

The President's Message



Dear Hidden Ridgers;

The April issue of the GEM marks for me an ending and a beginning. It marks the winding down of my stay in Florida and the anticipation and excitement in preparing for my return to Hidden Ridge. This year I am more excited than usual – but you can read about that in Linda's column.

The following are a few important items for your consideration:

Winter at Hidden Ridge: Even while enjoying the weather in Florida, I would check the weather in Monticello on a daily basis. I am able to view winter and its harsh elements on the cameras. I watched the snow fall, covering certain shrubs and landmarks on the views that I have available. It was some winter- it seemed that there was one snowstorm after another. I would watch the snow falling, covering everything and then I would see the blackout reappear due to the valiant efforts of our maintenance crew. I would check in at midnight before retiring and then early in the morning (before 7 AM at times) to see that the men had already started the plowing of our community. That means that they were at work hours before their normal start time to get ahead of the pileup of snow. I was told that they were out plowing at 3 AM during the blizzard of mid March. The guys came in on weekends if there was a snow event to make sure that our residents had a clear path to their cars and to get in and out of the community. Thank you to Mike and the crew for a job well done!

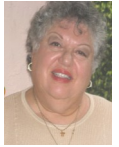
An extra special thank you is owed to Lenny Kirschenbaum for holding down the fort during the week and to Ben Lorick and Robbie Schechter on weekends.

Tax Grievance Update: Several people have called me regarding the status of our tax grievance case. I was even stopped by a resident of Hidden Ridge in the local supermarket in Florida! At the January 17, 2017 meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Thompson, our Tax Certiorari Settlement was discussed. Resolution No. 69 of the year 2017 was passed unanimously. The full resolution can be viewed at <http://www.townofthompson.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/TB-Minutes-2017-01-17.pdf>. It was next sent to the judge for his signature. He signed on February 23, 2017. At that time it was sent to the Sullivan County Clerk's office. It was recorded on March 2, 2017. According to our attorney, they have 60 days from the time it was filed to respond. At this time, they have less than 30 days left to get the money owed to our attorney. As soon as he receives the bulk funds, he will dispense it out to those who are included in this action. Please be patient!

Gates: Our gates have been in operation since early December 2016. There were minor snags that have been corrected by this time. With the large number of residents coming back to Hidden Ridge this spring, we are reprinting portions of the letter that was sent to all residents in October 2016 (in case you misplaced it) on page 6.

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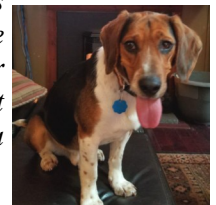
From the Editor



First, I want to send out a big shout and cheer for all of you Hidden Ridgers who lived through the Blizzard of 2017 and survived! I admire the stamina of all of you who haven't yet picked up and headed south or west to warmer climes!

I have to tell you, I can't wait to get back to the Ridge, just like every year. But, I don't think I could tolerate the winters any more. So I am glad for my winters down here in Florida, but, oh so looking forward to this coming summer. It will be time to renew my Russian lessons, if Bablulia is still speaking to me by then! And it is also time to love a new puppy. Some of you living on the Ridge full time may have already met Beau, Bonnie's and my new dog. We can't wait to meet him face to face and give him all our love.

Here's the story. When Shayna died, I said I would never get another dog. I still miss her so much. Bonnie and others encouraged me to consider it because we have so much love to give an animal and there are so many in need. I "asked" Shayna to send me a sign that it would be okay to have a new pup. Low and behold, at the end of February, a dog wandered on to Hidden Ridge and was taken in and cared for first by Mike Bauer and the crew. Well, from the first picture we saw of him on February 27th, Bonnie and I fell in love. We told Mike and then Lenny Kirschenbaum, who got involved with his care, that if no one claimed him, this little guy would have a permanent home with us. This was the sign I was asking for from Shayna, she literally sent a puppy our way! So we gave him a name - Beaumont Beagle Solomon-Siegel, Beau for short, sent Lenny to our vet, Dr. B. with him for a check-up, bought insurance (we learned our lesson with Shayna) and asked the guys and Godparents Lenny and Brenda to foster him until we got back to the Ridge. Beau has been very good and, it seems everyone who meets him thinks he is a nice doggy. We get photos and videos sent to us regularly and we even have done a face to face with Beau already! Beau plays nicely with his present housemates, Marti and Mona, is learning to do his business outside only, and has been helping out with the maintenance of Hidden Ridge, spending time most days with the guys. It comes down to this, Beau has a permanent home with us and this might be his last winter in the snow and cold of New York! Can't wait to see him in person and give him a kiss!!



Linda

PS Thanks to Allan Meyers for remembering our Shayna (see page 11, Allan's Alley)

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Snow Removal & Winter Main.	Lenny

Upcoming Events



Next Board Meeting:

Sunday, June 4, 2017
*** Check bulletin board for time and place**

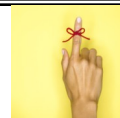


Want to announce something to our community? Call Linda and place an ad in the GEM.

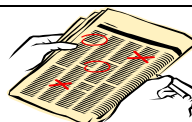
Please call 917-747-8660 or email: bonsdiva@aol.com

DEADLINE for JUNE ISSUE - May 10th * (due to traveling constraints)

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 June issue or consider writing a regular byline, please notify the Editor-in-Chief. Please send your information to: 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 APRIL-MAY



Passover
10 April



Tax Day
18 April



Easter
16 April



1 May Day



Cinco de
Mayo May 5



Earth Day
22 April



Mother's Day
May 14



Memorial Day
May 29



April - Birthstone: Diamond
May - Birthstone: Emerald



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)
Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)

Happy Birthday

04-06 Donald Singer	05-03 Roberta Shapiro
04-07 Carole Levine	05-04 Fran Zatz
04-08 Warren Streisand	05-05 Mel Perlman
04-09 Robbie Schecter	05-09 Stephen Kopp
04-14 Christian Racine	05-12 Rita Kukafka
04-16 Stan Schecter	Penny Schatten
Jason Keigher	05-16 Marlene Marcus
04-20 Charney Greenberg	Ron Kukafka
Sy Rosdeitcher	05-17 Helen Klein
04-24 Betty Fuchs	Allan Shapiro
Ilana Zabloski	05-20 Frieda Jacobowicz
04-25 Joe Gluck	05-23 Sol Klein
04-27 Harvey Levine	Ilene Mizrach
04-28 Arthur Cooperberg	05-25 Jerry Bassik
	Thelma Friedenthal
	05-27 Liora Wilkins

Happy Anniversary

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

04-09	Sylvia & Donald Singer
04-11	Myrna & Arnold Young
05-11	Andrea & Theo Goldstein
05-19	Cantor Max & Lena Rubin
05-29	Roberta & Allan Shapiro



Hold The Date!*

- Sunday, June 4 – Board of Directors Meeting
- Sunday June 11 - Board of Directors Meeting
- Sunday, June 25 – General Association Meeting and Nominations
- Sunday, July 9 - Board of Directors Meeting
- Sunday, July 16 – Meet the Candidates
- Sunday, July 23 - Board of Directors Meeting
- Sunday, July 30 – Annual Meeting and Elections
- Sunday, August 13- Board of Directors Meeting
- Sunday, August 27- Board of Directors Meeting
- Sunday, September 3- General Assoc. Meeting
- Sunday, September 10 - Board of Directors Mtg.
- Sunday, September 24 - Board of Directors Mtg.

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

**Look for our exciting plans for our
KICK OFF TO SUMMER EVENT
in the June Issue of the GEM**

Dining and Entertainment

Robbie's Recipes

submitted by Robbie Schecter



While Robbie takes a little break from "cooking" for us, I am sneaking in a lovely and simple recipe from the Food Network for a spring side dish - and it's perfect for April!

Linda

Asparagus with Roasted Red Peppers

Directions:

Toss 2 bunches trimmed asparagus with olive oil on a foil-lined baking sheet; season with salt and pepper. Broil, stirring occasionally, until tender, about 4 minutes. Drizzle with sherry and more olive oil; season with salt, if needed. Top with crumbled feta cheese and chopped roasted red peppers and parsley.

Total time: 15 minutes

Yield: 4 servings



Enjoy!

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Summer of 2017: We are hoping that the weather cooperates with us so that the pool may be opened in time for the Memorial Day weekend. The Board is planning a "Kick off to Summer Event" as well as several other activities for your pleasure and participation. Watch upcoming issues of the GEM, the website and the bulletin boards.

I look forward to seeing the progress that has been made in the construction of the wellness center on Bailey Lake as well as the Montreign Resort and Casino (you can watch the progress of this at www.montreign.com/construction-cam) as well as the re-opening of the six screen movie theater in the Shoprite shopping plaza.

But most of all I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Hidden Ridge. Happy Holidays to all. Safe travels to our Jewel in the Catskills!

Bonnie

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 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

FAMOUS QUOTES



Welcome New Neighbors



New Owners:

Robert Piersa & Lawrence Gisonda
18 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.

Terry's Fitness & Health Corner



Eating Green (It's in the Bag)

By Terry Steinberg

As we look forward to Spring and then, of course, summer, our attention goes to more outdoor time including a recommitment to exercise and healthier "lighter" eating too! All recommended dietary programs, especially for Seniors, such as The Mediterranean Diet or Weight Watchers, etc., emphasize eating less fat (little or no meat) low or little processed foods; less refined carbohydrates, sugars and grains; healthy oils and low fat dairy; plenty of fresh fruit and TONS of greens! The convenience of bagged, pre-washed salad can be a big plus and time saver when it comes to getting ample servings of greens/vegetables every day. But beware...simply put, you must be careful!! Even though bagged/pre-packed salad is washed multiple times, and then sealed, the potential for food illness (salmonella) still exists. The moisture from the plastic bag/plastic container can cause the bacteria to attach to leaves or parts of the veggies. So to ensure safety of your salad and greens follow these simple guidelines:

1. Check and HEED "use by" date ----discard at expiration date
2. Rinse and Spin dry thoroughly before eating to be extra sure
3. Avoid purchasing bags that are puffy or swollen in any way to your eye
4. Forgo bags or plastic bowls with crushed, mushy or slimy leaves
5. Keep all greens refrigerated !!

***** AND WHEN YOU CAN MAKE YOUR SALADS FRESH WITH CRISPY HEADS OF LETTUCE, ETC. AND LOOSE PRODUCE...ITS WORTH THE TIME AND EFFORT*****

But always eat green! You will look and feel soooo much better.

Need firewood?
See Mike Bauer.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

From Robbie Schechter and Lenny Kirschenbaum

EMERGENCY, MAINTENANCE & VENDOR CALL LIST

(tear off this column for future use)

Many Hidden Ridgers have been calling HOA President, Bonnie Siegel and/or HOA Vice President, Lenny Kirschenbaum with emergency, maintenance and private vendor issues. We have compiled the call list below to assist all residing at Hidden Ridge in directing your calls appropriately. We appreciate your concerns, but your needs will be more quickly and efficiently addressed by calling for emergency services and vendors directly.

1. FOR TRUE EMERGENCIES, CALL 911.

This includes police, fire and medical emergencies. Additionally, you can reach State Police: (845) 292-6600 and the Monticello Sheriff's Office: (845)794-7100.

2. For pest control:

HR has a contract that includes home interior service. Call Liberty Pest Control (845)361-3100 to make arrangements, and be sure to tell them that you are a member of the Hidden Ridge HOA.

3. For TV or internet service:

If your provider is Spectrum (Time Warner Cable) call (855) 707-7382. If you use another provider, your recent bill should have a current phone number.

4. For power issues or outages:

Call NYSEG: (800)572-1131.

5. To report a stray or loose dog:

Call Town of Thompson Dog Control Officer, Nancy Marinchak (845) 796-4237.

6. For Hidden Ridge maintenance issues:

(Cul-de-Sac/street light outage, issues with gutters, retaining walls, general maintenance, etc.) please complete a Maintenance Request Form and place it in the Maintenance Box attached to the bulletin board near Friedman Road entrance.

7. For sewer problems and/or water issues:

Contact Bonnie Siegel (917) 969-9646.

THE GATES AT HIDDEN RIDGE

ACCESS INFORMATION:

Old Liberty Road Entrance:

Access can be granted as follows:

Remote control device (see below)

Using your unique access code

Your access code is #__ __ __ __. This is usually the last four digits of the phone number that is programmed on the telephone access pad (see below). Please do not give out your access code unnecessarily.

If you do not remember your access code, contact Bonnie Siegel 917-969-9646.

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

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

****It is recommended that those of you returning for the first time (without your remote control device) use this entrance**

Guest Access can only be through this entrance:

Your guest will scroll to your name on the telephone access pad.

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:

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OWNERS WHO WILL BE RENTING THEIR UNIT:

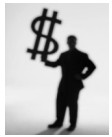
Anyone who is **renting** their unit must provide the HOA with a working phone number for the renter so that the renter can be assigned an access code. This must be done at least two weeks before the tenant moves in. They will be assigned their unique access code. Upon arrival at Hidden Ridge the renter 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) have received 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)

The Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Chuck Greenberg



Hidden Ridge Treasurer's Report As of March 24, 2017

Cash Balances per Books

Wayne General:	\$ 2,786	
Money Market:	<u>\$ 3,021</u>	\$ 8,807
Chase Checking:	\$114,803	
Chase Reserve:	<u>\$100,092</u>	\$214,895
Total Cash:	\$220,703	This is \$9,161 over than last year.

Total Income:	\$573022	\$ 9,011	over last year
Total Expenses:	<u>\$496,565</u>	<u><\$ 63,711></u>	less than last year.
Net Income:	\$ 76,950	\$ 73,205	greater than last year.

Expenses Compared to last Year:

Clubhouse	<\$11,285>
Heat & Gas	<\$3642>
Total Maintenance	<\$27,153>
Insurance	<\$9,266>
Legal	\$2,427
Office Expense (including Gem)	<\$3,982>
Payroll & Taxes	<\$17,479>
Pool	\$5,169

Our Accounts Receivable has increased over \$18,000 to \$131,761.

A MESSAGE 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 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.



The Poet's Corner



Surprise Awaits

Conceived in icy blue twilight
Tan papery sheath swaths, embraces...

Shiny delicate buds sprout in silence
Glossy green buds tantalize me
Curl, emerald layers unfold

Tenacious ZZ plant* awaits ides of
March
Surges... pursues pale yellow sunlight

Sturdy surprise astonishes!

Janet Lieberman
March 23, 2017

*Zamifolia aroid palm

We offer condolences to friends and family of

Irving Miles
father of Larry

May his memory 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 June 2017 issue.

Name _____

Hidden Ridge Address _____

Email Address _____

FROM THE PEN OF....

Peter Morello



THE SIGN

From birth to the age of fifteen, I lived in an ancient, broken down chandelier of a building that was nothing more than a tenement built to the building codes of 1913 New York City. Nonetheless, it was our “home” and I had the benefit of two parents and an older brother who always watched over me – sometimes too much.

The makeup of the neighborhood was primarily Italian with a fair number of Jews and a smattering of Germans and Irish and a little bit of everyone else. Although there were fights now and then, it wasn’t because of the different nationalities involved, but more so because someone’s child got into a scrape with another child over who knows what. All in all, folks got along well and no family was any better off than the family living next door or in the building adjacent to theirs.

For the first several years of my life, my mother was a stay-at-home mom and when the weather was good and during the summer, we did various things on a day to day basis. It was our custom to go to the “little park” regularly; sometimes every day because it was only one block away. It was called the little park because that’s what it was – a very little park. I can’t tell you the exact dimensions but it was triangular shaped and was intersected by four streets. It was approximately a half-a-block wide by half-a-block long and had ample benches and was well-shaded by trees providing protection from the summer’s intense rays.

It was a place where it was customary to see young mothers with their children allowing them to do what children always do – play with other children and hopefully get tired enough to collapse in the evening freeing their mothers to collapse themselves. On pleasant days you could see several baby carriages dotting the park and it was a safe place to take one’s child and no one worried about any harm coming to them. Late in the afternoon the mothers would take the short walk home to prepare dinner for their husbands as they returned from their day’s labors. It was a regular routine that both the mothers and children looked forward to and I was no exception. In fact, the story my mother always told me was that the little park was where I caught the mumps. I was two years old and I licked an ice cream cone that another kid was eating who was infected and you can imagine the rest. I was never allowed to forget that story as though I had control over the situation. Any child, I’m sure, will tell you that ice cream comes first – the hell with the mumps.

I clearly remember my neighbors who resided on the second floor where my family lived. Each of the five floors

had four apartments and behind each door was a history: happiness, sadness, health, sickness, fun, discipline, laughter, arguments, love and hate. All of these states of being co-existed in this small tenement where everyone could learn about everyone else’s life through the plaster on lather walls without really trying hard to listen. Although, holding a glass against the wall and pressing one’s ear firmly against the glass certainly helped.

My next door neighbors were the Santullos. Somehow they managed to shoehorn four girls and one boy into a two bedroom apartment. How they did it I’ll never know but all of the children turned out fine with no apparent lingering affects. Their mother, Jean, regularly babysat for me until I was old enough to be given the key to my apartment. My parents were newlyweds when they moved into the building and became quite close to the Santullo family and their children.

Across the hall were the Agunzos. When I was a child their two children were already grown and out of the house. Mike drove a cab while his wife, Helen, stayed at home and dutifully watched soap operas all day long and loved to go to the racetrack when her husband took her. Eating, soap operas and the racetrack is all she needed to be content - Mike did all the housework and bitterly complained about it and his wife’s bedraggled appearance but somehow they made it work.

The apartment in between the Agunzos and the Santullos was occupied by Louis Greenberg who was always addressed as “Mr.” by my mother and others. He was a widower with grown children who had moved elsewhere.

My earliest memories of Mr. Greenberg were of a man who was slightly built and stood about five foot seven. He was bald and was extremely quiet and spoke softly with accented English. Many times when I was out with my mom, we would meet him in the neighborhood or in the hallway and my mother would always greet him and enter into a brief conversation with him. They would exchange pleasantries and always had a respectful conversation with well-wishes extended by both when parting. Whenever I saw him he would be walking slowly with his head slightly bowed and he seemed to be looking at the ground and would take short, slow steps. He seemed somewhat older than he was and I recently discovered through census records, would have been in his late sixties having been born in 1898 in Austria. He always treated me nicely and would ask how I was and seemed interested in me as a person. It was common for him to comment to my mother that I was a “nice boy.” I have no recollection of his wife but I’m sure others in the building knew her when she was alive.

I cannot recollect anyone having a bad thing to say about Mr. Greenberg. I thought it would be difficult to criticize anyone who spoke sparingly and always was respectful and maintained a low profile.

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During those years in the summer, I attended the Saint Martin of Tours Day Camp at Saint Martin's Church. It was a way for my parents to keep me off the streets and for me to have some summer fun in a safe environment. By having fun under the auspices of the Catholic Church, no harm could ever come my way – at least that's the way my parents felt and for the most part, nothing bad did happen. We went various places every day during the week and it always involved swimming of some sort and by the time the campers arrived back home, we were too tired to give our parents any trouble and went to sleep dreaming of the next day's impending fun.

It was during one of these summers when I was around eight or nine years old that I saw Mr. Greenberg walking down the street and I noticed he had a tattoo on the inner side of his right forearm. My dad also had a tattoo in the same location that he had gotten during World War II – his was of an eagle. However, I couldn't make out just what the image was on Mr. Greenberg's arm. I saw blue ink but it appeared somewhat faded and didn't seem like a picture of anything in particular unlike the ones servicemen sported which were clearly identifiable.

When I arrived home that evening I thought I would question my mom on this and see what she knew since she seemed to get along well with Mr. Greenberg.

"Mom, I saw Mr. Greenberg today and I noticed he has a tattoo like dad has and..."

"Well, it's not like your father's but yes, it's a tattoo."

"Yeah, I couldn't figure out what it was because it wasn't clear and seemed a little faded and stuff. Did he get it during the war like dad did?"

"No, you see your father got his one evening with some of the other guys when he was in the service, but Mr. Greenberg's tattoo was not voluntary. He actually had to have it," mom responded.

"I don't understand why he has something he didn't want."

I could see my mother wasn't happy with all the questions I was peppering her with. She was trying to prepare dinner before my father arrived home and she had to satisfy his needs and I got the impression she wasn't exactly being forthcoming with me. I was never one to possess good self-control as a child and just had to get the answers I wanted.

"Peter, Mr. Greenberg got his tattoo when he was in the camp many years ago. That's where he met his wife," my mother continued.

"Which camp did he attend? Was it Saint Martin's like I go to? I know it must have been a long time ago and I'm sure...."

"Look, Peter, Mr. Greenberg was in a detention camp that held Jewish people during the time of the reign of Nazi Germany. I know you didn't study this in school yet but this wasn't the kind of camp you attend. This was a prison environment with forced labor and lots of people died and he

and all the other residents received tattoos as a means of identification. His parents and his brother and sister were, ah, were killed during that time. Your father's tattoo is totally different – and do me a favor, the next time you see Mr. Greenberg, don't say anything about his tattoo or mention anything that I've said to you - understand, Mr.?"

I slowly began to understand what my mother was telling me but I could tell by the look on her face and the sound of her voice and her addressing me as "Mr.," that she was serious and perhaps this was a topic that was best left alone by me. I decided not to question her any further but went to bed that night thinking about what she had told me and trying to figure out what this all meant.

Two days later when I was leaving my building to go to day camp, I found myself going down the stairs behind Mr. Greenberg. I caught up to him at the front door and tried to go around him without saying anything, remembering the conversation I had with my mom.

"Peter, why the rush," Mr. Greenberg inquisitively asked.

"Well, I'm a little late, I guess."

"So, you're going to camp?"

I felt panic stricken. Did Mr. Greenberg know what I knew about him? How could that be? How should I answer him and remember what my mother had told me?

"Well, yeah, today they're taking us to Mohansic Park."

"Sounds, like a nice place, Peter. Going to camp must be fun. It would have been so nice if in my time there was a camp I could have gone to but such is life, I guess."

This man actually wanted to go to camp. Why? Didn't he have bad memories from what happened to his family? My nine year old brain was running amok and combined with my fear of Mr. Greenberg finding out what I knew, I couldn't think straight.

"Yeah, I guess you're right, Mr. Greenberg. I gotta go – see you."

"Be well, Peter – you're a nice boy."

Mr. Greenberg went to his right as I went to my left. After taking several steps I slowly turned around. Mr. Greenberg was walking with his head slightly bowed and he was taking short, slow steps as was his custom.

Ever since that day I never looked at Mr. Greenberg in quite the same way. I felt somewhat afraid to say anything to him so as to not let on what I knew. I also felt guilty that I was going to a camp that I thoroughly enjoyed and looked forward to while not even being able to imagine the horrors he must have experienced in his camp...

ALLAN'S ALLEY

submitted by Allan Meyers



When I was a kid, I begged, pleaded and cried to my parents for a dog. My folks said they wouldn't get one for my brother nor could I have one.

Now every family has relatives that are a little off the wall. They are not mean, usually friendly and fun to be with. One day my father's cousin Hymie called to say that he got a job out of town and would we take his two year old German Shepherd, who was gentle and house broken. For some strange reason my folks said they would take the dog.

Cousin Hymie (the *mishuggenah*) said he would walk the dog right over to our apartment house. This was a little weird since he lived in the East Side and we lived in Bensonhurst. In those days a call from Manhattan to Brooklyn was a long distance call. Before my dad could tell him that he'd pay for a cab, Hymie ran out of coins and *Ma Bell* cut him off.

So we waited for our dog to come, and we waited and waited. In those days not everyone had a phone so we couldn't get in touch with him. A few days later cousin Sally called to say that as Hymie was crossing the Williamsburg Bridge, someone admired the dog so Hymie gave him the dog. My parents never again consented to getting a dog.

When my sons and daughter wanted a pet, I immediately reverted to become my parents and wouldn't let them have one. My law firm represented an animal rescue organization and Glenn would take rescued dogs and find a family for them.

One day one of our secretaries said she was leaving because her husband was going into the Marine Corps and they didn't know what to do with their puppy. And that was how Glenn adopted Winnie. She was the sweetest and most lovable dog. Adrienne, who was afraid of dogs, because she was bitten when she was three years old, not only loved Winnie but became a lover of all dogs.

If Glenn couldn't make it up to Hidden Ridge on weekends we would take her up. In fact, if we would visit Glenn, Winnie would leap through the car window, sit by the driver's seat, put her paws on the steering wheel and bark lets go to Hidden Ridge.

While handling an Estate, the family did not know what to do with the decedent's dog. That is how Sophie became part of our family. Glenn bought a house in Hidden Ridge across the road from our house. When Sophie became very sick and Glenn had to take her to the Vet, Sophie started to limp towards our house as if to say goodbye to Adrienne. A little later Winnie also passed away. Many years have passed and Glenn says he cries only two or three times a day when he thinks of them.

Last spring we learned of the passing of Bonnie and Linda's Shayna. Nothing we could write can soothe their feeling of loss. Here is something I got off the internet. My only regret is that I did not write it.

"Dogs come into our lives to teach us about love, they depart to teach us about loss. A new dog never replaces an old dog, it merely expands the heart. If you have loved many dogs your heart is very big."



Shayna

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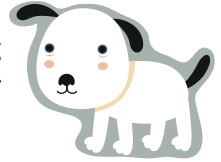
DIRECTORY INFORMATION SHEET UPDATE NEEDED

Have you been receiving emails from the Board of Directors? If you have not, it means that we do not have a current email address on file for you.

Please complete the form in column 1 to update your information and return to Bonnie Siegel. If you do not have an email address, please let us know so that we can form a telephone squad to call you if we have to disseminate information quickly to the residents of the community. All information will be kept confidential.

A new directory will be published this summer.

DOG REGISTRATION



The following rules concerning dogs have been accepted into our documents. All residents (owners and renters) are to adhere to the following:

- Homeowners and renters are to register their dogs (including service dogs as well as those visiting for a short time) with the homeowners association and provide proof of current rabies vaccination. Please send this information to the office.
- All dogs residing in Hidden Ridge for a period of 30 consecutive days must also be registered and licensed in the Town of Thompson. Proof of this license must be presented to the homeowners association. All homeowners shall provide proof the dog is licensed in the jurisdiction in which the dog's primary residence is maintained, if the dog does not reside for a period of 30 consecutive days in Hidden Ridge.
- Dog owners are responsible for abiding by the regulations set forth by the Town of Thompson which includes picking up after their dog, walking dogs on leashes, avoiding excessive barking, etc.
- There is a limit of 2 dogs per unit. If you have more than two dogs you MAY NOT replace the extra dog(s) as you lose them.

If you need a copy of the Town of Thompson regulations, or if you have any questions, please contact: Bonnie Siegel 917-969-9646 siegelmath@aol.com



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Rental Rules at Hidden Ridge

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.
8. Unit owners are to provide the HOA with a working phone number for the renter so that the renter can be assigned an access code for the gates. The renter should 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 control device will be deactivated at the end of the term of the lease.

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.



Collection for the 2017 holiday greetings began in January. There are two more opportunities this year to share your greetings with your neighbors. 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 in September!

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

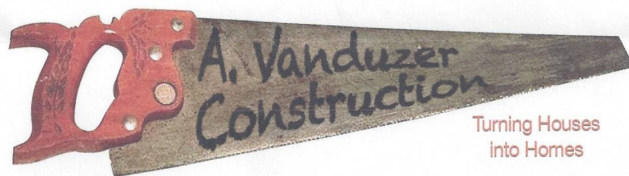
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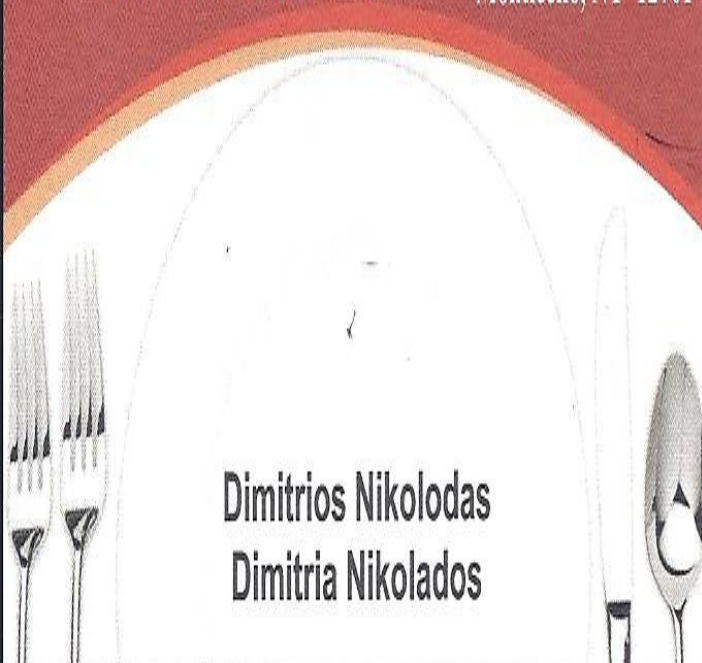
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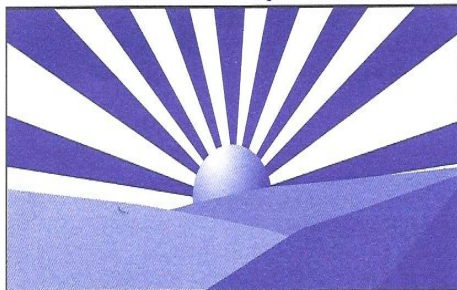
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