

# Road Four

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## Congratulations to all the Graduates.

SHANNON MOORE. Graduated from Binghamton University. She is taking a year off before she begins graduate school.

JARED KROUN FERTIG graduated from Binghamton University with a MS in mechanical engineering.

HANNAH KROUN FERTIG graduated from SUNY New Paltz.

## John Jay High School Graduates

PETER ENNIS will be going to Northern Westchester Boces in the small engine repair program. He will also continue taking classes at Westchester Community College.

JEREMIAH FINKELMAN is off to the University of Virginia to study math and economics.

NICHOLAS MARTIN is going to SUNY Geneseo.

DOUGLAS ORLOVITZ will be studying to be a firefighter.

JULIA RIETSCH will be going to the University of New Hampshire.

ELIJAH RUST is off to San Diego State University to study physiology and physical therapy.

We wish them well. We know they will make us proud.

## 2016 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

This year, for the first time, our community awarded 2 scholarships to deserving John Jay High Schools seniors. Our usual award is for a senior demonstrating interest in issues of social justice. This year we offered an additional award in the arts in memory of Judith Fast.

Also, for the first time since we have been offering our Social Justice Scholarship, it was given to a community member. Our award states the following:

The founders of the Goldens Bridge Colony were dedicated to promoting human rights and helping those less fortunate. They believed strongly in working toward a world of fairness and social justice. In keeping with their values, and in order to honor them, the Goldens Bridge Community Association sponsors an award to a graduating senior at John Jay High School who has demonstrated commitment to those values.

So, congratulations to Julia Rietsch as our 2016 recipient of the Social Justice Scholarship. Julia's social justice issue is health disparity among men and women. She states that The World Health Organization has identified health disparity as the differences in health care received by different groups of people that are not only unnecessary and avoidable, but also unfair and unjust. Julia's focus has been women's health issues which she feels have been undercut by attacks on organizations such as Planned Parenthood. Julia has been part of the Avon Walk for breast cancer for a number of years, supporting her beliefs with action.

Our second award was the Judith Fast Memorial Art Scholarship given in memory of a cherished community member and artist. Goldens Bridge Colony has chosen to recognize a promising artist in the John Jay High School graduating class with the hope that the recipient of this award will persevere in the field and show willingness to share the products of his talent.

Our art scholarship was awarded to senior Justin Ortiz, who demonstrated outstanding skills and talent in the field of art.



The community executive board elections are coming this summer and we need candidates. We all have a stake in the future of the community and it depends on members taking part in important decisions going forward. Two current members have decided not to run so you are almost assured of winning.

We meet one Sunday morning a month. If you can donate that small amount of your time to the community please contact me, Mike Brown at 232-9081 or email [mbrownmw@aol.com](mailto:mbrownmw@aol.com).

## INTRODUCTION

To comply with State regulations, the Goldens Bridge Community Association, Inc. (GBCA) Water System annually issues a report (ADWQR) describing the quality of your drinking water. The purpose of this report is to raise your understanding of drinking water and awareness of the need to protect our drinking water sources. Last year, your tap water met all state drinking water health standards. We are proud to report that our system did not violate a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard. Last year we conducted tests for over 130 contaminants. None of the contaminants detected were at a level higher than the State allows. This ADWQR provides an overview of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your drinking water, please contact Ron Arnstein, Water Operator and Chairman of the Water Committee, 914-232-8260. We want you to be informed about your drinking water. If you want to learn more, please attend any of the meetings of the Water Committee. Information as to when meetings are held can be obtained from any member of the Water Committee. These include, in addition to Ron Arnstein 914-232-8260, Drew Orr 914-232-9684 and Dan Fast 917-837-6147. Ron Arnstein is available to discuss any drinking water issues with you in person.

## WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM ?

In general the sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottle water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activities. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants; inorganic contaminants; pesticides and herbicides; organic chemical contaminants; and radioactive contaminants. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the State and the EPA prescribe regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The State Health Department's and the FDA's regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Our water system serves approximately 250 people through approximately 65 service connections. Our water source is groundwater drawn from two wells drilled to depths in excess of 800 feet. The wells are located on Branch Street and Main Street in Goldens Bridge. The water is chlorinated prior to distribution by the injection of sodium hypochlorite at a level sufficient to maintain a chlorine residual at the furthest point in the distribution system from the pumping and distribution station. During 2015, our system did not experience any restriction to our water

source.

## SOURCEWATER SUSCEPTIBILITY TO CONTAMINANTS

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has completed a source water assessment for this system, based on available information. Possible and actual threats to this drinking water source were evaluated. The state source water assessment includes a susceptibility rating based upon the risk posed by each potential source of contamination and how easily contaminants can move through the subsurface to the wells. The susceptibility rating is an estimate of the potential for contamination of the source water; it does not mean that the water delivered to consumers is, or will become, contaminated. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses of health risk. See section "Are there contaminants in our drinking water?" for a list of the contaminants that have been detected. The source water assessments provide resource managers with additional information for protecting source water into the future.

As mentioned before, our water is derived from two (2) drilled wells. The source water assessment has rated these wells as having a medium-high susceptibility to microbial, industrial solvents and other industrial contaminants. These ratings are due primarily to the close proximity of permitted discharge facilities (industrial/commercial facilities that discharge waste water into the environment and are regulated by the state and/or federal government) to the wells and the associated industrial activity in the assessment area. In addition, one of our wells draws from an unconfined aquifer of unknown hydraulic conductivity and the other well draws from fractured bedrock and a lower permeability layer exists above the aquifer. Therefore diligent source protection measures are prudent. Please note that, while the source water assessment rates our wells as being susceptible to microbial, our water is disinfected to ensure that the finished water delivered into your home meets the New York State drinking water standards for microbial contamination.

County and State Health Department will use this information to direct future source water protection. These may include water quality monitoring, resource management, planning and education programs.

A copy of the source water assessment has been filed with the Board of Directors of GBCA and another copy can be reviewed by contacting Ron Arnstein. There is currently an ongoing source water contamination review consisting of inspection of the well environs for contamination sources, including septic tank failures, leakage of liquids from automotive vehicles and improper disposal of contaminants.

## ARE THERE CONTAMINANTS IN OUR DRINKING WATER ?

As the State regulations require, we routinely test your drinking water for numerous contaminants. These contaminants include: total coliform, turbidity, inorganic compounds, nitrate, nitrite, lead and copper, volatile organic compounds, total trihalomethanes, and synthetic organic compounds. Any Water User who wishes to see the entire list of tested contaminants should contact Ron Arnstein 914-232-8260.

Only the compounds listed below were detected in your drinking water (during 2015).

The table presented below depicts which compounds were detected in your drinking water.

The State allows us to test some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.

Table of Detected Contaminants							
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)	Unit Measurement	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination

Nitrate NO 9/1/15 1.77 MG/L 10 MG/L Naturally occurring

### 19 Hall Avenue

Haloacetic Acid	NO	7/2/15	0.00223	MG/L		0.06 MG/L	Disinfection
Trihalomethanes	NO	7/2/15	0.00214	MG/L		0.08 MG/L	By-Products
<u>4 Hillside Avenue</u>							
Haloacetic Acid	NO	7/2/15	0.00257	MG/L		0.06 MG/L	Disinfection
Trihalomethanes	NO	7/2/15	0.00265	MG/L		0.08 MG/L	By-Products
Barium	NO	1/13/16	0.0455	MG/L		2.0 MG/L	Naturally occurring
Chloride	NO	1/13/16	73.0	MG/L		250 MG/L	Naturally Occurring
Sodium	NO	1/13/16	18.75	MG/L		*	Naturally Occurring
Sulfate	NO	1/13/16	24.0	MG/L		250 MG/L	Naturally Occurring
Zinc	NO	1/13/16	0.44	MG/L		5 MG/L	Naturally Occurring

\*No limits for Sodium are proscribed. Guidelines state that people on a severely Sodium restricted diet, the water should contain no more than 20.0 MG/L of Sodium. For those on a moderately restricted diet a maximum of 270 MG/L of Sodium is suggested.

drinking water.

Non-Detects (ND): Laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

Table of Detected Contaminants							
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)	Unit Measurement	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead			Lead 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile value -0.06 PPB				
	NO	09/12/14	<1.0-1.2	PPB		15 PPB	Household Plumbing
Copper			Copper 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile value -0.17 Mg/L				
	NO	09/12/14	<0.05-0.19			1.3 Mg/L	Household Plumbing

The level presented represents the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of the (5) five sites tested. A percentile is a value on a scale of 100 that indicates the percent of a distribution that is equal to or below it. When (5) five samples are taken, the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile is computed as the average of the two highest values – The action level was not exceeded for Lead or Copper at any of the sites tested.

Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU): A measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.

Milligrams per liter (mg/L): Corresponds to one part of liquid in one million parts of liquid (parts per million - ppm).

Micrograms per liter (ug/l): Corresponds to one part of liquid in one billion parts of liquid (parts per billion - ppb).

Nanograms per liter (ng/l): Corresponds to one part of liquid to one trillion parts of liquid (parts per trillion - ppt).

Pictogram per liter (pg/l): Corresponds to one part per of liquid to one quadrillion parts of liquid (parts per quadrillion - ppq).

Pictocuries per liter (pCi/L): A measure of the radioactivity in water.

Millirems per year (mrem/yr): A measure of radiation absorbed by the body.

Million Fibers per Liter (MFL): A measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers.

PPB: Corresponds to one part of liquid to one billion parts of liquid.

## IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATION

-Initially Inorganic Sampling was incorrectly taken at the wells as opposed to the entry point. This was expeditiously corrected by taking samples at the entry point as required on January 13, 2016.

During 2015 we did not complete monitoring for Inorganics but this does not pose a threat to the quality of our water supply.

## DO I NEED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS?

Although our drinking water met or exceeded state and federal regulations, some people may be more vulnerable to disease causing microorganisms or pathogens in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care provider about their drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium, Giardia and other microbial pathogens are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

## WHY SAVE WATER AND HOW TO AVOID WASTING IT ?

Although our system has an adequate amount of water to meet present and future demands, there are a number of reasons why it is important to conserve water:

- Saving water saves energy and some of the costs associated with both of these necessities of life;
- Saving water reduces the cost of energy required to pump water and the need to construct costly new wells, pumping systems and water towers; and
- Saving water lessens the strain on the water system during a dry spell or drought, helping to avoid severe water use restrictions to that essential fire fighting needs are met.

You can play a role in conserving water by becoming conscious of the amount of water your household is using, and by looking for ways to use less whenever you can. It is not hard to conserve water. Conservation tips include:

1. Automatic dishwashers use 15 gallons for every cycle, regardless of how many dishes are loaded. So get a run for your money and load it to capacity.
2. Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.

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It should be noted that all drinking water, including bottled drinking water may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or the Westchester County Health Department at 914-813-5000.

### DEFINITIONS:

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contamination.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in

## WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We have learned through our testing that some contaminants have been detected; however, these contaminants were detected below the level allowed by the State.

There was no detectable level of lead in the distribution system, however individual houses may contain lead from their plumbing.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women, infants, and young children. It's possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. Goldens Bridge Community Association PWS is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components.

When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

3. Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day. Fix it up and you can save almost 6,000 gallons per year.
4. Check your toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in the in the tank, watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It is not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. Fix it and you save more than 30,000 gallons a year.

### CLOSING

Thank you for allowing us to continue to provide your family with quality drinking water. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rate adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community.

The GBCA Water Committee  
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### Summer Social Season

The Social Committee is excited about the upcoming season. And, like last year, it is a combination of old and new.

Friday night folk dancing extends through September 2nd. Dancing starts at 7:30 with beginner lessons until 8:00. We are having the usual BBQs and Banquet. We may be looking for a Grill Master and assistants, so if you are interested call me at 232-9404.

We have two bands performing in July. On July 9th a five-piece Latin band led, by Wilson Collazo, will perform at the barn. Some basic instructions on dance steps will be provided to those who show up on time. Wilson and the band are hoping to have Colony members up and dancing to their Latin rhythms. On July 30th Gathering Time is returning to perform at the beach. They are presenting "The Great Rock/Folk Festival" of favorites from the 60s, 70s & 80s.

Book discussion led by Gerry: *The Snow Child*, a first novel by Eowyn Ivey and a finalist for the 2013 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction, has been chosen as the book we will discuss this summer. It is set in Alaska during the 1920s. The author, a native Alaskan, has been able to provide sufficient detail of the homesteading taking place at the time and the families who have chosen the life of the North. The book should interest a broad audience, women and men, old and young, even teenagers. We hope you will enjoy it and come to share your thoughts and feelings. How about considering this occasion as a first meeting of a book club which could meet bimonthly throughout the year? Choices could be made by the participants. Think about it and bring your ideas.

On Sunday nights David Levy will be leading us in Tai Chi exercises

from 6:30 to 7:30. The members of the Social Committee who participated last year were very excited about David doing this again. Enthusiasm being catchy, I've decided to step out of my comfort zone and participate this summer. What a great way to end a week-end! Thank you David!

Last year we introduced some new Saturday night events that we hoped would bring out some newer and younger members of the community. We think they were successful and this year we will be repeating them and adding a couple more. These new events all involve some community participation but observers are very important as well.

Paint Night and The Bat will be back this year. Both of these events were well received and attended last year. This year's Paint Night will involve more one-on-one instruction and all artists will be painting the same thing. Like last year there will be a kids program with the kids creating their own works of art. This year they will be using beads of various colors and shapes. All painters will be served free wine. Materials and instruction will be provided by the Katonah Art Center. Everyone will leave with their own beautiful work of art. Call me (232-9404) if you want to reserve a spot because we will only have 15 easels and room for about 10 kids.

The Bat is the Colony version of NPR's The Moth, where people tell short stories that fit a common theme. Those who attended last year's event will tell you what a special community experience it was. The chairs were arranged in a semi-circle around a stool and a microphone. Eleven community members got up to share their variation on the night's theme, "my inner neighborhood". Over the summer all potential story tellers will periodically be meeting at the beach to come up with a theme that is nebulous enough to fit almost any story. If you think you may be interested in learning more about it or want to know the date and time of the meetings, call Martha (232-4456).

There will be two "new" events this summer.

First up is a Bake-off! This is a chance for the bakers of the community to show off their favorite baked dessert item. So on July 16, after dinner, head on down to the barn for dessert. There will be four categories; cakes, pies, cookies and other, for those delectable treats that have no designation. Colony members will get to taste everything and then will vote for one favorite in each category. Beverages will be served by members of the Social Committee and volunteers. All interested bakers should call Jill at 513-256-3437 who is the point person on this event. You can submit entries in as many categories as you like. What a great way to enjoy dessert; sampling the favorite baked delicacies of your neighbors, hearing the latest gossip and giving/receiving opinions on just about everything imaginable.

Karaoke Night! Need I say more? Free wine and beer will be available. Drew has identified an internet karaoke site with 23,000 songs so you have no excuse. Karaoke doesn't work without an audience. So if all you want to do is listen, that's fine also. All performers and friends will gather at the barn on August 13th at 8:00. Any questions? Call Natalie (914-301-5215).

It was surprising how most of the activity at last year's "new" events was not the painters or story tellers but the observers and the listeners. The Bat and Paint Night were wonderful vehicles for bringing neighbors together. We hope this year's additions will do the same.



**P**earl Cousin (nee Drescher), 84, died peacefully on May 9, 2016 at Rosary Hill Home in Hawthorne. Pearl was born on March 27th, 1932 in the Sheepshead Bay neighborhood of Brooklyn, N.Y. to William and Gertrude Drescher, whose families immigrated to N.Y. from Poland and Russia. While staunchly secular, Pearl strongly identified with her progressive Jewish heritage throughout her life.

In her early teens, Pearl discovered dance, which became her lifelong passion. She moved to Manhattan, where she worked in an electronics factory, studied dance with Pearl Primus and Bob Joffrey, and danced semi-professionally in the New Dance Group in the mid 1950s. She also became involved in the Civil Rights movement and other progressive causes.

Pearl and Ken Cousin were introduced by a mutual friend, and married in 1959. When their daughter Merrill was 3, and son Rick was still crawling, some friends told Pearl about the Colony, saying it was a great place for families with young children to go for the summer and be around like-minded people (ie radical Jews). They rented a unit from the Arnsteins, and found they already knew many people there! They rented in various houses for several more years before buying the Libster house in 1966. Pearl became very involved in Colony life in the summers, teaching at nursery, performing in banquet shows, and partying with friends. The Cousin family moved up to Goldens Bridge full time in 1969, but part of Pearl's heart always remained in New York City.

After moving to Goldens Bridge full time, Pearl danced with the Potpourri Dancers, and began teaching dance therapy to autistic children in the early days of the Westchester Exceptional Children's School (WEC). She worked as a teacher at WEC for two decades, and also worked part time at Opengate, a residence for adults with developmental disabilities. After retiring from WEC, Pearl enjoyed traveling and playing tennis.

Pearl is survived by her husband of 57 years, Kenneth, her daughter Merrill (Julia, Anna), her son Rick, niece Wendy Drescher Rosete (Jose, Melanie, Christian), and nieces and nephews Jennifer, Jonathon, Mark, Paula, Laure, and Bruce.

On Sunday, May 22nd in the Barn, the Cousin family held a celebration of Pearl's life. They were joined by many wonderful friends from both in and out of the Colony. There was music, pictures, laughter, a few tears, and some folks stood up and spoke of their memories of Pearl. Ken, Merrill and Rick thank everyone who attended and those who were unable to, but sent their love and support via phone, snail and email.

*Pearl Dancing through the night Her smile so bright. Looked at the world, you and me  
With eyes clear and knowing. Deep love, Friend so true, Her light lingers. ESTHER ROSENFELD*

In lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)) or Rosary Hill Home ([www.rosaryhillhome.org](http://www.rosaryhillhome.org)).



### Middle School Student Visits Paraguay

Janet Baez who lives on the corner of Hall and Pond visited Paraguay last summer. Here are some of her memories.

"I went to Paraguay last summer, there are various cities in Paraguay such as Caraguatay. I traveled to the Parque Nacional Vapor Cue I observed greenest grass anybody could acknowledge. In Caraguatay I also saw countless numbers of cows. Then I traveled to Itagua and I had gone to soccer stadium of Club 12. There you could see the passion that people have for soccer. Seeing them chant and support their

team is inspiring. After this I went to the Costanera which is in the capital of Paraguay, this a beautiful tourist attraction. This tourist attraction was made by hand and machine. Lastly I went to the president's house. It's not white like our president's house. It was beautiful. There you can go up to the front



door, which was shocking.

This is the park I mentioned before. Honestly I believe that this park is breathtaking.

Here are the cows of my uncle's ranch. There are countless numbers of them.

Here is the Costanera, it is truly beautiful. It's perfect for everything, Jet skiing, boating, fishing, swimming, and tanning"

# JULY 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Folk dancing 7:30-9:30 (7:30-8:30 instruction) with Jim Gold	2 Opening Night BBQ 6:30 at the Beach	3
4	5	6	7	8 Folk dancing 7:30-9:30 (7:30-8:30 instruction) with Jim Gold	9 Collazo Band (Cuban Music) 8:00-10:00	10 Tai Chi 6:30-7:30 with David Levy
11	12	13	14	15 Folk dancing 7:30 9:30 (7:30-8:30 instruction) with the Beers	16 Bake-off!!! 8:00 at the Barn	17 Tai Chi 6:30-7:30 with David Levy
18	19	20	21	22 Folk dancing 7:30-9:30 (7:30-8:30 instruction) with the Beers	23 Paint Night 8:00-10:00	24 Tai Chi 6:30-7:30 with David Levy
25	26	27	28	29 Folk dancing 7:30-9:30 (7:30-8:30 instruction) with the Beers	30 Gathering Time (At the beach) 8:00-10:00	31 Tai Chi 6:30-7:30 with David Levy

# AUGUST 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5 Folk dancing 7:30-9:30 (7:30-8:30 instruction) with Jim Gold	6 Volleyball and BBQ 6:30	7 Tai Chi 6:30-7:30 with David Levy
8	9	10	11	12 Folk dancing 7:30-9:30 (7:30-8:30 instruction) with Jim Gold	13 Karaoke Nite 8:00-10:00	14 Tai Chi 6:30-7:30 with David Levy
15	16	17	18 Book Discussion <i>The Snow Child</i> by Eowyn Ivey	19 Folk dancing 7:30-9:30 (7:30-8:30 instruction with the Beers	20 The Bat 8:00-10:00 	21 Tai Chi 6:30-7:30 with David Levy
22	23	24	25	26 Folk dancing 7:30-9:30 (7:30-8:30 instruction) with the Beers	27	28 Tai Chi 6:30-7:30 with David Levy
29	30	31				

# SEPTEMBER 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2 Folk dancing 7:30-9:30 (7:30-8:30 instruction) with Jim Gold	3 Banquet	4



### New Residents in the Lake

The fish in our lake help to keep it clean, feeding on the weeds and other vegetation that grow on the bottom. In 2002 we introduced 75 Carp, but the fish were sterile and had to be replaced. Fifty new Carp were added last month by a team of Michael Brown and Brandon and Drew Orr.

We also added 150 Channel Catfish. The Catfish are a welcome addition since they eat young Chinese Mystery Snails. Early risers might wish to take a walk along the edges of the lake, particularly at the beach. Young fish frequently appear sunning themselves.

One important goal of storm water management is to minimize the amount of phosphorus entering streams and lakes. A little phosphorus goes a long way. It is best for water containing phosphorus to soak into the ground rather than to run off. The phosphorus in the water will bind with the soil and thus be removed from the water. Run-off can be reduced by slowing the flow of water so that it can soak into the ground. If you fertilize, use phosphorus-free fertilizer as required by law. Spread with care. Excess fertilizer flows into streams, lakes, and reservoirs, where it can degrade drinking water, lead to algae and plant growth, and contribute to fish kills.



Mike Brown has been collecting old postcards of our area for years. Mike has allowed them to be removed from their protective sleeves to be scanned and then displayed in *Road Four*. Below is one from his large collection, displayed front and back. The postmark on the card is from the early 1900s. Mike is always on the lookout for additional postcards to add to his collection. Thanks Mike.



This is an RPPC “real photo postcard” meaning it was not mass produced as many turn of the 19th century cards were in what was known as the golden age of postcards. It depicts a typical house in Old Goldens Bridge, and a man standing on the porch. The message is a little cryptic. It seems Hattie arrived home safe to the dismay of Bill, also George will be gone for a month. It is postmarked Goldens Bridge 1906, sent to Mrs. Henry (sic?) Anthony. If anyone knew these people I would advise Hattie to watch out for Bill.

Mike Brown



### Maggie's Plantings

Once again, Maggie has arranged plants in front of our Barn. Pictured right is another of her horticultural arrangements. Thank you Maggie.



The editors of Road Four encourage readers to submit photos for possible insertion in our publication. All images, especially those taken with cell phones should be taken at the highest resolution setting on the device. Print publications require higher resolution images than those that are only viewed on a digital device.



### Sidney Hamburg Is 100

Sidney Hamburg spent his summers in Goldens Bridge from the age of twelve until his marriage in his twenties. His parents were early owners of an acre on what later became Hillside Avenue.

They built a tent, a well, and an outhouse. They spent most of their time at this site until finally building a house.

A large celebration was planned by his son and daughter for April 5th at the National Arts Club on Gramercy Park. But Sidney decided he wanted a party to be held on April 2nd, his actual birthday and he wanted it in Goldens Bridge. And so he did. His daughter brought him to his sister, Suki Sircus. Her house is built on the original site.

After blowing out the candles and sharing a bottle of Prosecco, he insisted on a tour of the community to see the changes since his years in the Colony. He loved the big celebration but later said his trip to GB, particularly to see the barn and lake again, was just as important.

## BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

### GBCA Membership Meeting Minutes October, 25, 2015

A quorum was attained at 11.18 A.M.

Guest speaker: Dan Welsh – Town Board Member

Dan spoke at length about his (8) Eight years on the Town Board, his accomplishments and that he needs our votes to continue his work.

The minutes of the 08-30-2015 membership meeting was read and accepted without comment. Motion to accept by Adam and second by Frieda - Unanimous.

Financial – by Adam

M&T Bank \$99,973.77

Savings Account M&T \$ 2,017.50

Camp Account M&T \$39,515.86

Water Capital Improvements Savings M&T \$21,444.56

Capital Improvements Savings M&T \$82,642.92

2016 Budget – presented by Adam with a line by line detail.

Paul Milliot questioned the allocation for tree removal funds stating there are some dead trees that pose a threat to children waiting for a school bus. Emergency work is always undertaken whether funded or not but the Executive Board will investigate to see if the Town or NYSEG will take them down and will assign the task of identifying dangerous trees to a Board Member. The lifeguard costs are paid separately by the Community and the Camp.

Lake – After much discussion of information provided by Jay and Eric the following motion went to a vote – proposed by John and seconded by Mera.

The GBCA will inform the Town that it is prepared to commit up to \$30,000. to undertake the Forebay Project, but that the Town will assume the entire cost for completing permits and engineering. This motion passed with (9) Nine votes in favor, (5) Five abstentions and (6) Six opposed – several members did not vote.

It was clear that the Association considers the \$30,000. to be a firm maximum even though it was not clear how this estimate was developed. It was also not known how long the permits are for and their renewability.

Finally, Martha moved to approve the budget as presented, Rina – seconded – passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 P.M.

### GBCA Membership Meeting Minutes January 31, 2016

A quorum was attained at 11.07 A.M.

The minutes of the 10-25-2015 membership meeting was read and accepted without comment. Motion to accept by Pearl and second by Martha – Unanimous.

Rte 22 Affordable Housing

The meeting was attended by John Baincardi of Wilder Balter Partners, Inc. who handed out their application to construct a multi family development consisting of 45 affordable rental units to be constructed on a 35.4 acre parcel of vacant land located off NYS Rte 22 Goldens Bridge near the 6A exit of Rte 684. This development will be funded by Westchester County and complies with the settlement between Westchester cty and HUD. The hand-out included the size of the units, maximum occupancy and who will qualify under income restrictions. There were many questions by the Membership concerning impacts on schools, traffic, water, etc.. The Colony will be kept in the loop as environmental and other impacts are developed.

Jeremy raised concerns (as we all have) about the prospects for future Rte 22 developments through land swaps or sales.

Financial – by Adam which included a listing of arrears

M&T Bank	\$ 71,631.29
Savings Account M&T	\$ 2,017.64
Camp Account M&T	\$ 9,986.09
Water Capital Improvements Savings M&T	\$ 19,789.06
Capital Improvements Savings M&T	\$153,023.46

Members in Arrears: Apter, Decaudin, Delgado, Hom-Mansfield, Leathers, Sherwood-St. John, Soutanian and Rios.

No further Committee reports recorded.

Motion to adjourn by Martha second by Jeremy.

**GBCA Board Minutes February 14, 2016**

Present: President; Dan Fast, Secretary; Ron Arnstein, Treasurer; Adam Huggard, Mike Brown, Rina Slavin, Carol Nordgren, Drew Orr, Gerry Sircus, John Bergherr, and Jay Martin

Absent: Jeremy Metz, Joy Radulavic, Dorothy Shulman, Fred Margolies and Mera Eisen.

Guest: Rose Howard - Treasurer Camp Committee

The minutes of the E.B. meeting of 01-10-2016 were read and accepted - Motion to accept – Jerry and second by Adam – unanimous.

1. Financial Report by Adam Huggard

M&T Bank	\$102,691.32
Savings Account M&T	\$ 2,017.81
Camp Account M&T	\$ 9,972.18
Water Capital Improvement Savings M&T	\$ 19,789.90
Capital Improvement Fund	\$153,023.46

2. Water Committee - Ron informed the E.B. of his intent to resign as the colony’s volunteer water operator and solicited a quotation from a reputable company to replace him. They will perform the testing and pump house supervisory function for \$14,000./year with additional charges for distribution system maintenance and emergencies. Drew added that the water system total cost would be much greater than the \$14,000./year quoted since the colony would lose control of its water supply costs.

In consideration of this; Jay Martin offered the following motion - seconded by Rina.

Since we know the cost of going with an outside operator to be in excess of \$14,000. based on what we believe to be a reasonable quote, we should offer Ron the \$7,800./year requested to stay on at a significant cost saving for the community (effective January 1st, 2016 plus no charge for his water).”

(8) Eight in favor, (2) Two abstentions.

Ron has indicated he would continue to execute this function, but, stated that a more permanent solution to containing water costs for the colony in the future is necessary.

3. Camp - Rose presented the proposed camp budget for 2016 and included actual 2015 costs for comparison. This was reviewed by the board in detail and a motion by Mike, seconded by Gerry to approve the budget as presented - passed unanimously. Rose was able to explain increases from the 2015 budget to the satisfaction of all present. There was a significant underrun in 2015 due to severe tightening because of surprising overrun in 2014. This should not repeat in 2016.

4. Lake - Dan communicated with Joe Cermele of Kellard Sessions. The Forebay project, designated as phase I, which is the only phase approved by the GBCA, should proceed without problems for the approved maximum cost of \$30,000.. The permits would include phases II and III, should GBCA proceed with them in the future. Dan was advised the permits are good for one (1) year but easily renewed and received a set of drawings showing the three phases. Dan requested an estimate of phase I costs.

5. Social - John said the Committee was busy with the 2016 schedule and are planning more community participation events.

Move to adjourn by John, seconded by Gerry.

## GBCA Board Minutes March 13, 2016

Present: President; Dan Fast, Secretary; Ron Arnstein, Treasurer; Adam Huggard, Joy Radulavic, Mike Brown, Jeremy Metz, Rina Slavin, Carol Nordgren, Drew Orr, Fred Margolies, Gerry Sircus and John Bergherr,

Absent: Jay Martin, Dorothy Shulman and Mera Eisen.

The minutes of the E.B. meeting of 02-14-2016 were read and accepted - Motion to accept – Adam and second by Mike – unanimous.

### 1. Financial Report by Adam Huggard

M&T Bank	\$127,887.38
Savings Account M&T	\$ 2,017.97
Camp Account M&T	\$ 16,140.88
Water Capital Improvement Savings M&T	\$ 19,790.69
Capital Improvement Fund	\$153,035.62

### General

\*Dan signed the garbage collection contract. No increase in cost for 2 years and we get two dumpsters with no extra cost.

\*Mera was reinstated with a motion by Jeremy seconded by Gerry – 9 in favor, 1 abstention.

\*Camp Committee developed guidelines which were accepted without discussion, because not everyone received the guidelines.

\*Fish restocking for lake. Drew advised we received a carp permit and we plan to put in 48 carp for weed control and 48 catfish for snail control. We don't presently have a weed problem so the carp are an effort to keep it that way.

\*We received a letter from the Army Corps of Engineers, which contained several questions concerning the Forbay Project. We expect Kellard Sessions to respond.

\*Mike cleaned up the rest of the tiles on the nursery floor in the barn and Drew continues to evaluate how best to complete the floor.

\*The social committee continues to plan for the seasons events.

Motion is adjourn by Jeremy second by Gerry.

## GBCA Board Minutes April 10, 2016

Present: President; Dan Fast, Secretary; Ron Arnstein, Treasurer; Adam Huggard, Mike Brown, Jay Martin, Jeremy Metz, Rina Slavin, Dorothy Shulman, Mera Eisen, Carol Nordgren, Drew Orr, Fred Margolies, Gerry Sircus and John Bergherr

Absent: Joy Radulavic

Guest: Rose Howard

The minutes of the E.B. meeting of 03-13-2016 were read and accepted - Motion to accept – Mike and second by Gerry – unanimous.

### 1. Financial Report by Adam Huggard

M&T Bank	\$129,701.21
Savings Account M&T	\$ 2,018.14
Camp Account M&T	\$ 36,126.63
Water Capital Improvement Savings M&T	\$ 11,991.53
Capital Improvement Fund	\$153,048.61

### 2. Camp- Rina/Rose

Rina was concerned about the low enrollment requiring severe cuts in expenditures. This means a reduction in activities, staffing and wherever else possible. It was the sense of the Board that the camp should remain viable and since the camp was very profitable in 2015, a loss in 2016, that would be covered by the Community Budget would not be a disaster. The final numbers are not yet know but the Camp Committee was very up-front with the possibility of a loss this year and several alternatives were presented.

### 3. Social Committee

John; planning for more home grown activities. David Levy will again offer Tai Chi, Sundays at 6.30 – 7.30 and August 18th will be book night with Gerry - "Snow Child" is a possibility.

### 4. General

Fred again discussed the dry hydrant which seems like a good idea, but details, costs and financing were lacking. The dumpster at the barn is scheduled for May 6th, 2016.

5. Lake – Forbay Project; Permits are not complete and an estimate of costs was not yet provided by Kellard-sessions. (50) Fifty Carp and (150) hundred and fifty Catfish are on their way.

Motion to adjourn Rina, second by Mera.



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