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MOTHER'S
Day!

The Greystone Connection

A Monthly Newsletter

Building the Greystone Community Together!



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

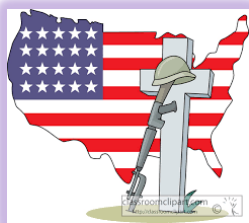
"Being able to see the end result, rather than just the task, eliminates obstacles, focuses your energy, and provides motivation to excel." — Catherine Pulsifer

Getting through the winter at the Greystone was certainly a challenge for our community. Not only with 2 much needed major projects in progress, we get hit with the gas shutdown on Christmas Eve. Talk about Murphy's Law!

Even with the inconveniences we faced, our community stayed strong as the board and management worked hard to keep everyone focused to "see the end result".

Now that Spring has arrived, I am pleased to say over this past year the board has accomplished many projects keeping our building in good shape. Now we can breathe a bit easier knowing we are safe from any gas tragedies, and we can rest that our garage structure is safe as the restoration is nearing its completion. High-tech energy efficient boilers have been installed which have been the topic of prior boards for several years.

As you know, every May our annual meeting is held when we elect new directors to fill the outgoing director's seats on the board. This year three seats need to be filled. By now you should have received the mailing which includes the profiles of the individuals seeking to be elected. Remember that your ballot must be in by May 8th at noon using one of the ways described in the mailing.



I would like to thank each Director of the Board for their hard work this past year. All your time and efforts as you served our community are greatly appreciated.

As I complete my term as director and President, I wish each of you health, happiness and peace.

Bill

MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY

Maintenance Projects

Ongoing maintenance continues at The Greystone....

- The pipe installation in the boiler room is underway. The lighting in the boiler room was completed. The next phase is to address the wall and ceiling.
- There have been unexplained power surges which caused the boilers to stop running. These surges also disrupted the security system. Con Ed has been contacted to evaluate their service to the building for the cause. Our building's engineer is working to find some mechanism to keep the boilers running should another power surge occur, as an option.
- The process of reinforcing the rusted beam at the G4 floor level/G3 ceiling level is completed. Beam replacement under the pool was, also, performed this past week. This needed to be reinforced before the pool water filter equipment is reinstalled, since it is located under the pool by the water filter. The pool could

not be filled until the reinforcement took place. Management has been following this closely so that all the work is completed in preparation for the upcoming pool season.

- Management is addressing the existing fire proofing material, as the existing fire proofing has been flaking, impacting on vehicles. Management is continuing to review available options to find the best way to address this problem.
- The gas is fully restored in the building, and is completely up and running, both in the common areas and individual apartments. All leaks have been addressed.
- Repairs were performed on the pool deck, around the railroad elevator bulkhead. Coping stones were repaired on the roof, as was the flashing. During a recent wind storm, a portion of the flashing on the south elevator bulkhead wall blew off and was replaced.
- The pool deck is being power washed in anticipation of the upcoming pool season. That work began this past Wednesday and will take approximately 3-4 days. As the other work and support beams have been completed and the pool deck power washed, after an inspection the pool can be filled and become operational in time for the pool season beginning Memorial Day weekend.
- Spring “spruce-up” is now underway with ongoing buffing, cleaning, painting, carpet cleaning and other repairs and maintenance ongoing.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Greystone annual financial report will be presented by our accountant at the Annual Meeting which will take place on Monday, May 8th.

POOL SEASON 2023

Yes, it’s hard to believe that the pool season is upon us. The Greystone pool will be opening on Saturday, May 27th, for the Memorial Day holiday

weekend. We are fortunate that, once again, Eugene, Billy and Jordan will be working as lifeguards. Last year, they did a terrific job, and we knew that with them on duty we would have a safe and successful summer season. The fact that two of our lifeguards are residents really makes a positive difference. The pool hours will be as follows....

Monday – Friday – 12 Noon – 8:30 P.M.

Saturday, Sunday and Holidays –

- 10:30 A.M – 8:30 P.M.

****AFTER AUGUST 13th, THE POOL WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.***

We hope that all will follow the pool rules that are meant to keep us happy and safe this summer and that you all have an enjoyable summer season at The Greystone.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

It has been several years now that Joel Bloom has taken over the job of “Garage Manager”. This is not an easy job, as Joel has to assign spots to new residents, keep track of the garage door remote devices and handle requests for change of parking spaces. These past several months have been exceptionally challenging, as with the garage project underway and need to move spots as the work is being done on different levels and areas of the garage, Joel has to reassign spaces and inform residents of the need for temporary parking. Most of the residents understand what a challenge this is and are cooperative. Hopefully, the project will be ending soon and we can all go back to our assigned spaces. Let’s give Joel a special “Thank you” for the hard work that he has volunteered to do for The Greystone community. We appreciate all that you do, Joel.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The Greystone Annual Meeting will be held on **Monday, May 8th at 7:30 P.M. via ZOOM.**

At that time the new board members, to fill the 3 empty seats, will be announced. If you have not yet voted, please do so before 12 noon on 5/8/23 as no votes can be accepted after that day and time.

The 4 candidates seeking election for a seat on the board are Bill Naedler, Susan Schweitzer, Howard Schatz and Peggy Stoppel. You can vote for up to 3 candidates. Please take part in the election and meeting and have a say in your community.

**GREYSTONE COMMITTEES, NEIGHBORHOOD
ACTIVITIES**

THE GREYSTONE READERS' CIRCLE

*Information provided by
Diane Rosen*



The next meeting of The Greystone Readers' Circle will be as follows....

WHEN: Tuesday, May 2, 2023

TIME: 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.

WHERE: VIA ZOOM, *can be accessed through*
<https://greystoneconnections.com>

BOOK: *The Plot* : A Novel

AUTHOR: Jean Hanff Korelitz

A NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER

This novel centers on the story of a writer/writing teacher who steals the plot of one of his students and makes a fortune from the book. Thereafter he receives an email calling him a thief. Stephen King describes this novel as “insanely readable”.

ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND!!!!

CALL FOR LOCAL AUTHORS

Calling all local authors!!! Many libraries have sections designated to local authors. The Greystone is full of talented people. If you or someone you know has written a book, or published an article, we would love to give it a place on the shelves of the LOCAL AUTHORS section in our own Greystone Library. Contact Diane Rosen at dlr49@aol.com.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Information by Sue McAnanama



COMING SOON to 1085:

Food Scraps curbside
Collection for Composting: A
pilot program with the City of
Yonkers.

Look out for further information posted on bulletin boards.

Free collection buckets for the first 40 apartments to sign up.

Sign up by emailing Sue at
Suemcananama@gmail.com

“There is no such thing as away”

GREYSTONE GARDEN COMMITTEE

Information by Rita Walton



The garden is coming together, thanks to the hard work of a wonderful group of volunteers! Four of the raised beds have been filled with

soil, and gardeners have begun planting in them. Parsley, basil and arugula are a few of the plants that you can see in the Greystone Garden. As the weather gets warmer, I expect we'll see lots of tomatoes. We still have to finish the raised bed for the community-pick-your-own section, and we hope to get that completed shortly.

In the meantime, the garden is turning into a lovely place, with healthy-looking raised beds and some lovely painted stones contributed by Georgette Hortopan. Rachel Levine donated chairs and a small table, so please come visit the garden and enjoy some time near growing things.

We have room for more containers, so if anyone wants to bring down a container and plant in that, please contact Bill or Rita Walton.

MARTIN GINSBERG PARK

On Friday, April 21, Mayor Spano and a group of politicians and neighbors came together to celebrate the official opening of Yonkers newest park and public staircase connecting Warburton Avenue to the Old Croton Aqueduct trail and Lenoir Nature Preserve! The park is beautiful and a peaceful spot to sit while enjoying the spring weather.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP DAY

info by Rita Walton

SAVE the DATE! Our neighborhood clean-up day will take place on Saturday, May 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The meet up of all in neighboring buildings will be in front of 1085 Warburton Avenue and together we will get the neighborhood in tip-top shape! Sponsored by RCCY (RIVER Communities Coalition of Yonkers), bags and gloves and some trash pickers will be provided. Please join us and help beautify our neighborhood!

Wishing all Celebrating these Holy Days Peace.

Ascension Thursday – May 18

Shavuot – May 26-27

Buddha Day – May 27

Pentecost – May 28



GUIDE TO AREA FARMER'S MARKETS

It is that time of the year and farmers' markets are just opening this month. Farmers' markets began as a way for farmers to sell the fruits and vegetables they'd grown. Today, they've evolved into much more, as you'll also find a wide variety of interesting, unusual and delicious artisan products. The following are some of the best local farmers' markets for you to visit....

The TaSH

In four short years, the TaSH (short for Tarrytown Sleepy Hollow) has become a neighborhood destination with visitors shopping, then picnicking, at the park while listening to live music.

Run by the Rivertown Village Green, a 503c organization supported by volunteers from Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown, the group reserves four community tables weekly and offers food access and shopper-rewards programs for families, veterans and seniors; educational children's activities; a Thanksgiving dessert contest; and bilingual translation throughout the market.

Patriots Park – Route 9 Tarrytown

Sat, 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m. through November 23

Hastings Farmers' Market Founded in 1998, the market, has an average of 30-35 purveyors per week. Market Bucks supplement the SNAP/EDT program, a scholarship is available for a Hastings High School student, and food and financial support is provided to the Hastings Food Pantry (a donation jar is at the market table through June). Food-scrap recycling, children's programs, the Veggie Valet (to keep purchases cold), and even free WiFi are offered.

Hastings Library parking lot -7 Maple Ave

Sat, 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Irvington Farmers' Market Colorful bistro tables and chairs set out for patrons to listen to musical acts, free yoga class being offered on the grass, and kids playing on the playground set the stage for **one of the area's only Sunday markets.**

Main Street School parking lot – 110 Main Street

Sun, 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m. through Nov 24

New Rochelle Farmers' Market

The market, begun in 1991, has a warm vibe and a long history in the community as the county's oldest market.

Thomas Paine Cottage Museum - 20 Sicard Avenue

Fri, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. until Nov 22

Ossining Farmers' Market

The Ossining Farmers' Market was founded 28 years ago with two vendors. Today, the market averages 15-20 on any given Saturday morning, accepts Snap/EBT, and hosts music acts and special events like Coffee with a Cop, when residents can chat with local police. English and Spanish are used at the market.

Corner of Main St and Spring St (parking lot)

Sat, 8:30 a.m.–1p.m. year-round

REMINDERS:

✓ Please do not park in the circular driveway or North driveway for more than 15 minutes to drop off groceries, etc. Cars parked in these areas cause a serious hazard for drivers leaving and entering the garage or making the turn in front of the building. Let's cooperate and keep our neighbors and friends safe.

✓ If you need a repair or see something in the public areas of the building that needs attention, please enter it in the work order book located at the doorman's desk.

✓ Do not leave large bags of trash that do not fit in the compactor shoot under the shelf in the compactor room. Bring it down to the basement for the staff to discard. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will prevent insect and rodent infestation, especially during the summer months.



*Wishing all Mother's
in our community a
Happy Mother's Day!*

“Let their remembrance be as lasting as the land they honored.” — Daniel Webster