



The Greystone Connection

A Monthly Newsletter

Building the Greystone Community Together!

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

April is the first full month of spring. Not only do we enjoy the signs of spring, but we celebrate many important days in April. We begin the month with “April Fools Day” later in the newsletter is some trivia of its origins. Many of our residents will be celebrating High Holy Days.

- ❖ This year, Passover will be held from April 5-13. This Jewish holiday is celebrated to commemorate the historic deliverance of the Jews/Israelites from slavery in Egypt.
- ❖ For Christians Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 2nd, including Holy Thursday, Good Friday and ending with Easter Sunday on April 9th.
- ❖ Don’t forget to file your taxes by April 15th.
- ❖ In between we have Arbor Day, Earth Day and April is poetry month, Autism Awareness month with so many small special days in-between.
- ❖ So CELEBRATE that you made it through challenging winter!

Throw off your coat, run outside, look at the sky, feel the sun and smile. Spring is here!



MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY

Management Updates

- The City of Yonkers inspector is scheduled for Friday, March. 31st after which Con Edison will turn on the gas for the 4 final lines – 15, 16, 24, and 26th. This should take place by the end of the first week in April and, finally, all apartments will have their gas restored.
- The garage project is ongoing, and the engineer is now working to come up with a proposal for fireproofing. This should be completed before the pool is filled.
- Pool deck repairs will begin shortly with flat roof work needed in the pool area and the elevator ceiling of the G5 floor/G4 ceiling area.
- Ongoing spring spruce-up will begin. The north garage entrance door was replaced, and other replacements and repairs will be done as needed. Residents are asked to enter any repair needed in their apartments, or as noticed in public areas, in the work order book at the doorman’s station.

Gas Leak Update

The final four lines, lines 15, 16, 24, and 26, were inspected and the gas will be turned on within the next week. This was a difficult situation which required much planning, time and cooperation but we have managed to get through this together and the worse is over. A heartfelt thank you to all residents, without whose cooperation the restoration of our gas would have been more difficult and would have been dragged out for a much longer time period.

Cast your ballot by May 8th!

Financial Report Update

As was discussed previously, our two large projects – Garage and Boiler – took a big bite out of our reserve fund. The board was aware of this and had planned to have a sizeable amount available for this purpose, as the boiler replacement and garage repairs were desperately needed. The emergency gas leak and shut off was an unexpected expense, but since our building is financially sound, we had the funds needed for these projects. The BoD has already planned for the replenishing of our reserve funds. We won't have exact numbers until all our bills are paid, probably within the next month or so. At that time a report will be sent to all shareholders.

IT'S SPRING!

Yes, officially it is spring, although this has been one of the warmest winters on record, and some days it seemed as if spring had arrived during the winter months. Most of us have not complained about our mild weather, and now we can look forward to getting out and enjoying activities that the spring offers. Some of the April outdoor fairs and festivals in Westchester include the following...

Second Sunday of every month from April- November from 10:00am-4:00pm

Hastings Flea

Discover the coolest vintage finds, unique home goods, jewelry, crafts and antiques, handmade goods, and more at the Hastings Flea. The event also includes food trucks, face painting, live music, and more! *Southside Avenue, MetroNorth, Commuter Lot. Hastings-on-Hudson.*

Saturday, April 15th and Sunday, April 16th from 9:30am-4:30pm

Flower Show at the Lyndhurst Mansion

Soak in the beauty of the historic Lyndhurst Mansion with its transformation of stunning botanical displays. Held on April 15th and April 16th, see how floral designers transform the interior of the mansion as you and your kids explore the space at your own pace. There will also be free activities and workshops for the family as well as a botanical market, special lectures, and landscape tours. Tickets are \$30 per adult and \$18 for kids ages 6-18. *635 S Broadway, Tarrytown.*

Sunday, April 16th from 1:00pm-4:00pm **Dandelion Festival**

Join Vet2Vet of Family Services of Westchester and Blue Star Families of the New York Tri-State Area for a fun-filled day of celebrating our military kids, both past and present. The dandelion is the flower of the military child because it puts roots down almost anywhere and is impossible to destroy. The event also includes exhibitors, games, giveaways, and more. *Lason Park – Arboretum and Veterans Memorial Park 2610 Amawalk Rd, Katonah.*

Saturday, April 22nd from 10:00am-5:00pm

Green Ossining Earth Day Festival

Celebrate Mother Earth at one of the biggest Earth Day festivals in the County. Held on April 22nd, this zero-waste festival also includes a Children's March that kicks off the festival at 9:30am. *Ossining Waterfront, 25 Westerly Rd, Ossining.*

Saturday, April 22nd from 11:00am-4:00pm

Daffodil Day

Visit Honey Bee Grove Farms in Somers for Daffodil Day! Enjoy a spring market, food, flowers and fun for the whole family. *Honey Bee Grove Farms, 265 US-202, Somers.*

Sunday, April 23rd at 5:00pm












Spring Dance Fest- A Multicultural Celebration

Presented by Arts10566 in collaboration with The Dance Conservatory and the Gateway Arts Collective's Spring Dance Fest, this multicultural dance show showcases a variety of cultural performances to kids of all ages. *1008 Brown Street, Peekskill.*

Don't forget Untermyer Gardens and the Hudson River Museum and Planetarium for local places to visit and enjoy. Information on the Farmers' Markets in the area, which usually open fully in May, will be noted in the next newsletter.

LET THE FLAG FLY!

You may have noticed a new flag pole was installed to fly our flag during the 2023-2024 Federal Holidays...

-  **NEW YEAR'S DAY – JANUARY 1**
-  **MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY -JANUARY 18**
-  **WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY – FEBRUARY 19**
-  **MEMORIAL DAY - MONDAY, MAY 29**
-  **JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY JUNE 19**
-  **INDEPENDENCE DAY – JULY 4**
-  **LABOR DAY – SEPTEMBER 4**
-  **COLUMBUS DAY – OCTOBER 9**
-  **VETERAN'S DAY – NOVEMBER 11**
-  **THANKSGIVING DAY – NOVEMBER 23**
-  **CHRISTMAS DAY – DECEMBER 25**

THE GREYSTONE READERS' CIRCLE

Information provided by Diane Rosen



The monthly meeting of *THE GREYSTONE READERS' CIRCLE* will meet as follows...

DATE: Tuesday, April 4, 2023

TIME; 7:30 – 8:30 PM

PLACE: Via Zoom, Can be accessed through
<https://greystoneconnections.com>

BOOK; *An American Marriage: A Novel*

AUTHOR: Tayari Jones

This stirring love story is a profoundly insightful look into the hearts and minds of three people who are at once bound and separated by forces beyond their control. *An American Marriage* is a masterpiece of storytelling, an intimate look deep into the souls of people who must reckon with the past while moving forward – with hope and pain – into the future.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND – Didn't read the book? Join us and listen!

GREYSTONE GYM UPDATE

Information by Rich DeSanctis

The gym committee would like to remind users that when finished using benches, weights, cable straps or handles, and other gym equipment, please restore them to their storage positions. Also, if you've removed weights, straps or other equipment from the gym, please return them as soon as is practical so other residents can use them as well. Your cooperation is appreciated.

THE GREYSTONE LIBRARY

Information provided by Diane Rosen

The Greystone Library is open for all residents to enjoy. A big Thank You goes to the Library Committee for all the time and a great deal of energy they expend.

Committee members have been hard at work removing books in poor condition from the shelves to make room for newer ones. Please be patient as we continue to re-shelve and reorganize. The big job is finding a home for the discarded books, so please, when you donate make sure books are appropriate titles and in good shape. Sorting, boxing and moving books can be heavy physical work. Leaving your old textbooks, computer manuals, damaged books, etc only creates a burden for the people who volunteer to help keep the room a pleasant space.

The puzzle table is open for business again. You will also find three current magazines on the puzzle table: **Time**, **Westchester** and **The New Yorker**. To make room for puzzles, newspapers, NY Times and Journal

News, were moved to the shelves beneath the Return Box. We are working with the Playroom Committee to move most of the children's books from the Playroom to the Library so they will be more accessible.

Library Committee is advocating for some needed maintenance in the room: a complete stripping and polishing of the floor, the addition of more electrical outlets so people can plug in laptops and charge phones, and the sealing of all holes to keep book loving mice out. We are fortunate to have this comfortable, quiet place, where anyone may come to find a book, borrow a magazine, read a newspaper, do a puzzle, work on their laptop, read a book to a child, or just sit in a comfortable chair and think. We hope you enjoy it!

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Working with the Environmental Committee and management to improve awareness of the value of recycling, members of the Maintenance Committee placed new signs detailing how to sort recyclables in each compactor room. Next time you throw out your trash, please take a moment to look up on the wall above the recycling bins to read these signs and make sure you are putting your clean recyclables in the correct bin. Compactor rooms are a happy place for unwelcome visitors who come to dine on our refuse. You can discourage critters, and make staff's work easier, by disposing of trash properly.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Information by Sue McAnanama

Talking Trash: The Greystone Environmental Concerns Committee is looking into all ways to reduce the "stuff" we buy, use, and then dispose.

<https://www.storyofstuff.org/movies/story-of-stuff/>

Everything we can take OUT of the trash compactor helps to reduce pollution.

For unneeded usable mens clothes, please consider donations to MIDNIGHT RUN in Dobbs Ferry, an organization that helps the homeless. They are located at 97 Main street. <https://midnightrun.org>

Childrens clothes in good condition can be donated to PAL in Yonkers. They have a FREE community closet open to Yonkers residents.

<https://www.yonkersny.gov/live/public-safety/police-department/community-outreach/community-kids-closet#donate>

For clothes, sheets, towels, etc. that are stained and worn out, please consider bringing them to the NEW Hastings green textile bin. The **Green Tree** bin is in the back of the Metro North Commuter train station parking lot, near the bridge. Not all bins are the same.

<https://www.hastingszerowaste.org>

We continue to investigate the opportunity for food scrap collection **pick-ups** with our regular trash by the

City of Yonkers. Many of us are doing this now and bringing it to the facility on Saw Mill River Road. Every banana peel, apple core and paper towel can be composted and turned into a new resource.

<https://www.yonkersny.gov/government/departments/public-works/refuse-disposal-division/recycling-center/food-scrap-recycling-program>

If you have other good resources for RECYCLING please share with us. Our next meeting in April is TBD. To join us contact Sue McAnanama suemcananama@gmail.com.

GARDEN COMMITTEE

Information by Rita Walton

We've got four raised beds assembled, and the soil was delivered. Now, the hard work will begin. We have to place the beds and then fill them with soil - then we'll be able to start gardening!

We've had several volunteers helping out by assembling the beds, and their work is much appreciated.

We'll need more volunteers to help move the soil into the beds when the time comes.

If all goes well, then we'll be up and ready to garden by mid-April.

If anyone is interested in helping out, please email Bill. We're happy for all the help we can get.

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS!

Information by Gary Weinberg

Looking for a new home for things you no longer need but someone else may put to good use? There are places to turn!

Go to www.hastingszerowaste.org and click on the link to "Hastings TILI Garage" -- The Take It or Leave It Garage, located at Andrus on Hudson, is a free, volunteer system in which you can drop off unwanted household items and/or take anything you like. The website provides guidelines and restrictions.

In addition, you can try to join the Facebook Group "Buy Nothing Rivertowns (South), Ardsley/Dobbs Ferry/Hastings/Irvington, NY" where group-members post items they want to give away for free or post they are seeking free items. Note that officially this group is limited to residents in the Rivertowns listed, not Yonkers residents, but if you indicate you are just over the boarder of Hastings, south end of Hastings, or something similar (be creative!) and specify your closest cross streets are Warburton and Pinecrest then you may be able to slip in – Good luck!

RAILROAD ELEVATOR

Morning rush:

PLEASE send the elevator back to the pool deck as a courtesy for the rider.

REUSABLE BAG COLLECTION



Collection of Fresh Direct and other reusable bags continues in our lobby. "Mike", who always works to keep the lobby looking neat and attractive, provided a new straw container for the bag collection and it is located on the front left side of the sitting area. The bags are collected regularly and brought to the church in Dobbs Ferry located on Broadway, for use by those receiving food items. The purpose is to have uniform bags that are useful and don't draw attention to those families receiving the contributions of food. Thank you to all who continue to place your bags in the straw container. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING, CANDIDATES NIGHT AND ELECTIONS

- April 24, 7:30 PM – Meet the Candidates Night via Zoom. A link to the online meeting will be sent prior to the meeting.
- Voting for Directors by Ballot. *Ballots can be submitted by noon on May 8th using one of the following options:*
 - Ballots can be placed in the Akam box in the lobby.
 - Faxed to Akam at 914-674-5926
 - Email to Ccarpentieri@akam.com
 - Mailed to: Akam, Atten: Chantel Carpentieri
1053 Saw Mill River Road, Suite 202
Ardsley, New York 10502
- Annual Meeting, via Zoom, Monday, May 8, 7:30 PM



During this Holy Season,
May Peace and blessings

Be with you,

Your Family and Loved ones!