

The President's Message



Dear Hidden Ridgers;

As 2016 comes to an end and we look towards 2017 at Hidden Ridge, here are a few items that are important to us:

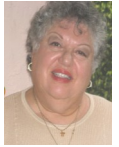
Safety and Security: The Board voted to install automatic gates at both the Friedman and Old Liberty Road entrances to prevent unwanted vehicular traffic from entering our property. The installation was completed this fall and went into operation on December 3, 2016. From reports that I have received, there have been minimal glitches that are being addressed. Special thanks go to Lenny Kirschenbaum who has been fielding all of the questions, and to Robbie Schecter and Ben Lorick who assisted in the distribution of remote controls. Please note that effective January 1, 2017, there will no longer be any safety patrol from 4PM - midnight. We thank the gentlemen who were providing this service to the Hidden Ridge community for many years. Please see page 7 for information regarding the letter that all residents should have received regarding the gates.

Monthly Maintenance Fees: At the present time the Monthly Maintenance fees for 2017 will remain at \$325 per month. Should there be a need to change this amount; homeowners will be notified by mail. You are reminded that the fee is due on the 1st of the month and any remittance with a postmark later than the 10th of the month will be considered late and a late fee will be assessed to your account. Those who are in arrears for more than 30 days will receive letters indicating that certain services may be suspended if payments are not current.

Voucher Booklets: The 2017 voucher booklet and labels are included in this mailing (except for those homeowners who opted out due to automatic payments from their banks). Please note that the mailing address has been changed. Those who have their banks prepare and mail their checks need to notify their banks of the change in address. See page 8 for details.

Winter Maintenance. Our crew has been working very hard to accommodate the increasing number of full time residents and the maintenance of our property. They are addressing all maintenance needs-cleaning and repairing gutters, removing brush and leaves from the grounds, repairing storm drains, replacing cedar shingles in the front of units and making Hidden Ridge ready for spring. If you have any maintenance issue, please complete a maintenance request form and place it in the maintenance mailbox attached to the bulletin board. We ask for your patience and cooperation.

From the Editor



Dear Hidden Ridgers,

There comes a time when space is limited and what one has to say may not be as important as the next person's message. Therefore, I must keep my words to a minimum and just wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Chanukah and above all, a most healthy, prosperous and Happy New Year!

Linda



Snow removal: Our crew, with our two trucks with snow plows should be able to handle all of our snow removal needs. They have proven to be doing a wonderful job -see page 11. Please be reminded that the sequence of the plowing is as follows: main roads, cul de sacs and then walkways. The crew has a list of those homeowners who need to get to work and will try to prioritize their work accordingly. Please be patient. If there is a significant amount of snow accumulation on your roof, they will remove it as well. If you have any concerns or questions or if you are coming up to Hidden Ridge for a weekend and want to make sure that your walkway is cleared, contact Lenny Kirschenbaum at 845-794-3395.

Sales and Rentals: Since September, we welcomed seven new homeowners and one full time renter to Hidden Ridge. We hope they become active members of our community. We are compiling a list of available rentals for the summer of 2017. If you have already rented or plan to rent your unit, please contact me.

The future of Monticello: From newspaper reports that I have seen, the Montreign Casino project on the former Concord site as well as the Veria Wellness Center at Bailey Lake are proceeding on schedule. The movie theater in Thompson Square (Shoprite) is planning to open in the spring of 2017. We will have something to look forward to when we return to our Jewel in the Catskills in the spring.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish you all a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!

Bonnie

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Hidden Ridge H.O.A.
PO Box 190
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Snow Removal & Winter Main.	Lenny

Upcoming Events

Next Board Meeting:
TBA



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

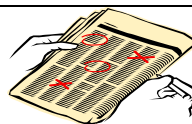
Please call 917-747-8660 or email: bonsdiva@aol.com

DEADLINE for APRIL ISSUE - Mar. 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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* Allan and Peter are on vacation this month.

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

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

DECEMBER - MARCH



Dec. 24 - Chanukah



Dec. 25 - Christmas



Dec. 26 - Kwanzaa



Jan. 16 - Martin Luther King Day



Feb. 14 -
Valentine's Day

Mar. 17 -
St. Patrick's Day



Feb. 20 - Presidents' Day



Happy Birthday

09-27 Rosalio Inojosa	01-25 George List
12-03 Lauren Steinberg	01-27 Shelly Kleinberger
12-04 Paul Neiger	01-31 Mindy Hirsh
12-06 Lucille Rowen	Andrea Goldstein
Max Rubin	02-04 Norman Sadowsky
12-09 Tiffany Franco	02-08 Corinne Needleman
12-14 Michael Cserhalmi	Melissa Cross
Sara Schleider	02-11 Erica Sadowsky
Shelly Strickler	02-15 Lenny Keusch
12-15 Sy Seltzer	02-18 Mitzi Schoenfeld
12-16 Keith Marcus	02-19 Danny Smith
12-17 Florence Sachs	02-20 Bonnie Siegel
12-20 Chris Sadowski	02-21 Randi Berkowitz
Karen Seltzer	02-28 Marie Pierre Pulcini
Sharlene Perez	03-04 Stan Want
12-24 Jeff Lynn	03-07 Myrna Young
12-29 Espi Turetsky	03-09 Gloria Cserhalmi
Lenny Kirschenbaum	03-10 Bob Turetsky
01-04 Chuck Greenberg	03-11 Ed Hertz
Lois Mondschein	Rose Storch
01-11 Helene Schulman	03-15 Fred Hirsh
01-16 Allan Meyers	03-18 Larry Strickler
Joseph Schoenfeld	03-20 Jani Cooperberg
01-18 Myra Gluck	Warren Berkowitz
01-19 Myrna Want	03-25 Isabel Streisand
Milton Kopelman	Jerry Chiappetta
Maxine Kopp	03-26 Marsha Wilkins
01-21 Sam Glaser	03-31 Julia Glaz
01-24 Sam Schleider	

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 |



12-04 Myra & Joe Gluck
12-09 Charney & Chuck Greenberg
Esther & Sy Seltzer



12-13 Isabel & Warren Streisand
12-20 Helen & Sol Klein
12-22 Julia & Ilya Glaz
12-23 Eddie Erlich Kudler & Brian Kudler
12-25 Harriet & Milton Kopelman



01-01 Darryl Questore & Sue McMahon
01-09 Iris & Jeff Lynn
01-12 Espi & Bob Turetsky



02-07 Mitzi & Joseph Schoenfeld
02-21 Alice & Jerry Chiappetta
02-25 Adrienne & Allan Meyers
03-06 Jani & Arthur Cooperberg
03-13 Sara & Sam Schleider

Monthly Signs

Sagittarius
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)



Capricorn
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)



Aquarius
(Jan. 20- Feb. 18)



Pisces
(Feb. 19-Mar. 20)



Aries
(Mar. 20-Apr. 19)



Dining and Entertainment

Robbie's Recipes

submitted by Robbie Schechter



CAJUN RED SNAPPER

1 tsp paprika
1 tsp garlic powder
1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
1/4 tsp oregano
1tsp black pepper
2 T butter
1/2 tsp onion powder
1 T olive oil
1 tsp thyme
4-6oz red snapper fillets
1 tsp basil

1. On wax paper mix: paprika, cayenne pepper, black pepper, onion powder, thyme, basil & oregano.
 2. In a small saucepan, over medium heat, melt the butter with the oil. Brush both sides of snapper fillets, and save remaining butter/oil. Coat both sides of the fish with seasoning mix.
 3. Heat large cast iron skillet over high heat until a drop of water sizzles on it. Drizzle half of remaining butter/oil mix on one side of each fillet and place fillets butter side down in pan. Cook over high heat till fish deeply brown...about 5 mins.
 4. Drizzle remaining butter/oil mix over fish and flip fish over. Cook till browned and fish flakes when tested with fork...about 5 mins.
- ENJOY!!



To my friends and neighbors.....who so generously made contributions to various charities, planted trees in Israel, made condolence visits, phone calls and sent sympathy cards, on the passing of my brother, Sam, I sincerely thank you all.

Your caring and shared grief was more than welcomed and most appreciated.

Sincerely,
Ed Hertz & family

Cul-de-Sac Liaisons

Cul-de-Sac	Numbers	Liaison
Azaleas	15-25D	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	Michael Valcin
Iris	196-214D	Harriet Kopelman
Juniper	126-148D	Jeff Lynn
Kerrias	74-96D	Rhoda Hertz
Laurels	44-58D	Robbie Schechter
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

Welcome New Neighbors



New Owners:

Anthony Brancella - 52 HR Terrace
Miriam Ehrenberg - 125 HR Drive
Stephen & Maxine Kopp - 43 HR Terrace
Emmanuel & Marie Pierre Pulcini - 43 HR Drive
Geraldine Pierre-Fleurimond - 26 HR Terrace
Simcha Stern - 18 HR Terrace
Mark Thomas, Warren Seigel, & Sally Thomas - 74 HR Drive

New Renters:

Ken & Terri Graig - 37 HR Terrace



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.

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

From Fred Hirsh

A reminder to all Hidden Ridgers who are selling or transferring their unit.

A transfer fee of \$975 is due and payable to the Hidden Ridge Homeowners Association on any sale or transfer of title to any unit at Hidden Ridge. The transfer fee is payable by the purchaser-transferee.

The current sales and transfer rules and Sales Form can be found under the documents tab on the Hidden Ridge web site - www.Hiddenridgehoa.org. The rules and forms can be printed out from that location.

The transfer fee is due and payable any time the owner or owners of the unit will be different than the person who owns the property prior to the transfer. Examples of transfers of title on which the transfer fee is payable include but are not limited to any sale of a unit, transfers by referee's deed at a foreclosure sale, transfer by deed in lieu of foreclosure, transfer by the current owner to another family member or members or anyone other than the current owner or owners, transfer to a trust or family trust or transfer to a corporation or other business entity. The transfer fee must be paid and the Sales Form must be provided to the HOA even if the transfer does not involve consideration (payment).

SPECIAL PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROJECT

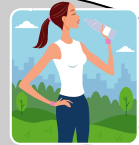
From Robbie Schecter

As many of you know, a special preventive maintenance project was initiated in August. Over a period of weeks, all homes were inspected to determine if any tree branch/bush/shrub near a home could potentially cause damage to roofs, gutters and/or siding. Our maintenance crew was given a comprehensive list of our findings, and began a cul de sac by cul de sac, house by house trimming of all such branches & shrubs.

I am happy to report that our crew has been working diligently, and is making excellent progress. All areas of potential damage should be addressed before the harsh winter weather sets in. This, in addition to Fall clean-up and Winter preparation, is keeping the guys very busy!!

Kudos to our wonderful HR Maintenance Crew....and my personal THANKS!!

Terry's Fitness & Health Corner



Planning Ahead to Avoid Weight Gain During Holiday/Winter Season

by Terry Steinberg

With holiday season and eating already underway, especially Thanksgiving, we must all be mindful and careful of not sabotaging healthy eating. This commitment becomes even more important because unless you are a dedicated daily "work outer," most people tend to stay indoors eliminating the natural way we exercise in the warm weather (lots of walking, swimming, golfing, biking, etc). Unless you are lucky to be in Fla., we New Yorkers (and others) must hit the gym hard in order to burn the extra calories these months tend to pack on. So plan ahead with these tips and hopefully they will help you to control your will power, so you remain in your optimum health and fitness level(without getting stressed and angry at yourself that you "let yourself go").

1. Write out your food challenges for the week..birthday, Chanukah latkes, Christmas dinner, New Years Party, tons of hors d'oeuvres, extra high calorie drinks and then write out a Food Plan sticking to portion control and picking one or two favorites (not tasting everything!).

2. Plan your meals when you eat at home, to be nutritious and have fewer calories to help balance the more fattening meals you know you will have when you are eating out.

3. When you go shopping be sure you make a list of healthy lo cal snacks and lots of fruits and veggies.

4. Once you purchase these proper snack foods BE SURE to chop/cut fruits and veggies (or buy them ready-cut) so you can grab them easily.

5. Portion out healthy snacks like nuts, seeds, popcorn, etc. in small baggies so you are all ready to munch sensibly!

6. Mix or buy a favorite lo fat/lo cal salad dressing and keep enough around for dipping, too, and for the salad bowl.

7. Whip up a large pitcher of iced lemon water or tea or club soda cans and keep available each and every day.....drink, drink, drink often. This keeps you fuller and hydrated which is so vital to proper nutrition and health. All the best to you!

The Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Chuck Greenberg



As of December 02, 2016

Cash Balances per Books

Wayne General:	\$	2716.36	
Money Market:	\$	<u>3,020.74</u>	\$ 5,737.27
Chase Checking:	\$	43,744.46	
Chase Reserve:	\$	<u>100,065.66</u>	\$ 143,810.12
Total Cash:		\$149,547.39	This is \$4,415.60 less than last year.

Total Income:	\$423,613.99	\$ 9,520.99	over last year
Total Expenses:	<u>\$375,951.56</u>	<u><\$ 41,434.23></u>	less than last year
Net Income:	\$ 47,662.43	\$ 50,945.71	greater than last year

Expenses Compared to last Year:

Entertainment	<\$1920>
Heat & Gas	<\$5316>
Octagon Windows	<\$9359>
Paving	<\$5500>
Retaining Walls	\$2291
Roof Replacement/Repair	\$1480
Gas	\$2365
Payroll & Taxes	<\$20,453>
Pool	\$5169
Clubhouse Maintenance	<8376>
Insurance	<4360>
Office & Gem	<4330>

Accounts Receivables:

5 Major Creditors	\$107,747
Current Month (Due the 10 th)	\$ 33,800
Other delinquents	<u>\$ 11,661</u>
Total Receivables:	<u>\$153,208</u>

**Note: We are still looking for volunteers to join the Finance, audit and budget committees.
Please contact Chuck Greenberg @ 516-445-3845.**

THE GATES AT HIDDEN RIDGE

The gates at the Old Liberty Road and Friedman Road entrances have been operating since December 3, 2016. Our winter residents have received their remote control devices and have been instructed on their operation.

The following is a sample of the letter that was sent to each resident of Hidden Ridge in October 2016. This letter explains the operation of the gates.

If you did not receive this letter, or if the phone number for the telephone access pad is incorrect, please contact Bonnie Siegel immediately. If you need to pick up your remote control device, please contact Lenny Kirschenbaum.

Hidden Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc.

October 26, 2016

Dear Homeowner;

The installation of the gates at the Friedman Road and Old Liberty Road entrances is almost complete. This letter should answer many of the questions that you have regarding the operation of the gates and will provide you with information specific to you.

Effective on or about **December 1, 2016** the gates will be in operation at both of our entrances.

The following describes access information for you and your guests:

Old Liberty Road Entrance:

Access can be granted as follows:

Remote control device (see below)

Using your unique access code

Your access code is # _____ Please do not give out your access code unnecessarily.

No code or remote is necessary for exiting through this gate.

Please be reminded that the gate is designed to close after each car.

Guest Access can only be through this entrance:

Your guest will scroll to your name on the telephone access pad. The following phone number has been programmed for you. _____ **

**** If this is not a working number in your unit (either a landline or a cell number), please notify Bonnie Siegel by contacting her immediately at Siegelmath@aol.com or at 917 969 9646**

There are instructions on the screen for the telephone access pad. Your guest will scroll the A-Z listing to your last name. There will be a three digit code associated with your last name. Your guest can either enter the three digit code or "Push Call". The dialer will dial the phone number that is listed above.

Upon answering your phone (and speaking to your guest) you will press 9 on that phone and the gate will open.

Friedman Road Entrance:

This is a **resident only entrance**.

You must use the remote control in order to gain entrance into the community.

All vehicles can exit through this gate.

No code or remote is necessary for exiting through this gate.

Please be reminded that the gate is designed to close after each car.

Remote Control Devices are the property of the Hidden Ridge Homeowners Association. They will be distributed by Lenny Kirschenbaum (845 794 3395). Winter residents should contact Lenny immediately to obtain your remote control device. Each unit will receive one remote control device. If you need additional devices, there will be a deposit of \$25 per remote. (Make checks payable to Hidden Ridge HOA)

If your vehicle is equipped with **home link**, the remote can be programmed according to the vehicle owner's manual.

Upon **selling** your unit, all remotes must be returned to the HOA. If you acquired a second remote, your \$25 deposit will be refunded. Upon transfer of the property, all remote and access codes will be deactivated.

Anyone who is **renting** their unit must provide the HOA with a working phone number for the renter so that the renter can be assigned an access code. This must be done at least two weeks before the tenant moves in. They will be assigned their unique access code. Upon arrival at Hidden Ridge the renter will contact Lenny Kirschenbaum (845-794-3395) to obtain their remote control device. All renters will pay a \$25 deposit that will be refunded upon return of the remote. The renter's access code and remote device will be deactivated at the end of the term of the lease.

Please be aware that the several of our regular vendors (US Post Office, UPS, FedEx, Time Warner Cable, etc) will receive either a four digit access code or a remote. Emergency personnel will have a siren sensor for access.

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Siegel (917-969-9646) or Lenny Kirschenbaum (845-794 3395)

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM THE BOARD

CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS FOR HIDDEN RIDGE

Recently our accountant, Guy Jollie, has merged his practice with Cooper and Arias an accounting firm that is located in the Monticello area on Route 17B in Mongaup Valley. Our account representative, Joan Woods, is continuing to service the Hidden Ridge account- bill processing, payroll, collection of monthly maintenance fees, and notification to those in arrears.

Please note the change in address of our post office box on the return address label of your mailing envelope. New mailing labels for your monthly maintenance remittance have been included with your vouchers.

Effective January 1, 2017, please send all mail for the HOA to:

**Hidden Ridge Homeowners Association Inc.
c/o Cooper and Arias
P.O. Box 190
Mongaup Valley, N.Y. 12762**

Joan Woods can be reached at 845-796-1800 or at our previous number 845-794-7173

The Poet's Corner



Goodbye Hidden Ridge...

Sun dappled snake slithers, sloughs skin
Shivers in crisp fall breezes, curls into womb-like cocoon
Settles within brittle engorged seeds/ shuts down

Plump rabbits, ravenous woodchucks crackle crimson leaves
Crickets wail, hummingbirds swoop/ seek faded rose petals
Vanquished summer handmaidens strew woodland path...

Somber grey sky releases sudden downpour
Thunders onward/ silences summer flamboyance
Din moves forward, traverses hidden ridges

Pageant comes to rest at Hidden Ridge.*

Janet Lieberman

September 29, 2016

We offer condolences to friends and family of

Samuel Hertz, Brother of Ed Hertz

Joyce Glaser, Wife of Sam, Mother of Jordan

Stewart Goldstein, former resident and Board Member

May their memories be for a blessing.

Going paperless – Hidden Ridge GEM

The GEM is available in color online at our website 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, Florida 33484) or email her at Siegelmath@aol.com:

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

Name _____

Hidden Ridge Address _____

Email Address _____

Certificate of Appreciation

Presented to the

Residents of Hidden Ridge

In recognition of your continued support of the

Sullivan County SPCA

Kristina Douglas
Kristina Douglas, Secretary



Deborah Dittert
Deborah Dittert, Shelter Manager

*We recently received this Certificate of Appreciation from the Sullivan SPCA for our fundraising efforts on their behalf.
The certificate will be framed and hung in our Clubhouse.*

Who By Fire?

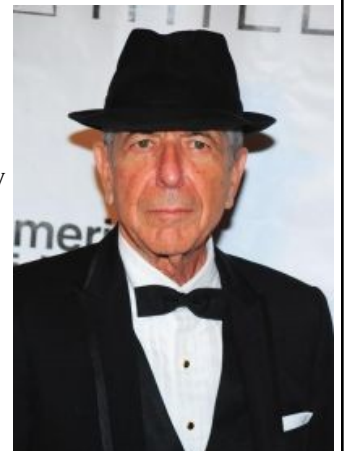
And who by fire, who by water,
Who in the sunshine, who in the night time,
Who by high ordeal, who by common trial,
Who in your merry merry month of may,
Who by very slow decay,
And who shall I say is calling?

And who in her lonely slip, who by barbiturate,
Who in these realms of love, who by something blunt,
And who by avalanche, who by powder,
Who for his greed, who for his hunger,
And who shall I say is calling?

FAMOUS QUOTES

And who by brave assent, who by
accident,
Who in solitude, who in this mirror,
Who by his lady's command, who by
his own hand,
Who in mortal chains, who in
power,
And who shall I say is calling?

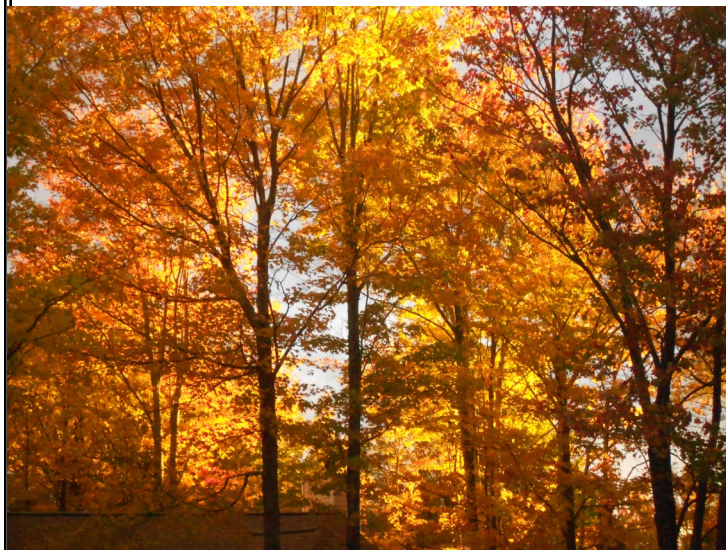
Leonard Cohen
09/21/34 - 11/07/16



AUTUMN ON THE RIDGE

Here is the spectacular show that nature puts on for us each fall in the Catskills!

Photos: Fred Hirsh



*Last ones in the pool!
September 25, 2016
Chuck and Charney Greenberg*

WINTER ON THE RIDGE

*And this is the incredible winter display that nature
brings us here in the Catskills!*

Photos and comments by: Robbie Schechter



This morning [November 20, 2016] we woke up to about 5" of snow! Our crew (in absence of vacationing Mike Bauer) plowed and shoveled our roads, cul d sacs, steps and walkways. In my opinion, the plowing was better than D & R. The plowing got down to the pavement, with no residue. Our crew should be commended for a job well done. Thanks, guys!!



More maintenance kudos: I took this photo early in afternoon on November 24, yes on Thanksgiving Day!! That's our very own Richie. Spears. We had some freezing precipitation, and Lenny called Richie with concerns about a very thin coating of ice on our roads, steps & walkways. A short while later, Richie arrived and spread sand and ice melt. When Stan & I saw him in our cul de sac, we raced outside to thank him. He responded by saying "Hey, this is like my second home."

ALLAN'S ALLEY

submitted by Allan Meyers



HIDDEN RIDGE '16

By Allan Meyers

There was only one big snow storm the winter of 2016. In fact it was actually warm. How warm was it? Spring was colder, so we didn't come up until the end of April.

For many years Adrienne and I sat with the Lynch's at the pool and the same table at the clubhouse. Now with Morty gone this was Yetta's last summer with us. His kids sold the house. We're sure going to miss her.

Here are some *Mea Culpas*. For the past few years I have had some problem with my eyes. Would you believe I didn't recognize Randi Berkowitz three days in a row and Mike Valcin and Ben Lorick two days in a row. To solve this problem, I now just smile and wave to everyone

My articles are written and sent to Linda well in advance of publication. My article giving sympathy to Linda and Bonnie for the loss of their beloved Shayna was sent out before I learned of the loss by other "doggers."

So our heartfelt sympathy go to Florence and Jack Sachs for the loss of Buddy, and to Rhoda and Ed Hertz for the loss of B.G.

Karen Seltzer and her committee did their usual super job. Terrific shows, extraordinary super 4th of July party (loved the Earls) and the Labor Day affair...and the Chinese Auction.

The sub-committee of Eddie Erlich and Brian Kudler, Betty Fuchs ran and gave us great entertainment. Stan Schecter had a great band perform. Warren Berkowitz had a magician and mind reader perform at the clubhouse. I knew Warren was going to do it.

Warren then obtained and supplied for my favorite day of the summer; he hired Casino equipment. Here's one more *Mea Culpa*. I volunteered to run a Black Jack table. Remember the House never loses because the odds are in its favor so it is really fun to play. Of course, because of my eye sight I would misread the cards and couldn't see all of the chips. So I just smiled and took in all of the players 'chips.

Adrienne ran the Wheel. Too bad we weren't playing for real money. We would have had enough money to send our 9 grand children through college and then graduate school.

After being one of our best Board members Ed Hertz decided to retire. I was really upset that he was leaving, but after all Rhoda is still on the Board. Isn't she ?

There were well qualified five candidates for four vacancies. It was impossible to only vote for four. So we did what we always do. We voted for all five and wrote in Paul's name; in case a candidate withdrew. The shame of it all is that a terrific Board Member Jerry Bassik had to lose. The Community will miss his expertise.

Bonnie was reelected for the 18th straight year (*chai*). Instead of calling it the presidency we'll call it "The Bonnie." After being elected Robbie Schecter, promised that she will make enough food to feed the whole Community. Everyone but one was happy to hear it.

Disease has hit some of trees and it's a shame that some of the trees had to be cut down. I hope that the new Board votes to replace the trees.

Charney and Chuck Greenberg are still trying to show me two suit cases full of pictures and videos of their grandchild. I am truly anxious to see them. Errr, next year!!!

It was fun hanging out with the Mondschein's (Lois and Mike,) Jill and Marv Friedman, Bonnie and Robert Fernandez and Helene Schulman. I watched Myra and Joe Gluck and Barry and Hermine Block bleed Blue and Orange for the Mets. We became very close with the Block's, we are truly sorry that they sold their house.

Barry bribed me with a NY Met shirt. I accept bribes. If you want to be mentioned in my column or do not ever want your name to appear, I have a list of four pages of contraband that I will accept.

With all kidding aside, Hidden Ridge '16 was a really good year. May we wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year 2017.

HOMEOWNERS!

If you are planning to rent your unit for any time during 2017, please contact **Bonnie Siegel** since she is compiling a comprehensive list of units for rent so that she can share the information with potential renters. She has already received phone calls from potential renters.
siegelmath@aol.com 917-969-9646

Rentals at Hidden Ridge - Updated Rules

The rental rules were revised in the summer of 2010 and 2014. We are printing them again to remind those homeowners who are renting their units this year.

Rental Rules:

1. The homes in our community are to be used for residential purposes only. The Board defines "residential purposes" as including the following:
A home may be deemed to be used for "residential purposes" if said home, or a portion of said home, is leased to one (1) individual or a group of individuals for any period of time up to a maximum of twelve (12) months over a period of eighteen (18) months. The leasing of a home, or portion of a home, for any portion of a given month during the twelve (12) month period referenced herein, shall be deemed leasing for an entire month for the purposes of calculating the aforesaid eighteen (18) month period. All leases will be for one year and non-renewable.
2. The rental fee for a twelve (12) month period will be \$1200.
3. The rental fee for a summer rental (May - October) will be \$500.
4. Homeowners who rent their units are to provide to the Homeowners Association a copy of the lease along with the appropriate fees. **The lease and the fee are to be sent to the office at least 30 days prior to the occupancy of the tenants.** A late fee of \$250 will be assessed to the owner if the rental fee is not paid two weeks prior to occupancy. The homeowner is to complete and submit the rental form along with the lease and appropriate fee.
5. In order for the tenant to be able to use the facilities and participate in any HOA activities, all maintenance fees must be current.
6. Unit owners are required to hand the keys to the unit and mailbox as well as the *Revised A-Z Booklet* to the renter.
7. Units are rented "as is." It is the owner's obligation, not the Homeowners Association to repair and maintain the inside of the unit.

A copy of the rental form can be found on our website or by calling Bonnie.

Please note* If you already have a potential tenant, please let Bonnie know this, too.



PROPERTY TAX REMINDER

All homeowners should receive a bill for the property taxes in the near future. They are due in January. If you have not received this bill, contact Doreen Huebner, Tax Receiver (845)794-2500 x320

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



This concludes the holiday greetings to your neighbors and friends in 2016. Collection for the 2017 holiday greetings will begin in January. If you 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 next year!

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)

Your Name

HR Address

Send to: Linda Solomon
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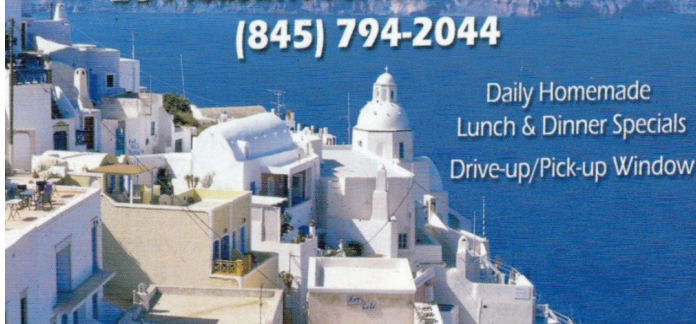


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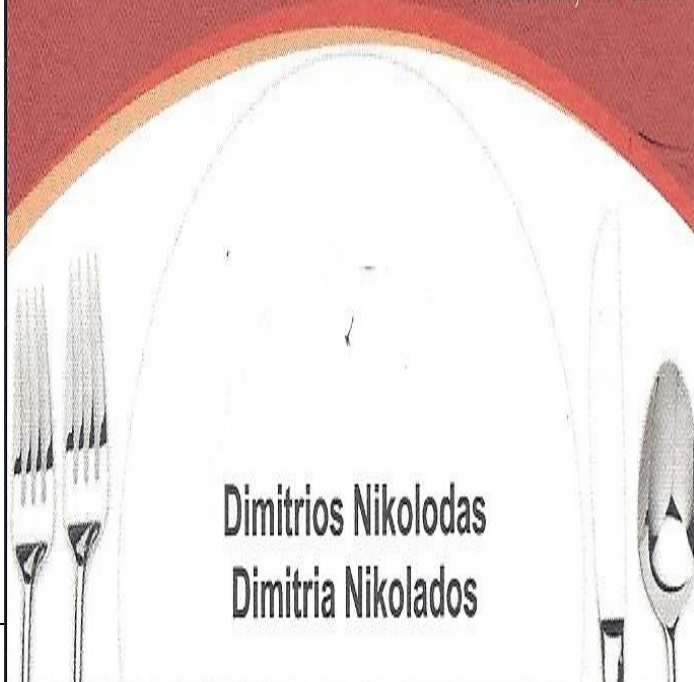
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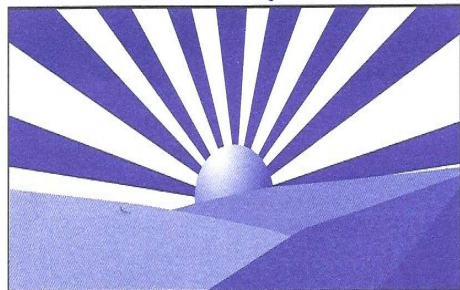
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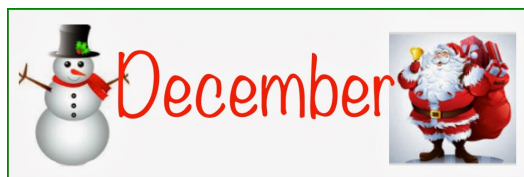
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Name: _____

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.

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