



The Greystone Connection

A Monthly Newsletter

Building the Greystone Community Together!



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My original message was written before Christmas Eve and it referred to new year resolutions and reminders of what is important in life and how to make resolutions to not only improve oneself, but to also make resolutions to do something kind for others, like your friends, neighbors and family. Just a kind word or deed can mean so much for someone alone or in need. Since our loss of heat and hot water, which thankfully we have restored, and the shut-off of our gas, which affects our use of our stoves and the laundry dryers and will not be restored for some time, I felt that it was more appropriate to discuss our emergency situation.

It was the coldest Christmas Eve in years, and people were expecting family, cooking for Christmas, and preparing for a cozy, holiday and suddenly we were left with no heat, no hot water and no stove. What a nightmare! However, the majority of our community did not complain, made the best of things and looked out for their neighbors whom they knew were alone or taking care of a spouse with medical issues. It was heartwarming to see how our Greystone Community rose to the situation. In addition, our management and Max, whom had their own Christmas events, gave up everything to spend time in the cold basement, working on the boilers and travelling to Manhattan, more than once, to get parts and fuses that were needed to get the heat and hot water working so that the holiday wouldn't be a total loss. They worked through the night, into the next day, and at least we are in a much better situation. Our gas will be a problem, as Con Edison turned it off and, in order to turn it back on, the valves in every apartment will need to be checked to see that they are up to code. The situation is not yet over, but, as we enter a new year we should think about what is really important in life and put things in their proper perspective.

Thanking you all for standing together in our emergency situation and wishing you a Happy, Healthy New Year filled with love and peace.



Bill



CHRIS BROWN son of James Brown and Mirenda Florm died on November 20, 2022.

Please keep the family in thought during this season of Peace.

May he rest in peace and may his memory be a blessing.

SHANNON ESTAVILLO mother of Chantel Carpentieri died on December 12, 2022.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Chantel Carpentieri and her family upon the sudden passing of her dear mother Shannon Estavillo. Shannon was a devoted mother and grandmother, a strong and vibrant personality, whose five grandchildren were the light of her life. She not only was a great support to her beloved family and friends, but also to all of those she helped and comforted as a devoted nurse. A donation was made from The Greystone Community to Wounded Warriors, in her memory.

May she rest in peace and may her memory be a blessing.

MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY

Maintenance Projects

- ✓ The boiler project is ongoing but nearing completion. The project has been delayed due to Con Ed's delay in providing gas service to the boilers and a problem with the pumps, but it is expected that once these issues are corrected the boiler project will be completed within a few weeks.
- ✓ The garage project is approximately 70% complete, largely due to cooperation with the weather and temperature. Work is presently being done on Floor 3 and the ramp between floor 3 and 4.
- ✓ The drain in the circular driveway has been replaced.
- ✓ The fire sprinkler system in the garage required repair to remove corroded pipes and replace them with new pipes and fittings.
- ✓ Daily cleaning and disinfecting is ongoing.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

info provided by Susan Schweitzer, Treasurer

The budget has just been approved by a majority of the BoD and was sent out to shareholders. Due to the ongoing boiler and garage projects our reserves have been substantially reduced and a raise in maintenance of \$3 per share was approved by the board. This increase becomes effective on January 1, 2023, and a letter and a copy of the budget was sent out to shareholders.

**THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WAY TO START AND END A DAY
IS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART**

WELCOME TO THE GREYSTONE COMMUNITY!

The Greystone Community wants to welcome all our new residents. If you are not receiving emails from the president please email President1085@gmail.com with your name, email address and apartment #.

HOLIDAYS AT THE GREYSTONE

Our December holiday events were a big success this year.



CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Thank you to all residents who donated a toy to those children whose

families are struggling during these difficult times. Tasha Diaz, our Congresswoman, picked up the boxes of toys on Friday, December 16th and was so thankful for the generosity of Greystone residents. Your contributions will make Christmas a special day for a local child who may not have been able to celebrate the holiday this year. A special thank you to Frank Caliendo and his wife Helena for the expert wrapping of the boxes. They did such an amazing job and we all appreciate their help. Thank you again for always being generous and caring to others.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



This year our tree lighting and caroling took place in the lobby on Sunday, December 4th. Some attended in person

while others attended via zoom. Our carolers, Meg Bussert, Rita Walton and Kathy Maughm did a wonderful job, accompanied by a guitarist, Gary Weinberg, as Santa, organized the event and Many, many thanks to Gary Weinberg and Kathy Ewbank for the Christmas Tree decorating and to "Mike" Simons and George Heimberger for the beautiful job of decorating the lobby. It was an event enjoyed by all.

HANUKKAH CANDLE LIGHTING



On Sunday, December 18th, a group gathered in the Lobby to participate in the first night of

Hanukkah candle lighting ceremony. Led by Steve Kahn and accompanied by Adrien Strizhak, it was a beautiful ceremony followed by traditional Hanukkah songs. "Mike" and Howard provided the music, potato latkas, applesauce and chocolate "gelt" to end an enjoyable service and start of the eight nights of Hanukkah.

THE KWANZAA KINARA was placed in the lobby on December 25th. Kwanzaa is an annual holiday celebrated primarily in the United States from December 26 to January 1. It emphasizes the importance of the African family and corresponding social values. To all those who celebrate, The

Greystone Community sends warm wishes for a joyful Kwanzaa.

The holiday door decorating contest voting ended on December 26th and the votes were counted. Although it was a difficult choice, the three top winning doors are as follows....

First Prize - \$50 - Apt. 716
Second Prize - \$30 - Apt. 119
Third Prize - \$20 - Apt. 310

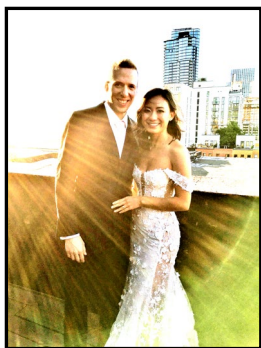
AND....a Happy, Healthy New Year filled with joy, love and peace to all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN

THE GREYSTONE CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

If you have an event, happening, milestone, celebration, etc. that you would like to share with your friends and neighbors please feel free to contact us at greystoneconnections@gmail.com and it will be published.

ON A HAPPY NOTE....



Stephanie Bentert from apt 808 is happy to announce the marriage of her son Jesse. She writes...

"Love in the Time of Covid: My son, Jesse, a Greystone native, recently tied the knot with his lovely girlfriend, Ny. The wedding took place at the Greenpoint Loft in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and

was a large and lively affair. Jesse was one of the original developers at Venmo and is currently a Director of Product Management at Instacart. Ny is a Senior Product Manager at Spotify. The couple is very happy and so is Mom."

Congratulations to Jesse, Ny and Mom and we wish them all much joy and happiness.



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE will meet on Saturday January 7th at 3 pm. in the library. It will be great to kick off the New Year by renewing our efforts to compost food scraps, analyze alternate power sources for our cars, and best practices for reuse. Due to an interest in solar panels on our roof, we will be

discussing questions to ask experts at a future date in order to find out if this is possible and/or advisable.

All are welcome to attend.

THE GREYSTONE READERS' CIRCLE

Date: Tuesday, January 3rd
Time: 7:30 – 8:30 PM



Where: : Via Zoom:

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Menu/Readers' Circle

Book: Horse: A Novel

Author: Geraldine Brooks

Horse is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism. The book is based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington and the cross cultural and cross disciplinary interconnections made by those who developed a passion for this horse.

ALL ARE WELCOME to Participate or Just Listen!!

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

A Tip to add some sparkle to the hallway. Our staff does a fine job keeping our hallways clean, but there are some things that are the responsibility of residents. One of those things is the marble door saddles by apartment doors. Over the years, they become dirty and grimy, unattractive to say the least. It takes only a few minutes and a little elbow grease to make those saddles shine. Maintenance Committee members suggest two ways to clean them easily and effectively. One is to use a Mr. Clean Magic Eraser. The second is to use a sponge with a little Comet and bleach. It is one small way each of us can play a part in making the Greystone a great place to live.

UNCLAIMED FUNDS WAITING AT NYS COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE

No, it is not a scam. Many have already collected from \$100 to thousands of dollars and there may be residents who are not aware that they have money/funds that they can claim. These monies are with the New York State Comptroller's Office. This money may come from unused gift certificates, refunds for returned items in retail stores or more significant amounts of money coming from unclaimed tax refunds, dividend funds, etc. In order to claim what is yours and get a check in the mail, you must Google – "New York State Comptroller – Unclaimed Funds". Enter your last and first name and any money in your name will be listed. You have

to verify your address, checking to see if you have ever lived at the address listed, as there may be others with your same name, enter your info and you will get a check in the mail for the funds that have been unclaimed. When you file you will receive your money in as little as a week or two. If you find a deceased relative, it will take a little longer, as you need to provide a death certificate, etc. In any case, this money is yours, so don't hesitate to check this out. This notice is being repeated, as many have been afraid to apply, however this is legitimate. Maybe you will get a cash surprise to start 2023

THANK YOU...

A belated "Thank you" to Michael Sabatino for helping us to connect with Yonkers city officials when needed. He has been instrumental in getting things done, such as the stripes painted at the top of the driveway ramp which leaves us with a clear view when exiting our driveway. The Greystone Community appreciates his efforts.



Open Board ZOOM Meeting
January 9th at 7:00 PM
Zoom link will be emailed to you.

REMINDERS:

GREYSTONE GARAGE PARKING STICKERS

"All residents who are assigned parking space(s) are required to have a valid parking sticker attached to the back of the rearview mirror of each car." If you do not have a sticker, please fill out a request form with the doorman and a new sticker will be issued to you. If, in the future, you replace your car with another it is your responsibility to transfer the sticker or to request a new sticker. Thank you for taking care of this matter.

Compactor Rooms

We live in community at the Greystone. So, in consideration of each other **PLEASE** do the following so we do not attract rodents, roaches or other critters when

disposing of our garbage. Your participation will be most appreciated.

- ✓ All garbage **MUST** be bagged and tied before putting into the chute. **PUSH** bagged garbage down the chute before closing the door.
- ✓ Please break down cereal boxes (Costco size) to put in the bin,
- ✓ Pizza boxes must be broken down and thrown down the chute.
- ✓ If you collect bottles and cans weekly/monthly put in a garbage bag and bring to the basement. If you place this large bag on top of the baskets the rest of your neighbors cannot dispose of their daily empty containers properly.
- ✓ Do not leave large items and large bags of plastic bottles in compactor room, place in the halls near the laundry rooms.

Driving through Garage

- ✓ Speed limit in garage is 10 MPH. It is very dangerous to speed through the garage. Please be considerate.
- ✓ Please enter any repairs that are needed into the work order book at the doorman's station so that we can quickly get the repairs completed.
- ✓ The mailboxes are small and fill up quickly. Please empty your mailboxes daily. If you are ill or cannot get to your mailbox, ask a neighbor or friend to get it or tell the doorman so that he can keep your mail until you can retrieve it. Many come through the lobby but don't bother to check the mail and this causes problems for the mail carrier.

