** will be open until Sunday October  
15, 2017

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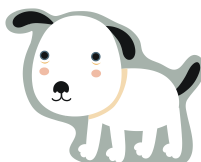
On Saturday, August 5, 2017 we held a Chinese Auction to benefit the Sullivan SPCA, a no kill animal shelter. Many donations of new/gently used merchandise including themed gift baskets, small electrical appliances, serving pieces, and a wide variety of items were available for the bidding.

The auction was preceded by a delicious Chinese buffet from Chinatown Kitchen on Broadway. We sold \$309 in raffle tickets. The proceeds from the evening's 50/50 (\$64) were also donated.

On Sunday August 13, 2017 and on Sunday August 20, 2017 the Hidden Ridge Café was open for lunch serving kosher frankfurters with all the trimmings as well as knishes and soda. The net profits (\$127.36) from these events were added to the previous week's amount to come to a total of \$500.36.

In addition, Bill Stevens generously donated \$50 to bring our total donation to \$550.36.

Thank you all who participated in this event, whether you donated items, came to bid on items, helped to set up, served the food, helped in the auction, or cleaned up. This was a great evening-a fun time was had by all and we as a community are able to reach out to a worthy cause.



## Going paperless - Monthly Maintenance Booklet and Labels

Homeowners who submit their monthly maintenance fees through online banking do not need to receive the Monthly Maintenance Voucher Booklet that is sent to each homeowner as part of the December mailing. A copy will be available online at our website.

If you do not need to receive the monthly maintenance booklet and labels, please complete the following form and return it to Bonnie Siegel by November 20, 2017.

If you do not submit a form you will automatically receive a monthly Maintenance Voucher Booklet and a set of mailing labels.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Please return this form to Bonnie Siegel (6 Hidden Ridge Terrace, Monticello, NY 12701 until October 10, thereafter 6675 Overland Drive, Delray Beach, Florida 33484) or email her at Siegelmath@aol.com:

***I do not wish to receive the Monthly Maintenance  
Voucher Booklet and Mailing labels.***

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hidden Ridge Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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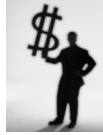


**Need firewood?  
See Mike Bauer.**



# The Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Chuck Greenberg



## Treasurer's Report As of September 9, 2017

### CASH IN BANK

Chase: Operating:	\$ 15,200	
Reserve:	<u>\$ 150,100</u>	\$ 165,300
Wayne: General:	\$ 2,600	
Money Market:	<u>\$ 3,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,600</u>
Total Cash:		\$ 170,900

This is \$4300 compared to last year.

EXPENSES	<u>YTD</u>	<u>vs. LY</u>
Clubhouse:	26,000	<8,400>
Electric:	3,700	1,800
Equip. Rental:	3,400	2,800
Insurance:	10,600	<3,700>
Legal Fees:	11,700	11,700
Maintenance of Equipment:	2,500	2,300
General Maintenance	39,900	14,300
Payroll:	62,800	1,000
Paving:	27,500	15,500
Pool:	11,200	<1,750>
Roof Repair:	26,200	<28,700>
Security System:	2,200	1,700
Refuse Removal:	5,100	1,800
Water	15,400	400

Expenses total \$265200 which is <\$5,300>less than last year.

Net Income is <4,700> which is \$700 more than last year.

Resident Balances due: \$ 96,000

Advance Payments included: \$ 16,200

Total actually due: \$ 112,200

Included in this issue is the Financial Statement for the fiscal year that ended April 30, 2017. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

# CASINO NIGHT AT HIDDEN RIDGE 2017

*Photos by Peter Morello*







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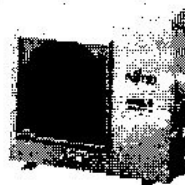
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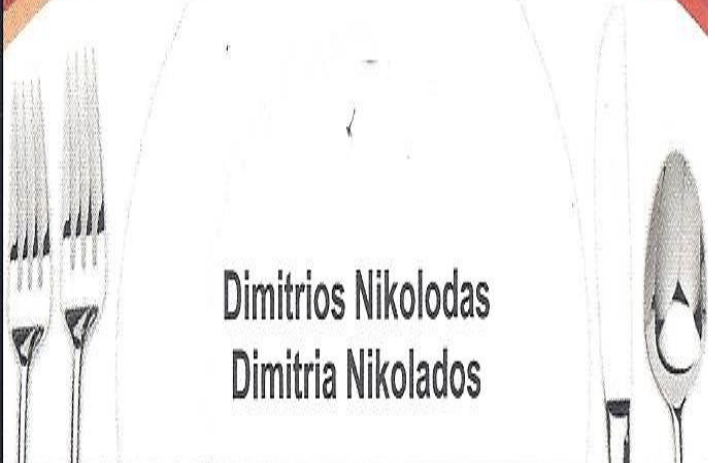
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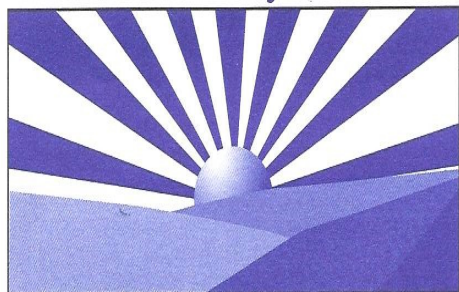
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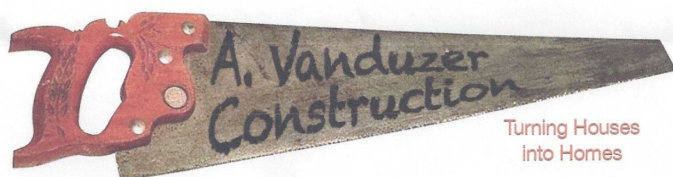
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*From the staff of the GEM, have a safe and healthful winter! Our next issue will be in December 2017. If you have anything you would like to contribute please send to Linda's email. Thank you.*

