



THE OFFICIAL

Heritage Hills Newsletter

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EMERGENCIES 9-1-1

Hours of Operation

Activities Center

Building 9 am to 11 pm

Activities Office 9 am to 5 pm

Society Office 9 am to 1 pm

Fine Arts Center Group instruction and free time are scheduled by the Activities Office at 914-276-2908

Library Monday thru Friday 10 am to 3 pm, Saturday 10 am to 1 pm

Fitness Center & Gym Daily 4 am to 11 pm

Lake Lodge 9 am to 11 pm

Meadowlark Park Dawn to Dusk

Park Place Dawn to Dusk

Bus Service - Weekdays Only (except holidays) - 914-276-2877

Goldens Bridge MetroNorth Station Trips

Morning to/from: (out only) 5:15, 5:45, 6:45, and 7:45 - **Reservation Required**

Evening **PICK-UPS ONLY**: 4:45, 5:35, 6:35, 7:35 and 8:35 - **No Reservation**

Midday Trips - Reservations Required

To/From Activities Center, Lake Lodge, Meadowlark Park, and off site, including Goldens Bridge MetroNorth Station

Outbound, hourly 8:45 am to 12:45 pm

Inbound, hourly 9:10 am to 1:45 pm (last train station pick up 12:45 pm)

To/From Pools 2 thru 5 / Tennis areas

To: 8:45 am (pool 4), hourly, 9:45 am to 1:45 pm

From: Hourly from 9:10 am to 2:10 pm

UTILITIES CONTACT INFORMATION

Comcast 800-934-6489

ConEd 800-752-6633

NYSEG 800-572-1131

Verizon 800-922-0204

Water/Sewer (Veolia) 877-426-8969

SERVICES FOR SENIORS

TOWN OF SOMERS SENIOR SERVICES - 914-232-0807

Princess Guerra, Director

Hot Lunch

- At Van Tassel House - **Free Transportation Available**

Monday thru Friday at noon

- Delivered to home-bound, Monday thru Friday

Meals leave Van Tassel House for delivery starting at 11:30 am

Suggested contribution: **\$3** per meal

Medical Appointments - Transportation Available

Tuesday thru Thursday, for appointments between 10:30 am to 2 pm

Suggested round-trip donation: **\$10**

Shopping Trips by Bus

Mondays and Fridays, pickups start at 10 am

Suggested round-trip donation: **\$2**

OTHER SENIOR SERVICES

RideConnect - 914-242-7433

Transportation services seven days a week. Call to register.

Medicare - 800-633-4227 and medicare.gov

Medicare Rights Center - 800-333-4114

EPIC - 800-332-3742

New York State Senior Prescription Reduction

Westchester County Senior Programs and Services - 914-813-6300

Referral agency for senior services including legal - 914-949-1305

Social Services: 914-995-5889

SERVICES FOR ALL AGES, INCLUDING SENIORS

AA - 914-949-1200. Info and literature National Council on Alcoholism

Adult Protection Services Intake - Natalie Siler 914-995-2259.

Cancer Care - 800-ACS-2345

Northern Westchester Hospital - 914-242-8115

Putnam Hospital - 845-279-5711

The Dominican Sisters - Family Health Service 914-941-1654

Long- and short-term registered nurses.

Hospice - 914-666-4228 - Visiting Nurse Association State-certified program providing home health care and emotional support for terminally ill patients and their families

Project Time Out / Jewish Community Services - 914-761-0600 - Provides in-home respite services matching families with trained sitters/companions. Contact Judy Fink, Coordinator, ext. 340; Carol Kobrooc, Respite Specialist, ext. 310

Transportation for Cancer Treatments (free):

American Cancer Society Road to Recovery program. 800-227-2345

Transportation for Disabled Residents - County Office of Transportation 914-813-7777

Para-Transit - 914-995-7272 provides modified vans with ramp for curb-to curb service. Fare \$5 each way. Medical pre-authorization required. For eligibility call 914-995-2960.

Private Ambulette Services

Superior Brewster 845-278-6992

CLC Trans 914-241-0112

Ambulance: Westchester EMS 866-666-9367. Accepts Medicare.

Westchester County Office for the Disabled, includes hearing-defect

Lighthouse Inc. - New York City 212-821-9200. For sight impaired.

Veterans Guide to VA Health Care Benefits -

VA Hudson Valley Health Care System - 800-269-8749

Monday through Friday 8 am - 4 pm

Visiting Nurse Association of Hudson Valley

914-666-7616 - 8:30 am - 5 pm - Home care aides nursing, Nutrition consultation

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FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE HOSTS OF THE BELOW EVENTS, SEE THE ACTIVITIES / CLASSES / CLUBS SECTION OF THIS NEWSLETTER. WHEN GUESTS ARE WELCOME, UP TO FOUR PER UNIT ARE ALLOWED

10 A MEN CLUB

By Mike McBride

Wednesdays at 10 am in the Heritage Room

May 1 - **DR RAY BLANCH**

Somers Schools Superintendent

May 8 - **CARGAIN FUNERAL HOMES**

Planning and advice

May 15 - **ROBERT SCORRANO**

Somers Town Supervisor

May 22 - **JAMES RUBAS**

Audiologist

May 29 - **JOHN MILLIGAN**

Property Manager for Heritage Hills

All adult residents are welcome. Women are encouraged to attend. Doors open at 8:30 am. \$2 admission. Bagels and coffee are available until 9:45 am. At 10 am, the *Pledge of Allegiance* is said, followed by speakers and discussions until 11 am.

Come join us to meet your neighbors, ask questions, and find out what is happening in Heritage Hills and around Somers. As always, we respect, welcome, and listen to all.

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CONCERT SOCIETY

By Teddi Meltzer



The best classical music value in Westchester and beyond!

Subscription forms are available at the Activities Center. Admission at the door for non-subscribers is \$26 per person. If you have any questions, call Teddi at 914- 277-1418 (after 9 am).



FRISSON WINDS

Sunday, May 5, at 3 pm in the Heritage Room

The Concert Society proudly presents the Frisson Winds, four enthusiastic and talented performers who will help us celebrate the return of spring and the continuation of exceptional classical music here.

WE OOPS!

We apologize to the Independent and Foreign Film Club for our typo on page 11 of the April issue. The correct title of the French film being viewed on Sunday, June 23, is *The Intouchables*.

HERITAGE HILLS NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Chair: Gloria Anderson; Editor in Chief: Susan Statkowski-Rivalsi
Writers/Editors/Photographers: Phyllis Bradbury, Dassi Citron, Terry Clifford, Cindy Kennedy, Shirley Kesselman, Karl Milde, Elizabeth Royston, Keri Reitman Schnapper, Carol Vartuli

BOYD MEETS GIRL

Sunday, June 9, at 3 pm in the Heritage Room

Boyd Meets Girl is an intriguing pairing of an Australian classical guitarist and an American cellist. Their repertoire ranges from Beethoven and Debussy to the Beatles and beyond.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

The following events will take place in the Heritage Room.

MARJORIE MILLER,
Professor Emerita of Philosophy -
Asian Studies at SUNY, Purchase,
will give two lectures:



CHINA NOW

Tuesday, May 7, at 1:30 pm

The protests, the economy, the demographics, the emigrants, the diaspora, the policies, the politics, the mood.

XI JINPING AND THE WORLD

Tuesday, May 14, at 1:30 pm

He's likely to be with us until 2035. What does that mean for the geopolitics of the next decade? Taiwan? The South China Sea? The Russia/North Korea/Iran/China axis?

Admission: \$10 paid at the door. If you have any Questions, call Ann at 914-617-9434.

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ON THE COVER

Resident Norm Freimark took this photo of the view from his deck in Condo 10.

CONTENT NOTICE

The biographies of ten residents who are running for Society Board positions require so much space in this issue that we regret we had to postpone all but one FEATURE, and all items in our FAMILY FOCUS, COLUMNS, SPORTS, POETRY and DID YOU KNOW? sections.

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ROD MACDONALD, FOLK SINGER A TRIBUTE TO ROD'S FAVORITE SONGWRITERS

Tuesday, May 28, at 1:30 pm

Accompanied by Mark Dann on bass, Rod will be singing the songs of Paul Simon, Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Leonard Cohen, Carole King, Johnny Mercer, John Lennon, Gordon Lightfoot, Rodgers & Hammerstein, and more. Come out and enjoy a special, **FREE** performance.



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HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

"DOROT WESTCHESTER" FREE SERVICES PRESENTATION

By Leslie Guttman

Wednesday, May 8, at 1:30 pm in Lake Lodge's Room 3

You can actually improve your physical, cognitive, and emotional health by socializing with other people, and DOROT Westchester has fun **FREE** programs and volunteer opportunities that can help you make those connections. At this event, DOROT staff will highlight many activities you can choose from, including meeting people your own age or of other generations, creating art, making music, playing games, cooking, education, exchanging ideas, visiting older neighbors for mutual social engagement, or welcoming DOROT volunteers into your home for conversations and activities. You can also join one of literally hundreds of group programs DOROT offers online and even over the telephone.

As a local non-profit, DOROT has been dedicated to fostering social connections for nearly 50 years at no charge, thanks to the generosity of DOROT donors. If you are unable to come to this event, you can get information by calling 914-485-8354 or sending an email to infowestchester@dorotusa.org.

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WOMEN'S CLUB

Submitted by Phyllis Bradbury

EVERGREEN DANCERS

Wednesday, May 8, at 1:30 pm in the Heritage Room

Coffee, tea, cake, and cookies are provided. We'll also have a 50/50 drawing and door prizes. Join your fellow members and friends for a sociable afternoon. This event is free for members; \$5 fee for non-members. You may sign up or renew your membership that day. Flyers are available at the Activity Center.

Dues are just \$12 for the year. For more information, please contact Joan Jendras at 914-276-0488.

NYSEG ONE-TO-ONE MEETINGS

Submitted by Jack Mattes

Thursday, May 9, from 11 am to 1 pm in Room 3 at the Activities Center
NYSEG representatives will be available for residents' questions about service and billing. Bring your recent NYSEG bills. No reservation is needed.

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AAA DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

By Terry Clifford

Saturday, May 11, from 9 am to 4 pm
Room 3 in Lake Lodge

AAA Northeast will once again conduct this "Driver Improvement Program" - a New York State Department of Motor Vehicles approved point and insurance reduction program presented by a certified instructor. The course includes all materials and "Certification of Course Completion." There will be a one-hour lunch break.

Flyers are available at the Activities Center and on the Heritage Hills website. Place your \$34 check payable to AAA Northeast and the completed flyer in an envelope in the AAA Course mail slot at the Activities Office. Be sure to print clearly. Attendance is limited. For more information, contact Terry Clifford at tcperson3@gmail.com.

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SINGLES CLUB

By Diane Purr

Thursday, May 17, at 6 pm in the Heritage Room

SAVE THE DATE - It may be game night, it may be craft night, it may be movie night. There may be snacks, there may be food. It's still to be determined. But whatever "night" it is, it will be fun. A notice will be sent out with more information when the day nears.

If you have any questions, contact Pat Caruso at 914-649-3232.

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TED TALKS AT HERITAGE HILLS

By Karl Milde

Friday, May 17, from 3 to 5 pm in the
Heritage Room

Join hosts Ami Stokhamer and Karl

Milde, both Heritage Hills residents, as they lead open discussions after viewing each of the following insightful, thought-provoking videos:

- Dasha Navalnaya - *Lessons from my father Alexey Navalny*
- *An Israeli and Palestinian talk peace, dignity and safety*

This event is **FREE** for all residents. Light refreshments will be served. For further information, call either Ami at 914-486-9677 or Karl at 914-342-3068.

Save the date: June 21, same time and place, for the next TED Talks event.



By Joyce Spector

If you have questions regarding the following events, call Alan Tepper at 914-342-3279 or email him at astepper@gmail.com. Walk-ins are welcome as space permits.

JEWISH COMPOSERS & LYRICISTS

Starring Alli West with Howard Kilik

Saturday, May 18, at 7 pm in the Activities Center



Alli West returns to Heritage Hills to perform a curated selection of songs by some of the great Jewish composers and lyricists, including Broadway, Standards, and Israeli songs of the past. Alli has served the Westchester community as a Cantorial Soloist for over 16 years and enjoyed a career as a professional actor, appearing in plays and musicals in New York City and at some of the top regional theaters nationwide. Howard Kilik is a talented accompanist, composer, vocalist, teacher, and music director.

Admission is \$15 per person. Place your check in our mail slot **by May 13** (if you want to sit with friends, put all checks in one envelope – ten people per table maximum). Light refreshments will be served.

**THE EXPERIENCE OF JEWS ON ELLIS ISLAND:
THE GATEWAY TO AMERICA**

A lecture by Dr. Thorin Tritter

Saturday, June 15, at 7 pm in the Activities Center

For those residents who attended Dr. Thorin Tritter’s lecture last November (Early Jewish Community in Colonial Amsterdam and New York), you will not want to miss this presentation! If you have not experienced Dr. Tritter’s lectures, you will have an unusually delightful evening. His presentations are one of a kind!

This talk explores the history of Ellis Island, which opened as the first federal immigration station in 1892, with a particular focus on the experience of Jewish immigrants. Drawing on maps, photographs, and primary sources, Dr. Tritter follows the steps and the experience of Jewish immigrants who were sent to Ellis Island for processing.

Dr. Tritter, born in England but raised in America, is a historian and educator who taught American history and studies at Princeton University for six years and served as a Research Fellow at the University of London from 2011 to 2019. He also served as the executive director of Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics, an independent non-profit.

Admission is \$15 per person. Place your checks, along with your name, phone number, and email address, in our mail slot no later than June 10 (if you wish to sit with friends, put all checks in one envelope – ten people per table maximum). Walk-ins welcome as space permits.



INDEPENDENT AND FOREIGN FILM CLUB

By Steve Klepner

I’VE LOVED YOU SO LONG

Sunday, May 19, at 7 pm in the Heritage Room

France (2008), 117 minutes. An ex-doctor is released from 15 years in prison for an unspeakable crime. She seeks refuge with her estranged sister. Together they travel from life’s darkest edge. Because of the length of the film, **we will start promptly at 7 pm.**

A discussion, led by Bill Costanzo, retired film studies instructor, follows the screening.



**SOCIETY BOARD
SOCIETY BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, May 22, at 1:30 pm in the Heritage Room

All unit owners are welcome to attend the meeting in person. The meeting will be broadcast on Comcast’s channels 21 and 1070 while in progress and will be rebroadcast daily on those channels at 2 and 7 pm until the next meeting occurs. It can also be viewed on the Society website at hhsociety.org; go to Heritage Hills Society, then choose Board Meetings & Documents.

Owners are welcome to raise matters of concern in person at the meeting. Residents who cannot attend may send an email to society@hhsociety.org, call 914-276-2908, or mail them to Society Board, 8 Heritage Hills, Somers, New York 10589. They will be discussed at the end of the meeting. **Provide your name and unit number on written correspondence.**

SOCIETY BOARD CANDIDATES NIGHT

Wednesday, May 22, at 7 pm in the Heritage Room

All unit owners are invited to attend this meeting to listen to, and ask questions of, the ten candidates running for the five Society Board positions whose three-year terms are expiring. See their bios on pages 21 to 25. At its Annual Meeting on June 19, the Board will announce the successful candidates.

POOL SCHEDULE - See page 8

FOOD TRUCK THURSDAYS IN MEADOWLARK PARK

Thursdays from 5 to 7:30 pm

Meadowlark Park will host various food trucks most Thursday evenings this summer from Memorial Day until at least Labor Day. Here’s the lineup for May and June:

Weekly American Swirl – Ice Cream

May 30 Three Little Pigs – Barbecue Fare

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COMING EVENTS

June 6 . . . Dough Nation Pizza – Pizza (voted Best Pizza Truck in *Westchester Magazine*)

June 13 . . . Taco Road Trip – Mexican (voted Connecticut's Best Food Truck by *Connecticut Insider Magazine*, and Best Vegan Food Truck by *Hudson Valley Magazine*)

June 20 . . . Road Grub Mobile – Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chili, and Philly Cheese Steak

June 27 . . . Graziella's – Italian Food

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FRIENDS IN THE HILLS

By Mary Ann Walrath

THE JERSEY TENORS

Saturday, June 1, at 7:30 pm in the Heritage Room
Doors open 7 pm

We are excited to share with you an explosive blend of iconic music. *The Jersey Tenors* will perform music by rock-and-roll greats like Queen, Elton John, and Bon Jovi, to name a few. They are Jersey proud and will highlight where they came from, featuring Jersey's finest: Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Frank Sinatra, Bruce Springsteen, plus many more. We can't wait to see you there. Don't miss this show.

Tickets for this **MEMBERS ONLY** event are \$25 per person. Place checks payable to "Friends In The Hills" in our mail slot outside the Activities office. Coffee and dessert will be served after the show. If you have any questions, call either Mary Ann Walrath at 914-318-1227 or Debbie Ferrara at 914-924-3003.

SAVE THESE DATES (subject to change) for our future events: Friday, July 12; Friday, August 9; Saturday, September 7; and Thursday, October 10.

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CIAO ITALIA

Submitted by Michael Lanotte

MEMBERS ONLY PIZZA NIGHT

Friday, June 14

\$5 per person. Pick up a flyer outside the Activities Office containing all the information, complete the form at the bottom, and return it with your check.



SAVE THE DATES

Look for flyers, email blasts, and TV notices containing all the information on the following events:

BOCCE BBQ - Saturday, July 20

SOUNDS OF SINATRA AND DINO TRIBUTE SHOW

Friday, August 23

Enjoy the great stories, banter, and the songs made famous by these two iconic entertainers.

TRAVEL CLUB

By Elaine Soliman

ALL ABOARD!!! ESSEX STEAM TRAIN AND RIVERBOAT TRIP

Thursday, July 11, from 9 am to 5:15 pm

Departing from and returning to Lake Lodge

We will travel by bus to Essex, Connecticut, where we'll board the Essex Steam Train and savor a three-course lunch cooked and prepared in a restored 1920s Pullman Dining Car – stepping back in time. Our menu includes mixed green salad, choice of entree – Braised Beef, Mushroom Asiago Chicken, or Baked Ziti, and Chef's Choice dessert and coffee.

While dining, we'll journey along the lower Connecticut River, and at Deep River Landing we will transfer to the Becky Thatcher Riverboat for a cruise further up the river. We'll finish our Connecticut River journey by riding back in the train's coach passenger cars. Flyers are available in the activities office.

The cost for this trip is \$152 per person. Include in the envelope with your check payable to Heritage Hills Travel Club your choice of entrée, unit number, and phone number. Place the envelope in the Travel Club mail slot outside the Activities Office. For reservations call Pam at 914-276-4295.

The cancellation policy for this trip, set by Friendship Tours, is there are no refunds once final payment is made unless a substitute traveler is provided.

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THE NEWSLETTER WELCOMES ARTICLES AND PHOTOS FROM HERITAGE HILLS RESIDENTS

OUR DEADLINE IS THE 6TH OF THE MONTH.

Authors' names will be indicated. We cannot guarantee that every item will be used, and all submissions are subject to being edited for format, length, acceptability of language, and suitability of content. Submissions should be in email attachment format (preferably Word) or by hand or mail to the Heritage Hills Activities Office or Society Office at 8 Heritage Hills, Somers, NY 10589.



EMAIL ADDRESS: HHillsNewsletter@gmail.com.

When Submitting Photos:

If using your phone instead of a camera, please use the highest resolution. Unless it's a scenic vista, concentrate on faces. Most photographs are taken from too far away, and if the image is cropped, the faces will be blurred. Get closer.

Please do not incorporate art or a photo in a Word file. Attach it and Word files to emails as separate items.

We cannot use anything taken from the internet without authorization from the source.

**WHEN WALKING ON OUR ROADS, ALWAYS WALK
FACING TRAFFIC, SINGLE FILE, HUG THE CURB,
AND WEAR BRIGHT CLOTHING**



SOCIETY BOARD NEWS

Compiled by Susan Statkowski-Rivalsi

2024 SOCIETY BOARD ELECTIONS

The Society Board of Directors (the Board) is comprised of 15 members. It is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Heritage Hills assets that serve the entire community. Among those assets are the Activities Center, Fitness Center, Lake Lodge, Meadowlark Park, tennis, pickleball, and bocce courts, pools, and the security program.

Five Board members' terms are expiring this year. In addition to new applicants Kay Brancato, Denise Elliott, Ralph Fatigate, Maria Molinski, and Brenda Zimmerman, all five incumbents have decided to run for reelection. They are Gloria Anderson, Dorinda Haskel, Bruce Prince, Alan Tepper, and Carol Vartuli. The applicants' bios can be seen on pages 20 to 24 of this *Newsletter* and will accompany the Ballots being mailed to unit owners in mid-May.

We want the vote from each unit to count, so make sure you follow Ballot Instructions exactly.

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APRIL 17 SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The April 17 meeting took place after this issue of the *Newsletter* went to press, so the summary of that meeting will appear in the June issue of this *Newsletter*. A video of that meeting can be seen on the Society Board's website and on Comcast's channels 21 and 1070 daily at 2 and 7 pm until the May 22 meeting occurs. The April 17 Meeting Minutes will be posted to the Society Board website after approval at the May 22 meeting.

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**SUMMARY OF PORTIONS OF THE MARCH 20
SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The video and full transcript of this meeting's Minutes has been posted on the Society Board website, hhsociety.org.

Board members in attendance: Gloria Anderson, Gene Archer, Ann Harper, Dorinda Haskell, Jack Mattes, Karl Milde, Patricia Ploss, Bruce Prince, Dom Rubino, Deica Ruiz, Alan Tepper, and Jay Wright

Board members absent: Joe Kelly, Art Singer, and Carol Vartuli

Also attending: John Milligan, Heritage Management Services, and Rob Casasanta, Prosegur Security

FINANCE & BUDGET, COMMITTEE - GENE ARCHER, CHAIR

Treasurer's Report

February Financials:

Income \$527,735.48

Expenses 418,401.39

Surplus \$109,334.09

- As of February 29, there were 16 unit sale closings resulting in \$24,000 income.
- We received \$1,473.71 total for shared advertising profits.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE - ANN HARPER, CHAIR

We have a new activity, Crafters in the Hills, headed by Stephanie Carillo.

FITNESS CENTER COMMITTEE - ALAN TEPPER, CHAIR

February (29 days) Usage Statistics:

Gym - 751 (average of 26 visits per day, 144 unique resident visits)

Exercise Room - 3,793 (average of 131 visits per day, 518 unique resident visits)

MEADOWLARK PARK - PAT PLOSS, CHAIR

- **Trails:** John Milligan is getting prices for completing a 400-foot extension of the Warren Trail, creating a loop in the trail system. And we've got a 180-foot addition connecting two pieces of the Heritage Trail for another continuous loop.
- **Gazebo Addition:** We're considering adding one northwest of the Meadow Pond away from the sledding area.
- **Food Truck Thursdays:** Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, we'll have a food trucks every Thursday from 5 to 7:30 pm (except July 4). [See page 5 for details.]
- **Rule Clarification:** The prohibition of motorized vehicles in the park does not include motorized wheelchairs.
- **Summer Concert:** Karl Milde made this proposal - a one-time event with the musicians on the Park Place patio, and residents on their own folding chairs or blankets on the ground. Details to follow.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE - PAT PLOSS, CHAIR

- **Spring Plantings:** Due to popular demand, we will be mostly repeating what we had last year. See pages 28 and 29 for the plant names in case you'd like to plant them around your unit.
- **Lake Lodge:** We removed overgrown shrubbery to allow for a better view of the pond.

POOL COMMITTEE - DORINDA HASKELL, CHAIR

- **Rule Changes** [See page 10 for complete rules]:
 - Junior Status - The Health Department has changed this from 12 to 14 years old.
 - Food at the Pools - We will be allowing this on a trial basis. The requirement is anyone bringing food in must take the garbage when they leave (that is, do not place it in any trash bins at or near the pool).
- **Pool Schedule:** See page 8.

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ALTERNATE ENERGY AD HOC COMMITTEE - BRUCE PRINCE, CHAIR

Lake Lodge: We're investigating the possibility of solar panels, including government credits.

SECURITY - ROB CASSASANTA, PROSEGUR SECURITY

Walking: Walk facing traffic, close to the curb, and, if in the dark, wear something reflective [see page 10 of the April issue of this *Newsletter* to get free reflective gear.]

Gold Ring Still Unclaimed: The wedding band found by a resident at one of the pools last year remains unclaimed. We're going to hold it through this pool season, hoping that the owner - resident, visitor, lifeguard staff member - will come forward, identifying it by its inscription.

Dog Walkers: Leash and pick up after your dogs at all times, including when in Meadowlark Park.

OPERATIONS REPORT - JOHN MILLIGAN, PROPERTY MANAGER

- **Pools:** Pools 3 and 4 will probably have much needed maintenance done after the season once approval has been received from the Department of Health. Both will be available through the season.
- **Pool Furniture:** Sunscreen and lotion renders the chairs and lounges unsightly. Always drape a towel over the chairs.

POST MEETING DISCUSSIONS

No residents stepped up to discuss any matters of concern after the meeting ended.

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NEW ID CARD SYSTEM

By Gloria Anderson

In mid-April the Society replaced its archaic and outdated ID card system with a completely new and expandable ID card system. When the new card system was installed, all existing cards were deactivated, so the existing cards that many residents currently have are no longer valid. This means a new ID card must be issued to every resident.

Pool stickers for 2024 will be placed on new ID cards at the time they are issued; pool stickers will not be placed on the old, invalid ID cards.

The Society purchased multiple card printers and several staff members are available to issue new ID cards in both the Fitness Center and the Activities Office during daytime, evening, and weekend hours. Exact dates and times for residents to request new ID cards are being announced through email blasts, notices posted in Society buildings, and on Comcast Channel 21.

Unit owners and their family members must provide proof of residence when they apply for new, updated cards. Renters must provide a copy of their current lease.

MARCH SECURITY CALL REPORT

By Rob Cassasanta, Prosegur Security

During the month of March, our Security staff received and responded to a total of 221 calls regarding the following matters:

Medical.....	76
Security.....	36
Open Garage Doors.....	17
Police.....	8
Fire Calls.....	7 (2 fires, 3 smoke/carbon dioxide alarm, 2 automatic alarms)
Service.....	59 (26 lift assists, 9 persons locked out, 4 welfare checks, 7 alarm battery changes, and 13 other)
Maintenance.....	11
Motor Vehicle Accidents....	2
Parking Violations.....	5 (in handicapped spaces, fire lanes, A roads, or B roads)

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POOL SCHEDULE

(See Pool Rules on page 10)

Beginning Saturday, May 25

Pool 1 - Lap swimming only 7 days a week, from 8 am to 10 am

Pools 1 and 4 - 7 days a week, from 10 am to 7 pm

Pool 3 - Weekends only, from 10 am to 7 pm

Beginning Saturday, June 15 until August 18

Pool 1 - Lap swimming 7 days a week, from 8 am to 10 am

Pools 1, 3 and 4 - 7 days a week, from 10 am to 8 pm

Pools 2 and 5 - Weekdays, from noon to 8 pm

Weekends, from 10 am to 8 pm

Beginning Monday, August 19

All pools will close at 7 pm.

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COUNCIL OF CONDOS

By Terry Clifford

Condo Board Representatives in attendance at March Meeting: 3, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30

Guest Speaker, Town supervisor Robert Scarano - "State of the Town" update.

- Somers is in good financial shape. The Elephant Hotel (Town Hall) received two grants to alleviate PFAS chemical problems and bring public water to the town. \$1.7 million and \$2 million from Congressional funding.
- The IBM facility has been vacant for 9 years, but we receive taxes.
- The "Old Sears House" (abandoned blue house on Route 100) is in the process of being razed for a high-end storage facility. The

building will look like a residential building and promote little traffic. The owner of the building will connect the sidewalk from Town Hall to the "Somers Town Shopping Center" which is connected to Heritage Hills.

- Our Highway Department has a new Salt Storage Shed which can provide salt for extensive snowstorms.
- Somers residents may bring food waste to the "Highway Department" for composting.
- New York State addresses potholes by aerial inspection and rates them on a scale from one to five. Potholes in Somers are considered a three and have begun to be addressed.
- Changes to the Whitehall Corners/Muscot Inn/King Kone intersection of Route 35 and 100 has not been confirmed.
- Somers is reaching out to the Veterans of our community.
- A committee will be formed to plan the use of the newly acquired additional acreage from Angle Fly to Reis Park.
- The refurbished "Reynolds House" at the Angle Fly Preserve on Route 118 will be offered to Somers youth organizations for meeting purposes.
- The developer of the proposed Route 6 development near the Baldwin Place Shopping center will remove the old unfinished 1999 condominiums near the Angle Fly property.
- The Van Tassel Nutrition Center has a new Director of Nutrition. It services several Towns and is the largest "Meals on Wheels" provider in Northern Westchester.
- A former children's librarian is the new Library Director in the Somers Library.
- A developer approached the Town of Somers to change zoning at the "The Plaza" on Lovell Street and Route 202, which is currently zoned for neighborhood shopping, to build ten rental housing units behind the Plaza.
- A developer has plans for eighty-plus units behind Stop & Shop on Route 6, of which five units would be workforce housing. They will build a two-story community center with indoor sports facilities, locker rooms, and meeting space in the area.
- The Carmel Town Planning Board has approved the construction of a Lithium-Ion Battery Storage Facility near the Somers border. While there has been much concern over the safety of this project, we do not know the actual long-term safety measures in place for this project.
- In July, the Fire Commission will transfer two acres of property to Somers. The Town will either bond or go out to bid for the property so the State Police may build a larger facility to keep their presence in Somers.
- The town is hiring three more part time police officers to help with enforcement and one additional EMS Fly Car.
- The Town received \$2.3 million in Federal money to offset COVID expenses. New York State Senator Harckham's office secured a

\$100,000 grant to renovate Town Hall and improve security.

- Lincoln Hall's current mission is serving migrant boys ages 12 – 17. They are flown from the boarder to New York bused to Lincoln Hall where they stay for thirty days until they are united with family members.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 15 at 7pm in the Activities Center.

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JUDGE'S DECISION IN WILLOW WOOD GUN CLUB CASE

By Gloria Anderson

The New York State Supreme Court has issued a decision in the Article 78 proceeding filed by the Somers Land Trust against the Willow Wood Gun Club. The Land Trust's petition alleged the Town of Carmel Planning Board had approved the installation of 14 shooting stations for a sporting clays course without doing the required environmental studies to determine whether lead shot would contaminate its land and water. Heritage Hills residents have an interest in the outcome because, like the Land Trust, some Condos also abut the gun club property.

The court found that the gun club had developed an Environmental Stewardship Plan and a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan that would protect adjacent land and water from being contaminated by the lead shot, such as the regular collection and disposal of spent ammunition cartridges and plastic wads, application of lime to neutralize the soil's Ph level when needed, and reclamation of lead shot every 5 to 10 years. The court also noted that the new shooting stations are oriented so that the lead shot is directed toward the interior of the gun club property and would not exceed its boundary.

The court concluded that the Planning Board complied with environmental requirements and its decision to approve the new shooting stations was neither arbitrary and capricious nor an abuse of discretion, so the Land Trust's suit was dismissed.

Although the additional 14 shooting stations likely will result in increased gunfire noise that will be heard by many Heritage Hills residents, noise and noise mitigation were not issues under consideration in the proceeding.

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COMMUNITY THEATRE

By Muriel Millstein Weiss

The Heritage Hills Community Theater thanks everyone who participated in auditions for the June production of *Later Life*, by A. R. Gurney.

Flyers with detailed information have been distributed and posters are on display in the activities center. Stay tuned for future notices regarding when tickets will go on sale, etc. If you have any questions, call Helen at 917-554-4417 or Muriel at 914-277-8825

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Also coming out this month is *Close to Death*, the eagerly awaited fifth book in Anthony Horowitz's series, all of which have featured him as a character assisting the retired Detective Daniel Hawthorne. The previous four books in the series have proved to be very popular with HLibrary patrons.

Sara Paretsky's iconic female detective V.I. Warshawski appears again in *Pay Dirt*, a mystery advertised by the publisher as the last in the series. Also releasing new thrillers this month are perennial favorite authors David Baldacci and John Sandford with *A Calamity of Souls* and *Toxic Prey*, respectively.

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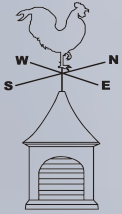
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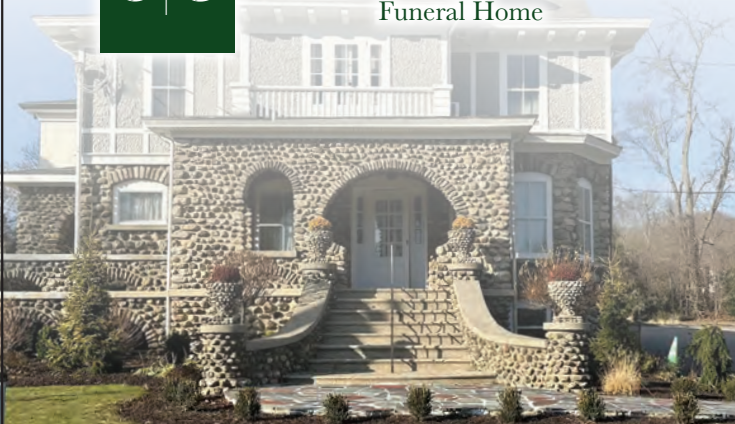
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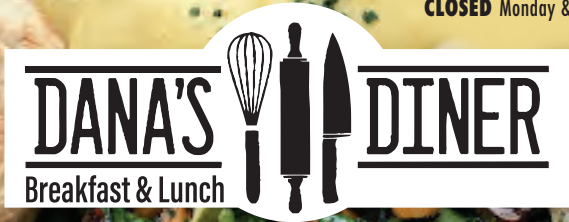
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SOCIETY BOARD

Here are the biographies of the five new and five incumbents.



KAY BRANCATO

I have lived here for 2 ½ years and have been a member and VP of the board of managers of Condo 29 for a year and a half, and landscape chair. I also organize the annual dinner.

I am a member of the HH Continuing Education, Club Shalom, Rainbow Connection, and the HH Community Theatre Executive Board.

I retired 4 years ago from the Briarcliff Manor School District where I was a School Counselor for 25 years. I received my bachelor's in psychology from Hunter College and a master's in counseling and development from LIU. As a counselor, I developed a Mindfulness program that grew to be district wide. I am Active with the BOCES Crisis team and being a Special Ed parent advocate keeps me connected to a 40-year career. "I've never gone to work a day in my life." My career was a joy.

I have been a miniaturist my whole life and enjoy creating and collecting "tiny treasures." As a grandmother of 7, life is busy keeping up with them and their accomplishments. I enjoy traveling and visiting my family in California.



DENISE ELLIOTT

In December of 2010, I moved from Mahopac, NY, to Heritage Hills with my son, who was attending college at that time.

I was seeking to down-size to a residence where the management would take care of the common property and units, with good security, and social activities. I found that and more in Heritage Hills!

My background: Graduate of SUNY in Computer Science and Sociology and an MBA Graduate in Finance at PACE Lubin School of Business, all with honors. My career was in the Food and Beverages industry first at Kraft and then PepsiCo, where I retired as Project Manager of Financial Solutions in May of 2018. In 2020, I Supervised 20+ Enumerators in the important 2020 census and met delightful residents I would have never met.

My service in Heritage Hills: As soon as I retired, I joined the Condo 25 Board of Managers, assuming the position of Treasurer in 2019. It was a perfect fit, based on my education and experience. We are the largest and only self-managed Condo in Heritage Hills. We consistently meet our financial obligations and are fiscally prepared for major Capital Improvements, all without levying assessments on the unit owners.

In October 2020, I headed the Heritage Hills Pickleball Committee and petitioned Society for outdoor courts. We were grateful for their support, and Heritage Hills now has four new outdoor courts, which were completed in 2021. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country, and in Heritage Hills, we have increased our membership from 50 resident players to over 300 in 2 years. Together, our Pickleball Committee leads weekly competitive and social pickleball playing events, organize an annual League, provide pickleball lessons, and facilitate an annual food drive for St. Luke's Food Pantry, as well as organize top-shelf social events. I also participate in the Heritage Hills Knitting Group, which donates our projects to local hospitals and the Community Centers in Northern Westchester.

Outside of Heritage Hills, I have volunteered at My Sister's Place (MSP) since 2005. MSP is an agency which supports and advocates for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. I accompany clients to court and participate in supportive programs. I also prepare and deliver meals for those who would not have a Thanksgiving or Christmas meal with Temple Shaaray Tefila in Bedford, NY.

My Finance, Technology, and creative problem-solving skills would be an asset to the Heritage Hills Society Board. Known for bringing people together to facilitate successful outcomes, I am approachable, welcoming innovative ideas and new ways to bring people together.

Thank you for considering me!

D CANDIDATES

ent candidates for the five openings on the Society Board.



RALPH FATIGATE

My wife Elaine and I are recent residents of Heritage Hills and we have been delighted to live in this community for almost eighteen months. We were fortunate to meet so many wonderful and helpful people during our time. I proudly serve on the Condo 19 board with President Terry Clifford along with a group of outstanding residents. Volunteering has always been a lifelong commitment and I am looking forward to continuing that commitment with the hope of enhancing the lives of others. I believe that I can prove to be an asset to our community by using my expertise.

I earned a BS in Finance/Risk Management from SUNY Albany. I also hold a certification in Banking Law from Fordham Law School. My career has taken an unusual path, I am a retired Police Commissioner from the City of Mount Vernon along with the former Director of Financial Crimes for the State of New York. I moved on to the private sector where I served as Partner/Managing Director for a couple of International Accounting and Consulting firms, and for my last assignment, I was the interim President and CEO of a bank in Puerto Rico. Days after 9-11, I was assigned to assist the FBI in Washington, DC, by helping set up a system to identify those both here and abroad who were funding terrorist activity. I was recognized in Washington for my contributions.

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MARIA MOLINSKI

Maria is a resident here at Heritage for almost five years. She currently sits on Condo 18's Board and is also a member of the Fitness Committee.

She has 25 years of banking experience starting in 1998 with Hudson Valley Bank. After two mergers she continues her career in banking at Webster Bank. Her positions held include Manager Credit Risk, Process Improvement Implementation, Client Information, and Document Imaging Manager, as well as the Chief of Staff to the Chairman of the Board. Maria's expertise is in process improvement where she has saved the bank money and mitigated credit risk. One project alone reduced risk by over \$200 million, and another reduced costs by \$275,000. Her other contributions at the bank include credit portfolio analysis and data integrity/accuracy across multiple platforms.

Past committee memberships include - the Asset Resolution Committee, IT Committee, Change Management (Merrill Lynch Relocation), Credit Remediation and Business Development.

Maria is also a certified spin instructor and teaches in Bedford and Pleasantville. She recently held a 90-minute spin event in conjunction with Feeding Westchester. The collection fed 137 Westchester families!

Maria has a BA in Journalism

She has Lean Six Sigma Certification (Green & Black Belt)

She was a board member of the Broadway Training Center located in Hastings NY.

Volunteer experience includes:

Teacher at Annunciation in Crestwood, St. Bernard's in White Plains and at St. Joseph's in Somers.

Mentor and Teacher for Junior Achievement White Plains & Yonkers Soup Kitchen

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BRENDA (BREN) ZIMMERMAN

Brenda (Bren) retired after 19 years as an educator at Eastern Suffolk BOCES, having earned her PhD from NYU in Administration and Education. Prior to that she was the Athletic Director at Portledge School in Locust Valley, an adjunct instructor at Nassau Community College, and Director of Physical Activities at the Glen Cove YMCA. Bren received the Headmasters Award for excellence in leadership and was honored by her students with a yearbook dedication.

Bren enjoys keeping active and fit, woodworking in her garage-shop, is an RV enthusiast, and an accomplished genealogist and historian. In addition to authoring many articles and books, she restored her family's 1885 home in North Carolina and wrote the nominating documents for its acceptance into the National Register of Historic Places.

She moved to Heritage Hills in 2018 with her partner. She has enjoyed working on the annual Welcome to Heritage event. Bren likes various activities at the H.H. Fitness Center, loved Line Dancing classes, and walking the Meadowlark Park trails.



GLORIA ANDERSON (Incumbent)

After graduating with honors from Pace School of Law, I briefly served as law secretary to a New York State Supreme Court Judge, then for the next twenty-four years as Principal Counsel to the Grievance Committee for New York's Ninth Judicial District, prosecuting attorneys for violations of professional ethics. I won 100% of my trials before the Appellate Division of the New York State Supreme Court, which resulted in the suspension or disbarment of the attorneys involved. I also won all the many appeals the suspended/disbarred attorneys filed with New York's highest court, the Court of Appeals, and successfully defended against each of several appeals that suspended/disbarred attorneys filed with the United States Supreme Court.

I moved to Heritage Hills ten years ago, in August 2014, and first became a member of Condo 30's Board of Managers in 2016. I served as Condo 30's representative to the Council of Condos for approximately eight years and am still an active condo board member.

In June 2018 I was honored to be elected to a position on the Heritage Hills Society Board of Directors and have served as its Second Vice-President for the past five years. In that capacity, I am a member of the Board's Executive Committee, which meets regularly to take whatever action is necessary to keep Heritage Hills running smoothly between the monthly meetings of the full Society Board.

I served as Chair of the Reopening Committee during the pendency of the COVID pandemic and helped set policies designed to ensure that Society's facilities were kept open and as safe as possible for residents to enjoy. I also Chaired the Comcast Committee, which represented the interests of Heritage Hills residents during contract negotiations between Comcast and the Town of Somers, and served on the Bylaw Committee when the Bylaws were last amended in April 2023.

Currently, I am Chair of the Legal Committee and review the Society Board's contracts and legal agreements with various service providers and act as liaison with outside counsel when that is needed. I also Chair the Newsletter Committee and am a member of the Audit Committee. I am a member of the Heritage Hills Library Committee, where I have served as a volunteer librarian for nine years and as coordinator of the library's volunteers for many of those years. I am also the Society Board's liaison with the Health & Safety Committee.

I appreciate the confidence residents have placed in me in the past and, if re-elected to continue serving as a member of the Society Board, I will continue to strive to maintain and enhance our beautiful community and to ensure it remains financially sound while balancing a commitment to keep Society fees as low as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.



DORINDA HASKEL (Incumbent)

I've proudly called Heritage Hills my home since 2013. Even while balancing my career as an IT Sales Professional and Trainer, I found solace in this community when I purchased my unit. Before retiring in 2022, I had the privilege of exploring diverse cultures worldwide.

Drawing from my background in banking, I immersed myself in community involvement upon moving here. Serving as Treasurer on Condo 1's Board several years after moving here, and I continue to hold this role today.

Recognizing the evolving demographics and the importance of maintaining property values, I joined the Society Board three years ago. Throughout my tenure, I've contributed to various committees, including Activities, Finance, and serving as Chairperson of the Pool Committee. I've also led initiatives such as the Welcome to Heritage event,

co-chaired the Halloween Trunk or Treat event, and helped to organize the Toys for Tots drive. Previously, I served on the Election Committee for the Society Board election.

I decided to join the Society Board to ensure that every voice in our diverse community is heard. I'm committed to representing those who cannot attend meetings or feel marginalized. Understanding and participating in the Society Board's workings has been incredibly fulfilling, and I eagerly anticipate continuing to serve our community with openness, vigor, and inclusivity. If reelected, I pledge to prioritize community input, leverage my skills, and advocate for all members to ensure their voices are heard and respected.

Thank you for your consideration.



BRUCE PRINCE (Incumbent)

I attended Cornell University where I received a Bachelor's Degree in Architecture. After graduation, I worked for the Mayor's office of New York for Urban Planning. At that time, I received my Master's Degree from City University of New York in City Planning.

During my seven years with the city, I worked on many projects including the South Street Seaport and the revitalization of Jamaica Avenue in Queens. Besides design and planning, one of my main responsibilities was to communicate with local community planning boards and businesses. I later joined my father and brother in our family's Textile Company. For thirty years I owned and operated this international company. My expertise dealt with design and production as well as sales. For the last ten years we were producing textiles in Pakistan, Turkey,

Thailand, Korea, China, and Taiwan.

From 1981 to 1988, while living in Manhattan, I was the president of my Coop Board. We then moved to Armonk where we lived for 18 years and raised our two sons. During that time, I volunteered in the Byram Hills Schools and with the local Little League. After moving to Heritage Hills in 2004, I was voted Vice-President of the Council of Condos. I was elected to Condo 25's Board serving as President for the past 10+ years. I've been Chairman of the Storm Water/Environmental Committee as well as Maintenance Chairman overseeing the infrastructure of all Heritage Hills' buildings. I am on the Library Committee and involved with Pickle Ball. I have also worked on the designs and renovations of the Fitness Center, Activities Building Lobby, Kitchen, Heritage Room, and Lake Lodge.

In 2011, Mary Beth Murphy appointed me to the Somers Architectural Review Board where I served for two years. I stepped down from that board and was appointed to the Somers Zoning Board of Appeals. I have since been appointed to the Planning Board for the Town of Somers. My primary interests include world politics, travel, independent film, and sports.

I am running for re-election to Board of Directors to continue work that was started during my previous terms namely to keep Society operating in a business-like manner, to use my architectural and planning knowledge for the benefit of Heritage Hills. I am planning to renovate the back terrace at the Activity Center soon. Presently I'm on the committee to recommend future uses for Meadowlark Park. In addition, for the past few years I have been the First Vice President of Society.

I want to increase the communications between the Society Board and residents, as well as to improve the transparency of operations and business of the Board.

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ALAN TEPPER (Incumbent)

I would like to serve the residents of Heritage Hills to the best of my ability by securing a position as a member of the HH Society Board of Directors.

I was born and raised in a city project in the East New York section of Brooklyn. After moving with my family to our first house, I got my first apartment in Sheepshead Bay where I met my wife, Barbara and our daughter Naomi was born. We then moved to our first house on Staten Island. After 30 years on Staten Island Barbara and I moved to Heritage Hills in 2018.

I attended Brooklyn Technical High School, where I took the Architectural course. I did my undergraduate work in Architecture at The Cooper Union and earned a graduate degree from CCNY. After graduating from college, I had a number of jobs (including driving a cab in NYC) until I was hired by the MTA/New York City Transit Authority as an Assistant Architect. After spending 2 years in architecture I transitioned to Information Technology, rising to the role of Senior Director of Software Development and Support, directing a team of as many as 40 programmers and analysts in the acquisition, development and support of software systems that supported the operations and maintenance of NYCT's Bus and Subway departments.

I have been involved in community service for as long as I can remember, starting with volunteer work at the Brooklyn Museum while in JHS. At Brooklyn Tech HS I served on the Ushering Squad and participated in classes that were broadcast over the Board of Education's radio station to homebound students. While in college I edited the newsletter at Maimonides Lodge #375 IOOF and served on the Cemetery Committee, where I still serve as administrator for their cemetery plots. As active members of the PTA at our children's schools, I have written newsletters, written and updated by-laws and at my Daughter's High School, I was a founding member of the PTA.

In addition to the above, I served multiple terms on the Board and as VP of Temple Israel of Staten Island, and as Secretary, Treasurer and President of the Men's Club. I also served as Chair of the House Committee, chaired a committee to re-write the Constitution and Bylaws, and chaired the Capital Campaign committee, where I managed a budget of approximately \$1M. I have served 9 years on the Staten Island Museum's Board of Trustees, and serve on the Buildings & Grounds, Governance and Audit committees.

I currently serve on the Board of Managers at Heritage Hills where I Chair the Fitness Center Committee, am on the Maintenance Committee and edit the newsletter for Condo #29, and was on the committee tasked with bringing the East Hill Golf Course on line. In addition, I am President of Club Shalom.

I believe my skills and experience will benefit the residents of Heritage Hills. As a professional project manager I am able to take an idea from conception to completion. I am able to determine what is needed, the opportunities and challenges, to bring a project to fruition. I am particularly skilled at presenting technical ideas to non-technical audiences. And perhaps most important of all: with some 50 years of experience working in volunteer organizations, like the Heritage Hills Society Board, I have a deep understanding of how they operate.



CAROL VARTULI (Incumbent)

I have lived in Heritage Hills for 14 years, and during that time have served as Communication Committee Chair on the Society Board of Directors, Secretary of the Condo 30 Board of Managers, and on the Garden Club's Executive Committee. I was appointed to the Society Board of Directors in July 2023 to complete a former member's term. That term is done, so I'm running for election to a full, three year term.

I've been serving as Chair of the Communication Committee, with two immediate goals on my horizon. The first is creating a vibrant new website to fully represent our diverse community – an intuitive-to-use, communication hub. The website process began last fall, when I identified a turn-key solution from a software company that can host the site. The Board has approved the project, and we are now mapping the parameters of the site.

The second goal is to develop a Communication Strategy by first assessing the effectiveness of our existing information channels, and adding new channels sought by our growing, digital-savvy base. Everyone's participation in this effort is encouraged.

Our various condo neighborhoods intersect on Society's main street, where we all come to play, exercise, converse and create. It's a unique community that thrives on vibrant communication.

My Background in Brief:

- M.A., Communication/Journalism, Fordham University
- More than 30 years in Communications:
 - Journalist/Freelance writer *The New York Times*, *Gannett News*, syndicated *Westchester Magazine*, etc.
 - Corporate Communication professional and executive, Fortune 100 companies
 - Communication Consultant to clients such as Hewlett Packard, Ernst & Young, Intel, Cisco, Silicon Valley start-ups, etc.
- More than 15 years in Higher Education:
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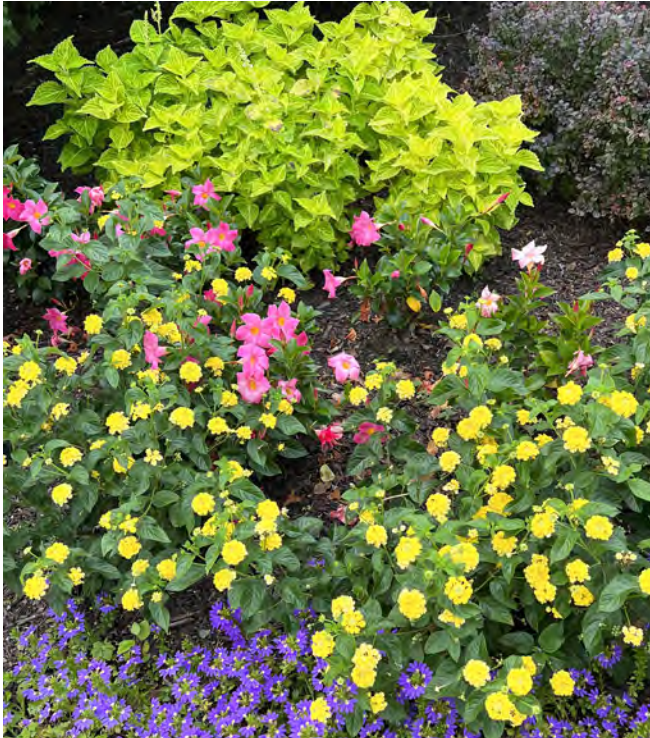
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SOCIETY BOARD LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE SUMMER PLANTING GUIDE

By Joanne Meder

Last summer, the Society Board and its Landscape Committee received numerous compliments and inquiries about the many plants seen throughout our community in the Society's 9 major planting areas (which contain 27 garden beds). Many residents were eager to use the same plants around their units. Landscape Committee members Patricia Ploss, Chair; Karl Milde; Joanne Meder; and Maryann Mitchell collaborated with Property Manager John Milligan, landscape professionals John Maxner and Eileen Schmidt of Westchester Properties Group, and its landscape designer, Melissa Brent, of MH Landscape Design, LLC. Included here are descriptions of many of the plants seen last year. They can be found at local nurseries – often in various colors and sizes.



*Top to Bottom – Lime Coleus, pink Dipladenia, yellow Lantana, and purple Scaevola.**



*Front, – Red Wax Begonias. Back – Variegated Lily Turf ornamental grass.**



*Purple short variety Cleome.**



*Purple Scaevola.**



*Left to right - Multi-color Lantana and purple Scaevola.**



*Front, left to right - Yellow Lantana, magenta Petunias, pink Dipladenia, multi-color Lantana, and lavender Sweet Alyssum.
Back, left to right - Purple Fountain Grass, yellow Snapdragons, orange Dwarf Canna Lilies, pale lavender short variety Cleome, and yellow Dwarf Canna Lilies.***



*Front, left to right - Purple Scaevola, yellow Lantana, and magenta Petunias.
Back, left to right - Red Dwarf Canna Lilies, yellow Dwarf Canna Lilies, and orange Dwarf Canna Lilies.**



*Pale pink Mandevilla.**



*Left to right - Kong hybrid Coleus and Lime Coleus.**

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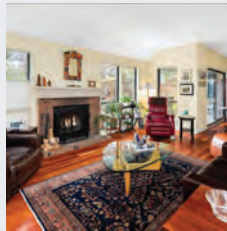
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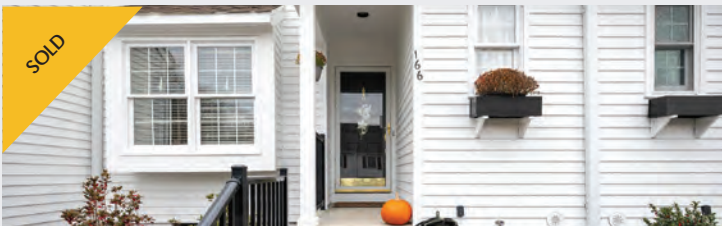
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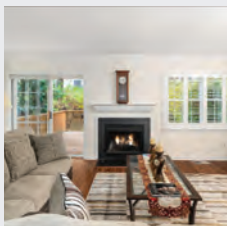
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Silk Fabric Painting Class: Fee \$135. Must sign up for a full 4-week session at the Activities Center. Space is limited. For more information, contact Evey at 914-276-0737 or email her at evymusart@comcast.net.

Woodcraft Club: The shop at the Activities Center is available Monday thru Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm. For information and to register, contact Club President Ed at 914-276-0671 or 914-552-2303.

CIAO ITALIA: Membership, open to all residents, is \$12 per person for the year. Fill out a Membership Form available outside the Activities Office and include it in an envelope with your payment. Watch for flyers and TV notices announcing upcoming events.

CLUB SHALOM: You don't have to be Jewish to love Club Shalom, a Club dedicated to providing quality entertaining and educational Jewish cultural programs for the residents of Heritage Hills. Watch for information about upcoming events. All residents are welcome.

CONCERT SOCIETY: We present four classical concerts, featuring the best and brightest of classical music's Rising Stars, in May, June, September, and October on Sundays at 3 pm in the Activities Center's Heritage Room. Annual subscriptions are \$90 per person or pay \$26 per person per concert at the door. Subscription Forms are available at

the Activities Center. If you have any questions, call Raina Lefkowitz at 914-262-4407.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: Our mission is to educate and entertain with monthly presentations by experts in the fields of art, literature, music, theater, history, and politics on specified Tuesdays at 1:30 pm in the Activities Center's Heritage Room. For more information, see the COMING EVENTS section of this Newsletter or call Ann at 914-617-9434.

CULINARY CLUB: We meet for dinner in the Activities Center once a month on a Wednesday evening at 6 pm. If you are interested, contact Barbara Gangemi at 914-617-9037.

DANCE: Friday Night Social Dance. The first Friday of every month from 7 to 10 pm in the Activities Center's Heritage Room. \$10 per person includes coffee and cake. BYOB. For more information, call Ami at 914-486-9677.

EXERCISE CLASSES

Chair Zumba/Toning with Theresa. Mondays at 9:45 am by Zoom only. Zumba for anyone who prefers a seated workout. Contact Theresa for more information at zumbawithme@aol.com.

Gentle Yoga with Lisa. Mondays at 11:30 am and Fridays at 10 am in Lake Lodge's 2nd floor. \$12 for a 75-minute class. Lisaathomas@optonline.net or 914-497-0243.

Tai Chi & Chi Gong with Master Ellen. Mondays from 12:30 to 1:30 pm in the Gym. \$70 per month. First class free. All levels welcome. Wear loose fitting, comfortable clothing. Contact heritagehillstaichi2@gmail.com.

Chair Yoga with Satish: Practice Tuesdays from 10 to 11:15 am in Lake Lodge with Satish Gambhir, Registered Yoga (500-RYT) and acupressure teacher with over 20 years of experience. Chair Yoga aimed at toning the entire body and increasing flexibility. Breathing and meditation for relaxation and mind-body connection. Live music. \$10 per class. Call or email to register at 914-646-0887 or Satishgambhir@gmail.com.

Cardio/Strength/Stretch Class with Lori. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 am in the Gym. Join me for a fun, safe, effective workout. Low impact cardio, resistance training, balance, stretch and breath work – all set to great music! Appropriate for all levels. Resistance bands and weights available. No mats needed. Fee: \$10 per class. Try the first class for free! Class is also available on Zoom. Email Lori at eefyjig@gmail.com.

Linda's Lake Lodge Classes: Body Conditioning: 8:30 am Tuesdays and Thursdays. Rock & Roll Workout: 9:30 am Tuesdays. Yoga Pilates: 9:30 am Thursdays. Sports Conditioning: 9 am Sundays. All classes are \$10 per class. Register at the start of the month for the classes you plan to attend. Contact Linda Zeiss instructor at Labzeiss@gmail.com or 718-541-0861.

Move and Groove with Theresa: Wednesdays at 11 am in the Fitness Center and on Zoom. Easy-to-learn and easy-to-follow Beginner Line Dances to ALL music genres. Contact Theresa for more information at zumbawithme@aol.com.

Getting Back on Track (15-15-15) with Theresa: Fridays at 10:50 am at the Fitness Center and on Zoom. Light cardio and balance, functional strength and stretch, and restorative breathing and

and relaxation. Great class to begin or continue your fitness journey. Contact Theresa for more information at zumbawithme@aol.com.

Zumba Gold with Theresa. Fridays at 10 am in the Fitness Center and on Zoom, and Saturdays at 10 am on Zoom only. Fun, easy to follow, low impact dance fitness class. Contact Theresa for more information at zumbawithme@aol.com.

Vinyasa Yoga with Joe. Saturdays at 9 am in Lake Lodge's Upper Level. \$12 per class. To register, email Joe Ferrari at josephferrari@me.com.

FAMILY NETWORK GROUP: Arranges organized family-oriented gatherings, days and evenings, several times a year. Go to [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) to join the group "Heritage Hills Family Network" or email keri.reitman@gmail.com.

FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP: Meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at Lake Lodge in Room 1 from 11 am to noon. Members should have a basic knowledge of French conversation but need not be fluent. Refresh your French language skills and laugh and learn with us. If you have any questions, call Carole Ellis 914-260-9182 or email her at carellis14@yahoo.com.

FUN & GAMES

Bridge—Duplicate: Mondays and Thursdays at 12:30 pm in the Activities Center—**vaccinated only.** For information, call Marie at 914-277-4266.

Chess Club: Wednesdays from 1 to 3:30 pm in Lake Lodge's Room 3. We are a group of chess enthusiasts who enjoy coming together to play some friendly games of chess! Beginners are welcome! Bring your chess set if you have one. Some playing pairs may choose to use a chess clock; bring this, also, if you have one. For more information, contact Pat Posluszny at patpugs@comcast.net or 914-276-6550.

Friends in the Hills Club: Open to all adult Heritage Hills residents. Each meeting will be a night of fun and socializing with your neighbors. See the COMING EVENTS section of this *Newsletter* for event details. Email us at Friendsinthehills@aol.com with any questions or contact Debbie Ferrara at 914-924-3003 or Mary Ann Walrath at 914-318-1227.

Mah Jongg: Mondays at noon in Lake Lodge and Wednesdays at noon in the Activities Center (contact Sue Furino 914-617-9110); Fridays at 1 pm in Lake Lodge (contact Olga LaBoy at 914-276-2646); Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 am to 1 pm (we are at full capacity and are only taking people for the waitlist at this time. Call Cheryl Milde at 914-342-3068 for further clarification).

Scrabblers: Thursdays starting promptly at 1 pm in Room 2 in the Activities Center. Casual Scrabble game play. Play 1 or more games. All levels of play, including newbies, are welcome. For more information, just walk in or contact Susan at 914-617-9228 or ciwhitestar@comcast.net.

GARDEN CLUB: For information, including questions on membership and use of the Community Garden, please send an email to hbgardenclubsecretary@gmail.com. If you would prefer to speak by phone, call Club President Joanne Meder at 914-318-5808 and leave a message.

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Blood Pressure Screenings With a Smile: Nurse Ellie Eidam offers screenings on the second Friday of the month from 9 to 11 am in the Activities Center's Game Room. Your temperature may be taken. Do not come if you have tested positive for Covid-19, were recently exposed

(within 14 days) to the virus or traveled to areas that have experienced high levels of the virus. Contact Ellie at elliebob1@gmail.com or 914-617-2109 for more information.

Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group: Caring for someone with Alzheimer's/Dementia is a difficult and painful challenge. A support group can help. Meetings take place the first Thursday of the month at 12:30 pm in Lake Lodge's Room 1. Fee: \$20 per session. Facilitated by Linda Ludwig, Ph.D. To register, call 914-617-9328 or email ludwiglr@aol.com.

Spousal/Partner Bereavement Group: A support group that provides an opportunity to be with others who have lost a spouse or partner. Meetings take place on the second Thursday of the month at 12:30 pm in Lake Lodge Room 1. Fee: \$20 per session. Facilitated by Linda Ludwig, Ph.D. To register, call 914-617-9328 or email ludwiglr@aol.com.

HIKERS & WALKERS GROUP: Weekly hikes from September to June. Information and our schedule are available at hhsociety.org / Activities / All Activities / Hikers and Walkers.

INDEPENDENT AND FOREIGN FILM CLUB: Monthly screenings in the Activities Center's Heritage Room, followed by a discussion. April thru December. \$20 for the series. Schedule is posted in the Activities Center and on the Society website. For information, contact Steve Klepner at 845-297-7066 or spk010@yahoo.com.

LIBRARY: Open Monday through Friday from 10 am to 3 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm. For information on the collection, visit the Heritage Hills Library webpage at hhsociety.org or call 914-276-7655.

MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP: Discussion group on current event topics. Meets Mondays from 9:30 to 11 am in the Activities Center. For information, email Ken Benjamin at kenbenja@aol.com or call 914-617-9817.

RAINBOW CONNECTION CLUB: A group for LGBTQ members and their families, friends, and neighbors. All are welcome. We meet the first Thursday of each month at Lake Lodge from 5 to 7 pm. For more information contact Joanne at 914-450-5609.

SHAKESPEARE GROUP: Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 am in the Activities Center's Game Room, and on Zoom. See a film of a classic Shakespeare play, then read it and join in lively discussions. All are welcome! For more information, call Susan Ray at 914-391-6686 or Margaret Howlett at 973-746-7816.

SINGLES CLUB: If you are interested in joining the club, contact Pat Caruso at 914-276-2224 or carusop515@comcast.net. Membership dues are \$12 per year.

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP: Meets the first Thursday of the month in Lake Lodge's Room 1 at 11 am. Group is open to intermediate through fluent Spanish speakers. ¡Vengan!

SPORTS

Bocce Group: Wednesdays and Saturdays (weather permitting) starting at 9:30 am. For more information contact Reno DiCristofaro at 914-500-5160 or Diane Purr at 914-617-9338.

East Hill Men's Golf Association: Enjoy weekly Thursday 9-hole casual competitions in a variety of formats, as well as Tuesday Stroke

Play opportunities, from April thru November at Somers National Golf Club's course right here on Heritage Hills' West Hill. For more information, contact Membership Chairman Bob Kenney at 914-617-9884 or rlkret@aol.com.

Pickleball Group: On the outdoor courts is open play, no reservations required. The Gym is also available for indoor play. For details on both, and about the Pickleball Committee and community, email PickleballHH@Outlook.com. See you on the courts!

Ping Pong: Thursdays at 10 am in the Activities Center's Game Room. Open to all residents. Come hang out and play!

Shuffleboard Group: October through March on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 pm, and on Saturdays from 9:30 am to noon, in the Gym.

Tennis Group: All Tennis reservations are now made via www.playtomic.io, or you can download the playtomic app, which offers many additional features. Once on the playtomic website, type "Heritage Hills" and click on "tennis" as the sport choice. For general information about the tennis group, call Dena at 914-589-3560. The Friday night Round Robin runs from May through September.

TED TALKS: On the third Friday of the month, from 3 to 5 pm in the Heritage Room, hosts Ami Stokhamer and Karl Milde (residents) present two thought-provoking TED Talk videos, after which there is open discussion. Free event with light refreshments. For more information, see the COMING EVENTS section in this *Newsletter*, or

call Ami at 914-486-9677 or Karl at 845-545-1959.

10-A-MEN CLUB: Come to the Activities Center's Heritage Room on Wednesdays at 9 am and have continental breakfast for \$2. The meeting starts at 10 am.

TRAVEL CLUB: Our mission is designed for those who enjoy traveling, whether the trips are to nearby or far away destinations. All details are handled by the Group. Buses leave from and return to Heritage Hills. Information on our trips is available on flyers in the Activities Center, on TV, and in this *Newsletter*.

WOMEN'S CLUB: The second Wednesday of the month, except for January, July, and August. See the COMING EVENTS section of this *Newsletter* for specific upcoming event details. We welcome new members! Membership dues are just \$12 for the year. Flyers are available at the Activities Center. Insert your check in an envelope; include your name, unit number and phone number and put it in the Women's Club mail slot. For membership information, call membership chairperson, Alfreda Savarese at 914-617-2007.

WRITERS WORKSHOP CLASS: Workshop on Google Meet! Mondays at 1 pm and Saturdays at 10:30 am in Lake Lodge. Email Linda Spear, workshop facilitator, to arrange to join us! Lindaspear211@gmail.com.

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TOTAL SOLD	31	22	46	29
	\$325,000-\$850,000	\$340,000-\$720,000	\$276,000-\$785,000	\$342,000-\$690,000

VARIOUS UNITS SOLD BY MLS AGENTS FROM JANUARY 1, 2024 – APRIL 10, 2024

ONE BEDROOM

FRANKLIN	\$375,000; \$360,000	GUILFORD	\$325,000; \$407,500; \$444,000; \$449,000	RADCLIFFE	\$571,000
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TWO BEDROOM

ARMONK	\$375,000; \$560,000; \$595,000; \$485,000; \$565,000	COLGATE	\$585,000	KATONAH	\$529,000
BERKSHIRE	\$650,000	FAIRVIEW	\$539,000	SALEM	\$550,000; \$445,000
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		HAMILTON	\$391,000	WELLSLEY	\$613,500

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