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## Private Wells

**A walk through our 17 acres**

*By Jo Ann Ehnes*

**E**njoying a walk in the 17 acres with John Bergherr as our guide on Saturday, April 21, 2007.

The colony families (Rust, Mahoney-Finkelman, Ehnes, and Shulman) enjoyed hiking to the "Old Ruines", walked along a stream, and investigated the old water shed. Fun was had by all, especially the kids. Thank you Mr. Bergherr for sharing your knowledge with us. ❖



## *From the Editor*

"Road Four" is now available in electronic (PDF) format. If you, or any friends or relatives would like to get the electronic version, contact me with the recipient's email address.

If you have any news, be it personal or whatever that you would like to share, send it to us.

PLEASE NOTE: The editorial staff of Road Four has decided to issue Road Four on a quarterly basis using the following schedule: Mar 1, June 1, Sept 1, Dec 1. This schedule shall be followed beginning Dec 1 of this year. All articles for publication should be submitted at least three weeks before the publication date.

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## **COMMITTEE NEWS RELEASE**

**May 23, 2007**

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### **COUNTY BOARD REQUIRES TESTING OF PRIVATE WELLS**

#### **Law protects 20,000 households from contaminated drinking water**

Adding a measure of protection for the county's 20,000 households who rely on private wells for their drinking water, the County Board passed legislation this week that requires property sellers to test their wells for pollutants before they sell their property and landlords to test their wells on a periodic basis.

County Legislator Tom Abinanti, Chair of the Environment & Energy Committee that shepherded the legislation, noted that both public and private water systems are monitored but that this law is the first to require testing of private wells for contaminants in Westchester.

"Everyone takes drinking water for granted," said Abinanti. "But we've viewed private wells as if they were somehow immune from contamination. Groundwater contamination from industrial and commercial activities, pesticide applications and septage leakage could occur anywhere."

The new law requires testing for parameters that surpass those reviewed in typical water tests conducted by potential real property purchasers, including a broader range of both organic and conventional contaminants.

The new law mandates that the water testing must be conducted by a certified lab following strict Health Department guidelines. Test results must be given to both the proposed buyer and the Health Department which will develop a database to track water quality and identify problem areas.

Reports show that 25% of private drinking water wells were found to be contaminated after similar legislation was enacted in New Jersey in 2001. In the fifteen months since Rockland County's private well water testing law went into effect, over half flunked the water test.

"Clearly, this legislation is needed to get wells tested that are not now being tested and to raise the public's awareness of the importance of periodic testing," said Abinanti.

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## Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2006

Goldens Bridge Community Association, Inc.

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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, Norman Levine: 914-232-5681, Jim Callen: 914-232-0582, Chris Rietsch: 914-232-3786 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 contami-

nants; 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 300 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, your drinking water is routinely tested 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. The State allows us to test for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. However, the Westchester Health Department does extensive testing every year. None of the compounds we analyzed were detected in 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 con-

taminants. 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.

#### **WHAT DOES THIS INFORMATION MEAN?**

During 2006, 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.

While our system does not contain lead in an amount above an action level, we are providing as a public service the following information on lead in drinking water.

"Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is 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. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791)."

#### **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 2006 extensive sampling was done on 11-13-2006 and the sampling showed that the drinking water was in compliance with applicable drinking water requirements.

The Complete Analyses Report is available to those interested. Please contact Ron Arnstein (914-232-8260).

#### **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 drink-

ing 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, P.E.  
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#### **Spring Loaded Check Valves**

*By Dan Fast*

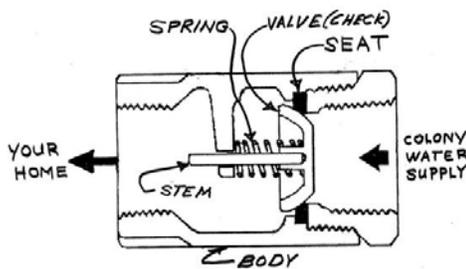
Many of our readers have been hearing about the use and installation of "spring loaded check valves" in reference to our community water system, and some may be wondering just what these devices are, where they are installed, and why they might be needed. A check valve allows flow of a liquid, in our case water, in only one direction, and comes in two common varieties: spring loaded and gravity operated. The spring loaded type provides the more positive operation, and is therefore more desirable for the protection of our water system.

This item is relatively simple, consisting of an outer body and an inner valve assembly. Since the Water Committee requires Watts valves, we will confine our discussion to those units. The outer body is bronze, and the valve assemblies consist of stainless steel and brass components, with Teflon seats. The valve is held against a seat in the body by a spring, and is moved off the seat by a relatively low amount of water pressure, allowing water flow. As long as the pressure on the output side of the valve is lower than the pressure on the input side, such as when a faucet is opened, water will flow. Should the pressure on the output side of the valve rise above the pressure on the input side of the valve, the valve will close, shutting off water.

These check valves should be installed on the incoming water line to the residence, immediately after the main shut off valve, which should be as close as possible to the point of entry. Their purpose is to prevent back flow: the flow of water from your home back into the water system. This prevents con-

taminants, which may have gotten into the water in a residence, from flowing back into the system. Although there is a relatively small chance of this happening, there have been instances in other communities where it has occurred. At this time the Water Committee is requiring all new hookups to the Colony Water System to have a Watts Series 700 double spring loaded check valve installed on their incoming water line. The double check design provides redundancy, with a much higher level of protection than the single check design.

Please refer to the diagram for clarity (see below). I have shown the simpler single check design. The double check design encloses two single check valves, one behind the other, in a single body.



### GBCA Social Justice Scholarship Award

Beginning in 2001 the Goldens Bridge Colony has awarded a five hundred dollar Social Justice Scholarship to a graduating senior at John Jay H.S. who has been active in furthering the cause of social justice. The money for this Scholarship Fund had been raised in our community by a tag sale we held in the year 2000, and a silent auction held by us in 2003.

Those who have been awarded the Scholarship have been involved in diverse activities including, taking leadership roles in several John Jay, H.S. programs/clubs such as The World of Difference, Student World Awareness, Bridges to Community (a program of building housing in Nicaragua), The Gay Straight Alliance and Students Terminating Abusive Relationships. Other activities include Work for Darfur, AIDS work in Africa, organizing a local AIDS Walk and volunteer work at Camp VIVA (for children and families with HIV/AIDS), working in domestic violence shelters, tutoring children from foreign countries and participation in the Midnight Run.

Most of the students have been active in student government, the student newspaper, performing arts and/or sports and maintain high scholastic ratings. Their selection of colleges illustrate an effort to continue their higher education where individual initiative and creativity are supported.

GBCA is proud to support the efforts of these young people who are encouraged to apply for the GBCA Social Justice Award by the J.J. Guidance Office.

At this moment the funds raised by the 2000 tag sale and the 2003 silent auction have been depleted. We must raise new money to be able to continue this meaningful scholarship. In order to do so, the membership, at the June meeting, supported the plan to sponsor another silent auction the weekend of September 8. A planning committee co-chaired by Martha Levites (232-4456) and Mera Eisen (232-8172) is in formation and your participation is welcomed. Please begin to select your contributions for the silent Auction. The 2003 event was successful and enjoyed by all.

Mera Eisen  
*Social Action Committee*

### Billy Shulman 1926–2007

#### Thoughts on the Passing of Billy Shulman

With the recent passing of my good friend and neighbor, Billy Shulman, it seems to me, to be the ending of one era and the beginning of another. When we first came to GB in 1970 the people in the Colony were generally first and second generation eastern European Jews who had suffered hardships in Europe and in the States, during the depression. They were visionaries seeking a better world for themselves, their families and all Americans. Thus they had embraced communism and socialism.

Most of the people were summer residents. The Colony was a place to have fun and it was also intellectually stimulating; however, it was also very insular. It was, to me an extended family, but an inbred one. And for good reason: the people here had been targets of the McCarthy era political paranoia and per-

secution in America. Thus, there seemed to be a certain sense of insecurity and ambivalence toward those outside the "Colony", which was alleviated by the camaraderie found in this community.

Billy seemed to bridge the old era and the new: he was an unapologetic progressive who had also learned, as aptly stated by his daughter, Judy, the "finer things" in life. I remember, with great fondness his expression, "there's nothing too good for the working class". In other words, it seemed he was secure and comfortable with his place in American society without forfeiting his most important political and moral values.

He loved his family, treasured his friends, enjoyed good conversation and a good laugh, folk dancing, excellent food, fine wines and most of all, ice cream.

Inevitably, the population and demographics of the Colony has changed, and we welcome the infusion of new blood and fresh ideas. I also hope that the idealism of the founders of Goldens Bridge will also flourish here, as I believe it will.

In the meantime, I will miss my friend, Billy, and am grateful for having known him and thankful for the times I spent with him, Dottie and the and Shulman clan.

*Gary Tomei*

#### *The following was written by Billy's daughter, Judy Shulman*

My father, who went by the name Billy or Velvl, died on June 3rd and I gave a long eulogy that touched on the full range of his life. When asked to submit an obit for Road 4, it seemed more appropriate to write about the parts of his life that revolved around Goldens Bridge.

My father brought us from the Bronx to Goldens Bridge in the summer of 1957, having learned of the colony from his Camp Kinderland friend, Herman Babad, whose in-laws rented by Apter. That first summer, we (Dottie, Billy and Judy) rented by Goldstein (now Cardillo). My father drove a cab in the city and came up one mid-week night and every weekend. As a working man who had been raised during the Depression, it was important to him that his family have access to the "finer things" in life, and he sacrificed much to ensure that it came to be. The leftist leanings of the population

in the colony were a bonus.

In the Colony, my family found an incredible community and phenomenal friends, people of all ages with whom they shared values, political beliefs, and a wonderful summer social life. What a miraculous place, where two young girls could safely wander away from their house barefoot and know that they would find themselves welcome in almost any other house in the neighborhood (and be fed). The second summer, we rented by the Goldberg sisters (now Gecaj) and by the third summer, we (Dotie, Billy, Judy and Bonnie) were happily ensconced in the back of Mel and Gloria Brown's house (still Brown), where we remained until 1971.

I have fond memories of walking to the lake with my father at dusk, after his long workday and after the lifeguards had left. He would grab a handful of wet sand, scrub the grease from his fingers, and then take me swimming, letting me dive off his shoulders and letting me swim to the big raft even though I hadn't taken the big raft test yet. I remember parties on the porch at Mel and Gloria's, and the leftover crock of whiskey sours or pink lemonade with vodka they'd bring down to the lake the next day. I remember my father dancing and acting silly in banquet shows, and I don't recall whether they put on a full production of "The King and I" or whether he played the Yul Brynner part in a banquet skit.

I remember my father teaching me how to dance. I remember him smiling as he folk danced on Friday nights and beaming when he danced with my mother. I remember him skinny-dipping after folk dancing. I remember him playing volleyball for hours on end every weekend, and the range of emotions displayed on the volleyball court. I remember him starting a women's volleyball clinic because he was outraged that women were too intimidated to join the previously all-male games. I remember him being on the beach committee and social committee and griping about the personalities and trivial arguments.

I remember his pride when he got a job as a teacher and my parents could finally buy a house of their own (the See house, formerly Millstein, now Shulman), and his anxiety over whether they could make the mortgage payments. I

remember his pride when the house was remodeled in 1986, and his anxiety over whether they could make the mortgage payments. I remember his trepidation about the commute to work in the Bronx when he and my mother moved up to GB full-time in 1989, and his relief when he realized that 684 was a speedier road than old Route 22. (Remember, we used to pack the car full to the roof for the June 30 trek up to GB because it was too long a drive from the Bronx or New Rochelle to make the trip twice). I remember him bringing groups of inner-city students to the house so he could show them the possibility of a better life. I remember him buying a hardhat after he fell out of a tree when he sat on a limb and sawed himself off it. (He may have owned a home, but he was not very handy). I remember him carrying a few big rocks halfway up the driveway every day to make a foundation for a parking area. I remember his fastidiousness in tying up the newspapers for recycling and double-bagging the garbage. I remember him re-webbing his beach chair every time a strand wore out, so that in the end the chair looked like a patchwork quilt, but not as lovely.

I remember, after he retired, my dad running 5-8 miles outside the colony and still being able to run up his steep driveway at the end. I remember, after his running days were over, my dad walking to town every morning to get the newspapers and the mail. And I remember with joy, my dad walking with Avi in the stroller, to make that same daily trip. I remember his joy when Bonnie and I each bought our own homes in the Colony - how blessed he felt to have his children still like him after all these years and be willing to live so close. And I remember his tears of joy at Avi's bris when he realized that I was going to raise another generation here, among friends, in the Colony. The day before he landed in the hospital, he walked, frail with Parkinson's, all the way to the lake to watch Avi dive off the raft.

I'm grateful to my father for providing me with these memories, and for bringing us to this wonderful place.

## Robert Schoenfeld

1920-2007

*Reflections on a memorial tribute on May 25, 2007 at Rockefeller University*

There is a fable about 3 blind persons of great wisdom and knowledge who encountered an animal they had never known about. It was an elephant. They set about feeling various parts of the elephant's torso but weren't able to agree on a common description. How does one describe such a being, bringing all the congregate parts into one comprehensible whole?

So too was the bewildering experience of the many who gathered to pay tribute to Bob (Dr.) Schoenfeld. From many corners came family, friends, colleagues, all of whom had experiences and relationships with Bob, or with his family. We all knew the dates of his time on earth yet how varied and special were each of those descriptions. As many rose to recount their unique encounter others gasped: who knew that—!, who thought that—! who realized that—! At the conclusion it was apparent there before us was the one inimitable Bob Schoenfeld in multiple roles, multiple facets, and multiple talents, holistic yet unique, recognizable in the utter coherence of his thinking, his creativity, his beliefs, and his strong commitment to active political engagement.

One woman spoke of the time Bob gave her and her family shelter when her husband lost his job during an early witch hunt. Then one colleague told of Bob participating in a student strike at NYU in protest against the 1941 draft. He was suspended, only to be granted with others a pardon and formal "reinstatement" by NYU in the 90s. There were colleagues who spoke of his professional scientific leadership at Rockefeller. My reflection was that of a friend at GB who shared our mutual disdain of the current political order. Bob had a sharp, biting outlook. It was a pleasure and a challenge to be engaged with Bob in far ranging discourse on many topics. I miss that quality of exchange we had.

Bob Schoenfeld was a man of many talents and interests, demanding, difficult, expecting the most and the best of his friends, his colleagues, and his



family. All of us are the wiser to have known, worked, or lived with Bob. At the conclusion of the "tribute" we all realized that all our disparate recollections were about that one single special person with whom we were all fortunate to have spent some part of our lives

*Arnie Eisen*

**Marilyn Posner  
2007**

Marilyn Posner died in April at the age of 80. She taught at PS 105 in Manhattan and at District 9 in the Bronx.

A member of the Teachers Guild, a predecessor to the UFT, she would later

join her union colleagues Nov. 7, 1960, in the UFT's historic strike for collective bargaining rights.

"I remember Marilyn as one of our pioneers who helped create the UFT," said Abe Levine, retired UFT vice president and a former colleague of Marilyn.

Survivors include her daughter, her twin sister, a grandchild and other relatives.

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POSNER-Marilyn, 80 years old, died Monday from complications due to pulmonary disease. A civil rights activist, she served the NYC Board of Education for 30 years, she was also an actress and proud SAG member. She was married to the late Assemblyman Sy Posner, and

is survived by her twin sister Eleanor Reben, her daughter Naomi Stein and grandson Evan. Services will be held 11am Sunday, April 22 at Krtil Funeral Home 1297 First Ave. (70th St.)

**Carol Hicks  
2007**

Carol Hicks, mother of community member, Neil Hicks, passed away on July 16, 2007. Carol and her husband, Henry, had been long standing members of Goldens Bridge Colony.

Our deepest condolences to the Hicks family, Henry, Neil, Cindy and children.



Bob Schoenfeld, seen furthestmost on right, as he appeared in the Goldens Bridge Production of "Mornings at Seven" in 1982.



Marilyn Posner appeared on the Goldens Bridge stage both as a performer and backstage support. Here Marilyn is applying makeup to Mark Migdail in the 1982 production of "Mornings at Seven".

**THANK YOU...**

The editors of "Road Four" would like to thank our Distribution Staff, Denise Metz and Adriana Bromberg for the fine job they are doing.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Rebecca Adelman Leighton on receiving her Masters Degree in Early Childhood General and Special Education from Bank Street School of Education and Max Leighton on receiving his Law Degree from CUNY Law School.

Richard Fleiss, husband of Lori Kroun Fleiss, on receiving his Masters Degree in education. Rich had worked as a programmer for Apple Bank and with some prodding from Lori decided to go into teaching. Lori and Rich both work at Clinton High School in the Bronx.



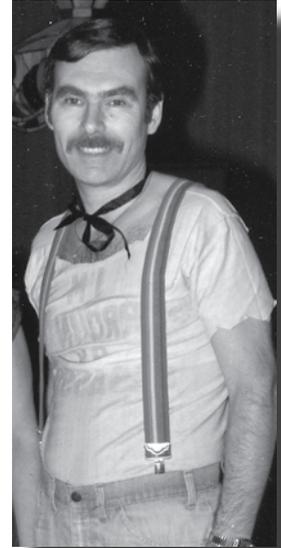
**SILENT AUCTION**

A Silent Auction to raise money for the GBCA Social Justice Scholarship Award will be held at the "Barn" on Saturday evening, September 8th, at 8:00 o'clock. Dessert will be served.

***This issue profiles two of our Road Four production staff.***



Gary Tomei (pictured left), is editor-in-chief. Aaron Kroun (pictured right) is in charge of production and graphics. Both have been in the newspaper business for a long time. At least several months if you count the last issue of Road Four. They have turned down many lucrative offers (none in the newspaper business) to fulfill their commitment to the Colony's newsletter.



**TOWN OF LEWISBORO EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

**FOR ALL EMERGENCIES CALL 911**

POLICE, TOWN OF LEWISBORO .....	763-8903
POLICE NEW YORK STATE .....	277-3651
AMBULANCE LEWISBORO VOLUNTEER.....	763-9633
FIRE DEPT., GOLDENS BRIDGE.....	232-4530

**WATER EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS FOR THOSE USING COLONY WATER**

To report a leak or other colony water emergency:

RON ARNSTEIN .....	(914) 232-8260
PAT KILLEEN .....	(914) 232-4931



Play area at beach upgraded with new plantings. Thank you beach committee and all those who helped.



Play area at beach to the right of the new plantings.

**NOTICE:** After almost 50 years of Summer residence, the Schattners are regretfully selling their house at 21 Lake Street. Dorothy & Emil can be reached at 973-746-5087. They are hoping for a buyer who will have an affinity for our great COOPERATIVE community.

**BBQ AT THE BEACH ON SATURDAY, JULY 7TH. THANK YOU SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND ALL THOSE WHO HELPED. A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.**



## **Board Minutes of March 18, 2007**

Present: Bergherr, Brown, Ehnes, Eisen., Gross, Kroun, Levites, Rietsch, Schmid

Absent: Finkelman, Hicks, McGroary, Stand, Tomei

Minutes: Of February 18, 2007 approved as corrected.

It was agreed that Future Board meetings will be held at 10 a.m.

Treasurer's report Financial summary distributed as of 3/17/2007. Money market account opened at 4.15%. People are responding to paying their dues, one third of payers are outstanding. Historic "slow payers" are still slow.

Re Hom/Mansfield: Martha spoke to Mr. Hom who is requesting a reduction in dues. . . he is meeting with Lewisboro planning board re: rebuilding plans. A letter from Sandy Alpert is also requesting dues reduction re billing for water. The Board determined that there is no current policy to change dues billing due to the status of the house. Theresa Bergun is paying for one unit and has not yet changed the listing from 2 unit home with the Town. . . therefore owes back dues. Martha will send a letter clarifying the above.

Insurance: J. Bergherr reports from Gary Forbes the status of GBCA insurance. We were not previously covered for counselors and that is now in place up to \$775,000. Additional premium of #1229 will provide coverage for GBCA properties including the clubhouse, storage shed and restroom and water treatment facility. It was agreed that matters of insurance will be the responsibility of the President.,

Water: Mera briefly reviewed the activities of the water committee since the last meeting in November. The survey was completed. The water users manual was revised, Letter to residents re: back flow prevention requirement sent out. Letter from our water operator (Ron Arnstein) submitted to the Health Dept. re back flow prevention plan. New circuit breaker box installed in pump house. Ultrasonic level detection system installed. Drew Orr has initiated plans to take the certification test. Additional activities are planned for the spring and the fall as agreed at the Nov., 2006 water committee meeting.,

Chris distributed his analyses of the water survey. Survey respondents in questions will be contacted re: accuracy of information. Five homes require "cut and cap to be in compliance with Health Dept. "back-flow prevention" requirements. The water committee will arrange to inspect homes with previous community water who now have private wells. The water committee will meet to implement current plans.

Environment: The spring cleanup is scheduled for 4/29. Peter Ehnes will send out notice to the community to pick up debris. . . there will be a 30 yard dumpster available that weekend. Peter and Chris will continue brush cleanup before the trees begin to grow their leaves.

Social: A schedule and calendar will be submitted to the April issue of Road 4.

The "winter committee for social/family activities: Ken Finkelman and Joanne Ehnes organized a successful hike in the 17 acre campsite.

Social Action: Mera reported that after this years award there is not enough money for an award for future candidates. This issue will be raised at the membership meeting with the expectation that members will be recruited to organize a silent auction for fund raising.

Sales: Aaron reported that the Yellin property is for sale..asking \$,624,000. Shattner property is listed as being for sale. Discussion re how properties are being listed and how the "list" is maintained.

Roads: Mark will contact Highway dept. re condition of roads.

New Business: Martha reported the Westchester Historical Society is doing an article on cooperative communities and will be interviewing GBCA

Next board meeting: April 22 at 10 a.m. at the Teen Center

Minutes prepared by Mera Eisen

## **Board Minutes of April 22, 2007**

**Correspondence:** A contract has been received for the sale of the Dubno house at \$400,000.

Discussion followed regarding opening up the waiting list to a broader range of people.

Motion: To waive the right of first refusal in the sale of the Dubno house two weeks from the date of receipt of contract. Hicks. 11 for; abstentions 3; no 1.

Treasurer's Report (see addendum A) The community is doing better in terms of collecting maintenance fees this year. 13 members have not paid and the Treasurer has not heard from some of them. The Treasurer will send new bills. The interest will be added in June, liens will be registered. In order to change the status of a two-family house to single family, a new Certificate of Occupancy must be obtained from the Lewisboro Building Department. This has not been done for the Burgun house this year.

Road 4 Thanks to Kroun and Tomei for their first issue and its new format.

Social Committee The summer calendar is set. There will be an opening BBQ at the lake on July 7th, not June 30th. Yoga will be every Monday night and Finkelman has organized a colony-wide children's hike. Rust will organize a colony camp out in October. There was an Easter egg hunt in the field. A kid's hike is planned for every month.

Water Committee: The leak on Hall Avenue has been fixed. Kringas' house has been disconnected from community water system. They would like the \$300 fee for their temporary hook-up returned. Fast to speak to Arnstein on this matter. The committee found 12 houses, including summer water only, which have Colony water, but used to have their own wells. These will need to be cut, capped and have check valves. 5 will be done this year. (see addendum B) Arnstein will report to the Department of Health. If the new water main on Hall Avenue were to be activated, it would require the community to hire a professional contractor to do the individual connections.

Environmental Committee: Clean up will begin at the barn at 8:00am, Saturday, the 29th.

Roads Schmid did a colony wide inspection of the roads following the heavy rains and noted that mud and rocks from the Pinetti driveway washed down onto the paved portion of Hillside Ave. Camp Committee to obtain an accident insurance rider for a small additional amount of money. The disability insurance now in effect will cost a larger, additional amount. Gary Forbes will attend our May meeting. We provide the names of counselors to the County for background checks. Rietsch will report what this background check involves. There is a need to replace the folding plastic tables with tables made from metal with wooden slats. A plan is needed to replace the lower barn floors and improve the drainage pattern in the front of the barn.

Beach Committee: The WSI and head lifeguard, Richie, and two other guards are returning. The dam boards will go back in the dam to raise water. Dam

repair to spillway postponed until the fall.

Barn Committee: Brown brought two sample chairs for consideration in the replacement program. The Board chose one style and authorized Brown to purchase \$500 of them as budgeted for '07.

Regrets to the Posner family on the death of Marilyn, a former member of the Colony.

Eric Stand, Secretary.

### **Board Minutes of May 20, 2007**

Present: Bergherr, Brown, Eisen, Fast, Hicks, Kroun, Schmid and Stand

Absent: Ehnes, Finkelman, Gross, Levites, McGroary, Rietsch, and Tomei

Guest: Gary Forbes, Forbes Insurance Agency

The Board and Mr. Forbes reviewed the Community's insurance requirements. See changes in addendum A. Changes to our insurance policy from the Philadelphia Insurance Company could not be made through The Walnut Advisory Group. We need to keep Philadelphia because they no longer write new insurance for lakes and camps. They will automatically renew existing policies. If a new policy were to be written, it would double our premium of approximately \$17,000.

Minutes of 4-22-07 were read and approved.

Discussion of accessory apartment as a second unit tabled for next meeting.

Secretary is to call Building Department in Lewisboro regarding illegal rental units.

A tree fell on Branch Street taking out four cars. It was cleared by the Town Highway Department.

Rental & Sales (Kroun) will not hold a meeting to discuss expansion of the pool of prospective buyers as requested by the membership. Secretary will constitute the committee.

A hike of the 17 acres is scheduled for next Saturday at 9:00am. Please meet at the Teen Center.

Some deck boards will need replacement on the raft.

Motion to adjourn. Brown

Respectfully submitted, Eric Stand

### **Minutes of Board Meeting June 24, 2007**

Present: Bergherr, Brown, Ehnes, Eisen, Finkelman, Gross, Hicks, Rietsch, Schmid, Stand and Tomei

Absent: Fast, Kroun, Levites, McGroary

Minutes of May Board meeting approved as amended.

Correspondence: Sophie Lembeck winner of the GBCA scholarship for social action

Phyllis Dubno water letter sent to her in error

Theresa Bergun requesting our definition of one and two family houses

Kelly Donovan – letter of waiver in the sale of the Dubno house

Croton Clean Water Coalition – we are a dues paying member already

Finance Report: We will follow adopted June 1st time line for lien actions. Apter house now has a Certificate of Occupancy as a one-family house. The camp medical policy will cost \$1.70 per camper/per week, or about \$650.

Definition of a two-family house is based on the Certificate of Occupancy on file in the office of the Building Department in the Town of Lewisboro. The President will send letter in answer to inquiry.

Water Report: Fast absent. Water pressure vacillates dramatically as a result of being down to a single pump. Arnstein and Killeen are rebuilding the other pumps. The switch is still burning out too frequently.

Motion: The Board requests that our water operator hire a well operator to study our Branch Street pump house and provide us a written plan, schematics and costs to improve its function, efficiency and maintainability. Tomei. Unanimous.

Roads: There are trees in danger of falling on the roads.

Motion: Hicks to ask the Camp's tree company to get price for taking down the most dangerous trees on Schmid's list this year. Hicks will contact NYSEG and Mickey Hayes to request that they take down trees endangering the power lines. Unanimous.

Camp: Begins on Monday.

Rental & Sales: The Yellin house is in contract for sale at \$600,000.

Social: The summer schedule is set. Committee needs someone to organize and conduct a silent auction.

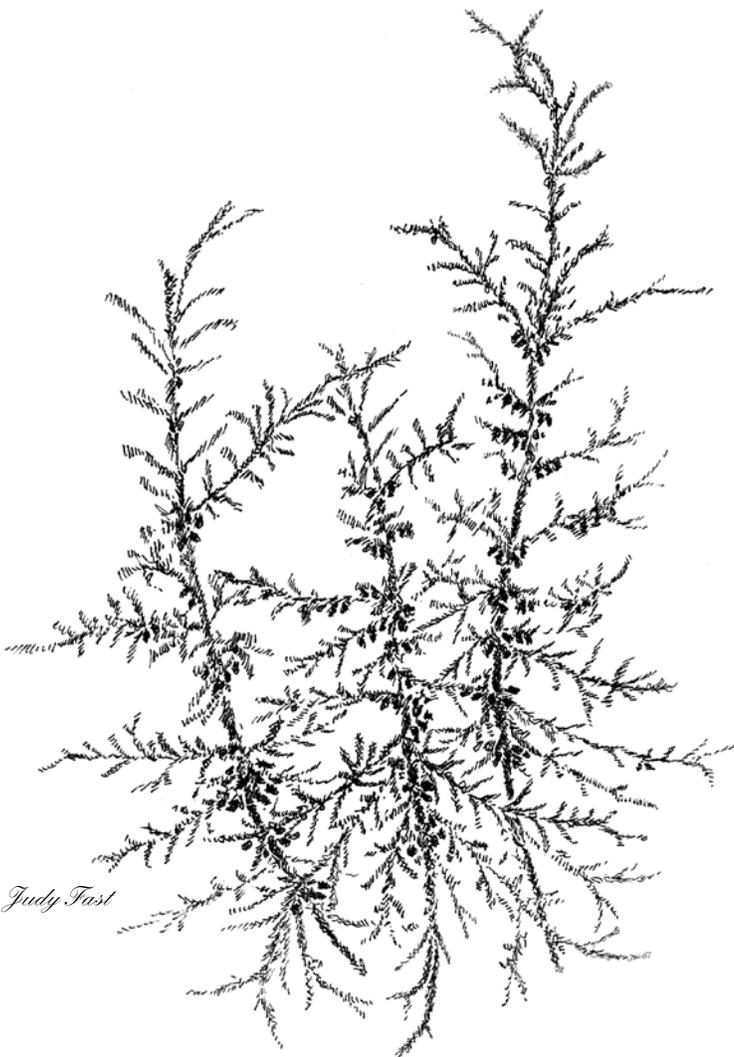
Lake: Dam crack repair will be done next month. Will require only one day, which will be less than budgeted. The spillway will be resurfaced in the Fall.

Beach: Lauren, Richard and Justin are the lifeguards this summer. The climbing structures have been removed, as have the railroad ties.

The Board extends its sympathy to the Shulman, Schoenfeld, Posner and Levy families. The Board expresses appreciation to Maggie Hayes for the flowers at the Barn. Eric Stand, secy.

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