The Hidden Ridge GEM

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# Issue 20-01

### The President's Message



Dear Hidden Ridgers:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, let me wish everyone a Happy Holiday during this season of uncertainty.

COVID-19 has had the following effects on Hidden Ridge: The board has been working to make sure that the Hidden Ridge community is safe and remains healthy. Please be advised of the following:

- The Board of Directors has been monitoring the day to day operation of Hidden Ridge as well as conducting our work from wherever we are. Ben Lorick, Vice President of the Board of Directors is on site during this period of time.
- As previously emailed to you, an article in the Times Herald Record requested that all second homeowners and weekenders not travel to Sullivan County. From reports I have received from residents at Hidden Ridge, resources are scarce and if there is an influx of residents, they will be even scarcer.
- Maintenance of Property: Our maintenance men are on grounds, although they are on a reduced schedule. They are continuing to clean up from the winter – patching potholes, cleaning excess salt and sand and leaves, clearing gutters, etc., and dealing with emergencies as they arise. If you experience an emergency, please contact Lenny Kirschenbaum or Ben Lorick. Special thanks to Ben and Lenny for all of the work they are doing to keep the community safe and in good shape.
- As of this writing, the Board has postponed the opening of the **pool and clubhouse**. When this crisis is over and sanctions of social distancing have been lifted, we will proceed to open up these areas. All activities for the summer season are presently on hold and will resume once it is safe to do so.
- We will be updating the community through emails of any new developments and important news. Please make sure that we have all of your contact information. Complete the form and either mail it to me or to the office or email it to me at <u>Siegelmath@aol.com</u>.

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

**Monthly Maintenance Fee and Voucher Booklet:** The Board of Directors completed a working budget for the fiscal year that begins May 1, 2020. The monthly maintenance fee has been increased to \$365 per month. As an insert to this edition to the GEM, all homeowners will be receiving, a copy of the budget and vouchers for May and June 2020 with address labels. These vouchers include the amount from the special assessment that was imposed in February. For those of you who opted out of a paper copy of the GEM, these documents will be sent to you via snail mail. Vouchers and labels for July 2020 – April 2021 will be sent at a later date.

#### From the Editor



Hello, Hidden Ridgers,

As you can see, I have an abbreviated space for my article this month. First, I want to offer my condolences to Betty Fuchs and anyone else who has lost loved ones during this time of the Covid-19 pandemic. We pray that we will see no more loss in our community and elsewhere. These are strange times and one death is one too many.

Thank you to Ben Lorick for passing this on: I want to refer you all to page 7 and the link to the Huffington Post article, "The Rudest Things You Can Do As A Neighbor Right Now." Jodi R.R. Smith, president of Mannersmith Etiquette Consulting, is quoted as saying, "While it is always polite to consider how our actions may impact our neighbors, our behavior during a pandemic takes on increased importance." The Huff Post goes on to say that, "during this time, it's important to have a heightened awareness of what you're doing and how it affects those around you." They offer nine faux pas to avoid amid the coronavirus pandemic as well as guidelines for good neighbor etiquette. I recommend each of us read this article.

I wish and pray that each and every Hidden Ridger stays diligent and follows the health guidelines and remains safe and healthy. Hopefully, we will all be together soon.

Linda

Winter at Hidden Ridge: Our maintenance crew deserves to be commended on the fine job they have done this past winter. They did the best that was humanly possible under the circumstances. They were met with several obstacles of malfunctioning equipment that hindered their speed in clearing the snow and ice for our full time residents. The crew came in before their normal hours and/or on weekends to tackle the roads to provide our residents with a clear path to their cars and to get in and out of the community. We appreciate the understanding and patience of our residents. Thank you to Mike and the crew for a job well done! An extra special thank you is owed to Lenny Kirschenbaum, property manager, who made sure that all maintenance issues were dealt with in a timely fashion.

In the past, the April column usually marked the winding down of my time in Florida with the excitement of returning to Hidden Ridge in the near future. While I am unsure at this time as to when I will be able to safely return to our Jewel in the Catskills, on behalf of the Board of Directors I wish all of our residents a safe spring into summer during this time of social distancing. It is my fervent hope that I will be serving you a Pina Colada poolside very soon!

Until then: Stay safe, and stay healthy! Bonnie



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Upcoming Events   TBA   Want to announce something to our community?   Call Linda and place an ad in the GEM.   Please call 917-747-8660   or email: bonsdiva@aol.com   DEADLINE for JUNE ISSUE - May. 15 <sup>th</sup>				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. 845-421-8020 If you have any questions, speak to Bonnie Siegel. Thank you.		



### **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. The homes in our community are to be used for residential purposes only. The Board defines "residential purposes" as including the following:

A home may be deemed to be used for "residential purposes" if said home, or a portion of said home, is leased to one (1) individual or a group of individuals for any period of time up to a maximum of twelve (12) months over a period of eighteen (18) months. The leasing of a home, or portion of a home, for any portion of a given month during the twelve (12) month period referenced herein, shall be deemed leasing for an entire month for the purposes of calculating the aforesaid eighteen (18) month period. All leases will be for one year and non– renewable.

- 2. The rental fee for a twelve (12) month period will be \$1200.
- 3. The rental fee for a summer rental (May October) will be \$500.
- 4. Homeowners who rent their units are to provide to the Homeowners Association a copy of the lease along with the appropriate fees. **The lease and the fee are to be sent to the office at least 30 days prior to the occupancy of the tenants.** A late fee of \$250 will be assessed to the owner if the rental fee is not paid two weeks prior to occupancy. The homeowner is to complete and submit the rental form along with the lease and appropriate fee.
- 5. In order for the tenant to be able to use the facilities and participate in any HOA activities, all maintenance fees must be current.
- 6. Unit owners are required to hand the keys to the unit and mailbox as well as the *Revised A-Z Booklet* to the renter.
- 7. Units are rented "as is." It is the owner's obligation, not the Homeowners Association to repair and maintain the inside of the unit.

A copy of the rental form can be found on our website or by calling Bonnie. If you already have a potential tenant, let Bonnie know this, too.

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# WANTED! 2020 Summer Rentals

There have been several inquiries regarding available rentals for Summer 2020 by people who would like to have a place in Hidden Ridge.

If you are interested in renting your unit for Summer 2020, please contact Bonnie at siegelmath@aol.com so that she can pass your information along to potential renters.

\*The HOA is not responsible for these rentals. The agreement is between the homeowner and the renter. The HOA is carefully monitoring the guidelines of Town of Thompson, Sullivan County, and New York State regarding their preparedness for the situation under the current crisis with Covid-19. Please be aware of these guidelines and you make your plans for the summer.

#### 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. Forms submitted with more than one item on it, will be returned for revision to the homeowner. 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.



#### The Relentless Pursuit of a Singular Goal By Peter Morello



matter such as uttering the now famous phrase, "I don't buy into the narrative that any one group owns the test to the specialized ing to scrape together the two the shouldn't be alone in that high schools."

ify the "Discovery Program" which reserves about ten percent of would probably have many eager customers. In other words, what the seats in the specialized high schools for those students who I are Asians doing right and can this be replicated by students and scored just below the cut off point for admission. The State Legislature has decided to keep the exam but there is little doubt this issue will resurrect itself again.

All of this fuss is because Asians comprise about 62 percent of 1 relations and more to do with the all too familiar immigrant narra-the freshman seats in the specialized high schools even though the tive. Studies have shown that immigrants from most countries tend their numbers in the school system are about 15 percent of the to due better in the United States than their native born counterwhopping 74 percent of the students. The issue of the necessity of I parts mostly because of effort and the realization that now that a single entrance test has been around since well before 1971 and I there have been revisions to the test over the years to improve up-I

score high enough to be admitted to the specialized high schools in I when I observed a group of Chinese students sitting nearby. It was record numbers. In fact, former Mayor Bloomberg, in an effort to I better to The to the born in the U.S. since they all had accents, increase the number of students admitted to these schools, created I but their English was grammatically fine. What fascinated me was five more specialized high schools that require the same test to be at no time did they say anything in Chinese to each other – not taken but are not mandated by law to do so.

scrap the entrance test to the five specialized high schools that are class, so I called him over to speak to him in private. I asked him not required by law to administer an entrance test. The mayor refused to do so knowing that his idea may very well create two une- I ther remarked that I thought it would be easier to do so under cerqual elite school systems because of the differences in admission literate two unepolicies. It has also been noted that by admitting the top seven I it with a serious look on his face. percent of students from all middle schools as the mayor proposed I would include those schools that are performing poorly thereby admitting students who may not be up to the work load that awaits I out?" I naively asked. them and that could erode the high standards of the specialized high schools.

"Discovery Program" that was first set up around 1971. The mayor I good job." discovered that approximately 43 percent of those students admit-1 stared at Moy for several second and and a several second a second and a several second a several second and a several second a several second and a several second a several several several second a several several second a several second a several several several second a several several second a several several second a several second a several second a several second a several several second a several several several several several second a several sever a stop to that. The goal was to set aside 20 percent of the seats in planning involved here and strong cultural overtones and that's ted through the Discovery Program" were Asian and he had to put the specialized high schools for those students who were from what we are seeing today. Getting into an elite high school is just "high-need" families. The students in this program are required to I the beginning of the American Dream. The next step is going to an attend summer school and then they are admitted to one of the Vy League school and getting a good position in a large company. various schools. High need is defined as those students coming reduce their numbers in the elite schools based on the proposed I lation, but they seem to have refined it as a paragon of what can be from schools located in high poverty areas. Asians felt this would rules and a lawsuit was launched by the Pacific Legal Foundation. I done with a lot of hard work and a stable family environment. Ironically and quite unexpectedly, the number of Asians admitted Along with that, most immigrant children tend to come from two through the Discovery Program has been reported to have increased by 11 percent thereby calming the plaintiffs and leaving de advantage. I'm willing to bet that if anyone did a study of all the Blasio scratching his head for more mathematical legerdemain.

As I have followed this issue for the past year, one thing I have noticed is that no one has ever focused on just how Asians, who are not a monolithic group by any means, manage to due so well

despite being among the poorest residents of New York City and who in many cases, have to learn English first. It used to be that critics said the test was "racially and culturally" biased. As a result, changes were made to the SHSAT, namely eliminating word

association questions. Imagine telling this to someone who first ithin the last year or so much has been written about had to learn English while going to the same public schools as Mayor Bill de Blasio's efforts to rid the New York everyone else and then managing to ace a difficult exam. Others City School system of the entrance test to the special-said poverty was the cause of students not succeeding – wrong ized high schools. His education chancellor, Richard again. There are those who say that Asians have an unfair ad-Carranza, has followed suit as he must, and has been vantage because many tend to utilize test prep courses. Without a extremely vocal and divisive in expressing his thoughts on the doubt tutoring is a big help but when you find poor people managing to scrape together the two thousand dollars per child these

The mayor's plan was to scrap the test which has been codified themselves who set up these schools not because they're nice peotheir families from other backgrounds?

I maintain that what we're seeing with the success of the Asian All of this fuss is because Asians comprise about 62 percent of population in the school system has less to do with Asians themthey are in the U.S., i.e. they have the freedom and opportunity to achieve their dreams.

on what various critics have labeled "unfair" or "biased" ques-Science and I was having lunch with some friends in the cafeteria even to tell a joke that may not translate well into English. One of

Critics of the mayor and there are many, have suggested that he

"Our parents forbid us to speak Chinese outside the home." "Well, your parents aren't here now so how could they find

"At home we have to speak Chinese because our parents do not know English but this is our country now and we must learn Eng-Another wonderful idea de Blasio had was to modify the lish well to do well in school and get into a good college and get a

Asians didn't invent this attitude towards education and assimistudents attending the various elite high schools they would find that the vast majority come from such families irrespective of race or whether or not they are immigrants.

#### Cul-de-Sac Liaisons Cul-de-Sac Numbers Liaison

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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	Robbie Schecter
Magnolias	29-43T	Sheila Cole
Narcissus	45-58T	Joe Gluck
Oaks	28-46T	Randi Berkowitz
Petunias	6-26T	Bonnie Siegel
Roses	8-14D	Karen Seltzer

We offer condolences to friends and family of Sam Glaser Judy Gruber Charles Kudler Wilma Martinez

Harvey Fuchs

May their memories be for a blessing.

Get Well Wishes Adrienne Meyers Sue Mc Mahon

Wishing them a full and speedy recovery



#### Continued from page 5, Peter Morello

Over the years I have identified four major characteristics that I have seen in immigrants that lead to success especially in the United States where there are the greatest opportunities. Belief that education will advance one and lead to a better life, deep religious faith, strong family values, and money management skills. These values and perhaps others seem to form a core of beliefs that benefit immigrants from all countries as they pursue their version of the American Dream.

Rather than try to reduce the number of Asian students to achieve their diversity goals, the mayor and Carranza should try to improve the schools and ignore the specialized high schools which comprise a tiny percent of the total number of schools overall. Instead of trying to reduce the number of schools that have gifted and talented programs which have been a conduit for many students to gain entry to the elite schools, they should be expanded in order to identify those students who could benefit from such programs. As it stands now, if a child is good at music they can go to the High School of Music and Art or maybe even Julliard if they're especially talented. If you are good at basketball, the high schools will trip over each other to recruit that student. Yet, if you're really a good student, you may fall into the maelstrom of a school system that has increasingly become homogenized under the assumption that we're all equal. We are not. No matter how hard I've tried I still can't do math like Einstein or sing like Mario Lanza no matter which bathroom I happen to be in at the time.

In 2013 various civil rights groups asked the Department of Education to test the validity of the SHSAT exam. In other words, is the test a valid and accurate measure of a student's ability to perform well in those schools? The Department of Education hired Metis Associates, a consulting group offering "research, evaluation, program development and information technology services to educational institutions, government agencies, foundations and community-based organizations." The company embarked on a study of 8<sup>th</sup> graders and tracked their progress through the various elite schools over time and found a high correlation between scoring well on the SHSAT exam and subsequent success in the schools. These results were not made public until 2019 when someone leaked the final report. When de Blasio and Carranza were confronted by the news media about this matter, they repeated their tired mantra that the test must be scrapped.

The New York Post recently exposed what at best can be called "grade Inflation." In many schools it has been reported that something like 95 percent of the students are on grade when it comes to math and English proficiency. Yet, when those same students take the New York State standardized tests, proficiency levels of less than 10 percent are frequently seen. When this was brought to Carranza's attention, he expressed surprise and promised to "look into the matter." We're still waiting.

Such scholastic slight of hand only cheats the students and these are the types of students who although they may possess natural intelligence and be ambitious about learning, they will not benefit as fully as they could because of an inferior educational system and hence they stand no chance of gaining admission to an elite school let alone being prepared to do college level work.

What I'd like to see is if de Blasio and Carranza would gain admission to any of the specialized high schools if they took the test. I really can't say how they would score but there's one thing I'm sure of – neither one would score as high as James Moy.

# Terry's Fitness & Health Corner



#### HOMEBOUND, BUT STILL, MOVING AND KEEPING HEALTHY

Submitted by Terry Steinberg This is unchartered territory for us all. An unprecedented global health crisis and emergency, that we must navigate together, as people within our own individual 'Upside Down' new normal lives, and as part of our

Hidden Ridge family.

We have many weeks or months ahead of us of MAN-DATED SOCIAL, DISTANCING which translates into no large group gatherings such at concerts, theaters, Broadway, museums, parties, Seders, restaurants, sports events and health clubs, gyms, etc.- all the hobbies and passions we live for must be put on hold.

So, we are homebound but that is no excuse to let yourself go by eating unhealthy foods or veg out on your couches watching TV or Netflix!!!!, SAYING to yourself, I deserve this, considering how we are all suffering!!!!! WRONG AND DESTRUCTIVE THOUGHTS. So, below find tried and true exercises and snacking ideas to get us through ...together in fitness and health.

<u>SNACKS</u> (and meals) should be all low sugar, low fat and low carbs.

- 1. Fruits and veggies: use this time to buy the best quality you can; keep a delicious variety of your favorites cut in fridge and eat lots whenever hungry. Fruits can be cooked too like baked apple, pears, peach, berries, or eaten fresh
- 2. Low fat yogurt and frozen fruit bars, low fat cheese sticks
- 3. Nuts and seeds mixed, plain or with small amounts of any dried fruit, and popcorn (low salt) or flavored cinnamon or pepper or lite grated cheese (1 cup).
- 4. Allow yourself 1 small treat a day (your choice) a favorite cookie, square of chocolate.
- 5. Stay hydrated, no sugar drinks. Drink teas, flavored teas and coffees, water and club soda or flavored club soda or with liberally squeezed lemon.
- bend knees if you must, otherwise straight legged, reach to your toes or as far down your legs as you can, then roll back down. Repeat 1-20 times according to your ability.
  - 2. Leg circles: Raise right leg up perpendicular to your body and "paint" imaginary 8 circles in one direction on the ceiling, then reverse direction, rest, then do same with left leg-that is one set. Do 1-6 sets slowly and strongly.
  - 3. Knee pulls: Alternate with right and left leg pulling knee towards chest, point toes. Count in sets of 8, 1-10 sets. Extend to bicycle kicks for some sets (optional). (If you

### BASIC EVERYDAY STRETCHES AND EXERCISES.

Always remember regular breathing, any exercise program AND CONSTANCY is crucial.

- Pilates roll ups: ALWAYS try, if you can, to practice on the floor, on a mat or towel, or on your bed; use a pillow under your head. Start at hands over head, come to full sitting position, 1. Leg circles: Raise right leg up perpendicular to your body and "paint" imaginary 8 circles in one direction on the ceiling, then reverse direction, rest, then do same with left leg-that is one set. Do 1-6 sets slowly and strongly.
- Knee pulls: Alternate with right and left leg pulling knee towards chest, point toes. Count in sets of 8, 1-10 sets. Extend to bicycle kicks for some sets (optional). (If you want a more aerobic feel, move quickly and turn neck side to side).
- Slow pushups: stand facing the wall about 1 foot away with both hands at shoulder height. Push into wall keeping legs straight and flat; 4 counts into wall, 4 counts back to starting point.Be very mindful of your posture. Always keep your back straight – no hump. This is how you must think all day as you move thru everyday activities. 8 counts to a set DO -1-10 sets
- 5. Chair squats on a secure chair: sit down on the chair, hands at your sides or in lap, then stand up; hold, standing erect then, sit down, wait 2 to 5 seconds, then repeat this simple up down movement as many times as you continue to feel strong ; 4-20 times
- 6. Stretch: holding chair with one hand raise the other arm and lean over to side and pulse 5 counts and then reverse sides. Do this 2 times and then a big, overhead reach, then climb an imaginary vine take 3 deep breaths... DONE
- 7. Power walk or job or regular walk daily: get out whenever you can (for today's crisis times, keep 6 feet away from anyone else) for at least 1/2 to 4 miles, total for day; count 500-1000-3000-5000 -10000, steps whatever is your comfort zone.

Be well, be safe, and keep moving! Love Terry

# THE RUDEST THINGS YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW AS A NEIGHBOR

Ben Lorick

Board Vice-President, Ben Lorick, has sent a link for an article in Huffington Post which we can all benefit from reading. Here is the link to the article:

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/rudest-things-neighborcoronavirus-pandemic\_1\_5e8b9eccc5b62459a92da30b

Let's all be safe and good neighbors!



Jerry & Alice Chiappetta Robert Gannon Myra & Joe Gluck Fred & Mindy Hirsh Eddie Erlich Kudler & Brian Kudler Carrie & Steve Miller Norman & Erica Sadowsky The Schecter Family Bonnie Siegel & Linda Solomon Myrna & Stan Want

We wish all of our neighbors and friends



#### HOLIDAY GREETINGS REMINDER

Collection for the 2020 holiday greetings began in January. There are

2 more opportunities to share your greetings with your neighbors - Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur, and Christmas/Chanukah/Kwanzaa. If you would like to participate, complete the form below and send to the editor with a check for \$3.00. Thank you to all who have contributed in the past. We look forward to seeing your names listed here in September! Send to: Linda

Please complete this form and submit with \$3 to Linda Solomon, GEM Editor-in-Chief 6675 Overland Drive, Delray Beach, FL 33484..

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

Your Name

HR Address

# **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)394-4620 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) 707-7328. If you use another provider, your recent bill should have a current phone number.

#### 4. For power issues or outages:

Call NYSEG: (800)572-1131.

#### 5. To report a stray or loose dog:

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

#### 6. For Hidden Ridge maintenance issues:

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

#### 7. For sewer problems and/or water issues: Contact Bonnie Siegel (917) 969-9646.

# THE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

By Fred Hirsh

Over the past few weeks, some members of the Board have received reports from residents that all summer events at Hidden Ridge have been cancelled. Other members of the Board have been misinformed who will and who will not be returning to Hidden Ridge this summer. Other rumors have been circulating about what will or won't be happening at Hidden Ridge this summer.

At the present time, all plans for summer activities at Hidden Ridge are on hold. Governor Cuomo's "PAUSE" order prohibits the HOA from opening the pool and clubhouse. This order also prevents the HOA or residents from having any events in the clubhouse, at the pool or anywhere else on Hidden Ridge property. Anyone violating this order can be arrested and fined up to \$2000 per occurrence.

The Sullivan County Government has requested that you not come to Sullivan County unless it is your permanent home or you are employed in a profession or job in Sullivan County that is deemed essential.

The CDC has recommended that all Americans refrain from non-essential travel. This restriction on travel is especially important for many of our snowbirds and weekenders who are in high risk categories. Traveling from where you are to Hidden Ridge significantly increases the risk that you will become infected. Additionally, the NYS Department of Health and the CDC recommends you self-quarantine for 14 days when you arrive at your destination. As much as we all love Hidden Ridge, travel to Hidden Ridge is not essential travel. Furthermore, the County does not have adequate resources to accommodate additional residents during this time.

Despite these restrictions, the Board has submitted an application to the NYS Dept. of Health for a permit to open the pool for the summer. The Board is also closely monitoring the situation and will develop plans for summer activities when restrictions on travel and gathering have been lifted.

The Board's most important concern is the health and safety of all residents of Hidden Ridge. Sadly, Hidden Ridge has already lost one of our members to Covid-19. We fervently hope and pray that all of our residents remain safe and in good health.

If you have any questions about what is happening at Hidden Ridge, please contact any member of the Board or Lenny Kirschenbaum for information. We will try to keep you informed.

Be smart, stay safe and be well.

#### **UPDATE ON THE BY-LAWS REVISION**

By Fred Hirsh

The Hidden Ridge by-laws were largely written by the sponsor over 35 years ago. They contain provisions that are unnecessary or obsolete.

The Hidden Ridge by-laws committee had hoped to be able to begin to meet in May to rewrite the by-laws to bring them up to date. The goal was to have the new by-laws written so they could be presented to the membership for discussion and approval at the 2020 annual meeting that is generally held at the end of July or the beginning of August.

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, the committee will not begin meeting until it is safe to travel and until the committee members are able to return to Hidden Ridge.

We are still looking for volunteers for this committee. If you are interested, please contact Fred Hirsh.

Hopefully, we will all be able to safely return to Hidden Ridge shortly.

Wherever you are, be smart, be safe and stay healthy.

### Welcome New Neighbors



Lesia and Ihor Snihura 86 HR Drive

Zhanna Uilassova 175 HR Drive

Nora Weinstein 18 HR Terrace

#### 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, emails and texts after 5 PM or on weekends will be read or listened to and responded to the next business day unless it is a true emergency. This applies to the property manager as well.

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Hoping you all stay safe and healthy during this time.

George Poulos

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#### 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 March 15, 2020.

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 6675Overland 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

### **Going paperless – Hidden Ridge GEM**

The GEM is available in color online at our website www.hiddenridgehoa.org after it is published (December, April, June, July and August).

If you no longer want to receive a paper copy sent to you (or put in your door) please complete the form below and return it to Bonnie R. Siegel. If you do not submit a form you will automatically receive a paper copy.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please return this form to Bonnie Siegel (6675 Overland Drive, Delray Beach, FL 33484) or email her at Siegelmath@aol.com:

I do not wish to receive a paper copy of the GEM beginning with the April 2020 issue.

Name

**Hidden Ridge Address** 

Email Address\_\_\_\_\_

## HIDDEN RIDGE DIRECTORY INFORMATION SHEET

Please complete the following form and return it to Bonnie Siegel, 6675 Overland Drive. If previously sent, return this form only if there are any recent changes.

Name:

Hidden Ridge Address:

Phone:

The following information will be kept confidential.

**However, it will be included in the Hidden Ridge Directory if you check the appropriate line(s).** Please indicate below.

\_\_\_\_ I want my alternate address/es and phone numbers included in the Hidden Ridge Directory.

Alternate Address:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I want my cell phone number/s included in the Hidden Ridge Directory.

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Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address #1:

Email Address #2:

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