

The Hidden Ridge GEM Issue 19-01 April 2019



The President's Message



Dear Hidden Ridgers,

As always, the distribution of the April issue of the GEM marks the winding down of my time in Florida (we leave in about $3\frac{1}{2}$ weeks) and the excitement of returning to Hidden Ridge. I look forward to meeting those new homeowners who have settled in since October. I hope they get involved in our community by attending meetings as well as social events and activities.

Besides the articles and information throughout this issue, the following are a few items for your consideration:

Monthly Maintenance Fee, Special Assessment and Voucher Booklet: The Board of Directors worked over the winter to develop a working budget for the fiscal year that begins on May 1, 2019. The monthly maintenance fee has been increased to \$350 per month. In addition there is a special assessment of \$20 per month. As an insert to this edition to the GEM, all homeowners will be receiving a letter from the Board of Directors explaining the monthly maintenance and special assessments fees, a copy of the budget and a voucher booklet with address labels. For those of you who opted out of a paper copy of the GEM, these documents will be sent to you via snail mail.

Winter at Hidden Ridge: Our maintenance crew deserves to be commended on the fine job they have done this past winter. Even while enjoying the weather in Florida, I would check the weather in Monticello on a daily basis. I would watch the snow falling, covering everything and then I would see the blacktop 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 have 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 pile up of snow. 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! While not plowing or sanding or shoveling, the crew has replaced the cedar shingles on several of the facades, and addressed the individual needs of those residents who submitted maintenance service requests.

An extra special thank you is owed to Lenny Kirschenbaum, property manager, who made sure

From the Editor



Dear Hidden Ridgers,

With just this small tiny space, I am writing to all of you to let you know that, once again, the President of the HOA has not left me enough room to greet you after this very hard winter for me.

I am so grateful to be coming back to Hidden Ridge after I was knocked for a loop by pneumonia, which followed back surgery by just three days! I don't remember much about February and March. But, I was binge watching the Hallmark channel love stories and mysteries. I think I need a new habit for the summer!

Linda

that all maintenance issues were dealt with in a timely fashion.

Thanks to Brian Kudler, Ben Lorick and Robbie Schecter who attended to the business of the association on weekends.

Spring at Hidden Ridge -Getting ready for the summer: The crew is busily picking up all debris that may have fallen during the winter storms. The excess salt and sand that was used to keep our roads ice/snow free is being removed by the crew.

It has been reported that the there are several areas on the Drive and on the Terrace that are in need of major paving. The Board is in the process of arranging for paving of these areas and we hope it will be completed before Memorial Day Weekend.

The clubhouse and the pool will be readied in May. We anticipate that the pool will be open for the Memorial Day Weekend, weather permitting.

Rentals: We have been contacted regarding rentals for the summer by several people – If anyone wants to rent their unit for the summer, they should contact me as soon as possible so that I may have prospective tenants contact you.

Summer of 2019: The Board is planning a "Kick off to Summer Event" at the end of June and our first big event (dinner and a show) on July 6th. Several other activities for your pleasure and participation are in the planning stage - watch the upcoming issues of the GEM, the Website and the bulletin boards for further details. It is my hope that more of our community members participate in our activities.

See you all in a few weeks. Safe travels

Bonnie

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Upcoming Events Next Board Meeting: Sunday May 26 * Check bulletin board for time and place	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: Linda Solomon at bonsdiva@aol.com
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 20 th	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.

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Mother's Day May 12 Mother's Day May 27 May 27 April - Birthstone: Diamond May - Birthstone: Emerald Gemini (May 21 - June 20) Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19) Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)	 Hold The Date!* Sunday May 26 - Board of Directors Meeting Saturday June 15 - General Association Meeting and Nominations Saturday June 29 - Kick Off to Summer Event at the Pool (weather permitting) Saturday, July 6 – July 4th Dinner and Show Sunday, July 14 - Meet the Candidates Sunday, July 21 – Annual Meeting and Elections
Happy Birthday APRIL-MAY	*Times and locations to be announced at a later date. Check the bulletin boards and web site.
04-04Emmanuel Pulcini 04-0604-30Natalie Levenson04-06Donald Singer 04-09Justin Alvis Robbie Schecter Jerry Kletter05-04Fran Zatz 05-0504-12Richard Delia Michael Valcin05-09Stephen Kopp04-12Richard Delia Michael Valcin05-12Rita Kukafka Penny Schatten04-14Christian Racine O4-1605-16Marlene Marcus Ron Kukafka04-16Stan Schecter Sy Rosdeitcher05-20Frieda Jacubowicz Patricia Bono04-23Mario Ambroselli Ilana Zablozki05-23Ilene Mizrach 05-2504-25Joe Gluck Harvey Levine05-27Steve Friedenthal 05-2804-29Tiffany Kostoff05-28Carsen Wilkins	Look for our exciting plans for our KICK OFF TO SUMMER & JULY 4TH EVENTS in the June Issue of the GEM

The Poet's Corner



Captain Macdonald's Park. Captain surveys promenade bustle Observes squadron golden trees. Squirrels scurry, gather lost dreams. Darkness looms, plump pigeons scatter. Captain surveys promenade bustle. Observes fading shadows rustle. Janet Lieberman

Get Well Wishes



Wishing all a full and speedy recovery

Marvin Friedman

We offer condolences to friends and family of

Jenny Questore Mother of Darryl Questore

Frances Erlich sister--in-law of Eddie Erlich Kudler and Brian Kudler

Leonard Jacobs father of Janice, partner of Rose Storch

May their memories be for a blessing.

SELLING YOUR UNIT? PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING

At a 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.

2019 BOARD ELECTIONS

Submitted by Fred Hirsh

While many of us have not yet returned to Hidden Ridge, nominations for and election to the Board of Directors for a two-year term commencing with this year's annual meeting is coming sooner than you think.

The two-year terms of three directors (Shelly Kleinberger, Warren Berkowitz and Fred Hirsh), expire this year.

Any member in good standing who is 19 years old or older can run for the Board of Directors.

If you are interested in running for the Board, please submit your name in writing to the Secretary as soon as possible or come to the general meeting of the members in June and have your name placed in nomination. Written nominations should be sent or delivered to the HOA c/o Cooper Arias, LLP, P.O. Box 190, Mongaup Valley, New York 12762 or to Fred Hirsh, 22 Hidden Ridge Terrace, Monticello, New York 12701 in advance of the June membership meeting.

Information about the functions and responsibilities of the Board can be found in the Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions, Charges, Easements and Liens and the By-Laws by clicking on the documents tab of on the Hidden Ridge website, www.hiddenridgehoa.org.

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Church and before she could even do a quick sign of the cross, she saw Father Brannigan coming out of the rectory.

"Yoo hoo, Father Brannigan, I want to talk to you."

"Hello, Mary – I haven't seen you a while. How are things?"

"Fine, Father – that's what I wanted to talk to you about. I want you to know I decided to marry Sean."

"That's great! Congratulations, Mary. Let me kiss the bride to be. So, I guess what I said must have helped you make your decision."

"Sure, it did. You see, I realized that now that I'm thirty I ain't exactly a spring chicken and I don't want to be an old maid, so I better take the plunge right away. I'm so glad we were able to chat that day. Toot-a-loo – I'll be talkin' to ya."

"Mary spun around, and she was off in a flash leaving Father Brannigan with his mouth slightly ajar wondering what had just happened.

A grin spread across his face and widened until it seemed to go from one ear to the other. "Mary Nolan, when the Lord made you, he certainly threw away the mold."

ALLAN'S ALLEY

submitted by Allan Meyers

BUT I NEED A JOB

New York City just raised the minimum wage to \$15 an hour. When I worked in a dress factory during the summer break of 1951 the minimum wage was 58 cents an hour.

When we were in Junior High School, my friend Hammy said that he read the New York Times want ads and he found

that the starting salary for engineers was \$50 a week. So he went to Brooklyn Tech. My mom wanted me to be a doctor and my dad wanted me to be a lawyer. I wanted to replace Billy Cox at third base for the Brooklyn Dodgers.



When I went to college there was no way I would become a doctor. I got sick at the smell of formaldehyde. In my second year of college the government wanted me to work for them. But I didn't wanna' work for the government, ever.

The government became one big nudge. All through school they hounded me to go work for them. I wouldn't budge, I still didn't wanna' work for them.

As graduation neared, I realized that when I finished school, I wouldn't know what I was unemployed at. When I took my last final exam, the government again asked me to go to work for them. They really wanted me so badly that they had the President of the United States insist that I take the job.

I was unemployed and a job is a job so I took up their offer.



The employment contract was for two years. The salary was \$50 a month. The contract contained lots of perquisites. There was free room and board, plus free informal and formal winter and summer clothing and they threw in two pairs of boots and a pair of low quarter boots. I didn't particularly like the colors of the clothing, by why complain - it was for free. The work wasn't what I was particu-

lar trained for or that I ever wanted. There was digging of trenches and deep holes in the ground, washing pots and pans and even cleaning latrines with a tooth brush. There were lots of personal trainers who showed us how to do a daily dozen exercises plus hundreds of pushups and sit-ups every day.

There were some nice strolls from the place of employment to the next county and back. There was eating outside and sleeping under the stars for days. For entertainment we went down to the rifle range to shoot at targets, surprisingly sometimes the targets shot back.

The government must have liked my work ethic because they wanted me to sign another contract with a big raise. But I decided to leave the government job. They were very nice about it. They gave me a Golden Parachute - \$350 separation pay and paid for my school for the next 3 years, plus \$125 a month. This was \$17 more that my highest pay while with the government.

When at school, I clerked for a Court Street firm. Every time the boss paid me my weekly \$15 he would say, "...when I clerked I only got \$5." When I graduated from school he raised my salary to \$25 a week.

Hammy was right I should have looked for a better job. But it was too late to apply for an interview with the Brooklyn Dodgers; they left the county for some place in California.



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.

WANTED! 2019 Summer Rentals

There 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 at siegelmath@aol.com so that she can pass your information along to potential renters.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Social Committee forming now to discuss Saturday night entertainment, etc. With our budget concerns, we would appreciate as many homeowners as possible to participate in planning the social events. Please email Warren Berkowitz at warrenb107@aol.com if you wish to join.



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

Welcome New Neighbors



Miguel Caban

Steven Zwicker

17 HR Drive 94 HR Drive

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 -Warren Berkowitz (warrenb107@aol.com)
- Beautification Robbie Schecter (rschecter0409@hotmail.com)
- Community Activities Warren Berkowitz (warrenb107@aol.com)
- Long Range Planning Fred Hirsh (factor328@aol.com)

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.



DOG REGISTRATION

Terry's Fitness & Health Corner



By Terry Steinberg

Fast Food Nation information for Active Seniors

We are all looking forward to being back at our Hidden Ridge Homes soon, exercising, eating as healthy as possible and enjoying our everyday wonderful daily activities. Many of us have adult children, teens, grandchildren living with us or visiting us often over the Spring and Summer months. Often we must take them out to eat or bring in 'Fast Foods' that they all love!

So, to help you out, when you may be tempted to eat those foods, be aware of what you are eating, and choose wisely whenever you can. Below is a handy list so you don't feel you are cheating too badly. Count calories, fat, sugar and salt. All 4 parts are important to know!! Enjoy Fast Food Nation CAUTIOUSLY!

<u>Burger King Grilled Chicken</u> 470 cal -19 grams fatcarbs 39-850 milligrams sodium (no bun saves greatly (lessons carbs and sugar to 0)

KFC. Grilled Chicken Breast and house salad and dressing 240 cal -fat 19 grams carbs 5 grams sodium 1, 230 milligram

<u>McDonald's Southwest grilled Chicken</u> 350 cal. 11 g of fat — 27 grams carbs 1,070 milligrams of sodium <u>Pizza Hut Veggie Lovers large thin crust-2 slices</u>; 460 cal, fat 16 grams, carbs 62 grams

Sodium 1, 180 mg

Subway turkey breast sandwich 6 inches 280 cal 3.5 grams fat ,carbs 46 grams, 760 ml sodium

<u>Starbucks chicken and Quinoa</u> Protein salad 420 cal, 27 g fat , 42 grams ,1030 mg sodium

<u>Taco Bell Power Menu Bowl</u> 500 cal, 20 grams fat, 54 grams fat, 1, 230 grams sodium



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

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.

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FROM THE PEN OF.... **Peter Morello**



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The Dilemma

he lived in a typical apartment in a typical building on a typical street in the nondescript borough of the Bronx. She was a sweet and average woman who the life of Mary Nolan.

Five days a week she would take the trek from her one-bedroom apartment on Webster Avenue and walk several blocks to Fordham Hospital where she worked in the housekeeping department. It wasn't much of a job but for a person with a tenth-grade education, she felt fortunate to have it - mopping floors, cleaning bathrooms, making beds and other such general cleaning matters. Nonetheless it paid the bills and kept her one step ahead of the bill collectors with whom she had more than a passing familiarity.

Things had been better when there were two incomes to pay the bills but ever since her husband, Patrick, had been killed in the war, Mary had to adjust to the new world of living on one paycheck. She was very grateful that there were no children that needed to be supported which would only have made matters worse.

She was considered an attractive woman by those who knew her. At five foot five and one hundred ten pounds, she was a wisp of a woman. Her deep set dark brown eyes had circles around them that made them look more deeply set than they were, and her lack of any makeup revealed a natural attractiveness that didn't go unnoticed by the men in the neighborhood.

Those who knew Mary, and there were many, said she couldn't pass by a church without doing the sign of the cross and occasionally quickly genuflecting. She had grown up being a parishioner at St. Philip Neri Church on the Grand Concourse and was still a loyal and dutiful parishioner and never missed a Sunday mass and didn't look the other way when the collection plate was passed.

It was a cold and rainy March day, right before Saint Patrick's Day, when Mary was passing by Saint Philip Neri's when she thought she would go inside and see if Father Brannigan was around. She entered the rectory and forcefully on the door.

"Who?" came the voice from within, sounding rather raspy but reassuringly familiar, nonetheless.

"It's Mary, Father; I'd like to speak with you a few moments if I may."

Several seconds later the door quickly opened and Father Brannigan stood there filling the doorway with his six-foot two-inch, two-hundred twenty-pound frame and smiling at his ever-loyal parishioner.

"Well, well, if it isn't Mary Nolan. What a pleasant surprise."

"Hi ya, Father. I wanted to come in and talk a few minutes – it's rather important, if you know what I mean." "Why sure, come in," Father Brannigan replied seeming to

be genuinely interested to see Mary. I was just tidying up a bit and going through some old books and I could use a break."

John Brannigan had seen it all and then some as a priest for the past thirty-six years. He had experienced two world wars and the heartache that followed each. There was what seemed like a never-ending stream of mothers who had lost their sons and wives and children who had lost their husbands and fathers. Then there were the returning had a hum drum job and went about her job with religious i soldiers who may have physically returned home but whose dedication and never questioned her lot in life. Such was I minds were forever damaged by the horrors and atrocities I they had witnessed on the front line.

His job among other things was to try to counsel and I lend emotional support to those who suffered through great loss while always searching for pithy sayings and remarks that would soothe the deeply emotionally wounded. Over the years he felt as though he were repeating himself through rote practice and he often wondered if those he was counseling really felt any better with what he was telling I them. Nonetheless, he never turned a parishioner away in I their moment of grief and he prayed he was really helping those who sought him out.

"Gee, your office looks neat enough to me. It's good to see a man who cleans up after himself rather than waitin' for someone else to do it.'

"Well, sometimes I clean up after the cleaning lady leaves – just a habit, I guess. There are plenty of years of stuff in this office – thirty-six to be exact."

"Wow, that's six more than I've been on this earth," Mary said while giggling.

'Yes, indeed. I remember baptizing you and even performing your parents' marriage ceremony. By the way, I haven't seen them in church lately – are they alright?"

"Oh, yeah, sure. It's just that they've been a little lazy lately and have stayed home on Sunday."

"Well, maybe so - but tell them their absence is noticeable and the collection plate is getting lonely."

"Oh, I will, Father."

"You said you wanted to talk to me about something. I What's on your mind, Mary?"

"Well, you see – I'm sure you know what happened to Patrick. You remember don'tcha, Father?"

Father Brannigan began to feel a little uneasy even though this was a familiar topic. Sitting in front of him was yet another person seeking comfort and he was prepared to give his normal homily on the Catholic view on loss and went right to Father Brannigan's office and knocked | understanding its meaning within the context of a hostile world.

"Yes, Mary. He died fighting overseas."

"Yeah – he was in Iwo Jima fightin' the Japanese and it was an awful battle and he didn't make it. You gave the sermon at his funeral – I'm sure you remember."

"Of course, I remember, but wasn't that three years ago?"

"Yeah, it wuz. I knew you'd rememba."

"I'm a little perplexed, Mary. I would have expected you to have come to me quite a while ago. What made you wait so long if I may ask?"

"Something happed recently, and I thought I would need your advice. I've been workin' at Fordham Hospital for (continued on page 10)

HOMEOWNERS!

If you are planning to rent your unit for any time during 2019, please contact **Bonnie Siegel** since she is compiling a comprehensive list of units for rent so that she can share the information with potential renters. She has already received phone calls from potential renters.

siegelmath@aol.com 917-969-9646

Rentals at Hidden Ridge - Updated Rules

The following are the rental rules for Hidden Ridge. We are printing them again to remind those homeowners who are renting their units this year.

Rental Rules:

1. 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, viduals 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 I 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.
- Homeowners who rent their units are to provide to the 4. 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.
- Unit owners are required to hand the keys to the unit 6. and mailbox as well as the *Revised A-Z Booklet* to the renter.
- 7. Units are rented "as is." It is the owner's obligation, not the Homeowners Association to repair and maintain the inside of the unit.

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

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

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, The homes in our community are to be used for replacing a storm door, constructing a deck, patio or I 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 is leased to one (1) individual or a group of indi- before the work commences. ALL REQUESTS **MUST BE IN WRITING.** I.

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 Bonnie Siegel. or Thank you.



MONTHLY PAYMENTS REQUEST by Fred Hirsh

The records of payment of the monthly HOA fees are kept by address and not name. To make our bookkeeper's job easier and to insure that your monthly payments are promptly and properly credited, please put your address in the memo section of your check. For those on Hidden Ridge Drive, please put the number of the unit followed by "HRD" on your check. For those on the Hidden Ridge Terrace, please put your unit number followed by "HRT" on your check. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Board of Directors

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eight years now and it's just a job I have – nothin' special. Cleaning terlets and moppin' rooms is nothun glamorous and I ain't gonna get rich, but it's a job and it pays the bills. It's also steady work and I'm glad to be able to have it. It's also within walkin' distance of my apartment and that's a good thing too."

"Well, you see, recently I met a man who works as a painter in the hospital and we kinda hit it off, if you know what I mean. We've been goin' together for a few months now and he's a really nice man and respectful and treats me good. My parents even like him and that ain't easy 'cause they're so particular."

"What's his name, Mary?"

"Sean Riley."

"I don't think I know him. What's his parish?"

"Saint Martin of Tours."

"Oh, yes. Monsignor Santucci is running the show there. He's a good man. So continue."

"Well, I didn't have no problem keepin' company with Sean because I figured it's three years now and I want to move on. So, we've been keeping company for a while and we care for each other and that's where the problem is."

"Problem' you say," Father Brannigan repeated seeming a little perplexed. "Have you and Sean discussed marriage."

"Yeah, we have and that's a problem too."

"Wait a minute – you say you met a man that you really like and he treats you well and you care for each other enough to at least discuss marriage. Well then, whatever could the problem be?"

Mary lowered her head somewhat and began to speak in a voice that was almost a whisper. "This may sound silly to you, Father, but I feel like I'm cheatin' on Patrick."

"Cheating on Patrick," Father Brannigan slowly repeated. "Oh, I see where the problem is. You feel held back by his memory."

Mary shook her head up and down and slowly raised it and stared straight at Father Brannigan. "You're a wise man and I've always valued your advice. What should I do?"

Father Brannigan leaned back in his seat and cast his eyes downward at his desk. He took a deep breath and sighed twice and seemed to be momentarily at a loss for words. He closed his eyes tightly for several seconds and seemed to be lost in deep thought. He opened his eyes and turned his head and gazed out the window to his left.

"When my mother died I never though I would smile again, but in time I did."

"Gee, Father, I'm so sorry for your loss..."

"That was ten years ago. It's alright."

"Well, maybe so, but I don't see what your mother's passin' has to do with my situation."

"Mary, why don't you go home and think things over. I'm sure with a little contemplation and guidance from the Lord you'll find your way. A little payer could also help, you know."

"Okay, if you say so. Thanks for speakin' with me, Father."

Mary quickly left the office leaving Father Brannigan sitting alone in deep thought.

Ten days later, Mary was passing by St. Philip Neri (continued on page 4, 2nd column)



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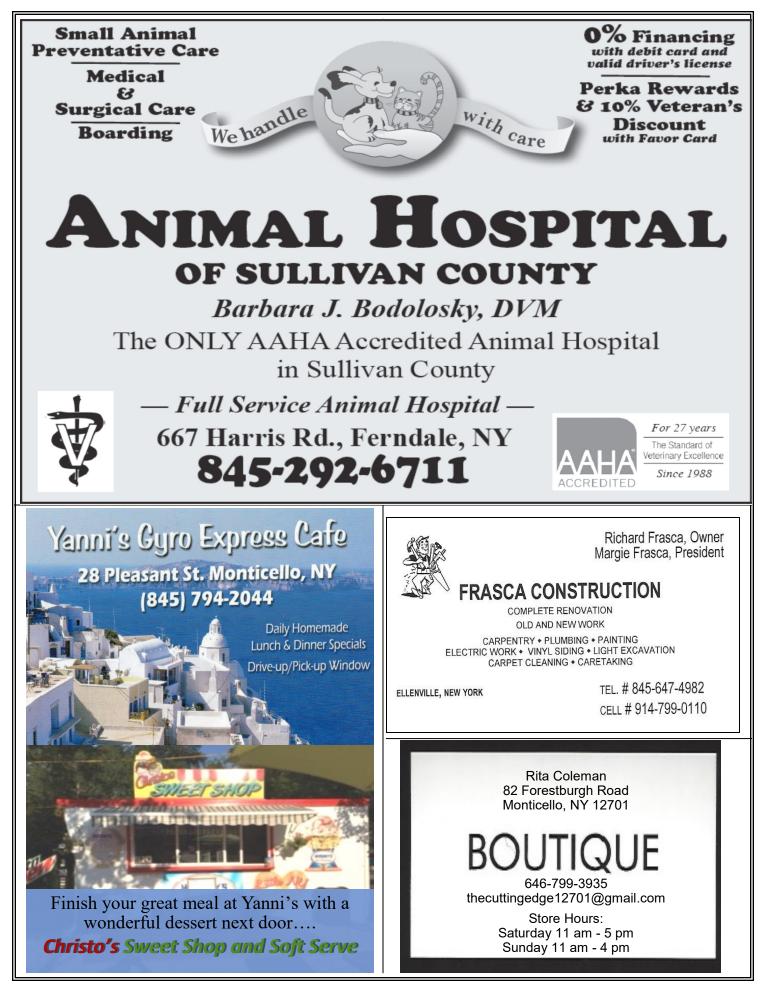
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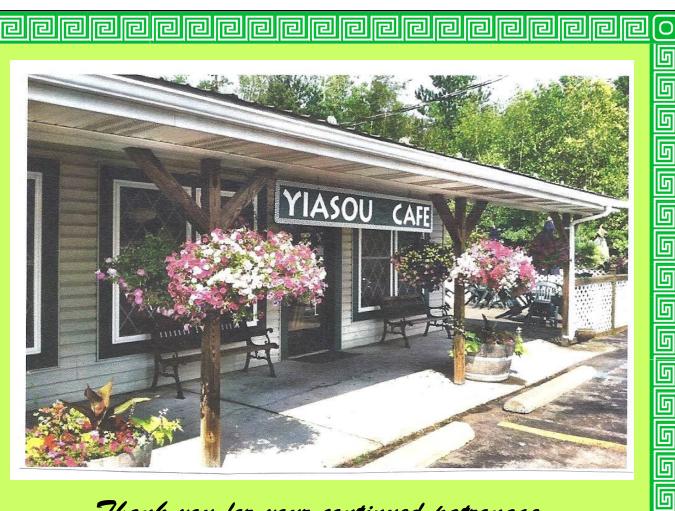
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