

Road Four

NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDENS BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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From the Editor

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2012 Executive Board Elections

Nominees:

President: Ron Arnstein

Vice Pres.: Mera Eisen

Treasurer: Paul Stewart-Stand

Recording Sec.: Dan Fast

Vote for 6 at large (One will serve a 1 year term).

Listed in alphabetical order:

Ken Finkelman • Martha Levites
• Jay Martin • Nick Pinetti Sr. • Joy Radulovic • Dorothy Shulman • Gerry Sircus • Rina Slavin

The election will take place at the membership meeting on August 25.

Absentee ballots for the election may be obtained by request in writing to Mike Brown at mbrownmw@aol.com, or P.O. Box 394, Goldens Bridge, NY 10526. One ballot per house will be sent to those requesting one. All absentee ballots must be received back to Dan Fast by August 25, 2012 to

ensure that they will be counted, so requests should be made ASAP.

Congratulations

Road Four is happy to inform the community about the accomplishments of our neighbors.

Middle School Graduates

Congratulation and best wishes to our Colony's recent John Jay Middle School graduates.

Patricia Figueroa • Peter Ehnes
Jeremiah Finkelman-Mahoney
Julia Rietsch • Carlos Iglesias
Elijah Rust • Douglas Orlovitz
Nicholas Martin

Abbi Meyers-Orr, John Jay High School Graduate

During her years at John Jay, Abbi was honored many times for the quality of her art. Her work has been exhibited at the Katonah Museum, the Katonah Library, and has represented John Jay High School in exhibits across Lewisboro.

Abbi was accepted at SUNY New Paltz where she will be continuing her interest in art.

Shannon Moore, John Jay HS Graduate, Heading To Suny Binghamton

At John Jay's Senior Recognition Night Shannon was awarded the following scholarships:

• Increase Miller PTA Scholarship- given to a senior who attended Increase Miller Elementary School and based on an essay submitted describing long term goals and how my years in the Katonah-Lewisboro district helped shape those goals.

• The Katonah-Lewisboro District Teachers' Association Award—

given to a senior who has demonstrated a commitment to their school and community and is planning to pursue a career in education.

• The Women's Club of Katonah Scholarship- given to a senior who has demonstrated exemplary community service and a high standard of academic achievement

• Robert C. McDonald Scholarship- a memorial award, sponsored by the Westchester Oratorio Society, which is presented to a senior who has a strong commitment to music as well as serving the community

Shannon states that "I will be attending SUNY Binghamton this fall as an undecided major; I'll be in the Harpur College of Liberal Arts at Binghamton for now. I am leaning towards a career in education. I've always liked the idea of being a teacher and, in recent years, I've sort of narrowed the path I think I want to take down to elementary education. I think my decision to seriously consider becoming an elementary school teacher has been greatly influenced by my living here in the colony. I've been a baby sitter for several amazing families and their wonderful kids here in the colony and I've worked at the day camp for a few years with some great kids of all ages. There are also so many adults in the colony who I respect and look up to who are teachers and I've had some amazing teachers over the years that have inspired me to pursue teaching."

Wendy Robinson Receives PhD

Congratulations to Wendy Robinson. She received a PhD in

Nursing from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. Wendy is president of Helene Fuld College of Nursing in Manhattan.

Community Member Recognized

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Officials Recognize Simoncini For Community Service

Written by Jane K. Dove , 7/6/12

Town Board members passed a resolution on Monday, June 25, recognizing Lewisboro resident Joseph D. Simoncini for his 37 years of service to his community and the county of Westchester.

Mr. Simoncini advanced through various positions to serve since 1995 as the head of fleet and automotive services for the county government and assisted Lewisboro in securing a county van for use by the town's Parks & Recreation Department. He also provided consultation and technical advice on automotive equipment management issues and the development of bid specifications for vehicle acquisition.

Mr. Simoncini has also been a volunteer firefighter with the Goldens Bridge Fire Department since 1993 and served as the department's engineer from 1998 through 2006. He was elected commissioner of the Goldens Bridge Fire District in 2005 and continues in that post, focusing on procurement policies, practices and acquisitions, driver training and the delivery of a leadership development training program for department personnel.

Town Board members congratulated Mr. Simoncini, saying he is an outstanding example of a resident who had made important contributions to the town of Lewisboro over a period of many years.

A Tale of One Piano Technician

The official gala opening of the Caramoor season was on June 23, at which Russ Gordon and Carol Nordgren were invited guests. Russell is also featured in the colorful festival program book

for 2012–2013.

The article, with descriptive photos is titled *A Tale of Three Pianos*, referring to the three grand pianos at Caramoor that were restored and upgraded by Russell.

The details in the original article follow the odyssey of his technical and artistic work.

So kudos to my good friend and nephew, Russell Hunter Gordon.

Blanche Salsky

Russell Gordon is a long-time resident of Goldens Bridge. More information about Russell can be found at: <http://russellgordonpiano.com/>

New Neighbors

Those of us who attended the July 7th BBQ may have noticed a new family had joined us. They were warmly greeted by members who wished to welcome them to our community. Ruth White and Benjamin Goldner are the new owners at 8 Hall Avenue. They have two children, Caleb 2-1/2 and Aurora, 6 months. Ruth's mother, Renee Boyer is another member of the household.

Ruth is a senior editor of language arts textbooks and Benjamin is an IT manager at a Connecticut bank. Renee is retired as Professor Emeritus at the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

The family is currently renting in Somers until the refurbishing is completed. But perhaps we'll see them at the beach.

Selling Property in our Community

The Goldens Bridge Colony was established many years ago as a cooperative community. In order to maintain that spirit, we have always had procedures for buying and selling real estate. These procedures are rooted in our constitution, covenants and by-laws. Their purpose is to entice people to buy who are interested in participating in community life.

This is a summary of the procedure for selling property based on a most recent review that formal-

izes the use of email:

1. The seller or seller's real estate agent notifies a community officer of his/her desire to sell. This must be done in writing and must include a price for the property.

2. The officer receiving the notice hands it over to the real estate committee. A formal notification then goes out by email to the list of interested buyers as well as to all community members who have submitted an email address to the community. In this way the largest number of people who understand the nature of our community are aware of the opportunity.

3. Potential buyers from the email notification must contact the committee as soon as possible if they are interested in being shown the property and possibly beginning negotiations.

4. If no interest is shown within a reasonable time period, the seller is notified and goes through normal channels to sell the house.

5. Once a contract is signed, it must be sent to the Community via certified mail. The Community then has 30 days to decide whether or not to pick up the option on that property, while matching the terms of the contract presented.

6. There is then a second email sent out to the list and community. If no one is interested, the Executive Board waives the option, and the sale goes through. If, however, there is a reply from the second notification, the Executive Board may decide to pick up the option to buy that property in order to transfer it to that interested party.

What is the basis for deciding who gets a property?

The order of priority is :

1. a person or family who will live here full time
2. a person /family who will live here part time
3. a person who already lives here, but is planning to use this new property for income. However, a new member is always preferable to a purchase for

income purposes.

We want to avoid absentee landlords and corporations as buyers.

Again, our purpose is to aid the seller while bringing in someone who understands the nature of the community.

Home Grown Talent by Hollis Lukin

The colony talent show at the barn on Saturday evening, July 21st, began with the heart-warming singing by the four generations of Frieda Halpern's family. Frieda, Eric Stand, Theo, Beatrix and Gaspard Stewart-Stand, and Nadja and Sophia Jackson sang *I've Been Working on the Railroad* and *Dona Dona* led by Eric who also played guitar. The next group, consisted of Lisa Wenzel, on guitar, Ian McNally, on the violin, and Katy Sackman singing the Joan Baez version of *Silver Dagger*. Members of the audience were heard singing along with all three of these songs. Ruth Dombrow then pleased everyone by the reading of three of her original works of poetry which, we learned, are from her book of poetry.

The three Figueroa sisters were next. Judith, singer/guitarist, performed a solo of *Landslide*. For the second number, she gave up her guitar and was joined by her elder sister, Jen, in singing *Keep Holding On*. Youngest sister Patty then joined her sisters in the country song *I Wish I Was a Teddy Bear*.

Alysa Haas, vocalist, accompanied by guitarist Al Orlo, performed three numbers, *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*, *Crazy Dreams*, and a cabaret type song *He Ain't Mr. Right*. Alysa pointed out that her animal print blouse went well with her last piece, as did her presentation of the song. Following Alysa, we took a 15 minute intermission and it seemed like the food at the "bar" rapidly disappeared.

Following the intermission, Lisa Burgun and Keith Burgun, lead singer and singer/guitarist from the band Honey, performed three

songs, *Out in the Street* by Bruce Springsteen and made popular by the Shangri Las, *Hurry Up and Wait* by the band Honey, and *Simple Kind of Life* by the band No Doubt. Lisa Wenzel then returned to the stage accompanied by Una McGillicuddy. Prior to singing, Una gave us the history of the songs which, most found very interesting. The first piece was sung acapella and the second with Lisa on the guitar.

For the final scheduled performance the three Figueroa sisters returned to the stage dedicating their first piece, *The Voice*, a Celtic piece, to their "Uncle Larry". The second piece the trio performed was *Holes in the Floor of Heaven* with Judith also playing the guitar. The third piece, an African song, *Siyabamba*, was sung acapella.

Following the formal program, all performers came to the stage. With Eric taking the lead and playing the guitar and Lisa joining in on the piano, all joined in singing *This Land is Your Land*. The audience joined in, of course. As everyone in the barn shared the responsibility of folding and putting away the chairs some nice "oldies" were playing and at least four couples were seen dancing. It felt so good and old fashioned.

Special Thanks to Mike Brown, Dan Fast and John Bergherr for their contributions.

Clara Balter
January 27, 2012

With sadness, Lucy and Joan, the daughters of Clara Balter, report her passing on Jan. 27, 2012, in a hospice residence in E. Northport, Long Island, after a very brief illness. She was 93, feisty, and clear-headed until the end.

Clara and Marty (who passed away 4 years ago at the age of 95) were active members of the Goldens Bridge summer community from 1950 - when they pur-

chased the small home next door to their friends the Kalishes, until the early 1980s. Lucy and Joan spent all of their early childhood summers happily swimming in the lake; attending the day camp; learning folk songs and dances; stuffing their faces with fresh-picked peaches, wild blueberries, and other healthy treats; and making lifelong friends. Clara and Martin were known for their participation in community life and evening barn events, including dances. Clara remembered being complimented on their waltzing.

Clara worked as a social worker for the New York City Board of Education until age 70. Until 3 years ago she still lived in the home in Riverdale where she and Marty raised their family. She then very reluctantly (consistent with her strong personality) moved to an assisted living residence near daughter Lucy. She exasperated the residence administration, in her typical fashion, by working on instituting a recycling program and trying to get the residents to conserve energy.

She leaves her daughters Joan and Lucy (Weinstein), 2 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren, whom she enjoyed seeing up until a week before her death. Her legacy also includes her generous heart and progressive values.

Letter From the Editor

On July 8th, Eric Stand sent a letter to Road Four accusing the editor of censorship and the executive board of abuse of power. The editor replied to Eric with the following letter.

Dear Eric;

I have spent the day contemplating your demand that I, as editor of Road 4, publish both your letter and Neil's and your insinuation that I am acting as some sort of censor. I have decided that as long as I am editor, I will not allow Road 4 to become a place for the public airing of personal grievances. If you have a grievance you are free to take it to the Board and ask that your grievance be made part of the official community minutes. As part

of the minutes, yours and anyone else's complaint or grievance will be published as part of those minutes as directed by the Board.

When I accepted the position of editor of Road 4, it was with the understanding that I would be publishing a community newsletter. I was happy to take this responsibility for providing Executive Board and Membership minutes, reporting on cooperative efforts and events within the community, the achievements of our members, and sometimes the sad reports of their passing. That is what I have been doing and that is what I will continue to do.

I have no desire to see this publication become a forum for politically and personally charged accusations. That is what Board meetings and their minutes are for. If, however, you or anyone else feels the need to communicate directly with the membership, I'm sure you have means to do so.

I serve at the pleasure of the Board and it is they to whom you should address your complaints. And, if they find my services are no longer needed they may ask me to step down. In the meantime, I will edit the newsletter as I see fit.

It was, as always, a pleasure to speak with you in person.

Eric then asked to speak to the editor and apologized for his earlier tone. He argued for inclusion and the editor agreed after consulting with the board.

July 8, 2012

Dear Neighbors,

I am writing this letter because I have been upset by two actions taken by our current Board.

First: When Jody resigned from the Board, the Board declined to appoint Georgann, who had stood for election, but lost by a few votes. Georgann is a person who has been our President for six years, our Secretary for four years, and our Vice-President for two years and has always served on some committee or other. If she ever becomes our Treasurer,

she will have achieved the Grand Slam of serving in all the executive roles. I have always admired her clarity of vision of our community and the energy and time she has given to us.

The Constitution says we need 2/3 of the current Board to appoint a member to a vacant seat. We have never, in my memory, enforced that rule. For as long as I've been a member, when there has been a vacancy on our Board due to resignation, it has been accepted practice to appoint the person who had the next highest number of votes in that election cycle. The Board voted to leave the seat vacant rather than follow precedent. This is not the way to promote a diversity of opinion, nor is it a way to encourage the participation of members who volunteer for election to the Board.

Second: No matter how you think the controversy surrounding the sale of the Jones' house should have been handled, this newsletter refused to publish a letter Neil and Cyndi Hicks wrote to the Board and asked to be printed in Road Four. By not publishing this letter, the community has been deprived of the Hicks' close-up and personal view of that process, and Neil and Cyndi have been deprived of the means of communicating their concerns to the membership.

Since relatively few people generally attend our membership meetings, Road Four is the only means a member has to communicate their viewpoint to the entire membership. I encourage the editors of Road Four to publish Neil and Cyndi's open letter: maybe printed in a smaller font, as the letter is quite long. I hope this letter will lead to an awareness that disagreement need not lead to demonization. This Board should represent the entire community, not just the people with whom it agrees.

Respectfully submitted for publication in *Road Four*,

Eric Stand

[The Executive Board response.](#)

In response to the letter from Eric Stand, the board would like to clarify the two issues raised. These charges are categorically denied. In both cases, Georgann and Neil, the Executive Board acted responsibly after considerable debate and airing of diverse opinions. Since the vacant seat on the board expired in the next election cycle and Georgann was not the only applicant, the Board decided not to fill the vacancy. Whoever was appointed would have had to run again in a few months at the August meeting anyway.

You mention "tradition" whereby who ever ran and lost in the last election would be appointed. But tradition has limits and Georgann did not get a majority of the Board in support. This was a very difficult and emotional issue for the Board but the lack of support could not be ignored.

The Neil Hick's letter was an easier decision for the Board. Two days after we received it we received the first of two letters from his lawyer threatening to sue everyone associated with the sale of the Jones' house. We were advised by council not to communicate with Neil in any official capacity and to request Cindi's resignation from the Board because of conflict of interest.

We hope that it ends here. Both you and Georgann have made many contributions to this Community and we trust that you'll continue to do so.

The following resolution was passed by the executive board.

Motion: the colony depends on volunteers to work on its various committees and serve on the board of directors.

Allowing letters to be printed in Road four criticizing the actions of these volunteers, either individually or by committee, will discourage

community volunteerism.

A proper forum for these complaints would be at board meeting or membership meetings.

Therefore, letters to the editors of road four critical of community members will never be printed.

Presenting the Winning Team of the 2012 Annual GB Volleyball Tournament



Left to Right

- Adam Tomei
- Nadja Jackson
- Tamilee Webb
- Dolph Klainberg
- Paul Stewart-Stand
- Paul Milliot

BOARD & MEMBERSHIP MINUTES

Membership meeting minutes: January 29, 2012

The meeting was convened at 11:35 AM.

Present: 24 Voting Members and approximately 3 other community members.

1-Reading of Minutes:

The minutes from the November 7, 2011 Membership meeting were read, corrected, and accepted as corrected. The reading of Board meeting minutes was waived as they will appear on the GoldensBridge.org website, and in Road 4.

2-Financial:

Martha Levites reported that our financial situation is good:

Checking:	78,821
Savings:	2105
Camp:	27,097
Water Capitol:	34,631
Capitol Improvement:	25,536

There are 5 members who have not yet paid their dues, or set up a payment plan to which they are adhering, and pointed out that non-payers require that everyone else's dues be raised to compensate. The Board is pursuing the non-payers.

3-Committee reports::

A-Insurance:

John Bergherr reviewed our recent history pertaining to insurance. Due to being unable to communicate with our broker, we switched to Forbes, a local company.

Mr. Forbes felt that Philadelphia, the actual insurance company, might drop us if we ever made a claim. Upon reviewing our policy John discovered that we had no coverage for our water system and no "Molestation and Abuse" coverage. John suggested to the Board that we switch to another broker, Chuck Gohn of Glen Falls Associates. John has worked with Mr. Gohn for a number of years in his work capacity, and knew that Mr. Gohn has a good working relationship with Philadelphia. The Board agreed, and we switched brokers, going to Mr. Gohn.

We have obtained coverage for the Water System at a cost of \$320 per year, and Mr. Gohn is working on securing the "Molestation and Abuse" coverage.

B-Barn:

Mike Brown reported that we have two requests from community members for the use of the Barn: one in May, and one in June.

C-Roads:

Fred Margolies reported that he met with the Town Highway Supervisor, who informed him that the budget is in bad shape, causing them to cut services. Fred discussed with him what we want for road maintenance, and went over specific problem areas.

D-Social:

Pearl Klainberg reported that the committee met last month, and will be meeting next week. She stated that, due to light community participation, with most participants coming from outside the community, three Folk Dancing Friday nights have been eliminated for this year. This is an experiment to see if we get more community participation. A lengthy discussion of the Folk Dancing situation ensued.

Pearl related the calendar as follows: 7/7 - Barbecue at the Beach; 7/14 - Margot Leverett and the Klezmer Mountain Boys; 8/5 - Volleyball; 8/11 - Jerry Sokoloff and his group (tentative); 8/25 - Dark night. Under discussion are a Home Talent night and a Camp night.

E-Lake:

Jay Martin reported that he is working with Eric Stand and Paul Milliot to represent the GBCA in dealing with the Town and other governmental bodies.

Paul Milliot reported that the suction harvesting, which is the vacuuming out of debris around the swimming area, is close to approval, and is scheduled to be done in the spring. He already met with the Lewisboro Planning Board, and is meeting with other officials next week to move the project through the bureaucratic process. He is hopeful that the permits will be in place early enough to do the work in the spring well before the Summer so that all debris will be gone well before the season starts.

There is still "East of Hudson" grant money, and other money, totaling about \$312,000 that has not yet been spent by the Town of Lewisboro, and the Town is looking for projects. We are proposing the installation of a "Forebay" in the cove at the intersection of Hall Ave. and Main St., after existing debris which has accumulated in that area is cleaned out.

F-Environmental:

Dorothy Shulman reported that:

1-The trees that are endangering the Pump House are not all on our property. Ron Arnstein will contact the property owner and discuss the problem with him, and make him aware of the threat that the trees pose to our water system.

2-There is \$1500 left in the budget from last year for fencing around the basketball court, which was to have been installed to keep the balls from going onto the road or into the swamp for the safety of our children using the court. Dorothy moved, seconded by Jay Martin, to spend up to \$1500 for fencing at the basketball court to contain the balls for the safety of the children. All in favor except one abstaining. Motion carried.

G-Road 4:

Gerry Sircus reported that he is still looking for material for the next issue.

H-Water:

Ron Arnstein reported that:

1- the line to the Kringas property is leaking, and will be repaired ASAP. A water shut off will be required.

2-The water storage tanks will be inspected internally with a submarine camera system in the near future, as required by the Board of Health, at a cost of approximately \$1500.

Meeting adjourned, at 12:35 PM.

Minutes of Special Executive Board of GBCA meeting – 4/29/12

Present: Ron Arnstein, President; Mera Eisen, Vice President; Martha Levites, Treasurer; Dan Fast, Secretary; Dorothy Schulman, Michael Brown, Drew Orr, Jay Martin, Fred Margolies, Chris Rietsch, John Bergherr,

Absent: Ken Finkelman, Gerry Sircus, Cindi Hicks (not invited to attend due to conflict of interest)

Meeting called to order at 10:03 AM

This meeting was called for the Board to consider the Jones house sale situation.

Ron reported that the 4/9/12 letter from Neil Hicks pertaining to that situation had apparently upset Tina Jones, and that she is demanding that she be indemnified in the event that she is sued by Neil, one of the threats alluded to in his letter. Lesli Klainberg, the person from the GBCA list that the GBCA will be assigning its option to, has indicated that she will not indemnify Tina.

Ron pointed out that in the event that Tina refuses to go ahead with the sale to the GBCA, then the GBCA could sue Tina for breach of contract.

Martha moved, seconded by John, that we notify our attorney that Lesli is not indemnifying Tina, and ask for clarification as to how to proceed to a closing. EG: Should we notify Tina of her 60 day time limit to closing. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA meeting – 5/20/12

Present: Ron Arnstein, President; Mera Eisen, Vice President; Martha Levites, Treasurer; Dan Fast, Secretary; Dorothy Schulman, Michael Brown, Drew Orr, , Chris Rietsch, John Bergherr, Gerry Sircus

Absent: Ken Finkelman, Fred margolies, Jay Martin, Cindi Hicks

Meeting called to order at 9:20 AM

1-Minutes:

The minutes of the 4/15/12 Regular Board meeting were read, and accepted as read. The minutes of the 4/29/12 Special Board meeting were read, and accepted as read.

2-Financial:

Martha reported as follows:

As of May 19, 2012:

Assets in bank:	
Checking:	
M&T Camp:	\$ 45,174
M&T Checking:	\$ 22,454
Total checking	\$ 67,628
Savings:	
Regular savings:	\$102,122
Capitol improvement:	\$ 40,552
Water Money Market at M&T	\$ 34,648
Total Savings:	\$177,322
Total Assets:	\$244,950

Financial issues:

The following members have made no payment for 2012:

19 Pond St, Inc.

Berkowitz - we will receive payment after their closing this coming Monday.

Burgun

Camporeale

Cousin

Cubides (on Colony water)

Decaudin - Property listed as a short sale.

Fekete

Gecaj (on Colony water)

Hom-Mansfield (owes for 2011 & 2012)

Pasamanick

Rios - property is in foreclosure.

Schneider

Shuldiner

Soultanian

Ron will speak to: Burgun, Cousin, Cubides, Gecaj, Pasamanick, Schneider. Martha will send out second notices to the above named this week.

3-Jones property:

A-Dan read a copy of a letter, dated 5/14/12, from our attorney, George Calcagnini, to Neil Hicks' attorney advising him that the Jones property had been sold to the GBCA, which had then assigned the contract of sale to Lesli Klainberg; that the closing had occurred; that the property was now in the possession of Ms.Klainberg; and that there was, therefore, nothing further to discuss.

B-Martha stated that she had spoken to Mr. Calcagnini, who advised her that the GBCA Board must ask Cindi Hicks to resign from the Board due to the conflict of interest inherent in her being on the Board should Neil carry out his threat to sue the GBCA. Were that to occur, Cindi would be liable for a lawsuit from the GBCA due to the conflict of interest.

Martha moved, seconded by Dorothy, that we request in writing Cindi's resignation from the Board due to the conflict of interest issue. In favor all, except two abstaining. Motion carried. Dan will write the letter, send it to Calcagnini for approval, and then mail it to Cindi.

After some discussion Martha moved, seconded by Dorothy, to request that Kelly Donovan review our governing documents with regard to improving the sales procedure. Carried unanimously.

4-Committee reports:

A-Beach & Camp:

-Maureen Martin, as Camp representative, emailed a report: a WSI and Waterfront Director have been hired in the person of Colin, who is 22 and has been a lifeguard for 4 years.-Scott Moore donated a complete first aid kit for the Beach, and the defibrillator for the Beach has been ordered.

-Mulch will be ordered and delivered in time for the Beach clean up.

-Brandon Orr was hired to handle clean up at the Beach.

B-Barn:

Michael reported that the ballfield tree work has been completed, and the bathroom water leak has been repaired.

C-Social:

The season is set except for the talent show. As yet there has been no interest shown for this.

D-Road 4:

The mailing of the current issue is going out with a flyer requesting participation in the Talent show. As always, Gerry is looking for material.

E-Nominating:

Michael reported that Martha will not run for Treasurer, but will run for At Large; Ron, Mera, and Dan will run again for President, Vice President, and Secretary, respectively. We have enough candidates to fill all vacancies, and more are being sought.

5-Good & Welfare:

A-Ron reported that Ms. Kringas had been hit on the head by a falling tree limb from a tree near the Kringas' driveway. He stated that there were several trees, that appeared to be in poor condition, that were on Colony property, along the road that connects the Kringas property with Pond St., and that he had 4 trees removed, on an emergency basis, at a cost of \$800. The expenditure will be reported on at the next Membership meeting.

B-Dan reported tha Ken Finkelman has missed a total of 5 Board meetings, and is therefore off the Board. Dan moved, seconded by John, to reinstate Ken to the Board. In favor: all except one abstaining. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Minutes of GBCA Board Meeting June 10, 2012

Present: Ron Arnstein, Martha Levites, Fred Margulies, Gerry Sircus, John Berrgher, Mera Eisen, Ken Finkleman , Drew Orr

Absent: Dan Fast, Michael Brown, Dorothy Schulman

Guest: Chuck Gohn , President, Associates of Glens Falls, Inc

Chuck was introduced by John who recommends his firm based on the work they do with his organization, Open Gate, a non profit organization.

Based on an annual review of Homeowners Insurance policies, we can expect a 3-5% increase of premium.

Our coverage includes ordinance or law-increased cost of construction, Chuck recommends excess medical coverage for children in camp. John will follow up on .

Re: Directors and Officers Liability:

Cover the board members up to \$1,000,000.

Board members may want to review their additional coverage under their homeowners insurance liability coverage.

Water Coverage Exclusion: Water system coverage is for sudden outages caused by a distinct event, vs.. "not maintaining the system"

Chuck reviewed personal home and auto coverage, re: use of such for colony members.

John left at the end of this presentation.

Financial

Martha presented the following report:

As of June 10,2012

Checking:

M&T Camp \$150,637

M&T Checking \$ 24,169

Total checking \$174.805

Savings:

Regular Savings \$ 72,122

Capital Improvement \$ 40,557

Water Money Market at M&T \$ 34,653

Total Savings \$147,332

Total Assets: \$322,137

Accounts Receivable:

The following have not yet paid their annual dues:

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Cubides * on colony water

Decaudin – house listed as a short sale

Fekete

Gecaj - *on colony water

Hom-Mansfield owes for 2011 & 2012

Rios – in foreclosure

Schneider

Shuldiner

Soultanian

Second notices sent to all. Follow up phone calls to most.

Rental & Sales

Ken Reported that Kelly Donovan requested to be added to the list of prospective buyers. There was extensive discussion re the current rule which excludes current owners from the "list" but not from buying property after first refusal. As requested by the board, Kelly is reviewing current policies re rental and sales.

Camp: Acknowledging that C. Hicks is no longer on the board Mera was asked to be liaison to camp committee until the next election. She is already working with the camp committee concerning the hiring of waterfront staff.

Beach:

All waterfront staff have been hired.

Colin Teague WSI will be the aquatics manager, available 10-6p,m.

Re: water instruction outside of camp. Notify Colin (or Brandon) 24 hours in advance to assure adequate life guard presence during instruction This notice will be in Road Four and perhaps "community blast email" could go out to entire membership re this. Mera or Chris will write the info with appropriate telephone information for requests.

Chris will develop the waterfront schedule.

Beach cleanup was completed. Budget in place for Sand. Drew will order.

Ron will coordinate Rafts & Ropes to be put out Sat. 6/23...potential volunteers, Dave Levy, Chris, Drew, Jay, Mike, Eric, Paul.

Minutes prepared by: Mera Eisen

*Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2011
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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. 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, Mera Eisen: 914-232-8172, Drew Orr 914-232-9684 and Dan Fast 914-232-5397. 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 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.

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 wastewater 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. 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.

While these tests include an overwhelming number of elements and compounds, we only report those that are actually detected even though they are below the maximum contamination levels (MCL) as specified by the NY State Health Department. The following table shows all detectable "Contaminants" in our drinking water:

Table of Detected Contaminants						
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Avg/Max) (Range)	Unit Measurement	MCLG	Likely Source of Contamination

NITRATE	NO	09/23/11	1.79	PPM	10PPM	Naturally present in Well Water
NITRITE	NO	09/23/11	NONE DETECTED			
THM	NO	08/15/11	1.6	PPB	80PPB	Chlorination By-Product

LEAD/COPPER 90TH PERCENTILE CALCULATIONS FOR 5 SELECTED SITES

LEAD	NO	09/28-30/11	11.3	PPB	15PPB	HOUSE PLUMBING
COPPER	NO	09/28-30/11	0.226	Mg/L	1.3Mg/L	HOUSE PLUMBING
			LOWEST TEST RESULT		HIGHEST TEST RESULT	
LEAD			1.1 PPB		20.1 PPB	
COPPER			NOT MEASUREABLE		0.337 Mg/L	

RADIOLOGICAL MEASURED IN PICOCURIES/LITER – Naturally Present in Well Water

MAIN STREET WELL

Gross Alpha	NO	03/11/04	2.7	pCi/L	0-15
Gross Beta	NO	03/11/04	3.8	pCi/L	
Radiation 226	NO	03/11/04	1.2	pCi/L	0-3.0
Radiation 228	NO	03/11/04	1.0	pCi/L	
Uranium	NO	03/11/04	1.9	ug/l	

BRANCH STREET WELL

Gross Alpha	NO	03/11/04	4.2	pCi/L	0-15
Gross Beta	NO	03/11/04	2.8	pCi/L	
Radiation 226	NO	03/11/04	0.1	pCi/L	0-3.0
Radiation 228	NO	03/11/04	0.3	pCi/L	
Uranium	NO	03/11/04	4.3	ug/l	

DEFINITIONS:

MCL: Highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.

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

90th Percentage: For 5 samples. Computed by taking the average of the highest and second highest concentrations.

Milligrams per liter – Mg/L correspond to one part of liquid in one million parts (parts per million – PPM)

Micrograms per Liter – Mg/L corresponds to one part liquid in one billion parts of liquid. (parts per billion – PPB)

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) a measure of radio activity in water.

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 current federal drinking water requirements.

WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN ?

During 2011, our system had no violations as to water quality. Because of the sensitivity of testing methods, some contaminants are usually detected; however, these contaminants were detected below the level allowed by the State.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women, infants, and young children. Its 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>.

IS OUR WATER SYSTEM MEETING OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN OPERATIONS?

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During 2011 extensive sampling was done and the sampling showed that the drinking water was in compliance with applicable drinking water requirements.

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.
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.

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Lawn Legacy

*Once welcomed shade,
The bone white stump decays.
Moss, fern and Fungi abound,
A seedling stirs,
The circle sealed.*

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