

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,

There are several items I would like to bring to your attention this month:

- **Annual Meeting and Elections:** On August 8, 2021, we had our Annual Meeting and Elections. For those of you who were there or who sent in absentee ballots or proxy designation, thank you for doing your civic duty. We had representation of about 90 people. I want to thank those who attended in person for your cooperation by wearing masks, sitting in the socially distanced chairs, and listening attentively to what was being said by the Board and your neighbors. It remains a mystery where the other 60 homeowners were? The election results are on page 8.
- **Homeowners in Arrears:** The Board has voted that effective September 1, 2021, any homeowner who is delinquent 90 or more days will have their names published on the bulletin boards and in the GEM so that the rest of the community can see which of their neighbors are presenting a financial burden on the community.
- **Change in Sales Rules:** The Board has voted that effective September 1, 2021, any new homeowner will be required to pay three months of maintenance charges along with the transfer fee. We have noticed that it takes approximately 2+ months for the new homeowner's accounts to be set up with Associa.
- **Orientation of new homeowners:** We held another group session for new homeowners on August 14, 2021. There are still approximately 10 new homeowners who have not attended a session. It is very important that each new homeowner attend a session as there is information that is explained that will eliminate any misunderstanding of our rules and policies. Some homeowners who have been here for some years who attended found the session to be a good refresher.
- **Maintenance Projects:**
Here is the status of some of the maintenance projects going on this summer:
Gutters: The gutters over the bay windows of the B units is almost complete.
Staining of Retaining Walls: this project is almost complete
- We are currently **investigating and accepting proposals** for consideration on the following maintenance issues:
Flooding issues that we have seen at some units when there are torrential rains

Rebuilding and repair of storm drains that have aged and are in disrepair

Addressing the gutters on the valleys of the A units

Addressing our electrical needs – current and additional lighting

- **Getting Ready for the Winter:**

Insulation: We have previously advised our members to investigate the free Energy Audit provided by NYS. Information regarding this is on page 8. It is the individual homeowner's responsibility to make sure that their unit is properly insulated for the winter to prevent ice damming.

Heat tapes: We have been in contact with an electrician who is in the process of putting together a proposal for a bulk rate for heat tapes (and their installation) that individual homeowners will be able to purchase and have installed prior to the winter of 2021-22. We will be sending you more information as it becomes available.

We are a community: Please remember that the individuals on the Board of Directors are elected by their peers and are volunteering their time. We need your help – we do not have all the answers! At times we are forced to make some difficult decisions that in the long run we feel are the best for all of us. Every member of our community has something to contribute to the betterment of Hidden Ridge. We need to share these talents, skills, and life experiences to make our community a more vibrant place to live. I become frustrated when I hear that some residents, who have concerns do not address them to us directly. If you have a question, concern, or suggestion, please send a letter or email to the Board Secretary Karen Crumley (KCrummy@hvc.rr.com) so that we can collaboratively resolve the issues. As has been previously said. **Do not be part of the problem, become part of the solution. No one can do everything, but everyone can do something! Come work with the Board and the community- volunteer!**

Finally, I want to wish those Hidden Ridgers who will be celebrating the Jewish New Year in a couple of weeks a sweet and peaceful New Year.

Be safe and be healthy!

Bonnie



2021 - 2022 Board of Directors

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Shelly Kleinberger	Director	845-798-3255
Rosemarie Del Bove	Director	718-873-3926

PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESS

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Fishkill, NY 12524
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Nanci Patrick
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Nanci.Patrick@associa.us

Hidden Ridge H.O.A. Committee Liaisons

Activities/Entertainment	Brian, Shelly, Bonnie
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Orientation	JoAnn, Karen, Bonnie
Sales and Rentals	Bonnie
Sanitation and Recycling	Shelly, Ben, Rose

Upcoming Events

Watch your emails and www.townsq.io for details



Want to announce something to our community?
 Call Linda and place an ad in the GEM.

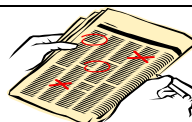
Please call 917-747-8660
 or email: bonsdiva@aol.com

**DEADLINE for September/October 2021 ISSUE -
 Sept. 15**

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 Bonnie Siegel, 6 HR Terrace (after May 10) or to siegelmath@aol.com.



Classifieds

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

Prices for ad space in newsletter:

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| • 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 or 845-645-3123

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

Life Cycle Events AUGUST/SEPTEMBER



National Aviation Day
August 19



Women's Equality Day



National Dog Day August 26



September 6



Rosh Hashanah Eve
September 6



Yom Kippur Eve
Sept. 11



Patriot's Day
September



September 22



September 12

Leo (July 23 August 20)

Virgo (August 21 - September 22)

Libra (Sept.23 - Oct. 21)



Happy Birthday

08-02	Adrienne Meyers	08-27	Michael Dovdavyan
	Ross Elliott		Sally Thomas
08-07	Larry Sternfeld	08-28	Meryl Miles
08-08	Joanne Herbert	08-29	Barbara Usatine
08-09	Kimberly Rodriguez	08-30	Paula Loesel
08-10	Helen Badain	09-01	Joyce Bragin
08-13	Robert Gannon	09-02	Marian Polera
	Nella Velasco	09-05	Tomasita Bolet
08-15	Kimberley Franco	09-06	Liam Herbert
08-17	Steven Zwicker	09-12	Buena Savellano
08-18	Karen Crumley	09-16	Marvin Usatine
08-20	Nancy Lopez	09-21	Rhoda Hertz
08-22	Janet O'Mara	09-24	Renee Faibish
08-23	Sharon Bennett	09-25	Eddie Erlich Kudler
08-24	Ken Schiffer	09-29	Harvey Mizrach
08-26	Eleanor Dovdavyan	09-30	Darryl Questore

Happy Anniversary

08-11	Marcia & Ken Schiffer
	Stephen & Maxine Kopp
08-14	Angel & Kimberly Rodriguez
09-02	Bennie & Evangeline Mooror
09-05	George & JoAnn Epifania
09-07	Robert & Paula Loesel
09-17	Shelly & Moishe Kleinberger
09-20	Linda Solomon & Bonnie Siegel
09-30	Harold & Lolita Feder



Happy Anniversary

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Clocks and Watches | 15. Watches |
| 2. China | 16. Silver Hollowware |
| 3. Crystal and Glass | 17. Furniture |
| 4. Electrical Appliances | 18. Porcelain |
| 5. Silverware | 19. Bronze |
| 6. Wood | 20. Platinum Watches and Jewelry |
| 7. Desk Sets -Pens and Pencil Sets | 25. Sterling Silver Jubilee |
| 8. Linens and Laces | 30. Diamond Watches and Jewelry |
| 9. Leather | 35. Jade |
| 10. Diamond Watches and Jewelry | 40. Ruby |
| 11. Fashion Jewelry and Accessories | 45. Sapphire |
| 12. Pearl or Colored Gems | 50. Golden Jubilee |
| 13. Textiles or Furs | 55. Emerald |
| 14. Gold Watches and Jewelry | 60. Diamond Jubilee |



The pool hours are
9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Please DO NOT use the pool or the pool deck or pavilion beyond these hours.

Note: there are cameras at the pool and they can see you!



Join us for a
BOOK CLUB CHAT
August 27th 1:30 at the Pool

Questions?
Call Mindy 516-965-9284



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Labor Day Party
Saturday September 4, 2021
Details to Follow

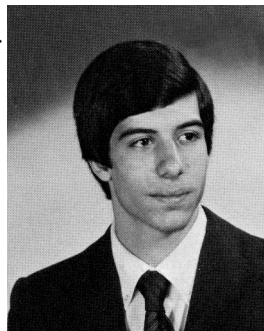
Labor Day Pool Party
Sunday September 5, 2021
Details to follow



FROM THE PEN OF....

Peter Morello

It was during the summer of 1974 when I was still sixteen, that good fortune came my way and I was lucky enough to get my first job. I was hired as a cashier by D'Agostino Supermarkets at a newly opened store near where I lived. Up until that time, there were two other D'Agostino Supermarkets in the Bronx - one was located in the Parkchester section and the other in Riverdale for an otherwise Manhattan-based company.



I went for training at NCR headquarters in Manhattan in order to learn how to use their new registers. Although they had bar code reading capabilities, that option was not purchased by D'Agostino and every price of every item had to be manually entered. Management insisted we use "touch typing" to make entries in order to maintain speed by not taking our eyes off the merchandise which was nearly impossible. Not only did we have to enter the correct prices, but we had to enter the right department as well such as "Deli," "Grocery," "Dairy," etc. As if that weren't enough, we had to know what items were "food stampable" in order to obtain two totals if necessary for the customer - to wit, the food stamp bill and the out-of-pocket items that food stamps wouldn't cover. Fortunately, with the advancement of computers and scanning equipment, that is all a nightmare from the past.

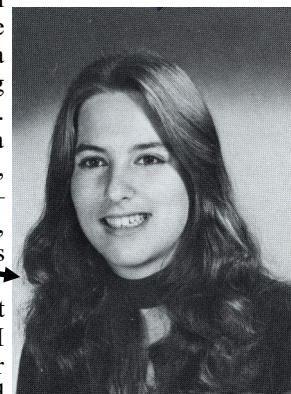
I was so proud to not only have this job, but to be able to receive a paycheck with my name on it every week. It didn't matter to me that I was paid the minimum wage of \$2.00 per hour, rather it was the pleasure of knowing that I was independent and could buy my own clothes and whatever else I needed without relying on my parents. Now I could take the number twelve bus up Fordham Road and visit my favorite clothing store, Bobkoff's, and purchase whatever I wanted. I could go to Cousins on the opposite side of the street and buy the latest record not to mention a switchblade on the upper floor - this was the Bronx, you know. They even sold machetes for the not so faint of heart.

After a few months of dealing with the drudgery of entering endless prices, I was asked by the store manager if I wanted to work in the deli. I eagerly accepted the offer especially since I didn't have to take money but I also realized that it would be easy to make myself a sandwich anytime I wanted even though I wasn't supposed to. In fact, guys from the grocery department would ask me to make them sandwiches in exchange for anything I wanted in the grocery or dairy departments to eat or drink. We had a fair, if not dishonest, reciprocal relationship that benefited both sides and no one in management was the wiser - you should have seen what they did in the era before cameras were widespread. Inspectors would come around from the city and rather than cite the store and issue expensive fines, the manager would allow the inspector to fill up a grocery cart with a week's worth of groceries and bid him a fond farewell as he left the store while collecting a taxpayer provided paycheck.

When I returned to my senior year in September of '74,

what direction my life would turn as I approached the last year of high school. Many thoughts were swirling in my head and some would say delusions of grandeur. I didn't know exactly what I wanted to study, having so many interests; but I envisioned myself going to Cornell or at the very least Fordham University, which at the time was considered a rather safe bet. There was so much talk among my peers as to where they would be attending college and this seemed to reflect more their socioeconomic status more than their grades. Nonetheless, such talk was intimidating to a sixteen-year-old and things didn't get any better when I turned seventeen in January, 1975.

October marked the month that we all had to sit for our class photos. Back then, we all thought everyone's hair length was fine, but as I look back at my yearbook now, it's amazing how many of the guys I would label "slobs" by today's standards. I'm sure they too must cringe when they go to a reunion and they get stuck wearing their high school photo on their chest. Few of the guys bothered to put on a dress shirt and tie but I must admit, most of the ladies looked good to me - at least they combed their hair, especially Debbie Grossman - a class act.



When I saw Debbie's photo it stood out above all the others and I realized I never had a crush on her until she asked me out and revealed that her parents wouldn't be happy with such an arrangement. It was only then that I longed for something that today we would call "a near miss." None of these feelings would have come to the surface had she not said anything to me - but I'm sure glad she did.

As 1975 rolled around I began to learn that many otherwise very smart and well-prepared students were perfectly satisfied to attend one of the various City of New York colleges. This was surprising to me considering that "open enrollment" had started a few years earlier and by all accounts, eventually became an abject failure. Students were admitted who couldn't read at even the high school level and instead of improving the lower grades, our wonderful "leaders decided to cave to protestors who believed that a college education was "a right." It's not surprising that in many ways we're in the same predicament today. Nonetheless, I knew many students who were interested in studying various scientific disciplines that seemed to be unaffected by open enrollment and went on to careers in science and medicine.

I knew my mother didn't want me to go away to college and she never understood why there would be such a need given the many fine universities that were in New York City. My feeling was that it would be an adventure and maybe even good for me even though it may not have been realistic financially. My brother had gone to Lehman and earned a degree in accounting and did very well for himself and this seemed to be uppermost in my mother's mind. My best friend Steve, decided to go to Hunter College and several friends either went to Queens College, Baruch or Lehman which was only about two long blocks away. When I found out that one of the best students in the school and a good friend of mine, Robert Vosatka, wanted to go to Lehman and double major in biochemistry and physics, I came to the conclusion that that would be good enough for me. So I joined him and many others of my graduating class at Lehman.

Of course, there were those who did go to Ivy League schools and there was no shortage of them. I heard plenty of excitement

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when classmates were accepted to Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Cornell, among others. Somehow, I couldn't wrap my head around the idea that someone from the projects could go to such special schools but now we see that all the time with immigrants and it's become expected in some circles. Coming from a conservative Italian family, dreams were modest if they existed at all and one was lucky to be able to have a decent place to live and food on the table. If you were really fortunate, you could even own an automobile.

Although it may seem almost impossible to believe, there was a very tiny minority of students who didn't go to college for one reason or another or who started and didn't finish. I don't know if any statistics are kept on this but I'm sure the number must be very small and the regrets many.

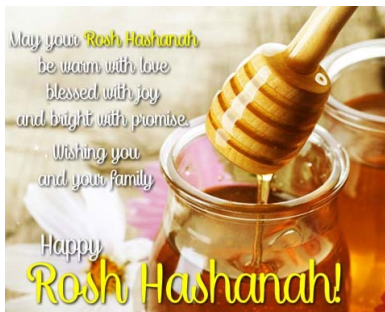
The idea of leaving the academic cocoon of Bronx Science saddened me greatly. I have to admit I never met a finer group of young people who were unassuming and came from rather humble backgrounds. There was a smattering of students who came from more moneyed backgrounds in Riverdale, Queens and Manhattan and whose parents were professionals but their achievements were no greater than those who came from more financially challenging situations. It all boiled down to effort and the underestimated affects of two-parent households. No matter in what neighborhood a student lived or how inadequate the housing may have been, having two parents who were involved in their children's education and guided them when necessary, outweighed anything else. I've seen many young people who were otherwise very intelligent become derailed in life because they came from a fatherless home even though we can point to many success stories where strong-willed mothers ruled the roost. The lure of the streets and a fast buck can be intoxicating to a young person who is impatient and sees a lifestyle glorified on the silver screen. This factor has been overlooked in the debate over who succeeds in gaining admission to the specialized high schools and it's become anathema to even broach the topic.

As graduation neared, I became increasingly uneasy realizing that I would never be able to replicate the past three years. I felt jealous that my teachers got to remain behind and actually got paid for doing so but I was supposedly going on to something better. I thought if it was so much better then why do I feel so lousy and down.

What eventually buoyed my spirits was listening to the ambition and eagerness of my classmates to delve into the future and the confidence to do so. Not being one of abundant confidence, I found it more difficult to do so but I slowly began to think more like them as their thoughts rubbed off on me and my ambition began to swell.

However, no matter how ambitious my thoughts were I couldn't prevent the negative side of me from creeping into my mind and reminding me of something John Lennon once said. "Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans."

This is the final episode of Peter's memoir about his high school career. It was fun going back with Peter to high school and reminisce about our teenage years....



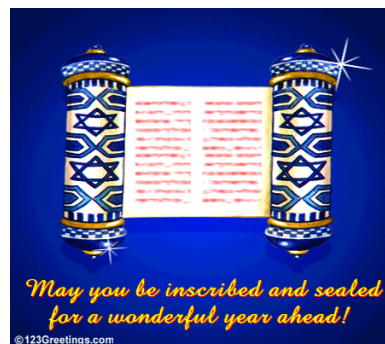
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Ben Lorick & Michael Valcin
Carrie & Steve Miller
Dawn & Richard Morici
Erica Sadowsky
Bonnie Siegel & Linda Solomon
Rose Storch
Anita Sukoff
Myrna & Stan Want

Wishing all of our Jewish Friends a Sweet Rosh Hashanah

and a

Peaceful Yom Kippur



FOND MEMORIES AND MORE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As you may know, the Hertz's are leaving the "Jewel of the Catskills." We have been fortunate to be able to have a summer home and after 16 delicious years in our 🌸 getaway, it is time to move on.

Most importantly, we have made life-time friends,,,which in itself is an amazing gift. We shall miss you all and your welcoming smiles.

Wishing you all good health and safety to enjoy your future years at Hidden Ridge and wherever life takes you.

Thanks for the memories.



Our sincerest best wishes,
Rhoda & Ed Hertz

The Clubhouse is Open!!

After experiencing a pipe bursting and the slow process to repair the carpet, we are happy to announce that the clubhouse was finally opened in time for our Annual Meeting on August 8, 2021. Thank you for your patience.

At this time the kitchen is not ready yet and we hope there will not be too much interference with the daily activity when it is scheduled for the rest of the work.

The clubhouse is open daily from 9:00 Am – 8:00 PM unless there is a scheduled activity.

The following is the list of some of the scheduled activities:

Monday – 7:00 PM - Cards

Tuesday – 7:30 PM - Bingo

Wednesday – 7:00 PM - Cards

Thursday – 8:00 PM- Movie – Check Bulletin Bord for the title

FROM THE BOARD MORE INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW

In the coming weeks you should be receiving your yearly sewer bill from Sullivan Infra West. The yearly charge is \$400.

Financial Statements for the fiscal Year ending April 30, 2021, was distributed at the Annual Meeting. If you were not able to attend and would like a copy, please contact Karen Crumley, Board Secretary and she will arrange to get a copy to you.

SCHOOL TAX REMINDER

All homeowners will receive a bill for the school tax for their property the beginning of September. If you do not receive this bill by mid-month, contact Monticello School District at 845-794-1515.

As of August 1st Associa New York will be operating from

1399 Route 52, Suite 201, Fishkill New York.

Our Poughkeepsie office will be closed Friday July 30th.



Please take this time to update your records.

Please send all common fees to the address below, DO NOT SEND TO OUR PHYSICAL ADDRESS.

c/o *Insert Community Name*
PO Box 61923
Phoenix, AZ 85082

This will ensure that your payment is processed in a timely manner.

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The Hidden Ridge Directory was distributed at the Annual Meeting and was sent online to everyone's email

There are a few errors that are being corrected and an addendum page will be ready shortly. If there is an error in your listing, please contact Bonnie Siegel (siegelmath@aol.com) with the correction that is needed.



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	Annie Bridgers-Balgun
Elms	107-125D	Julia Glaz
Firs	149-171D	Lenny Kirschenbaum
Gardenias	173-187D	Shelly Kleinberger
Hemlocks	193-205D	Michael Valcin
Iris	196-214D	Mariano Ambroselli
Juniper	126-148D	Jeff Lynn
Kerrias	74-96D	Eddie Erlich
Laurels	44-58D	Robbie Schecter
Magnolias	29-43T	Beth Burke
Narcissus	45-58T	Joe Gluck
Oaks	28-46T	Randi Berkowitz
Petunias	6-26T	JoAnn Epifania
Roses	8-14D	Karen Seltzer

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 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

PLEASE! DO NOT FEED THE CATS!



PLEASE! Pick up after your dog when they do their business on our lawns or roads. Keep our community nice for everyone!



MAINTENANCE REQUEST FORMS

ALL requests for exterior maintenance must be written on **Maintenance Service Request Forms**. Or post on TownSQ under "Requests." 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 Nanci Patrick, Property Manager



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 REQUESTS MUST BE IN WRITING.** 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.

2021 Election Results

The following are the results of the 2021 election:

Board of Directors: The top three (3) with the most votes are elected to a term ending at the Annual Meeting in 2023:

Karen Crumley	78 votes
Rose DelBove	69 votes
Shelly Kleinberger	66 votes
Victor Marinello	18 votes

Amendment to the bylaws:

The HOA shall indemnify any director or officer against any matter or cause relating to or arising out of the performance of his or her duties in the manner and to the full extent provided by law.

Yes – 70 No – 10
Amendment passed

We thank the following members of the community who served on the election committee:

Sharon Bennett, Laura Glass, Aileen Moskowitz, Erica Sadowsky, Karen Seltzer, and Michael Valcin

Thank You!

Just a quick thank you from the GEM staff to all of our past contributors to our special Hidden Ridge newsletter. If there is anyone who would like to contribute to the GEM by writing their own byline or just sharing a word or two here or there, please contact Editor Linda Solomon bonsdiva@aol.com

Free New York State Energy Audit Program

To prepare your home for next winter, it is important that you make sure that the unit is ready.

The following is the link is to the website with information regarding the **Free Energy Audit Programs** offered by NYS.

<https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/Programs/Energy-Audit-Programs>

Welcome New Neighbors

59 Drive – Corey Olvera

208 Drive – Michele Cauthen

47 Terrace – Darryl and Kalyn Russell

53 Terrace – Christopher Matthews

Get Well Wishes

*Chuck Greenberg
Adrienne Meyers
Allan Meyers
Sue Mc Mahon*



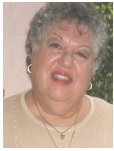
Wishing them a full

Goodbye August
Hello September



FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Please be advised that Nanci Patrick, our current Property Manager, is empowered by the Board of Directors to exercise all due discretion, acting with the full authority of the Board in her duties. This includes opening and closing facilities of the HOA when necessary. If there is any disagreement on the part of a homeowner, they should contact the President or Vice President to complain or appeal the decision.



From the Editor

Hello Hidden Ridgers,

I just can't believe that the summer is almost over already. I feel like I just got here! It has been a very long two years (actually 2 winters and one summer) since we were up here in the Catskills. I waited so long for the time when we would be back here, and I would go swimming and walk in the beautiful air.

The Covid-19 virus has wreaked havoc with all of our lives. I am grateful that most of us were able to get back here this summer to enjoy our lovely homes in Hidden Ridge.

I miss the friends and neighbors who didn't make it up here this year - the ones who were not well to make it - I want to wish them a very speedy recovery and good health; the friends who have decided to sell their homes and start a new phase of life without a second home here - I wish them all the best wherever they wind up. And, mostly I miss those friends and neighbors who have passed away during the time we were in Florida and this summer. To them I wish peace in their final rest and may their memories be forever for a blessing.

To those of who are new to the community, I hope you will come to love it as much as those of us who have been here for awhile. It's a wonderful community, a beautiful piece of land and a great way to spend the summer.

Now, I wish all of you a great end of summer - this is actually a wonderful time to be here. And for all of our Jewish friends and neighbors, a sweet New Year and a Peaceful and Meaningful Yom Kippur and an easy fast.

Linda

Reminders from the Board of Directors

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



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



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



Dogs: All residents (homeowners and renters) are to register their dogs (including service dogs) with the homeowners association and provide proof of current rabies vaccination. Please send this information to Bonnie Siegel.



All dogs residing in Hidden Ridge for a period of 30 consecutive days must also be registered and licensed in the Town of Thompson. Proof of this license must be presented to the homeowners association. All homeowners shall provide proof the dog is licensed in the jurisdiction in which the dog's primary residence is maintained, if the dog does not reside for a period of 30 consecutive days in Hidden Ridge.



Dog owners are responsible for abiding by the regulations set forth by the Town of Thompson which includes picking up after their dog, dogs on leashes, no dogs at the pool, avoiding excessive barking, etc.

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



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



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



Guests and the Gates

All guests and other visitors (deliveries, etc.) must enter through the Old Liberty Road entrance

- Your guest will scroll to your name on the telephone access pad.
- There are instructions on the screen for the telephone access pad. Your guest will scroll the A-Z listing to your last name. Your guest can "Push Call." The dialer (gate) will dial the phone number that is associated with you
- Upon answering your phone (and speaking to your guest) you will press 9 on that phone and the gate will open.
- FYI - The phone number of the gate is (845) 794-0681.

Please be aware that the several of our regular vendors (US Post Office, UPS, FedEx, Time Warner Cable, etc.) will receive either a four digit access code or a remote. Emergency personnel will have a siren sensor for access.

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Siegel (917-969-9646)

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. You can also contact our Property Manager, Nanci.Patrick@associa.us. Thank you for your cooperation.



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HOLIDAY GREETINGS REMINDER

Collection for the 2021 holiday greetings began in January. There is 1 more opportunity to share your greetings with your neighbors - December - Christmas/Chanukah/Kwanzaa. If you would like to participate, complete the form below and send to the editor with a check for \$3.00 made payable to HRHOA. Thank you to all who have contributed in the past. We look forward to seeing your names listed in December Holiday Greetings!

Please complete this form and submit with \$3 to Linda Solomon, GEM Editor-in-Chief
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Contact the liaisons listed on page 2 to lend a hand.

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

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



Who Should I Call?

Revised April 2021

Associa NY is our property management company and is responsible for the maintenance of common property and operations. If you have an emergency, i.e., your roof is leaking or a tree has fallen on or near your residence, please contact our property manager, **Nanci Patrick**, **nanci.patrick@associa.us** or call the emergency number for Associa, **845-431-6589**.

For all other matters, please call **845-473-3711** and leave a message. Your call will be returned within two business days. Please make sure you leave your contact number and the nature of your call.

MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

There are two ways to submit your request for maintenance:

1. Maintenance Request Forms are available by the bulletin board by the old security booth near the Friedman Road entrance and on the Hidden Ridge web site, www.hiddenridgehoa.org. These forms should be completed, one request per form, and be deposited in the mail box on the right side of the bulletin board by the Friedman Road entrance.
2. You can submit your request electronically on TownSq.io.

You will be notified within 72 hours of the filing of the request if the work requested is not the HOA responsibility.

The following are some phone numbers that you may find helpful:

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Medical Emergency - 911

Police - 911

Sullivan County Sheriff 845-794-7100

New York State Police Liberty Barracks 845-292-6600.

Fire - 911 or Monticello Fire Department - 845-794-5121

EXTERMINATOR

Ehrlich Pest Control 845-421-8020

Please advise the person answering the phone you are a resident of Hidden Ridge.

UTILITIES

Electric - NYSEG - 800-572-1131 for outages or service interruption

Cable - Spectrum - 1-855-707-7328

Land line phone not provided by cable - Verizon -1-800-Verizon

Sewer - Sullivan Infra West - 732-486-2831

Water - Crystal Water – Allan Schachnovsky – 845-798-5121

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONERS- Individual Homeowner's responsibility

Black Bear Fuel Oil- Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning-845-791-8900

Larson's Heating and Air Conditioning – 845-344-3030

Smalls Plumbing Heating and Air Conditioning – 845-794-7780

Silverman Mechanical Corporation – 845-583-6595

BULK GARBAGE PICK UP – i.e. furniture, mattresses, and construction materials

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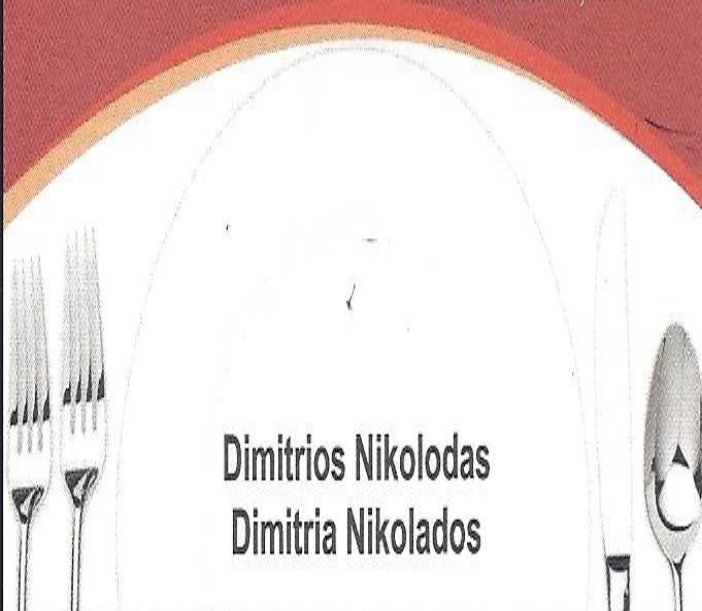
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