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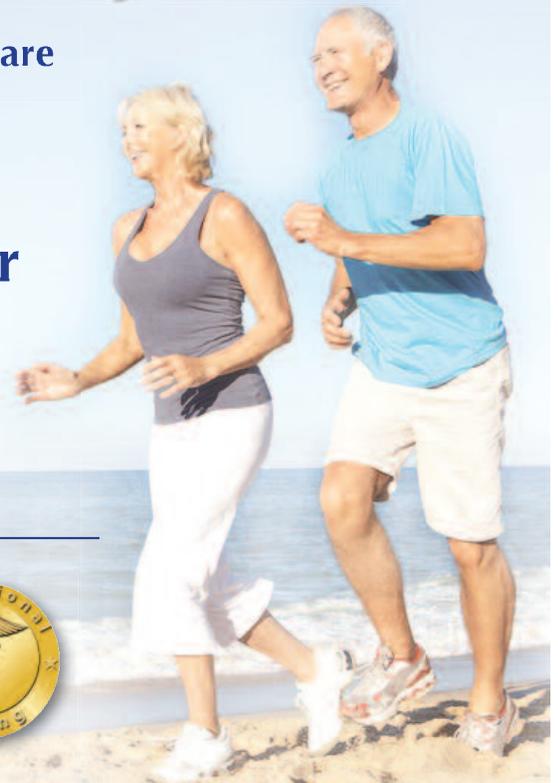


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MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER



John Staley
Executive Manager

“ONECALL NOW” WILL ENHANCE OUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH RESIDENTS

I am pleased to report that we are moving our phone communications system to a new level of efficiency.

Beginning this month, we have implemented the OneCall Now system, which will allow us to contact specific segments of our Village at a moment's notice. Whether we need to contact members of one district or the entire Village, we can do it in minutes via this new system.

OneCall Now is a group messaging service that has un-

limited capabilities. We can systematically contact up to six phone numbers per household and are able to reach residents via their home phones as well as their cell phones with voice messages and texts.

With this program, we will be able to contact specific residents who may be impacted by a power outage, water main break or roadwork in their areas. We can easily alert the community if a meeting has been cancelled or a gathering has been delayed.

We will be able to send voice messages that we record ourselves or we may implement robo calls that have a very understandable voice. We are very excited to bring this automated phone service to our residents.

We will test this new system on Friday, Feb. 5, at noon. Please be prepared to receive a text and voice mail, which will alert you that this system has been implemented and that we are giving it a trial run.

We will use this system to relay important messages. We hope that you will give it a try and use it for a trial period. If you decide that you do not want to receive further alerts from OneCall Now, you can follow the instructions to opt-out when you are contacted.

Conversely, there are residents who have private telephone numbers. If you are among those who keep your information private, but would like to be added to our OneCall Now database, please contact Linda Arvers at larvers@oronoquevillage.com and ask her to add you to the OneCall Now contact list.

This program is in addition to the eblast and newsletter systems that we currently have in place. This is an added element that we will provide as we strive to keep our residents up to speed on events that occur in our community.

The administration and the boards -- including the Maintenance Committee -- are dedicated to serving the members of this community and we look forward to continued enhancements to our services and communications.

I hope you are all well and enjoying the new year.

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Please direct all questions regarding The Villager publication, and submit any proposed notices and event listings, to Carol King. Unsolicited manuscripts, which we invite from all residents, should be discussed first with Carol King. We also welcome unsolicited photographs of Oronoque scenes and events, which should be submitted to Marcia Klein.

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DISTRICT MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

- District 1** will meet on March 23 at SCB at 6 p.m.
- District 3** will meet on March 9 at 6 p.m. at SCB
- District 4** will meet on March 31 at 6 p.m. at SCB
- District 6** will meet at SCB on Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. and March 16 at 7 p.m.
- District 8** will meet on March 1 at 7 p.m. at NCB
- District 9** will meet on Feb. 24 at NCB at 6 p.m.

RESIDENT ART SHOW ON VIEW AT SCB



The first Oronoque Artist Gallery Show is on view in the South Community Building through March 31. Seventeen resident artists are participating in the exhibit, which has the theme of "Urban and Rural Landscapes or Seascapes."

"We are impressed with the quality of the work submitted and are very pleased with the artist participation," said Art Committee Chairperson Barbara Stewart. "We are excited about hanging the first show in the South foyer gallery to display the talents of our residents, which was the House Committee's plan for that space."

There will be four shows during this year. Themes for the upcoming exhibits are: April - June: "People and Animals," July - September: "Abstract Art" and October - December: "Still Life."

The residents whose works are on display in the current exhibition are Nancy Gloh-Rosenthal, Bob Collins, Bill Sobel, Sam Levinson, Barbara Stewart, Ray Vermette, Anita Albert Karasu, Joseph Hayducky, Bob Swain, Jeffrey Sells, Lynette Steinfeldt, Wally Sloves, Jack Fitzgerald, Betty Mulholland, Martha Talbot, Freida Howling and Cynthia Harms. ov

Left, a view of some of the works on display in the gallery at SCB. Above, the Art Committee, from left, Wendy Swain, Diana Strassburger, Janet Schwartz-O'Leary, Carole Plotnick and Chairperson Barbara Stewart.

NOTICE: 'IN MEMORIAM' TO BE PUBLISHED MARCH 15

"In Memoriam" columns are published in *The Villager* on a quarterly basis. The next column will be published in the March 15 issue. The column lists the names of OV residents who have passed away recently.

If the family of a resident would like the name of their family member included in this column, an immediate family member should stop by the Business Office and let Linda Arvers know that they would like the name included in this column.



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The Business and Maintenance Offices are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Both offices close for lunch from 12-1 p.m.

If you have material that you would like to deliver to the offices during non-business hours, please use the outside drop box at NCB.

SAC ART GALLERY TOUR AT YALE

SAC will sponsor a bus trip to the The Yale University Art Galleries with a three-course lunch at The Union League Cafe on Wednesday, April 13. There will be an opportunity to tour the galleries independently or join a docent-led tour. There will be time to visit the shops at Yale as well. The \$65 fee is all-inclusive.

For information or advanced reservations, call Jeanette 860-575-7000 or Maria 732-261-5408.

PLEASE OBEY ENTRANCE AND EXIT SIGNS AT NCB PARKING LOT

The parking lot at NCB now has one designated entrance and one designated exit.

Please obey the signs that mark the one-way entrance and the one-way exit points.

NOTICE: AARP SAFE DRIVER CLASS WILL NOT BE HELD IN FEBRUARY

The AARP Safe Driver Class for Feb. 17 has been cancelled. The next class will take place at NCB from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on April 13. Register at the Business Office.



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Classes also are scheduled to take place on June 15, Aug. 17 and Oct. 19.

RESIDENT PHONE DIRECTORIES WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

The resident phone directories are in the process of being printed. The books will be available for pickup in the Business Office beginning Feb. 9. Each household will receive one directory at no cost. Additional directories may be purchased at a cost of \$2 each.

STRATFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY SEEKS VOLUNTEER DOCENTS

Starting this month, the Stratford Historical Society is offering training to individuals interested in becoming docents and leading tours of the historic Judson House. If you have an interest in history, please consider serving as a volunteer.

The Stratford Historical Society has a restored circa 1750 colonial home furnished with authentic artifacts, farming tools, textiles and historic documents and can be toured by the public on specific days during the year.

For information, call Mrs. Hctor at 203-378-6842.

VOLUNTEER MONITORS AND SUBSTITUTES WANTED

The Oronoque Village Monitor program needs volunteers as monitors and substitutes. Daily monitors are needed to maintain a presence in the South Clubhouse office. This is a two-hour-a-day, once-a-week volunteer job. Positions are open for Fridays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

If interested, please contact Dee Tuozzoli at 203-375-3724.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: *To ensure accuracy, information must be submitted, via email, to Carol King at cking@oronoquevil.lage.com. (Submissions must be typed, in upper and lower case.) The deadline to be included in the next issue of The Villager, on Feb. 15, is Feb. 2 at noon.*

BINGO

• Bingo, presented by the Men's Club, occurs at 7 p.m. at SCB on Feb. 18. The cost is \$2.50 per card.

BOOK CLUB

- On Feb. 3, the group will meet in the NCB library at 7 p.m. to discuss *Hard Times* by Charles Dickens.
- On March 3, the book will be *The Master* by Colm Toibin, which depicts writer Henry James in the final years of the 19th century. The novel follows the writer from his failure in the London theater to his seclusion, during which he produced several masterpieces.

CURRENT EVENTS

• The Current Events Discussion Group will meet in the SCB Card Room 1 at 10 a.m. on Feb. 10 and Feb. 24.

DOLLCRAFTERS

• Dollcrafters meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays at NCB.

FUNSEEKERS

• Funseekers invites you to an evening of "A Capella Barber-shop Harmony" on Tuesday, Feb. 9, beginning at 7 p.m. at SCB. Take 4, a local quartet formed to sing challenging arrangements in national Barber-shop Harmony Society competitions, will perform songs ranging from the Beach Boys and doo-wop to country and Broadway ballads. Admission is \$2 for members, \$5 for guests. Annual dues are

\$10. Cabaret-style seating, BYOB / snacks. Desserts and beverages will follow the program. Questions? Contact Bob Krakovich 203-752-6105.

IT'S 5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE

• SAC invites all residents to attend It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere, an informal gathering that will take place on Feb. 5 at 4:30 p.m. at NCB. BYOB. Ice will be provided. For more details, call Barbara Minoff at 203-386-0533.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

• Resident women are invited to attend a Bible study class on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium at SCB.

MEN'S CLUB

• The Men's Club Super Bowl Party will take place at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 7, at SCB. All residents are invited to attend at a cost of \$5 per person. Reservations are a must. Please see flyer for the sign-up form. Payment -- which includes sandwiches, beverages and dessert -- must be received by Feb. 4. For more information, call Jerry at 203-378-7781 or Sandy at 203-377-5833.

MOVIE CLUB

- Films will be shown at **SCB** this month at 7 p.m. on the second Friday of each month and the following Wednesday at 2 p.m. The \$1 admission includes popcorn.
- On Feb. 12 and 17, the film will be *The Martian*. When astronauts blast off from the planet Mars, they leave behind Mark Watney (Matt Damon), presumed dead after a fierce storm. With only a meager amount of supplies, the stranded visitor must utilize his wits and spirit to find a way to survive on the hostile planet. Meanwhile, back on Earth, his crewmates hatch a plan for a daring rescue mission.

SAVE THE DATES

Monday, March 7 ... The House & Garden Club will present chocolatier Kim Larkin from Klassic Kreations Gourmet at 1:30 p.m. at SCB.

Saturday, March 12 ... Weekenders will celebrate St. Paddy's Day at 6 p.m. at NCB with singer Pierce Campbell of The Kerry Boys. Irish fare will be served. The cost is \$17.

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CALENDAR

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:30 p.m. – Poker, SCB, C/R2 (C)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – House & Garden Board Mtg, NCB, B/R (C)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library (O)
- 12:30 p.m. – Cards, SCB, Back Rm (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Funseekers Board Mtg, SCB, C/R2 (C)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, Beginner, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB, Aud (O)
- 5:00 p.m. – Poker, NCB, C/R (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Men's Poker Group, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Book Club, NCB, Library (O)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 12:30 p.m. – Card Game, SCB, C/R (C)
- 1:00 p.m. – Dominoes, SCB, C/R2 (CO)
- 1:30 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB, C/R (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (C)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 4:30 p.m. – It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere, NCB (O)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6: No events scheduled

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 5:00 p.m. – Men's Club Super Bowl Party, SCB (O)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 9:30 a.m. – Architectural Committee, NCB, B/R (O)
- 4:30 p.m. – Maintenance Committee, NCB, B/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:30 p.m. – Poker, SCB, C/R2 (C)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, NCB, Library (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library
- 12:30 p.m. – Cards, SCB, Back Rm (C)

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- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Funseekers Mtg, SCB, Aud (O)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, Beginner, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB (O)
- 5:00 p.m. – Poker, NCB, C/R (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry’s Poker, SCB, C/R1 (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Men’s Poker, SCB, C/R2 (C)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 12:30 p.m. – Card Game, SCB, CR (C)
- 1:00 p.m. – Dominoes, SCB, C/R2 (C)

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE SAC EVENTS:

Wednesday, April 13 ... Bus Trip to Yale University Art Galleries with lunch at The Union League Café

Saturday, April 16 ... Cabaret Evening

Saturday, June 4 ... Walk to support the Alzheimer’s Association

Sunday, June 26 ... Red, White, & Blue Cook Out

Saturday, August 20 ... Pool Party

Sunday, October 23 ... NCB Happy Hour

REMINDER: “It’s 5 O’Clock Somewhere” at 4:30 p.m. at NCB on the first Friday of every month!

Look for details about the above events in forthcoming issues of *The Villager*.

NOTE: *The next SAC Board Meeting will take place on March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the NCB Board Room. All are welcome to attend. SAC wishes everyone a safe and cozy winter!*

- 1:30 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB, C/R (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Winter Pool Social Group, SCB, CR (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry’s Poker, SCB, C/R1 (C)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Movie Club: *The Martian*, SCB, Aud (O)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 9:30 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study, SCB, Aud (O)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14: No events scheduled

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15: *Presidents’ Day: Business & Maintenance Offices Are Closed*

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:30 p.m. – Poker, SCB, C/R2 (C)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, NCB, Library (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library
- 12:30 p.m. – Cards, SCB, Back Rm (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)

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GENE AND ROSEMARY BOONE

By Elisabeth Breslav ~ Photo by Marcia Klein

Perhaps the time has come to consider establishing a “Movers and Shakers” award in Oronoque Village. If we did, the Boones would deserve to be among the first candidates to receive it because of their tireless efforts on behalf of our community from the moment they arrived here in 2000.

They both hail from New York, and were raised in Queens where they received their primary and high school education. After graduation, Rosemary worked as secretary in the engineering department of the New York Telephone Company during the day and attended Brooklyn College at night. She originally studied Police Science, but changed course after meeting and then marrying Gene, who had attended Pratt Institute and was to become an expert in commercial air conditioning systems and maintenance.

The couple had four children, three girls and a boy. They were living in Woodhaven and Gene had his first job with the James P. O'Donnell Company while Rosemary kept busy running the family and doing volunteer work for the St. Thomas the Apostle School.

For six years she was president of the Mothers' Club, which raised funds to supplement the stipends the nuns of the school were receiving instead of a traditional salary, and she organized the annual graduation trips for the eighth graders. She also joined the Woodhaven Development Cor-



poration, a grass-roots group that tried to keep a commercial strip viable for the community by soliciting the assistance of shopkeepers. Here, her responsibilities included grant application writing, which resulted in obtaining some state funds for the projects. And, almost as an afterthought, she mentions teaching English-as-a-Second Language two evenings a week. Meanwhile, Gene managed to find spare time to serve as Lt. governor of the Kiwanis Club in Queens and, later, as president of the Stamford Kiwanis Club.

As time marched on, the children grew and Gene became increasingly involved in the heating and cooling systems at NORAD, Strategic Air Command war rooms, the Statue of Liberty and Central Park's ice skating rink as well as at leading New York hotels.

The family moved to Stamford where, for 13 years, they were active members of the Halloween Yacht Club. Avid sailors in their beloved *Big Step*, both Gene and Rosemary joined U.S. Power Squadron, climbed up through the ranks and took a turn as Commander. Rosemary, the third woman commander in the organization's 75-year history, particularly enjoyed going around to the schools and teaching children boat safety skills.

With the children grown and settled mostly in Connecticut, the Boones decided to exchange the big house and swimming pool for more manageable quarters in the state, which led them to Oronoque. Did this mean they were ready for retirement? Far from it! For starters, Rosemary immediately joined and served as president of the Bridgeport Hibernians, and became a member of the Gaelic American Club in Fairfield.

In the Village, Gene was soon elected to the OVTD Board and named chairman of the Energy Committee that oversaw the insulation of our community buildings and the installation of more energy-efficient street lighting, which provided important money savings to our residents. He served as OVTD Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee for three years, then was elected President and helped resolve a long-term remediation project.

Rosemary started simply as what she refers to as “the social rep” of her District 8, overseeing the refreshments at district meetings. Both she and Gene joined the Funseekers, which at that time functioned purely as a newcomers' club

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that offered membership privileges for up to two years after a resident's arrival. Members gathered informally to chat, have refreshments and get to know each other.

After awhile, Rosemary approached the organization's Board members and suggested a more structured format for the meetings, featuring a specific program. She giggles when she recalls the very first Funseekers' program she organized. There were no funds available, so it had to be a freebie, and she came up with, of all topics, a presentation by her rehab instructor.

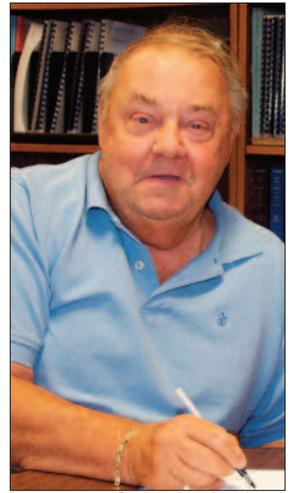
Much has changed since those early years. Membership to the Funseekers is now open to all residents, regardless of how long they have lived here. Programs really are "fun" and include entertainment as well as monthly trips from March through November.

Of particular note in the history of the organization is a four-day three-night trip Rosemary booked in 2009 to Branson, Mo., to enjoy popular performers Andy Williams, Tony Orlando, Ray Stevens and comedian Yakov Smirnoff. When the travel agent called a week before the scheduled depart-

ure and demanded an additional \$80 per person, Rosemary, the one-time would-be policewoman, became suspicious, called the hotel and discovered that no booking for the group had been made and no tickets for the shows had been purchased.

She went to the police, determined to get the group's money back. It took a total of 9 months for the members to receive full restitution and for the agent to receive his just punishment.

Recently, Rosemary, grateful for the many friends she has made among the Funseekers, decided to give up her leadership position to stand by Gene as he deals with what he is determined will be only a temporary setback in his health. Given the couple's inner strength, we will no doubt see and hear much more of them in the near future.



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MAINTENANCE MATTERS: SERVICE REQUESTS

By Bob Grosso

Effective Nov. 1, we introduced a five-step process to execute Maintenance Service Requests. The general feedback has been very good. However there have also been some opportunities for improvement.

To help facilitate resolution of a Service Request that has not been scheduled or completed, we would like to:

1. Remind residents that initially you should contact the Maintenance Department for follow-up.
2. If there is no resolution, please contact your Maintenance Rep, who will keep the District Rep informed.
3. Then, if necessary, contact David Schmitt, our OV Maintenance Committee Chairman.
3. Finally, if necessary, please contact either the OVCA President or Vice President.

Maintenance Committee 2015-2016

Districts

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A MESSAGE FROM THE OVCA PRESIDENT



Bob Grosso

The following are the highlights from the Jan. 19 OVCA Board Meeting:

Security: On Nov. 17, we reported that we will be upgrading our cameras at the Four Corners of North and South Trail & Oronoque Lane. We are happy to report that the cameras have been installed.

In our Dec. 15, 2015 *Villager*, Executive Manager John Staley authored a very good article titled, "Home Security Tips."

Additional lighting has been added to the NCB and front SCB parking lots, as well as new lighting over the bridge with an additional benefit of a *Love Boat* entrance ambiance! SCB additional rear lighting has been ordered.

In spring 2016, we are planning on instituting picture ID cards for residents to improve security at pools and other common facilities.

Auditor update: Oronoque Village has hired a new auditor. After much research we have hired Nanavaty, Nanavaty & Davenport, LLP team. One of their major accounts is Heritage Village in Southbury. This change will allow OV to take a fresh look at our procedures and processes.

2016/2017 Budget process: The Finance Committee is reviewing a number of ideas and approaches including our new auditor's input and comments prior to going forward with the budgeting process for 2016-17.

Milford Bank loan: OV closed the loan on Dec. 7.

Dog Issue: On Dec. 17, both dog owners signed an agreement and paid a fine to Oronoque Village. The agreement conditions include: Your dog must be muzzled at all times that it is outside of your unit, including times that it is on the deck and in the yard of your unit. The Board reserves the right to approve the type of muzzle to be placed on your dog to ensure that your dog cannot remove the muzzle on its own.

Your dog must be accompanied and on a leash at all times that it is outside of your Unit, including on the deck and in the yard of your unit. Your dog may not be left unaccom-

panied outside of your Unit at any time under any circumstances.

If your dog needs to be transported in your vehicle, you may only transfer your dog into and out of your vehicle while the vehicle is parked inside of your garage with the garage door completely closed. If any of these conditions are not adhered to, OV will then be able to take immediate action for breach of contract and have the dog removed.

Parking lot lines: On Dec. 9, the north parking lot, tennis lot, north pool lot and front of the outh parking lot were professionally lined, as promised, before the winter season. SCB rear parking lines will be addressed in the spring.

Renaissance update/schedule: The final remodeling of the kitchen, cardroom and offices in the NCB has been off to a slow start. The construction company started work on Jan. 19. We estimate that the work will be completed by end of March. Please watch for notices regarding closing of specific areas while construction is taking place.

Increase in deposit for private parties: The board voted to increase the refundable deposit for private parties using the buildings from \$200 to \$500. This is to assist in covering potential damages to our newly renovated spaces.

Bulletin boards: Bulletin boards are up in both buildings. They may be used to display outside community events and personal ads/requests. No retail or company ads will be allowed. Specific rules are near each board. The boards will be monitored regularly by the House Committee.

Mayor's luncheon Jan. 7: John Staley and I met with the mayor to discuss important items of concern (property taxes,

Computer Classes at the Stratford Library

The Stratford Library Adult Services Department offers free, one-session computer classes for beginners. The sessions are offered Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m. with class size limited to three.

Advance registration is required and can be done by calling 203-385-4164. The Stratford Library is located at 2203 Main St.

The workshop schedule is as follows:

Introduction to Microsoft Office Word 2007, March 15

Meet the Computer, Windows 7, Feb. 2 and March 1

Exploring the Internet, Feb. 9 and March 8

Facebook 1: The Starter Kit, Feb. 16 and March 22

Facebook 2: I'm on Facebook, Now What? Feb. 23 and March 29

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cost of hydrants, security, taxed maintenance trucks). We are hopeful that he will assist the Village.

Communications Committee: The Communications Committee will be meeting with local Realtors on Feb. 8. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the various issues and options regarding the housing market at Oronoque Village.

Communication Committee survey results: 95 percent of 356 respondents get their Village information from *The Villager*, 49% access the website and 73% read Eblasts.

Website improvements: We are in the process of improving our website and website capabilities. Emilio Ruiz, resident and graphic designer by trade, has designed significant changes to the "front end" of the website. We hope to have the improved website up and running within the next two months.

Pamphlets: Oronoque Village pamphlets and printed materials are in the process of being updated. This is part of our continued effort to advertise our amazing Village to prospective buyers. In addition, the board voted to change the way we speak and write about our community buildings. They will now be referred to as North Clubhouse and South Clubhouse. The reason for this is that the word "clubhouse" invokes a warmer, more friendly tone for our Village.

Oronoque Country Club New Year's Eve Party: The New Year's Eve party at Oronoque Country Club was a tremendous success with a 118 residents strong.

The OCC General Manager has moved on. As soon as the

new GM is on board, John Staley and I will schedule a meeting to work closely together as partners.

Pool Committee: I have established an ad hoc pool committee, which will meet this spring. Members are: Cheryl Dwyer, Betty Mulholland, Jackie Freeman, Bob Drummond and Jamie Torregiani.

Architectural Committee: A new standard allowing full glass doors on upper level entrances has been passed. For more information, stop by the Business Office.

ByLaws: The Board is continuing to review potential changes in bylaws.

Solar Panel Project: A committee has been formed to determine the advisability of adding solar panels to the North Clubhouse. They will be meeting on Feb. 17 to discuss this project with Stephan Hartman from Ross Solar Group.

The committee will make a recommendation to OVCA at the March 15 board meeting. At that time, the board will vote on the proposal, if the committee recommends going forward.

Committee Members are Executive Director John Staley, Director of Maintenance Frank Forte, Solar Ad Hoc Committee members Mel Holson and Bob Koritko, Architectural Committee members Jim Manzolli and Larry Hartley, Maintenance Committee Chairman David Schmitt, OVCA Treasurer Bob Romatzick and District Representative Jerry Brown. 



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BOOK SALE AT PEQUOT LIBRARY

The Pequot Library will hold an indoor book sale on Saturday, Feb. 13, and Sunday, Feb. 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library is located at 720 Pequot Ave. in Southport.

The sale will include classics, fiction, nonfiction, cookbooks, CDs, DVDs, record albums and other media.

SQUARE ONE THEATRE PRESENTS **THE OUTGOING TIDE MARCH 3-20**

Square One Theatre's 26th season continues at its new location on the stage of Stratford Academy at 719 Birdseye

St. Next month, the theater will present *The Outgoing Tide*, which organizers describe as "a touching family drama."

Shows are Thursdays through Sundays, March 3 through March 20, at 7 p.m. on Thursdays, 8 p.m. on Fridays, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays.

Single tickets are \$20 for adults and \$19 for senior citizens and students. Tickets may be purchased by calling 203-375-8778 or visiting www.squareonetheatre.com.

Tickets also can be purchased at the Box Office 60 minutes prior to each performance.

VALENTINE'S DAY "ART, WINE AND CHOCOLATE BOUTIQUE"

The Coastal Arts Guild of Connecticut will hold its annual winter show, "The Valentine's Day Art & Wine Boutique," on Saturday, Feb. 13. The event will feature local artists and craftspeople, along with wine and handmade chocolates at the Winemakers' Boutique, Stationhouse Square, 2505 Main St., Stratford, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Coastal Arts Guild of Connecticut (formerly the Stratford Arts Guild) was created to support and foster the growth of the arts and cultural experiences in the Stratford region. For more information, call 203-243-1756 or visit <http://www.coastalartsguildct.com>.



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