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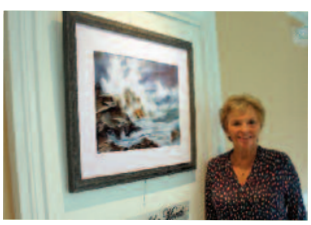

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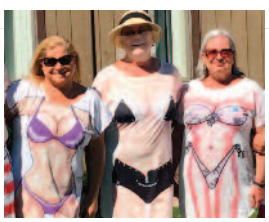

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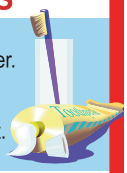
- √ Brush your teeth when your child does, to set a good example.
- √ Use age specific products for each stage of your child's development.



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On July 17, 2018, the Board of Directors for Oronoque Village Condominium Association voted to adopt a Special Assessment in the amount of $430,000 in order to fund the unanticipated increase in insurance premiums.

The schedule below indicates the assessment amounts due based on the percentage of interest allocated to each building style. The assessment will commence on Sept. 1, 2018. An owner can pre-pay the entire amount, opt for ten (10) equal installments or any portion thereof.

Coupons will be issued to the membership in the next few weeks.

-- Oronoque Village Condominium Association Inc.

Class	Unit Model	% Ownership	# of units	2018-2019 special assessment amount
I	Emerson, Alcott, Lowell, Melville, Longfellow, Fenimore	.0922	176	396.53
II	Hawthorne, Revere	.0999	72	429.40
III	Thoreau, Cooper, Wolcott, Dickinson, Winthrop, Peabody	.1109	511	476.87
IV	Whittier, Milay, Whitman	.1171	170	503.61

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HEALTH MATTERS

HYDRATION TIPS

By Mary W. Haynes, RN, MS

We all realize that water is very important, but how many of us get bored with plain water. I do!

Water is the most essential nutrient for life. However, many of us find it difficult to drink adequate amounts of water each day. Sparkling water does offer the same hydrating benefits of water and if one does not care for plain water or sparkling water there are ways to make it more enjoyable. Fresh melon, cucumber with mint and lime slices or peach puree can be added.

For a larger amount, muddled berries and fresh thyme are a tasty addition. If you enjoy making large amounts it is easy to pour into ice cube trays. Then, just pop a cube into you glass of water or sparkling water for a refreshing drink.

Signs of moderate dehydration are dry mouth, headache and muscle cramps.

Signs of severe dehydration are confusion, dizziness and rapid heart rate and breathing.

Always remember: when you feel thirsty and your mouth is dry, you are starting with signs of dehydration.

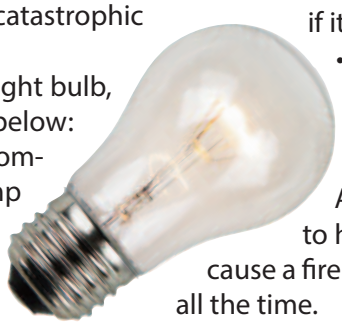
MAINTENANCE MATTERS

LIGHT BULB DO'S AND DON'TS

By Mark Rhatigan

Let's be honest: We can't live without light bulbs. However, there is a right way and a wrong way to use a light bulb and an error in judgement may lead to a catastrophic fire.

To prevent a fire from being started by a light bulb, it is imperative that you follow the safety tips below:



- Never use a light bulb that exceeds the recommended wattage for your light fixture. A lamp that calls for a 60 watt bulb cannot handle a 120 watt bulb; that's twice the recommended wattage! It's a major fire hazard. Stay within the lamp manufacturer's recommended wattage limits.
- Always screw in your light bulbs completely. Screwing in a light bulb too loosely may seem inconsequential, but it can be a big fire hazard if the bulb overheats – which loose bulbs have been known to do quite often.
- Use common sense when it comes to leaving lamps on. Having your lamp on for a couple of hours as you watch television is fine; leaving it on all night while you sleep is not. An overheated bulb can catch fire very quickly, especially if it is a bulb that is near the end of its life.
- If your lamp requires a specialty bulb, then use what is required. For instance, if you have a heat lamp for a pet, you should purchase the special bulb that the lamp calls for. An ordinary household bulb may not be able to handle the wattage of the lamp, which could cause a fire if you are required to leave the heat lamp on all the time.

Simply put, you won't go wrong by following the instructions on your lamp or light fixture.

Don't surpass the recommended watts limit, and everything will be illuminated … safely. OV

CLOTHES DRYER SAFETY TIPS

By Mark Rhatigan

A clothes dryer doesn't look scary or appear to be too dangerous. However, over time, lint builds up in the dryer vent system, blocking air flow and creating a fire hazard.

Regular cleaning and maintenance are required safety precautions that will keep your dryer lint-free.

If you are unaware of the signs that it may be time to have your dryer vent cleaned, here are a few things to look for: your electric bills are rising, your dryer is giving off more heat than normal or it takes longer than one 50-minute cycle in the dryer to dry your laundry.

Fortunately, removing lint is simple. The first area to clean is the lint trap. It should be cleaned after every load by removing the lint from the screen and wiping the edges. Dryer sheets can clog a lint trap with residue. If the screen seems clogged, submerge the lint screen in a sink of hot water and then scrub with a bristle brush to remove all the built-up fabric softener.

Sometimes the softener sheets get stuck in the lint filter or over the vents on the inside of the dryer, so check to be sure the softener sheets come out of the dryer with the load of clothes.

Every one to two years, it is advisable to schedule a professional dryer vent cleaning session. If your dryer vent is clogged, you'll recoup your money in energy savings. In addition, your dryer will be less likely to overheat.

Licensed and insured dryer vent cleaners are listed in the Oronoque Village Vendor list, which is available on our website (www.oronoquevillage.com) under the Maintenance heading. The Vendor List also is available for pick up in the Business Office.

If you have a question regarding vendor selection, please contact the Maintenance Department at 203-375-8853. OV

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLETMAN CONCERTS' NEW SEASON

The Pletman Concert season will get under way on Sunday, Sept.16, at 3 p.m. Pianist Chelsea Guo will present a program of music by Mozart, Schubert and Chopin. This will be Chelsea's third Pletman Concert performance.

She comes to us after a very busy summer, with performances in London, Leeds, Salzburg, New York and China.

Upcoming performances are the popular husband-and-wife singers Carol (soprano) and Tom (baritone) Woodman, who have delighted our residents in the past with arias from operas, operettas, French love songs and American musicals. They will perform on Sunday, Oct. 28.

OnSunday, Nov.18, we welcome back the guitar duo of Judy Handler and her husband, Mark Levesque. Their "Fiesta!" program in May 2017 had the audience all but dance in the aisles and line up to buy their CDs during the reception.

Concerts take place at NCB. Admission to each concert is $5 at the door. Refreshments and lively conversation follow the performances.

ATTENTION LADY BOWLERS

Our organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 29, at 9:30 a.m. at SCB.

Make up of the teams and the calendar for the bowling season will be distributed. Fees and other pertinent information will be discussed.

All current members and substitutes should attend. An invitation is open, also, for any lady who is interested in either bowling or substituting. The season begins on Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Questions? Call Dee at 203-375-3724 or Joanna at 203-381-9664.

2018-2019 DISTRICT ELECTIONS*

District 1 election meeting is Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. at SCB.
District 2 election meeting is Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. at SCB.
District 3 election meeting is Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. at SCB.
District 4 election meeting is Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. at SCB.
District 5 election meeting is Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. at SCB.
District 6 election meeting is Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. at SCB.
District 7 election meeting is Oct. 2 at NCB.
District 8 election meeting is Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. at NCB.
District 9 election meeting is Sept. 28 at 6 p.m. at NCB.
District 10 election meeting is Sept. 20 at 5:30 p.m. at NCB.
District 11 election meeting is Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. at NCB.

**All residents in every district will receive complete details about their district meetings via flyers distributed in the black boxes.*

NEW 'CONSCIOUS AGING' CLASS

A new eight-week Conscious Aging course will begin on Monday, Sept. 10, at NCB from 10-11:30 a.m. The cost is $80 with an additional $20 for the workbook. Registration is limited to 12 people.

While no one can halt the march of time, this mindfully based class demonstrates that there are many things we can do to "consciously" deal with the stresses of aging in ways that promote healing and well-being. During weekly meetings in small conversational groups guided by a facilitator, members will discuss the importance of such topics as self-compassion, forgiveness and "letting go" as we age and how these can lead to a greater sense of happiness.

A few additional goals of the course are to:

- Create an "awareness" leading to greater wisdom and inner peace
- Demonstrate a renewed sense of meaning and purpose in our own lives
- Reduce isolation via our connection to others and a world which is truly experiencing a new vision of aging.

The class is run by OV resident Peter Ulisse, a retired professor from Housatonic Community College who is nationally certified to teach Conscious Aging. For information or to register, email peterulisse@yahoo.com or call 475-422 -9630.

ACTIVITIES

EDITOR'S NOTE: ***To ensure accuracy, information must be submitted, via email, to Carol King at cking@oronoquevillage.com. (Submissions must be typed, in upper and lower case.) The deadline to be included in the next issue of*** **The Villager,** ***on Sept. 4, 2018, is Aug. 20 at noon.***

BOCCE

• Bocce is played on Thursdays, weather permitting, at 10 a.m. at NCB. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Call Sue or Ralph Trapasso at 203-916-7156.

CURRENT EVENTS

• The Current Events Discussion Group meets in SCB Card Room 1 at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays Aug. 22, Sept. 12 and Sept. 26. Please bring a news article to the meeting.

DOLLCRAFTERS

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

LINE DANCING

• Line dancing resumes on Wednesday, Sept, 12. Classes take place weekly at NCB. A beginner class is held at 9:30 a.m. followed by a class for all levels at 10 a.m.

New House & Garden notecards
are now for sale in the Business Office

The cards feature a scenic photo
from our community.

The cost is 3 cards for $6
6 cards for $10

Money raised goes toward improvement projects throughout the Village.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

• The Ladies Bible study group meets at 10:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month in the NCB card room. The next meeting will take place Sept. 14. Call Angie McKelvey (203-227-3222) for information.

MAINTAINING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

• Healthy Lifestyle Discussion Group will meet in the SCB Back Card Room at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 30 and Nov. 27. Please bring information and be prepared to participate in discussions.

WALKING GROUP

• The Walking Group meets weekly on Thursdays at 9 a.m. in the NCB parking lot. The walks last about 30 minutes to 45 minutes. This is a relaxed, informal group and everyone travels at their own pace.

OV WRITERS GROUP

• The OV Writers Group meets alternate Thursdays at 2 p.m. in the Card Room at NCB. All are welcome. The group encourages its members to write, to expand their writing and publishing horizons and to find support in a trusting, respectful and professional environment. For information, contact Mary at MvonZ@optonline.net / 203-767-9760.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MONITORS AT SCB

Welcome to new SCB monitor Patricia Leadem and Lorraine Allfano, a new substitute monitor.

Additional monitors at SCB are Celeste Jardim, Ralph Trapasso, Kathy Wells, Michael Minoff, Kathryn Lukens, Carl Stahnke, Anne Hart, Cynthia Harms, Betty Hugus, Kathy Lukens, Susan Monk, Joe Donia, Kevin Walsh, Veda Barrett, Elizabeth Bales, Joe DiPronio, Lee Shlafer, Dick Knopf, Nancy Wilson, Vangie Wales, Connie Murawski and Dee Tuozzoli.

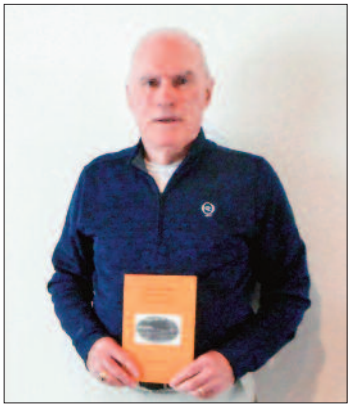
We all appreciate the help of our resident volunteers, who provide assistance at SCB for a few hours each week.

-- Dave Schoennagel
Monitor Program Coordinator

ARTS GUILD FEATURES

BRUCE BLANCHARD TO SPEAK AT THE OV ARTS GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

Story by Barbara Stewart
Photo by Marcia Klein



"We tend to take ourselves too seriously," says Bruce Blanchard in the foreword to his humorous collection of typical Vermont stories, titled "Please Listen While I Think….I'm a Vermonter."

If you are yearning for an afternoon of good humor, don't miss the OV Arts Guild (OVAG) annual meeting on Sept. 6 at 4 p.m. at SCB. Bruce will entertain us with stories of rural humor based on his life growing up in Vermont. His speaking engagements have taken him from the East Coast to the West Coast since the book's publication in 1998. Copies of the book will be available for sale at the meeting.

Prior to Bruce's talk, we will have a brief business meeting and hold an election for officers of the Guild Board. Members interested in a position on the OVAG board can contact Claire Carew at 203-540-5125. The open positions are: president, xvice president, secretary, treasurer and member-at-large. You must be a current member in order to vote.

As always, we will have a post-meeting social gathering with refreshments and time to get to know each other better. Or, at least, as Bruce suggests in his book, we can find the "lost art of direct, brief and infrequent conversations with no body language," the way it's done in rural Vermont.

Members attend free of charge. Guests pay $5 at the door.

For full details on joining OVAG, please see the article below. Questions? Call Barbara Stewart at 203-612-1373.

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SO ... WHAT'S AN ORONOQUE VILLAGE ARTS GUILD 'FREEMIUM?'

By Sharon Sells

So ... what's an Oronoque Village Arts Guild (OVAG) "Freemium ?" Hold on, we'll tell you in a minute ...

Meetings are being held to plan for Arts Guild events to come in the 2018-2019 "season." Included on the list is a unique "The Way We Were" black, white and sepia photography show of Oronoque Villager's lives; back, by demand, a presentation by Dr. Barry Zaret, a published poet (who also is an accomplished artist and former chairman of the Department of Cardiology at Yale University); movies ("Frieda" is on the list as an opener); another performance of the Square One Players after their much-applauded show this season; art shows with catered receptions and opportunities to meet the exhibitors ... and much more, including art classes, People's Choice Awards, fairs and a chance to embrace your community and be embraced in return.

Our membership is growing! We're so grateful because we cannot do it without you. The OVAG only works when you are there. And we're "local" -- no hassles in ice and snow -- it's all right here in the Village, so even on bad weather days you can join in the fun in safety and comfort.

So, we are hoping you will support the OVAG with your presence at events as well as your contributions to photography, painting, needlework and sculpture exhibits and ... your membership.

Membership is only $15. The guest fee is $5. So, the answer to the question, "What's an OVAG "Freemium?" is if you are a "guest" paying $5 at only three events, you've already spent a whole season's worth of membership. Your membership quickly repays your contribution. All presentations then become a "Freemium."

The OV Arts Guild offers residents quarterly art shows with catered opening receptions. Above are resident artists Renee Zinn and Fred Bridgsche at a recent event.

So, come! Let's get together and make the arts part of our lives by joining and attending the Oronoque Village Arts Guild's events.

New members: Please fill out a registration form (on the voting table in SCB lobby) and place with a check made out to OV Arts Guild in the Arts Guild Box located in the SCB lobby.

Renewing members: Your check is all you need to put in the box.

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH: DORIS COUSINS

Story and photo by Carol King

Residents are encouraged to visit NCB this month to enjoy Doris Cousins' exhibition of impressionistic watercolors. Although she considers painting a hobby that she has enjoyed for about 30 years, her award-winning pieces have been featured (and sold) at galleries and art festivals.

Doris discovered her talents as a young mother, working on art projects with her children. "While painting with the kids, I found that I was able to really express myself," she says. "I love working in watercolor because it allows me freedom and flow as well as an abundance of color. My technique is to not stay in the lines, I am an 'out of the box' painter."

After realizing her capabilities, Doris attended workshops and took classes to enhance her skills. " I studied with Ed Whitney, Frank Webb and Claude Croney," she says. "From there, I was able to start showing my paintings and worked with galleries and art fairs and festivals in Westchester and Fairfield Counties as well as the Hamptons. Along the way, I sold some paintings and won a few awards."

Spending much of her youth in the Westchester and Long Island, N.Y., areas, Doris developed a great love of the water and an appreciation for Mother Earth, which further ignite her passion for painting.

"The first painting I sold was of sand dunes. I also paint flowers, woods, boats , mountains ... anything that catches my eye at the moment," she states. "I am inspired by the ever-changing atmospheric conditions that create such diverse and beautiful settings."

While raising a family, Doris simultaneously spent 20 years as an account executive with Gannet Newspapers. In this position, she was able to utilize her artistic talents to help clients create advertisements and promotional campaigns.

She arrived in Oronoque Village about 12 years ago. "I was drawn here by the abundance of social activities that are available," she says.

As such, she is involved with the OV Arts Guild and paints

weekly as part of a small group of resident painters who make use of the Arts & Crafts Room at SCB.

In addition to painting, Doris enjoys sailing and gardening.

During the winter months, she and her companion, Charlie, spend time in Vero Beach, Fla., where she takes art classes and workshops offered by the Vero Beach Art Museum. OV

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Residents must take responsibility for their dogs and clean up after them.

CALENDAR

For the latest on OV news and events, go to www.oronoquevillage.com or OVTV. OVTV is Channel 591 for those with a cable box and Channel 121-591 for those without a box. O=Open / C=Closed / RSF= Racquet Sports Facility

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

- 9:00 a.m. – AARP Driving Class, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Free Blood Pressure Screening, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, SCB Pool (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Movie: *I Can Only Imagine*, SCB (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 5:00 p.m. – Poker, NCB, C/R (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 6:30 p.m. – Men's Poker, SCB, C/R (O)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

- 9:00 a.m. – Walking Group, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Aqua Zumba,SCB pool (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Quilters, NCB, C/R (O)
- 1:00 p.m. – Dominoes, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 1:30 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, Aud (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Writers Group, NCB, C/R (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 4:30 p.m. – Tennis Club Event, RSF / NCB (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Men's Club Bingo, SCB (O)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Farmers' Market, SCB Parking Lot (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, SCB Pool (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 10:30 a.m. – Drawing Class, SCB, C/R2 (O)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

- 9:00 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 6:30 p.m. – SAC Pool Party, SCB (C)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19: No events scheduld

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, South Pool (O)
- 11:30 a.m. – Chair Yoga, NCB, Aud (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 6:45 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Beginner Bridge Group, NCB, Library (O)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – OVCA Board Mtg, NCB (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Meditation, NCB, C/R (O)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, South Pool (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 5:00 p.m. – Poker, NCB, C/R (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 6:30 p.m. – Men's Poker, SCB, C/R (O)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

- 9:00 a.m. – Walking Group, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Aqua Zumba, SCB Pool (O)
- 1:00 p.m. – Dominoes, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 1:30 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, Aud (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, South Pool (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)

- 10:00 a.m. – Farmers' Market, SCB (O)
- 10:30 a.m. – Drawing Class, SCB, C/R (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Wine Club, NCB, Aud (O)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

- 9:00 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26: No events scheduled

MONDAY, AUGUST 27

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, South Pool (O))
- 11:30 a.m. – Chair Yoga, NCB, Aud (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 6:45 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Beginner Bridge Group, NCB, Library (O)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Healthy Lifestyle Discussion, SCB, C/R (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Funseekers Board Mtg, SCB (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Meditation, NCB, C/R (O)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

- 9:30 a.m. – Ladies Bowling Meeting, SCB, C/R (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, South Pool (O)
- 11:00 a.m. – Hadassah Meeting, NCB (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 5:00 p.m. – Poker, NCB, C/R (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 6:30 p.m. – Men's Poker, SCB, C/R (O)
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

- 9:00 a.m. – Walking Group, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Aqua Zumba, SCB Pool (O)
- 1:00 p.m. – Dominoes, SCB, C/R2 (C)
- 1:30 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, Aud (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)

•2:00 p.m. – Writers Group, NCB, C/R (O)

•6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, South Pool (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Farmers' Market, SCB (O)
- 10:30 a.m. – Drawing Class, SCB, C/R (C)
- 12:00 p.m. – Water Aerobics Luncheon, SCB (C)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 9:00 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2: No event scheduled

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
Labor Day - Business & Maintenance Offices Closed

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 9:00 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 11:30 a.m. – Chair Yoga, NCB, Aud (O)
- 3:30 p.m. – Arts Guild Planning Committee, NCB (C)
- 6:45 p.m. – Bridge, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Beginner Bridge Group, NCB, Library (O)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba Gold, NCB, Aud (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – House & Garden Brd Mtg, NCB (C)
- 2:00 p.m. – Rummikub, SCB, Lounge (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Maintenance Committee, NCB (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Funseekers General Mtg, SCB (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Meditation, NCB, C/R (O)

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, Oct. 17 … Hadassah bus trip to Essex. Steam train ride and riverboat cruise with luncheon at the Griswold Inn. $85 payment is due by Oct. 1.

Above: Committee members, from left, Marion and Nick Cardell, Bonnie Usinger, Raquel Wright, Ben Snaider, Ron Wright, Gwynne Wales, Edie and Peter Feick, and Ray Drake. Vangie Wales is missing from the photo.

Left: From left, Bob Koritko, Jack and Betty Mulholland, Gene Sullivan, David Bearse (standing) and Dottie Sullivan.

OVTC'S 'EVENING IN PARIS' PARTY

By Benson Snaider
Photos by Peter Feick & Sherry Bearse

On Saturday night, July 21, the Oronoque Village Tennis Club (OVTC) held its "Evening In Paris" gala dinner dance at NCB. Eighty members and their guests were entertained by DJ "Party On Wheels" playing Parisian café music and American 1960s music for dancing.

The partygoers were feted to a sumptuous buffet of chicken cordon bleu, salade Nicoise and steak au poivre with cognac sauce prepared by Lasse's of Milford.

The ballroom was transformed into a Paris bistro by backdrops of the Eiffel Tower and a neighborhood café.

Marsha and Ben Snaider chaired the party committee, which consisted of Edie and Peter Feick, Marion and Nick Cardell, Vangie and Gwynne Wales, Raquel and Ron Wright and Bonnie Usinger.

Prizes were awarded for the best costumes. The winners were Bonnie Usinger, best women's costume; Tom Torpey, best men's costume; and Ed Keane and Nancy Wilcox, who came as "French fries," and received the prize for the best couple's outfit.

At the end of the event, members and guests had a wonderful Parisian evening without ever having left Oronoque Village. OV

BEYOND THE VILLAGE

Fairfield Center Stage, a new community theater group, will present the Tony Award-winning rock musical, "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," Sept. 7-15, at Trevi Lounge at 548 Kings Highway Cutoff. "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" is about a fictional rock 'n' roll band fronted by a genderqueer East German singer, Hedwig Robinson.

"Hedwig and the Angry Inch" is a landmark musical that is "groundbreaking and undoubtedly ahead of its time" (Entertainment Weekly). This genre-bending, fourth-wall-smashing musical sensation, with a pulsing score and electrifying performances, tells the story of one of the most unique characters to ever hit the stage and has what Time Magazine proclaims is "the most exciting rock score written for the theater since, oh, ever!"

Trevi Lounge is Fairfield's only gay bar and has been a home to the LGBT community and its allies since 2013. "Hedwig and the Angry Inch" will be presented with reserved seating for $25. Special VIP cocktail tables with drink service are available for $40, as well as a limited number of "stageside" student tickets for $10. Those under 18 need to attend with a parent or guardian. For accessible seating access please email info@fairfieldcenterstage.org.

Performances are Friday, Sept. 7, at 8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 8, at 8 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m, Thursday, Sept. 13, at 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 14, at 8 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 15, at 8 p.m.

For more information, visit www.fairfieldcenterstage.org or call 203-416-6446.

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Westport Country Playhouse will stage the recent off-Broadway hit, "The Understudy," a backstage comedy about a Hollywood action star rehearsing for a role on Broadway amid tensions with his understudy. The cast includes Eric Bryant, Connecticut Critics Circle Award winner; Brett Dalton of ABC's "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D."; and Andrea Syglowski, an award-winning actress. Running through Sept. 1, the comedy is written by Theresa Rebeck and directed by David Kennedy, Westport Country Playhouse associate artistic director.

"The Understudy" is set in a Broadway theater where Roxanne is the stage manager. Charged with running the understudy rehearsal for the production, she finds her professional and personal life colliding when Harry, a journeyman actor and her ex-fiancé, is cast as the understudy to Jake, a mid-tier action star yearning for legitimacy. The comedy is a humanistic look at people trying to do what they love in the face of obstacles.

Performance schedule is Tuesday at 7 p.m., Wednesday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

For more information and to buy tickets, visit www.westportplayhouse.org, or call the box office at (203) 227-4177, toll-free at 1-888-927-7529.

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The 2nd Annual Appetizer & Dessert Crawl and Dog Adoption Fundraiser for the Robin I. Kroogman New Haven Animal Shelter takes place Sunday, Aug. 19, 12-4 p.m. There will be 12 mouthwatering appetizer and dessert stops at The Shops at Yale. Tickets are available for $20 each (plus $2.50 processing fee). In addition, Aug. 19 starts the first day of Connecticut Tax-Free Week, so expect to find some great deals!

Check-in begins at noon on Broadway Island, 56 Broadway – across from Apple/J.Crew/Urban Outfitters. A raffle will take place at 4:15 p.m. inside J.Crew, 29 Broadway. Winners will receive gift cards to J.Crew, Fat Face, Urban Outfitters, Raggs, idiom, Patagonia or Barbour. The Appetizer and Dessert Crawl ticket purchase includes free parking at the 150 York Street Garage. Bring your parking ticket upon check-in to be validated.

To learn more about the Appetizer and Dessert Crawl and Dog Adoption, visit https://theshopsatyale.com/appcrawl//

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Mad Men Modern is the Eighth Annual Living History Tour conducted by the Norwalk Preservation Trust. It will take place on Sunday, Sept. 16, from 12:30-5 p.m.

Attendees will explore the work of architects of the Modern - the visionaries who simplified and reshaped the traditional to launch a new aesthetic. The tour will reveal the history and local significance of architectural gems influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright and the German Bauhaus style. Tour attendees will travel in comfortable buses and enjoy a reception at the conclusion of the tour. Tickets are $60 until Sept. 10, and $70 after that date.

To purchase tickets, call 203-853-7495 or visit www.norwalkpreservation.org. OV

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RESIDENT PHOTOGRAPHS: SUMMER SCENES

Thanks to our resident photographers for sharing summertime views of our community.

Top, an anonymous shutterbug took the photo of a few resident "bathing beauties."

Above left, a garden scene taken by Bob Macaluso.

Above right, Joanne Sutphen submitted a view of Kathy Flynn 's garden, located on North Trail.

Left, Peter Feick captured Abbie Kanner, Marilyn Coffey, Barbara Minoff, Carole Plotnick, Gery Cuccaro, Camille Manzolli and Joanne Sutphen enjoying a Pickleball Club Party.

Call-In Program Is Available To Oronoque Residents

If you live alone, you might want to consider signing up for the ***Call-In Program.*** To participate, you need to call the South Clubhouse (203-375-5435) every morning between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

A Volunteer Monitor on duty will check on you. That's all there is to it!

If you are interested in learning more about this program, please call Dave Schoennagel at 203-870-6354.

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House & Garden Club Meeting, Monday, Sept. 17, 1:30 p.m. at SCB

The House and Garden Club will present a speaker from Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum in Norwalk. The mansion is regarded as one of the earliest and most significant Second Empire Country Houses in the United States. It was built by renowned financier and railroad tycoon LeGrand Lockwood from 1864-1868. After his death, it was sold to Charles D. Mathews in 1876. With it"s unique architecture and interiors, when it was threatened with demolition in the 1960s, preservationists saved the building, and restored it to the splendor of the Victorian Era. It was named a National Historic Landmark in 1971.

Come and learn more about our local history and see some friends after the summer break.

Coffee or tea and dessert will be served after the program. There will be a small fee for guests, who are always welcome. Please remember that annual dues are payable at this time.

OV Wine Club: Grape Expectations!

Wine

Join us for our wine-tasting journey to Greece. Once again Len Gulino, "The Wine Tutor," will be our tour guide. Greece is one of the oldest wine-producing regions of the world and is currently the world's 13th largest producer.

There was a period of time when the Greek wine industry became viewed as stagnant and mediocre. However, in the mid-nineties, producers had an epiphany in large part due to the boom in global wine sales and consumption.

This motivated the start of the "modern Greek wine story." The industry implemented advances in technology, know-how of wine makers trained abroad, combined with older vine age resulting in a modernized industry producing world-class wines.

Come along as we sample the fruits of the "modern Greek wine story" from varieties such as Assyrtiko, Malagousia, Agiorgitiko, Luminio, and others.

The event will include:

Entrance wine
Informative commentary by Len
Tasting 6 wines: 3 red, 3 white
Cheese, crackers, snacks (with Greek influence)
Post wine-tasting goodies by Dorothy Tanski

When: Friday, August 24, 7 – 9 p.m. at NCB. Cost: $25 per person. Attendance is limited to the first 40 persons responding. Your check to OV Wine Club is your reservation.

Deposit checks in Wine Club mailbox at NCB. RSVP no later than August 19th.
Contacts: Charlie DiGiovanni 203-375-0054 or Bill Tanski 203-540-5389

Get your reservations in for Weekenders next event On Sept. 15th, 6PM., at NCB

Enjoy the songs of Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra crooned to you by Jack Lynn and Steve Kazlauskas

Jack was born in Bridgeport to a Sicilian family and raised in the atmosphere of love, food and music at the time when Dean Martin's career was beginning to take off. His mother loved Dean's music ... it was constantly playing and, by the age of 13, Jack also was hooked and started mimicking his voice.

Steve is recognized a one of the foremost authorities on Frank Sinatra and his music. He was inspired to become a singer by corresponding directly with Ol' Blue Eyes Steve has made it his personal mission to keep the music of Sinatra alive while perfecting his own interpretation of that famous style.

Please put your $20 check into the Weekenders box at NCB by Sept 5th to ensure your reservation with any special table arrangements included. As always, a delicious dinner and plentiful desserts will be served.

Questions? Call Carol Tepper at 203-375-2101.

Come One, Come All to the Hadassah Card Party & Luncheon
On September 5 at Mill River Country Club
Doors Open at Noon - Luncheon Served at 12:30 p.m.

$30 per person. Please use the form below and include the names of those with whom you wish to sit.

Checks and form should be deposited in the Hadassah Box at NCB.
RSVP by Friday, August 31.

??? Gladys: 203-380-8866, Barbara: 203-378-7781 or Arlene: 203-345-1196

If you wish to sit at a particular table, all names and checks for each table must be sent in at one time. Please list names on the tear-off sheet below and deposit with payments.

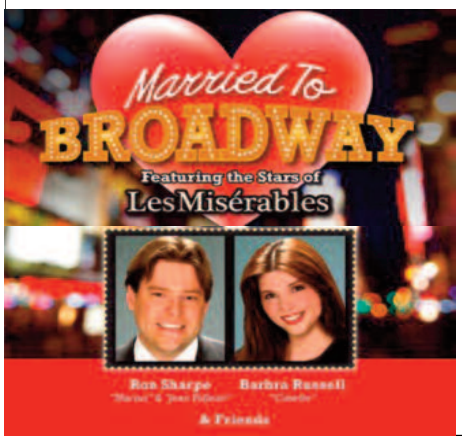
Funseekers of Oronoque Village presents:

Married to Broadway

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Aqua Turf Club, Plantsville, CT

Ron Sharpe & Barbra Russell first met when they were playing the young romantic leads of Marius and Cosette in "*Les Miserables*." After being married on stage hundreds of times, they decided to do it for real. Ron and Barbra, together with their friends, will share their love affair with the great music of *The Great White Way*, performing the big show stopping numbers that are audience favorites around the world -- from *Phantom of the Opera*, *Cats*, *Evita*, and *West Side Story*, to *Carousel*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and – of course – *Les Miz*.



FAMILY STYLE MENU: Garden Salad, Pasta, Roast Turkey & Broiled Scrod with Crumb Topping, Veg, Potato, Rolls, Dessert, Beverage.

COST: $97.pp based on 40-52

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Depart: 10:30am South Club House, Oronoque Village
Estimated Return: 4:30pm Stratford
Check payable to: Funseekers—Drop in NCB Funseekers Box
For Information: Bob Krakovich 203-752-6105
Full Payment Due: September 9, 2018

Refreshments will be served

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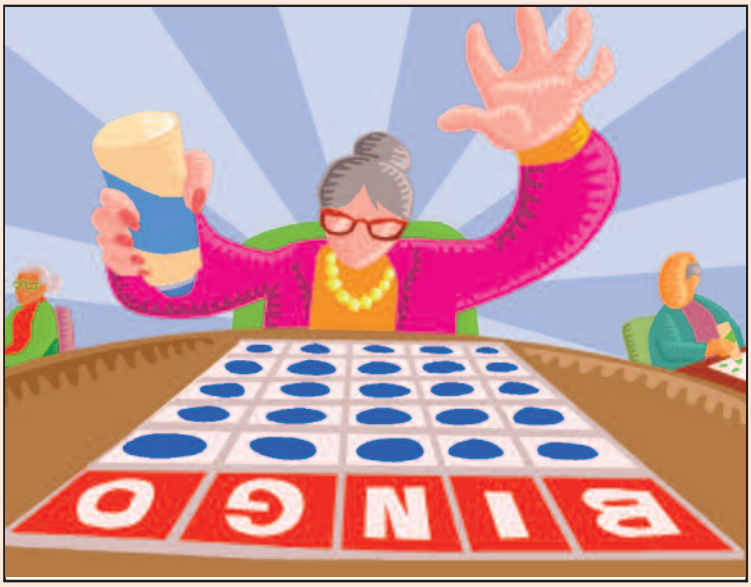

Questions?
Call Sandy Lunt
203-377-5833.

Bingo: Presented by the Men's Club

Thursday, August 16, at 7:00 pm at SCB
Come and bring your friends. Cost: $2.50/card

ANITA KARASU TO OFFER NEW PAPER MACHE SCULPTURE CLASS

Anita Karasu will begin a new 8-week paper mache sculpture class on Mondays beginning September 17. This class is fun, a bit messy and creative.

No experience necessary - Anita will give step by step instructions to help you create a sculpture out of paper, tape, and aluminum foil.

Where: Arts and Crafts Room in the SCB
Price: $50.00
Day: Mondays starting September 17
Time: 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Please make checks payable to Anita Karasu and place them in the OV Arts Guild Box in the South Clubhouse. Class size is limited to 10.

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Hadassah Meeting, August 29, 11 a.m. at NCB
All are welcome

Joyce Backman, president of Hadassah Connecticut,
will give a presentation, titled “On the Bus,”
updating us on Hadassah’s recent projects.

Coffee and refreshments will be served.
RSVP by August 24:
Call Arlene Block at 203-870-9561 or Ellie Taylor at 203-377-4500

The Oronoque Village Book Club meets at 7 p.m.
on the first Wednesday of the month at NCB.
All Villagers are welcome.
Need a ride or information? Call Hinda at 203-385-3855.

The book for **Sept. 5** is *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio* by Terry Ryan. This book introduces an enterprising woman who kept poverty at bay to raise 6 sons and 4 daughters with wit, poetry, and perfect prose during the "contest era" of the 1950s and 1960s. Her winning ways defied the church, her alcoholic husband, and antiquated views of housewives. The story, told by her daughter, shows how a winning spirit will always triumph over poverty.

The book for **Oct. 3** is *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelli Estes. Inspired by true events, Kelli Estes's brilliant writing is a touching and tender story about discovering the past to bring peace to the present. The novel sheds light on a dark period of Seattle history that will interest those who are seeking unusual historical details long hidden from history books. As with the best of historical romance, the author gives us not only a love story, but lots of history, this time the history of Seattle. The interconnection of two women a century apart is the center of this tragic and yet uplifting novel.

Funseekers Presents Broadway Baritone James Michael in "The Golden Age of the Baritone"

If you have never come to a Funseekers event, then you must join us on *Tuesday, September 4th (note date change) at 7 PM in the SCB* for a performance from world-renowned baritone James Michael. He last performed for Funseekers in November 2016 at our Pre-Holiday Bash dinner.

James is a phenomenal baritone who has an engaging performance style that mesmerizes audiences through his resonant singing, wonderful spirit and personal stories of his busy life on Broadway. Not since Howard Keel, John Raitt and Robert Goulet (all of with whom he has worked) has anyone performed our Broadway Classics with such passion. This widely and critically acclaimed production will capture the great music of Broadway in a show you surely do not want to miss!

Admission $2 Members, $5 Guests.
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Questions? Please contact Bob Krakovich at 203-752-6105

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