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New Resident Questionnaire

Summer 2023

Welcome to Oronoque Village!

We would like to help you to settle in and help you meet your neighbors and make new friends. Oronoque Village is a wonderful community with many of us sharing common backgrounds and interests. Many of us enjoy the wide range of activities and amenities, the peace and quiet, the safety, and especially the neighbors. We are fun-loving and interested in getting to know you so we invite you to tell others about yourselves. To that end, we have designed this brief questionnaire that you may wish to complete. Your results, if you decide to participate, and with your approval of the final content, will be published in our magazine, *The Villager* and on our website, www.oronoquevillage.com. You can disregard any question that you do not wish to answer: it is totally up to you to participate.

- 1) When did you move into Oronoque Village? _____ (Date)

- 2) Where did you move from before coming here? _____
(Town/State)

- 3) Why did you decide to move to the Village?

- 4) Where did you grow up? _____ (Town/State)

- 5) Where did you go to school? _____
(Name of School or Town/State)

- 6) What line of work are/were you in?

7) What are your favorite hobbies? _____

8) What are your greatest talents? _____

9) Any other interests? _____

10) Is there anything special you would like your neighbors to know?

11) Where do you live here? _____(Lane)

12) Have you visited and registered on the Oronoque Village website yet? -
Visited Y / N, Registered Y / N

Here's to new friends, new experiences, and a new, rewarding, and enriching life in our Village! Questions? Call Mary von Ziegesar – 203.767.9760. Please return this questionnaire to Chrissy Smith at the Village Business Office on North Trail. Thanks for participating!

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Phone and E-mail:



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Welcome to Oronoque Village!

Welcome! We are delighted you've decided to make Oronoque Village your new home! On behalf of the Board of Directors, District Representatives, Committees, Organizations and Clubs of the Oronoque Village Condominium Association and the Tax District, welcome to our active and beautiful community.

Our unique and vibrant community maintains the philosophy of offering engaging lifestyle enhancements ranging from lively discussion groups to sports activities (tennis, pickleball, swimming, exercise classes and a fitness center). The Village also offers a serene and tranquil setting including 303 acres of mature trees, gentle hills and gardens. Whether you're a gym user, interested in making social connections, or someone who prefers quiet and creative club activities (arts guild, book club, bridge, house and garden club or doll-crafters), we hope you will enjoy the beauty of our natural surroundings. We know you've made the right decision to make Oronoque Village your new home.

The enclosed package is designed to facilitate your introduction to the Village. It contains some basic information to help you become better acquainted with various aspects of condominium living, from our governance structure to rules and regulations to clubs and groups. We hope you will find this information a useful resource and we encourage you to sign on to the private/resident-only side of our website: oronoquevillage.com. Please also feel free to reach out to your District Representatives, our staff and your neighbors with any inquiries, questions or concerns. Our goals are to ensure that your introduction and your experiences are as pleasant, easy and as informed as possible as you settle in over the next few months.

Welcome home!

With warmest regards,

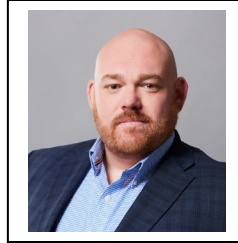
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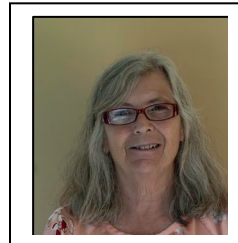
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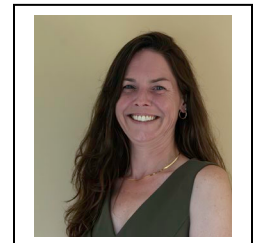
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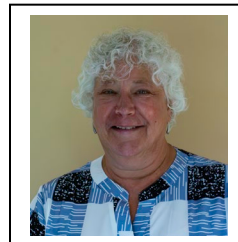
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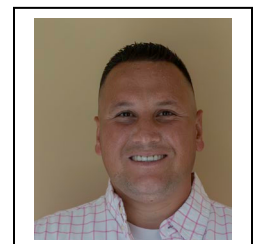


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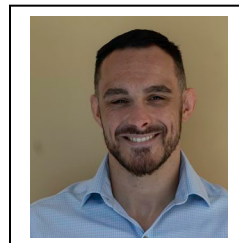


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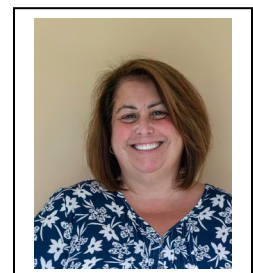
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Our Mission and Our Vision

“Our mission is to provide an outstanding resident experience while protecting and enhancing the OV brand, being fiscally responsible and ensuring a stable and safe environment.”

“Our vision is to become the finest 55+ condominium association in Connecticut where residents work cooperatively and employ best practices to sustain an economically, environmentally and socially strong community.”



Oronoque Village - Who We Are

We, Unit Owners, are known as OVCA (Oronoque Village Condominium Association)

We are 929 units and about 1500 total residents

We are divided into 11 districts, 6 on the South and 5 on the North

We have an elected Board of Directors which meets at least 8 times a year, consisting of 11 district representatives and four at large officers, supported by nine standing committees fully explained in the By-laws –Go to Documents and Management Tabs on OV Website

We develop an annual budget for all Association related expenses and reserves which must be approved by the Board of Directors and agreed to by the unit owners

We collect our revenues for the budget from monthly common charges; assessments are determined by the size of the unit

We have one owner vote per unit for any OVCA issues. Renters do not vote

We have three governing documents: The Declaration, By-Laws, and Rules and Regulations

We employ an Executive Director as an overall manager with an administrative staff of four

We employ a Maintenance Director who reports to the Executive Director and supervises a maintenance staff responsible for the grounds, amenities, and unit exteriors

We have an Oronoque Village Tax District known as OVTD, an organization separate from OVCA

We have an elected OVTD Board of Directors which meets four times a year, consisting of four officers who also are directors plus five additional directors

We have an OVTD responsible for roads, security, underground utilities, drainage, trees, etc.

We have an OVTD with an annual budget approved by the residents of Oronoque Village and which collects its revenue for the budget through a quarterly tax payment based on the Town of Stratford's assessed value for each unit

We have an OVTD which has a set of ordinances and one governing document, the OVTD Charter, which reflects applicable state laws

We have one vote per OV resident, registered to vote in Stratford, for any OVTD issues



ORONOQUE VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE and OUTSIDE FACILITIES

NORTH CLUBHOUSE 600 NORTH TRAIL

- Business Offices – Accounting,
- Administrative, Management
- Mail Boxes for Districts 7-11
- and Clubs & Associations
- Rest Rooms
- Card Room
- Kitchen
- North Lounge – Bar Area and
- TV/Movie Screen
- North Ballroom/Stage
- Board Room
- Rest Rooms
- Library
- Billiard/Pool Tables
- Club/District Storage Closets
- Golf Practice Area
- North Pool
- Bocce Court
- Corn Hole Area
- Grills
- Tennis Courts (3)
- Pickleball Courts (5)

SOUTH CLUBHOUSE 10 MIDWAY TRAIL

- Art Gallery
 - Monitor's Office + Movie CDs
 - Mail Boxes for Districts 1- 6
 - Front Rest Rooms
 - Front Card Room
 - Kitchen
 - Grills
 - South Lounge – Bar Area and
 - TV/Movie Screen
 - South Ballroom – Main Stage
 - Rear Card Room
 - Fitness Center
 - Back Rest Rooms
 - Ping Pong (Upstairs)
 - Arts, Sculpting, Crafts Studio
 - (Upstairs)
 - Club Closets (Upstairs)
 - Pool Restrooms & Saunas
 - South Pool
 - Heated Pool
-
- **MAINTENANCE
OFFICE/GARAGE**
 - **275 ORONOQUE LANE**
-
- Community Gardens



HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Oronoque Village Business Office	203.377.5313
Oronoque Village Maintenance Department	203.375.8853
North Clubhouse	203.377.5313
South Clubhouse	203.377.5435
After-Hours Maintenance	203.377.5502
Stratford Police Emergency	911
Stratford Fire & EMS Emergency Services	911
Stratford Police Non-Emergency	203.385.4100
Stratford Fire Non-Emergency	203.385.4070
Stratford – Town Clerk	203.385.4020
Stratford – Tax Assessor	203.385.4025
Optimum – Master Plan for Bulk/VIP TV/Internet	203.336.2225
Southern CT Gas – Emergency	800.513.8898
United Illuminating – Emergency	800.722.5584



Please Register as a Resident at OronoqueVillage.com And Get Connected!

Type in “oronoquevillage.com” on your browser
Click on “RESIDENT LOG IN”



[Our Condos](#) [Amenities](#) [Country Club](#) [What's Nearby](#) [Map/Directions](#) [Contact Us](#) [RESIDENTS LOG IN](#) [🔍](#)

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Log In

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password

Remember me

[Sign In](#)

New to Oronoque Village? [Click here to Register.](#)

Click on “[Click here to Register](#)” then follow instructions.
Questions? Call the office at 203.377.5313

This is where you will find everything you need to know including the daily calendar of events happening in the Village, Work Order forms, a Village Directory of your neighbors, Club Information, Representatives, Documents - a lot of information about our Village!

Explore the site, have fun, become informed!

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE OV WEBSITE

Here are some insights to help make your life at Oronoque Village easier. You will be surprised at how much information is right at your fingertips!

The OV website is one of the most useful tools available. It requires the use of a phone, computer or tablet. The vast majority of OV residents are using electronic devices. First, get on the site. If you have any problem connecting to the site, contact the office at 203.377.5313 for assistance. You can also ask for help via email: office@oronoquevillage.com. You'll need to have a user ID, your email address, and a password. It is strongly recommended that you record these in a safe place for future reference.

The front end and the back end of our website. The front end is the public portion of the site and is available to the general public. It explains the community and provides access to our governing documents to those wishing to understand how our Association operates. The back end, the private side, is for OV residents only. You must click on the "Residents Log-in" and have a user name and password to have access to this part of the site.

What are the tabs? There are green tabs across the top of the opening/home page. These tabs cover different categories of information. We hope you spend some time exploring each of them. Some tabs are highlighted here because you may find them particularly helpful.

Home:

- Condo News & Notifications offers up-to-date information from the management and maintenance offices, OVCA and OVTD Presidents, schedules for trash collections, pools, holidays plus the latest business information you need.

Directory/Address Book:

- Here in the Directory/Address Book you'll find the name, phone number, email address and street address of a fellow resident.
- Search by name and/or by street. Note: a few residents choose to be unlisted.

Calendar & Events - one of the most important resources on our site.

- The Calendar provides the dates for all events and activities.

- The Events tab is mainly for social and club activities.

Organizations:

- Information about the many social clubs and associations. Play pickleball or bridge? Find who to contact and when and where to meet.

Maintenance: another very important tab for you.

- Work Order Request and Odd Job Request forms can be completed electronically and submitted to the Maintenance Department. Confirmation of that receipt will be returned.
- An Odd-job request is for personal help from a Maintenance employee on something that is not the responsibility of the Village (i.e. installing an outside motion light). If an employee is interested, you will be contacted by him who will provide an estimate. If you proceed, the job will be undertaken after regular work hours. Several maintenance-related documents are also located here, plus a list of vendors who advertise.

Staff: Need help? See who to contact!

Government Organization:

- You will find your Association (OVCA) and Tax District (OVTD) leaders, governing documents, meeting minutes and historical information.

Documents & Forms:

- New Resident Packet, Work Order form, Owners' responsibilities, pool rules, Application for Change/Architectural Committee form, can all be found here.

Communications:

- Learn about our TV station. Check LINKS for events and activities outside of OV. Residents' CLASSIFIED ADS are also listed here. Visit our official Facebook page: OV Connections. Finally, read The VILLAGER Magazine, plus publishing deadlines, guidelines and archived issues.

My Profile:

- This is where you can enter your personal information in the Directory. You give permission for what you want other residents to access (ie. telephone numbers; email addresses). It is very important to "Update Permission" and to "Update Profile" when you make any changes. You may also upload a photo here. Again, when you make any changes, you must "Update."



OV KEYLESS ACCESS SECURITY SYSTEM

Our new keyless, security system is in place. All residents need to use an app on their smartphones or a keycard or a fob to enter the North and South Clubhouses, the South Clubhouse exercise facility, and the North and South Pool Areas. Note: for access to the Pools, an OV ID Card is also required. This may be obtained at the Business Office.

If you have not yet picked up a keyless entry device, please email Chrissy Smith at csmith@oronoquevillage.com or Harris Bonfiglio at hbonfiglio@oronoquevillage.com to make an appointment. You may also call the Business Office at 203-377-5313, ext. 1 to make arrangements.

Please note: residents are entitled to one method of keyless entry. There will be a fee of \$13 to replace keycards and fobs that are misplaced or damaged.

The exercise facility will be accessible 24 hours a day / seven days a week.
The operational hours of the clubhouses will be 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., daily.
The pool area hours and the Children's Pool Schedule are posted on the website.

The advantages of an Access Control System for OV include:

1. Less reliance on "human" monitoring of our facilities and amenities.
2. Manage after-hours resident visits to buildings.
3. Availability of reliable facilities usage data to potentially reduce utility costs.
4. Availability of reliable data on who is entering and using our facilities. We will be able to determine, at any time, who's in our facilities.
5. We will know that anyone accessing facilities has legitimate credentials. In the words of our Stratford Police liaison, Captain Brian Budd: "Any measures that restrict unauthorized access to your community is always a positive decision."



CABLE TV

INTERNET

PHONE SERVICE

OVRTV

Oronoque Village has a VIP Package provided by Optimum/Altice. OV buys these services on a bulk basis. The cost is about \$70 per month. This cost is included in your monthly Homeowner's Association (HOA) fee. The contract currently provides a 300 Mbps internet connection, a smart router, a TV cable box and a remote.

Optimum Voice, a landline phone, additional cable boxes, premium channels and faster internet speeds are options available at the expense of the resident.

**For initial setup email Vanessa Moran at Optimum/Altice
vanessa.moran@alticeusa.com**



Visit us on Facebook at *OV Connections*

Want to know more about Oronoque Village life and the surrounding area?

The *OV Connections* Facebook page can help you. It is Oronoque Villages's official, resident-only Facebook page where neighbors can chat and share information.

Do you want a recommendation on local pizza parlors or a kitchen remodeler? Any interest in starting a group or club? Anyone else see that red fox this morning on the golf course? Any tips on how to refinish a table, who can offer computer help, where to find a special gift?

Politics and religion are off limits. Also, negative, critical or accusatory statements pertaining to OV residents, staff or management are not allowed.

You will need a Facebook account to join us. All you need to do is search Facebook for *OV Connections* and request to become a member.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol King at 203.377.5313 or cking@oronoquevillage.com.





Welcome From the OV Director of Maintenance Operations

Dear New Resident,

Welcome to Oronoque Village, an award-winning adult community of 929 spacious condo homes spread across 300 picturesque acres.

Our hard-working maintenance crews are dedicated to maintaining the scenic beauty of this community - in all seasons - as well as overseeing the safety of our residents. We are a team of skilled professionals who are on the job winter, spring, summer and fall! We accomplish this with year-round programs that include landscaping/groundskeeping, snow removal, patching roadways, maintaining the community's three swimming pools, and racquet sports facilities, and performing exterior maintenance tasks such as roof repair, deck painting, siding and trim replacement, and much, much more. Maintenance staff members can be found on-site working during heavy snowfalls, intensive rains, high winds, extreme heat and foul weather of all kinds. In sum, our teams are devoted to meeting the needs of this community. I am very proud of the team we have in place here and working for you.

It is important to realize that there are some tasks that are not the responsibility of the Maintenance Department, but they are the resident's responsibility, such as interior plumbing and electrical work. Please review the Oronoque Village Maintenance Responsibility Chart in this package. This Chart provides a detailed allocation of responsibilities of unit owners and responsibilities of Oronoque Village.

If you ever have a need for a service provided by the Maintenance Department, please submit a Work Order/Services Request form which is included in this package. We encourage you to submit this form online at www.oronoquevillage.com. Work orders may be filed electronically by clicking on the Maintenance navigation tab, or by clicking on Documents & Forms and following the instructions. We will follow-up with you regarding scheduling an appointment at your convenience.

As a new homeowner, you may already have some ideas on how you'd like to improve your property. Please keep in mind OVCA has an Architectural Committee to help maintain the quality and aesthetics of the community. The Committee's function is to evaluate the plans for exterior landscaping, exterior unit alterations, and interior remodeling. Modifications to the exterior of your home and property must be submitted to the Architectural Committee for approval before any work begins. Please visit our website and download an Architectural Application for Change, which may also be found in our DOCUMENTS & FORMS section.

Our staff is here to help you. If you have any questions, please email us at ovmd@oronoquevillage.com. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Ryan Hankey

Director of Maintenance Operations
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ORONOQUE VILLAGE – A Brief History

When residents began moving into Oronoque Village in 1971, most of the 304-acre development was still on the drawing board. The concept was to combine the comforts of town with the convenience of country-club living. It was a \$60-million project. How did it begin?

The Oronoque area had begun changing from apple orchards and farms to suburban dwellings during the preceding twenty years. The new Sikorsky plant on Route 110 was built in 1955 and residential homes were appearing on Prayer Spring Road and Peace Acre Lane. In the late 1960s, Oronoque Hills, a corporate partnership headed by Chris Bargas of Bridgeport, began assembling acreage that would become our condominium development. Some of the land had originally belonged to families who had shaped the growth of the area since 1685.

Bargas and his partners adopted the new “cluster concept” -- “better living on less land.” Cluster houses, built on smaller lots than conventional housing, mean that more land may be turned into common open space. Bargas engaged the San Francisco architectural firm of Walz & McLeod to design the development, with the Stratford firm of Antinozzi Associates acting as local consulting architects. The developers and the architects agreed on a basic style that would mix the New England salt box, the Swiss chalet and San Francisco modern -- with gable roofs of various pitches and siding stained in a half dozen or more natural hues.

About 140 acres were given over to an 18-hole championship golf course which would encircle the Village. It’s slopes, hollows and sand traps still-water hazards throughout the 6,850-yard course were designed by the renowned golf-course architect Desmond Muirhead of Newport Beach, California. The famed golfer Gene Sarazen, a Connecticut native, served as a consultant.

Preliminary plans were filed with the Stratford Planning Commission in December 1969, and approved a month later. Oronoque Hills began doing business in the “round house” at the corner of Surrey Lane, which was built by Bargas as the development office. The construction of the golf course began in March 1971. The first models and condominiums on Algonquin Lane started in June 1970 and were ready for inspection in November of that year. Over the next six years, 929 units were built on the north and south sides of Oronoque Lane. Originally 25 separate condominium communities were established and recorded in the land records of the Town of Stratford. These communities were merged into one Association in 1978, the Oronoque Village Condominium Association; however, the deeds as recorded in the Town of Stratford records still reflect 25 separate communities. In 1979, the Oronoque Village Tax District (OVTD) was established. The OVTD encompasses the same boundaries as Oronoque Village and was formed through the foresight of the unit owners at that time to take advantage of tax benefits and the special authority accorded to municipal governments by the State. Special tax districts have existed in Connecticut since the late 1800s. Today, there are approximately 1,500 people residing in 929 units in Oronoque Village.

The streets bear American Indian names and there are 17 different styles of units, all of them named for American writers. These units are Alcott(8), Cooper(28), Dickinson(9), Emerson(154), Fenimore(4), Hawthorne(67), Longfellow(2), Lowell(2), Melville(6), Millay(2), Peabody(36), Revere (5), Thoreau (284), Whitman (6), Whittier (162), Winthrop (8), and Wolcott (146).

Oronoque Village is a self-managed condominium run by an elected Board of Directors, including Executive Officers and District Representatives, each representing one of 11 Districts. The Tax District operates independently, and has Officers and a Board separate from the OVCA board. In 1989, the community Declarations were amended to allow for a 55-plus community. A variety of appointed and volunteer committees makes recommendations to the Boards. The Association employs an Executive Director to perform the duties and services necessary to operate the Village. Reporting to the Executive Director is an administrative staff and a Maintenance Director who manages a maintenance staff.

From the early planning stages, the Village was designed for environmental conservation. The four-acre lake that now forms an integral part of the back nine was once a swamp. Several minor branches of the streams which crisscross the property were diverted into mainstream channels to make the best use of the land. Utilities were placed underground and original trees preserved as much as possible. Many oak, maple, beech, hemlock, tulip and dogwood trees were saved. In time, two community buildings, three swimming pools and five all-weather tennis courts were added to the development of 55+ year old residents.

Today, the central theme of Oronoque Village remains natural beauty. The surroundings of rolling hillocks, wooded glens, tranquil ponds and towering trees still provide a haven for wildlife. A quiet walk on a summer's evening will discover busy chipmunks, a family of cottontails foraging on clover, gray squirrels everywhere. Overhead there is a chorus of tree toads and the mimicry of mockingbirds or the songs of cardinals. Doves' coos and owls' hoots are common. Hawks find plenty to eat. Ponds have their own life, too -- the steady harrumph of the bullfrog and the graceful landings of mallards, wood ducks and Canada geese. From time to time, one catches a glimpse of deer, a passing red fox or a flock of wild turkeys making their way around Oronoque Village.

Please note: The above information was taken from the OronoqueVillage.com under Villager/OVTV OVCA History, from the 40th Anniversary Booklet - Some Oronoque Village Historical Notes, and from Rules, Regulations and General Information Oronoque Village Condominium Association Introduction – Page 3 and updated by Ray Vermette.



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OVTD: Its History, Purpose and Relationship to OVCA

Condominium owners, perhaps at the time of moving into their units, learn that there are two organizations, Oronoque Village Community Association (OVCA) and Oronoque Village Tax District (OVTD), involved with the functions of the Village. Each organization, OVCA and OVTD, collects its operating revenue by either assessing or taxing the unit owner. The purpose of a community association, such as OVCA, is likely familiar to the members of this community. However, there are long-term and new residents who may wonder why Oronoque Village needs a special tax district, such as OVTD, what purpose it serves and how it relates to OVCA. The following information is intended to provide an overview of OVTD, an organization that has saved unit owners millions of dollars since its formation in 1979.

OVTD was organized on Oct. 29, 1979, under Chapter 105 of the Connecticut General Statutes by a vote of the taxpayers of the Town of Stratford who lived in Oronoque Village. The Tax District encompasses the same boundaries as Oronoque Village and was formed through the foresight of the unit owners at that time to take advantage of tax benefits and the special authority accorded to municipal governments by the State. Special tax districts have existed in Connecticut since the late 1800s. There are more than 300 districts like ours in the 169 towns and cities that make up Connecticut.

Each tax district is a political subdivision of the State, a special-purpose government that is independent of the local town or city within which it is organized. The tax districts can be considered towns within towns. Tax districts are created under state law when residents want more or better services in their neighborhood than the town or city provides and are willing to pay for them with additional property taxes. For example, some of these services permitted in the law may be to light streets, plant and care for trees, maintain and regulate the use of recreational facilities and maintain and construct roads, water systems and sewers.

Most of the property in Oronoque Village -- such as land, buildings, roads, recreational facilities and infrastructure -- is privately owned by OVCA, excepting the 929 units whose deeds describe the respective owners' units within a building. Residents in Connecticut may also form for themselves a special tax district to provide permitted services to "improvement associations," like OVCA, which are private development corporations.

Since Jan. 1, 1980, when activities of our tax district started, OVTD's role in supporting and maintaining OVCA's specific property needs permitted in Chapter 105 have been defined in various legal agreements signed between OVCA and OVTD. Today, OVTD serves OVCA by maintaining and improving roads, walkways, underground water, sewer and drainage pipes and other utilities, as well as snow removal, pest control, trees, street lighting, security services, maintaining OVCA's property for 10 feet on both sides of roads and at both ends of each drainage channel and acquiring and maintaining capital equipment and vehicles. Because OVTD is a municipality of Connecticut, all purchases made by OVTD are exempt from state sales and use taxes.

In a 1989 Villager article reviewing the first 10 years of OVTD's operations, an additional benefit mentioned was "to provide its taxpayers a real estate deduction for federal income tax purposes for the municipal services included in the Tax District annual budget." Federal income tax laws have changed since the 1980s, and a qualified tax adviser should be consulted to determine if this remains a benefit.

The state of Connecticut grants to special tax districts many of the same powers granted to towns and cities. The districts have the power to levy and collect taxes, impose finance charges on delinquent payers, file liens of equal priority with the local town, initiate foreclosure procedures, establish ordinances, issue bonds and elect officers. Each tax district should have a charter that incorporates the provisions from applicable state municipal laws, including Chapter 105, which define the district's powers, voter eligibility, its organization with four officers and either a five- or nine-member board of directors, the procedures for how meetings are to be held and how taxes are to be levied and collected, among other considerations.

OVTD's board of directors is the governing body and manages the district's affairs. Our nine-member board consists of a president, vice president, treasurer, clerk and five additional directors, as it did in the 1980s. All nine members are directors elected to staggered three-year terms. The four officers are elected to one-year terms and serve as officers of the district and the board. The board prepares its own budgets, establishes the district's priorities, levies the required tax revenues, maintains its own financial accounts, provides oversight for programs and projects under its responsibility, and follows a meeting agenda and discussion decorum like that observed at any town or city council meeting in Connecticut.

To retain our benefits and status as a special municipality, the OVTD board members and its various appointed committees must maintain an independent, arm's-length working relationship with OVCA, which is a private corporation. OVTD's financial accounts are separately audited by a certified public accountant, who also submits appropriate reports required by the state. The OVTD board also contracts for its own legal counsel to advise it on related matters.

The annual costs to operate and support all the projects and activities of Oronoque Village are defined in OVCA's and OVTD's respective budgets. In 1989, OVTD's budget amounted to more than 55 percent of the two combined budgets. But in 2014, OVCA purchased the North and South Clubhouses, which formerly were leased by OVTD from the original developer. OVTD's total budget now is approximately 30 percent of the two combined budgets.

OVCA raises its required revenue through an assessment on the unit owners. However, OVTD, being a special municipal government, raises its revenues through a property tax mill rate applied to the assessed value of each condo unit. The Town of Stratford Assessor's Office provides the OVTD board members with the most recent property assessments for each of the 929 condo units and the total of all units combined. Our Village mill rate is determined by dividing the annual OVTD budget by the total assessed values of all the units in the Village.

The annual budgets for OVTD and OVCA are developed as separate entities. OVTD has no employees. Those who work for the Village, including the executive director, are employees of OVCA. In its annual budget, approved in May 2020 by a vote of the residents, OVTD shares a proportional cost of OVCA's employee salaries, benefits, insurance, pension and other expenses for the services OVTD will provide OVCA in the fiscal year utilizing OVCA's employees. For certain other expenses -- like road maintenance and resurfacing, infrastructure repairs, snow removal, pest control, electricity for outside lighting, security services, gas, oil, vehicular acquisition and repair -- OVTD is responsible for 100 percent of these expenses. Whenever services are provided for OVTD by the executive director and the Maintenance and Business Office employees, they are considered contract employees.

The voting requirements for OVTD and OVCA also differ for Village residents. Because OVTD is a municipal government, by law, any resident who is 18 years or older, a citizen of the United States, registered to vote in Stratford's elections and a bona fide resident of the OV Tax District, or any person who owns real property in the tax district that is assessed for at least \$1,000, even though not residing in the district, is qualified to vote in electing officers and board members, approving the budget and for any other matter requiring a decision of the residents. All voters must appear in-person, and no absentee or proxy voting is permitted. OVCA, however, is a nonstock, not-for-profit private condominium corporation. According to Connecticut condominium law, each unit owner, by virtue of possessing a deed, has an undivided interest in OVCA and financially supports OVCA's activities through a proportional assessment based on the area size of the unit. Therefore, only unit owners are eligible to vote on OVCA issues.

At the present time, OVTD is financially sound and has adequate reserves. If OVTD ceases to exist as a municipal entity, then all its responsibilities and its expenses would be assumed by OVCA. All revenues would then be raised through OVCA's assessment procedure. Any tax-saving benefits arising from being a special tax district would be lost to the Village's unit owners and taxpayers.

This information was compiled from records and other histories, edited and updated by Ray Vermette. 12/20



11 Very Important Rules

1. One resident of the unit must be at least 55 years of age.
2. No children under the age of 17 may reside in the unit.
3. There is a limit of one pet per unit. If that pet is a dog, it is necessary that the dog be leashed when walked and the pet waste picked up.
4. No alterations may be made to units without the approval of the Architectural Committee.
5. No changes may be made to common property without the approval of the Architectural Committee.
6. Hazardous materials, such as propane tanks, may not be stored in the garage.
7. No grills of any type may be kept on decks.
8. A maximum of three 4-wheel vehicles may be kept at a unit. If a unit owner has two or more vehicles at the unit, one of them must be kept in the garage with the garage door closed. Garages must be able to fit a 4-wheel vehicle inside with the garage door closed.
9. Residents' pickup trucks must be parked in the garage with the garage door closed.
10. The speed limit on all roads in the Village is 20 MPH.
11. No walking is permitted on the Blackhawk Car Paths from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



ORONOQUE VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE STANDARDS MAY RESULT IN LIABILITY
FOR ANY UNINSURED COSTS INCURRED BY THE VILLAGE**

- 1. Firewood shall not be stored** on decks, in garages, or fewer than 18 inches next to buildings.
- 2. Gas and barbecue grills** shall not be used on decks. Propane tanks may not be stored in Units or garages.
- 3. Explosive or flammable materials** shall not be stored in Units except as otherwise permitted.
- 4. Fireplaces** shall not be overloaded with wood. Do not use more than one artificial log at a time. If you use your fireplace, the fireplace and chimney should be cleaned annually.
- 5. All Units must have smoke/fire/carbon monoxide alarms** in accordance with the Building Codes.
- 6. Washing machines and hot water heaters installed on the upper level** of a Unit **must** be installed in **collection drainage pans**.
- 7. Burst – proof hoses** shall be installed on washing machines, with **shut-off valves** for the washing machines and for the main water line.
- 8. Water alarms** shall be located adjacent to **hot water heaters** and **washing machines**.
- 9. Hot water heaters** must be **inspected regularly** and **replaced** when the warranty expires.
- 10. Dehumidifiers** must have an **automatic shut-off**. Neither **dehumidifiers** nor **air-conditioning “A” coils** may drain into the floor; a condensate pump should be installed.
- 11. Dryer vents** must **exhaust directly outdoors**, over the shortest distance possible, and shall be **metal**, as required by applicable Building Codes, not flexible thin foil or plastic accordion-style vents.



Snow Removal Program in Oronoque Village

Winter is a time of concern because of uncertain travel and safety conditions resulting from snow and ice storms. The Village is well prepared with experienced personnel, a variety of equipment and a comprehensive program to deal with winter's challenges. All snow removal in the Village is the responsibility of the Maintenance Department, including roads, driveways, parking lots and walkways. The OV Tax District is financially responsible for the related expenses, and the District's annual budget includes about \$40,000 for this seasonal work.

What is Done Prior to a Storm?

Prior to a snow or ice storm, road surfaces will be treated with an environmentally friendly mixture of chemicals to lower the freezing point of water. We may use the same mixture after a storm as a preventative measure against the formation of glazes and black ice.

What is the Priority for Removing Snow?

Safety is our highest priority along with the need to provide access on our primary roads for emergency vehicles. The order of roads and areas to be plowed when snow fall accumulates to about two inches is: (1) Primary roads (North and South Trails, Agawam, and Midwood); (2) Secondary roads and lanes; (3) Clubhouse parking lots; (4) Driveways; (5) Extra parking areas; and, (6) Walkways in the order listed. If the snow fall is heavy, the primary roads will receive the highest priority before plowing secondary roads and lanes.

When are Driveways Plowed?

After the streets and lanes are plowed, driveways are cleared even if overtime must be incurred. We understand the need for residents to have the use of their vehicles. If possible, move any parked vehicles from the driveway and please open your garage door, permitting the plow blade to remove the ridge of snow nearest to the door.

When are Walkways Shoveled?

Walkways are shoveled by hand during normal working hours. Since there are over 900 walkways in the Village, the work is labor intensive. It may take a few days to have your walkway cleared. If the same snow removal priority were given to walkways as given to roads, your OV taxes would be significantly higher. Most people can exit their homes through their garages, except for some condo units on the south side. These units are identified and given priority consideration. The objective is to clear walkways of snow as soon as possible without adding a significant burden to OV taxpayers.

Will Emergency Vehicles Have Difficulty Getting to My Unit?

Since secondary roads have a lower snow removal priority than those listed as primary roads, residents living on secondary roads may have concerns about the response capability of emergency vehicles. In our experience, we have found that EMT and Fire Department personnel can access a home in extreme weather conditions. Stratford's first responders are equipped to deal with such difficulties here in Oronoque Village and throughout the Town. If conditions are such that the emergency responders need additional support, our Maintenance Personnel will assist with their plows and shovels.

Will Outside Contractors Be Used?

If additional help is needed to support our Maintenance Personnel, then outside contractors are available and will be called by the Maintenance Director to relieve appropriate personnel. During a snowstorm, some of our personnel may work throughout the night and long into the next day. It can be an exhausting experience for some. We are concerned for their safety and well-being as well as their ability to remain effective in performing their tasks.

How can Residents Be Involved?

Please be careful when outside walking on snow or ice. If you have vehicles parked in your driveway, please move them to a community parking area before a snowstorm. If you need Ice Melt, the material is available outside the front entrances at both Clubhouses. Please take only the amount you need. When the driver is plowing your driveway, open the garage door for the plow blade to remove the ridge of snow at the base of the door. Do not ask the driver for extra services around your unit. The driver is directed to open all driveways in a timely manner in his sector of responsibility. Please do not call the Business or Maintenance Offices to ask when your driveway will be plowed. It takes time and attention away from other required work. Please do not call your own plow service contractor to have your driveway plowed. Our roads, lanes, driveways, and walkways are private property owned by OVCA. An outside private snowplow contractor may not have the required insurance coverage or sufficient information to prevent causing damage to OVCA's property.

What if I have Special Health Needs or Have to go to Work?

If you have a health emergency, please call 911. Priority snow removal can be granted in special cases to residents if the resident provides the Business Office a doctor's explanation with the reasons that snow removal is urgent for the resident. A need to go to work is not considered an emergency or a reason for priority status. Other arrangements should be made by the resident before a storm if traveling to work is important. Unfortunately, this may be an inconvenience for the resident, but the same practice applies in many other municipalities.

In Summary

Our OV Maintenance Employees are equipped with trucks, snowplows, blowers, spreaders, and other essential items to deal with winter storms. Their work schedules can be long and fatiguing. Their efforts, at times thankless, are to accommodate our needs in a timely manner and to keep all of us and our property safe during winter's worst conditions. It is impossible to satisfy everyone's time schedule, and your understanding and patience are appreciated.



ORONOQUE VILLAGE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

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**ORONOQUE VILLAGE MAINTENANCE SERVICE/WORK ORDER or
ODD JOB REQUEST FORM
ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS**

The Maintenance Department’s Service Request/ Work Order form and the Odd Job Request form must be completed when a resident needs assistance from the Maintenance Department for exterior unit work, or has a grounds/landscaping request.

The form is available on the Oronoque Village website. The steps to follow to complete work orders are as follows:

1. Go to the Oronoque Village website: www.oronoquevillage.com
2. Click on Resident Log In – and enter your name and password
3. Click on the Maintenance tab
4. Click on Service/Work Order or Odd Job Request form
5. Complete the form, include a photograph if you wish
6. Click on Send

Upon completing the Service/Work Order or Odd Job Request form, you will receive an email confirmation that your request was received. Shortly thereafter, you will be advised electronically when the request will be inspected.

The Service/Work Order and Odd Job Request forms are also available in paper format from the Maintenance Office or at the North Clubhouse. There is a Maintenance Box in the North Clubhouse where the forms may be deposited. Whenever possible, it is requested that the electronic version of these forms be used, as it is more efficient for the Maintenance Department and for residents as well.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.



SERVICE REQUEST/WORK/SERVICE and SPECIAL JOB REQUEST FORMS

<https://www.oronoquevillage.com/residents-maintenance/>

This site may only be access by being logged in on the residents' side of the website

Service Request Form

Only one item at a time please

Fields marked with an * are required

Date: *

08/10/2023

Owner's Name: *

Owner's Name

Home Address: *

Enter Address

Telephone Where You Can Be Reached: *

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email:

Enter Email Address

Select One Per Request: *

- Carpentry
- Drainage
- Electrical
- Window
- Exterminator
- Grounds
- Painting
- Other

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File Upload

Upload an image of the area you need help with.

Select Files

Send



ORONOQUE VILLAGE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION (OVCA)
Architectural Committee

APPLICATION FOR CHANGE

For Office Use Only
Date: _____
Application # _____
Deposit: _____

All Exterior Exterior and Interior structural changes

Interior, non-structural, service, utility changes

Note: All changes require authorization – some by the Architectural Committee, some by the Maintenance Department.

Read the applicable A/C Rules & Regulations before applying.

This application requires a \$50.00 deposit (payable to OVCA) which will be returned to the applicant when:

1. The work has been completed, the Notice of Completion form has been returned the NCB Business Office and the job has been inspected and found to be satisfactory.
2. The request has been denied.

Owner's Name (Print) _____ Model _____
(Signature required at end of form)

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ District# _____

Contractor

Name: _____

Address: _____

CT State Registration Number _____

Certificate of Liability Insurance _____

Description of Work

Describe in detail the changes. Attach a schematic and/or elevation diagram of the unit with changes clearly drawn in. Schematics and elevation diagrams may be obtained at the OVCA Business Office. Show dimensional locations of all changes.

ANY APPLICATION SUBMITTED WITHOUT AN UNDERSTANDABLE SCHEMATIC AND/OR ELEVATION DIAGRAM SHALL BE RETURNED AS "INCOMPLETE"

APPLICATION FOR CHANGE

Application # _____

Description of Work (continued)

If Authorization is granted, (I, we) agree to obtain any necessary Building Permit(s) from the Town of Stratford prior to commencing construction, and to notify the Business Office when construction begins and has been completed. (I, we) further agree that all future maintenance costs pertaining to the changes made will be the obligation of and will be borne by the Unit Owner or subsequent Unit Owner and by OVCA.

Signed _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received _____ By _____



Oronoque Village Recreational and Social Activities

For more detailed descriptions of these activities, please visit our website: oronoquevillage.com, click the ORGANIZATIONS tab, then scroll through CLUBS & GROUPS. Also check out our TV: Channel 591 with a cable box; Channel 121 without a cable box.

AQUA ZUMBA

Contact the Office 203-377-5313

ARTS GUILD

Barbara Stewart 203-612-1373

A membership group that provides opportunities for residents to share their interest in the creative, visual and performing arts and enjoy classes, programs and social events.

BILLIARDS

The billiards room is located in the NCB and is open at all times the building is open. All residents are welcome to play!

BINGO

Barry Wells 203-371-7543

Presented by the Guys & Dolls Club, games are played on the third Thursday of the month (except December) at 7:00 p.m. in the SCB. The cost is \$2.50 per card. Coffee and desserts are served.

BOCCE

Kathy Wells 203-371-7543

Open to all residents. The court, behind the NCB, is available for play when the building is open. Organized play occurs weekly on Thursday (not during winter months) at 10:00 a.m.. See the building monitor for equipment. Call Kathy for details.

BOOK CLUB

Bahin Samimy 203-687-6498

The club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in the Library of the NCB. For information on the book being discussed, please see The Villager ad.

BRAVO

Donna Martire Miller 203-520-5796

Bring your talent to the stage or work behind the scenes! Join your neighbors in one or two productions per year.

BRIDGE – Drop In

Wendy Swain 203-260-9155

An informal bridge group open to all residents. Meets 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Monday evenings in the NCB Lounge. Call Wendy for more information.

BULLS & BEARS

Jonathan Towle 203-612-7082

An investment club that meets the first Monday of the month at the SCB at 7:00 p.m. An initial investment and monthly contribution are required.

COMMUNITY GARDENS (formerly Mini Farms)

Debbie Grosso 203-380-2468

Villagers may reserve individual 6'x11' garden plots to grow vegetables, fruits and flowers. A \$15 fee covers garden supplies (compost, fertilizers, lime and weed killers), equipment, water and tools.

CORN HOLE

Kathy Wells 203-371-

7543 Open to all residents. Played Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the SCB during the winter and outside by the Bocce courts starting in the early spring. No cost, and no equipment or experience necessary. Come for the fun! Call Kathy for details.

CURRENT EVENTS

Bob Sabo 203-216-4670

Discuss current relevant topics. Meets the second and the fourth Wednesdays of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the SCB. Bring a news article to share at the meeting. All are welcome.

DOLLCRAFTERS

Merrilees Leemhuis 203-378-8753

Open to all residents to make dolls for children-in-need in hospitals or shelters. Meets every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the library of the NCB. No special skills needed.

FUNSEEKERS

Lynn Collins 203-260-4644

A membership social group for all residents that meets monthly at the SCB in a cabaret-style setting to enjoy entertainment followed by dessert. Call Lynn to learn about the annual Funseekers' Dinner.

GOOD TIMES

Mary Ann Weaver 203-530-9962

The Good Times Club sponsors events for all occasions ... from Sock Hops to bus trips. Join your neighbors for some good times!

GUYS & DOLLS (formerly The Men's Club)

Nick Harding 860-549-6479

A social and service organization devoted to a variety of historic popular activities, such as Bingo (3rd Thursday of the month), pancake breakfasts, sporting and casino trips, guest speakers, community service.

HADASSAH

Loretta Sills 203-387-9994

This national Zionist organization is open to all women. Members are motivated and inspired to strengthen their partnership with Israel and to realize their potential as a dynamic force in American society. For information call Loretta.

HOUSE and GARDEN

Ulla Adema 203-255-0506

A membership social group open to all residents and offering a variety of entertaining programs. Also raises money to beautify the Village. The Committee meets monthly. Call Ulla for more information about events.

IT'S FIVE O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE

Elaine Ficarra 203.913-2716

Presented by the Social Activities Committee and open to all residents. Meets on the first Friday of each month in the NCB Lounge. Bring an appetizer to share, a beverage to drink, and meet and mingle with your neighbors.

KARAOKE/DANCE PARTY

Chris Albino 203-520-3931

Sing or not, come for the free fun to the SCB on the last Friday of the month (except November) starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring snacks and beverages, your voice and your dancing shoes.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Angie McKelvey 203-227-3222 and Tina Vermette 203-375-0291

This group warmly welcomes all women in Oronoque Village. There are no fees to join. We meet monthly on the second and fourth Friday in the NCB's Card Room at 10:30 a.m. We do not meet in July and August.

LINE DANCING

Sonya DeBiase 203-377-1515

Combine great fun and exercise! Meets every Wednesday in the NCB. Beginner level is 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. All levels are invited from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

LOW IMPACT EXERCISE

Renee Zinn 203-323-3466

Open to all residents. Classes are held from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. in the NCB on Mondays and Fridays. Bring weights and water and leave feeling great!

MEN'S BOWLING

Paul Maglione 203-339-1111

Games played at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Nutmeg Bowling Center in Fairfield. For more information, call Paul.

MOVIE CLUB

Shows films the second Friday of the month at 7:00p.m. in the NCB and the following Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in the SCB. Cost is \$1.00 and includes popcorn! Check oronoquevillage.com and The Villager for the movies being shown.

N 2 N – NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

203-479-0107

A new service offering to lend a helping hand with daily tasks and to increase social interaction. Chat, hang out, get help for a problem, light shopping or other errands? Call or text Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PICKLEBALL CLUB

Bill Tanski 609-876-3520

A membership social club that promotes friendly and competitive play, round robins and social events for players and non-players. Call Bill for more information and for specific play times.

PLETMAN CONCERTS

Tom Ward 719-360-5807 and Amy Plapp 719-287-0957

Classical music programs with varied instrumentalists and vocalists are offered for a small fee on Sunday afternoons once a month in the spring and fall at the NCB. Programs are announced in the Villager and on OronoqueVillage.com

POKER

Rich Castle 203-572-0989

Open to anyone interested in joining a friendly game with friendly people! Meets every Wednesday 6-9 p.m. in the SCB Card Room.

QUILTING GROUP

The Village quilters meet at the NCB Card Room on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

SCULPTURE CLASS – Drop In

Wendy Swain 203-386-9125

A sculpture class to develop skills and to create sculptures in a relaxed, informal and instructive environment. For information about classes, please call Wendy.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Elaine Ficarra, Chair 203-913-2716

A variety of social events are held periodically throughout the year. See announcements with information regarding the date, time, place and cost on oronoquevillage.com and in The Villager.

TABLE TENNIS

Dina Glantz 203-231-4753 or Maddy Lapidis 203-927-8577

All residents are welcome to play at any time in the Table Tennis Room on the second floor of the SCB. There are specific times for organized play. Please call Dina or Maddy for information. Bring your own paddle or use the equipment provided

TAI CHI

Lucy Clifford 203-644-7710

For information about classes, please call Lucy.

TEA, TALK AND CRAFTS

Irene Sanzone 203-378-2010

Meetings are held from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the SCB every Thursday throughout the year. Open to all residents for, tea, conversation and whatever hobby you want to pursue. Dues are \$10.00 per year.

TENNIS CLUB

Peter Feick 203-856-0246

A membership club open to all Villagers, players and non-players. Join in round robins, Breakfast at Wimbledon, dinners and many fun social events throughout the season.

TAI CHI

Lucy Clifford 203-644-7710

Open to all residents. Call Lucy for information and class times.

WATER AEROBICS

Merrilees Leemhuis 203-378-8753

All residents are welcome to join. The group meets during the season on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the SCB heated pool from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$10.00 for the season.

WINE CLUB

Charlie DiGiovanni 203-258-8063 or Dorothy Tanski 203-540-5389

Enjoy wine tasting with your neighbors. Open to the first 40 residents who sign up for the event which is held in the NCB. The cost is \$30.00 and the tasting events are announced online at oronoquevillage.com and in the Villager. Call Charlie or Dorothy for information about upcoming events.

WINTER POOL SOCIAL GROUP

Sonya DeBiase 203-377-1515

Open to all residents who want to keep the summer vibe alive. Held on the first Wednesday of the month from October through April from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the SCB's rear Card Room. Come with an appetizer and or beverage or nothing! Enjoy reunions and conversation.

WOMEN'S BOWLING

Irene Sanzone 203-378-2010

Games are played at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Bowlero Bowling in Milford. New members are welcome. The season runs from September through April.

WRITER'S GROUP

Mary W. von Ziegesar 203-767-9760

Meets every other Tuesday in the SCB's rear Card Room from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Open to residents who are committed to writing and sharing their work. Please call Mary for details about joining.

YOGA – CHAIR

3/16 wants a call back

Virginia Verillo 203-870-1554

Open to all residents. Held on Mondays in the NCB at 11:00 a.m.

ZUMBA

Sarah Muir 203-339-2278

Meets Tuesday and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the NCB Auditorium. Cost is \$90.00 for a twice a week for 7 weeks, or \$45.00 for once a week for 7 weeks.



Dear New Resident,

On behalf of the OV Arts Guild, we welcome you to Oronoque Village. The principal purpose of the Arts Guild is to promote the opportunity for all residents to enjoy the creative, literary and performing arts in a social setting. All Villagers are welcome to join this wonderful organization. You do not need to be a painter, sculptor, or photographer, simply a person who finds pleasure in a wide variety of art forms.

In the past the Guild has had speakers on World War II Postal History, a humorous presentation on "Are You In Your Right Mind," a play reading by the Square One Theater, and a ballet performance by the Connecticut Ballet. During the winter months we sponsor a film festival showing International and Independent films. The Guild manages Galerie OV in the South Clubhouse lobby and holds four opening receptions for the quarterly art exhibits which display the talents of our residents. Additionally, we have held classes in painting and drawing, taught by residents or outside professionals which were enjoyed by residents of the Village.

We invite you to consider becoming a member of the Arts Guild family for a nominal fee which supports the Guild's activities and entitles a member to attend many events free of charge. Nonmember guests are always welcome for a small fee. Our programs include refreshments and the opportunity to socialize with your neighbors, friends, and other residents. We would be pleased to welcome you to our next event. For more information, please contact Barbara Stewart.

OV Arts Guild Board of Directors
Barbara Stewart, President
203-612-1373
barbsmt@yahoo.com

Oronoque Village Bulls & Bears Club

The Bulls & Bears welcomes you to Oronoque Village and would like to offer you the opportunity to join our organization. We are a small discussion group that modestly invests in the stock market and we have been in existence since 1982. We meet on the first Monday of each month in the South Clubhouse at 7:00 p.m.

Our membership is limited to 20 people, however we do have openings if you are interested in joining. There is an entrance fee of \$400 and a contribution of \$50 is made each month. These funds become your portion of the Club's total portfolio.

You can be a beginner or an expert in the market, you can provide information or learn from other members. You will find that you enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Villagers with similar interests as your own. Our meetings are interesting, enlightening and may give you some profitable insights into investing.

If you have an interest or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jonathan Towle, President of the Bulls & Bears, at 203.612.7082 or vinyl1@earthlink.net.



Dear New Villager,

Welcome to Oronoque! This letter is being sent to you by "FUNSEEKERS." Our club was formed in 1996 as a social organization for all residents of Oronoque Village. Our primary purpose is to enjoy social activities together and most of all have FUN!

FUNSEEKERS generally meets at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month (excluding January) with a few exceptions for special events. We begin with a brief business meeting followed by live entertainment. Announcements are made regarding any upcoming Funseeker events and trips to area live performances.

Guests are encouraged to bring their own drinks, munchies, etc. We provide light nibbles and desserts/coffee/tea after the entertainment. The seating is cabaret style, so residents have the opportunity to chat and socialize. No reservations are required. Annual membership dues are \$15.00 per person. Members pay a \$4.00 event fee at the door if dues have been paid; non-members pay a \$7 event fee. *Our calendar year begins on January 1st. Dues may be dropped off in the Funseekers mailbox at the North Clubhouse at any time.

FUNSEEKERS is a great opportunity to meet Villagers as well as to enjoy wonderful live talent. We do hope you will consider becoming a member of Funseekers, however, all residents are welcome to attend. Be sure to check on our website and in future issues of The Villager to find more information about Tuesday evening entertainment and planned trips.

For further information, contact Lucy Clifford: 203-644-7710.



Dear New Resident:

Welcome to The Village and I extend an invitation for you to join the Oronoque Village House and Garden Club. Our club has a membership of about 150 and is one of the mainstay groups in the village.

It is a unique organization whose purpose is to provide a social outlet for residents and present interesting and informative programs ranging from Stratford Historical Society fact filled talks, entertaining musical concerts, seasonal flower arranging and more. All in-house programs conclude with an elegant tea and coffee service. Our Spring and Fall Country Club Luncheons & Card Parties, plant sale and big tag sale are always popular and help us raise funds that help beautify the village.

Over the years The House & Garden Club has donated in excess of \$150,000 to The Oronoque Village Condominium Association. It has financed beautification projects including the four corners of Oronoque Lane, and recently landscaping with new plantings, sprinkler systems and lighting at the South Club Building.

Meetings are held at the SCB (South Club House) at 1:30 pm every second Monday of the month. Annual dues are \$20.- Garden Club meetings are listed in the *Villager*, our bi-monthly magazine, on Channel 591 and on the Oronoque website. *Please note there are NO meetings for January, February, July and August.*

I look forward to welcoming you as a guest at one of our meetings. Come make new friends and see why the House and Garden Club is so popular with our residents. If you have any questions, please call me at **203-255-0506** or membership co-chairs Thelma Strickler (203-866-2514) or Jo Mennenga (203-542-5642). And again, welcome to Oronoque Village.

Cordially,

Ulia Adema

President



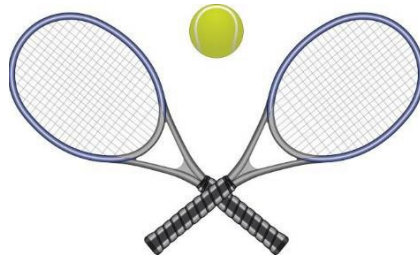
THE ORONOQUE WRITER'S GROUP

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.

ORONOQUE VILLAGE WRITER'S GROUP (OVWG) GUIDELINES

1. The OVWG membership is open to all residents of OV and to residents only.
2. Members of the OVWG are seriously interested in writing and committed to meeting with the group on a regular basis.
3. Members of the OVWG appreciate the sharing of personal stories and creative efforts and act with mutual trust and respect for each other and for each other's work.
4. Members of the OVWG understand that meetings are workshops and members must participate by writing, reading their works, and supporting other members with constructive criticism.
5. GUESTS: Since meetings are workshops and some members share personal, sensitive writings "in progress," the meetings are not open to the public. However, a member may request to bring a GUEST/visitor who has expertise in writing, editing or publishing. A GUEST will not present a writing, nor offer critique of members' writing unless that GUEST is attending to address the group on the subject of his/her expertise. Consensus by a poll/vote of two thirds of the Group's members must be obtained before a GUEST is brought to a meeting.
6. An OV resident who is interested in becoming a member of the OVWG will be considered an OBSERVER and will be invited to attend one or two meetings to help his/her decision about making a commitment to join the OVWG.
7. Please note a sample of copyright verbiage: "These creations are the protected intellectual property of the writer. Reproduction, distribution, exhibition, or replication in any media without written approval of the author is prohibited."

If you are interested in becoming a member, please email or call Mary von Ziegesar (MvonZ@optonline.net – 203.767.9760) for information about the OVWG, the membership process and attending a meeting.



WELCOME TO THE ORONOQUE VILLAGE TENNIS CLUB

Come join us! We are an active club open to all OV residents - tennis players and non-tennis social members! The OVTC mission is to promote tennis play and to enjoy socializing with other members at our many activities. We invite play in round-robins, tournaments, weekly group games and clinics. We have many substitute players who fill in for absences and many enthusiastic volunteers who help manage our many social events – from breakfast to brunch, from cocktails, pizza, dinners and dances.

Oronoque Village has three, sand-filled, synthetic-turf tennis courts, a ball machine to allow individual practice, a sheltered viewing area with bleachers and water, and an area for posting messages, a bulletin board for sharing information and adding your name to the players' list or the cheering section! SignupGenius.com is used by club members to reserve courts during prime time (weekday mornings).

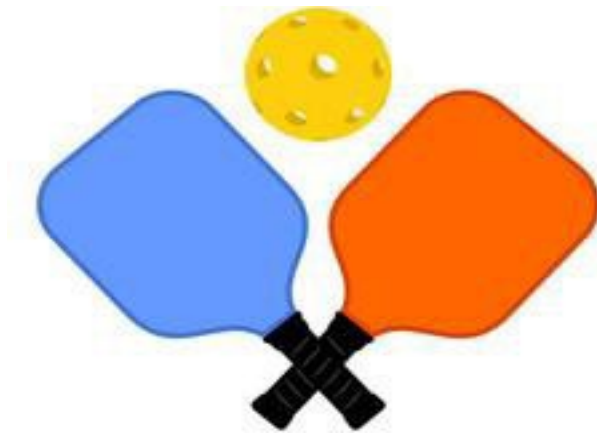
Membership in OVTC allows access to our equipment and clinics, preferred play times, social activities, and our many on-court and off-court events. Most of all, we are a great group of your neighbors enjoying each other's company and tennis! Membership dues are \$35 per year.

2023 OV TENNIS OFFICERS

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Any questions? Call or email any of us, or send an email to OVCA.Tennis@gmail.com.

*Find out more information on OronoqueVillage.com's residents'-only side under
Home/Organizations/Clubs and Groups/Tennis Club*



Pickleball?

The sport with a funny name!

First off, welcome to Oronoque Village. The Village has so many activities and one of the clubs you'll want to check out is the OV Pickleball Club. If you would like to get some exercise, be a little competitive, and be social all at the same time ... the Pickleball Club is for you! Pickleball is taking over racquet sports around the world. It is a cross between tennis, badminton and ping pong. It's easy to learn and a whole lot of fun! Videos may be found on www.youtube.com.

Here at OV, the club has grown from 10 members in 2016 to 170 members in 2023! We schedule round robin play from April through November as well as instruction and social gatherings off the court. Pickleball has shown to have many health benefits. Visit www.usapickleball.org to find a link for the 10 health benefits of pickleball.

The OV Pickleball Club is like a large family within the Village. For more information, please contact the club president, Bill Tanski, at 609-876-3520.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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