



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,

It's hard to believe, but the summer is flying quickly, and it is already August. We hope that everyone is enjoying the warm weather and, when it is too warm, as we have had several heat waves, we hope that you are safe, staying cool and hydrated.



In talking to some shareholders, I think the concept of a Cooperative is

misunderstood as being the same as owning a condominium.

A co-op owner has an interest or shares in the entire building and a contract or lease that allows the owner to occupy a unit. While a condo owner owns a unit, a co-op owner **does not own** the unit. Co-ops are collectively owned by their residents, who own shares in a nonprofit corporation and elect a Board of Directors that manages the building for the shareholders.

The motto "*Building the Greystone Community Together!*" emphasizes we are truly a community; we all share in the care of our building. Living in a Coop is more than just paying our monthly maintenance, it is taking ownership and doing things beyond the walls of our unit for the good of the whole community. This concept may mean a shift in our understanding from prior experiences of owning a house or renting an apartment. While we have House Rules which keep our lives organized and considerate of each other, the cooperative experience goes beyond rules. Living in a cooperative fosters a community spirit where we are encouraged to do that little extra for the good of all. Doing that little extra can be as simple as picking paper up from the floor in the hallways or softener sheets that drop on the laundry floor, wiping up laundry detergent when it

spills on the floor or down the front of the washing machine, to washing our recyclable containers out before putting in the recycle bin, bagging and pushing garbage down the chute in the compactor rooms, and not leaving large bags of garbage and boxes in the compactor rooms but bringing them down to the basement in the designated areas, which will keep rodents from taking up residence in our building. By doing these simple acts of caring, it allows our staff to focus on the bigger areas that need tending to, which keep our building looking good. The care I have witnessed in our community goes beyond the few examples I mentioned above. We also have watched out for each other's safety by driving through the garage in a safe manner

Our wish and encouragement for all is that while we live in our apartments, we will become aware that we are members of this Greystone Community and share in the care and responsibility for the whole building.

Building The Greystone Community Together.

Best,

Bill and Susan

*Check out Events and Happenings in The Greystone Community on
greystoneconnections.com

GREYSTONE COMMITTEES, ACTIVITIES, EVENTS

THE GREYSTONE SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

4th of July Pool Party Celebration



Our pool party to celebrate Independence Day was a great success. Turnout was excellent and feedback from those who attended was overwhelmingly positive. We have not had a

party since the pandemic and all appreciated the opportunity to get out onto the pool deck, enjoy BBQ and the sides provided and meet neighbors and friends, many even danced on the pool deck, for a pleasant evening. A special “Thank you” goes to Natividad Munoz, a resident, who provided creative decor, artistic planning and yummy desserts. She was a huge help in organizing the party. The lead planner and organizer was Matt Carle, who did an excellent job and worked with Rich DeSanctis to plan the menu, shop and set up the tables, etc. Residents really enjoyed themselves and are asking when the next party will take place. Maybe another party is in the near future. Thank you again to all those who helped make the party a success!

Snack and Yak...Literacy Sharing

Info by Susan Schweitzer

Our next Snack and Yak will be held on Sunday, August 18th, from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Our resident authors and poets will be asked to do readings and we invite anyone who has written something and wants to share, or anyone who has a favorite poem or passage, and who wants to read it to the group, to contact Bill so that we can plan the afternoon. All are invited to come to snack, meet friends and neighbors, and have a relaxing afternoon. Some snacks will be provided and all are welcome to bring a snack to share with the others. Hope to see you at this next event.

THE GREYSTONE POOL COMMITTEE

Summer Pool Season 2024



Our pool opened on May 25th for the 2024 pool season and we are having a very successful summer. In

a time when there are lifeguard shortages, we have a list of 9 lifeguards to cover all our shifts. This was no easy accomplishment. Our pool has been kept clean and inviting and usage seems to be picking up, as our afternoons are getting busier with kids returning from camp and adults taking a swim after work. Of course, our pool “regulars” can be found basically rain or shine, swimming laps, submerged to keep cool, or doing water exercises. During the hot days of summer, and especially during these heat waves that we have been experiencing, the water heats up and feels as if we have our pool heater on. This is not the case. The water is not being heated by us but, instead, is being heated by the sun. There is nothing that we

can do about this. We cannot add cold water, as this disrupts the balance of chemicals in the pool and, in addition, if the water level gets too high, it can cause the skimmers to not work properly. Once the heat waves are over and the nights get cooler, the water will cool down during the night and the pool temperature during the day will be more refreshing. Finally, our lifeguards are on duty to keep us safe. They are in charge when they are on duty and their directions must be followed. If a lifeguard gives directions to leave the pool, as there is thunder in the distance, you must follow these directions. Thunder is followed by lightning, almost immediately. If you hear thunder, lightning is nearby. At the first sound of thunder everyone must vacate the pool and must not return until 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder. The lifeguard will let you know when it is safe to return to the pool. Please follow the lifeguard’s directions. We want everyone to have a safe and happy pool season and to enjoy time on the pool deck.

THE GREYSTONE READERS’ CIRCLE

Info provided by Diane Rosen



The Greystone Readers’ Circle is a book group that has been meeting here in our building for over ten years. It is open to all Greystone residents. Readers’

Circle meets on a flexible schedule, usually the third or fourth Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 PM. During Covid, meetings took place on ZOOM and were accessed on the Greystone Connections website which is greystoneconnections.com This website was set up and funded by board member Howard Schatz. It allowed residents to stay connected to the Greystone community during a time of isolation. Thanks to Howard, the book group survived and thrived during Covid. Last month the group met in person on the pool deck for the first time in a long time. We hope to continue meeting on the pool deck, weather permitting. Look for flyers posted on the bulletin boards for information on upcoming meetings. If you would like to be added to the Readers’ Circle email list or would like more information, please contact Diane Rosen at dlr49@aol.com or Sharon Olang at solang777@optonline.net. Discussions are invariably interesting and spirited. New to the Greystone? Readers’ Circle is a great way to connect with other residents.

The August Readers' Circle info is....

- Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2024
- Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM
- Location: Pool Deck, weather permitting. For further info contact Diane or Sharon.
- Book: The Women
- Author: Kristin Hannah

The Women is a story of one woman going to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism. This is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroic whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

BIKE ROOM REPORT

Info provided by Bella Pace

We are in the middle of biking season. The South and North county trails along the Saw Mill River Parkway are off road, paved, smooth and beautiful for biking. Parking is available just off the SMR at Farragut Ave (a right exit). Those trails extend north to Putnam County and south to Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx.

The bike room has a spare car bike rack near the door for borrowing and returning. The bike room is over-crowded and 10% of the bikes have flat tires and are apparently never used. Please remove bikes that you know are not going to be used. We can help find a donation site for bikes no longer wanted and could potentially find a bike store to service bikes in our building, if there is enough demand for restoring bikes to usefulness. Notify Chantel if you need help for these issues. Also, please label your bike with last name and apartment number and 2024. **Reminder: E-bikes are a fire hazard and are not allowed anywhere on the premises.**

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Info provided by Sue McAnanama

The Environmental Concerns Committee reports that over 32,000 lbs of food waste have been kept out of our chutes, out of the Westchester incinerator and composted into reusable soil for gardens all over. Congratulations to all the participants who help make this happen. Our Greystone Environmental Concerns Committee will be meeting every two months. We will be preparing a survey to see if there is a need at The

Greystone for an electric vehicle charging station. There are several nearby. We are also looking into solar opportunities and rebates that are available from the state and federal governments. Of course, we are monitoring the very successful food scrap program, which is open to all residents. To get your free kit and training, please ask at the lobby desk. The Yonkers Department of Sanitation has an excellent recycling center at 735 Sawmill River Rd. They accept for recycling all electronics, used tires, and an assortment of bins for your old clothes and books. Staples gives coupon credits for returns of old printer cartridges. Do you have any concerns to share? Please send an email to Suemcananama@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list or check the bulletin boards for our next meeting.

“Scrap It. Don’t Trash It!” “Recycle Today, Save Tomorrow”

GREYSTONE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Info provided by Rita Walton



The garden is still blooming now in late summer. We have sunflowers towering over the back fence, impatiens and begonias going strong - and the vegetables are thriving. The tomato harvest has been

wonderful! We've been able to offer cherry tomatoes to the community almost every day. Be sure to check the doorman station if you're looking for some!

Our newest bed is the Community Herb bed - and growing there are basil, dill, Thai basil and oregano - along with some Cuban oregano that a resident donated. Please come down and take a snip of some of these herbs.

Another resident donated a portable garden stool with a pocket for gardening tools - so we're looking forward to using this!

Thanks to everyone for their donations and the Garden Committee encourages you to come down and enjoy the garden!

ritajeanwalton@gmail.com.

LOOKIN UP! FROM THE GREYSTONE

Info provided by Sharon Deep

An astrological chart for 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’, which was on 4 September 1971.

These days, astrologers are all talking about how the energies of Uranus are befalling us. The energies of Uranus incline us to have a sudden urge to make things better, so sudden that it shocks us like when lightning strikes. Uranus is harmonizing with Pluto and also with The Greystone's natal Pluto, and it is directly opposite The Greystone's Jupiter, which is harmonizing with Neptune in the sky above. What could it all mean? To my way of thinking it means that The Greystone as a community, is being called to decide how to adjust or adapt to the circumstances arising in the world these days. We will all be best served if we hold our ideals of cooperatively living together close to heart. Doing so, given the astrological energies available to us, will serve to mold the way we live together and bring much relief from the tension in the world these days.

GREYSTONE GARAGE COMMITTEE

Info provided by Joel Bloom

Unless there is a structural problem with your assigned parking space and you've been told to move, please do NOT use the ramps to park your car. These spaces are reserved for visitors and staff.

HABLEMOS ESPANOL

It is a gift to be able to speak another language, and for anyone who is interested in learning Spanish, a group of residents will be forming a class this Fall. The class will be led by Professor Barbara Bregstein, who has authored several "Step by Step" books on various levels of Spanish grammar and language learning. If interested, contact Barbara at bbregstein@etnyarts.org to find out more information about the course and to sign up for the free introductory class that will be offered. So, Hablemos Espanol.....Let's speak Spanish!

COMPACTOR ROOM CARE

Greystone residents work very hard to take care of the compactor rooms. We all know how important it is to keep them clean and free from food scraps so that we don't attract roaches and rodents. The compactor rooms are emptied twice daily by the porters and they are sanitized twice yearly. There are two bins located in each room, one for recyclable cardboard and paper and one for glass, bottles and cans. It is important for each resident to do his/her part in disposing of trash and recyclables properly. Recently there have been

items left in these rooms that do not belong. Dirty plastic containers, opened, with food stuck to them, pizza boxes with sauce and cheese hanging from them, trash, such as hangers, linens and other large items that are supposed to be brought down to the basement. All bottles, containers and cans must be washed out before being placed in the bin. Pizza boxes, although cardboard, are not to be left in the compactor room but, instead, folded small enough to fit into a bag and thrown down the chute. We are trying to keep our building clean and attractive, free from unwanted "critters" and we must all cooperate to this end. Let's all work together for this common goal.

More Trash Talk....

- If a garbage bag is too large to throw down the compactor chutes, please bring it down to the basement. Do not leave garbage on the floor or shelf in the compactor room. Consider buying smaller trash bags.
- Furniture, mattresses, appliances and other large items cannot be just "left" in the basement. Arrangements must be made to have these items removed by the delivery people who bring your new items. If that is not possible, you must inform Chantel of your intent to leave the large item in the basement and you will be charged to have it removed. The charge for removing these large items will start at \$25 for each item.
- There have been complaints of residents storing items and trash in their garage spaces. The only thing to be left in the garage space is your vehicle and an empty shopping cart. All other items must be stored in your storage locker or in your apartment. Anything other than a vehicle and shopping cart will be removed by the staff. You will be contacted shortly regarding the deadline for removing these items. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

REUSEABLE SHOPPING BAGS

Reusable bags are still being collected for the South Presbyterian Church Food Pantry in Dobbs Ferry. Please deposit empty bags into the straw basket that is in the seating area of the lobby.

They will be picked up by Meg Bussert and brought to the church, where they are very much needed and appreciated. Please make sure that the recycled bags are in good condition, clean and folded. Thanks to all of you who have been donating these bags for over a year now and continue to do so.

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.

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.

HOLLYWOOD ON THE HUDSON



Yes, Yonkers has been christened “Hollywood on the Hudson!

In addition to the crime drama staples, Yonkers has been a bustling location for “Recess,” “Long Bright River,” “Evil,” “FBI: Most Wanted,” and of course, “Raising Kanan.” Each production brings a unique flavor and excitement, further establishing Yonkers as a prime filming destination. Many of the Crime Drama’s we watch, Blue Bloods, Law and Order and feature length movies are filmed on our streets here in Yonkers. Watch for “Shotgun Wedding” soon recreating the 1030’s depression era!

Reminder...
There is NO August Open Meeting.
Next Open Meeting is September 9th at 7 PM.

THINGS TO DO IN WESTCHESTER

OUT AND ABOUT IN YONKERS



PHILIPSE MANOR

The oldest building in Yonkers, Philipse Manor Hall was built in three stages between the 1680s and 1750s by the Dutch Philipse family, who built their enormous

wealth in the fur trade with Munsee Lunaape and other Indigenous peoples, a global shipping empire, and the slave trade. Their landholdings in Westchester became Philipse Manor in 1693, and eventually they came to own much of what became Westchester and Putnam counties, populated by their tenant farmers and enslaved Africans. Frederick Philipse III was a Loyalist during the American Revolution and the family fled to England after the war. In the 19th century the manor hall became Yonkers City Hall, and later a historic site. Today, visitors can enjoy two floors of ADA-accessible exhibits chronicling the history of the Munsee Lunaape, the Philipse family, the people they enslaved, and their tenant farmers. Public events and community art gallery also hosted on site.

Did you know that parts of “The Godfather” were filmed right here in Yonkers? The historic Philipse Manor Hall was one of the iconic locations featured in this legendary movie!

FREE SUMMER FILM AND CONCERT SERIES IN YONKERS






Family Friendly Movie & Concert Schedule

MOVIES AT DUSK*		
DATE	MOVIE	LOCATION
July 8th	Night at the Museum 3 (PG)	City Hall Plaza
July 15th	The Lego Movie (PG)	Conor Park
July 22nd	Big Hero 6 (PG)	Fleming Field **
July 29th	Strange Magic (PG)	Kinsley Park **
August 5th	Cars (G)	Smith Park **
August 12th	Brave (PG)	Bregano Park **
August 19th	Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (PG)	Schultze Field **

MUSIC AT 7 PM		
DATE	BAND	LOCATION
July 9th	Swingadelic	Andrus Park **
July 16th	Bandhits	Lennon Park **
July 23rd	Sage	Trevor Park **
July 30th	McLean Avenue Band	Coyne Park **
August 6th	Annette Aguilar & The Stringbeans	Sullivan's Oval **
August 13th	Linda Miller & The Girls Next Door	Richter Field **
August 20th	Total Soul	Cerrato Park **
August 26th	Beach Blanket Bingo with Music from The Dimensions	Murray's Skating Rink
August 27th	Showtime Dance Band	Redmond Field **

[Looks like rain? Call 377-6450 for information](#)
 * Movie titles subject to change ** Bring your own seating and blankets