

The Hidden Ridge GEM

September 2018

## The President's Message



Dear Hidden Ridgers,

Where has the time gone? It was like yesterday that I arrived at Hidden Ridge and already it is September and the leaves are starting to fall reminding me that before too long it will be time to pack up and begin my trek south to a warmer climate for the winter.

I hope that we all had a wonderful summer here at our Jewel in the Catskills. We were able to enjoy the daily gatherings at the pool and the pool pavilion, and our evenings were filled with several activities – card games, Bingo, movies, pool parties and our Saturday night entertainment, whether it was a "traditional" show or a dance band, or our Casino night, Chinese Auction or Game Show Night. We had time to meet make new friends and solidify relationships with old friends.

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

WINTER AT HIDDEN RIDGE: Included in this mailing is the Winter at Hidden Ridge letter and form. It contains helpful hints to those of you who are closing your units for the winter and important information for those owners who will be here through the winter. If you are closing your unit for the winter, please make sure that you shut off the water that flows into your home and drain the pipes. There have been several instances in the past where homeowners may have turned off the water but did not drain the water from the pipes in the house; their pipes burst and/or there were massive leaks. Please read the Winter at Hidden Ridge letter and form carefully. *If you will be here at Hidden Ridge anytime during the winter, please complete the form and return it to me by September 30, 2018.* 

**HIDDEN RIDGE DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS/ ADDITIONS**: A page of corrections/additions to the latest directory has been included in this publication for you to attach to the directory that you received last month. A new directory will be printed in the summer of 2019. Anyone who needs a directory should contact me.

**UPDATED INFORMATION NEEDED**: Please make sure that if you move, change your phone number, etc. that you let us know. Please email me or send me the information as soon as possible so that we may update our records. This will ensure that you receive all future mailings and emails.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish everyone health and prosperity in the coming year. May we all return next summer for an even better year at our Jewel of the Catskills.

Bonnie

## From the Editor

Issue 18-05



Jewel of the Catskill

Dear Hidden Ridgers,

Saying goodbye has never come easy to me. I am always concerned that this is the last goodbye. More times than I want to remember, I didn't even have a chance to say a final farewell to someone who is no longer with us. So, as we pack up and get ready to leave for the winter and as I say bid au revoir to all of you in Hidden Ridge and to my first city, Monticello, and the beautiful Catskills Mountains and all they have meant to me over the years, it is with trepidation that I utter the word goodbye. I want us all to be back here again next summer, joyfully greeting one another, complaining about the long hard winter, looking forward to the 2019 season at Hidden Ridge! I want us all to be well enough to laugh at our hacking coughs, sore backs, raises in the pollen count, too much rain, too hot days, moldy leaks, etc. of the summer of 2018. I want all of our prayers to answered by the G-d to whomever we pray that we will have that opportunity to look back and at least smile that "it," i.e., summer 2018, is over and we can look forward to a better time as the new season approaches.

Bonnie always does a special thank you in the September issue to all those who made the present summer a success for all. I would like to do some personal thanks to those people who saw me through a significantly physically difficult summer for me. I don't intend to share what they did for me, each of them knows, but I do want to mention their names here and hope that by doing so, I am adding a gem to each of their crowns in heaven because to me, they are the gems of our GEM.

They are: Lenny; Lawrence and Robert and Lorraina; Karen; Bob and Espi; Brian and Eddie; Jeff-Jerry-Ben-Donald-Lorraine-Fred-Chuck; Nelda and Natasha; Barry-Cara-Terri-Christine-Emma; Iris -Alice-Sylvia; Ben and Michael; Mindy-Charney-Randi; Peter; Allen and Adrienne; Warren; Robbie: Terry; Shelly; Beau and especially, Bonnie-my wife, my life, my love.

Wishing you all a safe and healthful winter. To those who celebrate these wonderful Days of Awe, l'Shanah Tova, tikateivu v'tekateimu, may you be inscribed in the book of life for a truly wonderful and healthy year. And with G-d's blessings we will be together again here in Hidden Ridge next summer, the Summer of 2019.

| 2018-2019 Board of DirectorsBonnie SiegelPresident917-969-9646                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Important Reminder                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Property Manager</b><br>Lenny Kirschenbaum 845-794-3395                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Classifieds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Hidden Ridge H.O.A.         Committee Liaisons         Activities       Warren, Bonnie, Brian                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Wanted:Ads to defray costs of printing the GEM,<br>such as, business cards, etc.Prices for ad space in newsletter:••full page\$25/issue•1/2 page\$15/issue•1/4 page\$10/issue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Cul-de-Sac LiaisonsRobbieGEM/WebsiteBonnieGrievanceFredInsurance CertificationsBonnie, BenInsurance MattersBonnie, Fred                                                                                                                                                                                     | GEM StaffEditor-in-ChiefLinda SolomonSenior EditorBonnie Siegel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Legal MattersFredLong Range Planning CommitteeFred, WarrenMaintenance of Grounds /PoolBonnie, RobbieDaily Pool & Pool Pavilion Op.ShellySales and RentalsBonnieSanitation and RecyclingBonnie                                                                                                               | Contributing Writers:<br>Janet Lieberman, Allan Meyers,<br>Peter Morello, Terry Steinberg<br>Guest Writers: Fred Hirsh Lenny Kirschenbaum<br>Robbie Schecter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Upcoming Events Next Board Meeting: Meeting of Winter Residents:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | If you would like to contribute to the December issue or con-<br>sider writing a regular byline, please notify the Editor-in-<br>Chief. Please send your information to:<br>Linda Solomon at bonsdiva@aol.com                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <ul> <li>Sunday, September 30, 2018 10:00 AM</li> <li>* Check bulletin board for time and place</li> <li>Want to announce something to our community? Call Linda and place an ad in the GEM.</li> <li>Please call 917-747-8660 or email: bonsdiva@aol.com</li> </ul>                                        | Ehrlich Pest Control<br>Ehrlich Pest Control will address interior concerns.<br>Please call them at the following number to make<br>arrangements and be sure to let them know you are<br>part of Hidden Ridge Homeowners Association.<br>845-239-1871<br>If you have any questions, speak to Bonnie Siegel.<br>Thank you.                                                                                                                                                                                         |

DEADLINE for DECEMBER ISSUE - Nov.  $15^{\rm h}$ 



## ALLAN'S ALLEY



#### submitted by Allan Meyers



## **SOBRIQUET**

Never knew that I spoke with an accent until I was stationed down South. To whomever I spoke

would say, "You're from Brooklyn, right?" So it wasn't long before my nickname was "Bensonhurst." Everyone addressed me by that name, be they a non-com or an officer.

I never recalled ever having recognized a New York accent. The only accent that I ever heard was my grandparents and their friends, and that for sure was not from New York.

It appears that New Yorkers do not pronounce the 't's" and "d's" in the middle of our words. So at least once a week, during the second session of Basic Training, I would be awakened by some tipsy soldier who would say, "Please say it! Please!"

"Ok. There is a li--le bo--le in the mi--le of the floor." (teehee) "Say it again, please."

Oher soldiers had nicknames. There was George Seltzer who was burdened with the name "Bromo." My closest buddy, Ben Siegel had the misfortune of having the same name as a well-known gangster. He was obviously called "Bugsy." Both he and Bromo hated the nicknames, so I called them Ben and George. They called me Allan. I didn't mind being called Bensonhurst. I sort of took it as an honor. It was certainly better than being called "Tex."

Marty Fine had the best nickname. It was: "Chocolate Pudding." Later it was reduced to "Puddin." Though the phrase didn't exist at the time, it was definitely politically incorrect to call someone in the South "Chocolate!"

Poker and Black Jack was always being played, but the most popular game was a game played only for points, not money. The game was Pinochle and/or Double Pinochle. It was played day and night; the game of Bridge was hard to play - our fourth and fifth players were either being discharged or were getting overseas orders.

When Marty got his orders, I immediately went to the Company Commander to complain. The Captain explained to me that losing a fourth for a Bridge game was not a Military Urgency. He, of course, was wrong. Marty was transferred to an Army Post somewhere in Nevada where he and many troops witnessed the dropping of an atomic bomb. In his letter to us he referred to himself as "the Atomic Kid."

It's now 64 or 65 years since that occurred. I think of Marty every time I have chocolate pudding. I hope he is still around, but for years I worried about him when I learned that a lot of those troops had radiation poisoning or cancer.

Jeff Lynn showed a foreign film in which I didn't understand one word. Worst of all it was an English Film. Reminds me of when I first arrived down South. Couldn't order a meal off base unless I was with the kid from Alabama, who acted as an interpreter between the waitress and myself.

## VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## Meeting of Winter Residents – Full Timers and Weekenders

Sunday September 30, 2018 10:00 AM Clubhouse Snacks will be served

Due Date for Winter at Hidden Ridge Form: September 30, 2018

Please return them in the enclosed envelope.

#### **Swimming Pool**

Will be open until September 23, 2018 (weather permitting)

Clubhouse

Will be open until Sunday October 14, 2018

**Recycling Shed** 

Will be open until Sunday October 14, 2018



## SCHOOL TAX REMINDER

All homeowners will be receiving a bill for the school tax for their property soon. If you have not received this bill by September 13th, contact Monticello School District at 845-794-1515.

## 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 did not receive this bill as of September 1st, 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

| Azaleas   | 15-25D   | Karen Seltzer      |
|-----------|----------|--------------------|
| Birch     | 29-43D   | Michael Zwicker    |
| Camellias | 59-73D   | Betty Fuchs        |
| Daffodils | 89-103D  | Fran Zatz          |
| Elms      | 107-125D | Julia Glaz         |
| Firs      | 149-171D | Lenny Kirschenbaum |
| Gardenias | 173-187D | Jerry Bassik       |
| Hemlocks  | 193-205D | Michael Valcin     |
| Iris      | 196-214D | Mariano Ambroselli |
| 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      |
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## WINNER'S CIRCLE

## August 20

Jackie Kletter Stuart Moskowitz Harriet Fox

#### August 22 Harriet Fox

Larry Miles Meryl Miles

#### August 27

Sheila Spiegel Aileen Moskowitz Jackie Kletter Carole S. August 29 Harriet Fox Fran Zatz Carole Baken

<u>50-50</u> August 25 - Erica Sadowsky September 2 - Carole Baken

## Welcome New Neighbors



Charles Bono, Patrice Bono & Lisa Winter 8 HR Drive

Natalie and Diane Levenson 46 HR Terrace

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

From Robbie Schecter and Lenny Kirschenbaum

#### <sup>)</sup> 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



At Sixteen

ny sixteen year old will tell you how difficult it is to be sixteen. It's more difficult than being seventeen but not as difficult as being fifteen.

Self-conscious, always on the go, worried about their complexions, arguing with their parents and as horny as a locust during mating season, are some of the things teenagers go through. All of this and more is amplified right around the age of sixteen.

In 1972, I entered the Bronx High School of Science as a sophomore. There weren't too many students there whose last name ended in a vowel and I was on the receiving end of some ribbing here and there.

"Hey Peter, how did you get here?" was the standard question asked of me.

"Well, I took the twelve bus from Pelham Parkway and then the seventeen bus from Valentine Avenue - how about you?"

We would smile at each other and before you knew it, we were friends. Students knew just by looking at me that I was about as Jewish as a pork chop. All in all, there was a lot of mutual respect recognizing the fact that we were all there for the same reason – to get a good education. There were rarely disciplinary problems and absenteeism was extremely low and class participation was very high. Our teachers engaged and challenged us and they all knew they had a good gig.

My three years at Science coincided with the continuing and eventual end, of the Vietnam War, Watergate and the near bankruptcy of New York City. Hapless Abraham Beame was our one term mayor ushering in the eventual twelve-year reign of Ed Koch. Nonetheless, the students went about their business of preparing for college and the rest of their lives.

The typical Bronx Science student in those days was Jewish and lived in Co-op City and previously had lived in other parts of the Bronx that had undergone rapid change for the worse. While parts of the Bronx were burning, we at Bronx Science were somehow shielded from all of this and ensconced in our own part of the world that for most would be a temporary stopover to somewhere else. Also typical was long hair for the guys and gals and ripped jeans. Some of the students looked as though they hadn't passed a comb through their hair in weeks or hadn't washed their jeans in a similar length of time. However, every now and then there seemed to be someone who seemed to rise above it all – someone who others looked up to and secretly wished they could be like if only they had the will to put in the effort and the personality to achieve "the look."

In 1974 I was in my senior year and in my biology class there was Debbie Grossman. I had known Debbie casually since my sophomore year and now we finally had the chance to be in the same room for the entire school year. She was every male student's dream and was different from all the other female students. In addition to being very smart she was very good looking and had an engaging personality. She stood about five feet five inches tall and her hair was always perfectly coiffed. Her dirty blond hair was parted in the middle, cascaded slightly below her shoulders and there were soft curls framing her face. She had cantilevered cleavage that not even a loose-fitting blouse could hide. I don't recollect her ever wearing jeans or anything that looked well-worn in any way. Rather, she would wear dress slacks with a colormatched top of some sort and dress shoes. She obviously put a lot of effort into her appearance and I'm sure she realized how good she looked. Nonetheless, she was never conceited in any way. In fact, she, too, lived in Co-op City, which told me she came from

modest means.

Her personality also stood out. Debbie was always a good conversationalist and seemed genuinely interested in what the other person was saying. More often than not, she had a smile on her face and would always say hello to everyone she knew as she passed them by in the hallways.

As perfect and popular as she was, she never had a visible boyfriend during her stay at Science. Of course, she may have had a boyfriend who didn't attend the school, but no one ever heard her make any reference to any guy she was seeing. Among the guys I knew, no one would dare try to ask her out because everyone felt she wouldn't be interested in him and would face instant rejection. We all realized that being rejected by Debbie Grossman wouldn't be nearly as bad as being rejected by a not so good-looking girl, but we all felt we weren't in her league due to her standout looks and personality. As a result of these beliefs, none of the guys would even think of getting too close to Debbie. None of us were worthy.

Debbie sat two seats to my right and we always acknowledged each other's presence with a smile and a "hello" and then settled down to listen to the lesson. After the class ended, we would wave goodbye to each other and go our separate ways. That's what I always expected and was satisfied that she even acknowledged my existence. Occasionally we would make small talk before class started but it would end as fast as it started once class officially began. I was happy with that arrangement never expecting more and knew I was at least equal to any of the other guys.

One day, I was sitting in the library, early in the morning before classes started. I was studying something or other and suddenly Debbie was standing beside me. I was surprised to see her and she looked as perfect as she always did and I was somewhat startled by her appearance.

"Hi ya, Peter. Mind if I sit with you?"

Was she kidding or something? Just being seen with her would be my pleasure.

"Well, sure, Debbie – there's plenty of room here. What's going on?"

"You know, I've been having a heck of a time understanding the Kreb's Cycle that Mr. Landsberg was talking about the other day. I know you're good at biology so I was wondering if you could help explain it to me."



How did she know I was good at anything? It's not that I stood out or anything as far as I was concerned. I tried not to think about this too much – all I wanted was to hang out with her and have the other guys see me doing so. I considered this progress of some sort. "Well, I know a thing or two, I guess. Go ahead, ask

me anything you want."

Debbie leaned forward, placed her right hand on my left forearm and ever so slightly squeezed it and gave me one of her million-watt smiles.

"Peter, let's go out on a date."

I thought I was in a dream or something and briefly had the sensation that I had wet myself. The best-looking gal in the school just asked me out on a date. Wasn't it supposed to be the other way around? This was incredible and I figured she was in a situation with guys being so intimated by her that she well-understood she had to take the initiative. She knew what she wanted and wasn't going to wait for me to ask her. This girl had spunk and I liked it. Was this what it meant to be one of the "chosen people?" I began to open my mouth to ask her where she wanted to go as so many thoughts coursed through my mind as to what it would be like to be with my dream girl."

Debbie removed her hand from my forearm and looked down at the table and her smile quickly evaporated. "I'd like that but my parents wouldn't."

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What had just happened here? First the hottest looking gal in school asked a guy out on a date and before I could accept, she rescinded the offer and I felt I was ruined for the rest of my God -forsaken life. I didn't know how to respond so instead of saying anything I began to talk about the exciting topic of the Kreb's Cycle.

About a week later I was in the cafeteria and was passing by the lunch table of two students I knew – Jeffrey Blum and Andrew Klein. I stopped by the table because I heard Jeff mention the name Debbie Grossman.

"Andrew it was great. I took Debbie to the RKO Fordham and we saw 'The Lords of Flatbush' and we sat in the balcony. Before you know it, she was all over me. I mean this was a guy's dream come true. I reciprocated of course and before you knew it I was feeling her up. Afterwards we went to Jahn's for ice cream."

"Gee, Jeff, you got the best looking broad in the school to make out with you," replied Andrew in amazement.

I was seething with anger. I had just been accepted and then rejected by the one and only Debbie Grossman and now I'm listening to this. Maybe her parents were happy but I was pissed. Jeffrey really seemed so unmatched for Debbie. He had long, stringy, greasy looking hair, stained and torn jeans and his sneakers were encrusted with layers of dirt. In other words, he was for all intents and purposes, a slob. I couldn't contain myself any longer and had to say something.

"Jeff, tell me something. If you and Debbie are an item then how come I never see you together?"

"Well, the relationship is new and Debbie doesn't want anyone to know - she's modest and private – know what I mean? But I have to tell you something – in the right circumstances, she's an animal."

This sounded plausible to me but I was still boiling with anger and disappointed and I didn't appreciate him calling Debbie an animal. From that day forward, I would refer to Jeffrey Blum as "Blum the Crumb" and I looked at Debbie in a different light.

The story of their dating made the usual rounds of the senior class and I never could bring myself to tell anyone what Debbie had said to me in the library. Blum the Crumb was a hero and I was a zero.

I finished my senior year without incident and Debbie and I never had anymore conversations but civilly addressed each other in bio class. We graduated and over time I completely forgot about that humiliating exchange we had until 1995 when we both attended out twentieth reunion.

After several minutes of exchanging lies with people I knew by mutually saying "you look exactly the same," I spied Debbie across the room standing with a man. We both smiled and approached each other and quickly gave each other a peck on the cheek. She looked as gorgeous as ever to my eyes and the man with her was by any standards, handsome.

"Debbie Grossman, you're a sight for sore eyes."

"No, no, my last name is now Furman. Peter, I'd like to introduce you to my husband, Richard Furman."

We shook hands and Richard quickly excused himself to freshen his drink leaving me once again with the best-looking woman in the room.

"Gee, Peter, it's been so long since bio class and I recognized you right away. You haven't changed that much at all."

As the conversation continued over the next several minutes, my mind drifted to what Jeffrey Blum had told me. I wasn't even paying attention to what Debbie was saying. All of my disappointments came back to me and I regretted even going to the reunion. I wondered why their relationship hadn't continued I couldn't stand it any longer.

"Ah, Debbie, I must admit your husband is a real handsome guy and I'm happy for you. You deserve the best and were always nice to me..."

"Oh, and you were always a gentleman around me, Peter."

"Well, not to pry or anything, but I was wondering what happened to your relationship with Jeffrey Blum."

"Jeffrey Blum? You're asking me this because of all those rumors that moron created about us, aren't you?" Debbie responded while displaying slight annoyance.

"Well, I mean, you know how high school was and all and I didn't know what to think. You mean it's not true?"

"Peter, Jeffrey was a loser as far as I'm concerned and that's why he made up all that stuff about us. I never forgave him after having to live down everything he said about us. Anyway, that was twenty years ago and he's had to live with himself and his vicious lies. For quite a while I was really hurt but after graduation my anger slowly subsided. I just hope he's not here tonight. I really don't want to see him.

"Listen, Richard is by himself and he doesn't know anyone here. I have to get going. It's great seeing you again."

She displayed one of her unforgettable smiles and gave me a kiss on the lips that seemed to last a bit longer than necessary and then she was gone to the other side of the crowded room.

I stood there exalted in the knowledge that if I couldn't have Debbie then at least Jeffrey Blum didn't succeed either. Now everything came into sharp

focus – Debbie Grossman had never gone to the RKO Fordham with Jeffrey and without a doubt he had never laid a hand on her and they never went to Jahn's for ice cream nor did they ever date, in fact.

Here's the real ironic part of all this -I just got two kisses from Debbie Grossman which was a "helluva" lot more than Blum the Crumb ever got.

#### SELLING YOUR UNIT? PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors, the following was approved:

The transfer fee on the sale of a unit has been increased to \$1500 on all transfers that take place pursuant to contracts of sale entered into on or after November 1, 2018. The transfer fee is paid by the buyer at the time of closing.

If you have any questions about the amount of the transfer fee applicable to the sale or transfer of a unit, please contact Bonnie Siegel or Fred Hirsh.



## 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.



husband of Harriet and our neighbor and friend,

May his memory be for a blessing.

Did you miss the Labor Day Luau? Here is a photo of the Hula girls who put us all in a good mood!





Collection for the 2018 holiday greetings began in January. There is one 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)
- Community Activities Warren Berkowitz (warrenb107@aol.com)
- Long Range Planning Fred Hirsh (factor328@aol.com)

for your cooperation.

## **Terry's Fitness** & Health Corner



## **Five Superfoods that Boost your Physical Activities**

by Terry Steinberg

Even though the August month had come to such a swift end, please remember that with much sunny and pleasant weather left to our Hidden Ridge summer of September and through the Fall and holidays, please be sure that part of your day is dedicated to the health elixir.....exercise!!! Whatever you enjoy to do whether it's walking, nature hiking, dancing, swimming, golf, yoga, etc., add some more time to it! Maybe even try a new activity that challenges your mind, body and spirit.

Your diet can help enhance your performance. Work these nutritious bites into your meals or snacks for a boost to your energy level.

1.Brown Rice - carbs giving you energy, while fiber keeps you full.

2. Pineapple - chow down on this fruit after you do a workout. It's loaded with inflammatory which speeds up muscle



brome lain which acts like a natural antirepair.

3. Greek Yogurt - eat it often; the calcium keeps your bones strong to ward off little s protein provides quicker strains. The muscle recovery.

4. Peanut Butter - a tablespoon is full of muscle fueling protein and healthy fats for sustained energy. Spread it on a piece of whole grain toast to power your daily activity, there are many nut butter substitutes as well, like sunflower spread.

5. Berries - this is your go to snack ANYTIME fresh or frozen...their antioxidants can work to promote a healthy heart and may even stave off soreness. Try these for a week, each day. They are all delicious and see for yourself!!



## HIDDEN RIDGE ATTIRE

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

## Hidden Ridge T-Shirts:

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

## Hidden Ridge Polo Shirts:

*White piquot with HR logo in sizes Small* -3XS-XL \$16: 1X-3X \$18

## Hidden Ridge Sweatshirts:

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

Most Sizes STILL Available! Submit your order to Bonnie Siegel, 6 HR Terrace



Sale of shirts and sweatshirts will end on September 30th for this year. So, don't get caught without them! Stay warm all through the winter with our own sweatshirts!

## **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.
- If you are renting your unit, please do not provide your entry code and remote to the tenant. The tenant will be assigned a separate entry code and will be provided with a remote upon payment of a \$25.00 deposit that will be refunded to the tenant when the tenant returns the remote. Tenants can obtain a remote for the gates from Lenny Kirschenbaum who will collect the refundable deposit.
- 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



## **Inward Travelers**

We stand together on the terrace Minds cluttered with accumulated details Shoulder to shoulder, holding wine glasses

Traffic sounds, fumes swirling from streets Gazing at open sky, stars peeking from haze Counting planes in distance Clouds rippling silently above..

Two travelers dismounting Distant breeze caressing us... My head resting in silence Nestled in your arms... Our moment furrowed in time.

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.



#### 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. Thank you.



## **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 (6 Hidden Ridge Terrace) or email her at Siegelmath@aol.com:

I do not wish to receive a paper copy of the GEM beginning with the December 2018 issue.

Name

Hidden Ridge Address

Email Address

## **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.

<u>Wood</u>: 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 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, dogs on leashes, no dogs at the pool, avoiding excessive barking, etc.

**Landscaping:** 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.



**<u>Flushing</u>**: 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 paper towels have caused problems for homeowners.



**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.



## GETTING READY FOR WINTER AT HIDDEN RIDGE

By Lenny Kirschenbaum, Property Manager

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

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

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

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

#### IMPORTANT

Be advised that effective October 15, 2018 through May 15, 2019 all homeowners will be required to park any vehicle that will remain unused, or stored on common property for a period longer than 10 days in the parking lot by the Clubhouse. Vehicles left parked in the cul de sac for more than 10 days may be towed at the owner's expense. If you require the use of you vehicle during this time, please notify me so it can be made accessible for you.

I hope to see you at the meeting for Winter residents on Sunday, September 30, 2018.

Special Thank You from the President, Bonnie Siegel:

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

- The Board of Directors (past and present) Warren Berkowitz, Chuck Greenberg, Fred Hirsh, Shelly Kleinberger, Brian Kudler, Ben Lorick, Robbie Schecter - whose work never ends! These volunteers work all year round to plan and coordinate activities as well as dealing with the emergencies and day to day operations. Thank you for your support and willingness to serve. A very special thank you goes to the Board wives/ husbands/ significant others – Randi Berkowitz, Charney Greenberg, Mindy Hirsh, Moishe Kleinberger, Eddie Erlich-Kudler, Michael Valcin, Stan Schecter and Linda Solomon for their love, understanding and patience;
- Lenny Kirschenbaum for managing the property and dealing with all aspects of our community especially during the winter months and even as he was recuperating from shoulder surgery this summer;
- Linda Solomon and those who have contributed to the GEM by writing articles, or who assist in the delivery to our residents;
- Warren Berkowitz and the Activities Committee for planning and executing our pool parties and Saturday night entertainment for the fun we all had;
- Meryl Miles, Carole Baken, Karen Seltzer and Jeff Lynn who coordinated and ran our week night activities (canasta tournaments, Bingo and movie night);
- Shelly Kleinberger who coordinated the setting up, serving and cleaning up at our Saturday night functions. Extra special thanks to the "regulars" who helped each week – Ben Lorick and Michael Valcin, Adrienne and Allan Meyers; Eddie Erlich, Nella Velasco, Fred and Mindy Hirsh, Robbie Schecter, Erica Sadowsky and Helen Badain;
- Karen Seltzer for collecting the money and arranging the seating arrangements for our special dinners;
- Eddie Erhlich-Kudler and Brian Kudler as well as Shelly and Moishe Kleinberger for their generosity for the purchase of plants that beautify our community;
- Eddie Erlich Kudler and Brian Kudler, Linda Solomon, Bruce and Carole Baken, Fred and Mindy Hirsh for their generosity by sponsoring of celebration cakes, wine, the fixings for pina coladas and frozen margaritas that enhanced some of our events this summer;
- Robbie Schecter and the members of the Beautification Committee for their ideas on how to improve the appearance of our community;
- Fred Hirsh for being running around Sullivan County with me to the Accountant's Office, shopping and schlepping from Shop Rite and other sundry stores in the area and for never saying "no" when asked;

## Going paperless - Monthly Maintenance Booklet and Labels

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

If you do not need to receive the monthly maintenance booklet and labels, please complete the following form and return it to Bonnie Siegel by November 20, 2018.

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

Thank you for your cooperation.



Please return this form to Bonnie Siegel (6 Hidden Ridge Terrace, Monticello, NY 12701 until October 9, thereafter 6675 Overland Drive, Delray Beach, Florida 33484) or email her at Siegelmath@aol.com:

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

Name

**Hidden Ridge Address** 

#### Email Address\_



Need firewood? See Mike Bauer.

• Our maintenance crew Mike B, Harry G., Richie S, and Wayne for all of your hard work. We constantly hear compliments about how great the community looks. All admire the work that the crew has done!

To all that I have mentioned above (and those of you who I may have left out by accident) please accept my appreciation of how you helped to enhance our community.







Mariano Ambroselli Helen Badain Carole & Bruce Baken Jack & Joyce Bragin Beth Burke & Rose Del Bove Eleanor & Michael Dovdavany **Robert Gannon** Charney & Chuck Greenberg Myra & Joe Gluck Lorraine & Ben Hack Mindy & Fred Hirsh Shelly & Moishe Kleinberger Maxine & Steve Kopp Eddie Erlich Kudler & Brian Kudler Natalie & Diane Levenson Iris & Jeff Lynn Marlene & Howard Marcus Mervl & Larry Miles **Peter Morello** Sharlene Perez & Mel Perlman Lawrence Gisonda & Robert Piersa Ettie & Mark Rachleff **Doris & Sy Rosdeitcher** Florence & Jack Sacks Erica & Norman Sadowsky **Rose Storch & Leonard Jacobs** Robbie & Stan Schecter Esther and Sy Seltzer Karen Seltzer **Bonnie Siegel & Linda Solomon** Sylvia & Donald Singer Nella Velasco Marsha Wilkins & Jerry Burstein Fran Zatz

We wish all of our neighbors and friends A Happy and Healthy New Year! L'Shana Tova Tikateivu V'Tekateimu







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