The Hidden Ridge GEM August 2018 Issue 18-04



The President's Message



Dear Hidden Ridgers,

At our July 22nd Annual meeting I was relieved to see that we had a quorum so that we could conduct business and hold our election. While there were four candidates for the four open positions, it was necessary to attain a quorum in order to complete the election process. On behalf of the Board of Directors I thank the 84 homeowners who came out and voted either in person or though absentee/ proxy. Once again, I wonder, however, where the other 60 homeowners were, where was their voice? All we ask of our members is that they participate in this one activity by mailing back an absentee ballot or assign a person to be their proxy if they will not be here in person for one reason or another. After the meeting, I saw at least a dozen cars of homeowners who did not participate, some of them being year round homeowners. Would they only come to a meeting if the issue directly affected them personally?

I want to welcome Brian Kudler to the Board and have already witnessed his enthusiasm and willingness to work with the rest of the Board and serve this community. I look forward to working with him and the other members of the Board, Ben Lorick, Fred Hirsh, Warren Berkowitz, Shelly Kleinberger, and Robbie Schecter and to cooperatively meet the needs of all of our residents and our community. Please remember that we are all volunteers who are giving our time to the community. We ask that you respect us and not bombard us with concerns and questions when we are trying to enjoy the pool or a social activity

On behalf of the entire community, I want to thank Chuck Greenberg for his years of service on the Board. Thank you for giving your time to serve our community!

I want to tell you how proud I am of the residents of this community- At this year's Chinese Auction we decided that the net proceeds would be given to the family of one of our own. Michael Hadden, one of maintenance crew, passed away on July 28, 2018 after suffering with cancer. Through your participation by either attending the event and bidding on items or donating items to be bid on or through your cash donations, we were able to raise \$1,050 to help the family defray some of their expenses. Thank you to Fred Hirsh for collecting the dinner reservations.

We still have a few weeks left to enjoy our summer activities. We have planned several activities for your enjoyment – see the information throughout this issue. Let's enjoy the rest of the summer at our "Jewel in the Catskills"!

Bonnie

From the Editor



Dear Hidden Ridgers,

Did you ever have to buy an appliance for your home up here on the Ridge? Or maybe you needed some repair work and didn't know who to call? Carole Baken has come up with a solution!

She has created a document in which information can be shared called, "Neighbors Helping Neighbors Inquiry." It is included with the newsletter as an insert. It will allow for Hidden Ridgers to share with one another their findings on various and sundry repairs, appliances, vendors, etc. as well as allow for someone seeking that information to access others via their form being sent to Carole. We are hoping you will all cooperate and drop off your completed forms to Carole's door envelope.

We have had a very wet summer and not in the pool! Our plants and trees and grass are looking good, but we are not getting the amount of exercise we would like. Let's hope for a better one next year!



Now, in August, I, for one, always look forward to those cool crisp sunny days of pre-Autumn in the country. I yearn for the colored leaves to make their appearance and plan small jaunts around the Catskills to see the

gorgeous trees as they turn from green to yellow, to orange, to red, to brown, before they make their final descent to the ground. I always miss this part when we are in Florida, where the land is flat and always green except in droughts when it turns washed out yellow. How lucky we are to have the seasons here in the Catskill Mountains!

Next month is the Jewish High Holidays as well as Labor Day celebrations. Please note the Labor Day flyer for the dinner and the pool party in the pages of this newsletter.

And remember, if you would like to be included in the 2018 Holidays Greetings, they will appear in September for the Jewish High Holidays and in December for Christmas/Chanukah/Kwanzaa. If you have not already done so, see the holidays greetings insert on page 8 and return to me with your payment of \$3.00. Thanks!

Linda

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Upcoming Events



Next Board Meeting:

* 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 SEPTEMBER ISSUE - Aug. 25^h

Important Reminder



President Bonnie Siegel reminds all homeowners that a current copy of your insurance certification is required to be on file with the HOA. This form should include the unit number as well as the effective dates of coverage. A copy of the Declarations page is acceptable and preferred. Handwritten details on these documents as well as premium notices are not acceptable. Send your certification forms directly to the Hidden Ridge Office, PO Box 190 Monguap Valley, NY 12762.



Classifieds

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

Prices for ad space in newsletter:

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

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

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

Linda Solomon at bonsdiva@aol.com

Ehrlich Pest Control

Ehrlich 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.

845-239-1871

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



Leo (July 23 August 20)

Virgo (August 21 - September



August Birthstone: Peridot

Flower of the Month: Gladiolus

Happy Birthday

08-02	Adrienne Meyers		Nella Velasco
	Ross Elliott	08-14	Howard Marcus
	Lenny Weitzen	08-15	Kimberley Franco
08-04	Jack Sachs	08-18	Karen Crumley
	Lena Weitzen	08-20	Nancy Lopez
08-07	Larry Sternfeld	08-24	Ken Schiffer
08-08	Joanne Herbert		Eleanor Dovdavany
08-09	Daniel Neiger	08-27	Michael Dovdavany
08-10	Helen Badain		Sally Thomas
08-13	Robert Gannon	08-28	Meryl Miles

Upcoming Events at Hidden Ridge

August 18 – Game Show Night -Name That Tune (see flyer on page 11)

August 25 – Midnight Image Band

September 1– End of Summer Pool Party (see flyer on page 8)

September 2 – Labor Day Dinner and Show (see flyer on page 12)

(Be sure to check our website, bulletin boards and emails for updates)

Happy Anniversary

- Clocks and Watches
- Crystal and Glass
- Electrical Appliances
- Silverware
- 6. Wood
- Desk Sets -Pens and Pencil Sets
- Linens and Laces
- Ш. Diamond Watches and Jewelry
- Fashion Jewelry and Accessories
- Pearl or Colored Gems
- Textiles or Furs

- 16. Silver Hollowware
- 17. Furniture
- 18. Porcelain
- 19. Rrnnze
- 20. Platinum Watches and Jewelry
- 25. Sterling Silver Jubilee
- 30. Diamond Watches and Jewelry
- 35. Jade
- 40. Rubv
- 45. Sapphire
- 50. Golden Jubilee
- 55. Emerald

Happy Anniversary



- 08-10 Ettie & Mark Rachleff Anna & Michael Zwicker
- 08-11 Marcia & Ken Schiffer Stephen & Maxine Kopp
- 08-13 Lena & Len Weitzen
- 08-16 Betty & Harvey Fuchs

WANTED! 2019 Summer Rentals

have been several inquiries regarding available rentals for Summer 2019 by people who would like to have a place in Hidden Ridge for next year.

If you are interested in renting your unit for Summer 2019, please contact Bonnie siegelmath@aol.com so that she can pass your information along to potential renters.

It's Not Too Early to Think About Next Summer Now!

ALLAN'S ALLEY

submitted by Allan Meyers





WHERE'S AL JOLSON WHEN YOU NEED HIM?

Richmond County is the most Conservative County in the State of New York, and probably the whole North East. When we first moved to Staten Island, the county was 96 point something per

cent white, though Hispanics were not considered white. Jews were not allowed into the Swim Clubs and at least two Golf Clubs wouldn't let them play

If a black person bought a home on the Island, the house would be burned down. The arsonist was usually a member of the Police Department. Port Richmond High School seated the students alphabetically, so my son, Robert, became, to this day, close friends with Carl Meyers. Carl's father was a minister of a black church, and his mother was the sweetest person you ever met.

Carl would come to our house about twice a week to study with my son and stay for supper. One day the doorbell rang and three of our women neighbors were at the door. Thinking they wanted to go shopping or inviting Adrienne to some female gathering, I asked them what they wanted.

"You have a N_er come to your house!"

"Don't know what you're talking about."

"Saw your son and the N_er get off the school bus and enter your house."

"I don't know what you saw, but the only guest we have here, is my nephew Carl Meyers.."

These women did not speak to us for more than 30 years.

Carl was a big, strong athletic kid. He made the football team but never got into a game. I can't figure out why he couldn't play for the Port Richmond Minstrels.

With a friend of ours, who was a teacher at the school, Adrienne and I attended the Saturday home football games. Someone had to root for Carl. We sat in the fathers and mothers section of the stands.

The stands and the games were fun. Food and drinks were always passed around. There were sandwiches, lemonade and on cold days "laced" coffee. There was loads of comradery.

One of the fathers spoke up, "Antn'y, which is youse kid? Is he's a foist stringer?"

This would go on every week, until someone noticed that we were calling for the coach to put Carl into the game.

Two men approached us and pointing fingers at us said, "I wanna ax youse a question; does youse kids play for the Minstrels?"

The teacher answered "They are my students. They are all my kids!"

"My son is playing right at the very moment."

"Yeah, where's he play?"

"Over there. He's the lead clarinet player in the School Band."

Until the end of the season some of the fathers smiled and waved to us. We never again got home- made cake and laced coffee.



Welcome New Neighbors



Mary Bonner 21 HR Drive

Adrieanna Bridges-Balogun 99 HR Drive

Renee Robinson 202 HR Drive

IMPORTANT REMINDER Sewer Charges

Please be advised that each homeowner will be receiving a bill in for \$400 from Sullivan Infra West, Inc. for sewer charges for 2018-19. If you do not receive this bill by August 30th, 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.

Cul-de-Sac Liaisons			
Cul-de-Sac	Numbers	Liaison	
	15.050		
Azaleas	15-25D	Karen Seltzer	
Birch	29-43D	Michael Zwicker	
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	Debra Fanning	
Juniper	126-148D	Jeff Lynn	
Kerrias	74-96D	Rhoda Hertz	
Laurels	44-58D	Nella Velasco	
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	

WINNER'S CIRCLE

<u>July 18</u>	<u>July 25</u>
Karen Seltzer	Carole Baken
Jeff Lynn	Karen Seltzer
Darlene Jacobson	Larry Miles
Espi Turettsky	Jeff Lynn
July 30 Jeff Lynn	August 1 Seymour Spiegel
Meryl Miles	Jeff Lynn
Iris Lynn	Hannah Klein
Stuart Moskowitz	Larry Miles
August 6	August 8
Larry Miles	Karen Seltzer
Meryl Miles	Harriet Fox
Aileen Moskowitz	Carole S.

August 13

Harriet Fox Linda Solomon Karen Seltzer Espi Turetsky

50-50

July 21 - Steve Kopp August 4 - Rosemary Del Bove & Beth Burke August 11 - Jim Firencz/Jackie Kletter

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

From Robbie Schecter 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 Property Manager, 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 Ehrlich Pest Control (845)239-1871 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.

Need firewood? See Mike Bauer.



FROM THE PEN OF.... Peter Morello



730 Montague Street - Part II

Recap of Part I: David Swenson, real estate investor, had an opportunity to purchase the tenement building in which he grew up in Bushwick, Brooklyn after receiving a phone call from his broker, Mark Whitelaw, informing him as to the building's availability.

David went to see the building after having left the neighborhood some twenty-eight years earlier and found, much to his surprise, that his old apartment was vacant. He went inside and after feeling

dizzy, sat on the floor of his former kitchen and let his thoughts take over.

avid tilted his head back and rested it against the wall as a million thoughts coursed through his mind. Although his eyes were closed, his eyeballs quickly moved back and forth as though he were looking at an object moving quickly to and fro in front of him. The events, sounds and peoples' voices came back to him and resonated clearly.

"Happy birthday, David – you look so grown up for twelve years old. Do you have a girlfriend yet?"

Every year his aunt Viola asked the same question to him but would make sure to add one to his age. Each year David would give the same answer, "No, aunt Viola."

As an only child, there was no competition when it came to birthdays or his parents' affections. His apartment was frequently filled with relatives from both sides of the family, adults and cousins alike. Their voices came into sharp focus as he sat on the floor. His mind drifted to fun-filled times as well those times that were mostly disappointing to him – each filling an indelible spot in his memory.

He was assigned the bedroom while his parents slept in the living room. Although both worked, they never seemed to have enough money and were always saving for something that never seemed to materialize. Nonetheless, neither of

His mother's sister, Eileen, was the official family yenta. Her husband, Nick, worked as a postal inspector and she never worked a day in her life. They also lived at 730 Montague Street and Eileen could frequently be found occupying her sentry position sitting by the kitchen window with a pillow on the sill and her ample forearms resting on the pillow as she observed the goings on below in front of the building. Summer was her favorite time of the year because it gave her freedom to watch the kids playing outside and report them to their mothers if they did something she thought was wrong. Somehow, she never watched her own two children and if somebody reported them to her she would deny that they were capable of doing anything wrong - if she only knew.

One time, Eileen came down to visit David's parents, Bea and Terrence, and was huffing and puffing after walking down three flights. She was all excited and didn't know where to start. them seemed to mind and were content living the way they did. No matter where they looked in their building, most families lived

"Oh Bea – Terrence, you'll never guess what I saw looking out the kitchen window. Now, you know me, I always mind my own business and I believe in live and let live, but there are some things a gal just can't ignore. You also know that I never get involved with other peoples' business but I just had to tell you both the shocking thing I just saw. Would you believe that the

Munson's kid, Tommy boy, was using his mother's broomstick to play stickball with? I couldn't believe it myself but I would recognize that broomstick anywhere – it's a bright red color that she picked up at Bloomgarten's down the block only about a week ago – it was on sale, mind you. The nerve of that ruffian to use that new broomstick that way. Did you ever hear of such a thing?"

David could tell that his father had heard enough but his mother seemed very interested in what her sister was saying.

"You know all of that but you say you don't get into other peoples' business. You're a piece of work, Eileen."

"Well, I'm what you call a casual observer, that's all, Terrence. It's not that I'm nosey or anything," Eileen shot back while seeming offended and somewhat flustered. Terrence shook his head as he walked away.

Tommy Munson paid the price for using his mother's new broomstick but got a modicum of revenge before she confiscated his new bat. The next day he was up at the plate and Eileen as usual was perched by the window when he hit a tremendous shot that propelled the Spaldeen high up into the air and as it veered left it hit Eileen in her left eye. She ran inside holding her eye and screamed to her husband that she was sure she had a concussion and that this could lead to blindness and senility because she heard it on the Merv Griffin Show. Once word got out as to what happened, Tommy was declared a neighborhood hero but was also criticized for missing Eileen's mouth.

Family dinners, anniversaries, Christmas, Thanksgiving and the casual coffee and cake visits by family and friends were generally entertaining if not joyous events even if aunt Eileen was there. Her gossip served as reliable entertainment even if others quietly mocked her.

Friday nights were reserved for cards. The Swenson's would always play hosts to the Nelsons who were the parents of David's best friend, Robert. While the adults played at the kitchen table in the Swenson's cavernous kitchen, David and Robert would go hang out in the bedroom – talking, listening to records and making fun of aunt Eileen was what they enjoyed doing.

"Hey Davie, do your parents fight and stuff? I mean do they ever say mean things to each other," asked Robert.

"Yeah, sometimes – I mean that's what parents do. My dad said that men and women fight all the time. Me and you don't have any sisters so I guess that means our dads can only fight with our moms. Gee, you know what, it would be great to have a sister around so they could get yelled at and stuff. My parents once had a fight that caused them not to talk to each other for two months. It was really bad.

"Yeah, but at least they didn't fight for those two months."
"Gee, I never thought of it that way, Robert."

David's eyes were still closed but a smile slowly formed on his face as he remembered his childhood conversations with his pal.

He realized how lucky he was to have grown up in a neighborhood where all he had to do was open the window and yell out to his nearest pal and in minutes he had enough guys gathered in front of the building to play stickball with. Although he was an only child, he never felt the want of companionship. He couldn't walk half a block and not bump into one of his friends while praying his aunt Eileen was not lurking behind a lamppost. He felt sorry for his two children who grew up in the suburbs and could be frequently found moping around the house being bored with each other. David or his wife would have to drive their kids to their friends' homes when they were younger or the mall so they could meet other kids. There was no spontaneity of friendship and everything had to be planned ahead of time. The kids would have to be driven everywhere and then picked up. Neither of his two daughters knew what it was like to live in a real neighborhood with virtually unlimited choice of friends. In the (continued on page 8, column 1)

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tony enclave of Larchmont, friendships were reduced to seeing one's neighbors wave at you in the morning on their way to work and waving when they arrived home in the evening. Although he lived in a neighborhood of the hoi polloi, he preferred the neighborhood of Ralph Kramden.

David's thoughts quickly turned to his aversion to going shopping for his mother. All he wanted to do was go out and play with his buddies on Saturday and considered such chores as shopping a burden. That all changed on his tenth birthday when he received his best present ever – a Radio Flyer wagon. It was the typical fire engine red and he had wanted a Radio Flyer for the last two years. Once he received his present he would actually volunteer to go shopping so he could place all of the goods in the wagon and show it off in the neighborhood.

Off to the butcher's shop, then Bloomgarten's and maybe to the dry cleaner. For every stop he made he would proudly place the merchandise in his wagon and pull on the handle and cart everything home. It didn't matter if there was snow or ice on the ground or if it was raining - he was happy as long as he had his Radio Flyer. His pride showed every time he went to a local store toting his wagon with him. The memory of his Radio Flyer broadened his smile even more.

All of the shopkeepers he once knew were gone, having either passed away or sold their businesses as the changes came to the neighborhood. They were replaced by bodegas, stores selling cheap furniture, fast-food restaurants and a check cashing business or two.

David slowly opened his eyes as his dizziness began to pass. He heard the door to the apartment creak open and there was a familiar voice.

"David – David, are you here."

"Yeah, Mark, I'm in the kitchen."

Mark Whitelaw found his way to the kitchen and was shocked to see David sitting on the floor.

"David, what happened? Are you alright? What are you doing

"I'm fine, Mark, I just got a little dizzy and decided to sit down.'

"Do you want me to call an ambulance...?"

"No, no, I'm fine now. Whatever it was has passed."

"Well, alright. I was coming up the stairs and I saw the door open and I knew you were coming by. Let's get out of here."

Mark helped David to his feet and dusted off his pants. They left the kitchen and as they were leaving Mark turned to look back at the kitchen and into the living room.

"Gee, this place is a real dump. Can you imagine anyone living here? No wonder this apartment is vacant – it's unlivable.

As they made their way down the hallway and approached the apartment door, Mark noticed a closet door that was slightly ajar and something caught his eye.

"Hey, David, look what's here. Do you remember these things? It's an old beat up Radio Flyer wagon. It's in the same condition as this apartment. Look at this – a wheel missing, rust all over and the handle is missing. I can't say I blame the kid who left this piece of junk behind."

Coming Soon to our Web Site!

Peter Morello's photos of Casino Night 2018

Reminders from the Board of Directors

Barbeques: Barbeques may not be used on any front lawn and emptying coal on any common area is prohibited. (A fire extinguisher is recommended nearby.) You may use the barbeque away from your unit in the rear of your house. Never leave a barbeque unattended.

Outdoor Furniture: May be left on the grass areas. However, please move it to allow for lawn care from our maintenance crew/landscapers. Please do not leave outdoor furniture outside during the winter months.

Wood: Stacking of wood for your fireplace is permitted. Do not stack the wood against your house or vinyl siding. A distance of 3 feet is recommended. A wood holder is recommended.



Dogs: All residents (homeowners and renters) are to register their dogs (including service dogs) 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 resi-

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, dogs on leashes, no dogs at the pool, avoiding excessive barking, etc.

dence is maintained, if the dog does not reside for a period of

<u>Landscaping:</u> Each homeowner is responsible for the landscaping within the 3 ½ feet of their unit in the front, back and sides (if an end unit). The common grounds of our community will be maintained by the maintenance crew. If a homeowner wants to exceed the 3 ½ feet, they need approval from the Board.

Flushing: Do not flush anything but toilet paper down your toilets. Cottenelle or other freshening wipes will clog the sewer system and will disrupt the flow of sewerage from the community. We have had problems where wipes, sanitary napkins and per towels have caused problems for homeown-



Bulk Garbage: Please do not put furniture, old appliances or large items in or next to the dumpsters. The dumpsters are for household garbage. If you need a bulk pick up, please arrange to have them carted away by the delivery people or by call Thompson Sanitation at 845 796 1032.



Get Well Wishes

Marvin Friedman Isabel Streisand

Wishing all a full and speedy recovery



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.

From the Beautification Committee

Our focus this season will return to beautification, specifically on the common grounds. This will include Liberty/Friedman entrances, general lawn care, the area behind retaining wall at handicap parking



area opposite pool pavilion, the circle on Hidden Ridge Terrace, and hopefully, tree and shrub replacements/additions.

Robbie Schechter

WELCOME HIDDEN RIDGERS!

END OF SUMMER LUAU

A fun-filled afternoon of Food, Drink and Dancing Saturday September 1, 2018 2:00 - 4:00 PM - Poolside

Hula Dancing Show Rain or shine - preferably shine

ISLAND ATTIRE SUGGESTED...



Collection for the 2018 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.

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

Your Name

HR Address

Send to: Linda Solomon 6 Hidden Ridge Terrace, Monticello, NY 12701

Hidden Ridge needs you!

The Board of Directors request that you as a resident of Hidden Ridge sign up for one or more of our committees.

Please consider offering your expertise and experience to our community.

Please contact the following liaisons for:

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





Fitness Walking A Program for All at Hidden Ridge

By Terry Steinberg

Most of us learned to walk when we were between one and two years old. We know how to do it well; in fact it is second nature to us. So walking is the simple and obvious choice for a fitness program that is high on accessibility. And yet, many of us do not walk conscientiously as an exercise regimen! It requires only two things properly fitting footwear and a place to walk -a scenic path, an indoor mall or a treadmill in really bad weather.

Fitness Walking is extremely low risk. It is a special kind of walking. It lends itself to moving faster as you improve and commit to the practice and working just a wee bit harder at different levels in the process. It emphasizes proper posture and good alignment.

Because Fitness Walking is so easy to master, some people or athletes think it can't be "real exercise." But of course it is. It works major muscle groups, gets your heart pumping and does all the things you need to get and stay in shape.

Use the lovely paths of Hidden Ridge to begin, and then, as I do, after sticking to weeks of daily walking, add in the hills a few times, i.e., the hill going up to terrace, the hill going up from clubhouse, and the hill going up to Terrace from the pool that has the wood fence.

So, Ready, Set, GO!

HERE IS WHAT TO REMEMBER EACH WALKING SESSION (always check with your doctor before starting anything new):

- 1.Stand tall with head up, shoulders back and relaxed
- 2. Keep hands in a loose fist
- 3. Land on your heels
- 4. Push off with your toes
- 5. Bend elbows 90 degrees, keeping them close to body and swinging
- 6. Keep hydrated

HIDDEN RIDGE ATTIRE

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Important Reminder about the Gates

- Please do not give out your entry code for the gates.
- All owners will receive an entry code and one remote for the gates.
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- Delivery people (FedEx, UPS, USPS, etc.) and utilities (Verizon, Spectrum, NYSEG, etc.) have been provided with a separate entry code. You do not need to provide them with your entry code. Emergency services such as ambulance services, Monticello Fire Department, Sullivan County Sheriff's Department have a special method for opening the gates.

The Poet's Corner



Sweet Lady Marilyn

Whisper of heather Mint ribbon adorns white hair Dust drifts in sunlight Sisters wipe tears ashen green Devoted husband Jim bowed in grief Somber Marilyn slumbers

Sweet baby's blue breath Turquoise silhouetted skies Gold streaks cover hills Fringes lava molten paths Stylish flowers blush deep rose Sweet Marilyn slumbers

Janet Lieberman

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

By Fred Hirsh

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

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

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

Hidden Ridge Directory

Enclosed in this issue is a copy of the Hidden Ridge Directory. If there are any corrections or additions needed, please contact Bonnie Siegel ASAP. Thank you.

MAINTENANCE REQUEST FORMS

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

If you have any questions regarding maintenance, please contact Lenny Kirschenbaum or Bonnie Siegel. Enclosed is a copy for your convenience. Thank you.

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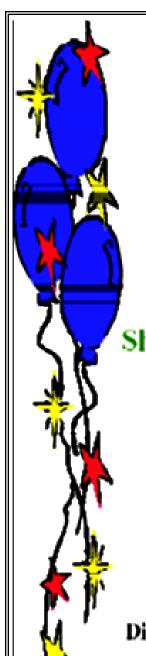
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Labor Day Party at **Hidden Ridge**



Sunday September 2, 2018 (BYOB)
Italian Buffet Dinner

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Dinner: 6:30 PM, Showtime: 8:30 PM

please reserve your tables (of 10) and pay by Monday, August 27th** reservations in advance only

Dinner cost - \$22 for residents \$27 - guests of residents \$32 - non-residents

> Karen Seltzer at 845-794-2752 (15 Hidden Ridge Drive)

Please bring checks only - no cash - to Karen payable to "Hidden Ridge HOA" by August 27, 2018

Showtime ONLY - Guests - \$5.00/ Non-residents - \$10.00 - See Bonnie Siegel

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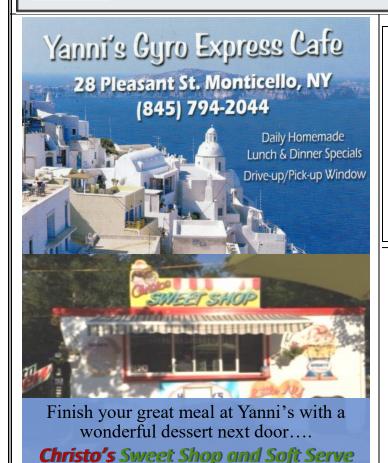


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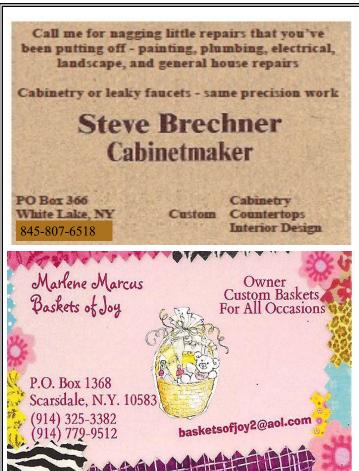
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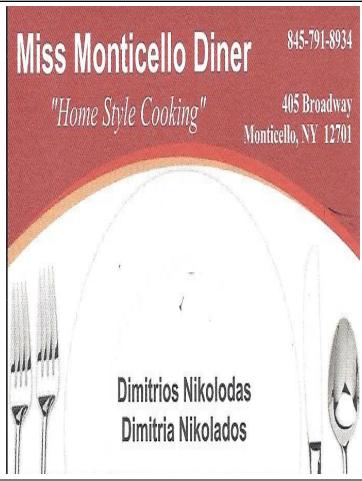
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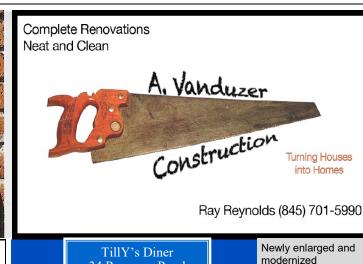








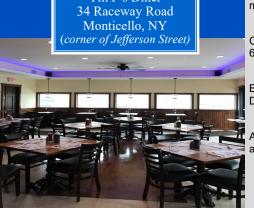
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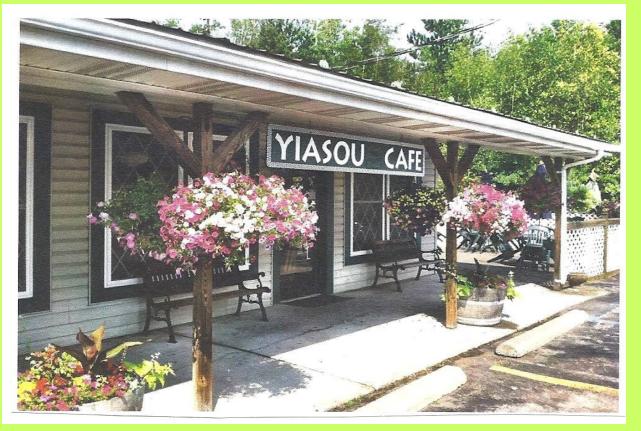
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