



The Greystone Connection

A Monthly Newsletter

Building the Greystone Community Together!



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A MESSAGE FROM BILL AND SUSAN

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

WE'RE BACK and thrilled to be here, after exactly one year without our monthly newsletter. There are so many exciting and interesting things to report that are happening in our building and around our neighborhood, and we, once again, look forward to sharing these with you. The newsletter, written by Bill and Susan, will focus on events that are happening in and around our community, human interest stories, personal announcements from our residents, committee reports and other tidbits that are of interest, important information and just something that may put a smile on your face. We try to keep the newsletter neutral, free of opinions and definitely non-political and non-biased. We will be asking committee chairs to contribute by updating us on happenings and upcoming events, blogs from residents who have something of interest to share and notices of community events and happenings in the area. Any happy news, such as a wedding, birth, or other occasion that you want to share? Any other items or personal announcements to share?

Contact Bill at greystone1085bill@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any ideas for articles or blogs that you would like to see printed in the newsletter, please contact us about that too, as we would love to get your input and suggestions.

We will be dropping a copy of The Greystone Connection at your door by the first of the month BUT if you would rather read the newsletter online and do not want a paper copy, please email Bill and we will make sure not to leave a copy at your door. In this case, if you want to read the newsletter online, Howard Schatz will be updating

The Greystone event website at greystoneconnections.com.

We are happy to be back in touch with you and look forward to continuing ***Building The Greystone Community Together.***

Best,

Bill and Susan

CONNECT WITH BILL

Would you like to connect with Bill and get personal emails and announcements regarding building happenings and events? Do you want to speak with Bill regarding a personal issue or have a question? If so, please send an email to Bill at greystone1085bill@gmail.com and you will receive news blasts, announcements, etc. Looking forward to hearing from you.



"Independence Day: freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of women and men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed - else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die." -

Dwight D. Eisenhower

GREYSTONE COMMITTEES, ACTIVITIES, EVENTS

4th of July Pool Party Celebration

We hope that you will join us on Thursday, July 4th from 4 - 10 PM on the pool deck to celebrate Independence Day! The BoD will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, salads, and soft drinks for your enjoyment. You can BYOB, but remember, no glass is allowed on the pool deck to avoid any injuries. Music will be provided and there will be “help yourself” grilling. If you want to bring a guest please remember that up to 6 guests are permitted. A charge for guests will be \$10 per adult/ \$5 per child (6-12). Please sign up at the doorman’s station by Sunday, June 30th. This is a board sponsored event and there is no charge for current residents. To pay for guests, leave a check payable to “1085 Warburton Avenue Co-op” at the doorman’s station and put it in a sealed envelope that is labeled **For Bill**. Since we are a community, we trust that you will leave your checks for your guests so that we can offset the cost of the party for non-residents, as we will go by the honor system. We hope that you come to celebrate Independence Day with your friends and neighbors and look forward to seeing you then.

SNACK AND YAK...A PLEASANT AFTERNOON

Info by Susan Schweitzer

On Sunday afternoon, June 23rd, about 35 of The Greystone residents and friends gathered in the community room for a Snack and Yack. There was a variety of food (SNACKS) and we talked (YACKED) with our neighbors to the background music of the trio - Howard on keyboard, Violette singing, and Mason on bass. It was a truly relaxing, enjoyable afternoon and we got to see and speak with neighbors who we may not have seen in a while. It was requested that we hold more events as these, and we do have some scheduled. Our July 4th celebration will be held on the pool deck, and we hope that you will join us for our next community event.

SUMMER POOL SEASON 2024

EUGENE, OUR LIFEGUARD, OUR HERO!

On Juneteenth, when the pool was busier than usual due to the holiday, our resident lifeguard, Eugene, saved a young girl from drowning. The girl was a guest who swam out to the deep end of the pool, with her friend, on a “noodle”, lost her

grip and went under. She came up and grasped for the “noodle” but it was out of reach. She was about to go under again when Eugene jumped in and rescued her. The girl was shaken, but fine. A tragedy was averted but this incident reminds us about the importance of following the rules and the lifeguard’s directions, which are meant to keep us all safe.

Please remember that anyone who can’t swim should stay in the shallow end of the pool. In addition, children under three who are not “potty” trained must wear swim diapers and use the kiddie pool. Actually, **NO ONE WEARING A DIAPER** should be using the pool. This is for the health and safety of all residents.

Last week, when a thunderstorm started, one of our lifeguards asked all to vacate the pool. This was met with resistance and, although the lifeguard explained that it was dangerous to be in a pool after hearing thunder and for 20 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder, the residents wanted to re-enter the pool. Thunderstorms can be dangerous, especially near water **AND PLUMBING**, and it is important to abide by the lifeguard’s directions.

We hope that all enjoy the pool and pool deck this season and continue to follow the rules that will keep everyone safe.

Our normal pool safety rules continue as follows....

- Pool opens at
12:00 - 8:30 PM on weekdays
10:30 - 8:30 on weekends and holidays
*After August 11th pool will close at 8:00 PM
- No running in the pool area
- No diving or rough play in the pool
- No loud music on pool deck.
Please use earphones.
- No glass anywhere on the pool deck.
- Parents must monitor their children in both the large pool and the Kiddie Pool.
- No inflation devices in the large pool.
- **NO DIAPERS OF ANY KIND IN THE LARGE POOL**



THE GREYSTONE READERS' CIRCLE

Info provided by Diane Rosen



The Greystone Readers' Circle usually meets on the last Tuesday of each month from 7:30-8:30 via zoom. For those of you new to The Greystone, the book of

choice is posted on the bulletin board for all to read and then discuss during the following meeting. All are welcome to participate and those who cannot read the book due to time restraints, etc. are welcome to attend and listen. Please check bulletin boards for announcements regarding the Readers' Circle.

All are WELCOME!!

GREYSTONE FRONT ENTRANCE GARDENING

A big thank you to Joan Rapoport, Marcia Gellert and Kathy Santangelo for the plantings adding a beautiful touch at the entrance to The Greystone.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Info provided by Sue McAnanama



All Greystone residents are welcome to join the

Environmental Concerns Committee. Over a year ago the idea of the food scrap program came from this committee, and it has been a resounding success. We have collected over 30,000 lbs. of food scraps. We have received back some very fine compost soil to use in our community gardens. Our energies will now be directed toward other environmental and energy saving concerns....

- EV (Electric Vehicle) Charging Stations nearby/and possible location at The Greystone
- Solar Panel subsidies from NYS and the Federal Government.
- Reducing Plastic Packaging/recycling.

We are better and smarter together, so please come and share your ideas, opinions, and SUGGESTIONS for a more environmentally friendly building. Watch for scheduled meetings on the Community Bulletin Boards.

In addition, we want you to know that in May, The Greystone food scrap program celebrated one year of operation and over 30,000 pounds of food scraps sent for composting. Thanks to the City of Yonkers and Westchester County for initiating this pilot project. For Earth Day, we were presented with an Eco-Award by Westchester County for our outstanding success.

GREYSTONE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Info provided by Rita Walton



Golden marigolds, striped petunias, yellow lilies and red begonias are some of the flowers blooming in the garden this summer. The flowers complement the garden's vegetable

beds and make the garden a lovely place to sit, relax and enjoy nature. There's a lot to look at in the garden: sunflowers will be opening soon, and there are blueberry, strawberry and raspberry bushes getting settled in. We're also creating a new raised bed that will be an herb bed, with herbs for the community. Twelve residents have been busy planting and digging and beautifying - and the garden is a celebration of their creativity and determination.

Produce from the garden has been offered for free to residents in a basket by the doorman. In addition, all residents should feel free to take produce from the raised bed in the garden that is labeled "Community". Right now, basil, lettuce and kale !are ready to eat, and it looks like the tomatoes will soon be ripe! If you have any questions about the garden please email ...

ritajeanwalton@gmail.com.



LOOKIN UP!...AT THE GREYSTONE

Info provided by Sharon Deep

An astrological chart of The Greystone has been constructed based on the working assumption that The Greystone was as if "born" on the day of the very first 'open house' ...4th of September 1971. A general sort of an oracle can be constructed from the chart: The Greystone is a qualified modeling of an accelerated evolution of living in community, with social concern for all being cultivated and stewarded.

The energy from Jupiter (big and broad and beneficent and loving) qualifies the soul of The

Greystone, as does Saturn (the structure and discipline of mind).

Jupiter is transiting over The Greystone's Saturn. And the note being sounded at The Greystone these days may be heard as being both expansive and contracting, as if we're playing an accordion together.

BULLETIN BOARDS

If you wondered why the bulletin boards in the mailrooms and basement have such a neat and organized look these past few weeks, it is because Marcia Gellert and Marion Heim are back on bulletin board patrol. They have been taking care of organizing, rearranging postings and discarding expired notices and the results are obvious. Thank you, ladies, for volunteering to do this and making our bulletin boards neat, relevant and easy to read. Great job!

SHOPPING CART IN NORTH LAUNDRY ROOM

After a shareholder requested that a shopping cart be made available in the basement for use by those residents who like to drop off their groceries using the side door, a full-size cart was placed at the back of the north laundry room for resident convenience. Anyone who drops off groceries using the side driveway entrance may use the cart. PLEASE remember to return it immediately so that it is available for your neighbors. Let's be considerate of our friends and neighbors who live in our community.

SUMMER VACATION ON BEELINE BUS FARES

Beginning July 1st and ending September 2nd, all rides on Beeline buses and ParaTransit will be free. This initiative is continuing for Summer 2024 because it not only helps our residents and families save money, but it also promotes the use of public transportation, reduces traffic congestion and reduces our carbon footprint. We hope that our residents will take advantage of the free rides and use them to attend the many events that will be taking place this summer in Westchester County.

Important Codes to Remember

- **Building Wi-Fi:** (Pool Deck, Gym, Community Room, Library, Playroom, Basement Level)
ID: Greystone
Password: Warburton
- **Pool Deck Gate Code:** 0327



COMMITTEES

Many residents are not aware of all the various committees serving the Greystone Community. The following is a list of our committees.

Admissions

Community Events

Décor

Greystone Community Garden

Gym

Publications: Website/Technology

Pool

Environmental Concerns

Bike Storage

Greystone Helping Hands

Library

Maintenance

Orientation

Playroom

Laundry (Monitoring Machines)

If any of these committees interest you and you would like to volunteer for any of them or you have a committee idea, contact Bill at Greystone1085Bill@gmail.com for further information.

We are all stewards of our community.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTY... UNTERMAYER GARDENS



Treat yourself to an afternoon of beauty only about a half mile from The Greystone next to St. John's Riverside Hospital
Untermyer Gardens

OPEN MEETING
Monday, July 22 at 7:00 PM
In person Community Room
and Via Zoom

Zoom Link Sent in email