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A MESSAGE FROM THE OVCA PRESIDENT

STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS: OVCA ANNUAL MEETING SEPT. 19, 2023



Bob Grosso

Dear Residents,

It is my pleasure to present to you an Oronoque Village Condo Association (OVCA) summary of our 2022-2023 year and a look forward into 2023-2024. Our hard-working and dedicated board, complemented by energetic committees and volunteers, have provided us with leadership and results enhancing our Village.

The following is our year in review and a snapshot of our plans going forward.

We started the year providing an opportunity for residents who expressed an interest in joining various standing committees and thanking those longtime members who stepped down from their years of volunteering and contributions. It is important to extend opportunities to qualified residents; the 40 percent new committee members have brought a level of energy, enthusiasm and a fresh perspective benefiting both the committees and, ultimately, our Village.

Later in the fall, an Executive Director Succession and Transition Plan was developed and approved as a high priority by the OVCA Board of Directors. The plan was launched seamlessly and operations did not miss a beat. This is a true testimony to the quality of our staff and their abilities to step up to the challenge enabling the Village to promote from within.

A win-win on so many levels, ranging from employee morale, a reduced learning curve, hands-on knowledge of the Village's operations, residents, boards and committee members. During a February 2023 OVCA Special Board meeting, transitional plans were approved and executed as of March 1, 2023. We thank our former Executive Director Fred Rodriguez for his time and service to the community. The Village is very fortunate to have two homegrown, hard-working employees with the abilities, skill set, drive and commitment to excel, complemented by their soft skills to manage our Vil-

lage out of the box. Mark Rhatigan, as our new Executive Director, and Ryan Hankey, as our new Maintenance Director, have been doing outstanding jobs since the announcement and they have only just begun!

Also in the fall, a Budget Town Hall Meeting was conducted to help residents better understand the budget process. Residents had an opportunity to meet the OVCA Treasurer and our CPA Accountant. They walked through financials line by line, explaining the content, then opened the meeting to resident questions and clarifications. Then, in mid-winter and early in the annual budgeting process, our CPA Accountant and Executive Director gave an overview and a high-level estimate by major categories of the projected budget including a rationale.

The Preventive Maintenance Program to replace decaying boards and to paint the units was planned as a 10-year program. We are currently within two years of completing the 10-year full cycle of the 929 units. Mark and Ryan are assessing the feasibility of transitioning the 10-year board replacement and painting program to a 5-year painting program that will extend board replacement resulting in a significant annual savings.

This past spring, the OVCA Board approved the conversion of tennis court four into two additional pickleball courts.

After approval of this year's fiscal budget, OV executed a contract to engage In prosperity PEO (Professional Employer Organization) Services, a third-party human resources and payroll service. Aside from operational efficiencies, the program offers other potential financial benefits that include better workers compensation rates, as well as a 401K and payroll processing cost-savings. The system went "live," as scheduled, on Aug. 1.

The Clubhouses Tax Appeal was initiated in June 2023. Murtha Cullina, the law firm engaged to handle this matter, has prepared a summons and complaint that was delivered to the Town of Stratford in August 2023. We are currently awaiting a response from the town.

A Stratford Town Hall meeting was held in July 2023, Mayor Hoydick and her staff provided meaningful updates on several topics ranging from taxes, the Ryder's Landing development, Shakespeare Theater's proposed 900-seat open-air plans, Sikorsky Airport, safety and the Oronoque Lane four-way stop sign improvement. There was a productive question-and-answer period that provided residents with an opportunity to ask questions. The event was very well-received by both the mayor and her staff as well as by residents who provided very positive feedback.

After a bit of a hiatus over the past few years due to

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RECOMMENDATION TO IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION FEE



Mark
Rhatigan

I'd like to take this opportunity to strongly recommend the implementation of a Community Contribution Fee (CCF) for Oronoque Village. This fee will play a pivotal role in bolstering our financial stability and ensuring the long-term well-being of our community.

The purpose of this recommendation is twofold: first, to bolster our reserve fund, and second, to ensure the long-term financial health of our community. Let me explain the rationale behind this proposal in more detail.

Strengthening Our Reserves: Our association relies heavily on reserves to fund necessary repairs, maintenance and improvements to our common areas and infrastructure. Without a substantial reserve fund, we risk financial strain when unexpected repairs or emergencies arise. By introducing the Community Contribution Fee, we can generate an additional source of revenue specifically dedicated to our reserves. This will allow us to build a more robust financial safety net to address any unforeseen expenses without placing an undue burden on existing unit owners.

Ensuring Long-Term Financial Health: Communities that maintain healthy reserve funds are better equipped to maintain property values and attract potential buyers. A well-funded association is perceived as financially stable and responsible, which can positively impact property values and make our community more attractive to prospective buyers. By securing our long-term financial health, we safeguard the investments of current unit owners and ensure the continued desirability of our community.

Benefits of Implementing a Community Contribution Fee

Financial Stability: The CCF will provide an additional source of income for our reserves, reducing the need for special assessments and minimizing financial strain on unit owners.

Property Values: A well-funded association is more likely to maintain and enhance property values, benefiting all unit owners.

Responsible Governance: Implementing a CCF demonstrates responsible governance and fiscal prudence.

Attractiveness: A financially healthy community is more attractive to potential buyers, helping us maintain a strong market presence.

I urge all members of our association to seriously consider voting yes for this amendment and its conceivable benefits. The decision to implement the CCF has the potential to secure our community's financial future and protect the investments of all owners.

I encourage open discussion and welcome any questions or concerns regarding this recommendation. Let us work together to ensure the continued prosperity and well-being of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Please note: Questions regarding the CCF came up during last month's OVCA Board meeting and during the Meeting of Unit Owners held on Sept. 6. A question-and-answer sheet that reviews the questions asked and the answers provided can be picked up at the Business Office in the North Clubhouse from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The document can be obtained from the building monitors at both clubhouses on weekends and after hours.

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PLETMAN CONCERTS IN FULL SWING

By Amy Plapp and Tom Ward

Opening the Pletman Concerts fall season, cellist Rebecca Patterson, accompanied by William Braun, delighted an audience of Villagers on a rainy Sept. 10 with a variety of selections by composers known to all -- Kreisler, Saint Saëns, Fauré, Bach, Chopin, Schubert, and Rachmaninoff. We are grateful to Rebecca, not only for her fine playing but also because she performed on short notice in the place of clarinetist Ellie Bond, who fell ill. Of course, we hope to feature Ellie at a future concert.

Coming on Oct. 22 is Braeden Shizume, an exciting young pianist in his senior year at Nathan Hale Ray High School in East Haddam, who plans on enrolling in a top conservatory leading to a musical career. Braeden has won numerous awards for his playing, including in 2023 first place in the Renee B. Fisher Piano Competition and in the Westfield State Young Artist Piano Competition. The program he is planning to perform includes Chopin's "Fantaisie in F minor, Opus 49" and Beethoven's "Sonata No. 21 in C major, Opus 53."

Please take your seats in the North Clubhouse by 3 p.m. on the 22nd so you won't miss a single note ... and be



Cellist Rebecca Patterson, accompanied by William Braun, performed at the Sept. 10 Pletman Concert.

be sure to say "hi" to Braeden and enjoy refreshments following the concert. As always, the suggested donation to attend the performance is \$8. OV

MAINTENANCE MATTERS

PROTECTING YOUR TRASH FROM ANIMALS

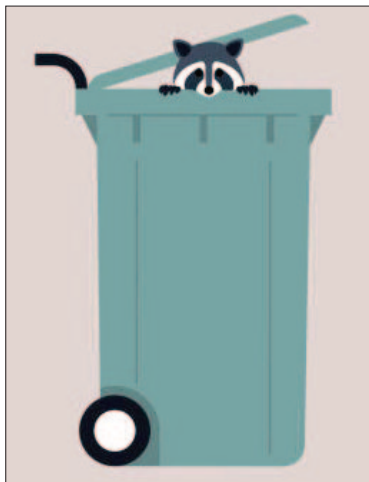
By Ryan Hankey

As the fall season gets underway, we see an increase in nocturnal animals that are foraging for food. Some animals can climb into open trash cans overnight, others can knock containers over, while raccoons, which are very dexterous, can easily pry a loose lid off a trash can.

There are several ways to prevent critters from getting into your garbage pails.

1. Make sure your trashcan lids are sturdy and tightly sealed.

2. Keep the area around your recycling and garbage cans clean. They call raccoons trash pandas for a reason--they are lazy creatures that will take the path of least resistance. If that means your trash, then so be it.



3. Place all garbage, securely, inside of the garbage bin and cover with the appropriate lid. Do not place garbage in plastic bags on top of - or next to - your trash containers.

5. Trash pickup is scheduled for Wednesdays throughout the community (unless otherwise announced). Garbage cans and recyclable bins are to be placed in the driveway no earlier than 5 p.m. Tuesday evening and removed by the end of the trash collection day.

6. If you are planning to be away on a Tuesday or Wednesday, please don't put your garbage out in advance. Instead, dispose of garbage in either of the dumpsters at the North and South Clubhouse. OV

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OVCA & OVTD TREASURERS TO PRESENT JOINT FORUM ON OCT. 4

Ken Colman, treasurer of OVCA, and Tom Becker, treasurer of OVTD, will co-host a "Treasurers' Financial Open Forum" on Wednesday, Oct. 4, in the North Clubhouse from 7-9 p.m.

OV CPA/Accountant, Diane Roche, and Glenn Nanavaty, from OV's auditing firm, Nanavaty & Nanavaty, also will be present.

Residents are encouraged to attend this meeting to become informed about our finances, ask questions and share comments.

For information, please call Ken Colman at 203-913-7702 or 203-261-8249 or email kpcman@sbcglobal.net.

SHUFFLEBOARD PROJECT UPDATE

Bill Alletzhauer, who is working to organize a shuffleboard club, extends a "thank you" to those who responded to his initial inquiry. Currently there is an effort to install a pair of shuffleboard courts here in the Village.

Meetings have taken place with the Executive Director and the presidents of both OVCA and OVTD — all of whom have expressed a positive interest and support for moving forward. Three outside contractors have submitted quotes

and Bill is now in the process of gathering information on funding, especially funding from grants, and has gained the support and assistance of the Mayor of Stratford's office in this effort.

In the meantime, Bill would like to call together a small group of volunteers who are interested in the shuffleboard project. If you have knowledge, experience or a desire to learn of grants and grant writing, please contact Bill at balletzhauer@gmail.com or text 203-521-1287.

MEDICARE EXPERT TO SPEAK AT NORTH CLUBHOUSE ON OCT. 5

On Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at NCB, the Guys & Dolls Club will sponsor a presentation by Myles Holley, a Medicare broker with the Barnum Benefit Advisors team. The topic of his presentation is "The Right Coverage for Your Needs."

Myles is an independent insurance broker with 13 years of experience.

The lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer session. Coffee and cookies will be served at the conclusion of the program. No obligation is created by attending or asking questions. Seating will be limited to the first 100 residents to arrive on Oct. 5. One need not be a club member to attend. Guys & Dolls plans to offer speakers, at least quarterly, on various timely topics.

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FEATURE

VILLAGE LIGHTING AND SECURITY CAMERA USAGE

By Jim Manzolli, Architectural Committee Chairman

The subjects of exterior lighting around the residential units and security cameras are often discussed among residents as well as various committees.

As often happens, discussions become intertwined with each person's vision of what the term lighting constitutes when, in fact, it encompasses several different and distinct types of illumination.

Additionally, it has come up that home security camera kits can be purchased at very low cost. Residents have enquired whether they can have these cameras installed outside their units.

This article discusses the application and requirements associated with each.

Area Lighting: Installed as the Village was being built, with the assumed intention of providing a level of lighting in and around the walkways and open areas of each unit. In much of the Village, this has provided enough illumination to walkways and surrounding areas.

In areas where the illumination is deemed inadequate, efforts have been made to provide more illumination via a larger light source. However, there have been drawbacks, which include adding unwanted illumination to the surrounding areas as well as an increase in glare, which decreases one's night vision.

The Architectural Committee suggests that residents who would like additional illumination submit an Application for Change for either wired or solar walkway lighting. These requests have been approved by the Committee.

However, it is important to note that, to receive approval, the proposed lights do not hinder grounds maintenance. Also, these lights are the sole responsibility of the unit owner.

Please note that, in some cases, lighting issues can be

resolved by submitting a work order to OVCA Maintenance, which has corrected problems by removing/trimming shrubbery that has overgrown, thus blocking directed lighting. Maintenance personnel, when possible, may also relocate a lamp post that is the root of lighting complaints.

Entryway/Garage Door Lighting: Fixtures attached to the unit exterior operated from inside the unit and provide illumination for a door/entry area.

Fixtures with a built-in motion detection device can be used and installed by the residents without an Application for Change as long as the replacement unit is of similar size, color and look of the current fixture.

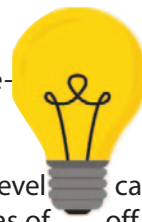
Replacement of entryway/garage door lighting with flood light or spotlight fixtures should limit the majority of the light source to the area of the garage door and, if a motion-activated device is used, it also must be directed at the same area. In either case, any motion-detection device should be set to cut off after five minutes in use. An Application for Change is required before these items are installed.

Unit Entry Security Devices: Door chime units that provide a video picture when activated are acceptable and may be installed without a Change Notice Application.

Exterior Unit Surveillance/Lighting Systems: At this time, installation is not approved. The Village has experienced very few instances of intruder issues. The addition of individual security camera systems can introduce personal privacy issues for OVCA. If, in the future these systems are to be allowed, a detailed specification would be prepared and approved by the OVCA Board.

In conclusion, although the Architectural Rules and Regulations do not specifically address these subjects, OVCA By-Laws Article 5 (D) restricts anything to be affixed to the unit outside walls without approval of the OVCA Board of Directors.

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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 each 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 Card 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).

LINE DANCING

Line Dance classes are held on Wednesdays at the NCB weekly. Beginner classes start at 9:30 a.m., followed by a class for all levels at 10 a.m. There is no charge. Call Sonya DeBiase at 203-377-1515 for information.

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 and water.

POOL SOCIAL GROUP

- Anyone who enjoys socializing in and around the pools during the summer is invited to attend a get-together from 4-6 p.m. at SCB on the first Wednesday of each month while the pools are closed. Come with your favorite appetizer and or beverage (or nothing) for reunions and conversations. Call Sonya at 203-377-1515 for more information.

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 Lapid: mslapid@gmail.com / 203-927-8577. Play is scheduled via the TeamReach app.

TEA, TALK & CRAFTS

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH: CHERYL COMEN

Cheryl Comen is multi-talented. Her home is a showcase for her skills in watercolor painting, restoring antiques (including full-size carousel horses), weaving Nantucket baskets, calligraphy design and textile work (bargello, 4-way bargello and triangle-point bargello). She has also knitted, crocheted and created cross-stitch pieces.

Cheryl, who hails from Long Island, has been interested in art from an early age, greatly influenced by her junior high school art teacher. She majored in art education at Buffalo State College of New York and spent a semester studying art in Siena, Italy, as a participant in the college's exchange program with the city. Upon graduation she taught art to middle school students for two years while furthering her art studies at Long Island University at Post College before she married her husband, Al, and moved to Stratford.

Once in Connecticut, her career path took her to Hartford, where she commuted for over 39 years while working in the Fidelity & Surety Department in The Hartford Insurance Company's corporate headquarters.

Her responsibilities included underwriting Fidelity bonds for commercial and financial risks, managing and supervising the countrywide regional offices and, prior to retirement, responsibility and accountability for all collateral taken in support of the contract and commercial surety line of business along with managing countrywide Power of Attorney issuance for their agents. Meanwhile, she continued to pursue her interests in creating art.

Now retired, she takes watercolor painting classes at the senior center in Stratford and classes sponsored by



Shelton Art League. "I like watercolor painting" she says. "It is a challenge; I see it as an unforgiving medium and something I would like to master."

She is a member of the Shelton Art League and, of course, the OV Arts Guild.

The Comens have a love of art (especially etchings and lithographs), antiques, crafts and are avid clock collectors. "I look at a clock case and if I like it esthetically, Al will look at the movement to make sure it is correct," says Cheryl.

The Comens are members of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC); Cheryl is the treasurer of CT Chapter 148, NAWCC while Al is a former director of the American Clock and Watch Museum in Bristol and president of CT Chapter 148. **OV**

BEYOND THE VILLAGE

An acrylic painting demonstration will be presented by the Shelton Art League following a general meeting at 11:45 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 16, at the Shelton Community Center, 41 Church St. At 1p.m., Jay Babina, a graphic designer, illustrator and painter with 50 years of experience, will demonstrate the use of acrylics in landscapes. He graduated from the Silvermine College of Art and earned his bachelor of fine arts degree from the School of Graphic Design, University of Bridgeport, and is involved in various art societies in Connecticut. He paints both plein air and inside his studio. Visit <http://www.sheltonartleague.org> for information. Guests are welcome.

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"Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" is playing at the Curtain Call Kweskin Theatre through Oct. 14. Before she was Carole King, she was Carole Klein, a spunky young song-writer from Brooklyn with a unique voice that changed music. "Beautiful" is a Tony and Grammy

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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, go to www.oronoquevillage.com.

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 10:00 a.m. – House & Garden Club Brd Mtg, NCB (C)
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- **11:00 a.m. – Communications Committee, NCB**
- 1:00 p.m. – Arts Guild Planning Committee, NCB (C)
- 4:00 p.m. – Funseekers Board Mtg, SCB (C)
- **4:30 p.m. – Racquet Sports Facility Committee, SCB**
- 5:00 p.m. – BRAVO Rehearsal, SCB
- **6:00 p.m. – SAC Committee Meeting, NCB**
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-In Bridge, NCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Bulls & Bears, SCB

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 9:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Art Show Installation, SCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 2:00 p.m. – Writer's Group, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – District 5 Meeting, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Men's Cards, Dombrowsky, SCB

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 9:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, beginners, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm
- 10:30 a.m. – Pool Social Group, SCB
- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB, C/R
- 6:00 p.m. – Castle Poker, SCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Book Club, NCB Library
- **7:00 p.m. – OVCA/OVTD Treasurers' Forum, NCB**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Village Quilters, NCB
- **10:00 a.m. – House Committee, NCB**

- 10:30 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, SCB, A/C Rm
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 5:00 p.m. – BRAVO Rehearsal, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Guys & Dolls Medicare Speaker, NCB

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 4:30 p.m. – It's 5 O'clock Somewhere, NCB

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 8:30 a.m. – Community Associations Institute Conference, NCB (C)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 12:00 p.m. – Private Party, NCB (C)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- 1:00 p.m. – House & Garden Meeting, SCB
- **3:30 p.m. – Bylaws Committee, SCB**
- **4:00 p.m. – Maintenance Committee, NCB**
- 6:00 p.m. – BRAVO Rehearsal, SCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-In Bridge, NCB

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 9:00 a.m. – Table Tennis, SCB
- **9:30 a.m. – Architectural Committee Mtg, NCB**
- 10:00 a.m. – Dollcrafters, NCB, Library
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, NCB
- 10:30 a.m. – OVCA Agenda Meeting, NCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Back Card Room unavailable, SCB
- 6:15 p.m. – Funseekers Event, SCB

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 9:00 a.m. – AARP Safe Driving Class, SCB (C)
- 10:00 a.m. – Line Dancing, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Class, SCB, A/C Rm
- 10:00 a.m. – Current Events, SCB
- 2:00 p.m. – House Committee/Clubs meeting, NCB

A MESSAGE FROM THE OVCA PRESIDENT

THE BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION FEE



Bob Grosso

As many of you know, I'm an avid walker and can be seen, daily, strolling on the north and south sides of our scenic community. No matter the season or the weather, I take both pleasure and pride in our appearance. The trees and plantings are eye-appealing, the units are kept in pristine condition and the view of the golf course just adds to the ambiance of our 50-plus-year-old community.

But there is a reality that we need to face: after 50-plus years of operation, maintaining this community's infrastructure is a cause of concern. Roofs may need repairing, streets may need repaving, severe weather may affect our landscaping and the North and South pools will, ultimately, need very expensive equipment upgrades.

That is why I am strongly advocating the approval of the Community Contribution Fee — which is a one-time buyer's fee — as described in the proposed declaration changes.

The proposed amendments to the Declaration are being introduced so that the Association's governing document makes it legal for a Community Contribution Fee to be charged upon the sale of a unit.

This is a one-time fee to be paid by the buyer when the sale of the unit closes. The fee is set at 3.5 times the amount of the monthly common charge payable for that unit at the time of the sale. The funds that are realized from this fee will be deposited in a Community Contribution Reserve Account that is maintained by the Association. The use of the funds in this reserve will be determined by recommendations made by the Association's Finance Committee and Executive Director, which will then be subject to Board approval by the Association's Board of Directors.

Heritage Village introduced a Community Contribution Fee in 2014 and it has been met with great success. The flat fee was originally \$1,500 and, subsequently, was raised to \$2,000 with no real identifiable impact on sales.

Merely, we are adding a layer to the sales process so the fee will be at the expense of buyers — not residents — and the funds are intended to be used, primarily, for capital expenditures such as grounds, building maintenance (including roofs) and roads ... all of which will benefit the community and make Oronoque Village appealing to potential buyers.

I realize there are naysayers who feel that the money accrued through the Community Contribution Fund may be used frivolously or without public notice or approval. This is

untrue and unfounded. A firm system of checks and balances is an integral part of this proposal.

If approved, the process will be as follows:

The Executive Director makes a recommendation to the Finance Committee based on betterment of our Village.

The Finance Committee assesses the recommendation and votes whether to recommend to the OVCA Board.

If the Finance Committee votes to proceed, the recommendation will then be added to the agenda of the next OVCA Board meeting. A motion will be made the night of the meeting.

The OV Business Office will then send out a Village-wide notice of the date the OVCA Board will meet and vote on the item. Residents will have ample opportunity to voice any concerns about any recommendations during the Opening Forum.

Further, Districts Representatives may poll their residents, providing an opportunity to voice their opinion to approve or deny.

Ultimately, the OVCA Board will assess the motion, discuss and vote to approve or deny.

However the money is collected or spent, the activity of the Community Contribution Fund will be updated each month and posted on the OV website, www.oroquoqueville.com, under the OVCA Financial heading, and available for resident review 24/7.

It is my heartfelt belief that this fund will benefit us all as we work to maintain — and enhance — the quality of life that Oronoque Village residents enjoy. We are in alliance with the officers of the OV Tax District Board and they have endorsed this proposed declaration change.

If you have already voted opposing, but now your concerns have been addressed in subsequent meetings and correspondence including Q&A's, it's not too late to reconsider and submit another proxy overriding your initial proxy. I earnestly feel that this proposed fee is in the best interest of us all.

Beginning Oct. 3, we will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 3 p.m. in the NCB Board Room for question-and-answer sessions with residents, concluding on Oct. 31.

On Thursdays, beginning Oct. 5 at 7 p.m., we will hold weekly Q&A sessions in the NCB Board Room, concluding Oct. 26.

We encourage all residents to attend these informative meetings.

Insert to The Villager, Oct. 2, 2023

- 5:00 p.m. – Sebastian's Poker, NCB, C/R
- 6:00 p.m. – Castle Poker, SCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Strategic Priority Team Kickoff, NCB

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

- 10:00 a.m. – Bocce, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Zumba, SCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Yoga, SCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Ladies Mahjongg & Cards, NCB
- 1:00 p.m. – Informal Artists Group, SCB, A/C Rm
- 1:00 p.m. – Tea, Talk & Crafts, SCB
- 5:00 p.m. – BRAVO Rehearsal, SCB
- 6:00 p.m. – Table Tennis, SCB

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

- 10:00 a.m. – Flu Vaccine Clinic, NCB
- 10:00 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study, NCB
- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB

- 6:00 p.m. – Friday Night Billiards, NCB (C)
- 7:00 p.m. – Movie: *About My Father*, NCB

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

- 12:00 p.m. – Private Party, NCB (C)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 4:00 p.m. – OV Arts Guild Gallery Reception, SCB

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 10:30 a.m. – Low-Impact Exercise (Bring Weights), NCB
- **3:00 p.m. – OVCA Finance Meeting, NCB**
- 5:00 p.m. – BRAVO Rehearsal, SCB
- 6:30 p.m. – Drop-In Bridge, NCB
- 7:00 p.m. – Tennis Club Annual Meeting & Election, NCB (C)

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

BIRD FEEDER RULES & INFORMATION

1. Bird feeders may be used seasonally. Seed and suet feeders are permitted from Oct. 15 - May 15. Hummingbird feeders may be used from May 1 - Oct. 30.
2. Seed bird feeders can only be tube type, squirrel-resistant and must include a seed tray. They must be mounted on a pole at least six feet above the ground.
3. Bird feeders may only be placed in the foundation planting area.
4. Only one type of each bird feeder is permitted per unit.
5. Individuals having bird feeders are responsible for cleaning up fallen seed to prevent it from accumulating and attracting rodents.

Information

1. Hummingbird feeders are most effective when hung in the deck area.
2. Bread or other types of food should not be tossed on the ground for the birds. This practice encourages other wildlife (skunks, raccoons, etc.) to be present.

HOUSE & GARDEN CLUB SEEKS DONATIONS

The OV House and Garden Club is looking for donations for their two major luncheon fundraisers in 2023 and 2024. We would like gently used women's handbags, scarves and jewelry, as well as bottles of wine and scratch-off lottery tickets. These contributions help control the costs of the fundraising events and are very much appreciated.

If you would like to donate any of these items, please call Debbie Grosso at 203-380-2468 or Irene Keating at 203-377-2980.

OVCA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

COVID, we had our first New Resident Orientation Meeting in August. The turnout and enthusiasm of the 88 new residents in attendance was amazing. The Communications Committee, led by Mary von Ziegesar with the assistance of Mark Rhatigan, created a business presentation that was moderated by Mark, followed by a Q&A session. The introduction of OV's staff was much appreciated by the new residents and the staff as well.

A Strategic Planning Initiative was successfully launched in August 2023 with a follow up meeting scheduled early this fall. OV residents have been encouraged to participate and join a committee for one of the focus areas.

The nine strategic priority focus areas are:

- Create an Outstanding Employee Experience
- Develop Strong Relationships with State & Local Governments
- Safeguard OV's Dependency on Blackhawk Country Club
- Develop a Compliance Program to Address the Need to Enforce the OV Declaration, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations
- Strengthen Financial Reserves/Seize Opportunities to Control Costs
- Maintain & Improve OV Infrastructure & Appearance
- Establish Practices/Adopt Technologies for Environmental Sustainability
- Promote the Health & Well-Being of OV Residents
- Implement a Strategic Communications Plan

A Strategic Priority Team Kickoff meeting will take place Oct. 11 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the North Clubhouse.

Becht Engineering was contracted in August to perform a Reserve & Roof Study. Results are anticipated in late September and will be compared to funds in our roof reserve and next steps will be determined.

Blackhawk Country Club has made significant investments into the golf course over the past several months. In early August, we met with the Town and Blackhawk to discuss flooding issues that included the dredging and cleanup of the third hole. Our surveyor is currently working with a soil engineer and preparing a proposal to be reviewed and approved in conjunction with BHCC.

As of September 2023, an updated resident phone book is available in the Business Office as well as on the OV website.

Also, as both the OVCA and OVTD financial statements

were made available for residents to review. They are posted on the website under the Government Organizations tab.

The Proposed Declaration changes are in three areas:

1. Housekeeping, language, grammar and document organization to enhance readability.
2. Unit Owner Definition
 - **Current:** Only title reference succession is when the unit is held by an individual.
 - **Proposed:** Same as current and added entity unit owner when title is held by a corporation or trust.
3. Introduction of a Community Contribution Fee
 - Raising Revenue,
 - Strengthen reserves,
 - One-time fee by buyer when the sale of the unit closes.
 - Proposed fee of 3.5 times the unit common charge.
 - Based on a very conservative turnover rate of 4 percent, this equates to ~\$65,000 annually.
 - Use & controls.
 - **Use:** Executive Director and the Finance Committee make a recommendation to the OVCA Board
 - **Control:** OVCA Board assesses and votes to approve or deny throughout the year.
 - **Transparency:** The reserve account will always be visible to residents to know the amount collected and spent by viewing the OVCA financial statements on the website.

The By-Laws Committee in August 2023 presented the Board with revisions to the OVCA Declaration.

Proposed Declaration Changes Schedule:

- Aug. 15, 2023: OVCA Board Meeting - unanimous vote to distribute the proposed Declaration changes.
- Sept. 1, 2023: Proposed Declaration - changes delivered to resident unit owners.
- Sept. 6, 2023, Unit Owner Meeting - clarifications and a question-and-answer session.
- Sept. 19, 2023: OVCA Annual Meeting
- Oct. 17, 2023: OVCA Board Meeting
- Nov. 8, 2023: OVCA Special Board Meeting - proxies due.

I strongly recommend that we support and vote for this Declaration change, which will enhance and strengthen our reserves. Your assistance advocating with your neighbors, friends will benefit our entire community. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT N2N: NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR CLUB?

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Left, Advanced Intermedia winners John Dierna, Roberto Mirafore, Jerry Reece, Gary Bucciero, Avlyn Ashterman-Reece and Joe LaRocco. Right, Intermediate winners Bob Grosso, Joanne Sutphen, Bob Macaluso, Bob Sabo, Marty Gross and Jim Malski.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

By Karen Hahn and Bill Tanski

On Saturday, Sept. 9, The OV Pickleball Club held its fourth annual tournament. There was a great turnout of spirited players and spectators for another successful event. The club “lucked out” with the weather. Despite warm and humid conditions, the threat of rain did not materialize and the tournament went ahead as planned.

There were three types of winners in two categories:

Advanced Intermediate: Gold: Jerry Reece and Gary Bucciero, Silver: Avlyn Ashterman-Reece and Joe LaRocco, Bronze: Roberto Mirafore and John Dierna.

Intermediate: Gold: Bob Macaluso and Bob Sabo, Silver: Marty Gross and Jim Malski, Bronze: Joanne Sutphen and Bob Grosso

What a great display of the spirit of competition and good sportsmanship. We also had a record number of entrants in two categories: There were the “veterans” who have previously participated in a tournament and the new members who played in their first tournament.

We all thank you for showing up and joining in the fun and camaraderie of being an OV Pickleball Club member. We also appreciate those participants who filled in for a member unable to play at the last minute or changed their

category to even out the rosters.

As always there was great team of dedicated volunteers who helped with the event and they all deserve our admiration and thanks ... and medals for their winning attitudes: Regina Archazki, for her knowledge and for helping with the logistics; Ron Ciecko, for creating the competition board and keeping us organized; Ray Compagna, for keeping a record of the entrants; Liz Kedan, for all her time and effort in making the pizza party a success and Joanne Sutphen, for all around help with planning ... and jumping in to play, too.

There were so many more helpers : Dave Hedman came to help dry out the courts. The need for line judges for the medal rounds was met by Peter Geltner, Dina Glantz, Lori Hedman, Jeannie Hartley and Marilyn Coffey and, as always, a big shout-out to Dorothy Tanski for creating a batch of her homemade pickleball cookies.

After the tournament. everyone celebrated with a pizza party in the North Clubhouse.

The next Pickleball Club event is a social evening when we again have our “Friendsgiving Feast” on Oct. 20. For those not familiar, the Friendsgiving Feast is a shared dinner with our Pickleball Club family prior to Thanksgiving.

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**JOIN US FOR “IT’S 5’OCLOCK SOMEWHERE”
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AT NCB at 4:30 P.M.**

(Hosted by the Social Activities Committee)

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We hope to see you on October 6

**OVTV Program Schedule
(As of Sept. 22)**

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).

For more information on OVTV programming, contact Bruce Pollock at bap203@yahoo.com

4:00 a.m. - Relaxing Music
 7:30 a.m. - Morning Stretch
 8:00 a.m. - Yoga
 8:45 a.m. - Tai Chi
 9:00 a.m.: Mindfulness Lecture
 10:00 a.m. - Defibrillator Use Instructions
 10:30 a.m. - Zumba
 11:00 a.m. Pickleball Tips
 12:00 p.m. - Donna Martire-Miller Lecture on Happiness
 1:00 p.m. - Doll Crafting

2:00 p.m. - E-Bike Tips
 2:15 p.m. - Driving Tips
 2:40 p.m. - Scooter Tips
 3:00 p.m. - '50s & '60s rock 'n' roll
 6:00 p.m. - Dog Parade
 8:00 p.m. - "An Evening with Frank Mastrone and Friends
 - Highlights from the OV 50th Anniversary Gala" Gala
 8:30 p.m. - Poli & Majestic Theater History
 9:00 p.m. - "Empire of Pain" author interview
 (Patrick Radden Keefe)
 10:00 p.m. - Donna Martire-Miller Lecture on Happiness
 11:00 p.m. - Mindfulness
 1200 - Gardening Tips
 12:15 a.m. - Doll Crafting
 1:00 a.m. - E-Bike Tips
 1:15 a.m. - Driving Tips
 1:35 a.m. - E-Scooter Tips
 2:00 a.m. - "Empire of Pain" author interview
 (Patrick Radden Keefe)

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TIPS FOR PASSWORD MANAGEMENT & STAYING SECURE ONLINE

By Bob Sabo

Using secure passwords and properly managing them is key to guarding your information on the Internet. If bad characters access your password(s), they can do very serious damage to your finances and even steal your identity. Fortunately, there are some simple things you can do to keep the bad guys out of your accounts.

Some accounts are more sensitive than others. Make sure that any passwords used to access financial information or sites where you store your credit card or bank account information are the most secure. Also use two-factor authentication for these accounts.

Don't use the same password on multiple sites.

Don't use easy-to-hack/guess passwords. Most of you know the obvious like no birthdays, addresses, phone numbers or any easy-to-guess things. But there is a lot of other information hackers use that is found on social media sites. For example, Facebook has birthdays, hometowns, children, hobbies and other easy to get information.

Do use longer passwords with random letters, numbers and special characters.

All that is easy to say. But like many people, I have dozens of passwords (over 150). So how do you manage all of them? One way is to keep them in a Word document or Excel spreadsheet. If you use a pin code to access your computer, then you can keep it there and still be pretty secure. You can print or write down your passwords. Just keep that list in a secure place.

Personally, I use a Password Manager. It is a program

on your device that uses one master password to access all the rest. It has other advantages as well. It is very secure. Even the Password Manager software vendor does not have access as all data is encrypted.

You can open the Password Manager once when you turn on your device. Then your user ID and password will populate that information when you sign on to a specific site.

Best of all, it will generate random and extremely secure passwords that are extremely difficult to crack.

Some Password Manager programs come with security packages, like Norton or McAfee. Some are free while others charge. There are a lot of options but groups like Consumer Reports provide information and rankings. I'll be honest, they can be a pain to set up. But it makes life easier and more secure once they are. Here are some additional resources:

The August/September 2023 issue of AARP magazine has an article on passwords on page 4 of the Tech section. AARP has an entire section on their website devoted to tech issues. Visit the website, www.aarp.org/tech

Consumer Reports offers a guide and ratings of password managers. Visit <https://www.consumerreports.org/electronics-computers/password-managers>

The Federal Trade Commission has an excellent article on passwords and protecting your accounts at <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/creating-strong-passwords-and-other-ways-protect-your-accounts>

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NOTICE FROM THE TOWN OF STRATFORD

POLICE DEPARTMENT LOBBY IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Stratford Police Department lobby is under construction until January 2024. Access to the lobby is limited.

- The Records Division will remain open by appointment only - please call 203-385-4130 to set up an appointment

- It is requested that during this time, you do not come to the Police Department to make a "walk in" report unless absolutely necessary. Officers will gladly respond to your residence to take your report, which is generally a much quicker process than coming to the PD.



- You may also utilize the PD's online self-reporting form (for non-emergencies) available on the website www.stratfordctpd.com

- The Rx Drug Drop Box will still be available, for the time being. An announcement will be made when it becomes no longer accessible.

- If you have any questions please call the Desk Sergeant at 203-385-4145 who is available

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**OV ARTS GUILD PRESENTS 'IT'S NOT JUST A DREAM' ...
HOW DREAMS CONTRIBUTE TO OUR MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL HEALTH**

"Have you ever woken from a dream that mystified, delighted or scared the pajamas off you, wondering what it could mean?" asks our November speaker, Adelita Chirino. If you are curious, be sure to come to this unique OV Arts Guild program on Nov. 9 at 4 p.m. in the SCB lounge to learn more.

Adelita has been helping people connect to their dream lives for over 40 years. She says, "We all dream. Even if we don't remember our dreams, it's something we can learn to do. Why should we?" She states that, for many people while growing up, dreams were dismissed as inconsequential, just a dream. The truth is dreams are multifaceted experiences that have much to offer us. They can hold a mirror up to our behaviors, alert us to possible future events and take us places that are as real as any physical location in waking life.

An educator, counselor, writer and producer who has studied and taught dream work since 1976, Adelita graduated from the University Of Rochester with a major in English literature and earned her master's degree in scriptural

studies and pastoral counseling at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. She obtained a certificate in humanistic and transpersonal psychotherapy from Temenos Institute, Westport, and received Level I, II and III teacher training certificates from the Robert Moses School of Active Dreaming. Her experience includes serving as a family services counselor for Superior Court, Connecticut. She and her partner, James Cookman, formed a video production company that has received many prestigious industry awards for educational and documentary programs.



Adelita Chirino

You won't want to miss this enlightening presentation, which might enhance your life in unexpected ways.

Everyone is welcome. Arts Guild members attend free of charge, guests pay \$8 at the door. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served after the presentation. **OV**

FLU SHOT CLINIC AT NCB ON OCTOBER 13



The Guys & Dolls Club will host a flu vaccine clinic at the North Clubhouse on Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Preregistration is required. To make an appointment, please scan the QR Code at left or visit:

<https://www.cvs.com/vaccine/intake/clinic/vaccine-select?clinicID=4787C811C024F290F36A008A62B8E393>



Or click on the link posted on the Home Page of the OV website (www.oroquevillage.com)

THE DEADLINE TO PREREGISTER IS OCT. 10 AT 5 P.M.

Questions? Contact Nick Harding at (860) 549-6479 or nicholas.harding.2@gmail.com

Those who sign up for this clinic should bring their insurance cards or vouchers to NCB on Oct. 13.

Good Times Club Presents Silver Bells & Diamonds Dec. 5 at Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville



RSVP now ... Seating is limited!



The legendary Diamonds will perform their greatest hits and memorable holiday tunes.

A delicious lunch will be served: garden salad, pasta, chicken parmigiana, stuffed scrod, vegetable, potato, rolls, dessert and beverage.

Bus departs from the South Clubhouse at 10:15 a.m. Estimated return time is 4:30 p.m.

Cost for the day — meal, entertainment and gratuities — is \$120. Reservations are required by November 1.

Please place checks made out to Good Times in the box at NCB.

Questions? Call Mary Ann Weaver at 203-530-9962



GUYS & DOLLS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

DATE: Saturday, October 21, 2023
TIME: 8:30am to 11:30am
PLACE: SCB



MENU: Pancakes (traditional and gluten-free), syrup/butter, bacon, sausage, fresh fruit, orange and apple juice, coffee (reg & decaf) and tea.

COST: \$10 per person (Children under age 5 free).
Open to family & guests (Not just OV residents)!



Please make checks out to Guys & Dolls Club with "Pancake Breakfast" noted in memo section (plus note of any kids under 5).



Deposit check in Guys & Dolls box AT NCB by Friday, Oct 13.

Questions?
Call Kathy Grogan 203-258-9247
or Lucy Andrade 203-258-4519



All are encouraged to dress up and wear a Halloween costume/outfit. (Not mandatory, but the more the better.)

There will be a prize for best outfit as judged by the audience!

The Karaoke/Dance Party on Fri., Oct. 27, at 6:30 p.m. at SCB will be a Halloween theme.

This is your Halloween party here at OV, so, please, spread the word!



No fees or dues are required to attend.

Weekenders Presents

Silk City

A Premier Doo Wop Group

on

October 21, 6 p.m., NCB

Cost of \$30 includes Dinner

This will be a sell-out so
RSVP now. Deadline is Oct. 7.

Place checks and table requests
in the Weekender Box at NCB

Questions?

Call Carol at 203-375-2101



Silk City is one of New York City's finest a cappella vocal groups specializing in the rhythm and blues group harmony sound of the '50s and early '60s. Silk City was also voted the best vocal group by members of the United in Group Harmony Association.

This dynamic doo-wop group has performed throughout the country in nightclubs, concert halls, oldies shows, music festivals, and private, public and corporate functions. Not only have the New York Times, New York Newsday, the Bergen Record, the Star-Ledger and the Hartford Courant written about this exciting group, but SILK CITY has also been the subject of a television news segment on WABC-TV.



Presents Our New Art Show

Opening
Reception
Sunday,
October

15th

4 pm SCB

Refreshments To Follow

Artist CHOICE



(((BRAVO *Presents*)))

The Oronoque Live Radio Show!

Become a part of our live audience as we entertain

"ON THE AIR"

Join our talented Oronoque players
(and your very own neighbors)

For a fun night of singing
& laughing!

Sunday, October 29, 2023 **SCB**

6:30-8:30 Pm Doors open at 6

\$10

Reception To Follow

Directed
By Donna
Martire
Miller



The Movie Club Presents *About My Father*

Friday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m. NCB
Wed., Oct. 18, at 2 p.m. at SCB
\$1 admission includes popcorn



A man's fiancée encourages him and his father to spend the weekend with her wealthy and exceedingly eccentric family. The gathering soon develops into a cultural clash, allowing father and son to discover the true meaning of family,

Starring Sebastian Maniscalco, Robert De Niro, Leslie Bibb, Anders Holm, David Rasche, Brett Dier and Kim Cattral.



House & Garden Presents:

Habits for Healthy Living

With *Linda Kolton*

Find Out How Adopting Simple Habits Can Make A Difference To Feeling Your Best!

As a trained vegan chef, culinary instructor, certified health coach, and author of *Compassionate Cuisine-Recipes From Our Plant-*



Based Kitchen, Oronoque resident Linda brings her knowledge, enthusiasm, experience, and relatable

style to House & Garden! Sample her wonderful cooking at our event and see how she can change your life.



"The choices you make every day can lead to improved longevity and quality of life."

Linda Kolton

**Monday,
October 9,
2023**

**1:00 pm -
SCB**

Members: Free - Guests \$5

Coffee, Tea & Treats served following the program



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

The book for Oct. 4 is "Why Geography Matters More than Ever" by Harm de Blij. The book for the Nov. 6 meeting is "The Women" by T.C. Boyle.

T.C. Boyle turns his fictional sights on a more colorful and outlandish character this time: Frank Lloyd Wright. Boyle's incomparable account of Wright's life is told through the experiences of the four women who loved him. There's the Montenegrin beauty Olgivanna Milanoff, the passionate Southern belle Maude Miriam Noel, the tragic Mamah Cheney, and his young first wife, Kitty Tobin.

Blazing with his trademark wit and inventiveness, Boyle deftly captures these very different women and the creative life in all its complexity. Love, not architecture, is the focus here. . . . A mesmerizing story of women who invest everything, at great risk, in that mysterious "bank of feeling" named Frank Lloyd Wright. The father of the Prairie style of architecture and creator of Fallingwater (1939) and New York's Guggenheim Museum (1959). His signal flaw, we're told, is a weakness for strong-willed women.

OUR FABULOUS MONTHLY...
BINGO

PRESENTED BY THE
GUYS & DOLLS CLUB

OCTOBER 19, 7 P.M. AT SCB



\$2.50 A CARD

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(INCLUDING A BIG 50/50)

SWEET TREATS



FUNSEEKERS PRESENTS

Ticket to Ride, New England's Premier Tribute to

THE BEATLES!

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 SCB • Doors Open 6:15

Ticket to Ride, New England's Premier Tribute to the Beatles, is the look, sound and excitement of the Beatles and the music that became the soundtrack for a whole generation. The group has performed at universities, private clubs, concert series and more throughout the Northeast. The band features Dane Santoro as Paul McCartney (Bass & Vocals); Tom Raider as John Lennon (Guitar and Vocals); Michael Montinola as George Harrison (Guitar, Keyboard & Vocals); Ron Cataldi as Ringo Starr (Drums & Vocals). *If you love the Beatles, this is the one show you don't want to miss!*



Advance reservations required and payment will be accepted from September 17th through October 6th unless maximum capacity is reached. Open to resident Funseekers' members and one non-resident guest per single resident until September 25th. Starting on September 26th, if there is space availability, member residents may sign up any number of non-resident guests.

Please put \$9.00 check per person into FUNSEEKERS mailbox, NCB (\$13.00 non-resident guest)

Not a 2023 member? Join for \$15 per person. Questions? Call Lynn Collins 203-260-4644.



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