



The Greystone Connection

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Building the Greystone Community Together!

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A Season of Renewal: Celebrating May Together

As the vibrant colors of spring awaken the earth, May invites us into a season of renewal, remembrance, and joyful gathering. This month, our Greystone community comes alive with fresh energy, cherished traditions, and new beginnings that inspire hope and connection.

This month we welcome our newly appointed Board of Directors. Their leadership marks a new chapter in our collective journey. The annual meeting was not just a formality—it was a celebration of community spirit, of neighbors stepping up to guide and nurture the place we call home. Their dedication reminds us that leadership is about service, vision, and the belief that together we can build something extraordinary.

As we look ahead with hope, we also pause to honor the past. Memorial Day stands as a solemn reminder of the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who gave their lives for the freedoms we enjoy. In quiet reflection and community ceremonies, we remember their courage, honor their legacy, and reaffirm our commitment to unity, peace, and gratitude. Their memory is woven into the fabric of our community, and May offers us the precious opportunity to say, “Thank you. We remember.”

Adding to the spirit of the season, our much-anticipated delights. With the opening of the pool, promises of laughter, fun, and the sweet, familiar sounds of families and friends gathering under the sun is so welcomed after a cold dreary winter. As the sparkling water beckons and the aroma of barbecue fills the air, we are reminded that simple pleasures—a cool swim, a shared meal, a neighbor’s smile—are what knit us together and make our Greystone community strong.

Another highlight this month is our Garden Planting, a joyful testament to the power of growth and care. With

hands in the earth, the gardeners will plant seeds and blooms that will color our spaces with beauty and life in the months to come. This collective act of gardening mirrors the nurturing spirit that sustains our community. Each flower and vegetable sprouting from our community garden is a symbol of hope, perseverance, and the rewards of working hand in hand.

As May unfolds, it brings with it the first true warmth of the year, inviting us to open our doors, breathe deeply, and savor the gifts of nature and community. It is a time to reconnect—not just with the world around us, but with each other. To reach out, to welcome newcomers, to celebrate longstanding friendships, and to make memories that will carry us through the seasons ahead.

Let us embrace this month with open hearts and renewed spirits. May we honor those who have paved the way for our freedoms, cheer on those leading us forward, and find joy in the simple, beautiful moments of togetherness. Here’s to a May full of promise, purpose, and the warm, golden light of community.

Susan and Bill



SAD NEWS FOR THE GREYSTONE COMMUNITY



On the morning of Friday, April 18th, a longtime resident and friend, Marlene Sanchez, wife of Richard Sanchez, Apt. 501, died peacefully in her sleep. She was a good friend and neighbor and her presence will be missed. A memorial service will be held for Marlene on May 18th and information is posted on the bulletin boards. Our sympathy goes out to her

family. May she rest in peace and may her memory be a blessing.

MEMORIAL DAY



This Memorial Day, we remember that it's about more than barbecues and a day off from work. It's a time to honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms. Their courage allows us to enjoy the

everyday moments we often take for granted. As we gather with family and friends, let's pause to reflect on their legacy, express our deepest gratitude, and carry forward the values of service, honor, and unity they fought to preserve.

MOTHER'S DAY

Wishing all mothers a very Happy Mother's Day! Today, we celebrate your strength, love, and endless devotion. Your kindness and sacrifices shape the world in ways big and small, leaving a lasting impact on everyone you touch. You are the heart of every family, offering support, wisdom, and unconditional love through every challenge and joy. May today be filled with the same warmth and happiness you so generously give every day. Thank you for your tireless care, your comforting words, and your beautiful spirit. You are truly appreciated and loved. Happy Mother's Day to all the incredible moms!

LET THE POOL SEASON BEGIN!

It is a sure sign of spring at The Greystone when we hear the power washing of the pool deck, preparing for the new pool season. This year The Greystone pool opens on Saturday, May 24th, for the Memorial Day weekend, the first weekend of the pool season. Pool hours will be the same as in previous years, with the pool open as follows...

Weekdays - 12 Noon - 8:30 P.M.

Weekends and Holidays - 10:30 - 8:30 PM

Most of our lifeguards will be returning, and we are thrilled, as we have an excellent staff. They are eager to work for us this summer and we are equally eager to have them. Eugene will continue to be our main lifeguard, as his experience, hard work and calm demeanor makes him perfect for this position. Steve Kahn will continue to keep his watch both poolside and from his "perch" and will be available as a consultant when we need him. We hope that all take advantage of our beautiful pool and pool deck overlooking the Hudson River and have a safe, fun-filled and relaxing summer season.

CINCO DE MAYO

Cinco de Mayo officially commemorates the anniversary of an early victory by Mexican forces over French forces in the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. It is not the anniversary of the defeat and expulsion of the French forces by the Mexicans, which occurred in 1867. It is also not, as is often assumed, the day of Mexico's celebrations of independence, which are actually held on September 16. It is believed that the origins of Cinco de Mayo celebrations lie in the responses of Mexicans living in California in the 1860s to French rule in Mexico at that time. Cinco de Mayo is seen as a day to celebrate the culture, achievements and experiences of people with a Mexican background, who live in the United States. There is a large commercial element to the day, with businesses promoting Mexican services and goods, particularly food, drinks and music. Other aspects of the day center around traditional symbols of Mexican life, such as the Virgin de Guadalupe, and Mexican-Americans who have achieved fame, fortune and influence in the United States.

SPRING CLEANUP DAY

RCCY hosted its 5th annual neighborhood cleanup day on Sunday, April 27. The event started in the front of the Greystone. About 16 neighborhood residents received gloves, bags and trash pickers and cleaned up the streets and the train station. Many Greystone residents joined in the cleanup effort, and it took quite an effort, too, as the day was windy and cold. But neighborhood residents and one City Councilman, Anthony Merante, bagged up 6 large bags of garbage and some car parts for the Yonkers DPW to pick up. Thank you to all for participating and for keeping the neighborhood clean!

THINGS TO DO...

Spring is a perfect time to visit museums, as it is not too hot, nor too cold, and no heavy clothing is needed. One can walk through the museum feeling free and unencumbered. This is just a reminder that the Hastings on Hudson Public Library has free museum passes for an entire family that can be borrowed. These passes will get a family admission to many museums in NYC,

Westchester and surrounding areas. The museums included are The Guggenheim, Frick, Intrepid, The New York Historical, and The Museum of the City of New York, as well as the 911 Museum and Memorial in Manhattan. There is also The Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria, NY. There are also passes to The Hudson River Museum, Katonah Museum of Art, Storm King Art Center in New Windsor, Franklin Roosevelt Library and Museum in Hyde Park, Magazzino Italian Art in Cold Spring, Stone Barns Center in Pocantico Hills, Neuberger Museum of Art in Purchase, Westchester Children's Museum in Rye, The Greenburgh Nature Center in Scarsdale and Mohonk Preserve in Gardiner, NY. All you need is a Westchester County library card to reserve a pass. What a wonderful and interesting way to spend a spring day and admission is free! Take advantage of this great opportunity with family or friends.

GREYSTONE COMMITTEES, ACTIVITIES, EVENTS

GREYSTONE HELPING HANDS COMMITTEE

During challenging times, it's important to know you're not alone. If you need a helping hand, whether it's someone to



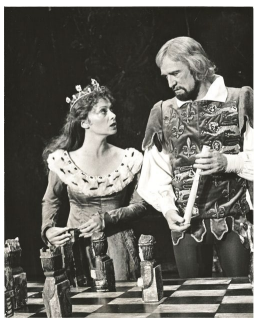
talk to, a friendly check-in to see how you're doing, or practical support with everyday tasks like filling out forms, grocery shopping, or running errands, we're here for you. Don't hesitate to reach out—we're ready to provide the care and assistance you need to make things a little easier.

New Volunteers: If you have a talent or skill you would like to share in assisting someone, please send an email to Bill at Greystone1085bill@gmail.com. All requests are confidential and will be matched with any services needed.

SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

A Broadway Afternoon

On Sunday, May 18th we have a special treat!



THE CAMELOT SAGA: A Long 'Brief Shining Moment...'

From the writings of Thomas Mallory to T. H. White, to a musical by Lerner and Loewe (1961), the stories of Arthur and his Round Table have continued to intrigue audiences, even today.

Meg Bussert, actor and professor, played Guenevere in the 1981 revival with Richard Harris at the Winter Garden Theater which was taped by Home Box Office. With video clips from this CAMELOT and other productions, Meg will share some insider stories about working with Mr. Harris and other stars. (Dick Van Dyke, Richard Kiley, Kelsy Grammer)

To add to this special presentation, we will have a Broadway sing-a-long with Howard at the keyboard.

Join us in this special May Event!

THE ASTROLOGICAL CHART OF THE GREYSTONE

Info provided by Sharon Deep

Looking Up at The Greystone: May 2025!

Looking at the astrological chart of The Greystone, which was constructed based on the working assumption that The Greystone was as if "born" on the day that the doors opened for an open house on 4 September 1971 (53 years ago).

We don't need to look at an astrology chart to have a sense that change is coming, and it's frustrating to try to plan in advance in the midst of such uncertainty. We are lucky to be living in community.

The astrological energies befalling the Greystone chart are inclining us to find a certain level of comfort in being in a 'cooperative' community. There is a hidden sustaining power in community.

The energies are inclining us to act as if we are sea captains looking out and observing the storm rolling in. We will need to begin to plan for how we will adjust or adapt, with decisions being made based upon the good of the whole to strengthen our resilience.

THE GREYSTONE WALKERS

Info provided by Minda Finklestein

Join in a walk every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30. AM.

The group meets in the Lobby.

Usually our walk is into Hastings & back, sometimes on the aqueduct. About a 3.5-mile trek.

We walk all year round, except in rain or if it's icy.

Contact minda.chipurnoi@gmail.com for more information. *ALL ARE WELCOME!*

GREYSTONE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Info provided by Rita Walton



We are happy to welcome 3 new gardeners to our group this year! We've got space slotted for a pollinator/flower garden and other space set aside for blueberry and

raspberry bushes as well as some strawberries. The weather has been so variable that it's hard to know when to plant, but most gardeners will start looking to plant very soon. We picked up bags of soil and come compost from the Yonkers DPW to top off the garden beds and get them ready for the growing season. Very soon, blooms of color and the fragrant aromas of flowers and vegetables will greet you when you visit the garden!

ANNUAL MEETING MAY 12TH IN COMMUNITY ROOM 7PM

THE GREYSTONE READERS' CIRCLE

Info provided by Diane Rosen



Meeting on:

DATE: Tuesday, May 20th
TIME: 7:30 PM
PLACE: In the Community Room
(If weather permits, we will meet on the

Pool Deck).

BOOK: *Erasure*

AUTHOR: Percival Everett

This book is by the same author as last month's book, James. Discussion will focus in part on a comparison of the two books. James is the retelling of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn from the point of view of the slave, Jim. Erasure is a novel about an African American professor and author who cannot get his books published because they are not "black enough". Both books consider the connection between language and identity, racism in America, and the assumptions we make about people.

All Greystone residents are welcome.

SPRING BINGO

On Sunday, April 27, our Spring Bingo Event was held in the CR. The sounds of "Bingo" and laughter could be heard down the hallway as residents gathered for a fun-filled afternoon with neighbors and friends. The group enjoyed chatting, sharing stories and snacking on the delicious goodies provided. It was a pleasant way to spend an afternoon and we are looking forward to seeing you all on May 18th for our insight into Broadway followed by a Broadway show-song sing-a-long. Save the date!

SKETCH N' SNACK

Info provided by Minda Finklestein



The Sketch N' Snack Group meets every other Thursday.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Info by Sue McAnanama



All the Composting rules, are going to be posted in the Building Link for future notice.

Take one leave one —

<https://www.hastingszerowaste.org/home/tili-garage>

Thanks for helping keep things clean and efficient!



*Wishing
Peace and Goodness
to all our neighbors
who are Celebrating
Religious Holy Days
this month.*

MAY RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

- **May 3: Yom Ha'Atzma'ut (Judaism)**
- **May 5: Buddha Day/Buddha's Birthday (Buddhist)**
- **May 29: Ascension of the Lord (Christianity)**
- **May 31: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Christianity)**

Open Board Meeting Dates:

Community Room, 7:00 PM.

- May 12 – Annual Meeting and Elections
- July 14
- September 8
- November 10

Although the open board meetings will be held every other month, at those times when there are special projects or the need to discuss issues with the shareholders, a special meeting for this purpose will be scheduled.

Please attend these meeting and let your voice be heard!

If you want to share your unity and appreciation of the community that is "the Greystone"...you can order a T-shirt with the motto "*Building the Greystone Community Together!*":



The shirts are all short sleeves, crew neck, and range from Small - 5X.

Your choice of shirt color.

The cost is \$17.40, which includes tax and shipping.

It takes several weeks to arrive.

Please find order forms at the front desk, or feel free to email Rachel at RachelLevine55@gmail.com



Annual Board Meeting
Monday, May 12th at 7:00 PM
In person
Plan to attend!