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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

"Independence Day: freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of women and men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die." -

Dwight D. Eisenhower

The 246th celebration of Independence Day dates to the ratification of the Declaration of Independence on 1776 and was officially declared a federal holiday in the United States in 1941 it seems that more than ever this July 4th needs to be celebrated and remembered for the gift it is to the United States of America. Independence Day means more than sparklers, it represents people's efforts to earn and keep freedom, and that's a struggle that continues to this day.

Amidst all the celebrations of parades, fireworks, picnics, and waving flags of red, white, and blue we should be reminded to be grateful for the freedoms we enjoy in the United States of America. After living through the pandemic these past two years dealing with school, business and church closings, shortages of toilet paper and cleaning supplies should make us most appreciative that we are blessed to live in a country that has recovered from devastating losses and be grateful for all our blessings.

Many have sacrificed their lives to keep the glimmer of hope alive so we could live this dream of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. While many of us enjoy these ideals, many still do not reap the benefits of the freedoms promised. May we join all who have gone before us to continue the work making this great gift of freedom a reality for all present and future generations.

So, as those who risked everything to be free from tyranny, we must continue working to realize the dream. As Emma Lazarus so clearly said "Until we are all free, we are none of us free."

Bill

NEWSLETTER RESULTS

After a couple of negative voices stated that "no one reads the newsletter" and "the newsletter is just thrown into the garbage" and that "it is a waste of paper" Bill and Susan decided to survey the residents of The Greystone to find out for themselves how the majority feel about the newsletter and whether it should continue to be published. With 25% of votes in so far, there was only one vote that was signed ANONYMOUS claiming to NEVER read the newsletter. All others had praise for the newsletter and want it continued, with 2 to 1 in favor of a written copy left by the door. The majority has been heard! The Greystone Connections will continue publishing monthly, being dropped off at your door, so that you can get up to date on the latest news and events. For those of you who would prefer to read it online it can be found at two websites:

Greystoneconnections.com or *Greystoneonhudson.com*.

For those of you who feel that the hard copy is waste of paper, please rest assured that the paper used is recycled. In addition, maybe you can find other uses for the NL paper so that it is not wasted, such as shredding for a gift bag or basket, taking up origami in your spare time, using it to line a bag with wet or greasy waste, etc. I am sure that there are some other uses for the two sheets of paper each month so that it does not negatively affect our environment.

For those who have not yet filled out the survey, there is still time to complete the form that is located at the doorman's station. We would like to hear from as many of you as possible. Thank you all, again, for your support and comments.



MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY

Maintenance Report

- The project for boiler replacement is now underway. Minimum disruption is expected.
- Ongoing maintenance continues with touch-ups and repairs as needed.
- The permit to begin the garage restoration project has been approved and that project will continue over the next few months. The project begins on level one and cars will be relocated for parking as needed.
- Our staff, members of 32BJ, has a contract that will expire at the end of September. Hopefully, negotiations will be made, and an agreement reached without a strike, as was the case in NYC.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Info by Susan Schweitzer, Treasurer

As was verified at the Annual Meeting in May by our accountant, the financials for The Greystone show us to be in very good standing. We have a total of over \$3.7 million which, of course, includes monies put aside for taxes, reserves which have been allocated for our major projects and operating expenses. Two of our CD's have expired, and we were able to get short-term CD's for 1.5% and 1.9%, rates that have not been seen in a while. If anyone has questions, please feel free to contact Susan at greystoneconnections@yahoo.com who will be happy to answer your questions and/or find out more information if needed.

SUMMER POOL SEASON 2022

The Greystone Pool Season is underway and so far we have had a very successful pool season. We are pleased with our lifeguards, who are doing an excellent job keeping residents safe and monitoring the pool area. Residents are also enjoying the new furniture and seating arrangements and, although work is currently being done in the boiler room, we hope to have minimum disturbance of the pool deck and pool areas. It is important that all residents follow the pool rules and respect the rights of your neighbors and make the job of our lifeguards

easier by being aware of the noise level in and out of the pool, using headphones/ear buds when playing music and not blocking the stairs so that others can enter and exit the pool easily. In addition, no eating or drinking in the pool. Remember, for the safety of others, no glass on the pool deck. Finally, **only 6 guests per unit is allowed**. This summer the board decided to use the honor system and not check guests, nor charge for guests, as has been done in the past. It is not fair to others to bring in more than the allowed 6 guests, including children, and if residents disregard the guest rule, the board will have to rethink this policy.

PLEASE FOLLOW THE RULES, OTHERWISE WE WILL HAVE TO START CHARGING FOR GUESTS AND MONITORING MORE CLOSELY.

Our normal pool safety rules continue as follows....

- Pool opens at
12:00 - 8:30 PM on weekdays
10:30 - 8:30 on weekends
- No running in the pool area
- No diving or rough play in the pool
- No loud music on pool deck.
Please use earphones.
- No glass anywhere on the pool deck.
- Parents must monitor their children in both the large pool and the Kiddie Pool.
- No inflation devices in the large pool.
- **NO DIAPERS OF ANY KIND IN THE LARGE POOL**

Important Codes to Remember

- **Building Wi-Fi:** (Pool Deck, Gym, Community Room, Library, Playroom, Basement Level)
ID: Greystone
Password: Warburton
- **Pool Deck Gate Code: 0327**

We all live in this special community and want to enjoy the amenities available to us. Let us think about our friends and neighbors and help make this 2022 Pool Season a wonderful one for all!



OPEN BOARD MEETING

On Monday, July 11th, an Open Board Meeting will be held at 7 P.M. Via ZOOM. This month our police Captain, Michael Messar, offered to attend our open meeting so the residents can get updates and ask questions. A special thank you to Michael Sabatino for arranging this meeting. All are invited to attend with questions regarding our neighborhood, traffic issues, etc. We have discussed at previous meetings issues that we have with neighboring buildings, noise and traffic and now is the time to discuss your concerns.

RIVER COMMUNITY COALITION OF YONKERS RCCY

Mike Hertz, RCCY, has sent us an update that involves us all at The Greystone. The information is as follows....

1. **Win** - The speed sign at 900 Warburton Ave has been restored! Yonkers has acknowledged our request to have the speed sign at 1201 Warburton Ave restored. We will continue to advocate for this item.
2. **Noise** - With the assistance of Councilmember Tasha Diaz, community members led a discussion with top officials from the Yonkers Police and Traffic Departments, the Mayor's office and the Councilmember's staff on excessive vehicular noise along Warburton and Odell Avenues. Various solutions were explored and the framework for a plan of targeted enforcement was agreed upon. Speeding, parking, as well as painting/stripping of Warburton Ave. was also discussed.
3. **Glenwood Power Plant** - We won in 2021 when we defeated the developer's proposal to take over JFK Marina Park for their garage. We won again in 2022 when 9+ acres of land in JFK & Trevor Parks were restored to protected park land status. However the most valuable 2+ waterfront acres remain at risk. Our land between the Gazebo and the Power Plant is worth about \$35 million dollars and the public has the right to full and precise details on how long it will be occupied by the developer's construction and what portions will return to protected park land status. We also deserve to be protected by requiring the developer to post a performance bond in case things don't work out. Help us assist our representatives by making your views known. Sign and comment on our community's online petition via:

<https://www.change.org/hands-off-our-park>

PETITION UPDATE (6/23/22 meeting) –

Information provided by Liz Rodriquez
Following up on the news from the RCCY, Elizabeth Rodriquez has been involved with a petition and meetings with officials from various departments in Yonkers and has provided this follow-up.....

“Asking Yonkers Police and local politicians to help stop noisy vehicles on Warburton / Odell Avenues in NW Yonkers

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who signed this petition. It played a critical role in obtaining a meeting with the top officials from the various Yonkers departments. At this meeting, numerous solutions were explored and a framework for a plan of targeted enforcement agreed upon.

A few examples:

- NOISE ORDINANCE STRICTLY ENFORCED, and NO IDLING signage will be posted.
- Police will continue to patrol, possibly in undercover vehicles, issuing tickets for speeding, illegal parking and noise.
- Stripe painting on the ground where our trash is placed. Chronic illegal parking in this space blocks our line of sight when exiting our garage driveway.
- Chronic offenders from 1100 will be investigated more closely.

Additionally, the speed sign at 900 Warburton Ave (northbound lane) has recently been restored. Hopefully, a request for the 1201 Warburton Ave (southbound lane) speed sign will also be restored.

We welcome and appreciate these efforts.

Hopefully, with these initial steps, it will be DOOM FOR THE VROOM!!

In the Interim, whenever you hear these cars and/or notice illegally parked cars we encourage residents to continue to call Yonkers Dispatch at 914-377-7900

These calls MATTER!

Thank you, Liz, and thank you to all who advocate for a quiet, peaceful neighborhood

PARKING ON WARBURTON

Mayor Spano drove over to Warburton the other day to check on the progress of the park and, did not realize how many street parking spaces were eliminated to accommodate the construction. With that being said, since parking on Warburton is at a premium, effective Friday, July 1st, the Mayor has eliminated alternate side street parking regulations until the construction barriers are removed (slated for September, if not sooner):

- Northbound beginning at the construction barriers and ending at 1120 Warburton (Friday's: 1PM – 3PM).
- Southbound beginning at 1155 Warburton (Tuesday's: 1PM – 3PM) to the end of 1133 Warburton Avenue.

This means that there will be **no street cleaning** near 1133 Warburton during this time. If the City of Yonkers begins to receive complaints from area residents that the roadway is dirty, we will reinstate alternate side street parking rules before the construction is complete.

GREYSTONE COMMITTEES, ACTIVITIES, EVENTS

THE GREYSTONE READERS' CIRCLE

Info provided by Diane Rosen



The Greystone Readers' Circle will take place on:

Date:
Tuesday, July 19th

Time:
7:30 – 8:30 PM

Where: Via Zoom

Book: **Lilac Girls: A Novel**

Author: Martha Hall Kelly

A #1 New York Times Bestseller!

Inspired by the life of a real World War II heroine, this remarkable debut novel reveals the power of unsung women to change history in their quest for love, freedom and second chances. *Lilac Girls* is a novel centered on the lives of three women who are set on a collision course when one of them is sent to a Nazi concentration camp for women. Their stories cross continents as two of them strive to bring justice to those whom history has forgotten.

All are WELCOME!!

Didn't read the book? Just come to listen!

NEIGHORLY CONSIDERATIONS

- The circular front driveway is for dropping off passengers and packages and cars should not be left for more than 15 minutes at a time. Cars parked longer cause an inconvenience and a danger to other as it is difficult to maneuver around a parked car and visibility to the street becomes limited. There have been recent reports of cars being left parked indefinitely and this is not fair, nor appropriate. Thank you!
- *The only handicapped accessible entrance/exit is on the north side of the building. This is also our driveway. Cars left unattended can cause a hardship to those on walkers and in wheelchairs and, also, is a safety hazard for cars entering and exiting the garage. Please **do not Block the Box** or leave your car parked by the side entrance for any extended period of time.*

GREYSTONE COMMITTEES

Many residents are not aware of all the various committees serving the Greystone Community. The following is a list of our committees.

Admissions
Community Events
Décor
Garage
Greystone Vegetable Garden
Gym
Landscape
Publications: Website/Technology
Pool
Environmental
Bike Storage
Greystone Helping Hands
Library
Maintenance
Orientation
Playroom
Laundry (Monitoring Machines)
Welcoming New Residents

If any of these committees interest you and you would like to volunteer for a any of them or you have a committee idea, contact Bill at President1085@gmail.com for further information.

We are all stewards of our community.

OPEN MEETING
Monday, July 11 at 7:00 PM
Via Zoom

Link Sent in email