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Thank you to Jim Manzolli for taking the cover photos of the SAC Pool Party, which was held last month. An article and additional photos appear on page 8. *The Villager* welcomes submissions for cover consideration. Submissions must be emailed as high-resolution jpeg images to cking@oronoquevillage.com



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THE OV GOLF TOURNAMENT: THE BOTTOM LINE

By Judy Waldeyer, Golf Committee Chairperson



A partial view of the raffle prize table at the OV Golf Tournament.

The success of the 15th annual Oronoque Village Golf Tournament would not have been possible without a very dedicated committee -- Camille Manzolli, Dee Varholak, Marcia Klein and Dee Tuozzoli -- and the hard work of our office staff, Fred Rodriguez and Mark Rhatigan.

We had 116 golfers, 38 volunteers and many dinner-only guests.

The relentless work of Bob and Cathy Koritko, along with committee members and dedicated Villagers, brought in over 65 donations of prizes and gift certificates.

We also had a large print of the tenth hole, which was donated by a former Villager who wishes to remain anonymous.

This year, I am pleased to announce that we have raised \$7,200 for The Center for Family Justice, The Friends of Boothe Park and the beautification of Oronoque Village. I only have the figures since 2010, but, to date, the golf outing has raised \$68,100.

The Dollcrafters will receive a \$150 stipend, as voted on by the OVCA Board, in addition to the \$213 in donations collected by Carolyn Novotny during the dinner. These funds will continue to help this very worthy Village project.

Thank you again to all who participated. Save the date for next year's outing on Aug. 10, 2020.



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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO RULES OF ORONOQUE VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

Notice is hereby given that on Aug. 20, 2019, after considering the comments of unit owners, the Board of Directors of Oronoque Village Condominium Association, Inc. (the "Association") adopted the Revision to Rules and Regulations of the Association.

Copies may be obtained at the OVCA Business Office.

-- Board of Directors
Oronoque Village Condominium Association, Inc.

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ORONOQUE VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION COMPLIANCE PROCESS

During the OVCA meeting held on Aug. 20, the Board of Directors voted unanimously to adopt the Compliance Process of the Oronoque Village Condominium Association. A copy of that process is available on Oronoque Village website by clicking on the Documents tab. Copies also may be obtained from the Business Office.

The reason this process has been established is to have a consistent, standardized procedure for handling reported violations of the "Bylaws, Rules and Regulations." It is a process that every resident can understand.

The compliance process is neither intended to create a policing entity or to take the place of civil resident-to-resident discussion and resolution of a problem. We are a community of more than 1,800 people, most of whom are over 55 years of age and willingly moved to this Village, which is governed by "Bylaws, Rules and Regulations."

We have agreed to live according to these governing documents to achieve a harmonious existence and to maintain and preserve the quality and beauty of Oronoque Village. The community is fortunate that the vast majority of residents understand and respect our rules and the reasons for them.

The adoption of the compliance process is an additional tool available to residents to help maintain the ordered life we sought when we chose to live here.

One of the most important responsibilities of the Compliance Committee is to maintain the confidentiality of any resident who files a complaint. This is a responsibility the committee takes very seriously, recognizing that it is crucial to the success of the committee.

One of the other very important responsibilities of this committee is to recognize changes that the process may require. While considerable thought went into the development of the procedures, it is expected that the real-time operation of the committee will provide information so the system can be assessed and addressed appropriately.

For your information, complaint boxes will be located in the lobbies of the North and South Clubhouses. The complaint form is available on the Oronoque Village website by clicking on the Documents tab. Also, forms are available at each clubhouse; in the North Clubhouse, forms are housed in the drawer of the small chest in the lobby. In the South Clubhouse, forms are kept in a receptacle above the complaint box.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUNSEEKERS IS PREPPING FOR A PRE-HOLIDAY BASH

Plans are underway as the Funseekers Board prepares for its annual Pre-Holiday Bash.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23, at SCB with doors opening at 5:15 p.m. Upon arrival, attendees will snack on cheese and crackers, followed by a superbly delicious catered dinner and table-served desserts.

The evening will continue on the dance floor with music provided by Village resident "DJ Chris" Albino. Details, costs and sign-up information will appear in the Oct. 15 issue of The Villager. This event is limited to 170 members.

ARTS GUILD OFFERS DRAWING CLASSES WITH JILL NICHOLS

The OV Arts Guild is pleased to, again, offer drawing classes with instructor Jill Nichols. This class is appropriate for all skill levels. Here's a chance to learn to draw or to hone your drawing skills over a six-week period. Classes will be held on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon in the SCB back card room, beginning on Oct. 17 and ending on Nov. 21.

Lessons will explore the elements of drawing such as line, value, texture, form and space. Students will work with pencil and sketchpad, and will learn to really "see" what is before them. Lessons will include demonstrations, photographs, still-life setups and a live model. Class size is limited to 10 students and each student will receive individualized attention.

If you are interested, contact Barbara Stewart at barbsmt@yahoo.com or 203-612-1373. If space is available, you can secure your spot by depositing your check, made out to Jill Nichols, in the Arts Guild Box at NCB. The cost is \$110.

Jill is a seasoned instructor for students of all ages. She teaches art at the University of New Haven and at the Derby Senior Center. Her work is exhibited internationally at the Vatican Observatory Museum and in many notable collections, including Yale New Haven Health and former FBI Director James Comey. More information can be found on her website, www.jillnichols.com.

FREE CHAIR YOGA CLASS

Residents are invited to participate in a free chair yoga class at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 7. Participants will work with breath and movement on and off the chair. You are invited to stretch and strengthen, release and relax. All are welcome. No materials needed. We meet in the NCB weekly on Monday mornings. Questions? Call Virginia at 203-870-1554.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Villagers and friends are invited to the Orono Country Club on Dec. 31 to enjoy an elegant evening of dining and dancing. No reason to worry about the weather ... It's only five minutes away! Music and entertainment will be provided by "Rich DiPalma," vocalist. DJ. Rich's repertoire includes a wide variety of dances and music of songs across a wide spectrum! Plan to find yourselves on the dance floor nonstop! Midnight champagne toasts, party hats and noisemakers will ring in the "New Year 2020." Mark your calendar, get your dancing shoes polished and watch for a flyer with more details in the next Villager.



-- OVCA New Year's Eve Committee

BRIDGE LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS

Bridge lessons for beginners and those who want to renew their skills are offered on three consecutive Mondays, beginning Oct. 7, from 7-9 p.m. in the lounge at NCB.

Instructors Wendy Swain and Barbara Stewart invite residents to join the fun and play with an active group. You don't need a partner, just an interest.

Evaluation of the hand, bidding, playing the cards and scoring will all be included in the lessons. Class is limited to 12 people. The cost is \$30 per person. To sign up, email wendysw10s@gmail.com. The deadline to RSVP is Oct. 3.

CALL FOR ART - SEPT. 27 AT 10 A.M.

The fall Galerie OV show will be installed on Sept. 27. The theme for this exhibit is "Such Stuff As Dreams Are Made Of." This is a perfect opportunity to use your imagination!

Perhaps you have an abstract work that depicts a dream you have had. Maybe you have a dream house or a dream vacation or even a dream for world peace. Think big or small, abstract or realistic, and name your piece to fit the theme.

This show is open to all mediums. Bring one or two pieces of art to SCB at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 27. Submissions should be wired and ready to hang (or ready to be placed on a pedestal if three-dimensional).

If you need assistance getting artwork to the gallery, contact Barbara Stewart at 203-612-1373 or barbsmt@yahoo.com. The reception for this show is on Sunday, Oct. 6, at 4 p.m. in the SCB Lounge. The People's Choice Awards will be given for the summer show, "Go Figure." Don't forget to vote!



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FEATURE: SAC POOL PARTY



Story by Bill Tanski
Photos by Peter Feick and Jim Manzolli

On the night of Aug. 17, there was the annual SAC Pool Party at SCB. The theme was “Endless Summer.” The weather was tropical and rain-free, the mood was sublime and carefree. The approximate 180 attendees shared good food, great music and solidified friendships on an “enchanted evening” for one and all.

Unlike the rainy weather of last year, we were able to spend the cocktail hour along the perimeter of the southside pool. The perfect “cocktail” of OV harmony with friends old and new was created by sharing goodwill amongst ourselves and nibbling on an assortment of appetizers from our caterer, Lasse’s, while being accompanied by music from the band “Over Easy” and enjoying beverages of our choice. No evening had a better start and no night had a better beginning. Yet, what was to come exceeded all expectations.

At about 7:30 p.m., we were called in to partake of our dinner. Laid out before us was a buffet fit for royalty. There were meat and seafood assortments, followed by choices of vegetables. We were soon filled to the “gills” with this good food. So stuffed we were of this great fare, that barely a person could get up for second helpings. But the night continued on and the best was to come.

Dancing is a rhythmic expression of joy and happiness.



There was plenty of that going on as “Over Easy” played for our dancing and listening pleasure. Those who did not dance mingled among fellow residents, sometimes learning something new about them. For this author, it was listening to someone who attended the Woodstock Music Festival exactly a half century ago. It was oral history at its best, and made my evening especially memorable.

Kudos to the outstanding work of our SAC Committee who planned the theme, designed and created the fabulous centerpieces on your tables and did the prep for this annual SAC summer event. Many thanks to: Janice Dulberg, Linda Eastwood, Kathy Flynn, Celeste Jardim, Pat Krause, Pat Spodick, Lee Schlafer, Dorothy Tan-



ski, Kathy Wu, Ulla Adema, Barbara Minoff and our SAC volunteers Edie Briner and Joanne Sutphen for their tremendous work on this event.

A nice OV thanks to Peter Feick and Jim Manzolli, our helpful roving photographers. Also, thanks to Christian Davin and Gabe Brown, our South Clubhouse attendants, for their extra help. We appreciate the assistance from Maintenance staff members John Nomack, David Hobson, John Gierula, Jeff Koert, Rick Villanueva and Mike Caplinger for the outdoor lighting and setup.

We thank them for all they do all the time for OV. Until next year...

OV



By Nancy Blagys, OV Representative on the OCC Board

Recently, the general manager, Matt Stewart left OCC by mutual agreement. CBIGG, the owner of OCC, is in the process of searching for a new general manager. They need someone with golf experience plus catering and management skills. They've promised the OCC members to get someone qualified for the position this time around.

CBIGG wants to make OCC the best in the area. They are continuing with repairs to the building. There is new carpeting on the lower level, new lights in the upstairs bar area and improvements to the golf course. The Grille Room welcomes all Villagers for breakfast (weekends) and lunch and dinner, Tuesday–Sunday. A new menu will be out soon if not already.

As a reminder, the Wednesday lunch buffet and special rates on the golf course were discontinued as of Aug. 31.

From Aug. 16-18 there was a member/member golf tournament. The winners from OV are Carole Guglielmino, Rachel Barnett, Nancy Blagys, Karen Kiely and Norm Dube.

On Labor Day the following OV residents were in the money: Rachel Barnett, Cal Blagys, Mary and Jarett Crooks, Alison Danzberger, Carol Guglielmino, Karen Kiely, Sue Schettini, Wendy Swain and Jane Upton. Congratulations to all.

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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 Sept, 18, Oct. 2 and 16.

DOLLCRAFTERS

• Dollcrafters meets at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays in the NCB Library.

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 Library. All ladies are welcome. The next meetings will take place Sept. 13 and Sept. 27. We will be studying the Book of Genesis. Questions? Call Angie McKelvey (227-3222) or Tina Vermette (375-0291).

LINE DANCING

• Classes take place Wednesdays at NCB. A beginner class is held at 9:30 a.m., followed by a class for all levels at 10 a.m. Call Sonya at 203-377-1515 for more information.

MAINTAINING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

• Healthy Lifestyle Discussion Group will meet in the SCB Back Card Room at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays Sept. 24, Oct. 29 and Nov. 26. Please bring in formation and be prepared to participate in discussions.

MEN'S BOWLING CLUB

• Games are played at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays at Nutmeg Bowling Center in Fairfield. Call Paul at 203-339-1111.

PICKLEBALL CLUB

• Round robins are held (weather permitting) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-7 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. and Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Less aggressive play occurs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. Beginner coaching and practice for all levels is on Saturdays, 9:30-10 a.m. Times are subject to change. Please visit <https://holdmycourt.com/reserve2/ovpickleball> for changes to the schedule. For information, contact Gery at cleeker@optonline.net or Regina at rarchazki@hotmail.com.

TEA, TALK & CRAFTS

• Tea, Talk & Crafts will resume on Thursday, Oct. 3, at 1:30 p.m. in the room next to the kitchen at SCB. We meet every week. The annual fee is \$10. If you have questions, please call Cynthia Harms at 203-402-9083.

TENNIS CLUB ROUND ROBINS

• The Tennis Club holds weekly round robins on Thursdays from 5-6:30 p.m. All residents are invited to play.

WALKING GROUP

• The Walking Group meets 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. For information, call Belle at 914-220-2472.

WRITERS GROUP

• The OV Writers Group meets on 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.

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CALENDAR

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 11:00 a.m. – Chair Yoga, NCB, Aud (O)
- 12:00 p.m. – Arts Guild Luncheon, SCB (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 5:15 p.m. – Tai Chi with Jonathan, NCB, Aud (O)
- 6:45 p.m. – Open Bridge, NCB, Lounge (O)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Men's Club Cards, SCB, C/R (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball beginner, followed by RR, RSF (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Kundalini Yoga, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – OVCA annual meeting, NCB (O)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, beginners, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Blood Pressure Screening, NCB, C/R (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, A/C Rm, SCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Movie: *Poms*, SCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Men's Club Billiards, NCB (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 5:00 p.m. – Poker, NCB, C/R (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – District 8 Meeting, NCB (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 6:30 p.m. – Men's Poker, SCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – District 6 Meeting, SCB (C)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 9:00 a.m. – Walking Group, NCB Parking Lot (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Beginner Oil Painting, SCB, A/C Rm (C)
- 10:00 a.m. – Quilting Group, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB (O)
- 11:30 a.m. – Tai Chi with Jonathan, NCB (C)
- 12:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, SCB, A/C Rm (O)

Notice:

Blood Pressure Screenings Are Now Offered Twice Monthly

Free blood pressure screenings are now offered on the first Tuesday of each month from 11 a.m.-noon as well as on the third Wednesday of each month from 10 -11 a.m. Screenings are in the NCB Card Room.

- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball beginner, followed by RR, RSF (O)
- 4:15 p.m. – Chair Yoga With Romy, NCB, Library (O)
- 5:00 p.m. – Tennis Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 5:30 p.m. – District 10 Meeting, NCB (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Bingo, SCB (O)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Farmers' Market, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 6:30 p.m. – Karaoke, SCB (O)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 9:30 p.m. – Pickleball beginners, followed by RR, RSF (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Tennis Club Dinner/Party, NCB (O)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 10:00 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 3:00 p.m. – Pletman Concert, NCB (O)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 11:00 a.m. – Chair Yoga, NCB, Aud (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 5:15 p.m. – Tai Chi With Jonathan, NCB (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – District 2 Meeting, SCB, Aud (C)
- 6:45 p.m. – Open Bridge, NCB, Lounge (O)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle, SCB (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Men's Club Cards, SCB, C/R (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball - Beginner followed by RR, RSF (O)

- 6:00 p.m. – District 11 Meeting, NCB (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – District 5 Meeting, SCB (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Kundalini Yoga, NCB, Library (O)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, beginners, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Men's Club Billiards, NCB (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 5:00 p.m. – Poker, NCB, C/R (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – District 1 Mtg, SCB, Aud (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 6:30 p.m. – Men's Poker, SCB, C/R (O)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- 9:00 a.m. – Walking Group, NCB Parking Lot (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Beginner Oil Painting, SCB, A/C Rm (C)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, nCB (O)
- 11:30 a.m. – Tai Chi With Jonathan, NCB, Aud (O)
- 12:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, SCB, A/C Rm (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Writers' Group, NCB, C/R (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball beginner, followed by RR, RSF (O)
- 4:15 p.m. – Chair Yoga With Romy, NCB, Library (O)
- 5:00 p.m. – Tennis Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – District 4 Mtg, SCB (C)
- 6:00 p.m. – Jerry's Poker, SCB, C/R1 (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – District 7 Mtg, NCB (C)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Farmers' Market, SCB (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – District 9 Mtg, NCB (C)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 9:30 p.m. – Pickleball beginners, followed by RR, RSF (O)
- 6:00 p.m. – Private Party, SCB (C)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 10:00 a.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 2:30 p.m. – Private Party, SCB (C)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- 9:00 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB (O)
- 11:00 a.m. – Chair Yoga, NCB, Aud (O)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball Round Robin, RSF (O)
- 5:15 p.m. – Tai Chi with Jonathan, NCB, Aud (O)
- 6:45 p.m. – Open Bridge, NCB, Lounge (O)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 9:00 a.m. – Yoga for Seniors, SCB, C/R2 (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library (O)
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB (O)
- 11:00 a.m. – Free Blood Pressure Screening, NCB, C/R (O)
- 2:00 p.m. – Men's Club Cards, SCB, C/R (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Pickleball beginner, followed by RR, RSF (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Kundalini Yoga, NCB, C/R (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Tennis Club Meeting & Election, NCB (O)
- 7:00 p.m. – Funseekers Meeting, SCB (O)

SAVE THE DATES

Monday, Oct. 28 ... The OV Arts Guild & Writers Group invite you to "Poetry & Prose – Reading & Reception" at the South Clubhouse, 7-9 p.m. All are welcome. Details will be published in the Oct. 1 Villager.

Saturday, Oct. 26 ... Come join us at SAC's second annual Sock Hop with our entertaining DJs, Jim and Earl. Get ready for a fun-filled night of dancing and memory-making.

Saturday, Nov. 2 ... The Movie Club presents a musical comedy by Harriet Borack, titled "Living at Oronoque." Details will be published in the next issue of The Villager.

Sunday, Nov. 17 ... The Arts Guild presents young performers from the Carol Farrell School of Dancing in Milford who will present a 45-minute program of ballet, tap and jazz.

Tuesday, Dec. 10 ... Funseekers' members and guests will embrace the holiday spirit through a musical comedy play performed by Trumbull-based Steppin' Out Productions. This is Funseekers' final event for 2019.

MAINTENANCE MATTERS

I would like to take this time to thank all of the Maintenance Committee Reps for providing the monthly Maintenance Matters columns over the past year. Well done!

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

A) Make sure your dog has a reflective leash and collar and make sure that you pick up after your dog.

B) Keep walking paths clear of cords, wires and animals.

C) Beware of wet conditions. Walking around your home with a beverage in an uncovered container can lead to unintended drips and make for slippery floors.

D) Install grab bars in bathroom, especially next to the toilet and in the shower.

AT NIGHT

A) Add lighting, wherever possible, especially in the kitchen and bathrooms.

B) Increase visibility, clear all sidewalks and decks.

C) Wear brightly colored clothing or reflective gear while walking outdoors.

Have a great autumn, everyone. Warmest regards to all.

-- Maintenance Committee Chair Ken Block
District 3 Representative

BEYOND THE VILLAGE

Westport Country Playhouse presents "Mlima's Tale," a powerful, theatrical fable about a magnificent Kenyan elephant named Mlima hunted for his coveted ivory tusks. Written by two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Lynn Nottage and directed by Playhouse artistic director Mark Lamos, "Mlima's tale" will be staged from Oct. 1-19.

Visit www.westportplayhouse.org or call 203-227-4177 for more details. The theater is located at 25 Powers Court.

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Fairfield Center Stage opens its second season with the award-winning classic musical "Cabaret," which will run through Sept. 28. All performances will take place at Trevi Lounge, 548 Kings Highway Cutoff.

"Cabaret" takes place in 1930s Berlin, in the transition from cultural epicenter to the rise of the Nazi party. Into this world enters Clifford Bradshaw, a struggling American writer looking for inspiration. When Cliff wanders into the Kit Kat Klub, a seedy nightclub overseen by the strange, omniscient and gender-bending Master of Ceremonies, he meets Sally Bowles, a vivacious, charismatic cabaret performer and utterly lost soul.

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

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For the first time in the U.S., the Four Italian Tenors will perform the greatest tenor arias and songs of all time. This project is the inaugural tour of this young new Italian ensemble of Roberto Cresca, Federico Parisi, Federico Serra and Alessandro D'Acrista.

The group will perform at 8 p.m. on Sept. 21 at the Shubert Theater in New Haven. For tickets, visit <https://shubert.com>, call 203-562-5666 or visit the box office at 247 College St., Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and prior to all performances.

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DISTRICT ELECTION MEETINGS*

District 1 fall meeting is Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. at SCB.

District 2 fall meeting is Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. at SCB.

There will be an election and supper.

District 3 will meet on Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. at SCB. Dinner will be served. Call Stephanie Fians at 203-258-7445 for details.

District 4 will hold a meeting/election on Sept. 26, at 6 p.m. at SCB. The guest speaker will be a member of the Stratford Historical Society. Cost is \$7 per person for those who have paid their dues, \$10 per person for all others. Call Bob Krakovich at 203-752-6105 with questions.

District 5 will meet at SCB at 7 p.m. on Sept. 24. Coffee and dessert will be served.

District 6 meeting and election is on Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. at SCB.

District 7 will hold an election and potluck dinner on Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. at NCB.

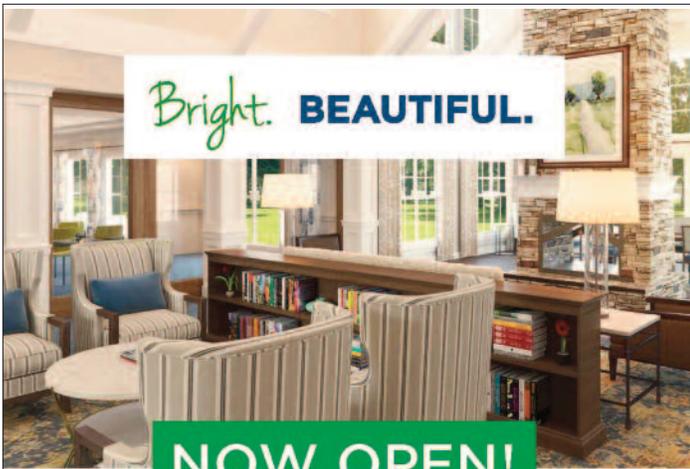
District 8 meeting and election is on Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. at NCB.

District 9 election meeting is on Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. at NCB.

District 10 election meeting is Sept. 19 at 5:30 p.m. at NCB.

District 11 will meet on Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. at NCB. Pizza will be served.

* Full details will be distributed to residents via flyers in their black boxes.



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ELECTRONIC FILING OF WORK ORDERS IS ENCOURAGED

The Maintenance Dept. would very much appreciate - when possible - receiving work orders electronically rather than on paper. Electronic work orders can be accessed on the OV website (www.oronoquevillage.com) by clicking on the Maintenance tab at the top of the page.

When work orders are filed electronically, you will receive an emailed acknowledgment within 24 hours that confirms receipt of your work order.

If you have questions about how to submit an electronic work order, please contact the Maintenance Dept. (203-375-8853) or website coordinator Carol King (203-377-5313, ext. 3) and they will walk you through the process. You may find this procedure is both simple and efficient.

Thank you for your consideration.

AUTUMN WALK

By Elisabeth Breslav

The path I follow through the forest to reach the abandoned farm is uneven, obstructed by fallen tree limbs and jagged rocks. It forces me to walk slowly, which allows me to observe my surroundings with perhaps more than usual attention. It is one of those rare November days, balmy and hazy, under a darkly overcast sky that forms an almost threatening contrast with the brilliant red, yellow and orange of the maples and oaks. Nobody is around. Even the birds seem to be napping. The only sound I hear is that of the leaves gently jostling each other as they spiral down to earth. Fall is upon us in a blaze of glory that makes us forget about the darkness to come.

A clearing in the woods is all that is left of the farm. A vandalized truck sits deserted in one corner, its windows broken, its doors dangling helplessly from rusty hinges. A discarded cast iron feed trough is gathering moss among the tall weeds. Rolls of chicken wire and a collection of drainpipes form other meaningless accents in the silent landscape. At the far end of the clearing the ground rises sharply. At the top of a knoll stands a forgotten picnic bench, its paint bleached and peeling under the combined



forces of sun, wind, rain and snow. It is still sturdy. I like to sit there to look out over the deep valley below, and the towering hills beyond. It is a spectacular panorama that fills me with joy when I think how we almost lost it a few years ago. A developer was going to put in a luxury golf course surrounded by a group of million dollar homes. The forest would have been decimated, the valley leveled out, the

habitat of deep-forest wildlife destroyed. Fortunately, people became alarmed. Individuals joined forces with organizations and government agencies, and as a result some 700 acres of natural beauty, named Trout Brook Valley, are now preserved for enjoyment by generations to come. I walk back to my house that sits at the end of a long, curved driveway that is now covered with fallen

leaves. I let myself in by the backdoor. I am greeted by a stillness far greater than that which accompanied me on my walk. I switch on a light, hang up my jacket in the coat closet. I pour myself a glass of red wine from a bottle on the countertop and head for my favorite chair in front of the kitchen fireplace. The walls on either side are lined with shelves that hold books and hi-fi equipment. On one is a collection of family photographs, with wedding pictures of the children, now moved away, and a portrait of my husband, long deceased.

I sit down and turn on the television.

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FORGETTING

By Kees Adema

The British Medical Journal every year
Selects a person whom I fear
Does not stand out for intellect
It's quite the opposite in fact.

The Darwin Award is not widely cherished
As it's posthumously awarded to one who perished.
And, this surely counts as rank morbidity
Due to a recipient's act of great stupidity.

This terrorist having perfected his craft
Designed a mail bomb, he eyed it and laughed.
This package would create havoc and an enemy's death
One more opponent who would draw his last breath.

That his device was perfect was not an illusion,
Yet none of the media reported a conclusion
For the journalist in the address had recently moved,
Thus his chance for survival had drastic'ly improved.

The terrorist's wife said that mail had come.
Now remember this guy was incredibly dumb.
The package had been returned to sender,
Setting the scene for a tremendous blunder.

As the box opened he let out a moan,
And realized too late that the mail was his own.
As he befouled himself in his Fruit of the Loom,
Miles around all could hear the loud boom.

Now hearing this story might give you a shiver,
But mind you the mailman will always deliver.
Though the proper address one needs to vet,
Dire consequences might await those who forget.

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**The Pletman Spring Concert Series
Presents The Return of Chelsea Guo
On Sunday, Sept. 22, at 3 p.m. at NCB
Admission is \$5. Refreshments will be served.**



Chelsea has showed great promise for classical music since early childhood. Before turning 11, she made a big impression at the 2012 Gina Bachauer International Junior Piano Competition, becoming one of the youngest semifinalists.

At age 11, she was awarded "Special Commendation for Young Talents" in the 13th Ettlingen International Competition for Young Pianists in Germany. At age 13, Chelsea won the "Junior Eppan Prize" in Eppan Junior Academy in Italy. She is the 2015 winner of the Nordamann Scholarship at the Juilliard Pre-college.

Now 18, her gifts as a classical soprano were acknowledged recently when she received the Silver Medal in the 2019 Young Arts Classical Voice Competition and became a semi-finalist for the 2019 Presidential Scholar for Arts. Chelsea has also been awarded prestigious scholarships from the George London and Gerda Lissner foundations and was the first-prize winner of the 2019 Schmidt Voice Competition.

She will return for her fourth appearance at OV in an all-Chopin program. We will have the rare treat of hearing her play three works for piano followed by her soprano solo rendition of two Chopin art songs.



House & Garden Presents



Stratford History



**Monday, Oct 7, 2019
1:30 pm - SCB**

**Members: Free -
Guests \$2**

David Wright, editor of the The Stratford Historical Society Newsletter will share with us some interesting stories about Stratford's past!

David, current Manager of Information Technology for the Town of Stratford, has been researching Stratford's rich history for many years and will share some of his "finds" about our city in a delightful afternoon of town history followed by tea, coffee, and dessert. Don't miss this informative House & Garden event!



“Mind Reading...and More” At Funseekers Event

When one hears the word mentalist, what name comes to mind? (no pun intended) Surely it’s “The Amazing Kreskin.” On Tuesday, October 1st (*please note date change*), at 7 PM at the SCB, Funseekers will present New York City mentalist David Lawrence, who will astound and amaze the audience.

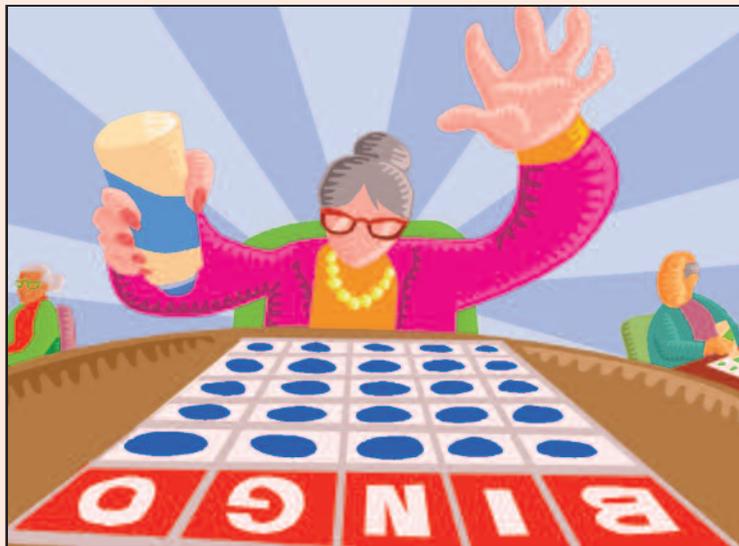


David will surely captivate and thrill members and guests with his mind-reading and ESP skills. He will predict happenings and tell Villagers things only they could have known. Watch as David reveals random words thought of by the audience and identifies the names of relatives, friends or pets a person has not thought of in years. Be assured his performance will not be offensive to anyone.

Admission is \$2 members, \$5 guests. BYOB/Wine/Food. Snacks provided. Coffee/tea/beverages and desserts will follow this performance. No reservations required. Doors open at 6:15 PM. Call Events Coordinator Bob Krakovich (203) 752-6105 with questions.

Refreshments
will be served

Open to all



Questions?
Call Sandy Lunt
203-377-5833.

Bingo: Presented by the Men’s Club
Thursdays, Sept. 19 & Oct. 17
at 7:00 pm at SCB

Come and bring your friends. Cost: \$2.50/card

HOUSE & GARDEN

Annual
**Fall Luncheon
& Card Party**

Thursday,
October 17, 2019

Mill River Country Club

Doors open 11:30 a.m.
Lunch served 12:15 p.m.

\$25 per person.

Cheese and Crackers, Cash Bar, Raffles

Entrée
Choices

- Rolled Stuffed Chicken with peach and apricot stuffing*
- Pan Seared Salmon topped with salsa dressing*
- Pork chop with baked apple*

◆ Garden Salad ◆ Dessert ◆ Coffee or Tea

Please Indicate Choice Of Entrée On Your Check:

Deposit form with checks for everyone at your table of 8 or 10 in the H&G Box.

Your name _____

and phone number: _____

Number of people: _____ Number of Card Tables needed: _____ Game _____

Names: _____



Questions: Irene Keating 203-377-3980

Checks payable to OV H&G Club by October 12, 2019.

OV Karaoke Club



No fees or dues
No commitments
Just fun!

Join us for our next event on **Friday, September 20**, in the South Clubhouse Auditorium from **6:30–9pm**. We usually go a bit longer than 9pm for your singing

and dancing pleasure.

Come sing or just listen to your friends and neighbors showing off their talents. No need to RSVP...just come on over, grab a seat, and either watch or join the fun by putting in a song or two!

BYOB, food, and refreshments!

CONNECTICUT GROWN



**THE FINAL MARKET OF
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Oronoque Village

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Fridays 10 AM to 1 PM

South Clubhouse Parking Lot

**Fresh vegetables, fruit, greens,
jams and preserves, plants,
freshly baked breads, pastries,**

The Movie Club Presents *Poms*

Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 2 p.m. at SCB
\$1 admission includes popcorn



Martha is an introverted woman who moves to a retirement community that has shuffleboard, golf, bowling and other activities. Hoping to be left alone, she meets Sheryl, a fun-loving neighbor who insists that they become best pals. After coming out of her shell, Martha and her new friend decide to form a cheerleading squad with their fellow residents. As the two women hold auditions, they soon learn that it's never too late to follow your dreams, even when the odds are stacked against you. Diane Keaton, Rhea Perlman and Pam Grier are among the stars of this film.

The Movie Club was founded by Len Learner and is sponsored by Marcia Klein, Dee Tuozzoli and innumerable volunteers.

Singing Sensation Jose Paulo Will Perform for Weekenders at 6 p.m. on Oct. 5 at NCB

A fabulous evening is planned. Jose Paulo's voice will mesmerize you and his personality will charm you. He is very versatile and he has studied in various certified music schools. He is able to sing all styles of music in English, Portuguese, Italian and French. Jose, who resides in Newington, is a native of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He started performing at the age of 12, singing "Ave Maria" at local weddings.



Jose released his first CD in 2008, toured two weeks in Japan, sang for Pope Paul II, and has performed at many different venues such as Foxwoods, The United Nations and in concerts with Sergio Franchi and Guitar under the Stars.

To attend this event, put a reservation with any table arrangements in the Weekenders box at NCB by Sept 28. The price is \$22 and, as always, a delicious dinner and desserts will be served.

This is the final Weekenders event of 2019 ... Questions? Call Carol at 203-375-2101.

**Fall Cocktail Reception Presented by SAC
Sunday, October 13
4 to 6 in the afternoon at NCB**

*Please come to mingle with your neighbors
and meet our newest residents*

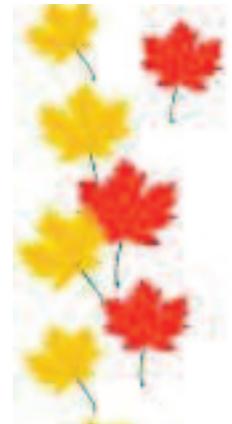
*Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served
with wine and soft beverages*

**\$10 per person (NEW RESIDENTS
are our GUESTS).**

??? Call Pat: 203 375-1788 or Celeste: 203 520-4569

Make checks payable to SAC.

***Please drop your check in the
SAC box at NCB
by Oct. 7.***



**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.

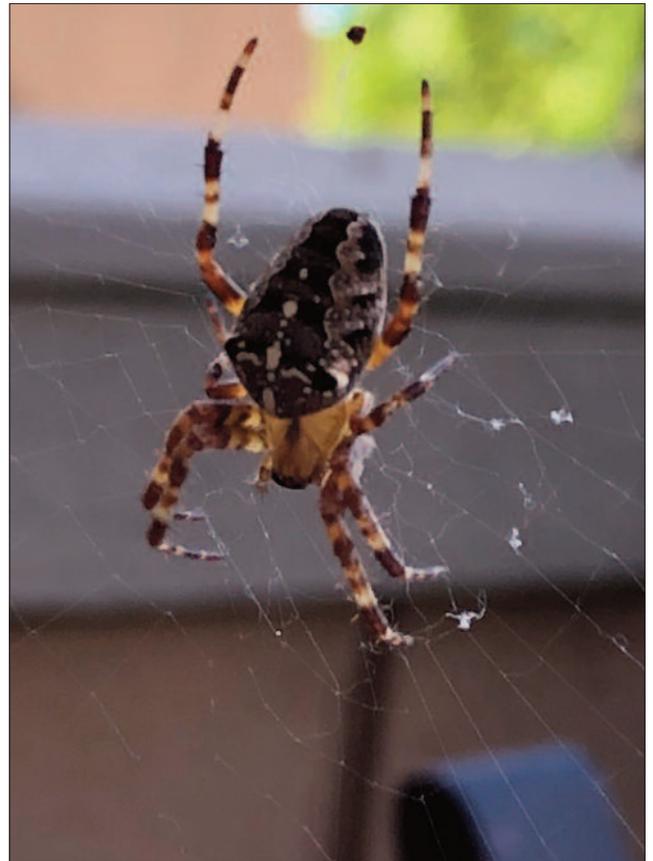


The book for Oct. 2 will be *White Darkness* by the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Killers of the Flower Moon*. David Grann tells a spellbinding story of courage, love, and a man pushing himself to the extremes of human capacity.

The book for Nov. 6 is *Educated* by Tara Westover. A stunning new memoir about family, loss and the struggle for a better future. Tara Westover was 17 when she first set foot in a classroom. She had to teach herself algebra and trigonometry and self-studied for the ACT, on which she did well enough to gain admission to Brigham Young University. Eventually, she earned her doctorate in intellectual history from Cambridge University.

OV SNAPSHOTS: MERRILEES' GARDEN

Thank you to Merrilees Leemhuis for contributing a series of photos, capturing the "critters" she sees in her garden on Nyack Lane.





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