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Despite a chill in the air on May 29, the pools opened as scheduled and residents came in swimsuits and sweaters to mark the occasion. Standing on dry land, from left, are Chaz and Andrea DeSienna, Marie Orlowe, Merrilees Leemhuis, Val McCool, Kathy Spigner and Bill Spigner. In the heated pool, from left, are Barbara Mayer, Jackie Freeman, Cheryl Dwyer, Sonia DeBiase, Tony Palumbo and Bob Krakovich. The Villager welcomes photo contributions for cover consideration. Submissions must be emailed as high-resolution jpeg images to cking@oronoquevillage.com



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NOTICE OF OVTD ANNUAL MEETING RESULTS

During the May 25 annual meeting of the OV Tax District, the following motions were approved unanimously by the 33 people who attended the virtual event:

Tom Becker, Dennis Caffrey and Bill Tanski will fill the positions of OVTD Directors.

The OVTD Executive Board will be Jonathan Towles as

Clerk, Tom Becker as Treasurer, Tom Aubin as Vice President and Linda Libertino as President.

The acceptance of a 2021/2022 TD Budget of \$1,993,705, the Town of Stratford Total OV Grand List Assessment of \$141,393,330 (based on the October 2020 Grand List) and a 2021/2022 mill rate of \$14.10. **OV**

MAINTENANCE MATTERS: CURBSIDE PICKUP FOR YARD DEBRIS



By Mark Rhatigan
Director of Maintenance Operations

Now that warmer weather has arrived, more Villagers are working outside in their yards.

Please remember that curbside pickup occurs every Monday. Residents may put bags out for pickup beginning

Sunday evening, but no later than 7 a.m. on Monday.

Those residents who prune trees or shrubs, or work in their garden by weeding, cutting back spent perennials or pulling up old annuals, are asked to place the debris in paper bags only. (Plastic bags will not be accepted as the use of plastic bags raises the cost of disposal.)

Please note: Curbside pickup is intended for residents' lightweight yard debris, only.

Those who employ contractors for yard or interior work must have the contractor remove large-size or heavy materials. (This includes bricks, rocks, stones, planks, stumps or any large-size shrubbery.) **OV**



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WANTED: VOLUNTEER MONITORS AND SUBSTITUTES

Volunteers help cover SCB Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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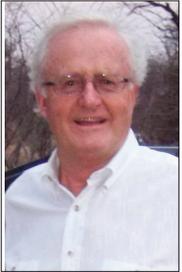
Monitoring camera displays of the building.

If you would like to help keep our community costs down by volunteering once a week or help out as a substitute monitor when needed, please contact Kathy Lukens at wkluken@comcast.net or 203 612-6685. **OV**

FEATURE

THE COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

By Kees Adema, Compliance Committee Chairman



This month your Compliance Committee decided to tackle that regulatory labyrinth known, commonly, as parking. Ah, yes; everyone's favorite subject at gatherings around the pool and at cocktail parties. It is often baffling to many longtime residents, so newcomers can be forgiven if they are confused.

First off, we suggest that you read or reread Article III of Oronoque Village's Rules and Regulations: Parking and Traffic. I know, I know ... it is not on the national best-seller list, but it is important if you want to live in peace with your neighbors. Safety is also an issue. Although it is not the subject here, the maximum speed limit is 20 mph. Stop signs and speed bumps are there for a reason. Oronoque is not Daytona. None of us are teenagers with quick reactions. We want you to be safe!

Each resident's primary parking space is the garage. And, although other parking spaces do not belong to any specific unit, our Rules do state that, "...it is recognized that the unit nearest such a space has a priority right to use the space..." Some things are just obvious!

There are areas in the Village, Buckskin and Algonquin Lanes, where garages are so close together that special parking areas have been designated especially for these residents. They would appreciate our respecting their rights to those few spots! If you've seen a spot that is marked as exclusively for the use of a specific unit, just know that there is good reason, well-documented.

And that is where we ask all residents to be what is referred to in the Regulations as GON, a Good Oronoque Neighbor. The best way to start is by getting to know your neighbors, by maintaining a respectful relationship. Now that COVID is becoming less of an issue, why not invite those new arrivals for coffee or a drink? Make an effort to set the right tone from Day One. Ask them to join activities, especially now that things are opening up again. You will not regret it. I will never forget the kindness of our roommates when we moved in. They not only brought us dinner on that first hectic night, the next morning there was breakfast. Do you think we will ever get into an argument about parking?

Potential parking pitfalls (love that alliteration) we in the Compliance Committee have encountered and some easy remedies:

- If a resident has two cars, one must be parked in the garage.
- Make sure the aide or housekeeper who comes to your house on a regular basis knows where to park.
- Consider your neighbor's situation, infirmity maybe, before you park in a spot that makes him or her have to park further away from the front entrance.
- Please do not park in a spot that, it would seem obvious, belongs to another unit.
- Trucks must be parked in the garage overnight.
- Parking in front of your neighbor's garage while you run into your place with groceries... and then forgetting... not a great idea!

There are, of course, many other related issues, parking at the clubhouses, permits etc. If you have a question please, call a committee member and we will try to help.

In the meantime: Happy parking!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder: Activities taking place at the clubhouses, pools and the racquet sports facility are open to OV residents only until further notice.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE DISCUSSIONS

"Maintaining a Health Lifestyle" is a discussion group focused on exchanging information/ideas/research on what keeps us healthy as we age. Topics vary widely as the group talks about such subjects as eating smart, exercise, memory and the brain, our body, emotions and stress.

If you are interested in joining this group, please call Lucy Clifford at 203-644-7710.

CHECK OUT THE 'LINKS' WEB PAGE

Visitors to www.oronoquevillage.com can find a new feature, the Links Page, on the home page of the site.

The Links Page, which is updated regularly, offers tips on arts and cultural events occurring in our area, such as historic garden tours, beaches and summer concerts.

WATER AEROBICS BEGINS JUNE 28

Water aerobics classes will be held in the heated pool from June 28 through Sept. 3 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10-11 a.m. Registration begins on June 28 at 9 a.m. at the heated pool.

There is a \$10 gratuity. For information, call Merrilees at 203-378-8753.

LOW-IMPACT EXERCISE AT NCB

Low-impact exercise classes, taught by Renee Zinn, are offered at 10:30 a.m. at NCB on Mondays and Fridays. Bring

weights and water. Those who have not been vaccinated are required to wear a mask while taking this class.

TRIAL YOGA CLASS OFFERED TO ALL ON JULY 8 AT NCB

Enjoy a free introductory yoga class on Thursday, July 8, at 10 a.m. at NCB. Experience the time on the mat, in a chair or a combination of both. Thursday classes running 45-60 minutes will be held during July and August at a cost of \$12 per session. Residents are invited to come in to release, relax, rejuvenate and refresh.

Contact Virginia with any questions or concerns at 203-257-4734 or 203-870-1554.

(Please note the date change; this class was originally scheduled to take place on July 1.)

MAHJONG PLAYERS WANTED

A resident-organized group is seeking experienced mahjong players. For more details, email Lori Hedman at all4funllc@aol.com.

WEEKLY ROUND ROBINS ARE OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS

The OV Tennis Club invites residents to participate in open round robin play on Thursdays from 5-6:30 p.m.

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board at the courts. The weekly games run through October.

Questions? Call Eileen Cain at 203-836-4436.

CALL FOR ART, EXHIBIT & RECEPTION SCHEDULED FOR SUMMER GALLERY SHOW

The OV Arts Guild will resume its Galerie OV quarterly art exhibits in the lobby of the South Clubhouse on July 1.

The summer exhibit will be the previously canceled show, themed "Water Water Everywhere." The "water" can be in any form -- rain, ice, fog, snow -- use your imagination! All mediums will be accepted. Submission must be wired and ready to hang.

Artwork will be collected on June 30 at 10 a.m. in the SCB front card room. Artists can submit one or two pieces for this show. If you need assistance or have questions, call Barbara Stewart at 203-612-1373.

Please observe whatever social distancing protocols are in place at the time.

The OV Arts Guild is pleased to announce the resumption of its Galerie OV opening receptions and the People's Choice Awards.

The opening reception for the summer show will be on Sunday, July 11, at 4 p.m. in the South Clubhouse lounge.

The community is invited to come and meet the artists, hear the inspiration behind their works and reconnect with OV friends. Light refreshments will be served. This event is free of charge and open to all.



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FEATURE: EVENTS RESUME AT THE CLUBHOUSES!



From left, Chris Albino, Dina Glantz and Bob Ruff during a Karaoke Club event on May 21.

KARAOKE BEGINS AGAIN

Story & photo by Bob Krakovich

With Welcome Back Kotter's "Welcome Back" title song booming from the speakers, "Karaoke Chris" Albino welcomed 60 Villagers to the first social event, held May 21, following our COVID closure.

Starting off the event was Ed Nobile performing "The House of the Rising Sun" by The Animals. From there, various soloists, duets and groups belted out songs by Anne Murray, Neil Diamond, Elvis and The Carpenters, among others. Dina Glantz and Bob Ruff wowed the crowd with their rendition of "Peaceful, Easy Feeling" as recorded by The Eagles.

Take time to attend an evening of karaoke to either sing or to just enjoy listening to your fellow Oronoque neighbors. Also, Karaoke Chris said he will be starting a Dance Party, on Saturday, July 3. (See details on page 16.)



LINE DANCING 'KICKS OFF' SUMMER SEASON AT NCB



Line dancing classes, taught by Sonya DeBiase, have resumed at NCB on Wednesday mornings. A beginner classes takes place at 9:30 a.m. followed by a class for all levels from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. All are welcome.

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FEATURE: HOUSE & GARDEN PLANT SALE WAS A BIG SUCCESS



Biggest thanks to Merrilees Leemhuis, who chaired the House and Garden Plant Sale and did an incredible job fulfilling the pre-orders — not an easy task!

Also, thanks to Debbie Grosso, Jackie Freeman, Tina Vermette, Irene Keating, Irene Sanzone, Ulla Adema and Arline Walton.

Everyone was happy to come pick up their orders and chat for a bit as it's been a long year with no chance to meet and greet as in the pre-pandemic past.

Glendale Farms delivered the big order early in the day and it was special to see the beautiful colorful plants all laid out waiting for pick up.

Money raised by the House & Garden Club is used to support beautification projects throughout the Village. OV

— Story and photos submitted by Arline Walton



Top, House & Garden Club Plant Sale Committee members, from left, Arline Walton, Ulla Adema, Debbie Grosso, Merrilees Leemhuis, Irene Keating, Tina Vermette and Jackie Freeman.

Center, Flowers being delivered by Glendale Farms.

Right, Geraniums and impatiens awaiting pickup.





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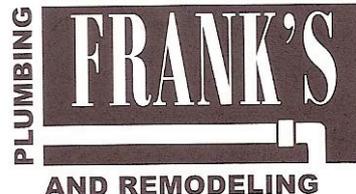
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Movie Review: Crossing Delancey (1988)

By Jeanette Caron

Isabelle (Izzy) Grossman (Amy Irving) is 33 years old, lives alone in an apartment on the West Side of Manhattan and works at a job she loves in a swank boutique bookstore on Madison Avenue. Izzy also dotes on her bubbie (grandma), who lives on the lower East Side. Bubbie is worried about Izzy and thinks she should be married. She hires a shadchen (marriage broker) to introduce her to a nice eligible man. Izzy is horrified and explains to her grandma, invoking a feminist cry of the era, "I'm happy the way I am. I don't need a man to complete me!" However, to placate grandma, Izzy agrees to meet him.

Sam is good looking, well-mannered, and comes bearing gifts for Bubbie. They all eat silently. Finally, he says, "I'd like to take Izzy to dinner this Saturday night." Izzy turns him down, quietly. He is clearly hurt, rises to leave and then tells a story: "I have a friend who always wore a cap with a brim that covered his eyes. One day, crossing Delancey Street, the wind takes his cap. I give him some money to "buy yourself a new

hat." He buys a handsome Stetson which gives him a whole new look. The next week, the friend proposes marriage to the love of his life and is accepted.

"You see," Sam explains, "she couldn't see his eyes." He turns to Izzy, "sometimes you need a new hat."

Life at the bookstore goes on. Izzy becomes enamored with smooth talking Anton, a featured author. Occasionally, a married male friend drops in to spend the night. Then one day visiting bubbie, a large package comes for her. It's an impressive hat. She puts it on and walks over to Sam's store to thank him. He is pleased, but then sees her horror when she discovers his business. He is a pickle maker! She walks away.

Izzy celebrates her 34th birthday at a hot dog stand. She realizes that the married friend is taking advantage of her, and has a rude awakening that Anton is flirting with her just to further his own career as an author. Suddenly, Sam appears in a new suit, bearing flowers and confessing that he went to temple to pray that she will accept him. Her eyes are finally opened! This is a sweet love story, with good old-fashioned schmaltz and a happy ending. OV

TOO LATE

By Peter Geltner

In 2010, my wife, Sharon, and I decided to do a very special tour of Washington, D.C and Northern Virginia. There were many participants. The U.S. Marines were kind enough to help with the logistics and to provide snacks and drinks during the tour.

We started at the Pentagon, passed the Arlington Cemetery where there was a mounted color guard, and then the Iwo Jima Memorial, also known as the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial. The sight of the many buildings in Arlington was spectacular. I was surprised at how hilly that region was.

We crossed the Potomac River and traveled along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. Although this canal is over 184 miles long, we just went a short way. We made a U-turn and then headed toward the Smithsonian National Zoo. The animals there are wonderful to watch. We especially liked the giant pandas and we were surprised at how balanced the orangutans were that walked far above us on the tower lines.

We left the zoo and traveled along the streets of Washington, D.C. On Constitution Avenue, we saw the Lincoln Memorial, the White House, the Washington Monument,

the Smithsonian Museums, the U.S. Capitol building, the Supreme Court building, the Library of Congress and then headed back along Independence Avenue to see the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. We then crossed the 14th Street Bridge and headed for Crystal City.

I was getting very tired of this tour, but by then it was too late to change my mind. I wanted to head back toward the Pentagon instead of Crystal City, but that was not where we were going yet. Finally, we turned and came back past the Pentagon and stopped near the Iwo Jima Memorial.

It took me five and a half hours to finish the Marine Corp Marathon, but it was well worth the experience. The marines were wonderful on the entire route, and very supportive. I was going to take the subway back to our hotel, but the waiting line to get on the subways had thousands of runners in it, so I walked the mile and a half to get back to the hotel.

Many times I wondered what I was doing after I was crazy enough to pay the entry fee, but I always felt it was too late to change my mind. For me it is not the time that it takes to finish, but just having the perseverance to train, cross the start line when the gun goes off, and finish. This was the last full marathon that I ran, out of a total of nine marathons. OV

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The long-awaited day had arrived, as we geared up for an afternoon of sailing and dinner at a restaurant on the water with friends.

Sailing was very calm. The sounds of waves lapping against the sides of the boat were interrupted rarely by the whirring of a nearby motor and, in the distance, we could see sun-bathers on the beaches as we passed by.

However, after we docked, when I stood up to try to get off the boat, my legs would not support me! Essentially, with much prodding and physically pulling me off the boat, I collapsed onto the wooden dock, convinced I would be there for the duration, perhaps waiting for the police to show up with a forklift to pick up a mass of blubber, unable to stand up on her own.

I tried. I scraped along on my knees to reach the pole on the side of the dock, and held onto the pole, but each time I was able to pull myself halfway up, my leg collapsed and I ended up back on the dock. I begged my friend Eddie to let me crawl all the way to the ramp, probably around 20 feet away, on my knees. He refused to allow me to attempt it, and continued trying to lift me; each time he got me part way up, my legs collapsed again, and I was back on my rear.

Finally, noticing a wheelbarrow at the end of the dock, Eddie got it, and after much maneuvering, managed to get me into it and wheel me back to the exit.

When I got home, I was dizzy, nauseous and sweating

profusely -- all the symptoms of a full-blown case of heat-stroke. I guess it would have been a good idea for us to have had breakfast, worn hats or at least brought some water on the boat with us. It might also have helped if we had put the top up on the Miata convertible he had driven to the marina, perhaps offering some temporary relief from the sun and 94-degree heat.

Relief did come with our entry to the lower level of my house, where I was deposited onto the couch and immediately fell asleep for the next hour and a half. Eventually, I managed to get myself up the stairs and into the shower, where I washed my hair and returned to the land of the living. Unfortunately, we had to postpone our dinner with friends.

So, what did I learn from this miserable event? As my daughter reminded me, I am a very slow learner, having already forgotten that I had experienced sunstroke in Israel with her and her husband just nine months ago. I should have learned the importance of being hydrated when in the sun for periods of time. What I learned instead, is that I am not much of a sailor, and should make an effort to pack nice lunches for Eddie, when I am not aboard!

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Dr. Joyce Saltman, Southern Connecticut State University professor emeritus of special education, is a 2015 recipient of the Doug Fletcher Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association for the Applied and Therapeutic Humor (AATH). She holds four graduate degrees in the fields of special education and counseling.

PUNS

What did the grape say when it got crushed? Nothing, it just let out a little wine.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

To the guy who invented zero, thanks for nothing.

I had a crazy dream last night! I was swimming in an ocean of orange soda. Turns out it was just a Fanta sea.

A crazy wife says to her husband that moose are falling from the sky. The husband says, it's reindeer.

Ladies, if he can't appreciate your fruit jokes, you need to let that mango.

Geology rocks but Geography is where it's at!

What was Forrest Gump's email password? 1forrest1

Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? I heard the food was good but it had no atmosphere.

Can February March? No, but April May.

Need an ark to save two of every animal? I noah guy.

I don't trust stairs because they're always up to something.

Smaller babies may be delivered by stork but the heavier ones need a crane.

My grandpa has the heart of the lion and a lifetime ban from the zoo.

Why was Dumbo sad? He felt irrelephant.

A man sued an airline company after it lost his luggage. Sadly, he lost his case.

I lost my mood ring and I don't know how to feel about it!

Yesterday, I accidentally swallowed some food coloring. The doctor says I'm okay, but I feel like I've dyed a little inside.

So what if I don't know what apocalypse means? It's not the end of the world!

My friend drove his expensive car into a tree and found out how his Mercedes bends.

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TAKE YOUR GARDENING TO THE NEXT LEVEL ... BECOME A MASTER GARDENER

By Marcy Goldstein

This past year so many events were canceled or put on hold. However, one activity that was strong throughout the Oronoque community was gardening. Many people who had never taken much of an interest before in plants or their yard realized that this is a rewarding hobby that they suddenly had the time and interest to pursue. Many others, who were already avid gardeners, took the opportunity of increased downtime to invest even more time and energy into their yards.

While some area gardeners already participate in local gardening clubs, including the one here at Oronoque, they may not be aware that they can take their passion for gardening to the next level and become certified Master Gardeners through the University of Connecticut (UConn).

So, what exactly is a Master Gardener? A Master Gardener is a person who has gone through specialized horticultural training through the UConn Educational Outreach program at one of their nine extension offices, including the Bartlett Arboretum in Stamford.

As part of their training, the Master Gardeners provide the community with botanical information on topics such as pest management, utilizing native plants and soil testing. They also actively participate in the community by volunteering on different projects, such as building and maintaining teaching gardens throughout the local area, clearing public spaces of harmful, invasive plants and installing pollinating plants to help sustain the local ecosystem.

How do I become a Master Gardener? First, you must apply to -- and be accepted into -- the program. It consists of 16 weeks of classroom training that begins every January. After you successfully complete the classroom compo-



nent, you will be required to complete 60 hours of volunteer work in the local community. To maintain your active Master Gardener status after that, you must complete just 10 hours of volunteering and 10 hours of working in one of the extension office's diagnostic clinics each year.

Where are the extension offices where I will be taking classes and volunteering? Two of the closest UConn offices are in New Haven, about three minutes from the Merritt Parkway, and in Bethel. The different projects that you can volunteer for are located throughout the state. You can also request to work on or start your own volunteer project, which is subject to approval by your extension office coordinator.

The Master Gardening program sounds great! However, I'm just looking for some help with identifying plants/ insects or figuring out how to get my soil tested. Each UConn extension office has a diagnostic clinic staffed with volunteers who will research your inquiry and answer your questions.

Visit www.mastergardener.uconn.edu to submit your gardening question, or you can call one of the local offices. The phone number for the Bethel office is 203-207-8440 and the number for New Haven is 203-407-3161.

Happy gardening!

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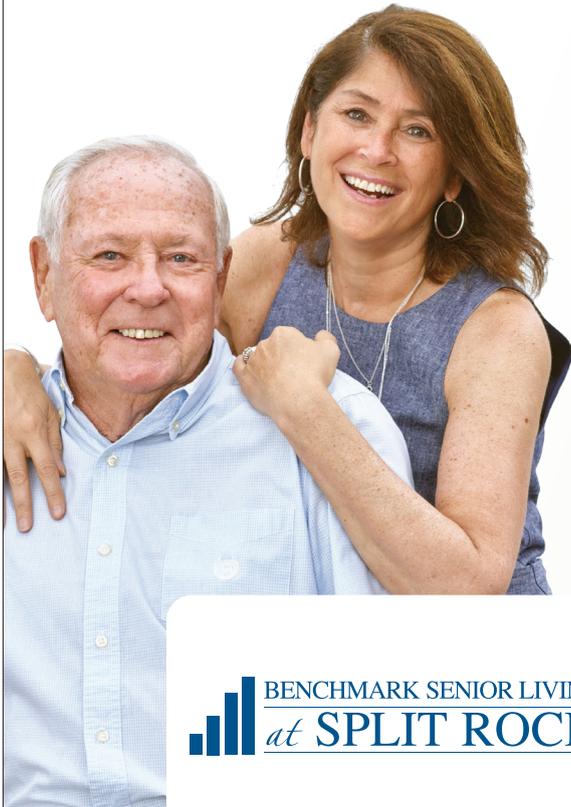
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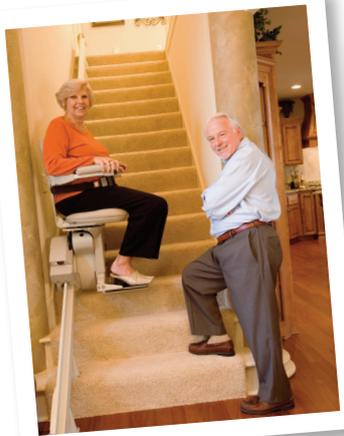


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