# The Hidden Ridge GEM July 2020 Issue 20-03



#### A Message from the Board of Directors

We, the Board of Directors of the Hidden Ridge Homeowners Association, are committed to creating and maintaining an inclusive community where all people are welcome regardless of race, color, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or gender identity. At Hidden Ridge we celebrate the diversity of all our residents and their families and friends. We know that this makes our community stronger and more vibrant and enduring.

We unequivocally stand against the systemic racism that has plagued our nation since its inception and has been recently exposed in the form of violence directed specifically against the African American community. We also stand against the disturbing rise in violent anti-Semitism and increased violence against other marginalized peoples in our nation and worldwide.

#### The President's Message

Dear Hidden Ridgers:



This edition of the GEM is being sent to everyone electronically and will be posted on our website www.hiddenridgehoa.org (under the "News" tab). A limited number of copies have been printed. These are specifically for those residents that we do not have email addresses.

This has been a very unusual summer. Under normal circumstances we would be enjoying activities in our clubhouse and pool side and begin planning for the end of season activities. Unfortunately, I am still in Florida and it does not look like I will be venturing to Hidden Ridge this summer. While physically not in NY, my heart and soul are there. I spend several hours a day communicating with our Board members, our accountants, our vendors or with those residents who either call me, email, or text me with their questions and concerns.

Please be advised of the following:

- **Pool**: The pool will remain closed for this season.
- Clubhouse: The clubhouse remains closed.
- Annual Meeting and Elections: Please read the updated information on page 4 written by Fred Hirsh regarding our Annual meeting and elections. Candidate statements are on page 8-9.
- We will continue to update the community through emails of any new developments and important news.

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

• Sullivan Infra West will be sending each homeowner their yearly sewer bill within the next few weeks. Current addresses of homeowners have been provided to them. If you do not receive a bill from them call them. Their phone number is 732-486-2831.

- Crystal Water Company supplies the water to our community. Residents have been paying \$25 per month as part of their monthly maintenance fee and the HOA has in turn paid the company. We recently learned that the owner of Crystal Water has been granted an increase (effective July 1, 2020) from the Public Service Commission to establish an escrow account to pay for necessary repairs. Effective September 1, 2020, all homeowners will be billed directly from Crystal Water Company.
- Monthly Maintenance Fee and Voucher Booklet: The charge for August 2020 is \$365 (including water). Vouchers for September 2020 April 2021 will be sent to homeowners next month electronically.

I want to remind the residents that the Board of Directors is made of seven intelligent, committed, and fair individuals who volunteer their time to run our community. Some of us are retired while others are still maintaining a career. We are all homeowners. We all have the health, welfare, and safety of our entire community in mind when we make our decisions. Some of our decisions are not popular with all our residents, but we make them to ensure that our community survives.

Stay safe and stay healthy!

Bonnie

The Summer Directory will be distributed electronically within two weeks. Contact Bonnie Siegel if you have any updates as soon as possible. Thank you.

#### 2019 - 2020 Board of Directors

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# Hidden Ridge H.O.A. Committee Liaisons

**Activities** Warren, Bonnie, Brian Architectural Control Ben. Brian Committee abolished Advertising Audit, Budget, Finance Warren Beautification Robbie, Brian **Bylaw Review** Fred, Brian Clubhouse Shelly, Bonnie Community Outreach Bonnie, Ben Cul-de-Sac Liaisons Robbie **GEM/Website** Bonnie Grievance Fred

Insurance Bonnie, Fred Legal Fred

Long Range Planning Committee abolished

Maintenance of Grounds /Pool Bonnie
Daily Pool & Pool Pavilion Op.
Sales and Rentals Bonnie
Sanitation and Recycling Bonnie, Fred

#### **Upcoming Events**



Annual Meeting and Elections: August 23, 2020 10:30 AM - Details to follow

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 AUGUST ISSUE - July 29th** 

#### **Important Reminder**



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



#### **Classifieds**

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

Prices for ad space in newsletter:

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

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

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

Linda Solomon at bonsdiva@aol.com

#### **Ehrlich Pest Control**

Ehrlich Pest Control will address interior concerns. Please call them at the following number to make arrangements and be sure to let them know you are part of Hidden Ridge Homeowners Association.

#### 845-421-8020\*

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

\*new number

#### **IULY** LIFE CYCLE EVENTS





Independence Day July 4



Emma Lazarus' Birthday July 22, 1849

Bastille Day July 14

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Leo (July 23 August 20)







July - Birthstone: Ruby

Flower of the Month: Larkspur

### Happy Birthday

07-01 David Muirhead

07-02 Vera Zablozki

07-04 Brian Kudler

07-12 Shachar Malka

07-15 Jennifer Mitgang Rachel Schatten **Tzippy Gruber** 

07-21 Michael Dovdavany

07-25 Bruce Baken

07-26 Nicholas Sadowski

07-27 Mark Rachleff Gerald Sullivan

07-28 Linda Solomon

07-29 Alice Chiappetta Michele Mazares

07-30 Sylvia Singer

07-31 Iris Lynn

Richard Bernstein

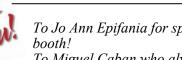
#### Happy Anniversary

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

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



#### 7-05 Jozo & Nada Bosnjak



To Jo Ann Epifania for sprucing up the safety

To Miguel Caban who always makes an effort to keep his cul de sac and surrounding area clean.



#### **STAY HOME**

STAY CONNECTED



#### STAY HEALTHY

WHEN YOU GO OUT -**WEAR A MASK** AND PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING



STAY NEW YORK STRONG!



#### STOP! Before you call....

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 our 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.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## UPDATE ON ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

Submitted by Fred Hirsh

The Board of Directors has extended the time for nominations for the Board of Directors to August 1, 2020. If you want to run for the Board of Directors, please send a letter of intent to Fred Hirsh at factor328@aol.com. No other method is acceptable.

You may nominate yourself. A second is not needed for the nomination.

There are four seats on the Board of Directors that are up for election this year. At the present time, Bonnie Siegel, Ben Lorick, Brian Kudler and Jo Ann Epifania have been nominated. Robbie Schecter has advised the HOA that she is not seeking re-election to the Board.

If we do not receive any other nominations by August 1, 2020, then these four people will be elected to a 2-year term on the Board.

At the present time, the **Annual Meeting** of the Hidden Ridge Homeowners Association Inc. is scheduled to be held electronically on Sunday, **August 23, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. EDT.** Formal notice of the meeting, the platform on which the meeting will be held and the procedures for signing on to the meeting will be provided as soon as they are available.

Information about the duties and responsibilities of Board members can be found in the Hidden Ridge Declaration and By-Laws that are contained in the Offering Plan. If you do not have a copy of the Offering Plan, the Declaration and By-Laws can be found under the documents tab on the Hidden Ridge web site, www.hiddenridgehoa.org as By-laws (Offering Plan).

If you have any questions, please contact Fred Hirsh at factor 328@aol.com or 516-639-0238.

#### 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.

## A NOTE REGARDING OUR GARBAGE DUMPSTERS

All residents of Hidden Ridge are reminded that garbage is collected on Tuesday and Friday. Household garbage only must be placed in the dumpsters. Items not placed in the dumpsters will not be collected! If you are having work done in your unit, please have the contractor make arrangements for disposing of the construction debris. If you have large items such as appliances, beds or furniture, please make arrangements to have the company delivering the new item haul away the old item and the packing for the new item or contact Thompson Sanitation at 845-796-1032 to arrange for a bulk sanitation pick up.



# THE RECYCLING SHED IS NOW OPEN

# PLEASE FOLLOW TOWN OF THOMPSON GUIDELINES Short List of Do's and Don'ts of Recycling

Recycling Shed
Newspapers tied in bundles

Brown corrugated cardboard, flattened and tied Clear glass bottles and jars

Plastics

Regular Garbage Cardboard, paper bags, small books, magazines

Cereal boxes, shoe boxes, soda cartons, etc. Bottle caps and tops

Removed caps

# 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 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 please consult with the Board to determine if you need Board approval before the work commences. ALL WRITING. REQUESTS **MUST** BE IN Please submit your plans to Ben Lorick or Brian Kudler, Co-Chairs of the Architectural Control Committee.

Their telephone numbers are on Page 2 of The Gem.

# FROM THE PEN OF.... Peter Morello



#### AT THIRTEEN

The following is the first in a series of stories detailing the important events in my life from the ages of 13 to 17 as I remember them. These are the memories that I regard with both fondness and a bit of sadness which have impacted in various ways and have stayed with me into adulthood. It is



my sincerest wish that you enjoy these stories as much as I have enjoyed writing them for you....

hen I turned thirteen years old in, January 1971, some people told me that I was now officially a "man." I really had my doubts about that and couldn't see what's so special about the "teen" part of my age. I still couldn't vote or drink or even stay out past a certain hour and shaving was out of the question — so what was the point of being called a man?

In mid January, I was in the seventh grade and in a class that the Board of Ed. referred to as a "two-year SP," special pupil, class. I got to skip the eighth grade if I worked hard enough which turned out to be good for me because I lost a year of school because I was born in January. This enabled me to graduate high school at seventeen instead of eighteen. When I first heard the term "special pupil," I couldn't help but think some people would regard this as special education for the developmental disabled; but, I tried to put that out of my mind. I was just so proud to be able to prove myself and move from grammar school to junior high school with almost all of my classmates joining me. I had been with most of these kids since first grade and they had become like family to me.

As it turned out, although the educational experience had been great, there were equally great problems at Junior High School 45 in the Belmont section of the Bronx. It was quite common for there to be big fights after school with hordes of students lined up on opposite corners waiting for the other group to make a move first. This was a time of great transition in the neighborhood with its strong but eroding Italian populace resentful of the now, far greater majority of Black and Hispanic youngsters who reflected the rapidly changing borough. I made sure to make my way home each day and avoided any hot looking corner where I sensed trouble would break out. I really had a sense that these Italian kids were trying to hold onto something that they themselves knew was rapidly slipping away.

Speaking of different kinds of people, this was the first time I ever had a Jewish student in my class. In fact, I counted three of them: Howard Zucker, Eric Miller and Howard Schwartz. At my grammar school, PS 32, there were no Jewish students during my time but I'm sure when my brother Sal went there ten years earlier, there must have been quite a few reflecting changes in the surrounding community since then.

Zucker acted like the teacher's pet and always raised his hand to answer questions and waved it at the teacher like he was hailing a cab as he grunted and moaned to be noticed. Once he almost fell out of the chair as he leaned far to his right to block out the student behind him. Schwartz was quiet and studious and fun to be around - I wished Zucker could be more like him and just shut up and put his damn colored pencils away. Was it really necessary to have your homework in Technicolor? I wondered what was next – Panavision? All in all, I really liked Schwartz and got along with him well when we actually got a chance to talk. Miller was a little difficult to figure out. He seemed to be

trying too hard to fit in and wound up being the butt of jokes. Nonetheless, I liked him and I came to the conclusion it's good to be with people not like myself. For almost all of my life until then, I knew almost exclusively Italian people and had seen

both the good and bad and now was able to see the vast cultural differences between people and was quite surprised that not all people eat pasta with meatballs on Sunday afternoon. I was shocked that some of those Jewish kids referred to tomato sauce as "gravy?" Talk about being in the dark!



The year went well for me all in all. I did well academically, and I liked my teachers and I think they liked me as well. They all seemed dedicated and genuinely wanted to do a good job and teach those who wanted to learn. Open school week was fast approaching, and I was sweating this out because I knew that my parents would really be angry if the teacher said anything bad about me. Usually that wasn't the case, but I couldn't help but think of my mother swinging at me as I ducked and ran for cover. It happened before, you know. Two years prior I ducked, spun around and ran out of the kitchen as she was winding up and I ran into a wall. It would have hurt far less if she had actually belted me. Not only that, but when I hit the wall, she yelled at me that I left a stain on her nice clean walls. Blood will do that from time to time.

Gym class was fun and somewhat challenging. It was great to let loose during the school day and get some exercise. My teacher was Mr. Turner and he was rotund, short and displayed a tough demeanor and who proved to be a no-nonsense guy who made sure all the male students knew who was the boss. He showed no fear of some of the roughnecks in class and would break up a fight in a heartbeat by jumping in and separating the combatants. I had to admit, I really admired and respected him.

One of the female gym teachers was Miss Silverstein. She was a gorgeous blond and was petite with a curvy figure. I think Mr. Turner really had the hots for her based on what I could see. His face seemed to light up whenever he was talking to her and he had a smile on his face. You could imagine what a gym full of thirteen-year-old boys felt like seeing her strutting from one end of the gym to the other. Some of the guys let her know their feelings when she entered the gym and Mr. Turner had stepped outside. She told the class that they were being impolite, but I couldn't help but notice she had a slight smile on her face.

Well, open school week came and went, and I survived the whole process. I had no bad reports from the teachers other than one who said I talked too much in class. Mom didn't get mad at me probably because she realized that she, too, could talk up a storm with little if any encouragement and my father wished she had more self control.

Tuesday, January 12, was the first episode of "All in the Family." I had read about the premiere of this show and I was not disappointed. It was a real hoot and I became hooked as a fan as did my parents and brother, Sal. Of course, I didn't give up watching Ed Sullivan – that was a mainstay of my life and had been for years.

Seventh grade ended much like it had started – uneventful. This was my first year of junior high school and I only had one more to go and then it was off to high school. Maybe then I would feel more worthy of the title of man.

During the year I was already thinking of the one shot I had to take the test for Bronx Science and was nervous about it. If I had attended the eighth grade, I would have had one additional chance to take the test and enter as a freshman.

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#### **Cul-de-Sac Liaisons** Cul-de-Sac Numbers Liaison Azaleas 15-25D Karen Seltzer Birch 29-43D Michael Zwicker Camellias 59-73D **Betty Fuchs** 89-103D Fran Zatz **D**affodils Elms 107-125D Julia Glaz Lenny Kirschenbaum Firs 149-171D Gardenias 173-187D Jerry Bassik Hemlocks 193-205D Michael Valcin Iris 196-214D Mariano Ambroselli Juniper 126-148D Jeff Lynn **K**errias 74-96D Rhoda Hertz Laurels 44-58D Robbie Schecter **M**agnolias 29-43T Sheila Cole Narcissus 45-58T Joe Gluck Oaks 28-46T Randi Berkowitz **P**etunias 6-26T Bonnie Siegel 8-14D Karen Seltzer Roses

#### **Welcome New Neighbors**

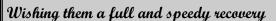


Neil Berniker 56 Hidden Ridge Drive

Louis & Jennifer Vega 134 Hidden Ridge Drive

#### Get Well Wishes

Iris Lynn Adrienne Meyers Sue Mc Mahon Karen Seltzer Linda Solomon Bill Stevens



#### Morello

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Instead, it was all down to one chance and one chance only. I knew I had to study during the summer for the exam that was coming in November and felt a little uncomfortable not knowing if I would be successful. My parents were not academically prepared to help me, so I was on my own.

To be continued in August.....

## A Notice to our residents returning to Hidden Ridge

By Ben Lorick. Vice President

As we approach the halfway point for the summer it is important that we reflect on the challenges of the winter and spring not only here at Hidden Ridge but throughout the state, nation, and the world. The Covid-19 pandemic has truly turned our world upside down creating new norms in terms of our behaviors and most importantly how we interact with each other to insure our individual and community health and safety.

New York State endured some very dark and challenging days, but we proved to be New York strong – taking the tough measures to turn the tide in this state and region. Unfortunately, this was not true through out the country and many – too many – states and regions are now facing a similar if not a worse crisis.

In order to maintain New York's gains in mitigating the impact of the virus, the Governor has enacted an executive order that requires that ALL individuals, with some exemptions for essential workers, who arrive in New York State from designated states MUST self-quarantine for 14 days after leaving those states.

#### Specifically:

- Self-quarantine requires that individuals remain in their "quarters"
- Those in quarantine may not venture out in public except to attend to medical appointments that can not be rescheduled.
- They cannot walk or stroll the grounds of the development.
- Food must be delivered to their doors without face to face interaction.

The Health Department encourages residents of the state to report suspected violations. There are financial and other penalties for failure to follow these regulations.

Additional information can be found https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/06/interimguidance\_traveladvisory.pdf

We know for some that this may be a challenge, but it is a challenge that is essential to the health and safety of our community and its residents.

We thank you for your cooperation.

**Note:** this was originally sent as an email to all residents



## AT THE RIDGE THIS SUMMER... TRY TO GO MEDITERRANEAN!

By Terry Steinberg

We have all heard of the Mediterranean Diet which is really easy to follow; but did you know the benefits? It cuts the risk of heart attack and stroke by up to 30%, keeps pounds away and may protect memory. The emphasis of this plan is on produce, fish, whole grains and healthy fats, and limited sugar!! If you start at the beginning of summer and stick to the program, you will feel better and be much more fit and in shape by Labor Day!

Here are eight easy ways to go Mediterranean (try to bring THESE foods to pool parties):

- 1. Pile up on fruits and vegetables 5 to 10 servings a day.
- 2. Choose healthy fats olive and olive oil are cornerstones, also avocados and avocado oil.
- 3. Pick seeds, nuts and legumes your choice. Check out what you like, such as, lentils, nut butters, almonds, walnuts (as with ANY food, take small portions).
- 4. Focus on Fish (4 oz. portions at a time), eggs and egg whites, lean poultry and meat (okay in moderation).
- 5. Have some Dairy 1 to 3 servings daily, yogurt, cheese (curd cheeses ricotta is best) or 1 oz. cheese of your choice.
- 6. Get Grain wise remember processed carbs can be toxic on your system - they are full of SUGARS. With whole grains, it is best to have 4 to 5 daily (small) servings of whole wheat bread/ pasta, quinoa, brown rice, soba noodles, spaghetti squash, sprouted breads, all kinds of beans.
- 7. Add as much herbs and spices as your taste desires.
- 8. Rethink what you Drink!!!! Eliminate all sugar drinks and limit alcohol. Make water, diluted juices, teas, seltzers, coffees (regular or decaffeinated) your go to drinks!

This diet can be a way of life... It is satisfying and healthy. Give it a try - one day at a time.

#### **ALLAN'S ALLEY**

submitted by Allan Meyers



#### That's Entertainment

When I out-grew wanting to be a fireman or an astronaut, I had to think up a new career. There was 3<sup>rd</sup> base for the Brooklyn Dodgers, being a comedy writer or what my dad wanted me to be-a lawyer.

I had seen all those movies where the student puts on a show for his school and, *voila*, he's a star. My chance came when I was a High School Sophomore. There on the Bulletin Board, was the announcement that Lafayette was to have its first annual talent show. Tryouts on Tuesday at 3:00pm.

This was my big chance. I ran home and wrote a comedy act. I got a few of my friends to be in the act and I rehearsed them and rehearsed them. We were ready to become world famous.

We showed up at the tryout and had to sit through an hour of bad singing, dancing and musical instrument solos. Now it was our turn. Two actors walking from opposite sides of the stage met and start to talk. "Hi, I'm Willie and I'm a salt seller."

"I'm Stanley and I'm a salt seller. Shake!"

"Here comes the bold headed Shakespearian actor."

(Actor approaches front of stage and gets into a Hamlet pose) "Toupee or not toupee that is the question." (The actor now sings a parody of the hit song, Careless) "Hairless now that I'm using Fitch Shampoo. No longer have any use for tonic or goo."

As we set to continue the act, we could hear the kids in the audience laughing. But the smiles on our faces disappeared when the teacher in charge yelled' GET THAT MORONIC ACT OFF THE STAGE, IMMEDIATELY!!!"

The word devastated is not strong enough. My special English teacher, who taught us "Radio script writing," said, "...whatever you do in life someone will disapprove. You're young. You will get over it."

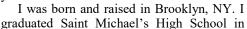
Not true. It has been more than 70 years and I still have not gotten over it, Much worse, I had to become a lawyer!

#### MEET THE CANDIDATES

It is time to hear from the candidates to the Board for open positions for the term of 2020-2021. There are presently four candidates for four positions. Here are their blurbs in alphabetical order.

Jo Ann Epifania

My name is Jo Ann Epifania and I live in 26 Hidden Ridge Terrace. I am a full time resident. I moved here from Liberty, NY where I lived for 17 years. Prior to my Liberty home, I owned a home in Roscoe for 23 years.



1975. In 1976, I married my high school sweetheart, George. I am happy and proud to say we will be married for 44 years in September. We have two children and three grandchildren who also reside, work and go to school in Sullivan County.

When George and I first got married, we bought our first home in Roscoe, where we both worked and raised our children until they graduated. We then moved to Liberty and bought our home because we both worked in Liberty. I am a retired Teacher Assistant and George owned South End Auto Parts. After 30 years of working in a school system and George being self-employed for 50 years, we decided to retire. We decided our home in Liberty and downsize. We chose Hidden Ridge and are very happy we did. We have met so many people in the little time that we are here. Everyone has been wonderful, helpful and kind.

This is why I decided to seek a position on the Board. I would like to put my time, effort, and ideas to work and beautify our community and truly make in the Jewel of the Catskills. Thank you in advance for considering me part of Hidden Ridge.

#### **Brian Kudler**

My Name is Brian Kudler and I have home at 78 Hidden Ridge Drive. I have currently served on the Board of Directors of the Hidden Ridge Homeowners Association. I am seeking a second term. Over the past two years I have participated in oversight and planning along with my



fellow board members and have and continue to help make decisions for the betterment and best interests of the community.

I am a "weekender" resident and come up to Hidden Ridge through the year including the fall and winter seasons and am on hand to help with any issues that arise during this time and also with administration during this time.

The past half year has been particularly hard for me personally and professionally. Although I am a licensed attorney, I own and operate along with my brother and partner, an essential business and have had to keep that business alive during this Covid-19 pandemic while also having to balance our corporate interests and our employee's needs. It has been a difficult undertaking to say the lease.

Even so, I feel that my experiences though out this emergency gives me a greater perspective to see the bigger picture for the future and therefore makes my perspective very valuable to our Board and our HOA.

I am aware that many people are unhappy that our pool and club house are not open for this summer season. This was not an easy decision for the Board of Directors to make. *Continued in Column 2* 

However it is a mark of leadership to make the hard and sometimes unpopular decisions for the welfare and betterment of our community and I feel that I am to that task and hope to continue to do so on behalf of all of the residents of Hidden Ridge as a board member.

#### Benjamin F. Lorick

In this time of great uncertainty and urgency, I have found the Hidden Ridge community to be a beacon of light in the darkness – a refuge from the stress and anxiety of our current day world. Having been essentially, a full-time resident for the last four months, and probably the next four to six months. I have grown an even



greater appreciation for the community that Hidden Ridge is and the community that it will transform into as we enter the "new normal." We will continue to face challenges as individuals, families, and a community. I believe that we can rise to meet those challenges today and in the unchartered future.

I have had the honor of serving you as a member of the Hidden Ridge HOA Board of Directors for the past four years. It has been a rewarding experience. As a board member we have a number of legal and fiduciary responsibilities to insure the financial and fiscal health, as well as the physical well-being, of our community and its residents. Most importantly as a board member we must be open to the diversity of opinions, needs and concerns of our community. To this end I continue to believe that we must be as transparent as possible in how we address issues facing our ever-changing community. We must make sure that everyone is heard in a respectful and civil manner. Policies adopted by the board must be implemented fairly and consistently across the board. In challenging times, we must strive to be kind to each other as neighbors. Kindness is the basis for building a strong and vibrant community. As a member of the board our job is to be a reflection of our community - not the masters of our community. I ask for your support as I seek to continue to serve our community as member of the board of directors.

I wish all to remain safe and healthy! Thank you Benjamin F. Lorick, esq.

#### **Bonnie Siegel**

I have been a resident at Hidden Ridge since 2005. My experience includes 30+ years with the NYC Department of Education as an educator and administrator. In those roles I was responsible for overseeing budgets in excess of \$1,000,000, implementing and running after-school and summer school programs for 28 schools and being a principal.



In these positions, one needs to be a quick thinker and problem solver.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve on the Board of Directors since November 2007, as Secretary (2007-2010) and then as President (2010-present). I have also been a member of the Activities committee, the Bylaws committee, as well as the Beautification committee.

During my tenure as Secretary, I developed many forms and procedures that are currently in place.

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# **MEET THE CANDIDATES-**Continued **Bonnie Siegel**

As the President of the HOA, I have supervised or taken the lead on the following initiatives/projects at Hidden Ridge:

- Interaction with our legal counsel, accountants and insurance broker in regard to resolution of concerns for the HOA
- Improvement of communication to the community via the *GEM* newsletter, email, bulletin boards, cul de sac liaisons and a user friendly web site
- Maintenance of our property by our crew and outside vendors who serve us.
- Installation of gates at our entrances
- Installation of additional lights, and security cameras as well as other safety improvements
- Responding to emergency situations that arise from time to time, making sure that our residents and our properties are not in harm's way.
- Developed relationships with our vendors, local realtors as well as officials from the Town of Thompson

I have worked collegially with the other members of the Board of Directors to make those decisions that will benefit our community. I value their individual expertise in being able to work together.

When I am at Hidden Ridge, I am visible around the community making sure that all is well. When I am not in NY, I am working on projects and respond to the needs of our residents. I am constantly monitoring the community making sure that all is well.

I am task oriented and hope that my fellow Hidden Ridgers can detect this as well as my other leadership qualities. I welcome the opportunity to continue to serve on the Board for the coming term. Thank you.

# HOLIDAY GREETINGS REMINDER tion for the 2020 h

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

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

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#### 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)421-8020 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.

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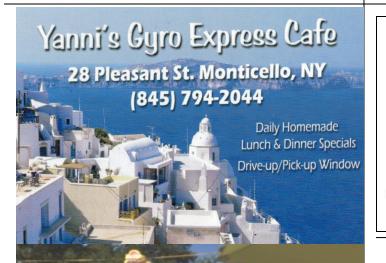


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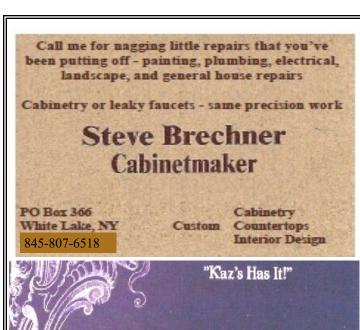
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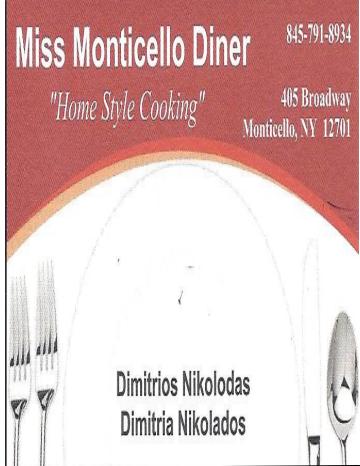








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#### Hidden Ridge needs you!

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:

- Audit, Budget and Finance Committee Warren Berkowitz
- Beautification Robbie Schecter
- Bi-Laws Committee Fred Hirsh and Brian Kudler
- Community Activities Warren Berkowitz

We look forward to hearing from you and working with you. Thank you.

"No one can do everything; but, everyone can do something."