

# Road Four

NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLDENS BRIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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## Lewisboro's Business Community In Transition

By Jane K Dove on March 5, 2015

### Big plans for Goldens Bridge

Of all the hamlets with a significant business presence, Goldens Bridge seems to be on the cusp of a major upturn in scale and appearance.

Known locally as the A&P Shopping Center, after its anchor store, but officially named the North County Shopping Center, the site is owned by partners Bob Lauria and Stephen Cipes, with Mr. Lauria as manager.

Speaking to The Ledger on Monday, Mr. Lauria and his project architect, Peter Helmes of the Helmes Group of Katonah, described their future plans for the site.

"As everyone knows, we are anchored by the A&P but have a long list of other businesses, including the Bank of America, Portofino's Pizzeria, a U.S. post office, a Subway and a Dunkin' Donuts, dry cleaners, hair salon, greeting card store, wine shop, yogurt shop, dentist, accounting firm, and our management office, all in a commercial strip adjacent to the A&P."

Mr. Lauria said as successful as they are, he and his partner have plans for a major expansion.

"We have been before the town planning board with

a plan that includes a new 16,000-square-foot, two-story, free-standing building in the northeast section of the property close to Route 138. That part of the property is currently undeveloped."

Architect Helmes said the new building would be traditional in style.

"It will be Colonial with a clock cupola in the center of the building," he said. "At this point, I am envisioning clapboard siding, with perhaps some shingles, and dormers."

Mr. Helmes said there would be space for three retail businesses on the first floor and four separate office suites on the second floor.

"We are planning on bringing in the Little Feet day care center to occupy spacious quarters on the first floor and part of the second," he said.

Mr. Lauria said he believed Little Feet would be a "tremendous draw" for the center, bringing increased traffic from parents.

"We have done our homework on this and gotten as much done in advance of planning board review as possible," Mr. Lauria said. "We've been to the Department of Transportation, the Department of Health, have our engineers in place, and our contractor lines up. We are hoping for a timely and successful review of our application."

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## Fundraising For Our Social Justice Scholarship Fund

It's that time again. We need to replenish our scholarship fund. In addition to our yearly social justice scholarship given to a graduating John Jay High School student, we plan to offer an art scholarship in memory of Judith Fast this coming year. To raise the money we need, we are planning a gala evening, on August 8, of art sales and an auction of goods and services offered by Colony members. There will be wine, cheese, and desserts to top off the evening. Everyone can participate in one way or another.

We know we have a tremendous amount of talent right here in the community. This is the occasion to show it off. We need artists of all types: painters, sculptors, photographers, ceramicists, glassblowers, and jewelry makers. You just need to be willing to sell your work and give back 25% for our scholarship

fund. To show support for our worthy cause, The Katonah Art Center will also contribute art work. Friends of community members are invited to sell their work under the same terms as well. If artwork doesn't capture your attention, how about bidding for homemade fudge, or blintzes, or stuffed cabbage? Or would you prefer a service such as a massage, or guitar lesson? All things are possible with volunteers supporting our worthy cause.

To volunteer original artwork, or goods or services, call Martha Levites 232-4456 (levites1@verizon.net) or Pearl Klainberg 232-5402 (pearl.klainberg@gmail.com).

We are proud, as a community, to have offered a scholarship to a John Jay senior for over a decade. Let's continue to relate to our larger community in this positive way.



### Exhibition of Work by Member of the Katonah Museum Artists Association

On Saturday, March 28 the Katonah Museum Artists Association held a reception and gallery tour at the Conference Center of Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco, New York. Among the exhibitors was a member of our community, Martha Levites. Martha (pictured above) is an accomplished artist whose work includes quilted fabric collage, figurative oil paintings, and mostly still life's in pastel.



### Congratulations...

#### ...to the proud parents, Suzanne & Bret Fertig

On Sunday, May 17th, 2015. Jared Fertig grandson of Annette and Aaron Kroun, graduated from Thomas J. Watson School of Engineering and

Applied Science (Binghamton University) with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering.

On Thursday, May 28th, 2015. Ashley Fertig, granddaughter of Annette and Aaron Kroun graduated from Brooklyn Law with a Juris Doctor (JD) degree. Her aunt, Suzanne (Brooks) Fertig and uncle Adam Fertig, both graduates of Brooklyn Law, presented Ashley with her diploma.

#### ...to the proud parents, Stacy & Adam Fertig

Jacob (Kroun) Fertig grandson of Annette and Aaron Kroun will graduate from the Frank Sinatra School of the Arts in Long Island City, NY. He was enrolled in their film program. Jacob was accepted into NYU Tisch School of the Arts for Film and Television.

This past April, Jacob's short film *Transparency* was chosen to be shown at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York City, celebrating emerging storytellers under the age of 21. Another of Jacob's film, a short documentary, *The Keeper*, can be viewed on Vimeo as well as You Tube. Some of his other short films include *Bound* and *Standstill*. Jacob is also doing an internship at the Film Society of Lincoln Center.

*Congratulations to Hannah Yates-Smyth and her husband J.D., on the birth of their daughter and to Maggie Hayes, proud grandmother.*

ELKE MARGARET YATES-SMYTH



**Congratulations to the proud grandparents, Judy and Mark Migdail and proud parents, Alice Kay Lee and Seth Migdail** on the birth of their daughter, Lavender Kaylee Migdail, born on April 15, 2015.

**Short Change**, an eight-piece funk band, made up of John Jay School students, participated in the Ridgefield BandJam on April 26th. The band members, four middle school and four high school students include **Avi Shulman** from our community. They received good feedback from members of the audience Although they did not win the American Idol style competition, a great time was had by all.

Avi also performed at the John Jay High School Spring Concerts on Tuesday, June 2. He plays the Baritone Sax. Five bands were on the program that night and Avi performed in four of them.



Kayla and David McDonough are the proud parents of a new daughter. Brooke Dae was born on April 13th and weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces. She has blue eyes and is reported to sleep a lot. The parents are excited to be able to raise their daughter in our community.



Julia Rietsch, Ilene and Chris' daughter, was named to the National Honor Society and also received an award for Excellence in Architecture for her grade.

**Doris Anne Mikus**  
May 21, 2015

Doris Anne Mikus of Goldens Bridge, died May 21, 2015 she was only 87 years young.

Born Doris Slater in Mt. Kisco, N.Y. on Nov. 22, 1927. At a young age she and her family moved to the Adirondacks where she lived in Keene Valley. She went to the Keene Valley school only a half block from her home. Her grades were quite high and was considered a Mensa level intelligence. She attended the Congregational Church in town. She was quite active (a tom boy if you can believe) and had climbed most of the prestigious "High Peaks" in her youth...and that is before all the high-tech gear. Tired of the country life, she moved on her own around the age of 18 to the Westchester area. She began working for Western Union and in a recent discovery we found love telegrams between her and her "boyfriend." She married Charles Mikus and they made their way to Armonk where she began work as a librarian in the school system, where she worked for over 30 years. They raised three wonderful children there before moving to Goldens Bridge, N.Y. around 1990. Charlie became sick and died in 1994. She continued on her own until Feb. 14th of 2000 when she met the second love of her life, Paul Dengler.

She is survived by Paul her life partner, Steve and Lori Mikus, her son and spouse, Jane and Brian Williams, her daughter and spouse, Cathy her daughter, Elizabeth, Lauren and Lindsay her granddaughters, Jayson, Julian, Derrick and Avery her great grandsons



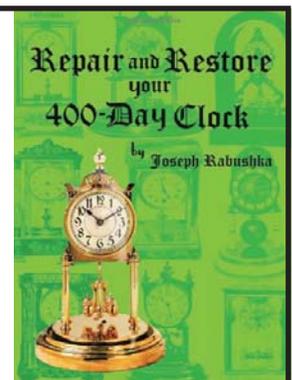
**Joseph Rabushka**, age 86, of Goldens Bridge died Sunday, April 5, 2015 at Northern Westchester Hospital of Mount Kisco, N.Y. Mr. Rabushka was born February 5, 1929 in St. Louis, MO. He is the son of the late Hyman and Edith (Fine) Rabushka.

He was a Concert Violinist and the world expert in restoring 400-Day Clocks.

Joseph Rabushka has been repairing and restoring 400-day clocks for over 30 years. He is the author of the book *Repair and Restore Your 400-day Clock*. Mr. Rabushka was recognized as one of the worlds foremost experts on 400-day clock repair. This book is the most comprehensive repair manual that describes, in fully-illustrated detail, every aspect of 400-day clock repair for the novice as well as the professional.

He has repaired and restored 400-day clocks for collectors worldwide and for more than 70 clock dealers and jewelers throughout the United States and Canada.

Joseph is survived by his wife of 41 years, Bira (Fenster) Rabushka; a step-son, Aviel David Haas and step-daughter Alysa Helen Haas.



## *The Train to Snowy* By Abraham Weitzman, Sixth Grade

(Continued from last issue)

Tom walked to the hotel. Snowy only had one. It had twenty rooms and only two were ever filled. Tom requested the third floor Krystal suite, the best room in the house. He turned the key and stepped through the portal to Winnella's world. Next to his bed was a telephone with a dial on its own stand. The bathroom had a claw foot tub and a sink carved into a turtle shell. The hot water was plentiful and Tom had not bathed in days. He got in smelling as bad as those days after Little League doubleheaders and soaked for more than an hour. When he'd scrubbed the grime from the parts that needed it, and massaged the muscles, which needed it more, Tom dressed in clothes he'd left on his last visit. He left his room like he found it, taking his dirty clothes with him and tossing them in the trash.

Snowy was terrific, terrifying Tom as it tantalized him towards the town center. He made his way toward their restaurant hoping that she would be sitting at that table in the corner, like the first and last time they were together. Tom flashed back to two years ago, seeing the most beautiful woman he had ever encountered. He recalled being more nervous than he had ever been in his life. When he finally got up the courage to go up to the bar to say hi he froze up. She was even more stunning up close, auburn hair and eyes as blue as the Pacific.

This is the part where you say hello and ask me my name.

That made Tom calm down, and the rest of the night was magical; they talked and danced all night. It was a night that made all others seem unimportant. Going to sleep, with wonder, Tom dreamt of ice princesses.

Quietly dawn awoke Tom. Tomorrow had arrived with the outline of his plans in place. He dressed in the clothes he'd left on his last trip. He thought one last time of his good friends, the shop, the reality he abandoned when took the train to Snowy. Tom ironically had remembered a town with no past or future. He never expurgated the memories. He tried to nurture them while he passed the years. Tom experienced each initial approach as a first sight love. He anticipated and remembered each first kiss. He knew they were coming but he was always surprised and thrilled. No one compared with Winnella. But Tom wanted more.

Snowy deprived everyone who lived there of a past and a future in exchange for a present utopia. Tom's uncle was one of the precious few who left Snowy.

He decided that being stuck in an infinite loop no matter how amazing was something he couldn't do for his whole life. Tom wanted to marry Winnella, but instead they danced all night. He couldn't use her shoulder as a pillow, but she kissed him. They couldn't disagree, but he wanted to go beyond her first date flirtation. He couldn't forget her and she couldn't remember him. Tom needed to get Winnella to freedom.

Tom doggedly trailed Winnella all afternoon, waiting to talk during a romantic, "chance" encounter. She always turned away. He waited for her outside her house, but she reflected his affect and pretended seeing past. He stood next to her in the bar, near enough to overhear her thoughts, and distinguished nothing. Tom began to panic. The emotions of the whole trip swelled to a boiling point, hit Tom and he was overwhelmed by the feeling that this whole trip was pointless. Tom began rambling at an inaudible level, "I can't believe after a hundred magical nights..." He turned away and heard Winnella speak:

"This is the part where you say hello and ask me my name."

Tom had no defense when he heard his cue. He was completely without control reciting his lines and dancing and feeling the excitement of their first kiss. He was falling in love. He had never imagined such joy. Winnella was the perfect woman for him and he knew how the night would end.

Tom asked, "Marry me?"

Winnella, if surprised, didn't show it. She began quietly gathering her garments to go. "I can't. In Snowy I am free but I cannot leave. I am not greedy, expecting you to stay."

Tom asked again, "Marry me?" Tom pretended no pent up fear welled in him, fear of being in a battle with Winnella. She needed to want to leave. He had tried staying, sometimes for weeks, living the same, although perfect, day. He asked again, knowing the answer, needing her answer, freedom for them both, free to go home.

Tom boarded the train. He waited for her. To see her auburn hair against the glittering train station would have broached the possibility. Having no offer, Tom was free of Snowy's hold. He pondered his future, thinking of the possibilities. Could he ever come back, could he continue this cycle of ecstasy and agony? As the blare of the horn sounded - his exit - Tom came to the realization that this had to end. There could never be another train to Snowy.

### **Pete Seeger Commemoration**

Those of us who enjoyed Pete Seeger over the years may wish to attend a Pete Seeger Commemoration on Saturday evening, September 19th. It will be held at the Pete & Toshi Seeger Auditorium, Beacon High School. The Commemoration will be staged by the Vanaver Caravan, a dance & folk music performance group.

## Summer Social Season

The summer 2015 social season is a mix of old and new. The usually very risk adverse social committee has gone out on a limb in an attempt to draw more of our younger neighbors and children to the barn on a warm Saturday evening. Our two new offerings are appropriate for colony residents of all ages. We are hoping to fill the barn with participants and their family and friends joining in just for the fun of it. Also, in addition to the “new” events we have the best of the best filling the remaining Saturday night slots. More about these nights later.

### Paint Nite

First up on July 11th is Paint Nite. You may have heard of the Paint Nite craze sweeping the country. A local master artist and instructor will guide 25 participants in creating their individual interpretation of the evening’s pre-selected piece. No prior painting experience or training is required. As a matter of fact, participation in the event may lead you to discover hidden artistic talents you never thought you possessed. Many people are surprised to find out that painting is something they can take great pleasure in doing. There will be snacks and drinks for the kids as well as wine and cheese for the adults.

All brushes, paints and canvases will be provided. However, wear something you won’t mind having splattered with paint or bring an apron.

We hope the barn will be filled with family and friends of aspiring artists but we must limit the amount of actual painters to 25. Therefore please call Lizette 232-9684 to reserve your spot. Any open painting slots on July 11 will be filled on a first come basis.

### The Bat

A popular National Public Radio show comprised of folks telling

5-6 minute stories without the aid of written material will be recreated in our barn on August 22nd at 8:30PM. The name of the NPR show is the Moth, referring to the moths flying around a front porch as stories were told by the creator of the show. Our version is the BAT, referring to the occasional bat flying around the barn on a Saturday night.

Colony people, both young and old, love to tell (and listen to) stories. There are many stories about the various characters that have lived here that newcomers would love to hear. Each month at the board meeting while waiting for a quorum stories are told. Some concerning current events and others from the distant past. As I write this article the names of great story tellers on the board come to mind, Ron, Jerry, Fred and Mike. There must be many interesting tales that can be shared with the rest of us.

We will be lining up story tellers of all ages from now till August. The time available for telling all the stories is not open ended so we may not have time to fit them all in. However, if that’s the case, there’s always next year’s Bat.

Story tellers, call Martha at 232-4456 and arrange an audition. Listeners, mark your calendars August 22nd!!!

### The Best Of The Best

• Jerry Sokolov, with a number of other seasoned musicians, will bring Jazz to the beach at 8:30PM on July 18th. Since his first show with us several years ago Jerry’s band has been a big hit. And they love playing here. If you think you don’t like jazz you must hear Jerry and his band. And if you already love it, you’re in for a great night.

• The Jammin’ Divas, another Colony favorite, will be returning on July 25th at 8:30PM in the barn. The five piece band will be playing and singing traditional and

contemporary folk music from the USA and other countries. Check them out on YouTube.

• Ian McNally (one of our own) joined by his friend Tim and the Cicero Choristers, will be performing at the barn on August 15th at 8:30PM. Ian has performed at Colony talent shows as part of a duet, and with his mother Lisa Wenzel, and at other occasions. The Social committee is very excited that he agreed to perform for us again.

• Art Show & Sale, Raffle and Auction on August 8th at 8:00PM. Come and join your neighbors for a fun evening of wine, cheese and art. Work by local artists will be available for purchase. An auction will be held for the many goods and services the Colony has to offer. And, who knows, you may win the raffle and go home with a bunch of cash! All net proceeds go to the fund the Social Justice Scholarship awarded each year to a John Jay High School student.

### Also

Introduction to TAI CHI and CHI-KONG, a Chinese system of exercises shown to improve mental & physical health, will be hosted by David Levy at barn on Monday July 6th.

Friday folk dancing: Every Friday in July and August and September 4th. See the calendar in Road Four for more details.

Wednesday Movies: Selma will be shown on July 15th. It tells an incredible true story of courage and faith that all should experience. It has a PG 13 rating for violence. Other movies in July and August: “In The Heat of The Night”, “Singing In The Rain”, “McFarland” and on September 2nd “Pride”. Check the social calendar for dates and times.

Children’s movies will be shown July and August on Tuesday evenings.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<h1>July 2015</h1>			1	2	3 <i>Folk Dancing</i> 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) @ the Barn with Jim Gold	4 <b>Opening Night BBQ</b> @ the Beach 7:30
5	6 <i>Intro to Chi Kong and Tai Chi</i> <i>Led by David Levy</i> @ the Barn 8:00	7 <i>Children's Movies</i>  TBA	8	9	10 <i>Folk Dancing</i> 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) @ the Barn with Jim Gold	11 <b>Art Night</b>  @ the Barn 8:30
12	13	14 <i>Children's Movies</i>  TBA	15 <i>Movie Night</i>  <b>"Selma"</b> 8:00 @ the Barn	16	17 <i>Folk Dancing</i> 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) @ the Barn with Jim Gold	18 <b>Jerry Sokolov Jazz with Friends</b> @ the Beach 8:30
19	20	21 <i>Children's Movies</i>  TBA	22	23	24 <i>Folk Dancing</i> 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) @ the Barn with Jim Gold	25 <b>Jammin Divas</b>  @ the Barn 8:30
26	27	28 <i>Children's Movies</i>  TBA	29 <i>Movie Night</i> <b>"In the Heat of the Night"</b> 8:00 @ the Barn	30	31 <i>Folk Dancing</i> 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) @ the Barn with the Beers	

**NON-COLONY MEMBERS ADMISSION IS \$15.00 both FRIDAY and SATURDAY**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>August 2015</h1>						1 <b>Volleyball Tournament and BBQ</b> @ the Beach 7:30
2	3	4 Children's Movies  TBA	5 Movie Night "Singing in the Rain" 8:00 @ the Barn	6	7 Folk Dancing 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) @ the Barn with the Beers	8 <b>Art Show &amp; Auction to Benefit Scholarship Fund</b> @ the Barn 8:30
9	10	11 Children's Movies  TBA	12	13	14 Folk Dancing 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) @ the Barn with the Beers	15 <b>Music with Ian, Tim &amp; the Cicero Choiristers</b> @ the Barn 8:30
16	17	18 Children's Movies  TBA	19 Movie Night  "McFarland" 8:00 @ the Barn	20	21 Folk Dancing 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) @ the Barn with the Beers	22 <b>The Bat</b>  @ the Barn 8:30
23	24	25 Children's Movies  TBA	26	27 Book Discussion "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr 8:00	28 Folk Dancing 8:00 to 10:00 (8-9 instruction) @ the Barn with the Beers	29
30	31	1	2 ***** Movie Night "Pride" 8:00 @ the Barn	3 ***** <b>SEPTEMBER</b> *****	4 Folk Dancing 8:00 to 10:00 @ the Barn with the Beers	5 <b>BANQUET</b>

## 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 Ron Arnstein and Drew Orr 914-232-9684. 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. The Source Water Assessment Report was specific for our two wells and indicates the sensitivity of our water supply to contaminants.

A summary of the reports conclusions are:

Well Number 2570031 (Nursery Well) and

Well Number 2570032 (Branch Street Well).

"No significant potential sources of contamination were identified for either well".

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.

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. Only the compounds listed below were detected in your drinking water (during 2014).

Table of Detected Contaminants							
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Date of Sample	Level Detected (Range)	Unit Measur e-ment	MCLG	Regulatory Limit (MCL, TT or AL)	Likely Source of Contamination

NITRATE	NO	08/16/14	2.13	PPM		10PPM	
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NITRITE	NO	08/16/14	N.D.				
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THM*	NO	08/05/14	0.00075	mg/l		0.08mg/l	
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HAA *	NO	08/05/14	N.D.				
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\*Trihalomethanes

\*Halo Acetic Acid

Lead and cooper sampling performed every three years - First Draw

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

**LEAD 90<sup>th</sup> PERCENTILE = 0.6 PPB (Note 2)**

Lead NO 09/12/14 <1.0-1.2 PPB 15 PPB Household plumbing

**COPPER 90<sup>th</sup> PERCENTILE = 0.17 Mg/l (Note 1)**

Copper NO 09/12/14 <0.05-0.19 Mg/l 1.3 Mg/l Household plumbing

1 – The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the five (5) 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. The 90th percentile is equal to or greater than 90% of the copper values detected at your water system. In this case, five (5) samples were collected at your water system and the 90th percentile value was the average of the two highest values. The highest value was 0.19 Mg/l and the second highest was 0.15 Mg/l. The action level for copper was not exceeded at any of the sites tested.

2 – The level presented represents the 90th percentile of the five (5) samples collected. There was only one detectable lead value of 1.2 PPB. Since the rest were none detectable, the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value was 0.6 PPB. The action level for lead was not exceeded at any of the five (5) sites tested.

**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 drinking water.

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

**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).

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

**Picocuries 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.

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 limits.

**WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN ?**

During 2014, our system had no water quality violations. Because of the sensitivity of testing methods, some contaminants are usually 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. 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. We received a violation notice in 2014 for taking a disinfection byproduct sample at only one sampling location when two (2) are required per the Stage 2 DBP Rule. Testing will be done at two sites during 2015.

**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.**

**The GBCA Water Committee  
Ronald Arnstein,  
Cert.# NY0030719**

**Timber Lake 2014 Water Quality Summary**

Our community participates in the Citizens Statewide Lake Assessment Program (CSLAP). Water from our lake is sampled on a regular schedule. It was last done in 2014. A comprehensive analysis was completed and a report on a variety of indicators was sent to our community committee, Michael Brown, George Levites, Eric Stand, Russell Gordon, and Peter Rykin.

The report indicated that generally favorable conditions exist. “Water quality and recreational assessments were more favorable than normal in 2014...aquatic plant growth has decreased in the last several years and fear of eutrophication has diminished.” Those interested in reading the complete report may view it online at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/77829.html>

**BOARD MINUTES**

**GBCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2015**

Present: Secretary; Ron Arnstein, Mike Brown, Drew Orr, Dorothy Shulman, Rina Slavin, Fred Margolies, Jay Martin, Joy Radulavic, Carol Nordgren, Jeremy Metz and John Bergherr (Chaired this meeting)

Absent: Adam Huggard, Gerry Sircus, Dan Fast and Mera Eisen  
John opened the meeting at 09.35 A.M..

The minutes of the E.B. meeting 01-11-2014 was read and accepted: Motion Mike and second by Dorothy.  
The following reports were presented:

1. Financial Report: Adam Reporting

M&T Bank	\$111,199.73
Camp funds	2,037.42
Water capital fund	21,437.46
Capital improvement fund	\$ 87,786.58

The camp account was questioned. Rina will advise.

2. Lake – Drew is looking into the channels for the replacement boards which should be in place this spring.
  3. Camp – All is going well. Campers will be limited to 75.
  4. Social – Planning for the coming season is well underway.
- No other Committees Reported and the meeting adjourned at 10.45 A.M..

**GBCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2015**

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

Absent: John Bergherr  
Dan opened the meeting at 09.38 A.M..

The minutes of the E.B. meeting 02-08-2015 was read and accepted: Motion Dorothy and second by Mike.

The following reports were presented:

1. Financial Report: Adam Reporting

M&T Bank	\$ 148,290.28
Camp funds	29,153.51
Water capital fund	21,438.28
Capital improvement fund	\$ 87,793.32

Adam provided a detailed report that lists members in arrears and on payment plans. The question came up concerning second and/or adjoining acres. It was likely that acres that were joined making a single Town Tax Parcel would be assessed the same way by the community. Dan will contact the Town Assessor and advise. It was also noted that the Town assesses interest on late payments – should we follow suit?

There followed a motion by Jay for the Finance Committee to make a recommendation concerning assessing penalty charges for late payments. Second by Mera – Unanimous.

2. Camp – First session is full but a fourth lifeguard is still needed for the 3-4 P.M. Camp coverage. This lifeguard also meets the Community need for coverage until 7 P.M..

3. Beach – Looking for Colony Lifeguard coverage and expects an assessment of wall repairs when the snow is gone. Drew to advise.

4. Barn – Might have to replace two refrigerators and definitely must replace the sink. No further information on the residing project from Steve Miller.

Road 4 published the Miller report without attribution. This will be corrected in the next issue.

5. General

-A water fountain is requested at the beach and ballfield – Drew to Handle.

-Ron will attempt to contact David DeAngelis to determine if the house is abandoned and the water should be shut off. If he can't be contacted, we'll post a notice.

-Drew shut off the water at the Sandler house.

No other Committees Reported and the meeting adjourned at 11 A.M..

**GBCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2015**

Present: President; Dan Fast, Secretary; Ron Arnstein, Treasurer; Adam Huggard, Mike Brown, Drew Orr, Rina Slavin, Jay Martin, Joy Radulavic, Carol Nordgren, Jeremy Metz, Gerry Sircus and Mera Eisen

Absent: Dorothy Shulman and Fred Margolies

The minutes of the E.B. meeting of 03-08-2015 were read and accepted unanimously. Motion – Adam, second Carol.

1. Financial Report by Adam

012 M&T Bank	\$ 144,064.14
014 Camp Account M&T	“ 43,658.99
015 Water Capital Fund	“ 21,439.19
016 Capital Improvement Fund	“ 87,800.77

Adam Presented an overdue notice letter stating what actions will be taken for those in arrears and without payment plans. After considerable discussion, John made a motion seconded by Mera to accept Adam's letter with some modifications. This was accepted by Eight(8) in favor, One(1) opposed and two(2) abstentions. When a revised letter is received, it will be made part of these minutes and therefore included in Road 4.

2. Lake Committee – Eric Strand attended as a guest.

Some of the open questions relating to the East of Hudson Grants (it is not clear if these funds are available).

Are: \*phosphorous reduction program

\*Design & Proposal from Engineers

For dredging at Hall at Main Forbay Project

\*Parking lot modifications – leveling

\*Uses for dredged material – Non Hazardous

\*Likely to take place after the Summer

Extracts of the c-slap summary will be published in Road 4. for general information

3. Camp – Rina and Dan will do “a walk-through” of camp facilities – some issues raised were;

-Cleaning date, fire extinguishers, water test, police monitoring of car traffic.

-Reported first session is full but second session is lagging.

4. Beach – Brandon will be waterfront director. Beach cleanup and rafts, sand, etc., scheduled on Saturday, June 20, 2015.

5. Barn – A dumpster will be placed April 25 at the barn.

6. Social – Jerry will replace Ellen for the Book discussion Evening August 13th, 2015.

Adjourned 11.30 A.M..



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