



The Greystone Connection

A Monthly Newsletter

Building the Greystone Community Together!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

MARCH IS HERE!

Just as nature will begin to show signs of rebirth after months of hibernation, we also are showing signs of normalcy after 3 years of shrinking our circles of activities.

Not only were our lives deeply affected by the pandemic, but our community underwent added challenges because of the gas shutdown. Finding these gas leaks may be a blessing in disguise which could have led to a possible catastrophe in the future. As the repairs continue to progress, many of us have had gas restored and within the coming weeks all will enjoy this restoration and a good home cooked meal.

Speaking of restorations, with the relaxing of Covid restrictions, our Greystone committees are beginning to meet again after a 3-year suspension. In an earlier edition of this newsletter, the difference between a Cooperative and a Condominium was explained. As a coop we share in all aspects of the running of our building. A Board of Directors are volunteers elected to represent shareholders in making decisions for the nuts and bolts of the community. Our committees are an extension of the board and an important part of making our community whole. Some committees help the BoD by making suggestions noting areas that need attention while other committees are focused on creating activities that are community building and raising social concerns.

Attached is a list of the present Greystone Committees. I hope recent new members of the Greystone community will get involved and volunteer to join one or more of the committees listed.

If you have volunteered for a committee and your name is not listed, or if you want to be removed from the committee list, please email me at president1085@gmail.com to make these updates.

If you have an idea of a start up committee would be of interest to other shareholders, please email your thoughts and the focus of the committee at the above email to be presented to the Board for approval.

Enjoy the coming newness of Spring!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill".

MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY

Maintenance Projects Updates

- The boiler project is near completion, and all boilers are working keeping us warm on the cold days. Adjustments were made as necessary, and we are now going into the final stages of the project.
- The plumbers have been working diligently to get the gas to all apartments turned back on. The first 7 lines, Lines 1 – 8, except for 7, had their gas restored on Tuesday, February 14th. On March 2nd, ConEd will inspect ten additional lines. Hopefully they will have their gas restored shortly after. There were 9 lines that had leaks that had to be repaired. Hopefully the gas will be restored soon. It took teamwork to get this done so quickly and we thank all involved in moving this forward.
- The garage project is nearing completion too, as work is being done on level 4. We thank all those who were inconvenienced when they had to find a vacant spot in the garage and a special “Thank you” to Joel Bloom for doing a terrific job organizing the parking during this time.
- Although it seems as if winter hasn’t arrived yet, with the above normal temperatures that we have been enjoying, the official start of spring is rapidly approaching. We are already



thinking about the pool season and getting our grills in order for our outdoor enjoyment.

- Ongoing maintenance continues, even though our staff has additional duties brought on by the two projects and plumbing/gas issues. Again, we want to thank our hard-working staff, those on the BoD who helped with the key updates and organization, and the residents who volunteered to step in when we needed them most. A special “Thank you” “Mike” who demonstrated exceptional organizational skills and to Carlos for making sure that all apartments were accessed so that the process would run smoothly.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

At the end of January, all monthly bills due were paid, sufficient funds were in escrow in Key Bank for tax payment, and our reserves held about \$1.1 million. We put \$400,000 in a 3-month treasury at 4.5% interest rate to earn as much as possible now that interest rates are higher. We do still owe for our major projects and a more accurate and up-to-date report will be available at the next meeting.

MARCH WINDS....



It seems as if we were just wishing our friends and neighbors a “Happy New Year” and it is already March. Where has the time gone? We enter March with the anticipation of spring and the holidays associated with it. Special days in March....

- Purim – March 6th
- Lailatul Barat starts – March 7th
- Daylight Savings begins – March 12th
- St. Patrick’s Day – March 17th
- Start of Spring (Spring Equinox) March 20th
- Ramadan begins – March 22nd

Let’s all find something to celebrate this month and enjoy.

WELCOME TO THE GREYSTONE!

The Greystone Community extends a warm welcome to all our new neighbors! We hope you will enjoy living at the Greystone and volunteer for one of our many committees.

GREYSTONE COMMITTEES, ACTIVITIES

GREYSTONE READERS’ CIRCLE



The Greystone Readers’ Circle will meet on:

DATE: Tuesday, March 7th

TIME: 7:30 – 8:30 PM

WHERE: VIA ZOOM

BOOK: *The Latecomer- A Novel*

AUTHOR: Jean Hanff Korelitz

The Latecomer is a layered and immersive literary novel about three siblings, desperate to escape one another, and the upending of their family by the late arrival of a fourth.

This novel touches on the topics of grief and guilt, generational trauma, privilege and race, traditions and religion, and family dynamics. It is a profound and witty story about family.

You can get there by going to

the greystoneconnections.com website.

All are welcome. If unable to read the book on time, you are welcome to attend and listen!

GREYSTONE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Donations of Reusable Shopping Bags

Collecting reusable shopping bags needed for the Dobbs Ferry food pantry. Place the bag in the bin located in the lobby.

Thank you!

ENVIRONMENT CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Reminder...

Reduce

Reuse

Recycle



Westchester Recycling Plant

Our next environmental concerns committee meeting will be Monday, March 20 6:30 PM in the community room at the Greystone. *If you are interested in helping GREEN our environment here at the Graystone, please email Sue McAnanama, at*

suemcananama@gmail.com

Cree Indian prophecy: “Only when the last tree has been cut down, the last fish been caught, and the last stream poisoned, will we realize we cannot eat money.”

GARDEN COMMITTEE



The Garden Committee is gearing up for spring planting. Thanks to everyone who submitted an application for a raised bed.

Applications closed on February 28. We'll be contacting everyone who submitted an application, and hopefully everyone can be accommodated in some way. Very soon, we'll be ordering soil for the raised beds. So we'll be assembling the raised beds and then we'll be filling them with dirt. We have some chores to do, and we welcome help! We'll schedule a Garden Committee meeting soon to schedule everything and to meet new gardeners.

Also of interest - Michael Sabatino has kindly made available a plant stand with lights for starting seedlings. It is located in the community room. Please email president1085@gmail.com if you are interested in using the stand to start seedlings.

REMINDERS

Compactor Room Maintenance

The staff of The Greystone has always worked to maintain the cleanliness of the compactor rooms and clean them, remove recyclables twice daily and perform other tasks to make certain that we do not have issues with roaches, mice, or any other unwanted critters. In addition, management hires a company twice a year to sanitize the compactor rooms. Once again, there have been complaints that residents are not using the recycling bins properly, they are placing plastic and glass items in the paper bins and paper in the glass and plastic bins and leaving bags of trash on the floor or under the shelf and putting large boxes and other large items in the room so that it is difficult to open and close the doors. ***Please remember that PIZZA BOXES SHOULD NOT BE LEFT IN THE COMPACTOR ROOM, BUT INSTEAD BE FOLDED, BAGGED AND THROWN DOWN THE CHUTE!** Also, remember that large bags of trash must be brought to the basement for disposal. Boxes must be collapsed before being brought to the basement, as Amazon, Fedex and UPS make many deliveries a day to residents and the number of boxes disposed of daily is significant. It is not fair to the staff to leave these boxes in the basement without flattening them, as this takes time from their schedule and gives them less time to finish the other work.

LARGE ITEMS, SUCH AS MATTRESSES, HEADBOARDS, TABLES AND OTHER FURNITURE CANNOT BE BROUGHT TO THE BASEMENT AND LEFT THERE FOR THE STAFF. If getting a delivery, arrange to have the old furniture removed.

*** Note that for each item, depending on the size, there will be a disposal charge starting at \$25.** Let's all do our part and cooperate. The staff and residents try

very hard to keep our building clean, neat and one that we are proud to call home. Please cooperate. It is just an elevator ride to the basement, and this will make a huge difference in our cleanliness and appearance.

Storage of Personal Items

We all have items that we keep, but are a nuisance to store in our apartments, as they take up precious space and we don't use them often. Many of us have a storage locker in the basement, some have two, for these infrequently used items and there is a waiting list for storage when it becomes available. This does not mean that residents can store items by their garage spaces or outside their doorways. The only item that is allowed to be left by the parking space is a shopping cart that is used to bring items up from trips to the supermarket. Nothing else is allowed to be stored in the garage. In addition, it is a fire hazard to leave shipping carts and other items in front of your apartment door. This is against fire rules and is a hazard in case of fire. Please remove these items immediately, as there have been many complaints about this situation. Your cooperation with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Mailroom and Laundry Carts

The **Carts** in located in the mailrooms are for the convenience of everyone. If you use a cart, please return it to the mailroom you borrowed it from. ***DO NOT*** leave carts in the hallway or elevator.

Laundry carts are NOT to leave the laundry room. It is frustrating when there are no carts to move the laundry from the washer to the dryer.

Thank you for your consideration.

SMOKE-FREE PUBLIC AREAS

Please be reminded that the public areas of The Greystone are smoke free. This means that there is no smoking within 30 ft. of the building. Public areas include the front of the building, the pool deck and the garage.

*****2023 BOARD ELECTIONS*****

PLEASE CONSIDER serving our community as a member of the Board of Directors. Any shareholder is eligible to run for a position on the Board for a term of 2 years.

*** OPEN MEETING:** Monday, March 13th at 7:00 PM
Via Zoom, you will receive an email with link.

SEE YOU THERE!

**GREYSTONE COMMUNITY
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Admissions

Susan Irwin
Jamilah Dialiobe *Liaison Chair*
Elizabeth Rodriguez

Community Events

Howard Schatz – *Liaison*
Ed Pressman
Glenn Carrozza
Marcia Gellert
Ashley Kimble
Tara Fitzpatrick Portanova

Décor

Bill Naedler - *Liaison*
Susan Arnold
Marion Heim
Bill Naedler
Susan Schweitzer

Garage

Joan Rapoport - *Liaison*
Joel Bloom

Gym

Rich DeSanctis - *Liaison*
Matt Carle - *Chair*

Landscape

Kathleen Santangelo - *Liaison*
- *Chair*

Marcia Gellert
Kathy Ewbank
Joan Rapoport
Tania Silverman

Publication/Website/Technology

Greystone on Hudson Website

Gary Weinberg – *Liaison*

Greystone Connections Website

Howard Schatz – *Liaison*

**Greystone Connections
Newsletter**

Susan Schweitzer – *Liaison*
Bill Naedler

Pool

Susan Schweitzer - *Liaison*
Steve Kahn
Rich DeSanctis

Environmental Concerns

Bill Naedler - *Liaison*
Susan McAnanama - *Chair*

Bike Storage

Bella Pace - *Liaison Chair*

Greystone Garden

Gary Weinberg - *Liaison*
Rita Walton - *Chair*
Annette Bazzicalupo
Genie Bobker
Sharon Deep
Georgette Hortopan
Karen Levy
Pete McDonald
Michael Sabatino

Greystone Helping Hands

Bill Naedler - *Liaison*
Robin Bloom
Donald Johnson
George Heimberger
Patricia Lawrence
Rachel Levine
Carole Michel
Anna Nash
Nick Portanova
Tara Portanova
Morton Rosebaum
William Ryan
Peggy Stoppel
Jonathan Vatner

Laundry

Susan Schweitzer – *Liaison*
Ellie Cassanelli

Library

Bill Naedler - *Liaison*
Diane Rosen – *Chair*
Margret Bussert
Joan Rapoport
Rita Walton

Maintenance

Bill Naedler - *Liaison*
Diane Rosen – *Chair*
Minda Finkelstein
Marcia Gellert
George Heimberger
Pat Lawrence
Joan Rapoport
Tania Silverman
Esther Waters
Mary Michael Simons
Paula Touse

Orientation

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Joan Rapoport - *Liaison Chair*
Bella Pace

Playroom

Teresa Gomez - *Liaison*
Marion Heim - *Chair*
Diane Rosen
Kate Todd

Security

Howard Schatz - *Liaison Chair*
Bill Naedler
Gary Weinberg
Tom Kimble

Welcoming Committee

Bill Naedler
Sue McAnanama



March 2023

Greystone Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	 Purim	Lailatul Barat Starts Reader's Circle Mtg. 7:30 PM, Z	8	9	10	11
 Daylight Savings Begins	 Open Mtg. 7:00 PM, Z	14	15	16	 St. Patrick's Day	18
19	First Day 20 of Spring  Environmental Concerns Meeting 6:30 PM, CR	21	 Ramadan Begins	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

CR= Community Room
 BR= Board Room
 LBY= Lobby
 L= Library
 Z= Zoom

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