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A MESSAGE FROM THE OVTD PRESIDENT



Sabine Curry

July 23, 2023

Good evening:

First and foremost, you, the residents, have spoken loudly with the record turnout for an OV Tax District election and the confidence that you have entrusted in me to lead an incredibly talented and energetic team in the interest of our beloved Village. Thank you for joining us as we begin our journey together. It is my privilege to serve as your President of the OVTD and I sincerely appreciate your enthusiasm to reach out to me as we lay the groundwork of this organization in our community.

During the campaign, I promised to create a 100-day plan that includes assessing current committees and refining, as necessary. This will include a priority of short- and long-term road plan funding and execution, to be discussed shortly. Allow me to share with you the status of other components of this plan ... that which has already been achieved and that which remains to be accomplished.

On July 7, the new board attended an orientation meeting with Executive Director Mark Rhatigan and our legal counsel. Adam Cohen. At that time, we had a very informative review of the Tax District Charter, establishing agendas, minutes and the cans and cannots, the dos and don'ts of how we can best move forward. I would also like to thank our amazing office staff that has guided us in making this transition an educational and smooth process!

Residents Joining Committees: While campaigning, I often remarked on how much valuable experience was available from the residents in our community. In the July 3 Village meeting, there was a request for residents who might have an interest and background to reach out and join us. As of today, we have eight OV residents who have expressed an interest in possibly joining us on the five different committees. The agenda tonight includes motions to approve the Committee Chairs.

Coordination Between Executive Director, Maintenance and OVTD: We are planning dates for our regular monthly meetings with the Executive Director Mark Rhatigan and the Maintenance Director Ryan Hankey to establish clarity as well as agreeing to our proposed plan, setting the priorities as we commence execution. This will be invaluable as

we face another phase of the Road Repaving Project this year.

Strategic Plan: It can only benefit this Village to have more cooperation between the two governing bodies: OVTD and OVCA. I am pleased to say that both boards have already been working on the Oronoque Village Strategic Plan.


There have been three meetings and a presentation at the July 11 Town Hall. Twenty-five volunteers have stepped up to serve on committees and round out this plan. So, if you haven't already, please consider volunteering and leveraging your time, talent, and treasure to benefit our Village.

Meetings: OVCA, OVTD and our Executive Director will host a long-overdue New Resident business meeting on Thursday, Aug. 17, at 5 p.m. Then, in October, there will be a combined Treasurers Town Hall meeting and residents will be briefed on the results of the OV's audit from Glenn J. Nanavaty from Nanavaty, Davenport, Studley & White LLP Certified Public Accountants. They will review for us the year-end financials, line by line (if necessary), and answer questions.

Besides the four quarterly meetings and the annual meeting in May, there will be one or perhaps two Town Hall Meetings for more of a Q&A type presentation. The first one is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 7.

Additionally, OVTD minutes have always been posted on Oronoquevillage.com, but now I would like to include the committee reports with the minutes on the website.

Election Process: We will be taking a pragmatic view and assessing the overall election process in the near term. However, there is a major concern of mine that I have regarding absentee ballots and action has already been initiated. Every resident in the Village should have the opportunity to vote. Tom Fuchs and I have been working on getting support from our elected leaders to affect a change to our Charter that will allow absentee ballots. Letters were sent on June 28 to Senator Kevin Kelly and State Rep. Ben McGorty for their help and support in bringing this change in front of the State Government. Conversations were also had with representatives of the American Disability Act and Office of the Aging regarding voting rights. Our first meeting with Senator Kelly is scheduled for the first week in August.

Every great journey begins with a single step, often a small step. In our case we have already taken this first step. We will continue to take many more steps. Stay tuned. 

Notice:

The first Strategic Planning Workshop is scheduled to be held Sept. 6 at 3:30 p.m. at NCB. Volunteers are sought to participate in Strategic Management Teams.

Interested residents may sign up at the Sept. 6 meeting or visit the OV website Home Page at www.oronoquevillage.com to download a volunteer form.

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A LETTER FROM THE OV INSURANCE BROKER



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To Oronoque Village Unit Owners:

I am the insurance broker for Oronoque Village Condominium Association and have worked with your Insurance Committee for the past four years to oversee the insurance program for OV.

My 40 years of insurance experience in the condominium industry has afforded me the experience to deal with the challenges and uniqueness that Oronoque Village offers. I have partnered with Steve Monteiro in our organization, who specializes in personal lines and a is

great resource.

We have been requested to briefly highlight some concerns unit owners have regarding what qualifies as enough coverage to meet the requirements of the Association's master policy. Although, we always recommend that you speak with a licensed insurance professional concerning your specific insurance needs, here are a few things to consider.

1.) The Oronoque Village Condominium Master Policy (OCMP), which is subject to a \$10,000 deductible, covers all structures owed by the Association and all common areas such as walkways and roadways. As part of the complex, Oronoque Village is responsible for the tennis courts, swimming pools, gyms, clubhouses, etc. It also covers the condominium units including inside walls and floors and any permanent improvements to the unit by the existing or prior unit owner.

2.) OV is not responsible for your personal property nor does OCMP's insurance coverage extend to your personal property, which is defined as anything you own that can be taken with you if you should move. We recommend condominium owners buy a HO-6 (condominium owners policy) to protect their personal property (Coverage C) even if not mandated by the By-Laws. For those unit owners who already have a HO-6, take an inventory of your belongings

and compare that to your existing coverage to determine if your coverage has kept up with today's prices. Remember that certain property -- such as furs, jewelry, fine arts, etc. -- are limited in an unmodified policy so pay close attention to those items.

3.) Unit owners' HO-6 policies should carry, at the very minimum, \$10,000 in dwelling coverage (Coverage A) to cover the master policy's deductible if a claim should occur inside their unit. Now, this may or may not be enough to cover your actual loss, so speak to your insurance representative to determine the right amount of coverage.

4.) Injuries to a third-party occurring inside a unit is the responsibility of the unit owner. So, our recommendation is for all unit owners to carry a minimum of \$300,000 in liability. We also recommend purchasing an umbrella policy for additional liability limits. Limits are available in increments of \$1 million and higher. The amount of coverage will depend upon your propensity for risk.

5.) Finally, unit owners can purchase loss assessment coverage. It provides protection to unit owners when the building or common areas have been involved in a claim and the loss exceeds the amount covered on the condo's insurance policy. It covers the remaining out-of-pocket expenses — due to a qualifying peril. The value of the loss is assessed and may be divided among all individual unit owners.

a.) Here's a hypothetical example: The roof of the condo building is damaged during a storm. The master policy covers up to \$1 million for damage to the building but the cost to repair the building was actually \$1.5 million. That extra \$500,000 is assessed to all the unit owners -- let's say there are 100 units in the building, each condo owner would be assessed \$5,000 for the additional cost to repair damages.

This is just a brief recap of items to be aware of. If you have questions, please contact your insurance provider. **OV**

Editor's Note: This letter was originally published in the Feb. 1, 2021, edition of *The Villager*.

SAVE THE DATE: DISTRICT 4 TO MEET ON SEPTEMBER 25

District 4 will hold its Fall Neighborhood Gathering and Election Meeting on Monday, Sept. 25, at 6 p.m. at SCB.

Following the election for available District positions, the guest speaker will be a District 4 resident who is a NASA public outreach and science correspondent. His slide show presentation, titled "My Space Shuttle Experiences," will include close-up slides of preparing the shuttle for launch, landing and decommissioning. More information will be in September Villager issues.



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FEATURE

AN EVENING OF THEATER ON THE SCB STAGE

Story by Anita Cody ~ Photo by Kathy Wells

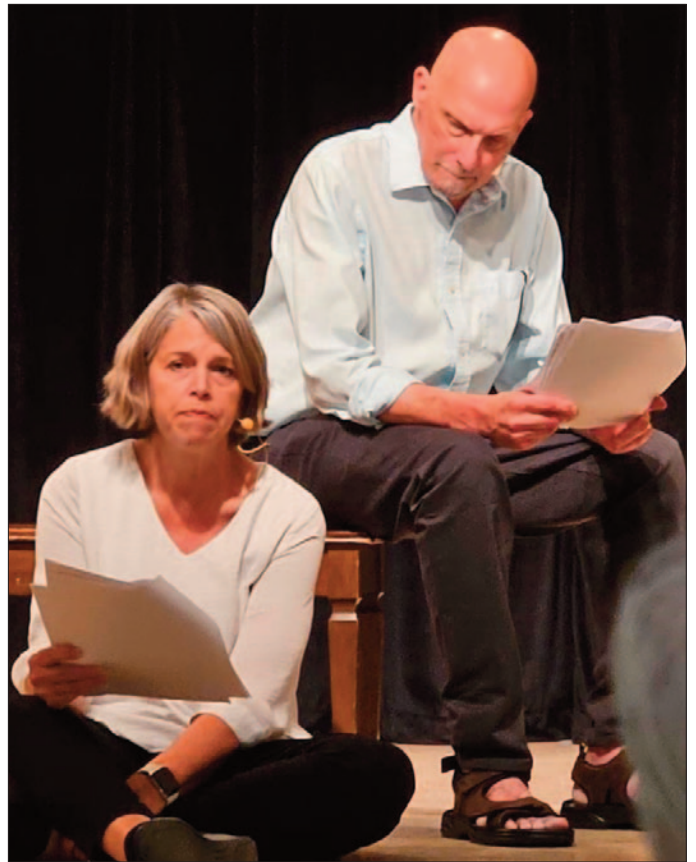
On July 11, OV residents were treated to a trio of short plays written by local authors. This event, presented by the OV Arts Guild, featured Square One Theater Company performing the three unrelated plays, each lasting 15 minutes, without intermission.

"The Teachable Moment," by Stuart Brown, was an amusing play about emptynesters employed as college administrators having college-age kids themselves. Their mission was to develop an orientation for other parents to help their college kids make good decisions, while at the same time dealing with their own children's behavior.

On a more serious note, "Happier Days," by Jennifer Ju, was about all the misconceptions we have of each other. When high school friends, Wendy and Steve, meet on a beach by accident, they learn that what might seem like the perfect life is actually a "life of quiet desperation." When Steve literally jumps into the hole that Wendy is digging for herself, they both learn that "nothing lasts forever" and, with the helping hand of a friend, there is hope.

The lighthearted comedy "House Hunted," also by Stuart Brown, introduced us to Buster and MJ, a couple who are looking for their dream home. Given a scenario where they find the perfect house where they can picture their future family (and boat, garden, pool, dog, children, etc.), tragedy ensues when it appears that MJ murders Buster! No worries, it was just a dream.

The audience delighted in desserts provided by the Arts Guild and mingled with Tom Holehan, the play's director, as well as cast members Lucy Babbit and Mark Frat-taroli. These talented actors revealed that they are married



in real life. They also shared that they regularly experience stage fright. Lucy recently retired from her job as an elementary school teacher and Mark teaches high school in Fairfield, not coincidentally, theater. Stratford residents are lucky that these talented actors prefer to perform close to home.

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HUMOR

Sometimes someone unexpected comes into your life outta nowhere totally unexpected, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call these people cops.

"The older I get, the better I used to be. (Andy Rooney)

To err is human. To blame it on someone else shows management potential!

Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me every day. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.

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— Submitted by Tom Fuchs

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ACTIVITIES

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BOCCE

- Bocce is played on Thursdays, 10 a.m., at NCB.

DOLLCRAFTERS

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

CURRENT EVENTS

- The Current Events Discussion Group meets in SCB Card Room 1 at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

DROP-IN BRIDGE

- Drop-in Bridge takes place on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the NCB Lounge. All levels of bridge players are encouraged to attend; no need to bring a partner. There is no fee to participate. For information, please contact Wendy Swain at 203-386-9125.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

- The Ladies Bible Study welcomes all resident women. There are no fees to join. Purchasing study materials is optional. Meetings are on the second and fourth Fridays in the NCB Board Room from 10:30 a.m. to noon (excluding July and August). Questions? Call Angie McKelvey (203-227-3222) or Tina Vermette (203-375-0291).

LOW-IMPACT EXERCISE CLASS

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

QUILTING GROUP

- Village quilters meet at the NCB Card Room on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon.

RACQUET SPORTS

- OV's Racquet Sports Facility is comprised of three tennis courts and five pickleball courts. Both sports have clubs that offer court play times as well as a social memberships for off-court gatherings. For information on joining, contact Peter Feick for tennis at 203-856-0246 or Bill Tanski for pickleball at 609-876-3520.

TABLE TENNIS GROUP

- Table Tennis is played at SCB on Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m., and Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. For information, contact Dina Glantz: dinabob7@comcast.net / 203-231-4753 or Maddy Lapidés: mslapid@gmail.com / 203-927-8577. Play is scheduled via the TeamReach app.

TEA, TALK & CRAFTS

- Tea, Talk, and Crafts meets at 1 p.m. on Thursdays next to the kitchen at SCB. Annual dues are \$10. Questions? Call Irene Sanzone at 203-378-2010.

WRITER'S GROUP

- The Oronoque Village Writer's Group (OVWG) is a group of writers who enjoy the challenges of writing and of sharing their work in a trusted environment. Members commit to attending workshops twice a month in a respectful, supportive and professional environment with hopes of expanding their writing and publishing horizons. Our members include published authors and hobbyists. Our works include essays, memoirs, poems, short stories, treatises, humorous tales, heart-wrenching histories. The group meets on alternate Tuesdays at 2 p.m. in the Card Room at SCB. For information about joining, contact Mary von Ziegesar at MvonZ@optonline.net or call 203-767-9760. Proof of vaccination required.

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OV ARTS GUILD PRESENTS PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD TO JERRY REECE

Story by Barbara Stewart ~ Photo by Kathy Wells

The OV Arts Guild presented the People’s Choice Award to Jerry Reece at the opening reception for the summer art show on July 16.

Ray Vermette, OVAG vice president, presented the first-place blue ribbon to Jerry for his painting “Harbor Lights,” which was entered in the spring Galerie OV show, themed “Reflections.”

Jerry used a combination of black-and-white acrylic paint, resin and crushed glass to create a unique artwork that sparkled in the light and captured the interest of those voting for their favorite work of art.


Voters liked the piece for its creativity, texture and dramatic effect. Jerry graciously accepted the award, thanking the other OV artists for inspiring him in his artistic endeavors.

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2. Make sure to use the sign-in books at each pool.

3. Residents must remain with their guests at all times and are responsible for the behavior of their guests.

4. Fobs and access cards are for residents only. These devices are not to be shared.

5. Two designated and clearly marked lap lanes in each unheated pool must be relinquished to lap swimmers, except when water aerobics classes are in session.



CALENDAR

Dates, times and locations of events are subject to change.

To update a Calendar listing, please contact Chrissy Smith at csmith@oronoquevillage.com. For the latest on OV news & events, visit www.oronoquevillage.com or OVTV (Channel 591 for those with a cable box and Channel 121-591 for those without a box).

Bold-faced listings = OVCA / OVTD events / (C)=Closed event

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

NCB Cardroom is unavailable 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

- 9:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- **7:00 p.m. – OVCA Board Meeting, NCB**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

NCB Cardroom is unavailable 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, SCB heated pool
- 2:00 p.m. – Movie: *Spoiler Alert*, SCB
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Castle Poker, SCB

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

NCB Cardroom is unavailable 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Aqua Zumba, SCB heated pool
- 10:00 a.m. – Quilting Group, NCB

- 10:30 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Ladies Mahjong & Cards, NCB (C)
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, A/C Rm, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- **5:30 p.m. – New Resident Orientation, NCB**
- 6:00 p.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Bingo, SCB

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

NCB Cardroom is unavailable 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, SCB heated pool
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

- 6:30 p.m. – SAC Pool Party, SCB

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

- 11:00 a.m. – Private Party, NCB (C)

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

- 1000 a.m. – Water Aerobics, South heated pool
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- **3:00 p.m. – OVCA Finance Committee NCB, B/R**
- 6:00 p.m. – BRAVO rehearsal, SCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-in Bridge, NCB



BRAVO NEEDS HELPING HANDS WITH ITS FALL PRODUCTION

The cast and crew of BRAVO is now in production! A public performance is scheduled for the evening of Oct. 29.

We are looking for backstage helpers, greeters and people to assist with refreshments to join the BRAVO family!

Please contact Donna Miller by phone or text 203-520-5796.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

- 9:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 2:00 p.m. – Writer's Group, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Men's Cards, Brosowsky, SCB

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm
- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB, A/C Rm
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, South heated pool
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Castle Poker, SCB

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Aqua Zumba, SCB heated pool
- 10:30 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, A/C Rm, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Wine Club, NCB (sold out)
- 6:00 p.m. – Table Tennis, SCB

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, South heated pool
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Karaoke/Dance Party, SCB

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

- 11:00 a.m. – Private Party, SCB (C)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27: No events scheduled

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, South heated pool
- 10:00 a.m. – House & Garden Board Mtg, NCB (C)
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 1:00 p.m. – OV Arts Guild Board Mtg, NCB, C/R (C)
- **3:00 p.m. – Bylaws Committee Meeting, NCB**
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-in Bridge, NCB
- 6:30 p.m. – BRAVO rehearsal, SCB

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

- 9:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm
- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, South heated pool
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Castle Poker, SCB

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Aqua Zumba, SCB heated pool
- 10:30 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Ladies Mahjong & Cards, NCB (C)
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, A/C Rm, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Table Tennis, SCB

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 10:00 a.m. – Water Aerobics, South heated pool
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 12:15 p.m. – Water Aerobics Luncheon, SCB (C)
- 5:00 p.m. – It's 5 O'clock Somewhere, NCB

PLETMAN CONCERTS RESUME SEPTEMBER 10

By Amy Plapp and Tom Ward

In just a few short weeks, the fall series of Pletman Concerts begins! On Sept. 10, Ellie Bond will delight us with a clarinet extravaganza, accompanied by our almost-resident accompanist, Bill Braun.

As is customary, the concert will begin at 3 p.m. in the North Clubhouse. There will be refreshments afterward. The suggested donation is \$8.

Then, as the leaves fall and the temperatures slide,

we will bring to the stage on Oct. 22 Braedon Shizume, a promising young pianist we had the good fortune of hearing at a concert earlier this year in Hamden.

We will round out the fall series on Nov. 19 with a performance by the New York-based Amplitudo Brass

Quintet that will announce the approaching holidays with the customary vigor of brass!

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss these exciting concerts!

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SCAM ALERTS FROM AARP

By Patrick J. Kiger and Sari Harrar, AARP

Scammers are like viruses: They continually evolve in response to the latest news and trends, using them for new ways to separate us from our cash. These criminals “are so adaptable, they’re going to just follow the headlines,” says Amy Nofziger, director of fraud victim support for AARP.

As she and other anti-fraud experts note, scammers have proved ingenious when it comes to updating traditional criminal operations such as the romance scam or the Ponzi scheme with new twists to make them more convincing and effective. And like the rest of society, scammers are increasingly going online.

“Most con artists have taken a digital-first approach to scamming,” says Josh Planos, vice president of communications and public relations for the Better Business Bureau (BBB). He notes that the vast majority of today’s scams originate through a digital on-ramp, such as social media or email.

Here are a few emerging scams that anti-fraud experts are tracking in 2023, along with tips on how to thwart the crooks.

Cryptocurrency-romance scam: Crooks combine crypto scams with old-fashioned romance scams, posing as Internet love interests so they can cajole their targets into downloading an app and investing in fake crypto accounts.

“They claim that they’re even putting some of their own money into your fund,” explains former Federal Trade Commission official Steve Baker, who publishes the Baker Fraud Report. While the app displays data that seems to show your wealth growing, criminals are just taking your money.

How to stay safe: Carefully scrutinize any investment opportunity, even if you think you’re a sophisticated investor. “People think it’s not going to happen to them, but it is happening to many, which is why you have to keep your guard up,” Nofziger says.

Payday loan scam: Criminals exploit the inflation squeezing workers by offering fake payday loans that they claim will help people settle their bills, according to Nofziger. Loan applicants are told they’ll need to prepay a fee. The money goes into the crooks’ pockets, and the applicant gets nothing.

How to stay safe: Be wary of anyone who asks you to pay any sort of loan fee with a gift card or some other non-traceable form of payment.

One-time password (OTP) bot scam: Credit reporting company Experian warns that scammers utilize bots — automated programs — to deceive people into sharing the two-factor authentication codes sent to them via text or email from financial institutions (or from companies such as Amazon). The bot will make a robocall or send a text that appears to come from a bank, asking you to authorize a charge, then it asks you to enter the authentication code you’ve just been sent if the transaction isn’t yours. It’s actually the bot that’s trying to log into your bank account, and it wants the code that the bank sent to you as a precaution, so it can get in.

How to stay safe: Never share authentication codes, or provide other information, in response to an unsolicited phone call or text.

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Left: Sheila Ulisse, Ray Compagna and Sherry Bearse. Right, top: Arlene Danzberger, Abbie and Dan Kanner and Jeanne Hartley. Right, bottom: Peter Geltner, Pat Kelly, Kitty McManus, Sharon Geltner and Don Stump.

PICKLEBALL CLUB'S FESTIVE BARBECUE

Story by Karen Hahn ~ Photos by Gery Cuccaro

On Sunday, July 23, the Pickleball Club held what, aside from the SAC pool parties, was the largest outdoor event ever at Oronoque. Liz Kedan, once again, oversaw the staging and feeding of over 120 members.

The weather was perfect. Round tables with red-and-white-checked cloths placed on the lawn behind the NCB created a bucolic atmosphere. Dina Glantz provided music for everyone's enjoyment. Also, many members enthusiastically played bocce, cornhole and ladder ball. Ladderball is a fairly new game played by throwing bolas (two balls connected by a string) onto a short ladder. What a great addition!

Members enjoyed a barbecue by Kevin Veil Catering. Appetizers, hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken and salads were delicious. A cold popsicle dessert was bought around later by the two lovely young women hired to help with the barbecue.

Ray Compagna did a super job of handling the 122 reser-

vations ... no small task. He also has been busy keeping track of our 170-person roster. Another super job was provided by Rick Villanueva, from the Maintenance Department, who couldn't have been more helpful or worked harder. He was available to offer assistance with anything the club needed.

Bill Tanski, president of OV Pickleball Club, thanked all those who had worked so hard bringing this event to fruition. He quickly (very quickly) introduced the 24 new members attending, asking each resident to stand.

Bill continued by mentioning the success of the beginner clinics, which Regina Archkazi and he held at the beginning of the season and, again, in July. These go a long way to welcome residents into the fun ... not only of playing pickleball but also of socializing with club members.

That being said, everyone went back to eating, drinking, playing lawn games and enjoying each others' company. All in all the food was delicious and the setting for the barbecue was delightful. We're looking forward to the upcoming pickleball tournament on Sept. 9.

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ENTER THE VILLAGER'S CAPTION CONTEST!



A monthly Villager caption contest debuted two months ago. In the second issue of each month, an image has been published inviting residents to submit one-line captions by emailing office@oronoquevillage.com or delivering submissions, in writing, to the Business Office at NCB.

The image for the next installment of the contest is at left. Deadline for entries is Sept. 1.

Due to the limited number of resident submissions we have received, we are going to consider this contest our final one, unless we hear from you.

Judging is conducted by members of the Communications Committee. No political or negative content will be considered. There is no limit to the number of captions residents may submit.

Questions? Call Mary von Ziegesar at 203-767-9760.



JULY 15 CAPTION CONTEST WINNER



The Caption Contest winner and runner up for the July 15 competition (photo at left) is Adrienne Morrow:

"Welcome to The Munsters' tea party!"

"May I serve you a slice of tea and a cup of cake?"

FIND IT ON ORONOQUEVILLAGE.COM

Do you think you know a lot about our Village? Find out some stats by reading the results of the October 2021 survey completed by the Communications Committee. For example, of the respondents (617 residents; 390 units), the average age of a resident is estimated to be 75.6. (Note: an analysis by the OV Business Office of the age of all 573 new owners from 2011 to 2020, the average age is 70 years old). Lean more: from the HOME Page, go to DOCUMENTS & FORMS, scroll down and click on SURVEY of RESIDENTS OCTOBER 2021.

WEBSITE INSIGHTS

Looking for archived issue of The Villager? Find the current issue for news and events and the calendar — but check the online calendar for the latest and most accurate. Find articles on older events, photos of your friends

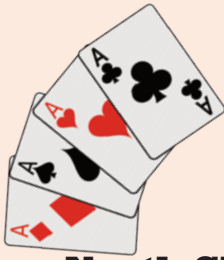
and neighbors socializing, helpful hints for using the web. From the Home Page, go to COMMUNICATIONS, scroll to THE VILLAGER and click. This page opens to the most current and past magazines!



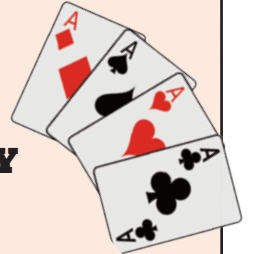
The following is a schedule of programs that run daily on OVTV (Channel 591 for those with a cable box and Channel 121-591 for those without a box) as of Aug. 5. For information, contact Bruce Pollock at bap203@yahoo.com

- 7:30 – 10:00 a.m. - Public Notices
- 10 a.m. - A Guide to the Fibtech Lifeline AED
- 11 a.m. - Donna Martire Miller: "The Science of Happiness"
- 11:30 a.m. - OV Arts Guild Summer Exhibit
- 12:30 p.m. - Beginning Mindfulness
- 1:30 p.m. - OV Arts Guild Summer Exhibit
- 2 p.m. - The Best of '50s & '60s Rock 'n' Roll
- 4 p.m. - Karaoke Recaps from Chris Albino

- 5 p.m. - Interview with Patrick Radden Keefe- author of September Book Club selection
- 7 p.m. - Beginning Tai Chi
- 8 p.m. - Pickleball Tips
- 8:30 p.m. - OV Arts Guild Summer Exhibit
- 9 p.m. - "An Evening with Frank Mastrone and Friends"
- 10 p.m. - Beginning Mindfulness
- 11 p.m. - House Concert by Dina & Bob
- 12 p.m. - Donna Martire Miller: "The Science of Happiness"
- 1 a.m. - Tribute to Classic Cars
- 2:30 a.m. - "An Evening with Frank Mastrone and Friends"
- 3 a.m. - Karaoke Recaps from Chris Albino
- 4 -7:30 a.m. - Relaxing music



A/A/A/A CARD PARTY



COME ONE, COME ALL TO HADASSAH LUNCHEON & CARD PARTY

**North Clubhouse
Wed., Sept. 27, 12:00 p.m.**



**\$30 per person
Singles are Welcome!**

Enjoy a delicious luncheon consisting of a cheese platter, eggplant parm, meatballs, chicken florentine, salad, rolls and butter, dessert, coffee, tea & soda.

Please use the form below and include the names with whom you wish to sit. Checks & form should be deposited in the Hadassah Box at NCB by Sept. 20.

Questions: Barbara-203-378-7781 * Carol - 203-375-2101

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 this tear-off sheet and deposit with payments. RSVP by Sept. 20 — \$30 per person — Singles are welcome!



FUNSEEKERS PRESENTS



OVER EASY POP-ROCK TRIO

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 SCB • Doors Open At 6:15

OVER EASY is a pop-rock trio founded by our own OV resident, Steve Cinque. The band features bass guitar, harmonica, guitar, keyboard, drums and vocals. Enjoy songs by the Beatles, Simon & Garfunkel, America, Bill Withers, Monkees, Lovin Spoonful, Paul Anka, Herman's Hermits and many many more. These guys have 350 songs in their repertoire! **OVER EASY** is truly a talented FUN band! Come join us for a lively performance of your favorite tunes.

Advance reservations required. Payments will be accepted from August 16th through September 8th, unless maximum capacity is reached. Open to resident Funseekers' members and one non-resident guest per single resident through August 26th. Starting on August 27th, member residents may sign up any amount of non-resident guests. Please put \$4.00 check per person (\$7.00 non-resident) into FUNSEEKERS mailbox, NCB. Not a 2023 member? Join for \$15 per person.

Questions? Call Lynn Collins 203-260-4644.

COFFEE, TEA, SOFT DRINKS & DESSERT TO BE SERVED

BYOB AND SNACKS!

ORONOQUE VILLAGE

Arts Guild

PRESENTS:

POLI'S PALACE AND MAJESTIC THEATRES Memories PROJECT.



On September 14, the OV Arts Guild will hold our annual meeting to begin our 9th year in Oronoque Village.

Our evening's presentation will be a very interesting talk and video on a LOCAL cultural heritage project - "**Poli's Palace and Majestic Theatres Memories Project**" by creators Jay Misencik and Geralene Valentine. The Poli Palace in Bridgeport was a place of beauty and a hub of excitement during it's heyday! Join us to see the theatre in it's original pristine condition and how it has deteriorated in present time. Those from this area should have great memories of this once "grand" dame of entertainment.



Thursday Sept 14, 7:00 pm NCB

Members attend this event at no charge, *guests pay \$8 at the door*. Refreshments will be served after the presentation.



OV Karaoke Club: No fees or dues * No commitments * Just fun!

Please join us for our next Karaoke/Dance Party on August 25 at SCB at 6:30pm.

All you need is your wine and dancing shoes. A good time is guaranteed for all! 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!

Hope to see you all then. Oh... and tell a friend!



**SAC Presents
 Inaugural Dog Day Parade Fundraiser
 To Benefit Stratford Animal Rescue Society (STARS)
 Sat. Sept. 23 / Time: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. / South Clubhouse Parking Lot**

**Entry donation: \$10 to participate in the parade
 (Additional donations to STARS are gladly accepted)**

Family fun is guaranteed when Oronoque’s pups (and their owners) take a stroll around the South side and show off their ‘paw-fect’ personalities as they stroll for the judges. Prizes awarded for best dressed, funniest, etc. Audience votes are encouraged and will be counted for “Best in Show.”

All Oronoque residents are invited -- bring your family and join in the fun. STARS volunteers will be on-site with adoptable pets; a dog training expert and veterinary experts also will be on-site.

Donations to STARS are welcome. In addition to monetary donations, the shelter can also use:
 Canned Cat Food * Canned Kitten Food * Blankets & Towels * Bleach * Clumping Cat Litter *
 Gift Cards * Paper Towels * Cat Scratchers

Questions? Call or text George Zamary at 203-913-7312 or Pam Schwanke at 203-856-4194.

Note: Only 1 dog per handler allowed. All dogs must be leashed. No aggressive dogs allowed. All dogs must show proof of vaccination and licensing. No puppies under 4 months of age. Additional rules will apply.

REGISTRATION FORM

(Minimum donation of \$10 required to participate in the parade.)

Dog’s name: _____ Breed _____

Age & Origin _____ Special Talents _____

Owner/Handler Name: _____ Cell Phone # _____

Resident Address _____ Email _____

Please deliver payment and registration form to the SAC mailbox at NCB no later than Sept. 15, 2023.

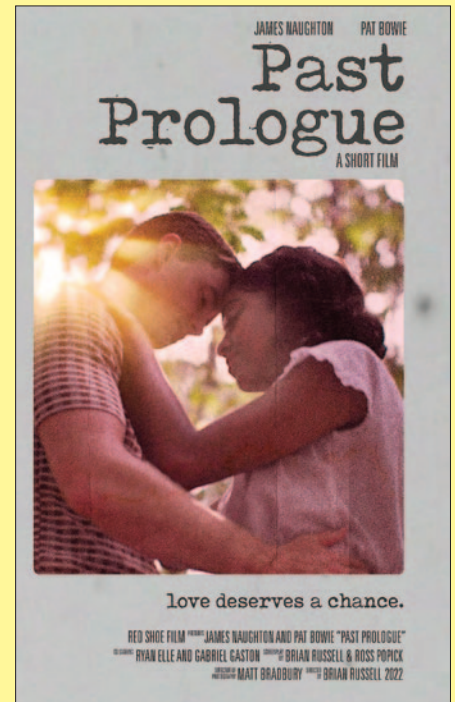
Hadassah invites all Villagers to join us on Wed., Sept 6, at 10:30 a.m. for our open meeting in the South Clubhouse Lounge

A new program "View and Review," will be presented, which is a short 15-minute film, followed by a question- and-answer discussion, along with coffee and cookies.

The film stars James Naughton. The writer and producer will be on hand to lead us.

Past Prologue: Robert and Claudette have a chance encounter in a coffee shop, their first meeting since they dated over 60 years ago. A reconnection to memory and discovery of feelings long buried, takes them on a journey through their past.

Call Ellie Taylor 203-377-4500 with questions.



The Movie Club Presents
Book Club: The Next Chapter
September 8, 7 p.m., NCB
September 13, 2 p.m., SCB



\$1 admission includes popcorn -

Four best friends take their book club to Italy for the fun girls trip they never had. When things go off the rails and secrets are revealed, their relaxing vacation turns into a once-in-a-lifetime cross-country adventure.

Diane Keaton, Mary Steenburgen, Jane Fonda and Candice Bergen star. Craig T. Nelson, Don Johnson and Andy Garcia also appear.

**OUR FABULOUS MONTHLY...
BINGO**

**PRESENTED BY THE
GUYS & DOLLS CLUB**

AUGUST 17, 7 P.M. AT SCB



\$2.50 A CARD

**RAFFLE PRIZES
(INCLUDING A BIG 50/50)**

SWEET TREATS



**The OV Book Club meets on the
first Wednesday of each month
at 7 p.m. in the NCB Library**

The book for Sept. 4 is *Empire of Pain* by Patrick Radden Keef. A grand, devastating portrait of three generations of the Sackler family, famed for their philanthropy, whose fortune was built by Valium and whose reputation was destroyed by OxyContin.

The history of the Sackler dynasty is rife with drama—baroque personal lives; bitter disputes over estates; fist-fights in boardrooms; glittering art collections; courtroom maneuvers; and the calculated use of money to burnish reputations and crush the less powerful. This book follows the family's early success with Valium to the much more potent OxyContin, marketed with a ruthless technique of co-opting doctors, influencing the FDA, downplaying the drug's addictiveness.

A masterpiece of narrative reporting, *Empire of Pain* is a compelling portrait of America's second Gilded Age, a study of impunity among the super-elite and a relentless investigation of the naked greed that built one of the world's great fortunes.

**JOIN US FOR
"IT'S 5'OCLOCK SOMEWHERE"
ON THE FIRST FRIDAY
OF THE MONTH
AT NCB at 5 P.M.**

**BYOB * Relax and Mingle *
Drop By With An
Appetizer to Share**

Hosted by SAC

**We hope to see you on
September 1**





House & Garden
Presents:



PARDON ME MY CAT'S ON FIRE

*A Hilarious & Heartwarming
Talk About Being An Innkeeper*

Oronoque resident Kees Adema will share tales of when he and his wife Ulla owned and operated the charming Boulders Inn along Lake Waramaug in Litchfield CT.



Monday, September 11, 2023
1:00 pm SCB



Members: Free - Guests \$5

**Coffee, Tea & Treats
served following the
program**



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www.PlanStratford.com

