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HERITAGE HILLS SOCIETY INFORMATION

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Fitness Center 914-669-5028

EMERGENCIES 9-1-1

Hours of Operation

Activities Center
Building ..... Daily, 9 am to 11 pm
Activities Office ..... Weekdays, 9 am to 5 pm (closed holidays)
Society Office ..... Weekdays, 9 am to 1 pm (closed holidays)
Fine Arts Center ..... Group instruction and free time are scheduled by the Activities Office at 914-276-2636
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 ..... Daily, 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: 5:15, 5:45, 6:45, and 7:45 – **Reservation Required**
Evening **PICK-UPS ONLY**: 4:45, 5:45, 6:50, 7:45 and 8:45 – **No Reservation**
Midday Trips – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
To/From Activites Center, Lake Lodge, Meadowlark Park, and off site, including Goldens Bridge MetroNorth Station
Outbound, hourly 8:45 am to 12:45 pm
Inbound, hourly from 9:10 am to 1:10 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 1:10 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 Tassell 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

TRA (formerly RideConnect) – 914-764-7433 / my-tra.org
Transportation for medical appointments: Monday thru Friday, 9 am to 5 pm

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 Kobroff, 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

VVNA Home Health Services, part of Northwell Health at Home
914-666-7616 - 8:30 am - 5 pm - Home care aides, nursing

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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. EVENTS LISTED HERE TAKE PLACE IN THE ACTIVITIES CENTER, UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

GENERAL ELECTION VOTING

By Susan Statkowski-Rivalsi

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

- **If you have been issued an Absentee Ballot, you will not be permitted to cast a ballot in person on a voting machine.**
- **Filing Deadlines:**
  - By mail: Must be postmarked no later than November 3. Bring it into the Somers Post Office and ask for it to be hand stamped.
  - In Person: November 1 is the last day you can bring it to any early voting poll site in Westchester County (Somers Town House/Elephant Hotel).

EARLY VOTING

All registered Heritage Hills voters can vote early at any of the 25 poll sites in Westchester County including Somers Town House/Elephant Hotel at 335 Route 202 in Somers). The remaining days and hours there are:

- Friday, October 30, from 8 am to 4 pm
- Saturday, October 31, from 10 am to 6 pm
- Sunday, November 1, from 10 am to 6 pm

ELECTION DAY VOTING - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, FROM 6 AM TO 9 PM

All registered Heritage Hills residents may only vote in the Heritage Room in the Activities Center.

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MUSICAL NOTES FROM THE CONCERT SOCIETY



The best classical music value in Westchester and beyond!

By Teddi Meltzer

MORIAH TRENK AND ARLEN HLUSKO

Sunday, November 1, at 3 pm





As we say "Toodle-oo" to our 2026 season, we present our final afternoon of beautiful music in our luxuriously appointed Heritage Room, where pianist Moriah and cellist Arlen will perform a rich tapestry of musical works. Then we'll stroll with you to our wine and cheese reception, where you will have a chance to meet and greet the artists.

Individual tickets for non-members are $26. Come and enjoy.

If you have any questions, call Raina at 914-262-4407.

WOMEN'S CLUB

Submitted by Barbara Humen

HARVEST LUNCHEON AT SOUTHEAST GRILL HOUSE

Wednesday, November 18, at 12:30 pm

It's time for our annual Harvest Luncheon. We will be celebrating Fall with a menu consisting of salad, ravioli, choice of five entrees (Chicken Parmesan, Chicken Marsala, Salmon, Shrimp Scampi and NYS Strip Steak), coffee/tea, and dessert.

Cost is $42 for members and $45 for non- members. Complete the flyer available in the Activities Center and place it, along with your check, in the Women's Club mailbox **by November 3rd.**

If you have any questions, call Joan at 914-276-0488 or Rose at 914-276-4204.

Hope to see you there!

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CIAO ITALIA THANKSGIVING GATHERING

By Michale Lanotte

Saturday, November 7

For residents of Heritage Hills, Members $35, Non-Members $40. Pick up a flyer outside the Activities Office or print a copy from the email blast. Complete the form at the bottom and place it and your check in the Ciao Italia mail slot **by Monday, November 2.**



The last Ciao Italia event in 2026 is scheduled for Sunday, December 6. December's event will be exclusively for members. Future flyers and email blasts will provide more detailed information.

ON THE COVER

The photo of fall foliage in Meadowlark Park was taken by Dassi Citron.

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10-A-MEN CLUB

By Mike McBride

WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesdays at 10 am in the Heritage Room

November 4 . . . . . Kevin Guo, Somers National Golf Course
Hotel Q & A

November 11. . . . . Sgt. David Burpee, Somers Police Department/Fire Commissioner

November 18 . . . . . Anthony Sutton
Somers Fire District Elections Information

November 25 . . . . . John Milligan, Heritage Hills Property Manager
Updates

All adult residents are welcome. Women are encouraged to attend. Doors open at 8:30 am. $3 admission. Bagels and coffee are available until 9:45 am. Folks mingle and chat until 10 am, when the Pledge of Allegiance is said followed by speakers and discussion 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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Independent and Foreign Film Club
FILMCLUB

By Steve Klepner

THE OUTFIT

(United States, 106 Minutes, 2022)

Sunday, November 8, at 6:30 pm in the Heritage Room

A crime thriller about an expert English tailor, in 1950s Chicago, whose quiet shop becomes a battleground for a dangerous mob family after they use it as a stash house for a mysterious package.

The event will start **promptly at 6:30.**

A discussion will follow the screening led by Nancy Israel, a resident and former film instructor at the Jacob Burns Film Center.

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

By Karen Baker

The following events will take place **at 1: 30 pm in the Heritage Room.** Admission is $10 per event, paid at the door. If you have any questions, call Ann at 914-617-9434.

MIDTERM ELECTIONS 2026: POST-ELECTION ANALYSIS

Tuesday, November 10

Now that the midterms are over, SUNY Professor of Political Science Dr. Chris Malone will help us understand and analyze the results and their impact on our government going forward.

BIG SCREEN LOVE!

Wednesday, November 18

Monica Castillo, film critic for the A.V. Club website, takes us on a journey of how depictions of romance have changed in movies from the silent era to screwball comedies, to romantic comedies, and to swoony period pieces.

STORMY WEATHER: THE BLUES IN POPULAR SONG

Tuesday, December 1

Vocalist Leslee Warren and pianist Ron Drotos return to present a program of American popular songs that looks at the genre through the lens of the blues. Come hear a wide range of songs, including *Stormy Weather, The Man That Got Away,* and Tracy Chapman's *Give Me One Reason*!

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ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

By Carrie Sears

TO BE OR NOT TO BE RECYCLED OR THROWN OUT

Wednesday, November 11, at 3 pm in Rooms 2 – 3

Presentation by John Fitzgerald, Account Manager with Win Waste Innovations.

HOLIDAY PARTY / WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE

Wednesday, December 9, at 3 pm in Rooms 2 – 3

To play along in the White Elephant Gift Exchange, bring a wrapped gift to be re-gifted, reused, or recycled. Spend no money! Recipients are given an opportunity to swap. We'll have refreshments.

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BETTER COMMUNICATIONS = BETTER RELATIONSHIPS GROUP

By Randy Freeman

HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH FAMILY DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Thursday, November 12, at 1:30 in the Game Room next to the Library

The holidays can be a very difficult time for family members. At this meeting we will talk about how to listen carefully, engage constructively, and initiate boundaries. We will also talk about how and why this can be a particularly fraught period of time for families and how holidays can be difficult after the loss of a family member.

The meeting is facilitated by Randy Freeman, BSN, MSN, MSW, a retired psychotherapist. You can RSVP by text to 973-449-3948 or by email at *randyfreeman71@hotmail.com.* Drop-ins are welcome, as well.

FRIENDS IN THE HILLS

By Mary Ann Walrath

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, November 13, at 7 pm in the Heritage Room
Doors open 6:30 pm

Put on your thinking cap! At this fun night with friends, test your knowledge across pop culture, history, sports, movies or just random facts. Something for everyone. Great prizes.

MEMBERS ONLY, $10 per person. Fill out the form outside the Activities Office and put it with your check made out to "Friends in the Hills" in our mail slot. If you have any questions, call Mary Ann at 914-318-1227.

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SOCIETY BOARD

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 17, at 1:30 pm in the Heritage Room

All unit owners are welcome to attend the meeting in person and raise matters of concern at the end of the meeting. Residents who cannot attend may submit such matters via email to *society@hhsociety.org* or regular mail to Society Board, 8 Heritage Hills, Somers, New York 10589. or call 914-276-2908 to discuss them. **Provide your name and unit number on written correspondence.**

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CLUB SHALOM

Text by Aimee Feerst,
art by Joel Feerst



JEWISH HUMOR AND THE WISDOM OF THE FOOL

Sunday, November 22, at 1 pm
in the Heritage Room

Rabbi Ben Newman is returning. His topic: Why Jews laugh through tragedy, argue with God, and make jokes about themselves – a journey from Chelm to Mel Brooks, exploring humor as theology and laughter as survival.

Admission is $15. Watch for our flyer to be returned **no later than November 19.**



CHANNUKAH EVENT

Sunday December 13, at noon
in the Heritage Room

We hope you will join us for our annual Channukah Celebration and luncheon.

The Gilad Ephrat NY Ensemble, often seen at Mount Kisco's Jazz on Main, will be entertaining us as it breathes new life into familiar Israeli and Jewish musical classics. They will accompany us as we celebrate the holiday with traditional songs.

A bagel lunch (for which you will be given choices) will be served. Cabaret seating at tables of 10. Look for our flyer with menu particulars to be returned **no later than Tuesday December 8.**

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COMMUNITY THEATRE

By Helen Sagit

THE HILLS ARE ALIVE WITH THE SOUNDS OF BROADWAY

Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21, at 7:30 pm
Sunday Matinee, November 22, at 2 pm
In the Heritage Room

We are so excited to present our November show, which features a selection of songs from well-known Broadway productions.

$25 per person for members, $30 for non-members. We'll have cabaret seating – maximum of 10 at a table - so, in one envelope include the names and checks of all the people at your table. Use the flier available outside of the Activities Office.

If you have any questions, contact Helen Berman at 917-554-4417 or Ken DeLuca at 917-304-9104.

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SINGLES CLUB

By Diane Purr

SINGLES SPARKLE HOLIDAY DINNER

Thursday, December 3, at 5:30 pm at Bistro on the Green

Come celebrate the beginning of the holiday season. We'll have Antipasto, Salad, Choice of 4 Entrees, Dessert and Coffee/Tea plus 1 glass of wine - compliments of the Club Board – and a $Cash Bar$, with music and dancing with Valerie & Sean, prizes and lots of surprises!! Members $65 / Non-members $75.

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

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

SOCIETY BOARD NEWS

WELCOME NEW OWNERS

By Anna Milani

Society Office Administrator

During the month of September, ownership changed for 15 units.

If you're a newcomer, you should have received a *New Resident* folder when obtaining your photo ID in the Activities Office. The folders are also available in the Society Office, open Monday through Friday from 9 am to 1 pm.

SUMMARY OF PORTIONS OF THE OCTOBER 20 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Compiled by Susan Statkowski-Rivalsi

This is a summary of some portions of the meeting. Videos of these meetings in their entirety are posted on the Society Board website the day after the meetings occur, *hhsociety.org*. Once approved at the subsequent meeting, the minutes are also available on the website.

Board members in attendance: Gloria Anderson, Denise Elliot, Gregg Hano, Ann Harper, Joe Kelly, Jack Mattes, Patricia Ploss, Scott Rekant, Deica Ruiz, Alan Tepper, Jay Wright, and Bren Zimmerman

Board members absent: Dorinda Haskel and Davis Stowell

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

OPENING REMARKS – GLORIA ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

- **New Board Member:** Scott Rekant was appointed to fill a position when Ralph Fatigate resigned from the Board earlier this year. He has lived here for two years, is an active member of the Woodcraft Club and Photo Club, and serves as Treasurer of the Garden Club. He lives in Condo 22 and serves on its board as Variance Chair. He's a retired attorney who has experience in environmental and real estate law, areas that should be useful to the Board. He will be participating in our Emergency Preparedness Committee and the Toys For Tots event [see Community Affairs, below].
- **New Second Vice President**: Congratulations to Jay Wright, whom the Board recently elected to be Second Vice President. He is now a member of our Executive Committee, which is charged with taking care of all our employee relations. Jay owns his own business and has a lot of experience in that area. He serves on a lot of boards in the community, including the board of the Westchester Community Center.
- **Reasonable Accommodation Requests from hearing-impaired residents.** [See the Property Manager's Report, below.]
- **Lovell Street STOP Signs:** The Town Board voted unanimously to make them permanent and lights will be installed on them. [Per Jack Mattes, at the public hearing no one stepped up to oppose the signs.]

FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE – PAT PLOSS, CHAIR

- **Revenues:** They continue to be very strong, especially when it comes to New Purchasers Contributions – up over $31,000 over budget, and interest is $13,500 over budget. The Newsletter [advertising], late fees, and some of the rental we get for parking in the Maintenance Yard are also above budget.
- **Cash Flow:** For the month of September it was +$46,000, and our year-to-date cash flow is +$470,000. We will be paying some large bills before the end of the year, which were budgeted, namely the Sun Room [installation], some paving, and some Fitness Center equipment. Our strong cash position has allowed us to take on some projects originally planned for the 2027 budget [see Property Manager's Report, below].
- **2026 Budget Status:** With a couple of minor expenses, expenses are within budget except for pool expenses, which exceeded the budget by $160,000. This past year, it cost us $500,000 to run five pools for 180 days.
- **2027 Budget and Increase:** It should be presented for approval at the November meeting. We anticipate an increase in the low three percents. Items to be covered in 2027 include painting the Activities Center Building, paving our main entrance (involves permits from the State, because our entrance is on a State road), replacing the handicap lifts at pools 1 and 4, and resurfacing Tennis Court 5, which is at Pool 3.

FITNESS CENTER COMMITTEE – BREN ZIMMERMAN, CHAIR

- **September Usage:**
  - Exercise room: 3,736 card swipes by 627 residents
  - Gymnasium: 492 card swipes by 135 residents
- **Free Fitness Consultations:** Certified Personal Trainers Mary and Sam did 15 of these in August.
- **Locker Rooms' Doors:** Interior ones have been repaired, so they no longer slam.
- **Sprinkler System Leak:** Doused the carpet and bicycles, and has been repaired, thanks to the quick efforts of Mary, Rob [Security], Marcus and his Maintenance crew, John [Milligan], and Andrew [Kaplan].

MEADOWLARK PARK COMMITTEE – DEICA RUIZ ON BEHALF OF MIKE McBRIDE, CHAIR

- **Gazebo Installation:** Located by former Hole 1, overlooking Meadow Pond, installation has been completed. Thank you John Milligan.
- **Mowing:** The meadows across the top of the park have been mowed, as has the rest of the park. Areas visible to East Hill and toward the front of the park get mowed more frequently.
- **Touch-a-Truck Event:** Dorinda Haskel had over 100 attendees – happy children blowing horns and talking with first responders. There were 30 kids in the playground at 4 o'clock after the event. [See page 23.]

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE – GREGG HANO, BOARD LIAISON

I couldn't be happier to be appointed as Liaison to this Committee, a responsibility I have experience with in my former life. As you know, we have a very professional Editor in Chief in Susan Statkowski-Rivalsi, and also an extremely committed editorial team. We should be thankful for their hard work every single month. In addition, we're lucky to have an amazing publishing partner in Halston Media, publisher of the *Somers Record*, and I'll be meeting with Brett Freeman. I had the pleasure of sitting in on the Editorial Review Meeting last Thursday and was very impressed with the organization and the content in the coming issue, on which we have a beautiful cover image of fall foliage, and in which are features on the Annual Art Show and the Touch-a-Truck event (which I attended with my grandchildren). I believe our Newsletter is in very good hands.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS – JACK MATTES, CHAIR, HH COMMUNICATIONS

- **Veolia:** There was a fear a new building would be erected in the area near the Community Garden. That is not the case. A new water processing facility to meet federal regulations which have recently changed will be erected. It will process our water from the five wells at Rhinoceros Creek, which is part of the Somers Land Trust property [along Somers Turnpike/Route 202]. The building will not be visible from our Community.
- **Storage Building on Route 100:** It is full, so the basement has now been permitted to construct new storage areas, which will include space to store automobiles.
- **Toys For Tots:** Our event will take place on Saturday, December 5. New Board member Scott Rekant and his wife will be helping us that day. Watch for notices.

PROPERTY MANAGER REPORT – JOHN MILLIGAN

- **Reasonable Accommodation Forms:** Available at the Society Office, these relate to requests regarding those with disabilities or special circumstances .
- **Assisted Listening Device System:** We received a number of Reasonable Accommodation Forms specific to providing this type of system, which communicates through hearing aids. The Board realized this could benefit a number of residents, and it needed to educate itself about this technology. Fortunately, one of our residents guided us towards a number of resources that specialize in the design and installation of these systems. One of those companies called Audio Directions came here, toured the Activities Center to determine our needs, and then there were subsequent meetings. There are two systems, but neither is compatible with all hearing aids. The first would not work, due to installation issues, so we purchased the second, which works with hearing aids that can be controlled via the wearer's smart phone. For those residents whose hearing aids are not compatible, we also will provide receivers and disposable headphones. The system is "portable," so it can be moved to the space in which it's needed. We're still testing the system, and will make it available when we are sure we can offer it to our residents in a convenient, effective, reliable, and respectful manner. Watch for updates.
- **Meadowlark Park:** We've extended trails to the Gazebo and are rerouting to it one that is less steep.
- **Activities Center Patio Sun Room Project:** Work has begun, and we're not sure yet when it will be available for use.
- **Road Work:**
  - All the yellow lines and speed humps as well as white STOP bars on the property have been repainted.
  - The Parking lot at Pool 4 is being repaved, so Tennis Court 6 will not be available until the work is done.
  - We're paving a section of road by Pool 3.
- **Garden Club Shed.** Is being replaced.
- **Fuel Expense:** At Lake Lodge, after installing the split system last year and using no heating oil, we spent $4,000 more on electricity (it was a bad winter), but we didn't spend $18,000 on heating oil, as we did in the past.
- **Higher Revenue Usage:** Further to what Pat mentioned [in the Finance & Budget Committee report] the items originally planned to be addressed in 2027 that can be covered this year by the added revenue are: we'll re-roof Pools 2 and 4 cabanas, replace the siding and trim on Pool 3's cabana, install two new handicap lifts at the Pools 1 and 4, and replace heaters in the Maintenance Garage.

POST-MEETING DISCUSSIONS

A resident expressed concerns about lifeguards not paying attention to the pool – using their phones, wearing headphones. Gloria indicated that at the time one sees that happening, note the time of day and the pool number and report it to HMS Management, which manages the employees for the pools (they're not Heritage Hills Society employees). HMS can then speak directly to that person and ensure that it doesn't happen again.

Another resident discussed the following:

- Had a concern about Bulk Pick-up. He was advised that is arranged by the Condos, so he should address his concerns to his Condo's Board of Managers.
- He also concerned that there was no signage alerting those coming up West Hill Drive that lines were being painted. When he came around a curve suddenly they were there; only small cones were being used. John Milligan welcomed the suggestion regarding signs, and will require that going forward.

Another resident expressed concern about dilapidated utility boxes, some with wires exposed, which may be a safety hazard and certainly are unsightly. John Milligan agreed it's been a problem for a while – started as a Counsel of Condos project, which provided him with photos and lists. John then brought it to the Town Supervisor's

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attention. Mike Dunbar, the Town Building Department Inspector, has been completely successful in motivating Comcast to replace a number of those items, and recently there was a meeting on site with Verizon, so they're beginning to put together a plan to replace those boxes.

A new resident:

- Asked why there's no STOP sign where Westridge Drive meets Waterview inbound from Lovell Street. Gloria Anderson advised her that there was an engineer's study (recently), and it was determined that wasn't necessary.

  Also, she's seen folks driving past the outbound STOP sign. John Milligan advised her that local police are occasionally invited to police STOP sign areas.
- Sought to understand why there are 20 mph and 30 mph signs. Gloria Anderson advised her that the legal speed limit here was determined by the Town to be 30 mph. So others may have put up 20 mph signs where there are extreme turns.

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COUNCIL OF CONDOS

By Terry Clifford

The September 16 meeting was attended by Presidents and Representatives of the following Condos: 2, 5, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 25, 26, 27, 29, and 30.

Insurance: Levitt Fiurst will hold a morning meeting on October 9 for all 30 Condo Presidents and one of their Board of Managers at the Activities Center, Heritage Room.

- It was requested representative Jason provide updated handouts with information on insurance and liability with variances.
- It was also suggested we look for ways to reduce costs for all 30 Condos,
- Do insurers give discounts for aggressive tree removal as a damage prevention measure?

Directory Update: No one has complained – other than vendors seeking free advertising – about the lack of vendor directories.

Roofing Isssues: It was agreed that roofing issues develop by the chimneys as the first point of intrusion. Stainless-steel shields can be added to the roof in wintry weather, as long as it is not snowing.

Reserves: Many Condos are putting 10 to 15% of fees into reserves for capital projects; some condos put budget excess into the reserves at the end of the year.

Condo Budget Considerations: Each Condo has its way of determining its budget and how it is put together. However, price of all Condo expenses has gone up 10 to 15% since last year, so fees will have to take that into consideration going forward.

The Council of Condos invites presidents and/or a representative from all thirty Condo Boards to attend Council Meetings at the Activities Center at 7 pm on the third Wednesday of each month.

SECURITY

By Rob Casasanta, Prosegur Security

SEPTEMBER SECURITY CALL REPORT

During the month of September our Security staff received and responded to 244 calls, including the following matters:

Service	76	(32 lift assists, 8 welfare checks*, 5 persons locked out, 13 battery changes, and 18 others)
Medical	61	
Security	48	
Open Garage Doors	29	
Fire Calls	12	(4 automatic fire alarms, 3 smoke/CO alarms**, 5 others)
Police	10	(2 Somers, 8 State)
Parking Violations	3	
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	(1 minor injuries)
Burglar Alarms	2	(false alarms)
Maintenance	1	

*** Welfare Checks:** We get calls from [family members or] the Somers Post Office (if a few days of mail are seen piling up in a mailbox), and we'll verify the resident's situation.

**** CO (carbon monoxide) Alarms:** The symptoms for exposure to a CO leak mimic several medical emergencies: headache, dizziness, light-headedness, vomiting, disorientation, drowsiness, fatigue, and, in advanced stages, loss of consciousness and seizures. We carry small detectors in each vehicle which will alert us, upon entering a unit, if there's CO or gas so we can evacuate and call the fire department.

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NEW "FUN FRIDAYS" BOCCE LEAGUE

By Milton Karl, Co-Chairman

We are a newly formed group dedicated specifically to Friday bocce league play starting next spring.

For information, contact Antonio Piloni at 914-314-5544 or *antoniopilloni53@gmail.com.*

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HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

By Rosemary Glassman, RN

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

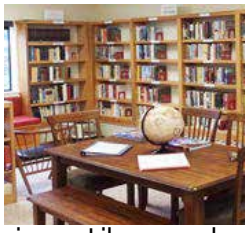
Do you have a few hours to help out with our wonderful monthly programs? Our Committee is seeking residents who have some free time to help us set up and sign in attendants at our presentations. No commitments, just when you are available!

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Please contact us to be added to our list, and thank you for your support!

Alicia at *albrescia@comcast.net* or 914- 484-3448, or Rosemary at *rosern46@cmcast*.net or 914-523-4498.

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BEST THRILLERS OF THE 21ST CENTURY

The New York Times recently compiled a list of the 50 best thrillers of the 21st Century. Thrillers are probably the most popular genre in our Library, and so we have many of the *NYT's* choices in our collection. Number one on the list is Gillian Flynn's *Gone Girl* which the Library owns. Among the other titles that the Library owns and also featured on the list include S. A. Cosby's *Razorblade Tears* (#8) and his *Blacktop Wasteland* (#11). Tana French, the Irish crime novelist whose books are very popular in our Library, has the most books on the list at four. Other Library favorites which placed high on the list are Liz Moore's *The God of the Woods* (#7) and Paula Hawkins' *The Girl on the Train* (#12). Check out our *NYT* thriller display in the Library to see other featured books.

BOOK REVIEW

For a review of *No Way Home*, by T.C, Boyle, see *The Book Shelf* column on page 35.

NOVEMBER NEW BOOKS

To reserve any of the books listed below, stop by or call the Library at 914-276-7655.

Fiction

Archer, Jeffrey..... *Adam and Eve*
Diaz, Hernan..... *Ply*
Garmus, Bonnie..... *Peck & Peck*
Green, John..... *Hollywood Ending*
Gregory, Philippa..... *Royal Witch*
Kingsolver, Barbara..... *Partita*
Kleypas, Lisa..... *Queen of Lombard Street*
Niffenegger, Audrey..... *Life Out of Order*

Mystery

Child, Lee, and
Child, Andrew ..... *Chain Reaction*
Connelly, Michael..... *The Hollow*
Cosby, S. A. ..... *Truth to Power*
Foley, Lucy..... *Murder at the Grand Alpine Hotel*
James, Marlon ..... *The Disappearers*
King, Stephen, and
Straub, Peter..... *Other Worlds Than These*
McFadden, Freida..... *The Witch*
Penny, Louise..... *Miss Walcott's Ghost*

Non-Fiction

Philbrick, Nathaniel..... *Rush: California Gold, The Civil War, and the Making of the Modern World*



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*

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VARIOUS UNITS SOLD BY MLS AGENTS FROM 1/1/26 — 9/7/2026

ONEKEY/ HGMLS DATA AS OF 1/1/2026-10/16/2026

ONE BEDROOM

MODEL NAME	PRICE	MODEL NAME	PRICE
Amherst	$500,000	Guilford	$530,000; $560,000; $600,000
Franklin	$380,000; $412,000	Suffolk	$400,000
Radcliffe	$535,000; $589,000; $680,000		

TWO BEDROOMS

MODEL NAME	PRICE	MODEL NAME	PRICE
Armonk	$550,000 - $650,000	Lincoln	$465,000; $467,500
Cambridge	$685,000	Monroe	$525,000; $536,500; $542,500
Canaan	$625,000	Primrose	$590,000
Cortlandt	$495,000; $600,000	Rockland	$535,000
Ethan Allen	$645,000	Salem	$450,800; $615,000; $671,625
Fairview	$650,000; $665,000	Stanford	$660,000; $675,000; $982,500
Fairfield	$590,000	Stratford	$660,000; $670,000; $675,000
Harvard	$790,000; $890,000; $930,000	Stratford II	$816,000
Jackson	$531,900	Syracuse	$740,000; $890,000
Katonah	$580,000; $625,000; $665,000	Wellesley	$728,500
Kent	$600,000; $625,000; $630,000		

THREE BEDROOMS

MODEL NAME	PRICE
Jefferson	$663,500; $699,000 (With carport)
Jefferson II	$680,000
Sherman I	$815,000; $871,500; $1,120,000
Sherman II	$835,000; $890,000; $999,000



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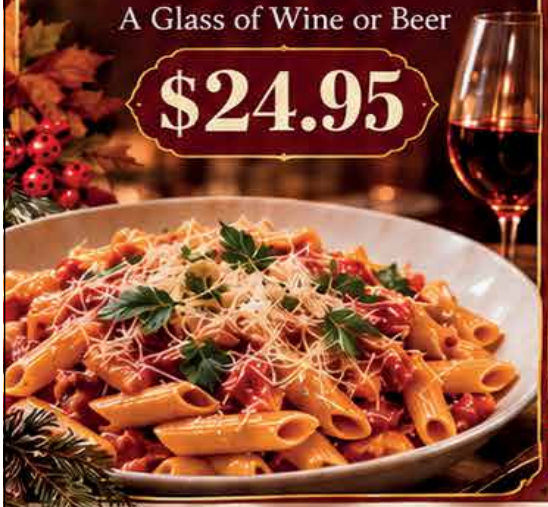
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Produced by the Activities Office
Phone: 914-276-2636. Email: *activities@hhsociety.org*

ARTS & CRAFTS

I LOVE ART CLASS: After-School Art in Heritage Hills for children grades K to 6. Hosted by Miss Judika, M.S. To register, call Judika at 914-438-6750.

LEARN TO BEAD WITH ALLISON: Mondays at 11 am in the Activities Center's Lower Level Studio B. Each class is $25 including materials fee. You go home with a piece of jewelry that you made for yourself or for a special someone. Come and join the fun. To enroll or for more information, contact Allison Rubin at 914- 629-3655 or *ahrubin521@yahoo.com.*

CRAFTERS IN THE HILLS: Wednesdays in the Activities Center's Lower Level Studio B from 10 am to noon / 1st week of the month from 6 to 8 pm. No fee to join; some sessions are free (you supply materials) and other sessions have a fee based on materials. Email to join and for more information: *craftclubhh@gmail.com.*

NEEDLECRAFT GROUP: Charitable group that meets Wednesdays at 12:30 pm in the Activities Center's Game Room. All skill levels are welcome. $20 annual dues. For questions or to register, call Linda at 914-277-2776.

PAINT & SIP WITH JUDIKA: Create a different painting in each class once a month. Step-by-step instructions are given, and everyone leaves with a masterpiece! $40 per class includes all supplies. Bring your creative spirit! To register, call Judika at 914-438-6750.

PHOTO CLUB: 2nd Friday of the month at 2 pm in the Activities Center's Club Room 2. All are welcome regardless of photography experience. Meetings will include speakers, field trips to various photo shows, photo shoots, and contests. For more information, contact Bill Ablondi at 203-984-2955 or *ablondi@marketmaps.net.*

SILK FABRIC PAINTING CLASS: Fee $135. Must sign up for a full four-week session at the Activities Center. Space is limited. For more information, contact Evey at 914-276-0737 or email her at *eveymusart@comcast.net.*

SKETCH WORKSHOP: Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 am in the Activities Center's Lower Level Studio A. Portraits, figures, still lifes. Bring your choice of paper, pens, pencils, watercolors, pastels, etc. Models are welcome to pose for 20 minutes (clothed!). No fee, no teacher, but guidance available.

WOODCRAFT CLUB: The shop on the Activities Center's Lower Level 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.

BETTER COMMUNICATION = BETTER RELATIONSHIPS GROUP: Last Thursday of the month at 1:30 pm in Lake Lodge's Room 3. Resident Randy Freeman, BSN, MSW, a retired couples therapist, introduces methods of communicating – sometimes about challenging topics, across generations, etc. – occasionally with guest speakers. See the COMING EVENTS section of the *Newsletter* and watch for email blasts. For more information, contact Randy at 973-449-3948 or *randyfreeman71@hotmail.com.*

BOOK CLUBS

CONTEMPORARY FICTION BOOK CLUB: 1st Tuesday of the month from 2:30 to 4 pm in the Activities Centers's Game Room. New members are welcome. For more information contact *myrahopper@gmail.com* or 520-390-5523.

HERITAGE HILLS LIBRARY BOOK GROUP: 1st Monday and 1st Thursday of the month at 3:30 pm in the Activities Center's Game Room. For further details, contact Sheelagh Kaplan at *Sheelaghk1@aol.com.*

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 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 presentations by experts in the fields of art, literature, music, theater, history, and politics on specified Tuesdays at 1:30 pm in the Heritage Room. For more information, see the COMING EVENTS section of this *Newsletter* or call Ann at 914-617-9434.

CULINARY CLUB: Meets once a month to prepare, share, and enjoy dishes from many cuisines. We hope to increase our expertise and, in the process, enjoy each other's company. Our membership is limited by our facilities and is full at this time. However, there is a waiting list, and if you would like to add your name, contact Barbara Gangemi at 914-617-9037.

DANCE

FRIDAY NIGHT SOCIAL DANCE: 1st Friday of every month from 7 to 10 pm in the Heritage Room. $10 per person includes coffee and cake. BYOB and snacks. For more information, call Angela Viscogliosi at 914-393-8736.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 3 to 4:30 pm in the Activities Center's Club Rooms 2 – 3. This Club's primary objective is to foster a culture of environmental responsibility within Heritage Hills. All are welcome, including teens. Watch for announcements and postings about special events and field trips. No fee. For more information contact Carrie Sears at *carolynnsears@me.com* or 914-522-3111.

EXERCISE CLASSES

LINDA'S LAKE LODGE CLASSES: Sports Conditioning: Sundays at 9 am. Body Conditioning: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 am. Rock & Roll Workout: Tuesdays at 9:30 am. Yoga Pilates: Thursdays at 9:30 am. All Classes take place in Lake Lodge's Upper Level and 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.

TAI CHI AND CHI GONG WITH MASTER ELLEN: Mondays from 1 to 2:15 pm in the Gym. $70 per month. 1st class free. All levels welcome. Wear loose fitting, comfortable clothing. Contact *heritagehillstaichi@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. Class is periodically full, so joining is up to the discretion of the instructor due to class size. Fee: $10 per class. Try the 1st class for free! Email Lori at *eefyjig@gmail.com.*

POSTURE AND BALANCE CLASS WITH KILLEEN: Tuesdays 11 to 11:45 am at the Lake Lodge Yoga Room. $15 per class. This class is for anyone who has concerns about falling and how to reduce the risk of injury. The exercises that you will learn will help build your strength with proper posture and body alignment. And you will look and feel 10 years younger! Contact *killeenrhodes2014@gmail.com.*

BALANCE AND AGILITY FOR ACTIVE SENIORS: Wednesdays at 10:30 am on Lake Lodge's Upper Level. Navigate obstacles; strengthen balance; move better for walks, hikes, or pickleball. Learn from a master teacher with years of experience, Elena Remais. $80 for 4 weeks, $25 for drop-in. *Elenathetrainer@yahoo.com* and 917-848-3174.

LINE DANCING WITH THERESA: Wednesdays at 11 am in the Gym. Easy to learn and easy to follow line dances to all music genres taught in workshop format. Fee: $10 per class. Email Theresa at *zumbawithme@aol.com.*

ENERGY HEALING FOR SELF, FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND PETS WITH MELANIE GAMBINO: 1st Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in Lake Lodge's Room 3. $20 per class. Preregistration required. For more information and to reserve your place, call, text, or email Melanie at 914-588-2450 or *melaniegambino1@gmail.com.*

SOUND BOWL MEDITATION WITH MICHELLE: 1st Thursdays at 10:30 am & 3rd or 4th Fridays at 6:30 pm at Lake Lodge's Room 3 with Michelle Clifton, Master Sound Healer and Teacher of Tibetan Singing Bowls. Come experience deep relaxation, stress reduction, pain relief, and restore mind-body connection. $30 per class. Preregistration required. Call, text, or email to register and learn more: 914-447-0822 / *clifton.michelle1@gmail.com.*

CONTINUUM/FLUID FORM MOVEMENT, MINDFULNESS, AND MEDITATION WITH MELANIE GAMBINO: Fridays at 9 am in Lake Lodge's Room 3. $15 per class. Preregistration required. For more information and to reserve your place, call, text, or email Melanie at 914-588-2450 or *melaniegambino1@gmail.com.*

ZUMBA GOLD WITH THERESA: Fridays at 10:30 am in the Gym. Low impact dance fitness class suitable for all fitness levels. Fee: $10 per class. Email Theresa at *zumbawithme@aol.com.*

YOGA

YOGA WITH STACEY: Mondays at 11:30 am at Lake Lodge with Stacy Goodman, RYT-200. A gentle, slow-flow yoga class to strengthen, lengthen, calm, and expand body, mind, and spirit within. $15 drop-in. Email *Restorationyoga@hotmail.com.*

CHAIR YOGA WITH SATISH: Tuesdays from 10 to 11:15 am in Lake Lodge's Room 3 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.*

VINYASA YOGA WITH JOE: Wednesdays at 5:30 pm and Saturdays at 9 am in Lake Lodge's Upper Level. $12 per class. To register, email Joe Ferrari at *josephferrari@me.com.*

GENTLE YOGA WITH LISA: Fridays at 10 am in Lake Lodge's Upper Level. $60 for four consecutive classes or $18 to drop-in for a 75-minute class. *Lathomas51086@gmail.com* or 914-497-0243.

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

FOREIGN LANGUAGE GROUPS

FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP: 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month in Lake Lodge's 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 at 914-260-9182 or email her at *carellis14@yahoo.com.*

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP: 1st Thursday of the month at 11 am in Lake Lodge's Room 1. Open to all speakers of Spanish from intermediate to native. *¡Vengan!* Contact Mike at *elprofesor55@aol.com.*

GAMES

BRIDGE – DUPLICATE: Mondays and Thursdays at 12:30 pm in the Heritage Room. For information, call Marie Sugar at 914-277-4266.

BRIDGE – SOCIAL: Wednesdays from 10 am to noon at Lake Lodge. For information, call Marie Sugar at 914-277-4266.

CANASTA CLUB: Saturdays from 1 to 4 pm in the Activities Center's Club Room 2. Contact Doris Simon at 914-276-0111 or *Doris1121@me.com*, or Nancy Heilman at 914-224-7180 or *Nancy.C.Heilman@gmail.com*.

CHESS CLUB: On Hiatus Wednesdays from 1 to 3:30 pm in Lake Lodge's Room 1. 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 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.

MAH JONGG: Mondays at noon in Lake Lodge's Room 3 (contact Sue Furino 914-617-9110); Fridays at 1 pm in Lake Lodge's Room 3, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 am to 1 pm in Lake Lodge's Room 2 (Contact Stephanie Szuch 908-347-2084 or Terry Colomer at 914-342-3610).

SCRABBLERS: Thursdays starting promptly at 1 pm in the Activities Center's Club Room 2. Casual Scrabble game play (we use dictionaries). Play one or more games. All levels of players, including newbies, are welcome. For more information, just walk in.

GARDEN CLUB: For information, including questions on membership and use of the Club Garden, send an email to *hhgardenclubsecretry@gmail.com.*

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Blood Pressure Screenings With a Smile: Nurse Jeri Bennett, RN, offers screenings on the 2nd 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 Jeri at is *jerialexis6@gmail.com* or 516-289-2121 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. We meet the 1st Thursday of the month at 12:30 pm in Lake Lodge's Room 1. Fee: $20 per session. Facilitated by Linda Ludwig, Psy.D. To register, call 914-617-9328 or email *ludwiglr@aol.com.*

Spousal Bereavement Group: Grieving the loss of a loved one can cause loneliness and profound sadness. This group provides a safe and

caring environment for everyone who shares similar experiences. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 12:30 pm in Lake Lodge's Room 1. The fee is $20 per session. To register, email Linda at *ludwiglr@aol.com*, or call 914-617-9328.

HIKERS & WALKERS GROUP: Weekly hikes from September to June. Information and our schedule are available in the Activities Center mailroom.

INDEPENDENT AND FOREIGN FILM CLUB: Monthly screenings in the Heritage Room, February thru December, followed by a discussion. $25 for the series. Schedule is posted in the Activities Center and on the Society Board website. For information, contact Steve Klepner at 845-297-7066 or *spk010@yahoo.com.*

LET'S TALK SENIOR CARE: 2nd Friday of the month at 1 pm in the Heritage Room. Stephanie Roberti, MHA, will introduce different senior care topics to help educate us on this important subject. For more information, contact Stephanie at 914-357-3049 or *Sroberti@Newbeginningsforseniors.com.*

LIBRARY: Monday through Friday from 10 am to 3 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 1 pm. For information on the collection, see the COMMUNITY NEWS and COLUMNS section of this Newsletter and visit the *Heritage Hills Library* webpage at *hhsociety.org* or call 914-276-7655.

MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP: Discussion group on current event topics. Mondays, holidays included, from 9:30 to 11 am in the Activities Center's Club Rooms 2 – 3. During the summer, we also meet Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11 am behind Lake Lodge under the trees – with fresh air and an enchanting view of two ponds, a gazebo, and a vast lawn – with lively conversation. For information, email Ken Benjamin at *kenbenja@aol.com* or call him at 914-262-6006.

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.

SOCIAL CLUBS

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, and see the COMING EVENTS section of this *Newsletter* 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 residents. Watch for information about upcoming events. All residents are welcome. Contact Alan Tepper at *HHCLUBSHALOM@gmail.com.*

FRIENDS IN THE HILLS CLUB: Open to all adult residents. Each event will be a night of fun and socializing with your neighbors. See the COMING EVENTS section of this *Newsletter* for event details. If you have any questions, contact Mary Ann Walrath at 914-318-1227.

RAINBOW CONNECTION CLUB: A group for LGBTQ members and their families, friends, and neighbors. All are welcome. We meet the 1st Thursday of each month in Lake Lodge's Room 3 from 5 to 7 pm. For more information contact Teresa Duffy at 914-617-9785.

SINGLES CLUB: We welcome all Heritage residents who enjoy meeting new people, sharing experiences, and exploring local restaurants together. Whether we gather at Heritage Hills or are dining out, it's a wonderful opportunity to socialize, make friends, and discover great places to eat. Annual membership is only $12. Watch this Newsletter for upcoming event dates and details. For more information contact Pat Caruso at 914-649-3232.

WOMEN'S CLUB: meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, except for December, January, July, and August. Membership dues are just $12 for the year (January thru December). Flyers are available for memberships. Insert your check in an envelope, including your name, unit number, and phone number and put it in the Women's Club mail slot. For further information, call Membership Chairperson Alfreda Savarese at 914-617-2007. See the COMING EVENTS section of this *Newsletter* for specific upcoming event details.

YACHT CLUB ("HHYC"): The HHYC is a fee-free social club of past and present water fans (swimmers, boaters, fishers, cruisers, surfers, whatever). At our monthly 3 pm pot luck "dock parties" on the 1st Friday of the month in Lake Lodge's Lobby, we share our experiences and plan future ones (theme parties, day trips/activities, or even cruises). For more information, contact Commadorable Susan at *ciwhitestar@comcast.net* or 914-617-9228.

SPORTS

BOCCE: 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.

BOWLING LEAGUE: Tuesdays from 11:30 am to 3:30 pm at Jefferson Valley Lanes. Join the league or come down and bowl as a substitute. All levels are welcome. For more information contact Joe Thornley at *JETJAN@COMCAST.NET* or at 917-882-0692.

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 Sandy Lieberman at 914-438-6762 or *golfer61345@gmail.com.*

PICKLEBALL: On the outdoor courts, it's 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: Wednesdays from 1 to 3 pm, and Saturdays from 9:30 am to noon, October through March, in the Gym.

TENNIS: All Tennis reservations are 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.

10-A-MEN CLUB: All resident men and women are invited to meet and chat with their neighbors at 8:30 am Wednesday mornings in the Heritage Room. Coffee and bagels are available until 9:45 am, followed by speakers / presentations until 11 am. Admission is $3.

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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23	15	14	29	$607,714	100.8%

**Data for September 15 - October 15, 2026, Source: OneKey MLS*

MARKET UPDATE

More Inventory.
More Choices.
Still Plenty of Action.

Heritage Hills remains active with 23 homes on the market, 15 in contract and 14 sold in the past 30 days. The average sale price was $607,714, with properties selling in an average of 29 days and achieving 100.8% of asking price.

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ANNUAL RESIDENTS ART SHOW

Text by Suzanne Carpiniello, photos by Committee Chair Carol Kelly

The late September nor'easter might have created havoc outdoors, but inside the Heritage Room it was bright and beautiful! 82 of our residents helped to brighten the space by submitting more than 300 works of art, including painted silk fabric items, oil and watercolor paintings, sculptures, jewelry, woolen crafts, photography, pen and ink drawings, pastels, quilting, ceramics, woodcraft, flower design, and computer graphics.

More than 450 visitors braved the two-day weather event to experience all of this beauty. They expressed their delight by making comments such as "Visually inspiring," "Incredible," "Amazing," and "Kudos to all."







These Committee members showed up crack of dawn on Friday to receive the art and set up the show: Back row: Joe Kelly, Evey Albert, Julie Reifer, Bill Ablondi, Dee Plouffe, and Vincent Ventura. Front row: Chairperson Carol Kelly, Rosemarie Russo, Joan Palermo, Suzanne Carpiniello, Barbara Schwartz, Denise Hanlon, Terry Goldfischer, Christine Roche, Susan Statkowski-Rivalsi, Mike Petrizzelli, Kathy Cumberland, and Francene Carlantone. Other Committee volunteers not in the photo: Former Chairperson Jack Mattes, Terry Clifford, and Anita Voetch.

Thank you to the Art Show Committee, their Chairperson Carol Kelly, and all those who assisted in setting up the displays and taking them down. We would also like to thank pianist Kirk Ehrenreich, Andrew Kaplan and Lisa Pippa from the Activities office, Marcus Lovell and the Maintenance staff, and John Milligan for providing the flowers.

The 2027 Art Show will take place Sept 25 and 26. We invite all Heritage Hills residents to participate by submitting artwork and/or volunteering.







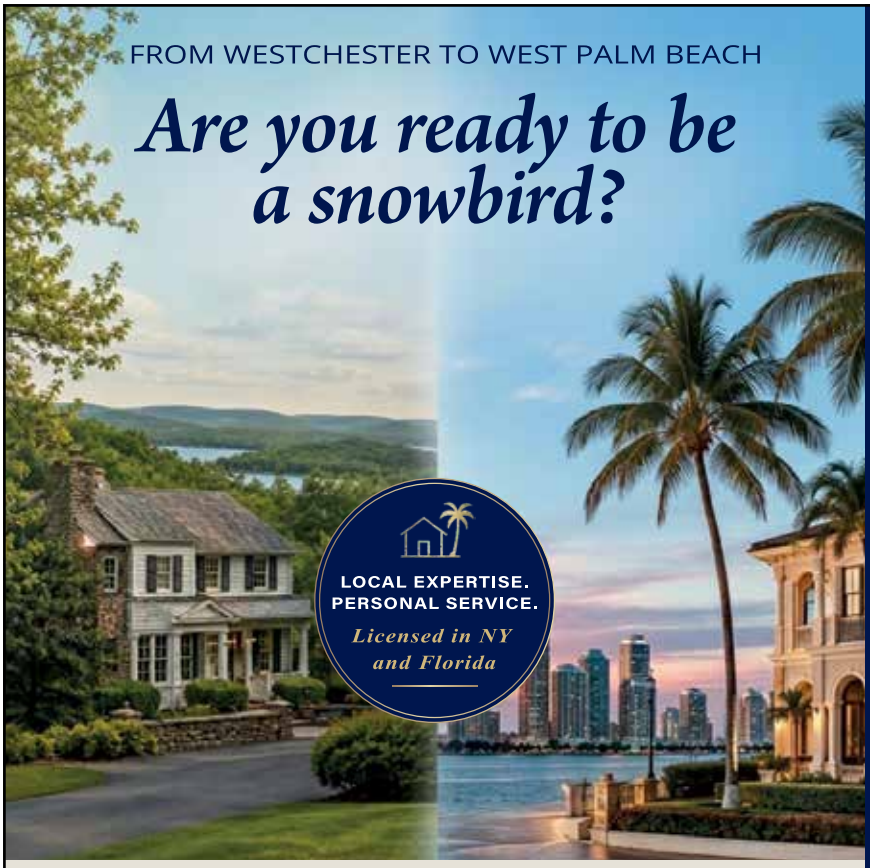






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TOUCH-A-TRUCK EVENT

By Dorinda Haskel



On October 10th, with a beautiful fall day as the backdrop and the coordination of our very own Rob Casasanta, our first Touch-a-Truck event was a huge success.

All of the trucks were staged in the Meadowlark Park parking lot and the visitors – young and not so young – were able to climb aboard and learn a bit more about ambulances, fire trucks, police cars, garbage trucks, and construction vehicles. The symphony of sirens, horns, and diesel engines were only overshadowed by the amazing fly over from the Westchester County helicopter crew that put on an amazing show for all to see. Road Grub, the food truck for the day, filled us with freshly made burgers, dogs, and fries.

The more than 100 attendees are already looking forward to next year.







Society Board member Gregg Hano's grandsons, Finnley Sinclair (age 3) in a state trooper's car and Brayden Sinclair (age 7) and Graham Sinclair (age 5) in front of a Somers Police Department truck.

Keep an eye out for more family friendly events like this in the not too distant future. Have ideas? Please send them to *dhp623@gmail.com*.

PHOTO CLUB

By Bill Ablondi

The Photo Club participated in the recent Annual Residents Art Show here, with 20 members exhibiting more than 30 photos – the largest showing in many years. Member Rosemarie Russo donated the frames, all identical, which gave the Club members' photos a uniform look. Several other residents exhibited photos, as well, making the photography section very robust this year.



Subjects ranged from "Lake Como at Sunset" by Sue Meola to the "Blue Dasher Dragonfly" by Joanne Meder, the "Elephant" by Scott Rekant, and "The Web" by Michael Tfirn. If you missed the show, stop by Room #2 in the Activities Center to see the photos.



Cait Conley and Rosetta Benjamin

CAIT WOWS HERITAGE HILLS

By Rosetta Benjamin

Ken Benjamin, Chairman of the Morning Discussion Group, served as moderator for Cait Conley's Town Hall Meeting in a packed Heritage Room on Monday, October 5.

As the audience was getting seated, hundreds of photographs of Cait on the Campaign trail for the past 18 months were projected on the large screen in front of the stage's curtain. Then, for 90 non-stop minutes, Democrat Candidate Conley – who faces two-term incumbent Republican Representative for District 17, Mike Lawler, in November – had the full attention of the 200+ crowd. Conley answered a wide array of questions, first from those submitted by the Morning Discussion Group itself and second from the audience. She even stayed to speak with individuals crowding around her, one-on-one, for another twenty minutes.

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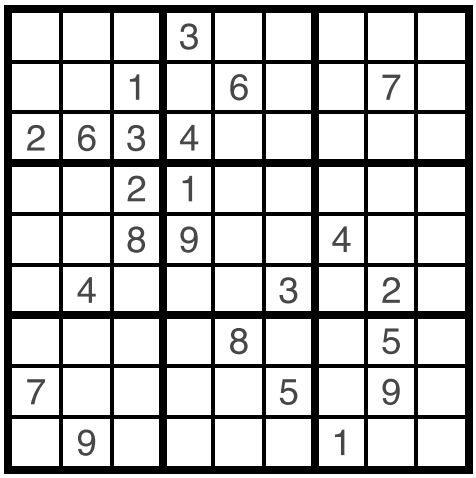
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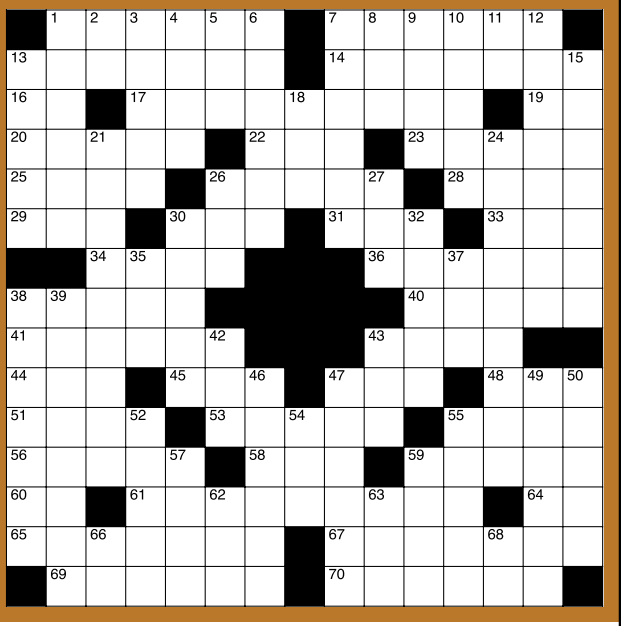
CLUES ACROSS

1. Spiritual leaders
7. Containing salt
13. Fortified wine
14. Edible mollusk
16. Blood type
17. Make a comparison
19. Government lawyer
20. "Game of Thrones" actor Ciaran
22. 8th month of the year (abbr.)
23. Very willing
25. ___ ex machina
26. Satisfies
28. New Zealand mountain
29. A doctrine
30. Popular Dodge truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid material
34. Company higher-up
36. Villains
38. Cricket frog genus
40. Influential early psychologist
41. Endured
43. Servant
44. You can get stuck in one
45. ___ and feather
47. Passive optical network
48. French ballet dynasty
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Forming a bottom layer
55. Sound
56. Yankees slugger Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
60. "The Mount Rushmore State"
61. Sarcastic and critical
64. Atomic #79
65. Longtime Atlanta Braves pitcher
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Preliminary assessment of patients

CLUES DOWN

1. Animal disease
2. Commercial
3. Craft supplies
4. Containers
5. A way to save for your golden years
6. Common Arabic greeting
7. Bulged downward
8. Acquired brain injury
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Not yes
12. In a way, pleased
13. Messianic figure in Islam
15. Resulting from intense conviction
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Lawn pest
26. Pouch
27. Ancient language (abbr.)
30. Start anew
32. Wild flower
35. Fourteen
37. Graphical user interface
38. Facing the same way
39. Campaigns
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the Pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
54. Title of respect
55. Moth genus
57. Central Japan city
59. Silk garment
62. Draw from
63. Automobile
66. A male
68. Powerful government lawyer





SUDOKU

To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

By Diane Purr



By Reno Christafaro

Here we are again! Saturday, September 19th, tossing those bocce balls for a chance to be the 2026 tournament winner.

20 teams competed in a single elimination game – you win, you play again, you lose and have some coffee and cheer on your favorites.

The 2026 Bocce Tournament Winners were Captain Reno DeCristafaro, Dom DeBenneditis, Ben Martinez, and Joe Soldano, seen here.



By Diane Purr



TENNIS COMMITTEE COURT CORNER NEWS

Submitted by Celia Stowell

On September 26, the Women's Doubles tournament was canceled due to poor weather conditions. A new date will be announced in Spring 2027.



Many thanks to those tennis players who have donated their used tennis balls in the bins found on courts 1,2,4, and 6. The used balls are donated to our schools for use in classrooms and meeting rooms.

Friday night tennis activity continues to draw residents, whether new to our community or established players. Come down and play before winter arrives! We'll be playing as weather allows.

EAST HILL MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

Text and photos by Ken Freeman

Last month I bemoaned all the wet weather during prime golf season. Those heavy rains continued through September.

Somers National's narrow fairways, steep slopes, and unforgiving greens are tough even on a good day. Wet fairways make it even tougher. A great drive can hit the wet fairway and just stop, with little or no bounce-and-roll.

Fortunately, the sun shone during the East Hill Men's Golf Association's annual Club Championship, a two-round (9 holes per round) tournament on September 15 and 17. That meant pleasant conditions – despite the wet grounds – for the 20 club members participating.

The tournament featured separate competitions between our A golfers (the better players) and B golfers. In each group, there would be a Low Gross (lowest total strokes) winner and a Low Net (handicap-adjusted based on average scores over the season) winner. Greatest bragging rights, of course, go to the A group Low Gross winner, dubbed THE Club Champion.





A Group Low Gross winner and Club Champion Yogi Santa-Donato, A Group Low Net winner Bob Slotoroff





B Group Low Gross winner Charlie Kravetz, and B Group Low Net winner Nick Stanton.

Round one for the A group resulted in three golfers emerging as lead competitors for Club Champion honors, with Joel Greenspan in the lead, followed by Yogi Santa-Donato and Bob Slotoroff three strokes behind. Round two saw Santa-Donato surge to victory with a sizzling 40-stroke round, besting Greenspan by four strokes and Slotoroff by five strokes over the combined rounds. Bob Slotoroff won the Low Net honors.

B group competition was even fiercer. Charlie Kravetz and Ken Landesman shared the lead after the first 9 holes, at 49 strokes each, well ahead of the rest of the crowd. While their second round was not as strong, it was still good enough to remain in the lead . . . and their scores again matched one another! That called for a sudden death playoff, in which Kravetz beat Landesman by one stroke on the 19th hole, winning the B group championship. Nick Stanton, with a strong second round, won Low Net honors.

PICKLEBALL

Text and photos by Fran Boemio

WHO WILL BE THE WIZARDS OF THE COURT?

It was a beautiful evening on the courts, but don't let the lovely night fool you – these intermediate ladies came ready to compete! The competition was fierce, the rallies were exciting, and the ladies brought their "A" game. There was plenty of skill, determination, and, of course, a little friendly competition along the way!

A special "Thank-you" to Davis Stowell, who ran the event, kept everyone on track, and provided instructions and guidance throughout the evening.

After some impressive play, the question was finally answered...

Who were the Wizards of the Court? Wizards of the court: Mary Passante & Lisa Sperring

Runners-up: Karen Morrissey & Antoinette Bellissimo

Congratulations to our winners and runners-ups and to all of the ladies who played and made the evening such a success!

Until the next battle...who will claim the title of Wizards of the Court?



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By Mary Tedesco
Fitness Center Manager

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An example of a good weight training workout schedule would be:

- a full body workout every other day 3 days a week – say Monday/Wednesday/Friday or Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday or
- alternating upper body (chest, back, biceps, and triceps) and lower body (glutes, quads, hams, calves, and core) every day

Different levels of intensity, proper nutrition, adequate recovery, and lots of hydrations that include electrolytes is important.

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Thought for Food

Text and photo by Elizabeth Royston



It just might get very cold this winter, and for that we have a wonderful solution – warm Greek Lemon and Chicken Soup!! It was considered the best recipe at the Culinary Club's last dinner. Made by Pat and Sal Santamarina, this dish had no leftovers! Enjoy!!

AVGOLEMONO - GREEK LEMON AND CHICKEN SOUP

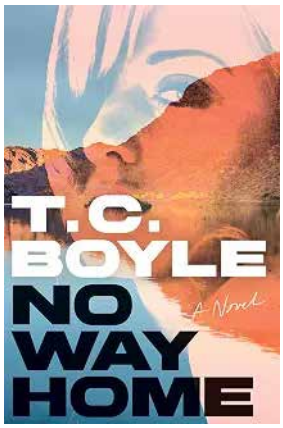
Ingredients

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
2 medium carrots peeled, chopped
2 stalks celery, chopped
3 garlic cloves, minced
8 cups low sodium chicken broth
1 teaspoon dried oregano
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
Kosher salt
Ground black pepper
1/2 cup uncooked white rice
3 cups shredded cooked chicken
3 large egg yolks
2 medium lemons, juiced
Chopped fresh dill, crushed red pepper flakes, and lemon wedges, for serving

Preparation

1. In a large pot over medium heat, heat oil. Add onions, carrots, and celery and cook, stirring, until softened – about 7 minutes. Add garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant – about 1 minute more. Add broth, oregano, and thyme, and season with salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Add rice and reduce heat to medium low. Simmer, stirring occasionally, until rice is cooked through – about 20 minutes. Add chicken and return to a simmer.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk egg yolks and lemon juice. Slowly adds 1/4 cup broth from the pot to the egg mixture while whisking. Slowly whisk egg mixture back into the pot. Let simmer, stirring occasionally, until thickened – about 5 minutes.
3. Top with dill and crushed red pepper flakes. Serve with lemon wedges alongside.

Enjoy!!!



THE BOOK SHELF

By Dassi Citron

No Way Home, by T.C. Boyle, was a page-turner for me. I read it during a rainy spell and raced through this character-driven novel trying to uncover the fate of its three main suspects.

Terry, Bethany, and Jesse form the body of the story: a love triangle, a search for connection, a town in disrepair. None are sympathetic.

Terry, an ER resident, would appeal to fans of *The Pitt*. Bethany, a self-effacing party girl, is looking for love in all the wrong places. Jesse is a handsome, angry, motor cycling middle school teacher. The story alternates between these characters' perspectives – their voices distinctive, usually fueled by drugs and alcohol.

The setting of Nevada, with the disappearing Lake Mead and it's Hoover Dam, becomes its own narrative. You are in and out of honky-tonk bars, tourist dives, and a community on the edge of uncertainty due to climate change interference.

Boyle's writing and immersion into an unfamiliar world is what kept things moving for me. Here is a snippet.

She kept flicking her eyes to the rearview mirror, both hands on the wheel, and she was going too fast. The desert lurched by – dirt and rocks and withered shrubs flaring and receding in the headlights.

I recommend *No Way Home* to readers who enjoy marinating in well drawn characters. At the same time, when I got to the end of this novel, I wasn't any closer to understanding the purpose of this book, other than it was a deep psychological thriller – great company on a rainy day.

A book's title often signals its central theme. *No Way Home* considers how class, circumstance, and human nature influence the pursuit of fulfillment. When these forces are out of balance, life's rewards remain out of reach – and there is no way home.

(*No Way Home* is part of the Heritage Hills Library and Westchester County collections. For a list of new books at our Heritage Hills Library, see page 9.)



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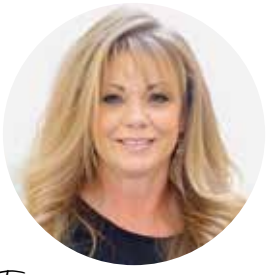
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