The Hidden Ridge GEM

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The President's Message



Dear Hidden Ridgers;

I must start this column by making the following correction to my column from last month:

The corrected paragraph should read:

I want to welcome Ben Lorrick and Robbie Schecter to the Board and have already witnessed their enthusiasm and willingness to work with the rest of the Board and serve this community. I look forward to working with them and the other members of the Board, Lenny Kirschenbaum, Chuck Greenberg, Fred Hirsh and Karen Seltzer, to cooperatively to meet the needs of all of our residents and our community.

I apologize for omitting Fred Hirsh's name from my column. It was an oversight on my part. Sorry Fred-by no means would I leave you out. You are an invaluable asset to the Board and a valued advisor to me.

There are several items that I need to bring to your attention this month:

Gates: Last month I wrote that the installation would take place in August. There have been a few delays that involving getting clearance from the Monticello Fire Department and in obtaining the permits from the Town of Thompson. We anticipate that these matters will be cleared up in the next week Once we have permit in hand we can begin the process that involve calling 1-800-DIG, excavating some land on both sides of Hidden Ridge Drive by the Liberty Road entrance, and the installation of the electrical lines for the gates as well as the concrete island for the gates. At times we may have to close one entrance/exit into our community during the installation process. We will notify you via email whenever possible of these closings. We ask that you have patience during this time. Once the gates are installed we will begin to assign access codes and the remote control devices. Each unit will receive one remote. If you have more than one vehicle you may purchase an additional remote for a nominal fee. Watch emails and future mailings for more details.

Tax Grievance Update: Read the article on page 9 to see the latest news on our group grievance.

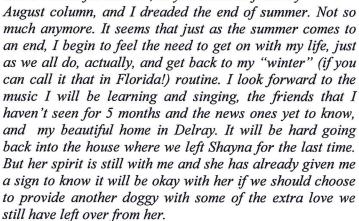
Dog Owners: All dog owners will be receiving a letter from the Board of Directors reiterating our rules and regulations as well as those from the Town of Thompson regarding dogs at Hidden Ridge.

Summer 2016 Entertainment/Activities Survey: The Board of Directors has developed a survey that will be mailed to each resident asking them for their feedback on the Dinners and other activities that we offered this past

From the Editor

Dear Hidden Ridgers,

I have a lot on my mind as I write this column. I had a wonderful summer, as you all know from my



With the Jewish holiest of days rapidly approaching, going through the work that we all must do to make atonements for the wrongs I have done and to make the changes that will make me a better person, I anxiously ask forgiveness of those I have offended and promise to do better as I begin the New Year. It also behooves me to provide that same forgiveness to those who have hurt or offended me as we move forward and start over.

My fervent prayer is that we will all be here again next year to enjoy the pleasures of the summer. May you all have the best winter of your life wherever you choose to spend it. And as is our tradition, may you be written in the Book of Life for a healthy, sweet and prosperous New Year!

Linda

summer. Your opinion counts as we try to plan for the summer of 2017. We will provide self addressed, stamped envelopes for your responses. We thank you in advance for your participation.

Winter at Hidden Ridge: As an insert to this issue of the GEM is the Winter at Hidden Ridge letter and form. If you are going to be here October 31, 2016 - March 31, 2017, it is important that you submit the form to our office. The letter gives you important hints on how to preserve your unit for the winter.

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

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Upcoming Events





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 DECEMBER ISSUE - Nov. 15th

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.



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)

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If you would like to contribute to the September issue or consider writing a regular byline, please notify the Editor-in -Chief. Please send your information to:

Linda Solomon at 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 Grandparent's Day Patriot's Day September 11 September 11 Labor Day September 5 Candy Day - October 16 Rosh Hashanah -Oct. 2 Yom Kippur -Columbus Day Thanksgiving Day Oct. 11

October 12 Veteran's Day November 11

Election Day November 8

Virgo - Aug. 21 - Sept. 19)



Libra (Sept. 20 - Oct. 19)



Scorpio (Oct. 20 - Nov. 21)



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Happy Birthday

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09-05	Yetta Lynch	10-09	Mariel Franco
09-10	Arnold Young	10-13	Angela Rein
09-12	Buena Savellano	10-19	Marcia Schiffer
09-18	Larry Miles		
09-21	Rhoda Hertz	11-02	Alicia Scotland
09-24	Renee Faibish	11-10	Sue McMahon
09-25	Eddie Erlich Kudler	11-11	Esther Seltzer
	Shari List	11-14	Janet Lieberman
	Lena Rubin	11-16	Ruth Scheinfeld
09-30	Darryl Questore	11-23	Harriet Kopelman
		11-27	David Neiger
10-2	Harvey Fuchs		
10-4	Mair Faibish		
10-08	Michael Mondschein		

Happy Anniversary

1.	Clocks and	Watches

2. China

3. Crystal and Glass

Electrical Appliances

Silverware

6. Wood

7. Desk Sets -Pens and Pencil Sets

8. Linens and Laces

9. Leather

November 24

10. Diamond Watches and Jewelry

Fashion Jewelry and Accessories

12. Pearl or Colored Gems

13 Textiles or Furs 15. Watches

16. Silver Hollowware

17. Furniture

18. Porcelain

19. Bronze

20. Platinum Watches and Jewelry

25. Sterling Silver Jubilee

30. Diamond Watches and Jewelry

35. Jade

40. Ruby

45. Sapphire

50. Golden Jubilee

55. Emerald

09-02 Bennie & Evangeline Moorer

09-04 Carole & Harvey Levine

09-12 Meryl & Larry Miles

09-15 Shelly & Moishe Kleinberger

09-20 Linda & Bonnie Sie-mon

10-16 Ilana & Mark Zablozki

10-18 Willie & Lauren Steinberg

10-20 Shari & George List

11-02 Renee & Mair Faibish

11-08 Rhoda & Ed Hertz

11-13 Robbie & Stan Schecter

11-15 Mindy & Fred Hirsh

11-16 Randi & Warren Berkowitz

11-29 Marlene & Howard Marcus



We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to

> Fran Zatz Allan Shapiro Joe Schoenfeld Harriet Kopelman

Celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other special event?

Have any other reason to celebrate? Have nothing special in your life but want to just day hello or share your good fortune with your Hidden Ridge friends and neighbors? Sponsor the collation after the Saturday evening entertainment.

Do you remember the weekly weekend parties at the pool? We would like to bring them back! You can make it happen by sponsoring a Saturday or Sunday event at the pool. We also need volunteers to buy the food, set it up and clean up after the Saturday or Sunday events at the pool.

Speak with Bonnie Siegel or Ben Lorick about the cost and available dates.

Dining and Entertainment

Robbie's Recipes

submitted by Robbie Schecter



My parents moved to Florida when Jenn was 7 and Steve was 5. We all went to FL a few times a year to stay with them. We would arrive at their home and the kids would greet my folks with hugs & kisses, and within two minutes they would say "bye, we're off to see Aunt Gilda", my Dad's sister who lived two doors down. You see, Aunt Gilda made the best fudge and the best zucchini cake. Here are the recipes:

AUNT GILDA'S ROCKY ROAD FUDGE

Ingredients:

- 3 (12 oz) packages of semi-sweet chocolate morsels
- 2 (14 oz) cans of Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 8 ounces chopped walnuts
- 3 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 T margarine
- 1 10 ounce bag of miniature marshmallows

Directions:

- 1. In a heavy saucepan, over low heat, melt the morsels with the condensed milk & margarine.
- 2. Remove from heat & stir in remaining ingredients.
- 3. Spread evenly into wax paper-lined13x9x2 inch pan and chill two hours.
- 4. Turn fudge onto cutting board; peel off paper; cut into squares.

AUNT GILDA'S ZUCCHINI CAKE

Ingredients:

3 eggs 2 tsp baking soda 1 1/2 cups sugar ½ tsp salt 1 cup vegetable oil 2 tsp cinnamon

3 tsp vanilla 2 1/2 cups grated zucchini 3 cups flour 1 cup chopped walnuts

1 tsp baking powder 1 cup raisins

Directions:

- 1. Pre-heat oven to 350°
- 2. Beat eggs & sugar; add oil
- 3. Combine flour with all remaining ingredients, then blend well with egg mixture
- 4. Place in greased 12x7x2 1/2 inch pan & bake for 50 minutes to 1 hour, till toothpick comes up dry

Hope you enjoy!!

Cul-de-Sac Liaisons

Cul-de-Sac	Numbers	Liaison
Azaleas	15-25D	Karen Seltzer
Birch	29-43D	Helen Klein
Camellias	59-73D	Betty Fuchs
D affodils	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	Harriet Kopelman
Juniper	126-148D	Jeff Lynn
Kerrias	74-96D	Rhoda Hertz
Laurels	44-58D	Robbie Schecter
M agnolias	29-43T	Sheila Cole
Narcissus	45-58T	Joe Gluck
Oaks	28-46T	Jill Friedman
Petunias	6-26T	Bonnie Siegel
Roses	8-14D	Helene Schulman

IMPORTANT MAINTENANCE ISSUE

As you know, the HR HOA is responsible for maintaining roofs, gutters & siding for all homes. Therefore, repairs for roofs, gutters & siding are at HOA expense. I have just completed the process of identifying shrubs, tree branches & leaves that can potentially, or may have already caused damage to roofs, gutters and/or siding. My sincere thanks to my husband Stan, Sheila & Bob Cole, Myra & Joe Gluck, Betty Fuchs, Peter Morello and Charney Greenberg for volunteering to walk the community, and help me identify some serious maintenance issues.

This is not a beautification issue, but strictly a maintenance issue. My goal is to protect all roofs, gutters and siding. Keep in mind that repairing or replacing damaged roofs gutters and/or siding is very costly. We hope to avoid these expenses by doing the necessary preventative maintenance now.

For your information, Bonnie received a call from one of our homeowners on 8/23. The homeowner was quite upset. She had received a letter from her homeowners' insurance company, threatening to cancel, or not renew her policy because there were overhanging tree branches by her unit. Interestingly, I initiated my project on 8/12! This was a very timely, but disturbing incident that reinforces our current efforts to protect our homes with necessary preventive maintenance. Our maintenance crew has already begun to trim back any tree branches/leaves and shrubs that lean on or overhang our homes.

As a new HOA Board member, I am happy to be serving our community, and I appreciate the warm reception I have received from so many Hidden Ridgers over the last few weeks while surveying homes with my volunteers.

Robbie

Getting Ready for Winter at Hidden Ridge

By Lenny Kirschenbaum



As the leaves begin to turn, and the nights get chilly, and there is a certain crispness in the air, we say good-by 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.

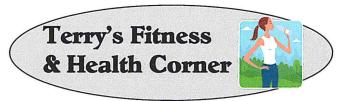
Our maintenance crew will provide snow plowing, sanding and salting on all roads and cul de sacs within the confines of our development. The HOA will also provide the plowing of parking spaces for those units who are here. They will also remove snow accumulation on individual walkways. Those units that 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 you walkway, and parking space.

IMPORTANT

Be advised that effective October 15, 2016 through May 15, 2017 all homeowners who leave any vehicle that will remain unused, or stored on common property for a period longer than 10 days will be required to park said vehicle in the parking lot by the Clubhouse. Vehicles left in cul de sacs 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 in a timely manner so it can be made accessible for you.

I hope to see you at the meeting for Winter residents on Sunday September 18, 2016.



Strategies that Help Maintain Healthy Body Weight/and or Long Term Weight Loss

By Terry Steinberg

So often over the years, as a fitness professional, I was asked now that I worked so hard on a healthy diet and exercise program, how can I stay on this path of looking better and feeling better? I would always try to be supportive and tell them, "You have the power because you have reached your goal," and that is the hardest step! So below I have listed an easy guideline that will work for you, if you are serious in staying the course. Remember, as we get older each year, this gets harder, so put your pedal to the metal. These are easy, lifelong steps that you know already and work, if you follow:

- 1. Do AT LEAST 1 hour a day of "something hard" intensity exercise, then add a walk, or some more active fun things like dance, golf, yoga, etc. over the rest of day. Do not just sit at the computer, or Facebook or TV for hours!
- 2.Consistently eat a low calorie diet that you KNOW, like WEIGHT WATCHERS which works for you week days and WEEKENDS (If you know you will be eating extra because of a Hidden Ridge Party, for example, try to eat much less before or during that day and do not stuff yourself....portion knowledge.)
- 3. Regularly EAT BREAKFAST and maintain this, weekends too.
- 4. Frequently monitor weight....a couple of times a week this way little slips do not become weight gains.
- 5. Try to restrict the number of periods involving uncontrolled eating long buffets, cocktail parties do something else, such as theater, bowling, book club, walking club, dancing. Why must every activity have food??
- 6. ALWAYS keep low calorie snacks around ready to go...fruit, veggies, low fat cheese sticks, 100 calorie yogurt.....you know what these are.
- 7. Drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- 8. Become educated about medical and emotional triggers that can throw you off course. Learn what they are for you and take control. You will have very few or even NO relapses and you will be healthier, for you and for those you love and who love you!

Keep warm on those cool autumn days with your 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 piquot with HR logo in sizes Small -3X (Most sizes left) S-XL \$16; 1X-3X \$18

Hidden Ridge Sweatshirts

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

Sale of shirts will end on October 10th. So don't be caught without them!. Contact Bonnie Siegel, 917-969-9646.









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.

Contact the Liaisons listed on page 2. We especially need volunteers for the Beautification, Community Activities, and Audit, Budget and Finance Committees.

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



ALLAN'S ALLEY

submitted by Allan Meyers



AMERICA BUT NOBODY ASKED ME

Everybody who lives in the USA is either a foreigner or related to a foreigner from the times that the American Indians came here thousands of years ago by walking across the Bearing Platform (now the Bearing Strait) to those who came after Columbus.

In order for a country to prosper and exist, the population must increase. Families must have more than 2.1children. Prior to the Revolution War the average family had 8.4 children, today it's 1.9. By definition immigration is required. There are people who do not want immigration because they are afraid it will challenge their power or their economic system.

People come to America for religious freedom, political and economic freedom. The Irish and the Jews were discriminated because they were a different religion than those in power. "No Irish need apply," "No Jews or dogs admitted."

Asians and people from countries other than from England and France were discriminated against. Laws were passed to prevent them from coming. So these people found ways to sneak into America."

Italians who sneaked in were called "WOPS" (Without Papers). Jews "Mockies" (Green Horns). Scotch Irish were forced to leave the coast and were pushed back to the woods (Back Woodsmen). Those who were loyal to King William of Scotland were called "Hill Billies." The Anti's, who wore red scarves, were called, "Red Necks."

But these and other immigrants made America strong and prosperous. They became businessmen, inventors, educators, law enforcement and civic leaders. U.S. Grant and Ronald Reagan were Scotch Irish.

In 1852 Beth Israel and Mount Sinai Hospitals were built because doctors and nurses wouldn't and couldn't be hired elsewhere because of Anti-Semitism. The hospital catered to the poor and became non-sectarian after the Civil War.



Remember, no matter how we came here, or who we are, we are all AMERICANS.

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.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Karen Seltzer

I am very happy to say that we have finished the 2016 summer season on a very high note. The Labor Day weekend was spectacular in every way - the weather

was sublime. We couldn't ask for anything better than those days of warmth and sun. And our entertainment for the entire weekend was just great. We started with a wonderful talk by Shelly Strickler - "From Teletype to Twitter." Thank you, Shelly, we learned so much and hearing your voice recorded for radio was quite exciting.

On Saturday night, we had a great dinner prepared for us by our favorite local Italian restaurant, Frankie and Johnny's. Everything was delicious. This was topped off by a wonderful performance by Tommy Mara and the Crests regaling us with many of our old "fav's."

The sendoff for the weekend was held on Sunday at the pool. A Caribbean Steel Band of one played music for our enjoyment as we ate

dishes reminiscent of an Hawaiian luau - chicken with pineapple being the signature dish.

Now for the hard part, saying goodbye to a job I did love. I am stepping down from Chair of the Social Committee. I have certainly had wonderful times; but, it must now fall to someone else to pick up the "apron" and move us forward with great entertainment and all of the preparation that makes those Saturday nights seem so effortless and everyone in attendance have a good time. Thank you to all of the people who helped make that possible over the years by getting up early to help with setting up the tables, by picking up trash at your tables and around the room, by helping wash pots or serve coffee and cake or dinners, or preparing food for pot luck dinners, or bringing desserts both homemade and store bought. Thank you all. I wish everyone a wonderful winter and look forward to seeing you again next summer.

Special Thank You

On behalf of the Hidden Ridge Community we would like to recognize the following residents who contributed to our community over this past season:

Those individuals who coordinated, shopped, set up and cleaned up during all of the activities that were run this summer — canasta tournaments, bingo, movie night, pool parties, and Saturday night activities.

Thank you to these residents who added something special towards our events this summer by either purchasing refreshments or giving a cash donation to defray the cost of refreshments:

Barry and Hermine Block - Celebration cake
Jerry and Alice Chiapetta - Labor Day Dinner Dessert
Fred and Mindy Hirsh - cash donation for the Labor
Day Pool Party

Eddie Erlich Kudler and Brian Kudler - Refreshments for the Labor Day Pool Party

Arnie and Gloria Plotsky - Celebration cake Sy and Esther Seltzer - Labor Day Dinner Dessert Bonnie Siegel and Linda Solomon - Ice cream and Sundae fixings

Warren and Isabel Streisand - Labor Day Dinner Dessert

Fran Zatz - Celebration cake

A special thank you goes to *Warren and Randi Berkowitz* for donating the Casino Night Decorations that transformed our clubhouse into a Casino.

Thank you to *Moishe and Shelly Kleinberger* for the donation of a copy machine for our use.

Thank you to *Fred and Mindy Hirsh* for the Knock Hockey set that has found a new home in Hidden Ridge.

A very special thank you to *Linda Solomon* and the contributors to the GEM for a job well done with our newsletter and for Linda's diligent attendance on the web site.

Last but not least, a great big thank you to our staff in the safety booth and the maintenance crew who keep our grounds and public spaces superbly. Their work is reflected in the many compliments the Board members receive on the beauty of our community.

The Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Chuck Greenberg

As of September 09, 2016



Cash Balances per Books

Wayne Bank: \$ 25,988.73
Money Market: \$ 3,020.33
Reserve: \$139,600.00

Total Cash: \$168,609.06 This is <\$11,712.57> less than last year.

Total Income: \$265,201.00 \$ 2,492.00 over last year

Total Expenses: \$276,438.61 <\$ 17,955.55 \text{less than last year.}

Net Income: <\$11,237.61> \$20,447.55 less of a loss than last year.

Receivables: \$114,741.31 \$114,741.31

Advanced Payments \$\\$8,826.00\$ Less Prior Years Allowance: \$\\$98,722.31\$ Total Per Books \$123567.31 This Year's Receivables: \$16,019.00

Top 5: \$104.597.31 All Others: \$18,970.00

Expenses Compared to last Year:

Entertainment <\$1900> Heat & Gas <\$3725> Insurance \$1882 Octagon Windows <\$4250> Paving <\$5500> Retaining Walls \$2291 Roof Replacement/Repair \$14,125 \$1373 Payroll & Taxes <\$14,946> Pool \$5757

Entertainment Expenses Below (Not including food or additional decorations)

7/3 Larry Chance & the Earls 5000 \$ Magician/Mentalist 7/9 \$ 1600 \$ 1250 7/16 Casino Night 7/23 Steven Scott + \$ 1500 7/30 \$ 2400 Tre Bella \$ 8/6 Midnight Image 700 \$ 1000 8/13 Destiny Just 60's \$ 1800 8/27 Tony Mara & the Crests 9/2 \$ 4600 9/3 Caribbean Pool Party \$ 500 **Total** \$20,350

• We still **need volunteers** for finance, audit and budget committees.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Meeting of Winter Residents – Full Timers and Weekenders

Sunday September 18, 2016 10:00 AM Clubhouse Coffee and Bagels will be served

Your Winter at Hidden Ridge Form is due by October 6, 2016

Please return them to:

Bonnie Siegel 6 Hidden Ridge Terrace Monticello, NY 12701

Or

Hidden Ridge HOA PO Box 976 Monticello, NY 12701

Swimming Pool will be open until September 25, 2016 (weather permitting)

Clubhouse will be open until Sunday October 16, 2016

Recycling Shed will be open until Sunday October 16, 2016

Welcome New Neighbors



Bennie and Evangeline Moorer 163 Hidden Ridge Drive

Wanted Units for Rent – Summer 2017

If you want your unit listed for rental for the Summer of 2017, please let Bonnie know ASAP. There already are people interested in securing a place here at Hidden Ridge for next summer.

Tax Grievance Update

By Warren Berkowitz and Fred Hirsh

Walter Garigliano, the attorney many of the members of the community retained to challenge their real property tax assessment, has reached a tentative settlement of the claim.

The decision on whether to accept the proposed settlement cannot be made by the Board or by a vote of the members.

Each member who retained Mr. Garigliano to represent them in the proceeding will receive a detailed letter directly from Mr. Garigliano's office explaining the proposed settlement.

The assessment of the units owned by members who did not retain Mr. Garigliano's office to represent them will not be affected by the settlement.

Please do not contact Mr. Garigliano's office about the settlement until you receive a letter from his office. Most of the questions you might have about the settlement will be answered in the letter.

If you have any other questions, please contact Warren Berkowitz (warrenb107@aol.com) or Fred Hirsh (factor328@aol.com).

Are you Eligible for a STAR Exemption?

By Fred Hirsh

If Hidden Ridge is your primary residence, you should apply for a STAR exemption. A basic STAR tax exemption is available to anyone whose primary residence is Hidden Ridge and who has an annual income of less than \$500,000.

Year round residents of Hidden Ridge who are over 65 may be eligible for an enhanced STAR exemption.

You do not need to hire an attorney or service to apply for and obtain a basis or enhanced STAR exemption. You can register to obtain a STAR exemption or an enhanced STAR exemption on-line at the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance web site.

In order to obtain a STAR exemption, Hidden Ridge must be your primary residence. In making a determination as to whether you are eligible for a STAR exemption, the Department of Taxation and Finance will consider factors such as where you are registered to vote, whether you file a New York State Resident Income Tax Return, where your cars are registered, length of time spent each year at Hidden Ridge and any other relevant factor. The New York State Department may request proof of residency before granting a STAR exemption.

A STAR exemption will result in your paying lower school taxes.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM THE BOARD

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 2016-17. 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 that is collected with your monthly maintenance charge that is sent to the HOA.

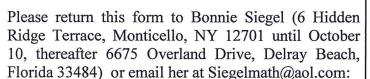
Going paperless - Monthly Maintenance Booklet and Labels

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 compete the following form and return it to Bonnie Siegel by November 20, 2016.

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.



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

Name

Hidden Ridge Address

Email Address



We offer condolences to Shirley Thompson on the passing of her mother, EMMA COOPER

Also to Ron and Rita Kukafka and Lauren Kukafka Steinberg on the passing of their mother/grandmother PHYLLIS KUKAFKA

May their memories be for a blessing.

Going paperless – Hidden Ridge GEM

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Monday/Wednesday Night Canasta Tournament Weekly Winners

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Aug. 1 Meryl Miles Phyllis Ball Gloria Plotsky Harriet Fox Helen Klein Mitzie Schoenfeld Aug. 10 Meryl Miles Gloria Plotsky Warren Streisand Sol Klein Shelly Strickler	Aug. 3 Larry Miles Carole Baken Mitzie Schoenfeld Iris Lynn Meryl Miles Aug. 15 Phyllis Ball Warren Streisand Corinne Needleman Joe Schoenfeld Gloria Plotsky Meryl Miles	Aug. 8 Larry Miles Warren Streisand Bunny Moss Helen Klein EspiTuretsky Helen Badain Arnie Plotsky Aug. 17 Mitzie Schoenfeld Shelly Strickler Ed Ball Meryl Miles Linda Mandel		
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Sexy Cinderella, space tamer*/chanteuse Babs Shakes fringed shawl over silver belted jeans Southern belle Babs preens, throws back blond tresses

Jangles tambourine, grinds hips, struts in cowgirl boots

Band drum rolls, banjo strums, audience growls "bravo"

Claps hands, foot tappin' frenzy mounts Soul kickin'mama, little girl empowered/ flings red bandana

Wails soooo good, soooo cool, let it go girl! HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO AWESOME BABS!

*home organizer

Janet Lieberman May 10, 2016

Fundraiser for Sullivan SPCA

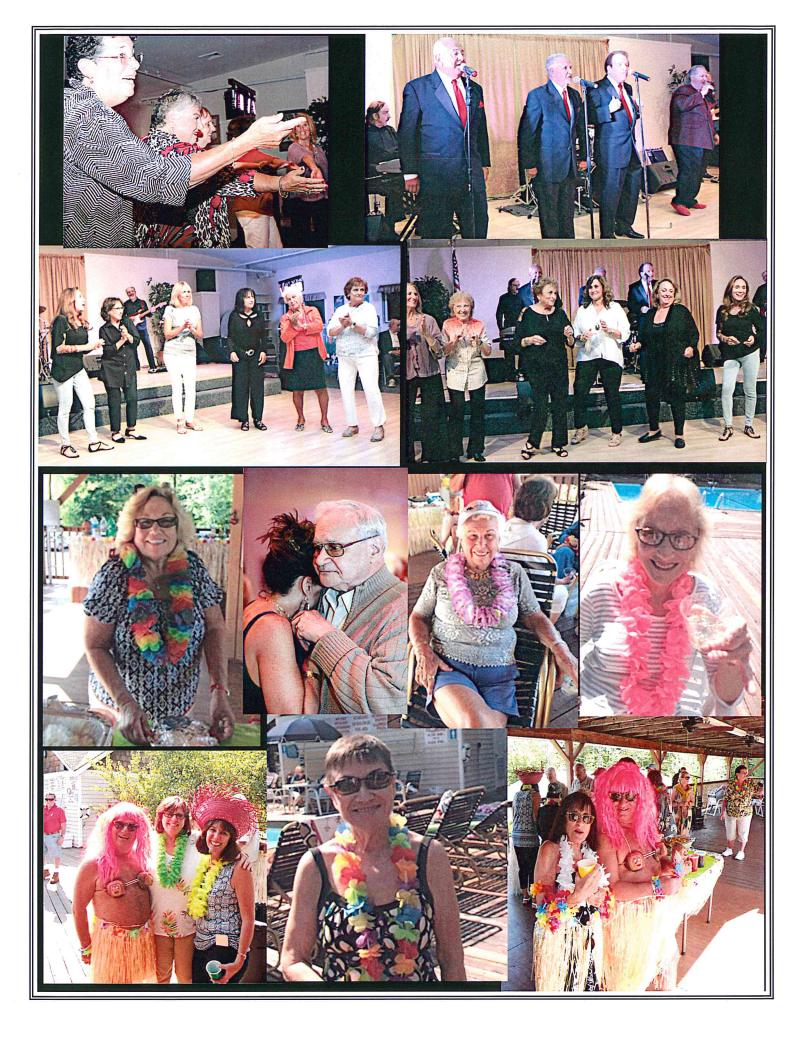
On Saturday, August 20, 2016 we held a Chinese Auction to benefit the Sullivan SPCA, a no kill animal shelter. Many donations of new/gently used merchandise including themed gift baskets, small electrical appliances, serving pieces, as well as a wide variety of items were available for the bidding. The auction was preceded by a delicious Chinese buffet from Chinatown Kitchen on Broadway. We sold \$339 in raffle tickets. The proceeds from the evening's 50/50 (\$67) were also donated.

On Sunday August 28, 2016 the Hidden Ridge Café was open for lunch serving kosher frankfurters with all the trimmings as well as knishes and soda. The net profits (\$49) from this event were added to the previous week's amount to come to a total of \$455.

In addition, Bill Stevens generously donated \$30 and Ron Greco and Richard Delia added an additional \$50 to bring our total donation to \$535.

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.





FROM THE PEN OF....

Peter Morello



The Rebel King - Part II

Recap of Fart 1: Patrick Burns, known as "Guido" to his friends, was as handsome and cool as they came. He was easily the most popular guy in high school and was quick with his fists. His male friends wanted to be like him and the females wanted to be with him.

His body was well-chiseled and had become a tattooed billboard of former flames.

He showed no interest in school or work and was spending increasing amounts of time away from home worrying his parents

uido had not been seen much during the summer after his graduation. When he was seen, he was driving a new black Cadillac Coupe Deville and was still wearing his sunglasses and soaking up the stares of his female admirers. No one knew how he was able to afford such a vehicle with no discernible job but all agreed he sure looked good.

He was once briefly seen at Orchard Beach with a very attractive blond. His last girlfriend's name, Rosie, which was tattooed across his chest, was now covered with a tattoo of an aircraft carrier - a telltale sign of the inevitable conclusion of that relationship but there was no new tattoo to be seen.

The neighborhood girls were still hopeful that their Guido would ask them out on a date or at least take the time to talk to them. They all wanted to be seen with him if only for a brief moment, so they could earn their bragging rights and tell others who were less fortunate, "I was hanging with Guido."

As the summer wore on and September approached, Guido suddenly reappeared and was spotted entering his building to visit his parents and sister. Eileen and Patty were standing outside the building lamenting about having to find a job now that they were high school graduates and expected to either continue their education or work.

"Oh, wow, it's Guido," exclaimed Patty as Guido approached the entrance to the building with his ubiquitous sunglasses and his head down, carrying a small shopping bag with his right hand and walking swiftly. He seemed in a hurry and surprised that he was recognized.

"Hey, Guido, long time no see," Patty said.

"Yeah, right, whatsa matter; you forgot about us?" Eileen interjected.

Yo, Patty, Eileen. Yeah, I've been busy, you know. Always on the run doin' stuff. You know "how it is."

The girls were excited their Guido was standing in front of them in the flesh and actually talking to them. Even though Patty and Eileen were totally smitten, they readily noticed a distinct change in Guido's appearance. He had lost a considerable amount of weight and the skin on his face was pulled tight and it had lost its natural olive tint that the girls so much admired; it now appeared pasty and somewhat yellowish. He seemed nervous and was no longer wearing the sleeveless shirts he always favored to show off his muscles but was sporting a long sleeve shirt even though the temperature was almost ninety degrees. His left hand was hanging by his side and had a slight tremor. As he stood in front of them they tried not to stare as they strained to see his eyes behind his dark sunglasses.

"So, you working or what, Guido?" Patty inquired.

"Yeah, I got business interests. I've been busy with that."

"You know, I seen you in your Cadillac. It's gorgeous. I always knew you would be a success. Maybe you'll give me a ride sometime?" Patty eagerly asked anticipating what that could mean.

"I want a ride too, Guido. Don't forget me," Eileen said not wanting to be left out.

"Yeah, sure girls. We'll do that sometime."

Eileen wanted a commitment from Guido and didn't want to pass up an opportunity not knowing when she would see him again. "I know what we can do. How about a double date?"

"A double date?" Guido asked.

"Yeah - you me and Eileen. All three of us in your Cadillac. Let's go to Jones Beach and spend the whole day together." Eileen was shaking her head in agreement and didn't mind competing for Guido's affections with Patty if that was the only way to be with him.

"Yeah, girls, sure. Look – I gotta go. I'll be in touch."
Guido quickly entered his apartment building and went to his apartment on the second floor. Upon entering the apartment his mother ran to him and peppered him with questions.

"Patrick, where have you been all these weeks?" His mother asked as she showered him with kisses and hugged him tightly as his father sternly looked on. "Are you okay? How do you feel? Why didn't you call?"

"I'll bet he's up to no good, that's what," said his dad. As his mother, Marian, let go of her son and stepped back she only then noticed the change in his appearance. "My Lord, you've lost so much weight. Have you been eating? I have some stew that I can serve you right now. Sit down."

"Listen Ma, I'm fine. I've just been running around, that's all and living with Jennifer at a place we got on University Avenue. Hey, look – I bought presents for the both of you and sis'. Where is Carroll, anyway?"

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"She's working a summer job at Alexander's, unlike you," said Sean, Patrick's father.

Ignoring his father's anger, Patrick reached into the shopping bag and pulled out several boxes of jewelry. Earrings and bracelets for his mom and sister and cufflinks and a ring for his father.

When his mother opened the box with the earrings she was taken aback by the unexpected contents. Before her were two 18 carat gold earrings with a quarter inch emerald in the center.

"Patrick, this must have cost a fortune – and the other presents are similar?"

"You betcha, Mom. Try them on and let's see how you look."

Sean had reached the boiling point and with his two beefy hands grabbed Patrick's face and shoved him down onto the sofa where Patrick hit with a thud as Marian screamed.

"I've said this before – you're no good and you'll never amount to anything. You're a bum. Where'd you get the money for these gifts?"

Marian tried to calm Sean but before she could do so, Patrick bolted from the apartment and as he slammed the door behind him he could hear his mother crying and his father still ranting about him.

As he ran from his building, Patty and Eileen were still standing out in front. The girls looked at each other as his thinned frame swiftly passed them by as they wondered what was happening.

"Hey, Guido, don't forget about Jones Beach," Eileen yelled at Guido's back.

"Gee, he's just like a Greek gawd – so evolved," Patty muttered.

After the blowup with his father, Guido vowed never to return. He had gone to see his parents and shower them with gifts and all he received was criticism and anger from his father. His father never understood that he had to be his own man and find his own way in life. Maybe college was for his sister, Carroll, but not for him. Maybe driving a city bus was for his father, but not for him. Guido had confidence in his ability to be a success in this world without following any path set by others no matter how well-intentioned they may be.

Although Guido didn't return to his parent's apartment, he called his mother every other day. Her pleadings to come over and mend fences with his father fell on deaf ears. Marian repeatedly offered to visit her son only to be rebuffed with him telling his mother he was working long hours but never providing any details as to his employment.

September rolled around and the sightings of Guido grew scarcer still. The kids in the neighborhood speculated why Guido was not being seen anymore. Surely, he had made a big success of himself and now didn't have time for his old friends anymore.

Some had heard that he formed a construction company and had big contracts in Manhattan renovating offices; others were certain that he opened a bar in Inwood and would soon open another. Still others had heard he bought an auto parts store in Yonkers. Despite all the stories, no one had spoken to Guido himself.

On a balmy Saturday at about 5:30 in the evening, Patty and Eileen were sitting in Eileen's apartment wondering how to spend the rest of the evening.

"Patty, waddaya wanna do tonight."

"I dunno - I'm just board, that's all."

"How about a movie?" Eileen asked.

"Sure, why not," came Patty's less than enthusiastic reply.

"Lemme see what's playin' at the Paradise."

Eileen opened a copy of the Daily News she had on the coffee table in the living room and began looking for the movie listings. She thumbed through the pages and had almost reached the listings when something familiar caught her eye as she turned the page. She wasn't sure if she actually saw what she thought she had seen and quickly turned the page back.

Her eyes moved to the lower right hand corner of page twenty two and focused intently on the words.

BRONX YOUTH GUNNED DOWN

Police in the Bronx reported that an 18 year old male identified as Patrick Burns, was found slumped over the steering wheel of a Cadillac Coupe Deville at the intersection of Arthur Avenue and Fordham Road. He was shot six times and was well-known to authorities as a low-level mobster involved in the sale of heroin.







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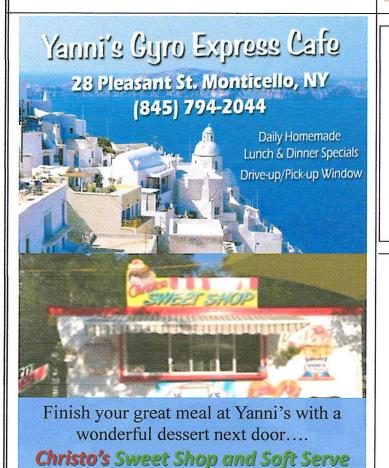
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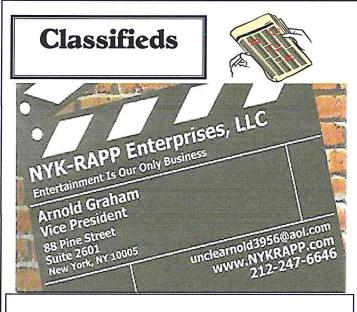


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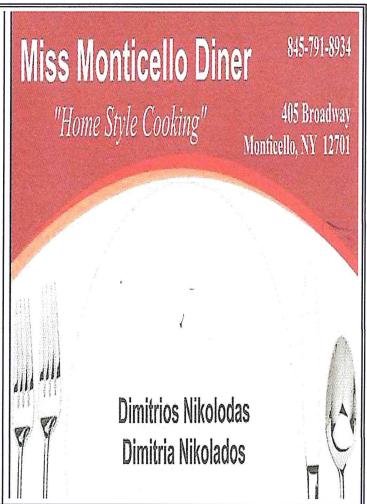
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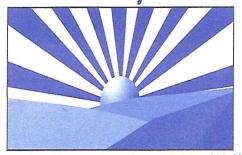
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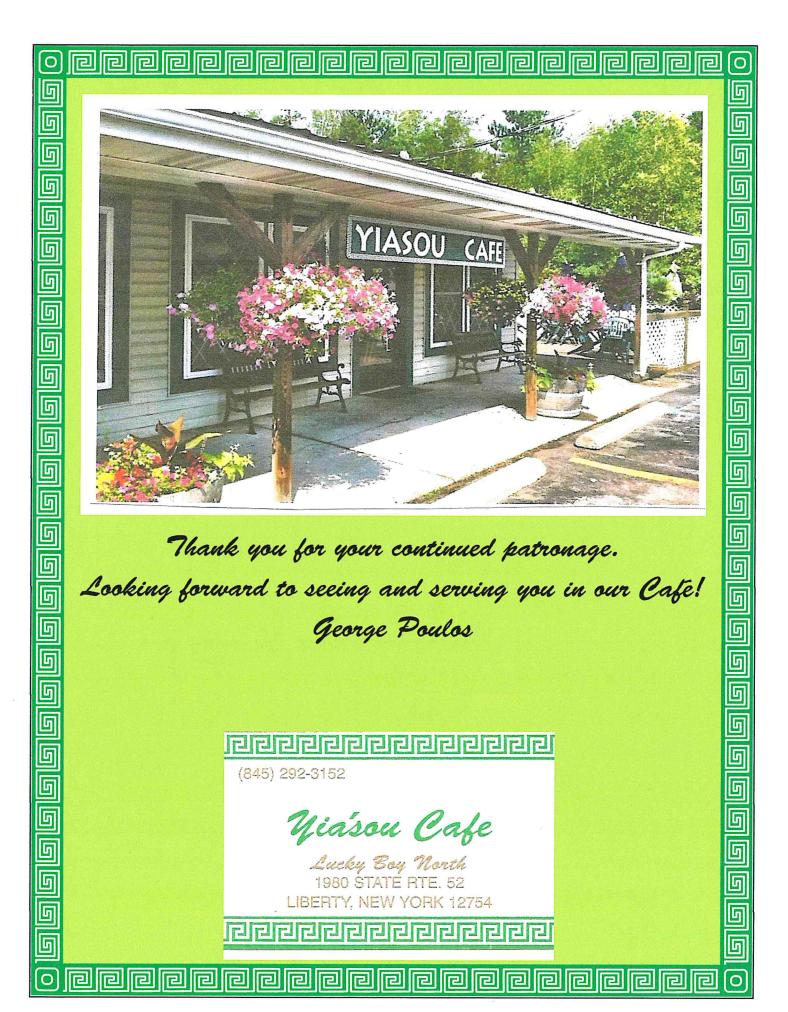
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