



The Greystone Connection

A Monthly Newsletter

Building the Greystone Community Together!



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbor,

“Welcome to the Greystone”

I never get tired of saying this to someone new to our building... especially to someone renewed (moved out and now back)!

We have such a great Community with so much to offer. With the pandemic emergency declared over, it is time for all of us to get out meet – or re-meet – those we share this wonderful place we call home.

Memorial Day just breezed by and summer is unofficially here. The pool is open... Cool off with a dip... Swim laps (log your summer lap progress at the lifeguard station)... Relax on the new pool furniture installed last year... BBQ up something great on our shiny new grills... Play ping pong... Challenge your Jenga skills! Sip a cocktail (alcoholic, or not)... or mix up a batch to share with others! Of course, a building pool party is long overdue.

Join the Readers’ Circle. Plant flowers in the south garden – or just meander down to socialize and see what it’s all about. Work out in the gym. Bring your kids to the playroom. Grab a book from the library.

Most importantly, use these opportunities to strike up a chat with someone close, someone you casually know, and even someone you don’t know at all!

Have ideas? Share them with me and other Board members. Plans are in the works for a hybrid July Open Board meeting, both in person and online via Zoom, to open the communication even more.

The Greystone is a great place to live. But, it’s not the place or the things that make it great. It’s the people – you, me and everyone else. Our Community.

Enjoy with others. Make this the best summer ever!
Gary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2024 ELECTED

The Greystone Annual Meeting was held on May 8th and the new Board of Directors was elected. The following were elected to administrative positions at our first closed meeting.

Greystone Board of Directors 2023-2024

Gary Weinberg - President
Rich DeSanctis – Vice President
Kathleen Santangelo - Secretary
Joan Rapoport -Treasurer
Bill Naedler - Director
Susan Schweitzer – Director
Howard Schatz - Director

MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE COMMUNITY

Maintenance continues at The Greystone as follows....

- **Boiler Project** – The wall restoration on the pool deck, Northside Boiler Room, has been completed to match the cinderblock and paint that is currently there. A fireproof door for emergency access and louvers for ventilation of the boiler room is also in process.
- **Garage Project** – Waterproofing on the garage membrane on floors 3 and 4 was completed. Although there is still work to be completed in the garage, we hope that there won’t be much need to move our parking spots in the future. Thank you

again, Joel, for taking on the difficult task of organizing and supervising the garage at this time.

- **Exterior Repairs** – Various repairs were made on the pool deck around the elevator bulkhead, and the coping stones and flashing were repaired on the roof. Additional exterior repairs will be made as needed.
- **Carpet Cleaning** – All carpets were cleaned about two weeks ago, as is always done in the spring. Carpet cleaning regularly takes place in May/June and in Nov/Dec, twice a year.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

We just celebrated Memorial Day on Monday and, of



course, we know Memorial Day for big department store sales, the unofficial start of the summer, BBQ's and picnics, etc. But, do you know the true meaning of this

Federal holiday?

Memorial Day is an American holiday that honors all soldiers who died during service to the nation. It originated during the Civil War era when citizens placed flowers on the graves of those who had been killed in battle. The holiday was declared a national holiday through an act of Congress in 1971. Unlike Veterans Day, Memorial Day honors all military members who have died while serving in U.S. forces. Memorial Day is commemorated at Arlington National Cemetery each year with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Traditionally, the **President or Vice President** lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. In addition, the flag is flown at half-staff and some even wear a red poppy on this day. Think about what this day really means and pause to think about all military members who have died in the service of our country.

POOL SEASON BEGINS

The Greystone's 2023 Pool Season is now underway.



The pool opened on Saturday, May 27th, to start what turned out to be a beautiful Memorial Day weekend. The pool deck looked so inviting, with the clean, clear

sparkling water, the new chairs and seating arrangements and the new BBQ grills. Those of you who took a swim, lounged in the sun and barbequed lunch or dinner had a very good time and kicked off, what should be, a safe and enjoyable summer. Our lifeguards, Eugene, Billy and Jordan, have joined us again this summer and will be watching to make certain that everyone is safe and enjoys their time in the pool and on the pool deck. Please follow the pool rules and the lifeguard's directions so that we have another successful pool season. **Enjoy!!!**

Pool Hours

Monday – Friday:

12:00 – 8:30

Saturday, Sunday and Holidays

10:30 – 8:30

Reminders:

- ✓ **Do not forget** to give your pool registration form to the lifeguard the first time you enter the pool area. Everyone must sign in **each time** you visit the pool.
- ✓ **There is NO GLASS** allowed in the pool area, for obvious reasons.
- ✓ **There is NO SMOKING on the pool deck, as well as any public area.**
- ✓ **Guests are limited to 6 per family.**

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Once again, the Greystone will host another Candidates Night, which will take place on Wednesday, June 7, at 7:00 PM in the Community Room. You are all invited to join area neighbors for this in-person forum to “meet and greet” candidates who are running for local office. Both Republican and Democratic candidates will be present. This will take place before Primary Election Day which is on Tuesday, June 27th. Please come and meet the candidates!

GREYSTONE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Now that the pandemic precautions have been lifted, it is time to reactive our committees. chairs to meet with their members and make certain that each member is planning on continuing to work as a

volunteer for the coming year. If anyone is unable to participate, or if new members are needed, the chair should fill in the vacancies and update the committees, giving the information to Bill. Once the committees are in place the info will be made available to all residents. If anyone is interested in volunteering for any of the committees, please contact Bill at greystone1085bill@gmail.com and he will have the committee chair contact you. These committees are made up of volunteers who give their time to help improve our community. Thank you to all the committee members and chairs who work with us to *Build The Greystone Community Together*. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

THE GREYSTONE READERS' CIRCLE



This month The Greystone Readers' Circle will meet as follows....

Date: Tuesday, June 13th, 2023

Time: 7:30 – 8:30 - VIA ZOOM

Where: VIA ZOOM – zoom can be accessed through <https://greystoneconnections.com>

Book: *Chasing Me to My Grave*

Author: Winfred Rembert

Rembert grew up in a family of field laborers, joined the Civil Rights Movement, was nearly lynched, and spent years on chain gangs. At the age of 51, using leather tooling skills he learned in prison, he began telling the story of his life in leather.

Vivid, confrontational, revelatory and complex, *Chasing Me to My Grave* is a searing memoir in prose and painted leather that celebrates Black life and summons readers to confront painful and urgent realities at the heart of American history and society.

A Pulitzer Prize Winner !!!!

ALL WELCOME TO JOIN. IF YOU DIDN'T READ THE BOOK, JUST COME AND LISTEN

Garage Committee

Info by Joel Bloom

Visitor parking is back! It was on hold due to the garage project, but the spaces on the ramps are now available for visitor parking. If you need a parking space for visitors, please fill out a Visitor Parking Request Form at the Doorman's station and place the visitor parking pass on the dashboard while parked in

the garage. The charge for visitor parking is \$10/day. The parking charge will be added to your monthly maintenance the following month.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Info by Sue Mcananama

Food Scrap Recycling is now underway at The Greystone. Yonkers DPW has begun the twice weekly curbside pick-up of our food scraps. There are kits available for every resident! If interested, just ask the doorman and you will get two buckets and three bags to start.

The City of Yonkers will be at The Greystone 10 AM Wednesday, May 31 for the official announcement as we are one of the first buildings to participate in this project. I'm sure it will be recorded and televised, and we will let everyone know when to watch it, as it will probably be on Channel 12 News.



THE GREYSTONE GARDEN

Info by Rita Walton

May just ended and the garden is in bloom! We've got quite a variety of flowers, vegetables and herbs-- lots of basil and tomatoes, but also peas, arugula, spinach, lettuce, cucumbers, kale, parsley, dill and lovage! We've even started a bit of a wildflower garden by the back fence, where several gardeners have planted milkweed, sunflowers and coneflower.

Residents are welcome to come to visit the garden whenever they like. Entry is via the south side basement door or from the gate on Warburton into the south yard.

We have an Open Garden session every Saturday morning, from 10 am to 11 am, from May to August, where at least one gardener will be available to chat. Please come visit! At the last Open Garden session, we had a good turnout and good garden conversation -- though I don't believe we diagnosed the problem with one sickly-looking tomato plant. All the same, several gardeners pitched in, and we had a volunteer come to help with the watering and weeding. In a few more weeks, we look forward to seeing the vegetables ripen!

NATIONAL DOUGHNUT DAY



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Friday, June 2nd is National Doughnut Day. Head over to Dunkin' Doughnuts right off Broadway for a free doughnut with a purchase of a beverage.

NEIGHBORLY CONSIDERATIONS

We live in a lovely community where the staff works very hard to keep the building clean and in good repair for the residents' enjoyment. Our shareholders take pride in their surroundings and work to find ways to upgrade and make our community even better.

So...

Pizza boxes are not to be left in the paper/cardboard recycling bins, they must be folded and placed in bags and thrown down the chute. The remnants of food left on the boxes will bring insects and rodents.

When placing your garbage in the compactor, give it a push to make sure that your garbage has left the compactor chute door.

PARKING IN DRIVEWAYS

- **PLEASE** remember that cars are **not** to be left unattended at the north driveway, nor at the front of the building at the turn-around. This makes it very difficult and dangerous for others to navigate. Stopping only to unload packages is permitted.

WATERING PLANTS ON TERRACES

- We all love how beautiful flowering plants look on our terraces and some of our residents even grow tomatoes, basil and other herbs during the summer months. Several residents have asked that shareholders be mindful when they water their terrace plants. It seems that instead of slowly watering, they are dumping the water and it runs down to the people below. This is not fun when someone is eating on the terrace or just sitting and enjoying the view and gets an unexpected shower. We are certain that this is unintentional and probably done without being aware that this is happening, but please keep this in mind when watering terrace plants and try not to overflow and disturb your neighbors.



Wishing all Dads
in our Community
a
Happy Father's
Day!
and a
Congratulations to
All Graduates!



HELLO, JUNE!
LET THE
SUMMER BEGIN!